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Taking Forward ...

Leprosy Control Work

Post COVID



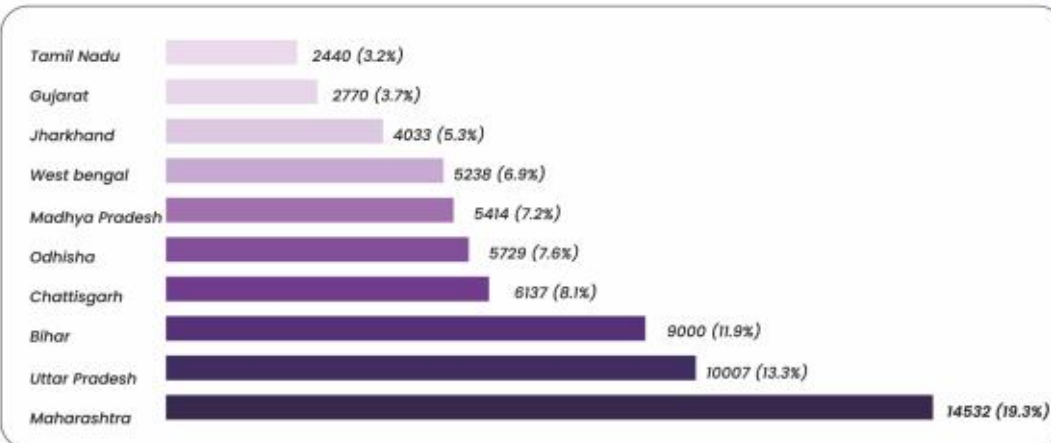
ACTIVITY REPORT

2022-2023

Leprosy Incidence

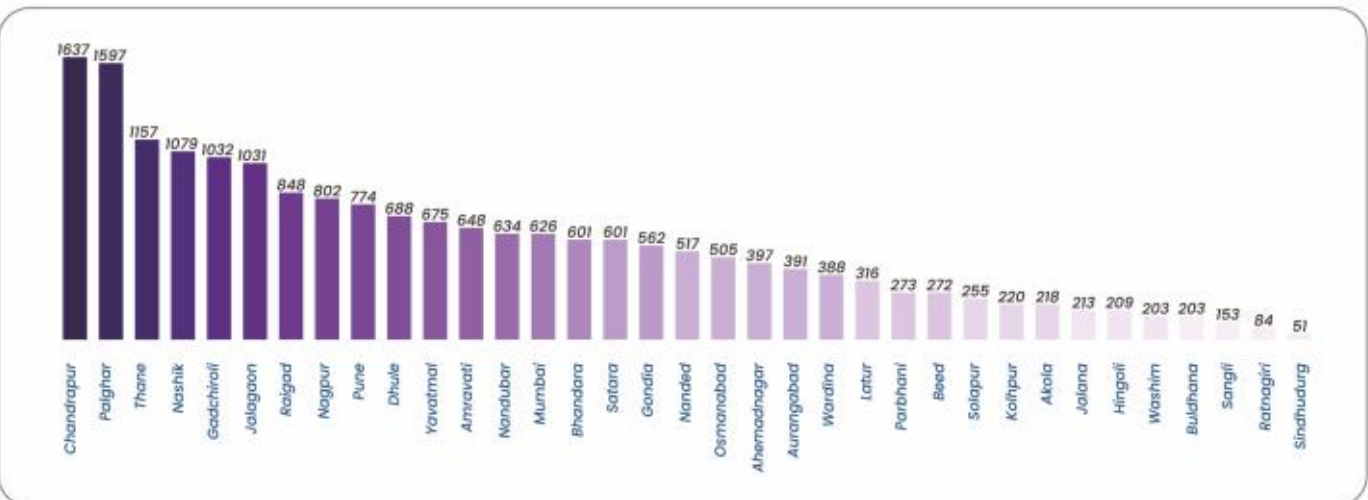
India, Maharashtra

Top 10 Leprosy burden states in India (2021-22)



