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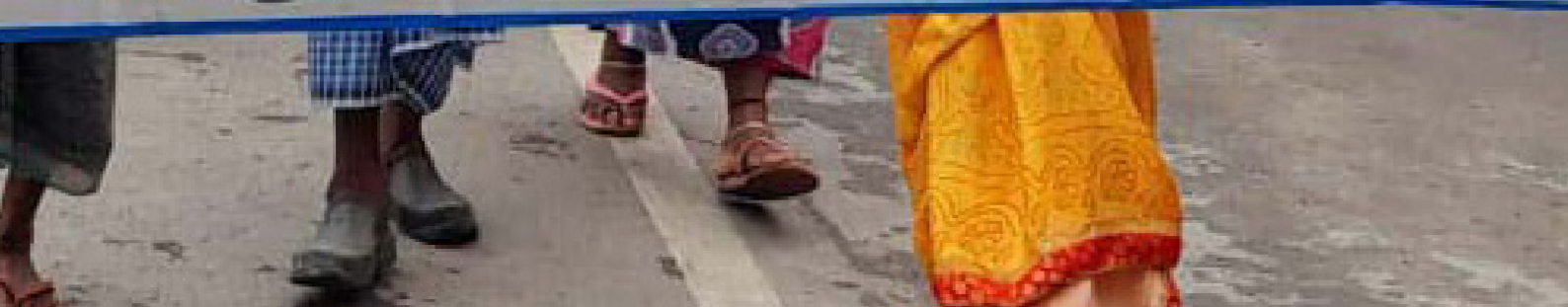


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ABBREVIATIONS:

Abbreviation	Full form
ANCDR	Annual New Case Detection Rate
APAL	Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy
ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activist
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CBRC	Community Based Rehabilitation Coordinator
CLD	Central Leprosy Division
CHC	Community Health Centre
CO	Country Office
DGHS	Directorate General of Health Services
DLO	District Leprosy Officer
DNH	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
DID	Disability Inclusive Development
DPMR	Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation
DPO	Disabled People's Organisation
EPF	Employee Provident Fund
GHC	General Health Care
GoI	Government of India
Govt.	Government
G2D	Grade 2 Disability
ICMR	Indian Council of Medical Research
IEC	Information, Education & Communication
ILEP	International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
LCDC	Leprosy Case Detection Campaign
LPEP	Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis
LPA	Leprosy Programme Advisor
LF	Lymphatic Filariasis
MB	Multi Bacillary
MDT	Multi Drug Therapy
MO	Medical Officer
MOHFW	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
NLEP	National Leprosy Eradication Program
NLR	Until No Leprosy Remains
NLRIF	NLR India Foundation
NHM	National Health Mission

NTDs	Neglected Tropical Diseases
NMS	Non-Medical Supervisor
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
NUHM	National Urban Health Mission
ONGC	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation
PRI	Panchayat Raj Institution
PEP	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
PHC	Primary Health Centre
PWD	Person living with Disability
RPWD	Rights of Persons with Disability
SDR	Single Dose Rifampicin
SHG	Self Help Group
ST	Sensory Testing
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SLO	State Leprosy Officer
VMT	Voluntary Muscle Testing
VVS	Village Vikas Samiti
WHO	World Health Organization



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Message from the Managing Trustee

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report 2022-23. Post the devastating impact of the COVID pandemic second wave in 2021-2022, the year saw a recovery of the communities and our work found a greater focus on leprosy, lymphatic filariasis (LF) and related disabilities.

Our projects are aimed to support the government of India in achieving Zero transmission, Zero Disability and Zero exclusion.

Several important developments happened during the year.

- Successful completion of the very first study in the World on testing the effect of basic psychosocial

support (BPS) through peer supporters in addressing mental wellbeing and stigma of persons with disabilities (PWDs) due to leprosy and LF. The BPS guideline was also developed as a part of the study with participation of global experts on mental health. The study findings were disseminated through a well-attended national meeting chaired by the Additional Director General Health Services, Government of India. Based on the experience, NLRIF was included by the Central Leprosy Division (CLD) in their technical group to develop the framework for addressing mental wellbeing of the leprosy affected.

