

END . LEPROSY . TOGETHER .



**Leprosy is a tragic,
deforming,
disfiguring disease.
An isolating disease
still feared...**

Did you know?

- ☐ Leprosy was first recorded 5,000 yrs ago in the world in Egypt
- ☐ **India today has 60 % of world's incidence of leprosy**
- ☐ **In India, 2 million people living with disabilities due to leprosy need regular & long-term care**
- ☐ Maharashtra has the 3rd highest incidence of leprosy in India

60% New leprosy cases in the World and in India



The reduction in Leprosy cases in India is agonisingly slow - more effort is required...

Early intervention saves children

like Swati* from life long deformity & exclusion

10 year old Swati developed skin patches & deformity in her right hand. Her father took her to a Public Health Center. She was diagnosed with Leprosy in May 2018 and put on Multi-Drug-Therapy and referred to an ALERT Resource Center.

At the Centre the physiotherapist assessed nerve function and disability status and believed the disabilities could be corrected. The team treated Swati, provided physiotherapy and finger splints. She was also educated on self-care and exercise of fingers. Besides weekly physiotherapy sessions at the Centre she took treatment regularly and practiced self-care procedures at home. Swati's claw fingers are restored to normalcy.

Swati now goes to school; she will one day find employment and may even have a family of her own.

*Name changed to protect identity



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Leprosy still causes distress in Maharashtra!

ALERT has been working in Maharashtra since 1978 with a focus on people affected by Leprosy

- ❑ Concentrating on eradicating leprosy in endemic districts working with State government & and Non-government organisations
- ❑ Contributing to policy development and implementation of the Central government's National Leprosy Eradication Program; ALERT is also a strategic partner with a number of agencies at State & National level

The overall aim is to control and cure people affected by leprosy and prevent spread of the disease among the public

ALERT has reached a population of 1.5 Crore since 2009

- **Established 149 Leprosy Referral Centres in 15 leprosy endemic districts of Maharashtra**
 - 35,139 new cases detected from 118,143 leprosy suspects
 - 23,497 children and adults including 15,080 with visible deformity are under care
 - 95,624 Aids and appliances distributed including Micro-Cellular Rubber Footwear, Splints, Dressing kits and Goggles
- **Special Drives reached 15,313 villages**
 - 31,370 Community Volunteers and Health workers trained and engaged
- **Continuing Medical Education**
 - 36,227 Health care service providers of various cadres, trained



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An opportunity to End Leprosy Together

Would you consider our need for financial support?

- ❑ Within our Rs 5 crore requirement till 2023 we have a few specific ideas which requires Rs 25 to 50 lakh. For example:
 - 1) Providing early detection & treatment to leprosy affected from tribal region
 - 2) Providing disability prevention, care and support to leprosy cured
 - 3) Educating & raising awareness among community and public health system and
 - 4) Follow-up and surveillance for disease control
 - 5) Launching a mobile health-care unit for Vidharba tribal region of Maharashtra
- ❑ We, our staff team and leprosy cured patients, will participate in the national level marathons in Mumbai and Delhi to spread awareness about Leprosy
- ❑ Would you join us in Delhi in October - there are several ways you could do this!

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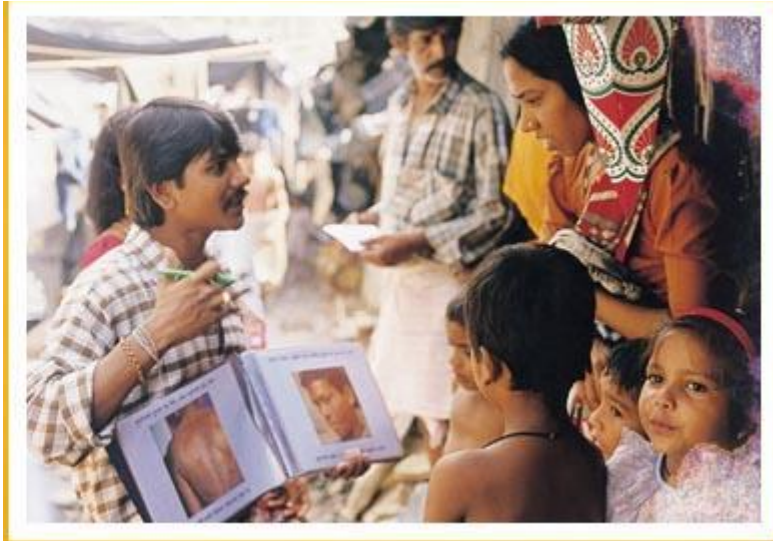


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