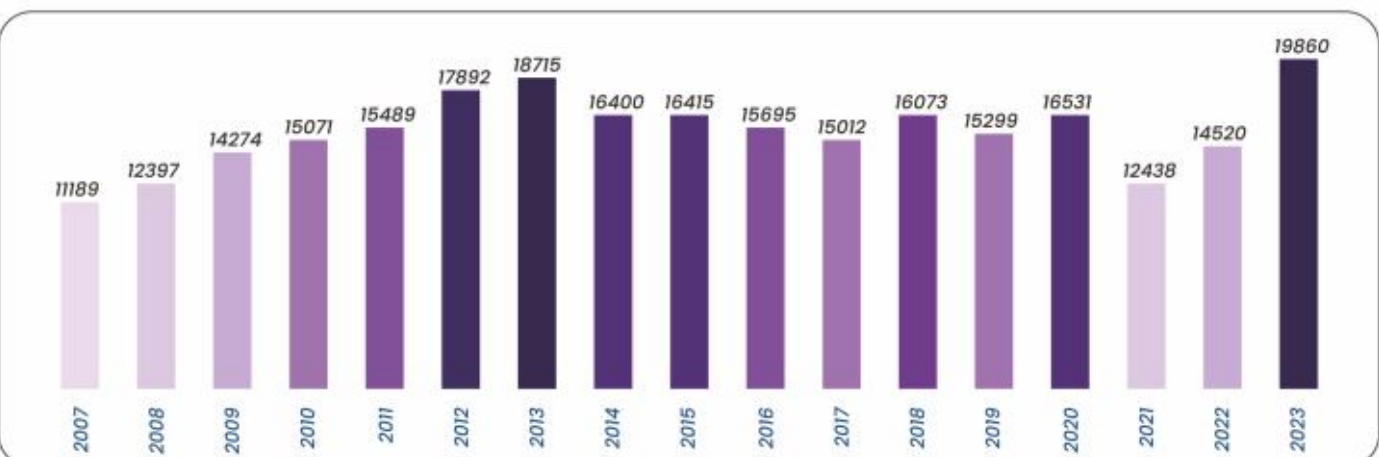
Source : National NLEP Report 2021-2022

Maharashtra : District wise new leprosy case registration (2022-23)



Source : State NLEP Report 2022-23

Maharashtra : Post-Elimination trend of new leprosy case registration (2006-07 to 2022-23)



Source : State NLEP Reports- 2007-2023



Regaining strength to surge forward...

Past years drained resources for leprosy. It diverted the attention of duty bearers from the basic leprosy tasks; focused population surveys to detect new cases and surveillance measures; diluted the continuum of care.

Regaining strength : requires new cadre training to work dedicatedly for NLEP (National Leprosy Eradication Program) hand in hand with their public health workers.

Gaps in surveillance required the strength of a plan that can plunge into the field to identify and confirm geographies of significance and act towards incidence reduction.

NLEP requires dedicated alliance partners, a long term vision driven monitory plan and manpower resources to combat leprosy.

ALERT INDIA's efforts last year, depicted in this report are a limited direction setter within given resources.

Direction setters are required to see the long-term picture of a desired future, who are willing to work on what is needed most to get there : leprosy control and eradication.

A. Antony Samy
Founder, Chief Executive
ALERT INDIA

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Leprosy Referral Centres (LRCs)

ALERT INDIA reached out leprosy treatment, management of complications and care services to the persons affected by leprosy through 43 LRCs in 10 endemic districts (Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Palghar, Bhandara, Gondia, Nandurbar, Dhule, Raigad, Thane and Mumbai).

LRC services:

- **9,455** persons identified as leprosy suspects were screened for leprosy at 43 LRCs.
- **2,313 (24%)** among the suspects were confirmed as Leprosy and were provided Multi drug treatment {MDT} in the respective Health Posts and Primary Health Centres.



Profile of new leprosy cases diagnosed at LRCs:

- **255 (11%)** Child cases
- **1,056 (46%)** female cases
- **1,335 (58%)** Multi bacillary leprosy cases and **978 (42%)** Pauci Bacillary Leprosy cases
- **337 (16%)** with disability including 171 **(7%)** with loss of sensation in hands and or feet and **206 (9%)** with locomotor disability in eyes / hands / feet.
- **442 (19%)** out of **2,313** were diagnosed as infectious type of leprosy with bacteriological confirmation.

POID (Prevention of Impairment and Deformity) services:

- **1,127** persons with disability threatening complications due to leprosy were effectively treated and managed at LRCs; whereas **470** were prevented from developing disability rest continued treatment and care.
- **6,500+** persons with disability due to leprosy including **4,600+** locomotor disabilities in eyes/ hands / feet are under continuum of care



Aids and Appliances Provided:

2,000+ persons affected by leprosy living with complications or disabilities were provided **3,823** aids and appliances for prevention of disabilities and deformity care.

- **1,135** pairs of footwear made of special protective rubber, Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR).
- **573** pre-fabricated splints for protecting hands with disabilities
- **2,093** Self-Care Kits for home based care by persons with foot ulcer
- **22** Goggles for eye care

I continue my graduation in music, not afraid of leprosy

"In 2022, When I got to know that I have been affected by leprosy I was really scared. As my mother is not alive, I was afraid to share this with my father. But ALERT INDIA staff at Leprosy Referral Centre educated me and my father on the importance of treatment. I am not afraid to take leprosy treatment. I am able to continue my graduation in BA and a graduation in music confidently."

- Bhavika Ramdas Utekar, Karjat block, Raigad district, Maharashtra

LEAP : Surveillance and Advocacy

Community Based LRC Out-Reach Surveillance and Advocacy (LORSA):

Intervention:

- **Incidence based targeted surveillance:** Reaching the high-risk population- contacts in families and neighbourhood of leprosy cases registered in tribal areas.
- **Promoting and supporting Home Based Self Care Practices:** Reaching affected people living with physical disabilities (eyes-hands-feet) due to leprosy in tribal villages.

Results:

- **64** PHCs in **15** blocks in **4** districts (Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Palghar and Nandurbar) reached.
- **30** volunteers from local communities were trained and engaged as Community Counsellors (CC)
- **4,30,000+** rural and tribal population covering **93,900+** households.
- **2,58,000+** Rural and Tribal population screened for leprosy through house-to-house survey.
- **1,393** persons with suspicious signs of leprosy were identified
- **520** persons were diagnosed as leprosy among the suspects.

