



ALERT-INDIA



Reaching
the
unreached

Annual Report
2019-2020

Is leprosy still a public health problem in India?

India has 60% of leprosy cases in the world

India

Every hour 14 new leprosy cases are detected



How ALERT-INDIA is making a 'leprosy free India'?



- Early diagnosis with prompt treatment prevent the spread of disease and cure without any disability.
- Strengthen the capacity of people with leprosy to lead a normal productive life.
- Support the efforts made by Government and civil society organizations to control leprosy.

We can **END . LEPROSY . TOGETHER**



Invite you to join the fight

As a country, we are at the threshold of a paradigm shift in leprosy control work where we all have to contribute our might to 'end leprosy-together'. Although elimination was achieved at a national level (as per the WHO definition of low prevalence rate),

India has some high endemic areas contributing to the disease burden and making India the highest contributor to new cases globally. We are stepping closer towards the national goal towards a 'leprosy free India', with the continued support from our stakeholders and well-wishers.

This year we created and tried out a cadre of community counsellors to reach out to communities where delayed reporting of new cases with disabilities were observed.

Focussed as a measure to promote timely identification and referral of suspects to LRCs in addition to ASHAs. Our trained counsellors intensively covered endemic villages and detected cases which would have fallen through the cracks. We continue to treat and rehabilitate people within their existing communities.

However, many challenges need to be overcome to eradicate leprosy completely including contact-tracing, early detection of infections, continuity in treatment and combating disability.

As we present this report, we thank all our stakeholders — our beneficiaries, the NLEP units, corporates, donors, partners, and the community at large — who have extended unwavering support to us in all capacities.

I invite you to be a part of our endeavours and drive a positive change for our future generation!



Antony Samy
Founder & Chief Executive

I founded ALERT INDIA 43 years ago, and the fire to fight leprosy still burns as brightly within me. I call upon you to join this fight to end leprosy together

Our response to achieve a 'leprosy free India'

Our renewed strategy at a glance

Our vision

We protect and promote right to health of people afflicted by leprosy and other communicable diseases such as TB and HIV and empower them to live a life with dignity, equality and self respect.

- Challenges for leprosy control in India are lack of awareness about leprosy among the general public, high burden of disability due to leprosy and low level of political will and priority.
- Since inception, ALERT-INDIA has been making conscious efforts by building the capacity of the vulnerable communities and the public health system to achieve a 'leprosy free India'.

Our initiatives

- In response to this challenge, we have evolved a new comprehensive strategy called LEAP (Leprosy Elimination Action Programme) for an effective leprosy control in alliance with multiple stakeholders.
- All the 4 interventions of LEAP are aimed to ensure the right to health of the people affected by leprosy that can bring a change not only in their own lives, but also in their families, communities, and the nation.