- NLRIF's largest project, the PEP++ study implementation could be re-started. The study is testing the effectiveness of two drugs (Rifampicin & Clarithromycin, 3 doses) compared to the existing single drug (Rifampicin, single dose). The final approval of PEP++ study was obtained from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India and from Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Govt of Uttar Pradesh. The drug trial started in October 2022.
- Completed the needs assessment survey of NLRIF leprosy colonies interviewing 2,039 leprosy affected households and conducting 123 focus group discussions.
- As the national coordinator of the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), NLRIF formally appealed to 21 state disability commissioners for repealing the 95 discriminatory laws against leprosy.
- With effect from January 1, 2023, NLR India Branch office was merged with NLR India Foundation. The portfolio of the foundation grew by more than three times.

All the work has been possible due to the collaboration and support of different stakeholders including government, WHO, other development agencies, the affected individuals and NLRIF staff.

I hope you will find the report interesting, and we invite your opinion on our work.

Dr Ashok Agarwal
Managing Trustee
NLR India Foundation (NLRIF)



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GOVERNING BOARD

The governing board of NLRIF is the highest decision-making authority in the organization's hierarchy. During the year, the board consisted of the chairperson, five members and a managing trustee. The board supervised the policy execution and important matters. The Managing Trustee provided oversight to the intricate operations and management, ensuring the decisions taken by the Board are executed.



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Former State Director, United Nation World Food Programme
Former State Director, CARE



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Vice Chairperson

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Power Ventures Pvt Limited
Former General Manager (Finance), Lanco Infratech Limited



VISION

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



MISSION

The foundation aims towards:

- **Societies in which leprosy will be under control. In these societies, health services at all levels ensure that every patient will be diagnosed and treated early so the disease will no longer be a major risk for disabilities and social exclusions.**
- **Societies in which governments, private companies, NGOs and Organizations of Persons with Disability (OPDs) join hands to ensure that people with disabilities are:**
 - » Enabled to participate as fully and independently as possible.
 - » Enabled to use their rights to develop their abilities and rightfully get equal opportunities for their personal development in the context of their families and society at large.
 - » Treated with dignity.



VALUES

NLR India Foundation (NLRIF) has always been a values-based organization. We believe that our core values are critical to our success, as well as our ability to effectively serve the leprosy and NTD affected.

The following are the four core values that determine how we conduct ourselves and organisation:

OCCC - Openness, Collaborative, Commitment, Compassion

1. Openness

NLRIF believes that Openness fosters healthy relationship, efficiency and generation of knowledge by establishing a foundation of mutual trust and

respect. We strive to be honest and communicate proactively. Openness and honesty is demonstrated in our communication with all stakeholders.

2. Collaborative

NLRIF strives and thrives by recognising every individual's and organization's strength, we listen & evolve together, we help & support each other for the sake of our collective goal.

3. Commitment

NLRIF strives for high level of commitment to both internal and external audience. At NLRIF, we place a high value on keeping our promises. We follow through on our commitments, and provide opportunity to each member to contribute consistently, fully and honestly to the desired/ planned outcomes for our beneficiaries.

4. Compassion

NLRIF recognizes the unique challenges faced by our community and supports with kindness and empathy. At NLRIF, we work for mitigating the suffering of the persons with leprosy and other skin NTDs related disabilities. We work towards making them and their families (adults and children) to be empowered for moving on the journey of independence, confidence and joy.