Participation at the 21st International Leprosy Congress (ILC)-2022, Hyderabad

The team delegates comprising a 4 member senior team of ALERT INDIA and 4 technical staff participated in the 21st International Leprosy Congress (ILC) 2022 held at Hyderabad during 9th to 11th November 2022.

The team showcased by way of nine academic presentations of which 3 were based on the approach of Community Based Leprosy Surveillance strategy, in practice since 2019, under LEAP Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) Project in Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts.

Supporting and strengthening organisation of People Affected by Leprosy:

As a part of continuous process of empowerment of persons affected by leprosy and their organisation, ALERT INDIA during year 2022-23 continued its technical support to Saksham Kushthanteya Swabhimani Sanstha (SKSS), Nagbhid, Chandrapur.

- **Leprosy Microscopy Centre established at SKSS :** ALERT INDIA facilitated SKSS to set up skin smear laboratory at Nagbhid (District Chandrapur); first of its kind initiative by an organisation of people affected by leprosy; a contribution to National Leprosy Eradication Programme. The centre helps ALERT INDIA's team to process laboratory tests and expedite diagnosis of leprosy cases with consequences; infectious cases from public health perspective in Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts.
- **Facilitated and capacitated team of delegates, four life members of SKSS (organization of people affected by leprosy):** all persons affected by leprosy, to participate and make presentations at the 21st International Leprosy Congress (ILC) 2022 held at Hyderabad.

Thank you Vaishali

"If my mother had not learnt about leprosy disease from Vaishali, the Community Counsellor of ALERT INDIA, I don't know how long I had to undergo treatment in a private hospital and spend money. The disease would not have been cured"

- Vijay Srihari Barde, Leprosy affected, Chandrapur, Maharashtra



Contributing to Urban Leprosy Control in Mumbai

Participation in National Campaign-LCDC:

LCDC is a unique initiative in urban areas under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in association with NGOs. ALERT INDIA Team actively participated and supported NLEP in this campaign carried out from 26th September to 12th October 2022.

757 CHVs and male volunteers trained by the team of Urban Health Post and ALERT-INDIA.

Community awareness activities were carried out by ALERT INDIA team in 3 wards of Greater Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

158 supervisory health staff of municipal corporation were trained (TOT) by ALERT INDIA Team



Outcome of ALERT INDIA's involvement in the campaign:

- **5,32,794** population enumerated
- **4,71,762 (88.5%)** examined
- **16** new leprosy cases detected



Validating 'No Case Urban Locations' :

Survey was conducted in **3** Health post areas where no cases detected in the past **5** years.

16,567 houses covered

73,988 population enumerated

42,349 population examined

Out of **95** suspects **2** cases confirmed



School survey :

202 schools covered

Students enumerated : **36,756**

Students examined : **29,094**

Suspects : **58**

Cases detected : **5**

Anti Leprosy week:

ALERT INDIA teams carried out leprosy awareness sessions for various groups during the Anti leprosy day (30th January 2023) and the anti-leprosy week as part of 'Sparsh' campaign of central leprosy division of Government of India. The target group included children, drivers, clean up workers and water supply workers.



Commemoration of 44th Foundation Day of ALERT INDIA:

On the occasion of Commemoration of 44th Foundation Day of ALERT INDIA, 11th October 2022, Mr. N. V. Raman, Philanthropist released Covid year Activity report of ALERT INDIA at ALERT INDIA project office, Kalwa, Thane.



Run for cause of Leprosy:

Run for leprosy marathon was organised by ALERT INDIA in collaboration with Mulund College of Commerce on 13th February 2023 with NSS volunteers from 10 colleges of Mumbai.





Publications to educate and advocate...

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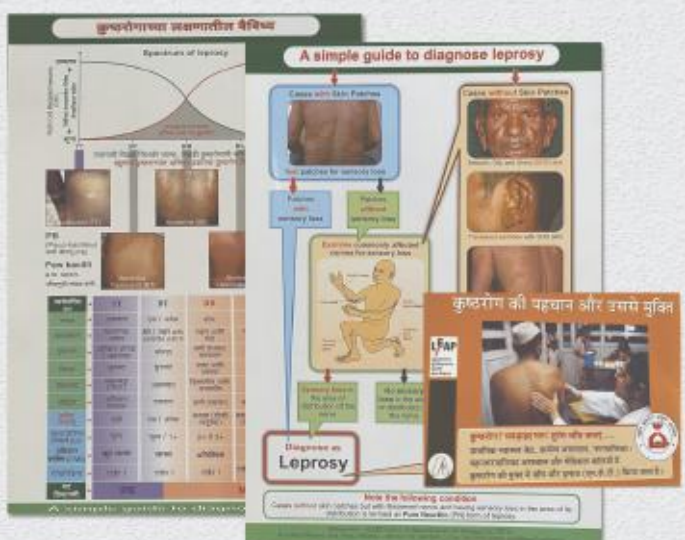
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- 'Elimination' of Leprosy
 - status on the ground
 - questionable assumptions
- Reducing disease burden
 - strategies & best practices
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Protective footwear and Splints unit – ALERT INDIA

Production and distribution of Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, Splints and Self-care kits during 2022-2023

Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear

12,915 MCR Footwear were produced and distributed to states during the year.

Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear are specially made for feet with problems such as loss of sensation, heel pain, corns, cracks and fissures. These footwear are commonly used by Leprosy and Diabetic persons having sensory loss/ disorders in the sole of the foot.

- Affected people with loss of sensation in the foot are persuaded to use MCR footwear to prevent injuries to the foot.

Footwear reached to the patients during follow up visits by leprosy technicians/ ASHA Workers :



Maharashtra *	1,306
West Bengal	8,677
Haryana	793
Uttar Pradesh	529
Assam	368
Chhattisgarh	755
Other States	487
Total	12,915

Splints

1,999 Splints were distributed to the persons affected by leprosy across India.

Splints produced are : Gutter Splints, Four Finger Loop, Opponens Loop, Adductor Band, Foot Drop Splints, Malleoli Pad and Lumbrical Pad. The purpose of the splint is to relieve pain and to provide rest and warmth to the affected nerve. The splint also helps support the weak and paralyzed muscles supplied by the nerve.



Maharashtra *	1650
West Bengal	0
Haryana	125
Uttar Pradesh	125
Assam	0
Chhattisgarh	175
Other States	48
Total	1999

Self Care Kit

2,123 Self-care Kit were distributed for care of insensitive foot / ulcer care.



Maharashtra *	927
West Bengal	0
Haryana	80
Uttar Pradesh	475
Assam	246
Chhattisgarh	260
Other States	135
Total	2123

*In Maharashtra, the footwear, self-care kit and splints are distributed to ALERT-INDIA's Leprosy Referral Centres, OPD patients, ADHS office, and leprosy NGOs.

Success Stories

Out of hundreds of success stories in our 50 odd LRC's from 15 Districts, we have selected just 3 that speak about : "Community based leprosy surveillance activity – An effective measure to spread leprosy awareness and promote self-reporting.", "An eye for leprosy - A true story" and "Najani's eyes saved due to timely referral and apt health care services at Leprosy referral Centre(LRC)"

Community based leprosy surveillance activity – An effective measure to spread leprosy awareness and promote self-reporting.

In March 2023, Ms. Vaishali Deshmukh (Community Counsellor of ALERT INDIA) was on her field visit to Chincholi village of Brahmapuri block in Chandrapur district for assessment of Mr. Rama Barde (leprosy cured person with high risk to develop nerve damage). After completing her task of nerve function assessment of Mr. Rama, she interacted with a small group of neighbourhood women gathered at Rama's house and shared information about leprosy.

On careful listening to Vaishali on leprosy one of the women in the group suddenly left the meeting and returned in few minutes with her son, Mr. Vijay Srihari Barde (33 year old casual labourer, a son of a marginal farmer). She asked Vaishali about nodule like lesions on face and his body. Vijay also informed that he had seen changes on skin, some four-five months back and considering it as allergy due to labour work he consulted private doctor for about two months; but had seen no relief.

Vaishali screened Vijay clinically and suspected him as a case of infectious leprosy. She asked him to come to LRC at Brahmapuri along with his mother.



Vijay reported at Brahmapuri LRC on 28th March 2023. He was thoroughly examined and investigated with skin smear test. The test report was positive for leprosy bacillus; the diagnosis was confirmed as Infectious type of leprosy with Lepra Reaction Type-1; he was put on anti-leprosy as well as anti-reaction treatment on same day.

Vijay and his parents were not aware of signs of leprosy. The private medical practitioner from leprosy endemic district appears to have no knowledge about leprosy and failed to diagnose a case at his dispensary. Vijay and his mother were happy because right diagnosis is done and he is on medication.

An eye for leprosy - A true story

A young girl with a skin lesion on left cheek was brought to LRC for diagnosis by her father. She was rightly diagnosed as a case of PB (non-infectious) Leprosy and MDT started. A technical staff of ALERT INDIA while talking with the father noticed that the feature of father's face resembling to that of features of early case of infectious type of leprosy. He immediately counselled the father and convinced him for bacteriological investigation (skin smear test). He collected a skin sample, stained the slide at hospital's laboratory and examined right then and there.



The laboratory test (skin smear) confirmed the diagnosis of leprosy (infectious type) as the test revealed presence of Acid-fast Bacilli (leprosy bacilli) in the skin specimen.

Najani's eyes saved due to timely referral and apt health care services at Leprosy referral Centre(LRC)

Najani ,28 , a mother with six month old baby boy, after three months of delivery, she noticed sudden appearance of red elevated skin patches on face. Consulted local skin specialist who referred Najani for ALERT INDIA Leprosy referral Centre (LRC) at Shahada rural hospital, Nandurbar.



Bacteriological test confirmed as a multi bacillary (infectious type) case of leprosy. Started 12 months course of antileprosy treatment Multi Drug Therapy (MDT). During the course of treatment, within a month, Najani reported back to the LRC with complaint of increased redness and swelling on skin patches.

Technician at the LRC assessed the condition as acute reaction (a immune response) affecting facial motor nerve, an early nerve paralysis set in : inability to close the eyelids, affecting the normal blink reflex. The LRC technician counselled Najani and educated her on physio exercises to protect the affected eye. Started special course of medication to treat the 'complication' in due consultation and concurrence of rural hospital MO.

