



# LEPROSY LIVES MATTER



until  
**No Leprosy Remains**

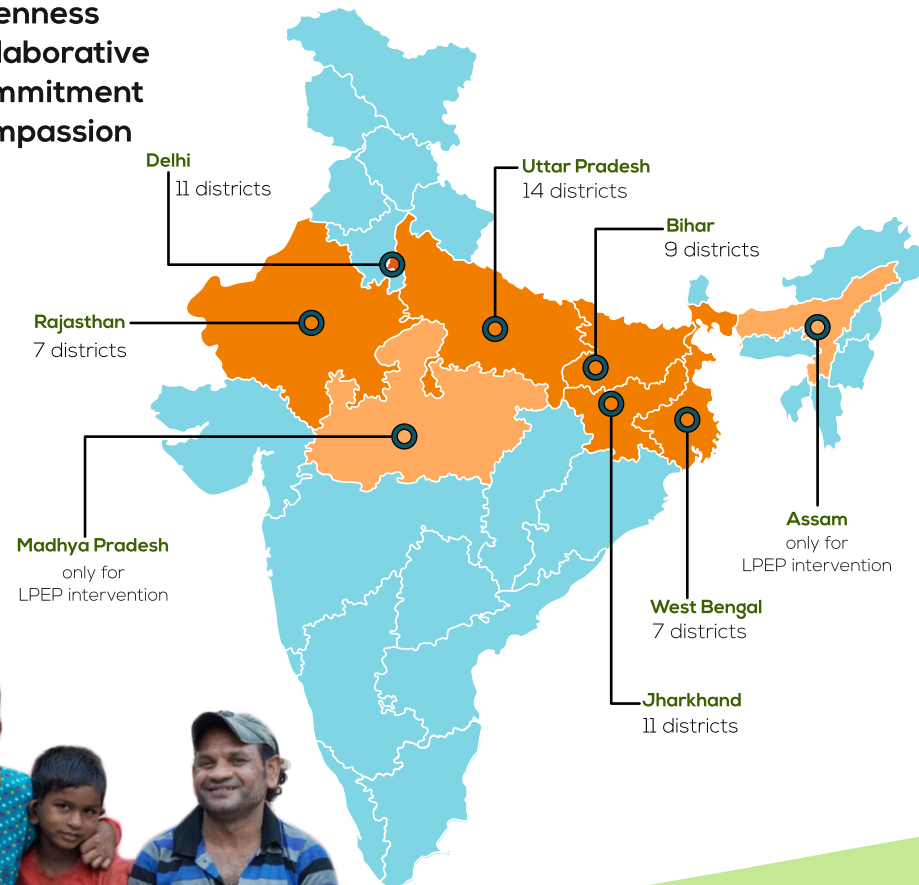
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# VISION:

Creation of an inclusive society free from leprosy, allied skin NTDs and related disabilities

# VALUES:

- Openness
- Collaborative
- Commitment
- Compassion



**8 States**  
**60 Districts**  
**43 Leprosy Colonies**



# IMPACT

2018- 2023

**386**

Family members of persons affected guided on Sexual and Reproductive Health



**1618**

Trained on advocacy, RTI, Rights and entitlements, RPWD act and leprosy

**1168**

Close contacts were registered on PEP APP in intervention blocks

**25981**

Community members aware on good sanitation and hygiene practices

**365**

Family members of persons affected provided Vocational Training

**9070**

Person affected & their family members were provided Covid emergency assistance

**467932**

Covid Emergency assistance to general community on covid appropriate behaviour, vaccination support, provided information on medical assistance and counselling.

**16**

Females with disabilities elected in panchayat elections

**51570**

Close contacts listed under PEP ++ study

**11787**

Persons affected by leprosy & Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) were GIS mapped under mental well being study

**4973**

Family members of persons affected provided Education support

**1897**

Persons with disabilities (PWDs) received disability certificates

**41395**

Close contacts included in study screened + medicated with Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR) and PEP++ regimen (rifampicin and clarithromycin)

**6383**

Persons affected trained on self-care

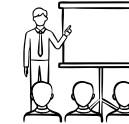
**4025**

Health staff trained on self-care practices



**490**

Females affected with leprosy/ disabilities provided training on tailoring



**643**

Auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs) were trained on PEP App under PEP App study



**291**

NLR India's stories/ events publish- organise

**375**

Self-help groups (SHGs) set up and supported



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## HEALTH

NLR India conducts different kinds of activities with an objective to improve health processes and outcomes.