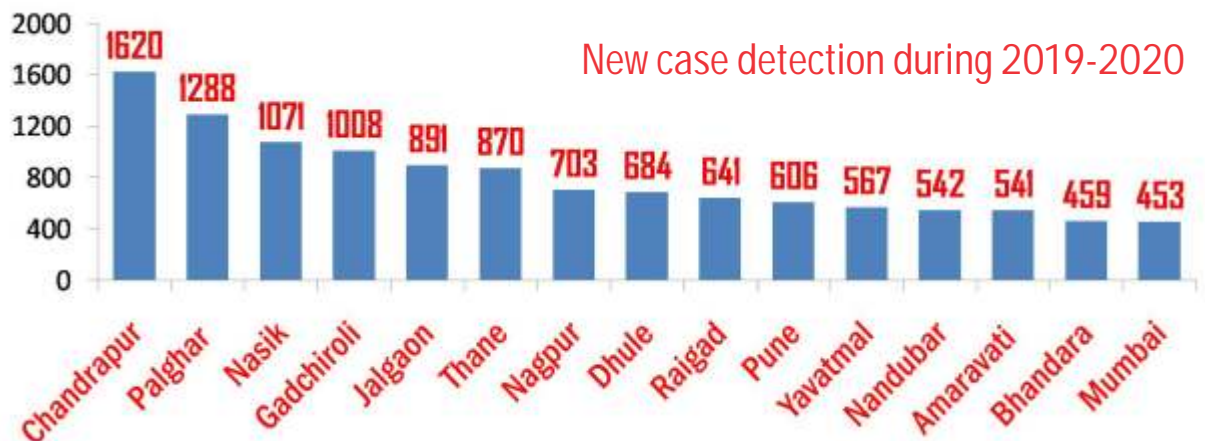


LEAP - Goals and geographical coverage

Challenges and scope of operations

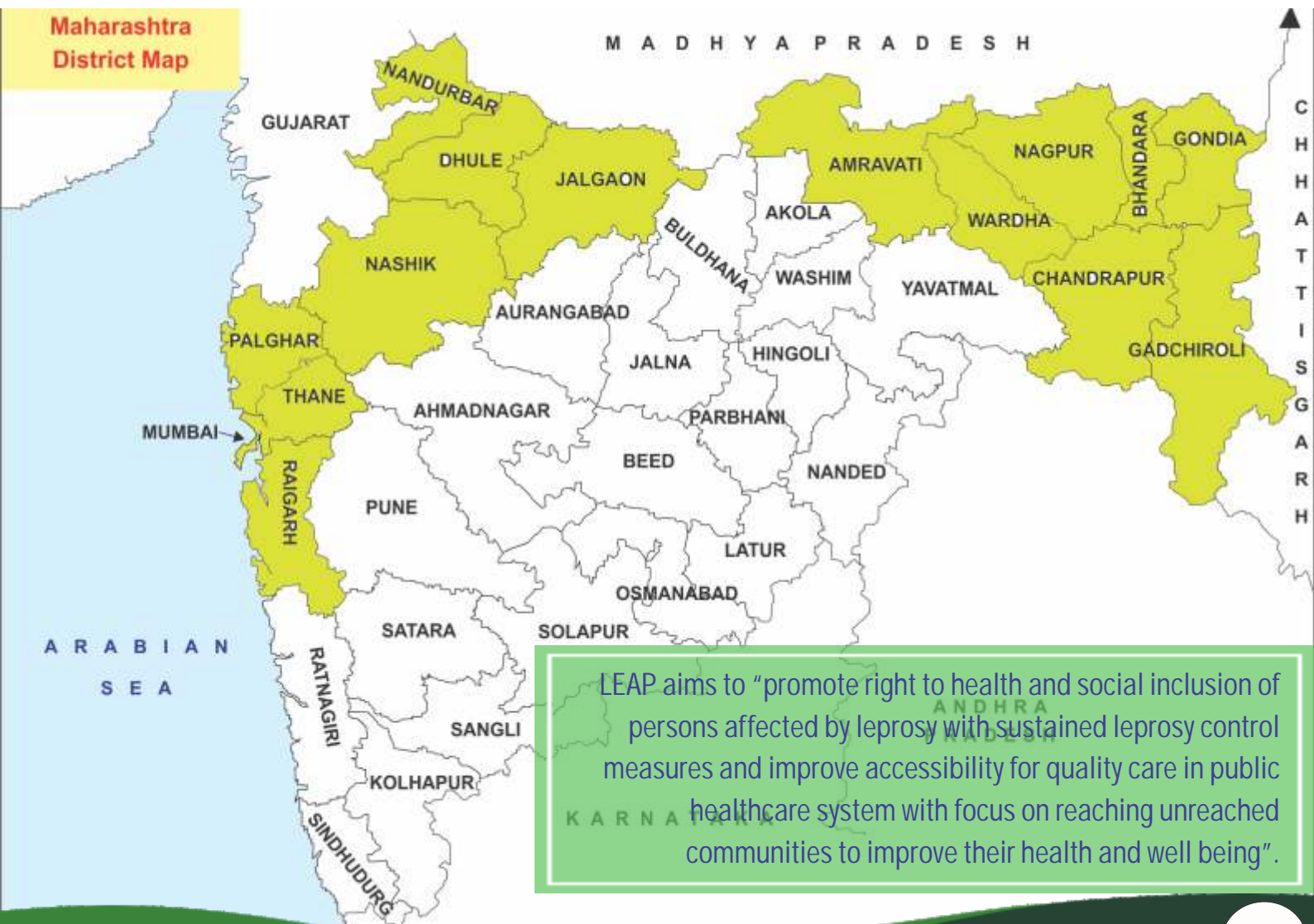
Maharashtra state ranks third among all states in India in terms of detecting maximum number of leprosy cases every year