The early disability in eye totally reversed within two months of treatment appropriate treatment and care. Such disability neglected for long could led to eye infections/ complications resulting in blindness. A lifelong adverse disability of the eye prevented by timely diagnosis, treatment and care at the leprosy referral center.

Today, Najani is continuing treatment to complete the full course of optimum treatment that would ensure prevention of reversal of the disability and complete cure of leprosy.

Neighbourhood Cluster survey:

17768 contacts enumerated in Mumbai,
9749 contacts examined,
1 case detected

680 contacts enumerated in Thane,
304 contacts examined,
12 cases detected.



Leprosy awareness

Mobilizing women, youth, students, villagers, factory workers and brick kiln workers/tribals across 10 districts of Maharashtra.



A very beneficial collaboration

“Collaboration with ALERT INDIA with our PHC has been very helpful to manage our leprosy work. Their team members play a vital role in screening for leprosy cases, also assist us in treatment follow-ups of leprosy affected people in Khalapur taluk. Due to their intervention active cases detection, and number of cases got cured has increased in my PHC area”

- Dr. Anil Kumar, Medical officer, PHC, Khalapur, Raigad district, Maharashtra

Leprosy survey, case detection & treatment

Reaching out to the community in search for evidence of Leprosy.



A training 14 years ago motivated..

In 2009 I attended 8 days leprosy training by ALERT INDIA. Because of this motivational and skill training 14 years ago, I could identify 29 persons with symptoms of leprosy and refer for treatment to PHC and LRC. I am happy to do monthly follow up of the known patients in my area and motivate them to complete treatment and get cured.

- Laxmi Datta Wagh, ASHA worker, Kamarli PHC, Pen Block, Raigad district, Maharashtra

TB control and related interventions

Project PPSA (Patient Providers Support Agency) under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)

It is estimated that more than 50% of TB patients seek care from private sector in Maharashtra. This intervention aims to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services to TB patients through private sector – Patient Provider Support Agency (PPSA) **Project implemented** in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Results:

TB patients reached in **4** wards of Mumbai for effective, free diagnostic and treatment services at **808** Private Health Care services; **191** Hub Hospitals; **1,687** Health Facilities, **186** X-ray Labs and **114** Chemists (Registered in Nikshay)

26,929 presumptive patients registered by the private health services;
8,699 patients availed free Chest X Ray screening services;
12,504 samples to public sector CBNAAT labs for Microbiological testing;
6,495 GeneXpert tests done;
419 patients with MDR (Multi Drug Resistance) ensured DRTB linkages for PTE (Pre-Treatment Evaluation) and treatment initiation in the public sector services;
5,886 TB patients seeking care in the private sector reached;
3,615 on FDC (Fixed Dosage Component).

Outcome:

1,675 patients completed treatment and cured.
5,409 patients facilitated for DBT (Direct Beneficiary Transfer) – incentive for TB patients completing treatment –Rs. 500/- per month.
3,767 patients were provided UDST (Universal drug Susceptibility Testing)
3,707 patients under treatment follow up and care

Project – DRTB Linkage Support model

A systematic and effective model to streamline & strengthen treatment linkages for MDR TB patients; improve coverage and tracking mechanism; reduce durations and delays in treatment initiation and follow-up tests.

Project implemented in 3 districts of Pune region of Maharashtra – Pune Rural (Pune R) ; Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) ; Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC).

Outcome:

90,667 suspected cases reached out
36,157 CBNAAT tests done
5,842 patients diagnosed with TB
136 patients diagnosed with RR/DR-TB
117 patients initiated on treatment

ABDM (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) Pilot model implemented by ALERT INDIA :

To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the healthcare system and improve access to healthcare services for all citizens, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission promotes digital health literacy and awareness among citizens.

Project implemented in 11 wards of Mumbai, Maharashtra

Results:

Private Providers Engaged in digital health literacy :

205 – HPR (HealthCare Professional Registry)

157 – HFR (Health Facility Registry)

5,732 – EHR (Electronic Health Record) with ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account)

2,167 – EHR (Electronic Health Record) without ABHA



HIV/AIDS and related interventions

Centre for Care and support -Vihaan

Project aims to increase treatment adherence, reducing stigma and discrimination, and improving the quality of life of people living with HIV. Early linkages of PLHIV (People living with HIV) for treatment care and support by supporting social schemes. Strengthen community system to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Target groups: women, children and members of high-risk groups, such as female sex workers (FSWs), men who have sex with men (MSM), transgenders, hijras and people who inject drugs (PWID).

Implemented in Municipal Corporation of Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar districts.

Outcome:

- 758** persons tested for HIV
- 432** Tracked for lost to follow up
- 48** Support group meetings conducted.
- 6,158** patients provided Counselling services treatment adherence
- 1,068** patients Initiated on ART
- 258** patients were provided Nutrition
- 146** patients facilitated for social welfare schemes
- 5,400** patients screened for TB
- 144** TB and HIV co-infection

Targeted Intervention among high risk groups on HIV prevention and transmission :

Project aims to increase awareness by educating the high risk groups on HIV and prevent the transmission of infection from one to another and through free diagnostic services for treatment and counseling for HIV control.