One such activity is trainings of health care staff on technical and programmatic aspects of leprosy to help them in early case detection and start the treatment early, that reduces transmission and incidence of disability. NLR India supports implementation of several components of National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) including implementation of Leprosy Post-exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) by Single dose of Rifampicin (SDR-PEP). For disability prevention, trainings are organized to sensitise the service providers and promote delivery of quality services including basic psychological support and other mental well-being services.

Health camps are organized in our project locations including the leprosy colonies, and essential care services are provided to the affected persons with government's support.

A unique approach developed and facilitated by NLR India is home-based care in West Bengal. ASHAs in the state provide disability care to more than 10,000 of the persons with disability due to leprosy at their homes. This also helps in reducing stigma and greater support by their family and neighbours.



## EDUCATION

**Education plays a liberating role and leads to socio- economic empowerment and upliftment.**

NLR India's educational activities for its target groups include both direct and indirect support as we provide coaching, life skills education, sexual and reproductive health guidance, career counseling, educational materials, financial assistance and linkage with other resources.

NLR India requests the donors - both individuals and institutions - to meet their

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philanthropic needs by funding the educational needs of the most stigmatized and deprived children, adolescents and youths – boys and girls – in the leprosy colonies and general communities affected by leprosy, skin Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and disabilities.



NLR India's educational activities and outcomes are intended to not just acquire information, but also knowledge and skills that can help in leading an economically independent life through an empowering, equitable and inclusive approach. Some children are groomed to become change agents bringing change to themselves, their family and community.

## LIVELIHOOD

**NLR India considers that by supporting youth & affected persons to develop new skills, and connecting them with employers/ market, we enable them to take control of their own careers and lives, and to help their families break out of the cycle of poverty and ultimately bringing them to join the mainstream.**

NLR India has been supporting youths for skill development through various vocational training courses in different states of India. We primarily focus on the youths affected with leprosy, their dependents, and persons with disabilities.



The most preferred vocational training courses attended by our youths include Diesel mechanic, Motor mechanic, Tailoring, Beautician, Motor driving, Electrician, Painting & Decoration.

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NLR India has been successful in linking the youth to the different training centres for skill development. It is worth mentioning that majority of the youth trained with support from NLR India have been successfully employed with rewarding benefits.

Some youth with good income have moved out of the leprosy colonies along with their parents and started living in the general community.

## EMPOWERMENT

**NLR India (NLRI) considers that empowerment of the affected persons is crucial for their protection and development.**

While empowerment happens in different ways including educational, economic and institutional upliftment, NLR India continues to support the affected persons to earn their own dignity, equity, self-sufficiency and institutions.

Organisational approach led by the affected persons and beneficiaries improve their scenarios including voice, participation in planning, decision-making, implementation and monitoring; demand of services, exercise of rights, access to entitlements, and reduced dependency.

NLR India has undertaken the development of the Organizations of the Persons with Disabilities (OPD) in order to help them to proactively address their issues

themselves. Through a series of capacity building initiatives, NLR India has been strengthening various kinds of OPDs, including the disability specific self-help groups, their block level committees and district level federations. NLR India collectivizes the affected persons, forms and strengthens their organisations, which provides collective voice and recognition to them.



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# RESEARCH

NLR India undertakes innovative research studies on leprosy, allied skin NTDs and disabilities in collaboration with academic institutes, partners and governments.

## Some of the key research studies are:

- Enhanced post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) called PEP++ stop transmission of leprosy project, being implemented in Chandauli and Fatehpur districts of Uttar Pradesh, to demonstrate evidence that PEP++ regimen comprising of rifampicin and clarithromycin given in 3 doses, is expected to be 80-90% effective in preventing leprosy among contacts of leprosy patients compared to Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR).
- Testing of PEP App supported delivery system for leprosy post exposure prophylaxis (LPEP) being implemented in Howrah and Pashchim Burdmaan districts of West Bengal.
- Compassion training for reducing stigma and improving quality of care services for persons affected by leprosy, being undertaken in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.
- Study on addressing stigma and improving mental well-being for persons affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF) in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh and Bokaro, Jharkhand
- Leprosy perception studies undertaken in Chandauli and Fatehpur districts of Uttar Pradesh



# ABOUT US:

**NLR India** has a track record of serving the cause of leprosy since 1999. NLR India is involved in supporting the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), Central Leprosy Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. NLR India has been working in multiple states over the years. From 2024, it is being planned to work in 60 districts of 8 states of the country – Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. With its noble vision and leprosy oriented efforts, NLR India supports the NLEP in achieving Zero Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Exclusion. NLR India works in five thematic areas namely Health, Education, Livelihood, Empowerment of persons affected and Research & Innovations.



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