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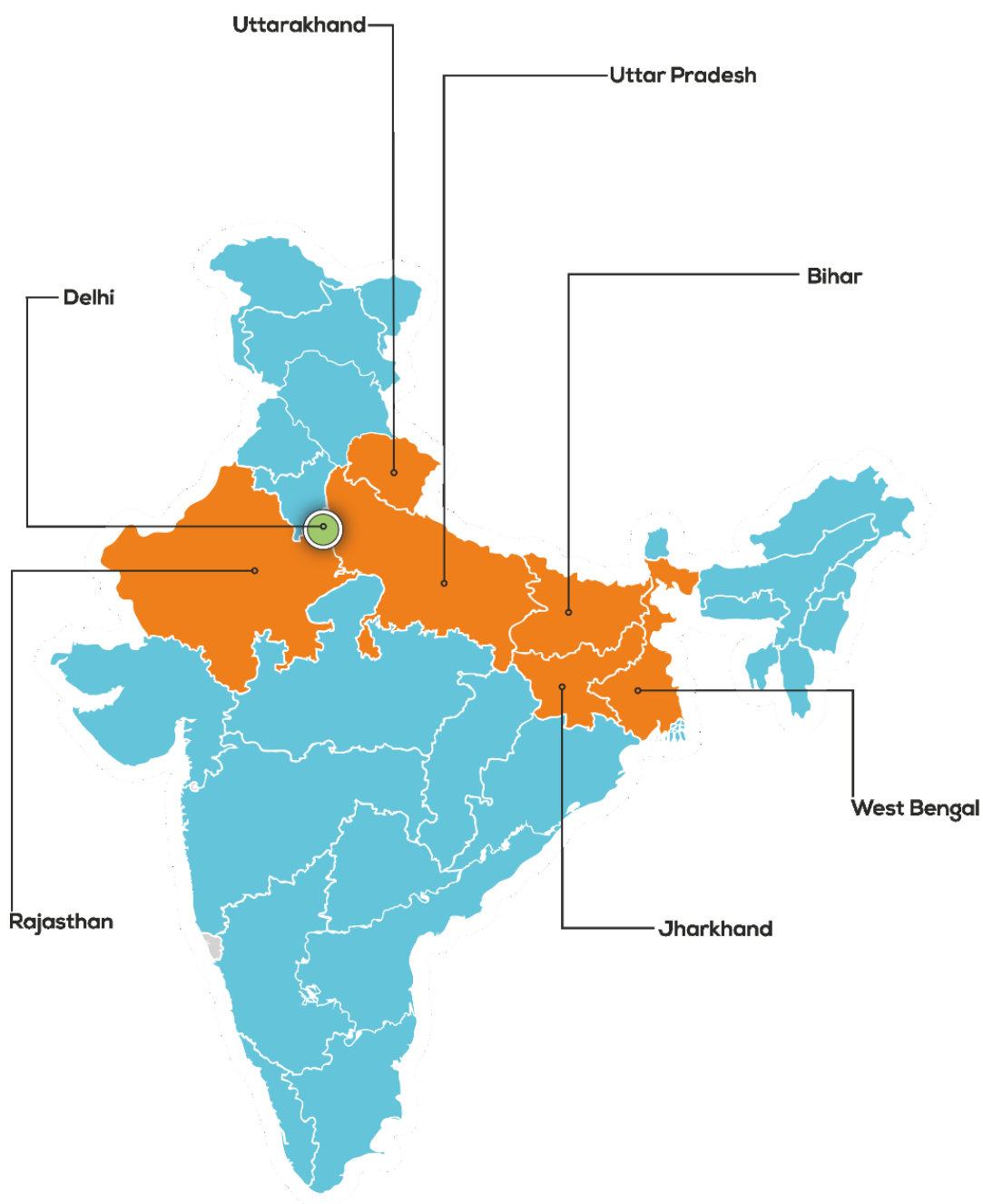
About NLRIF

NLRIF (NLRIF) is a non-profit, non-religious, non-governmental organization registered as public charitable trust as per the Indian Trust Act in 1999. NLRIF is certified for Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in 2004 and received tax exemption under section 80G of IT Act, 1961. In addition, NLRIF is a member of the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP).