Leprosy burden : Top 15 endemic districts in Maharashtra



Source: MIS 2020, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, Govt. of Maharashtra

LEAP : Implemented in 15 endemic districts of Maharashtra



Creating a sustainable model for leprosy control

Our modus operandi to sustain leprosy control



Early case detection

Selective Special Drives (SSD)

We create sustained awareness on facts about leprosy through **selective special drives** with increased community participation in identifying persons with symptoms of leprosy 'early' before they develop permanent disability and curtail spread of infection thus impacting the disease incidence.

Leprosy Referral Centres (LRC)

We ensure the delivery of quality leprosy services by trained healthcare personnel through **leprosy referral centres** established at the public healthcare system for the people with leprosy and related disabilities with increased access to referral services that improved their physical and social status.



Quality leprosy service



Strengthening capacity

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

We enhance the technical skills and knowledge of medical and health personnel through **continuing medical education** on the detection and management of leprosy including its complications and disabilities thus retained the leprosy expertise for sustained leprosy control.

LEAP Advocacy & Promotion (LAP)

We gather scientific evidence to enable a wider awareness of the disease incidence as well as the social concerns of people affected by leprosy for **LEAP advocacy & promotion** with the government for policy changes to guide developing protocols, allocation of adequate funds and social inclusion.

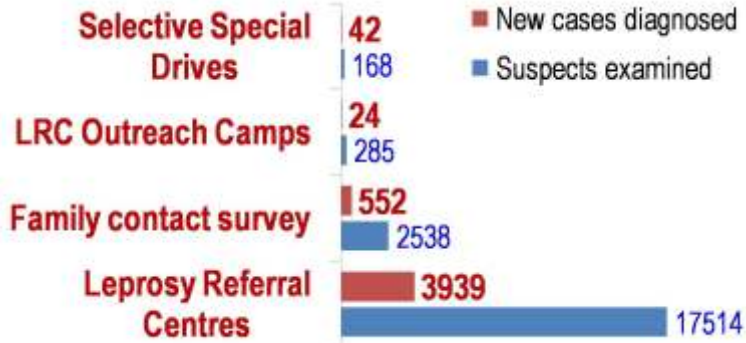


Rights based policy

LEAP - Achievements for the year 2019-2020

Our progress towards reaching the people affected by leprosy

Facilitated 'early' new leprosy case detection



6,86,648

tribal people

educated about the signs and symptoms of leprosy and promoted those with suspect signs to report voluntarily for diagnosis

71

leprosy referral centres

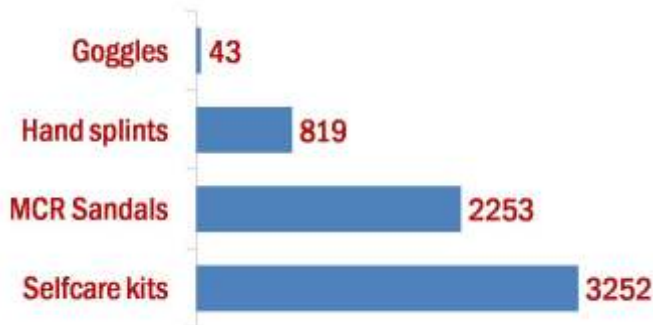
managed in 15 districts of Maharashtra and provided quality leprosy services and peer counselling



Laboratory diagnosis and disability care services



Preventing disabilities by protective aids



4,557

leprosy cases with disabilities

were given holistic care and services to improve their functional ability and sustain their livelihood