Implemented among brothel based, home based, street based sex workers and bargirls in areas of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation: Vashi, Turbhe, Kopar, Koparkhairane, Sanpada, Nerul, Shiravane, Ghansoli and Belapur.

Services:

- 13,767** persons reached through Medical Camps
- 4,742** persons were done HIV screening at ICTC
- 3,784** persons screened for HIV at Clinic
- 91** availed STI Testing
- 13,767** provided Education and Awareness on TB
- 1,004** Tested for TB
- 16,437** provided Counselling services
- 6,77,985** Condoms distributed
- 3,188** facilitated for social welfare scheme
- 940** were provided Ration

Health care services among truck drivers and cleaners aim to control HIV /AIDS

The objective of the project is to impact on everyday lives of truck drivers and cleaners

Implemented in Mumbai, Thane, Bhiwandi, Navi Mumbai, Panvel, Raigad

Services :

- 12,516** persons reached through awareness Sessions
- 455** persons benefitted from Medical Checkup Camps
- 292** persons benefitted from Eye Checkup Camps; **79** treated for low vision with spectacles
- 2,255** patients were provided general health services at Apollo Clinic
- 8** patients treated for STI; **61** persons Tested for TB
- 960** patients were counselled for treatment adherence;
- 3,319** patients were provided Referral services

Family Development Programme

The project aims to identify needs of the family in slum communities and empower them to raise their standard of living by developing capacities of families through awareness; information and become self-reliant.

Implemented in Thane: Kalwa east- Bhaskar nagar slum area (5000 houses), Charnipada slum Mumbra area (3000 houses)

Services:

- 103** benefited from Adolescent group sessions
- 542** (girls and boys) benefitted from Guidance center
- 244** students were given Education and Scholarship Support
- 451** Families visited for need assessment
- 72** benefited from sessions for Mother-in-Laws
- 739** women were provided awareness on Health and social issues
- 699** counselled to resolve psychosocial issues
- 598** women were provided guidance in making of Documents
- 495** women were given Awareness to improve Economical status
- 889** persons Linked for Public Health services
- 24** persons were helped to get Rs. **7,43,000/-** through linkage with Government schemes

TB, HIV/AIDS, FDP Interventions

Engaging with vulnerable sections of the population in urban and semi-urban settlements



Support Group Meeting with field team at Bhandup



School IEC Activity at Vaibhav Vidyalaya, Kanjurg Marg



Training session on 'domestic violence' in collaboration with CEHAT at Charnipada, Thane .



Active TB case finding drive- door to door awareness on TB- at Ramabal Colony, Ghatkopar by ALERT INDIA Team



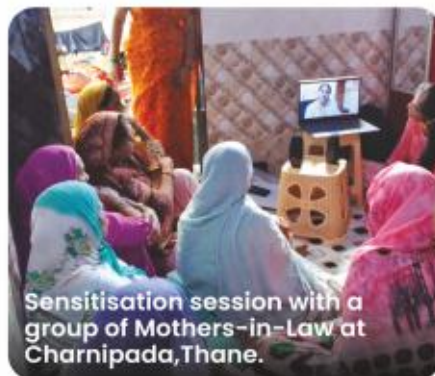
Free stitching skill training for High Risk Groups of Turbhe at the Turbhe centre



Skill development courses for community people in Turbhe centre



Discussion with women and girls on growing up & body mapping



Sensitisation session with a group of Mothers-in-Law at Charnipada, Thane.



Registration of "presumptive" TB (suspects of TB who require further investigations) Ghatkopar, Sarvodaya Hospital hub.



Eye care camp for truck drivers



Dissemination session on DRTB linkages model with ALERT INDIA team and NTEP (National Tuberculosis Eradication Program) team



Field coordinator updating TB reports with NTEP team



Creating ABHA ID in Provider's clinic for Patient Electronic Health Record



Mental Health awareness meeting at Bhaskar Nagar, Thane



Happy to receive Ration Cards



Street campaign among rickshaw drivers on HIV/AIDS



HIV Campaign among truck drivers



TB counselling



Resource Mobilization

Usha Uthup Nite - 29 th March, 2023 at Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli

The USHA UTHUP NITE in aid of ALERT-INDIA has been a resounding success with tickets sold out days before the event! No surprise of course, with Usha didi's fans spanning all age and ethnic groups with her trademark powerhouse vocals rocking stage and studio for over 5 decades now.

The Event was generously supported by Jaquar and Company Pvt. Ltd and UPL Ltd.



Leprosy awareness and fundraising programmes amongst schools and colleges

During 2022-23 the programme of creating awareness regarding leprosy amongst school children along with fundraising was resumed post pandemic (after a period of nearly 3 years). 27 schools and colleges have participated raising an amount of Rs. 33,78,203/-. The trophies and prizes for these schools will be given during the next year Annual Awards Day.

The Euro School, Thane, had raised Rs. 6,00,884/- and our Event committee member, cine star, Mr. Jackie Shroff personally came as the Guest of Honour to present the trophies and prizes to the principal and students.





A message from the Director

Dear Friends,

ALERT-INDIA has been battling towards Leprosy elimination for the past 44 years using compassion for those afflicted by this bacterial disease and awareness to dispel misconceptions.