Our Presence

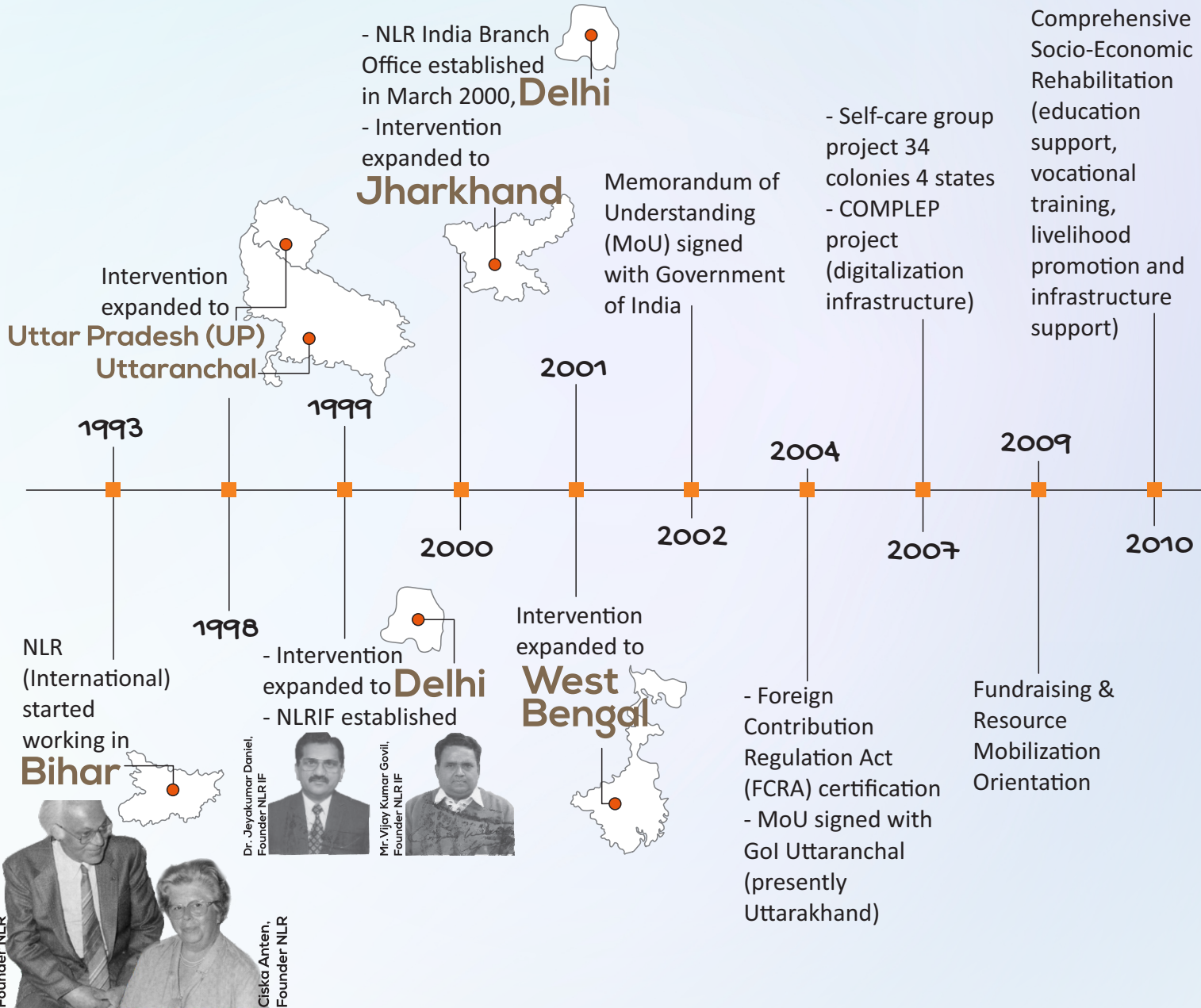
NLRIF works in 130 districts and 150 leprosy colonies of seven states, namely, Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The state units are headed by Leprosy Program Advisors (who also function as NLEP consultant). They support the implementation of the National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP) in their assigned intervention areas. Through our dedicated cadre of Community Based Rehabilitation Coordinators (CBRCs), we support the programs for rehabilitation of persons affected by Leprosy and other disabilities.





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OUR JOURNEY



to be continued...