Leprosy orientation for medical and health workers

Trained 108 nursing students and 31 CBO workers on leprosy



Promoting self reliance and public support

..... passed resolution against discriminations towards people affected by leprosy by the society

27
Gram Sabhas



254
villages

..... pledged to stop discrimination and protect the rights of persons affected by leprosy

..... established community based organizations and registered officially as an NGO to claim their rights

1031
persons with leprosy



452
persons with leprosy

..... claimed their health rights during grievance redressal meetings with public health officials



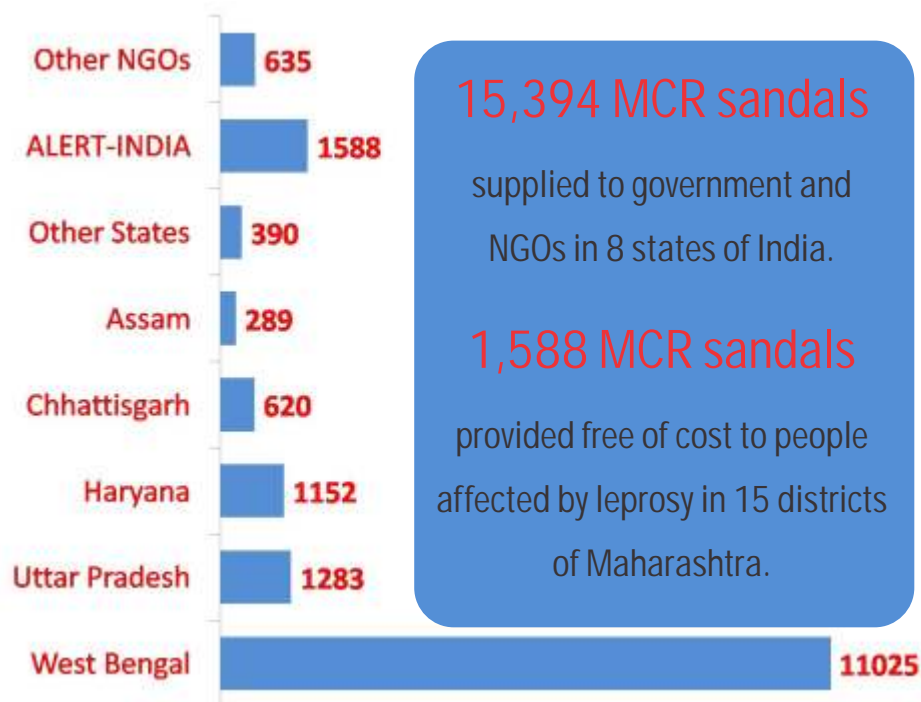
We are close to reaching our goal but we still need your help to impact thousands of lives !

Preventing the limbs from adverse effects of disability

Protective and therapeutic aids and appliances

At our **Footwear & Splints Unit in Mumbai**, we produce safety devices such as **sandals with micro-cellular rubber (MCR)** as insole to protect the insensitive foot from injuries and abnormal pressure; **pre-fabricated splints** for the prevention of hand deformities and **self-care kits** for healing the sole wounds in people affected by leprosy.

MCR sandals supplied and distributed



Splints and self-care kits supplied and distributed

4,357 hand splints supplied to 6 states of India including Maharashtra.



4,919 self-care kits supplied to 4 states of India including Maharashtra.



Improving access for health care and social services



- ALERT-INDIA also address the health and social issues of people afflicted by communicable diseases such as TB and HIV AIDS and help them and families drifting into poverty cycle.
- We had an opportunity to work in close collaboration and partnership with the national disease control programmes of the Government to serve the high risk population and poor communities.

TB elimination program in Maharashtra and Jharkhand state

- India has the highest number of Tuberculosis (TB) cases in the World and the current National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) aims to achieve a rapid decline in burden of TB by 2025.
- More than half of TB patients are treated by the private health sector and their engagement is critical to move towards TB elimination in India.