We at ALERT-INDIA are boosted by the philanthropy of our supporters and well-wishers. We are especially grateful to the togetherness of several corporate trusts and individuals who have given us their unstinted support.

During the years 2020 – 2022 in the pandemic period, ALERT's fundraising had to be held back. Fortunately, 2022-23 has been a rewarding year for us in terms of creating leprosy awareness amongst schools and the general public, conducting successful fundraising events and getting corporate involvement in our projects through CSR.

We owe the sustenance of our work to the philanthropy and togetherness of various schools, corporate trusts and individuals who have given us their valuable support.

After the neglect of leprosy during COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent lockdowns and related problems leprosy work was given least priority. As we have resumed our work in all districts, caseload has increased.

Hence ALERT INDIA requires adequate funds to cope with the community-based detection, treatment and care. We take this opportunity to invite each person reading this missive to please take up the mantle of spreading awareness as well as garnering more support for ALERT-INDIA and our cause.

Thank you all for your involvement and contribution!

Mrs. Veera M. Rao
Director, Resource Mobilisation,
ALERT-INDIA

Tata Mumbai Marathon 2023



The 15th of January 2023 marked the 16th year of ALERT-INDIA's participation in the Tata Mumbai Marathon, after a gap of 2 years. This year M/s. Jaquar and Company Pvt. Ltd and M/s. Allcargo Logistics Ltd. represented ALERT-INDIA under Corporate Challenge category. Besides, our well-wishers, committee members, friends and staff also participated under 'ALERT Dream Run Group' and 'OPEN 10K' category through charity bibs.

Thankyou for your support !

A sincere thanks to our donors and well wishers. Your support is valuable to us to continue our disease control work and change lives !

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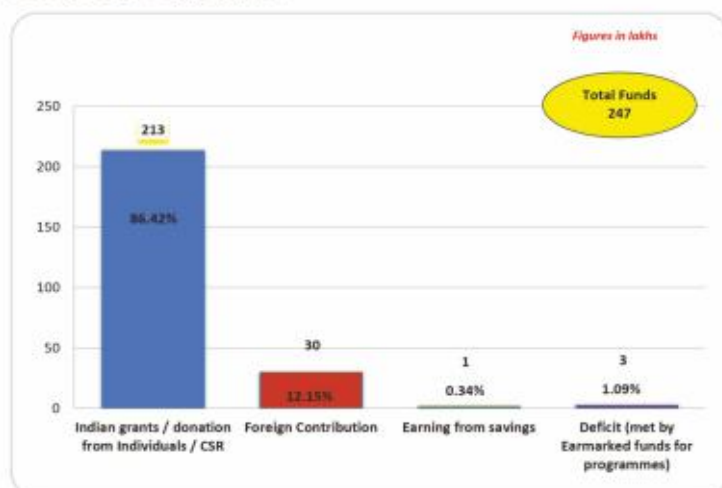
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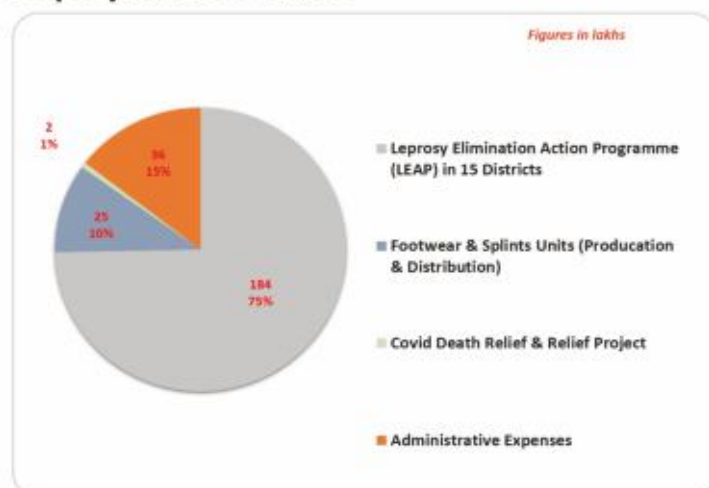
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Leprosy control project