'Swavalamban' project in Delhi for self-employment

- LPEP (Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis) project launched
- 'Lepclips' leprosy training video project launched
- Intervention expanded to Rajasthan
- Integrated Self-care project (Combined self-care)

Piloting of Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis completion & accepted by the Central Leprosy Division as a component of national leprosy eradication program (NLEP)

- Study on mental being and stigma & discrimination
- Call-Centre Project
- Study on App based delivery of Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) services



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NLR chosen as National coordinating agency for international federation of Anti-Leprosy Association (ILEP) India from January 2011

"Wings to Fly" project started in Jharkhand in collaboration with a local NGO, Chhota Nagpur Sanskrit Sansthan (CSS) at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



- Formation of 155 self-care groups completed
- External Resource Mobilization Commenced

PEP++ Multi country research project launched

- PEP++ study trial started in October 2022, with enrolment and administration of medicines (either Single dose rifampicin (SDR) or PEP++ regimen to eligible contacts of index cases
- Transition to National NGO

Highlights of the year 2022-23:

India reported 1,03,819 new cases in the year 2022-23 compared to 75,394 reported in 2021-22 with a prevalence rate (PR) of 0.57 per 10,000 population. Among the new cases, child cases 5.38%, and Grade II Disability (G2D) were 2.28%. A total of 2,363 (2.5%) G2D detected amongst the new leprosy cases during 2022-23, indicating the G2D rate of 1.69/ million population. (Source: CLD's PPT sides 2022).



Our major success was getting the long pending PEP++ study (accounting for almost 50% of total NLR India's our budget and staff) re-started with administration of the enhanced chemoprophylaxis regime from October 2022 onwards.

NLRIF conducted Need Assessment (NA) of households of NLRIF's supported leprosy colonies. NLRIF has been working in 150 leprosy colonies across seven states namely Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. There was a need to assess the requirements of the persons living in leprosy colonies with changing social, developmental and environmental conditions.



The NA followed a mixed method approach. A tool based on Open Data Kit (ODK) platform was developed for quantitative methodology (along with a questionnaire for data collection). A guide was developed for Focused Group Discussions (FGD). It was attempted to cover all the households of the 150 leprosy colonies. However, a total of 2,192 households were interviewed for quantitative survey from 129 leprosy colonies.

The information will help NLR India in defining strategic actions for addressing the needs of the leprosy affected and their families residing in the colonies within available resources. The final report is being developed and is expected to be finalized by May 2023. It will be useful for government, donors and other development partners for supporting survival/ development of the leprosy affected, their children and other family members.

The evaluation adopted both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Primary quantitative data was synthesized from the project booklets and progress reports and qualitative data was collected through conducting Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), observations and Key Informants Interviews (KIs).

NLRIF had implemented a combined self-care project in six districts of two states (Bihar and Uttar Pradesh) covering 61 primary/ community health centers of three districts of Bihar (Nawada -12 PHCs, Bhojpur -12 PHCs and Aurangabad -7 PHCs) and three districts of Uttar Pradesh (Unnao -15 PHCs, Kannauj -6 PHCs and Kanpur Dehat -9 PHCs). This project was funded by MMZ, the Netherlands, popularly called MMZ project. The project was implemented during 2019-21. In 2022, NLRIF conducted the evaluation of this project through a third party. The main objective was to assess the effect of selfcare practices on life of the persons affected by leprosy and persons affected by lymphatic filariasis (LF).



The evaluation found that the method of combined self-care is well accepted by the persons affected by leprosy and LF. Through this project, a total of 3174 (1883 leprosy affected and 1291 LF affected) persons were trained on self-care. It also got acceptance by the health personnel's as have been reflected by the number of health staff trained i.e., 1614. During evaluation, it was found that health staff are supporting patients practicing self-care.

As ILEP India coordinator, NLRIF played major role along with WHO in development of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) and Road map for leprosy 2023-27 with eight staff members putting in significant amount of their time in different phases of development including conceptualizing, planning, formation of thematic groups (16), NLEP partner coordination, drafting of NSP, review and finalization. The NSP was rolled out on 30th January 2023, the Anti-leprosy Day.

In our efforts to make women (particularly from families of persons affected by leprosy or other disability or suffering from leprosy or disability themselves) more empowered, we conducted mobile tailoring training at Aurangabad in Bihar in which 52 women were trained. These women are now enabled to earn their livelihood either by opening their own business or getting employed.