TB awareness program during World TB day

Private Providers Support Agency (PPSA)

- We engaged private health sector and promoted quality service as per the Standards of TB Care in India (STCI) to support the efforts of National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) in achieving Universal Access to TB Care (UATBC) through free service delivery under Private Providers Support Agency (PPSA) project.
- This project is implemented in 7 wards of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) and 24 districts of Jharkhand State.

Joint Effort for Elimination of TB (JEET)

- We work closely with the TB patients and all patient touch points, including pharmacies, clinics, providers, hub hospitals, laboratories and RNTCP network in corporation areas of 8 districts of Maharashtra under JEET project.
- We facilitated diagnostics and treatment for 14,492 TB patients in the private sector through public and private laboratory network for quality diagnosis and ensured notifications in Nikshay portal for digital surveillance.



Launch of PPSA Project in Jharkhand state

Engaging private health sector for disease control

TB Elimination activities	PPSA Mumbai	PPSA Jharkhand	JEET Project
Private practitioners engaged	1,396	729	3,276
Private laboratory involved	46		
Hub hospitals linked for TB	258	664	102
Chest x-ray to diagnose TB	8,317		
GeneXpert (CB NAAT) testing	14,752	3,832	17,360
TB patients notified by PPs	6,928	7,804	15,764
Treatment & adherence	6,611	7,475	15,060
% cased treated and cured	83%	72%	52%
Cases diagnosed with MDR-TB	551	214	80
DBT cash incentive to TB cases	3,286	6,343	6,700



Sensitization of hub hospital staff

Our activities are centred around the vulnerable communities whose livelihood is impacted by diseases like TB and HIV AIDS with the focus on their economic development.



TB awareness among school children



TB orientation to private practitioners

Care and support to people living with HIV AIDS

We also provide counseling, nutrition support, STI & TB screening, condom distribution and support for social welfare schemes and entitlements to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV (PLHIV).

Target group (high risk)	Locations	Reach
Female sex workers, men have sex with men, transgender, hijras and people who inject drugs	Navi Mumbai, Thane & Palghar	4185
Truck drives and cleaners	Mumbai, Thane Bhiwandi, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Raigad	5330
Brothel, home and street bases sex workers	8 townships of Navi Mumbai	6918

Family Development Program

We reached out to 1001 families in slum of Mumbra and Kalwa (East) of Mumbai through health and social awareness, formed early childhood and adolescent groups, educated women and empowered to resolve issues and developed capacities of families to be aware, informed and self-sufficient.

Making our aspirations achievable for a holistic change



Ms. Veera Rao
Director, Resource Mobilization

We conducted a number of fundraising campaigns with school children and charity events during the year to establish the need for sustained partnership with all our well wishers and donors supporting our cause.

We are grateful to all the donors and sponsors for their vital support and involvement in strengthening our hands to serve thousands of people affected by leprosy and bring holistic change in their lives. Thank you !



Ms. Bindu Zaveri, Indian theatre actress & Ms. Dolly Thakore, Casting Director presented the trophies and prizes to the principals and 388 students of over 80 schools along with Mr. V. Ranganathan, one of our well wisher & Ms. Veera Rao.

Annual Awards Day, 22 February 2020, Birla Matushri Sabhagar, (Bandra East)



Glimpses of our efforts to take the cause forward



Raju Srivastava, a renowned standup comedian performed in aid of ALERT-INDIA. Donors and well wishers of ALERT-INDIA released a Souvenir on this occasion.

Raju Srivastava Comedy Nite, 13 July 2019, Rangshrada Auditorium, Andheri (West)

Ms. Kavita Seth, a renowned playback singer and an award winning music composer in Hindi cinema performed Ghazals and Sufi music along with a group of musicians in aid of ALERT-INDIA, a memorable evening for most music lovers.



NIRVANA-music concert, 14 December 2019, Sophia Bhabha Auditorium, Breach Candy



Staff and well wishers of ALERT-INDIA participated in Mumbai Marathon

Chasing dreams for the future of leprosy control work



Throughout our journey of implementing LEAP across 15 districts of Maharashtra, we have endeavoured to continuously improve our processes and enhance the impact of our cause. Moving forward, we strive to sustain the initiatives that go beyond our footprints and rely on the cherished support from all donors and corporates.