Sources of funds

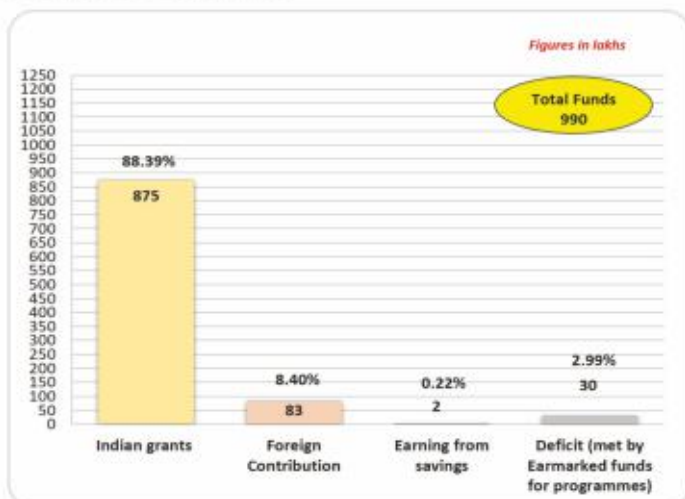


Deployment of funds

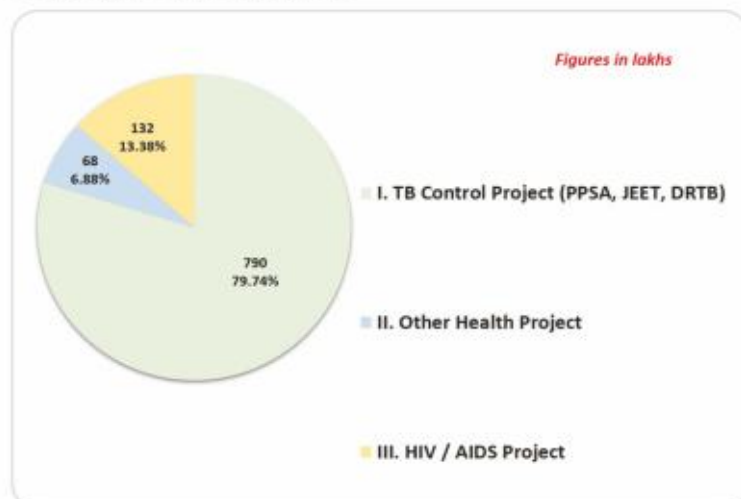


TB, HIV/AIDS Control / Health Projects

Sources of funds



Deployment of funds



Your support to **ALERT-INDIA's projects** made a **difference!**

Donations exempted under sec 80-G of I.T. Act, 1961

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Balance Sheet as of 31st March, 2023	2022-23		2021-22	
	<i>Rs. In lakhs</i>		<i>Rs. In lakhs</i>	
Source of Funds				
Trust Fund		14.93		14.93
Earmarked funds and reserves		319.65		331.16
Income and expenditure surplus		52.49		62.54
Total		387.06		408.63
Application of Funds				
Fixed Assets		216.42		203.84
Investments				
Temporary Reserves with Scheduled Banks		7.87		7.80
Loan and advances: Refund due (IT)		48.19		51.92
Cash & Bank Balances		114.58		145.07
Total		387.06		408.63
Income & Expenditure as of 31st March, 2023				
	2022-23		2021-22	
	<i>Rs. In lakhs</i>		<i>Rs. In lakhs</i>	
Income				
Grants / Donations				
For Leprosy control project	266.93		186.79	
For Covid Relief Fund	1.50		76.49	
For TB / HIV-AIDS / other Health Projects	958.33	1226.75	1302.56	1565.84
Self Generated (Interest on Investments/Banks)		3.04		4.76
Transfer from Earmarked Funds		1154.26		1440.61
Total		2384.06		3011.21
Expenses				
Programme Expenses				
Leprosy Control Project				
Leprosy Elimination Action Programme (LEAP)	207.50		211.46	
Leprosy Campaign & Resource Mobilisation	12.89		0.00	
Footwear & Splints Unit	25.05		34.58	
Covid Relief Project	1.50	246.94	70.83	316.88
TB / HIV-AIDS / Health Projects				
HIV / AIDS Project	132.48		120.13	
TB Control Projects	825.43		1058.81	
Family Development Project	32.27	990.18	26.46	1205.40
Depreciation		14.25		10.97
Transfer to Earmarked Funds for committed programmes		1142.75		1477.55
Surplus/Deficit for the year		-10.06		0.42
Total		2384.06		3011.21

We have examined the above abridged financial statements for the year 2022-23 and certify that the statements have been summarised from the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account referred to in our report dated 15th September 2023.

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

Banks : Central Bank of India, Sion ; SBI Chembur & Delhi; BOB Sion; PNB Vashi; BOB Wadala & Vashi Abhyudaya Co-op Bank, Vashi; IDBI Sion, Kotak Mahindra Bank Sion, & HDFC Sion.

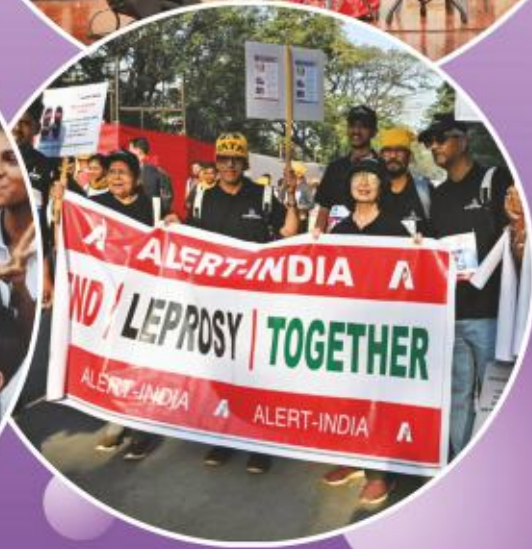
- Note:**
1. Accounts are prepared on cash basis
 2. Fixed Assets other than immovable properties are stated at actual cost less accumulated depreciation.
 3. Depreciation is charged on Movable Assets on the written down value basis
 4. With effect from 1.4.06 depreciation on immovable properties is 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

For R.K. Karanth & Co.,
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