Mental health has been an important aspect of persons suffering from disabilities due to leprosy and LF. Our mental wellbeing project (funded by COR-NTD) was completed in May 2022. The project's title was "Reducing stigma and improving mental wellbeing and social participation amongst men and women with disability due to lymphatic filariasis and leprosy in the districts of Jaunpur and Bokaro in India". It was able to identify the status of mental wellbeing among persons with leprosy and LF. NLRIF developed the basic psychological support for NTDs (BPS-N), which could improve the mental wellbeing and reduce stigma of the persons enrolled. The main findings were that the level of mental wellbeing significantly improved and stigma reduced through basic psychosocial support provided by the NLRIF trained peer supporters. Based on the findings and recommendations, NLRIF has planned to integrate mental health component in its various projects in 2023.

As the national coordinator of ILEP, we have formally appealed to 21 state disability commissioners for repealing the 95 discriminatory laws against leprosy. Some of them have started acting on our request while we pursue with others.

NLRIF has introduced training on life skills and sexual & reproductive health for adolescents living in leprosy colonies. 213 adolescents living in leprosy colonies have been trained on life skills. Around 70% of the 182 adolescents trained by NLRIF on sexual & reproductive health, were females.



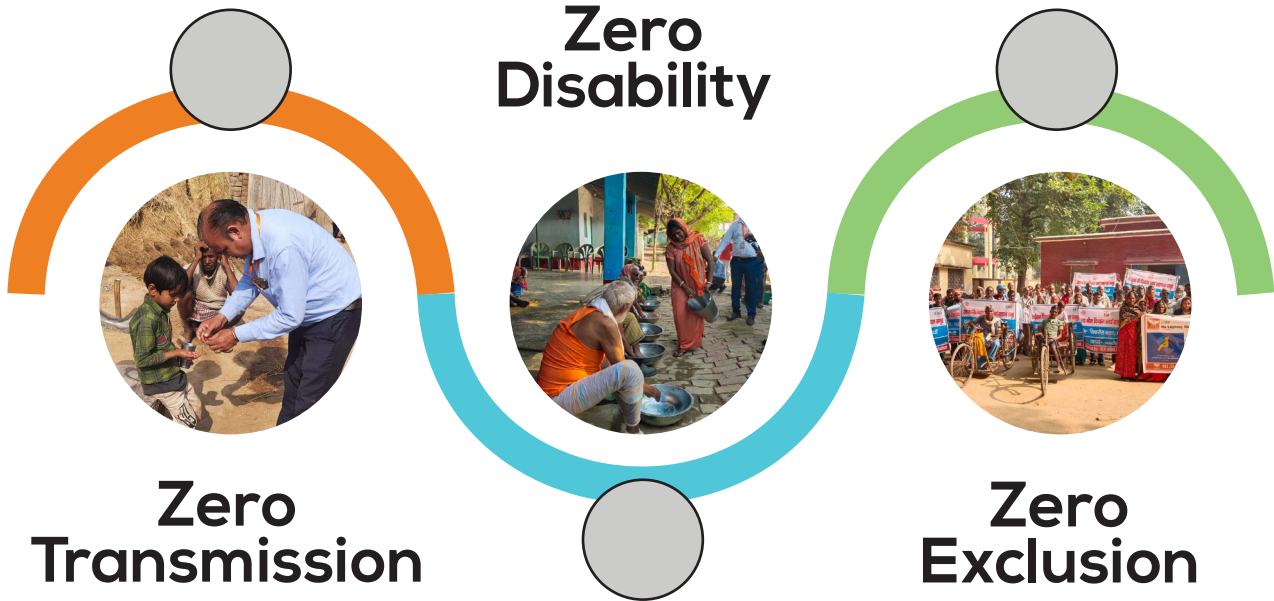


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NLRIF's Projects

NLRIF's projects are aimed to support the govt in achieving three Zeros - Zero Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Exclusion.

Three Zeros



ZERO TRANSMISSION:

In the year 2022-23, the projects implemented under Zero transmission were:

Projects' title	States/ Areas of implementation
Strengthening National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP)	Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
Scaling up Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP)	Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
PEP++ Stop the transmission of leprosy	Fatehpur & Chandauli districts of Uttar Pradesh
VIKALP/ Call center project	Jaipur in Rajasthan
Testing an App supported delivery system for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) services	Paschim Bardhaman & Howrah in West Bengal

Strengthening National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP)

NLEP is a centrally sponsored scheme of Govt of India. NLRIF, under the project "Strengthening NLEP" supports all the components of NLEP. This includes capacity building of Medical Officers (MOs) and other health staff, support in planning, implementation & monitoring and supporting special activities like active case search through leprosy case detection campaign (LCDC), focused leprosy campaign (FLC) and SPARSH leprosy awareness campaign (SLAC).