While scaling up, our focus on quality initiatives has remained resolute and we have strengthened the same from time to time. The focus areas for the next 3-5 years would be on the following:

- Enhance the capacity utilization of Leprosy Referral Centres for people with disability due to leprosy by undertaking other allied field programmes.
- Reach out to marginalized communities in the remotest and under-served areas with their participation to control leprosy in a sustainable manner.
- Strengthen the process and decentralized systems to develop home grown leaders with inbuilt culture and values to take-up health and development programmes.
- Develop a customized monitoring tool which will provide all the dashboards, patterns of data that will aid in appropriate decision-making.

We thank all the benevolent donors, volunteers, strategic partners, and well-wishers for their sustained cooperation and encouragement. Their support have given us the opportunity to chase our dream - a leprosy free India!

Thank You!



Dwarkabai Rohidas Bhil

is a 45 year old tribal woman,
lives in Bhilati Naigaon village
in Muktai Nagar block,
Jalgaon district,
Maharashtra

During the community screening, an ASHA (village health worker) trained by ALERT-INDIA's team on leprosy, identified Dwarkabai, a suspect of leprosy. She advised her to report to PHC for diagnosis and treatment for leprosy. Ignoring the advice, her husband took her to a local traditional healer. He performed 'witchcraft' on her as a cure of leprosy.

As months passed, her condition become worse and the disease spread all over the body but remained adamant to her faith in traditional healing. Since Dwarakbai did not report to PHC, ASHA with the help of local sarpanch (village leader) convinced her to visit PHC where she was diagnosed and treated for leprosy. She was treated for lepra reactions at the Leprosy Referral Centre managed by ALERT-INDIA.

Now, Dwarakbai is completely cured of leprosy without any permanent disability. Having reaped the benefit of leprosy cure with modern medicines, she has become a change agent for leprosy in her village. She spread awareness about the scientific facts of leprosy and also motivates the people to seek treatment early, if they had any signs of leprosy.



ALERT-INDIA

COMING
TOGETHER

Today we stand strong in this journey only by the support of our donors and CSR partners. We always believed in collective efforts and collaboration with everyone while creating value for all stakeholders.

Our partnership with the Government of India and State Governments has enabled us to reach out to many people affected by leprosy, TB and HIV AIDS in Maharashtra and Jharkhand states of India.

Nurturing opportunities for giving in return to the community

Thank you!

We greatly value the generous support from individual donors, philanthropy organizations, trusts, foundations and private social investors under CSR that helps in making greater effectiveness to create a change in the lives of people with leprosy and other communicable diseases.

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Our Identity



ALERT-INDIA is registered under

- Public Charitable Trust [Reg. No. F-7293 (BOM) dated 16 January 1982]
- Society Registration Act [Reg. No. BOM 837/81 G.B.B.S.D. dated 24 November 1981]
- U/S 12A of Income Tax (IT) Act 1961 dated 17 December 1982
- 80G of IT Act [Reg. No. DIT (E) / ITO (Tech) / 80G / 1013 / 2010-11 dated 31 January 2011]

Our board of management



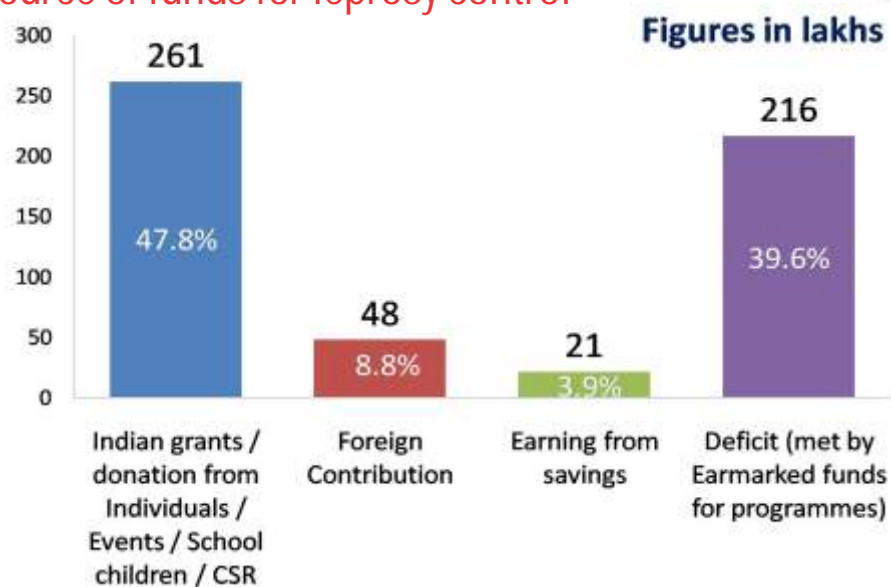
Name	Position	Profession
Dr. Pankaj H Maniar	Hon. Chairman	Leprologist
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Ms. Leena Joshi	Hon. Treasurer	Social Work Consultant
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Dr. Sharmila Patil	Member	Dermatologist
Mr. Balakrishnan Mangad	Member	Leprosy Professional
Mr. A. Antony Samy	Ex. Officio	Health Administrator
Dr. Waman S Bhatki	Co-opted Member	Leprologist
Ms. Stella Mancheril	Co-opted Member	Leprosy Professional
Ms. Veera M Rao	Co-opted Member	Consultant



We wish to live
our life in a
leprosy free India
without any fear
..... together
can we make it
happen!

Fund sharing at a glance

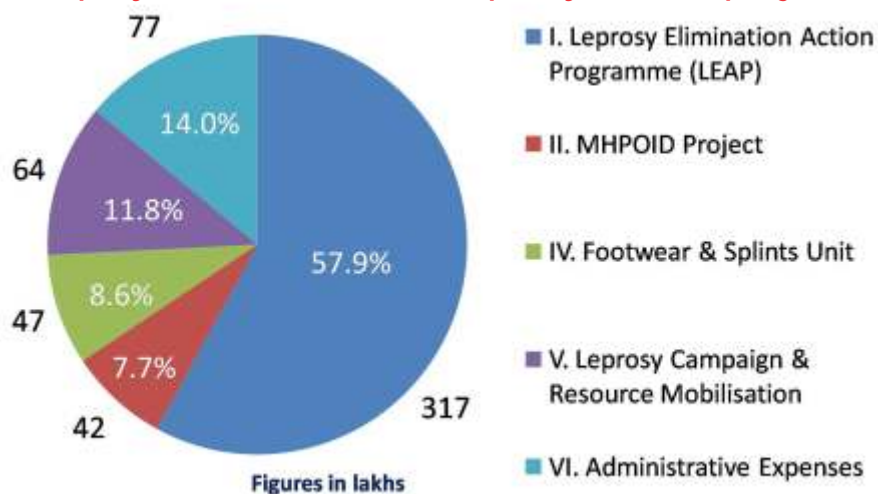
Source of funds for leprosy control



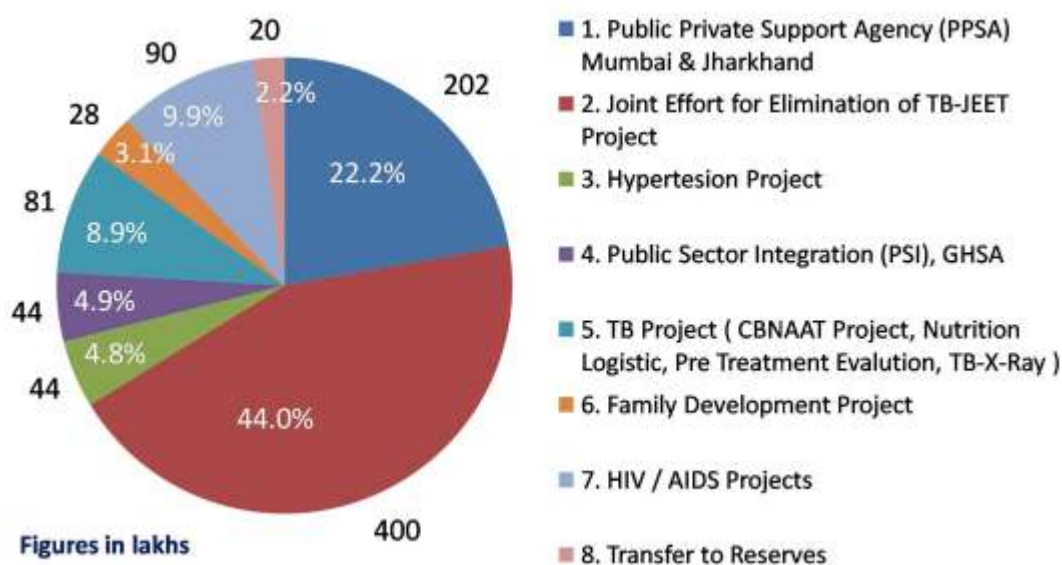
The support received from various stakeholders has enabled us to reach 70 thousand beneficiaries during the year 2019-20.



Deployment of funds for leprosy control projects



Deployment of funds for disease control projects



Income and expenditure for the year ended March 2020

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2020	2019-20		2018-19	
	Rs. In lakhs		Rs. In lakhs	
Source of Funds				
Trust Fund		14.93		14.93
Income and expenditure surplus		54.18		48.82
Earmarked funds and reserves		408.12		624.06
Total		477.22		687.81
Application of Funds				
Fixed Assets		212.23		211.73
Investments				
Corpus Fund	14.03		14.53	
Gratuity Fund	3.28		25.48	
Reserve Fund	-		29.02	
Other Earmarked Fund	-		62.29	
Temporary Reserves with Scheduled Banks	82.68	99.99	216.45	347.76
Loan and advances: Refund due (IT)		48.27		48.58
Cash & Bank Balances		116.72		79.74
Total		477.22		687.81

	Rs. In lakhs		Rs. In lakhs	
Income				
Grants / Donations				
For Leprosy control project	309.29		504.67	
For TB / HIV-AIDS / other Health Projects	904.89	1,214.18	773.81	1,278.48
Self Generated (Interest on Investments/Banks)		25.12		37.41
Transfer from Earmarked Funds		1503.88		1,113.21
Total		2,743.18		2,429.11
Expenses				
Programme Expenses				
Leprosy Control Project				
Leprosy Elimination Action Programme (LEAP)	393.47		423.02	
Leprosy Campaign & Resource Mobilisation	64.42		89.40	
MHPOID project at Jalgaon & Dhule	42.11		53.87	
Footwear & Splints Unit	43.81		44.80	
Mobby Health Care Unit	3.08	546.88	60.89	671.98
TB / HIV-AIDS / Health Projects				
HIV / AIDS Project	90.37		98.51	
TB Control Projects	770.78		519.80	
Family Development Project	27.73	888.87	22.34	640.65
Depreciation		14.14		13.68
Transfer to Earmarked Funds for committed programmes		1287.93		1,101.30
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		5.35		1.50
Total		2,743.18		2,429.11

We have examined the above abridged financial statements for the year 2019-20 and certify that the statements have been summarised from the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account referred to in our report dated 25th November 2020.

Auditors: R.K. Karanth & Co., 62, Bombay Mutual Building, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001

Banks: Central Bank of India, Sion / Vashi; State Bank of India, Chembur; Bank Of Baroda, Sion; Punjab National Bank, Vashi; P&S Vikhroli; Abhyudaya Co-op Bank, Vashi; IDBI Sion, Kotak Mahindra Bank Sion, & HDFC Sion.

Note: 1. Accounts are prepared on cash basis

2. Fixed Assets other than immovable properties are stated at actual cost less accumulated depreciation.

3. Depreciation is charged on Movable Assets on the written down value basis

4. W.e.f 1.4.06 depreciation on immovable properties is calculated on written down value basis and set aside to a Depreciation Fund

5. Estimated gratuity liability is set aside to Gratuity Reserve

6. Complete audited statement of accounts is available on request



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