In the year 2022-23, under this project:

- Medical officers trained (including SLOs, DLOs and other medical officers): 196
- Master trainers trained: 4
- General Health Care (GHC) staffs provided hand-holding support: 2412
- Meetings conducted across seven NLRIF supported states with DLOs & SLOs: 252
- Meetings with partners working in the field of leprosy: 49
- NLRIF events/ stories covered by media: 168
- Leprosy survivors engaged in generating awareness about leprosy and advocacy: 29



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Scaling up Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP)

The Project titled Scaling up LPEP supports the govt in implementation of LPEP programme in NLR supported states. This intervention has been proven to reduce occurrence of new cases among contacts of leprosy patients by 57%. NLEP has emphasized the role of LPEP as preventive intervention for leprosy. The NSP also gives importance to LPEP in its strategy.



In the year 2022-23, under this project:

- Health staff (SLO/DLO/ MOs) trained on operational guidelines of LPEP and other aspects: 1282
- Validation of contacts who have been administered SDR-PEP: 471
- Sensitization of representatives of different stakeholders on LPEP: 467

PEP++ Project: Stop the transmission of leprosy

PEP++ Project: Stopping the transmission of leprosy: It is a multi-country research programme, and a flagship project of NLR International which is being implemented in five leprosy high burden countries in collaboration with academic universities, ILEP members and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), at central, state, and district levels. In India, its implemented in two districts of Chandauli and Fatehpur of Uttar Pradesh. Post the preparatory activities, the project was formally launched on 2nd October 2020. Under this randomized control trial (RCT) study, the eligible contacts of the leprosy cases are either administered three monthly doses of Rifampicin and Clarithromycin (intervention arm)



or single-dose of Rifampicin (SDR) (control arm). The main result during the year achieved was enrolment of 102 index cases and administration of 1st dose, and 2nd dose to 999 close contacts and 497 close contacts respectively. Total 180 close contacts received all 3 doses in both districts.



Vikalp/ Call centre project

An innovative information, technology-based approach called call center project (VIKALP) had started in May 2021 for following up the cases under treatment. Through this, the counsellor of the call center (based out of Jaipur in Rajasthan) calls the leprosy index cases every fortnight and counsels them on general signs and symptoms of leprosy and reactions, usefulness of completing the treatment within the prescribed time limit, myths and misinformation mitigation, self-care, prevention and mental wellbeing. The patients are also counselled for administration of the preventive therapy SDR particularly to the family contacts. The feedbacks received are shared with concerned district officials for further follow-ups.

Out of 156 index cases enlisted, 98 could be telephonically connected and successful counselling support was provided by the tele-counsellors. The districts sharing line list were Alwar, Jaipur and Pali of Rajasthan.

Testing an App supported delivery system for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) services

The project titled “Testing an App supported delivery system for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) services” was launched in August 2021. This study is going to compare the ease of LPEP service delivery through App-based system compared to the traditional paper-based system. The study is being conducted in Howrah and West Bardhaman districts of West Bengal. The ethical approval for the study was obtained from Institutional Ethics Committee, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad in August 2022. Immediately thereafter an agency was hired for conducting the exploratory study; it was completed in October 2022. The study found that the health staff were quite excited about the app-based intervention, they were of the view that this will reduce their workload. There were also some concerns that the app could become a burden as they experienced it with previous apps they had used. As the next phase of study, there will be testing of the app, the pre-activities related to this roll out is underway. For economic evaluation of the study an agreement had been signed between NLR and Department of Economics, Presidency University, Kolkata. The roll out of app is expected in January 2023.



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ZERO DISABILITY:

In the year 2022-23, the project implemented under Zero disability was:

Project title	States/ Areas of implementation
Combined Self-care (CSC)	Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

Combined Self-care (CSC)

Combined Self-care is an important intervention for disability prevention for both persons affected by leprosy and LF. Both type of patients are trained on self-care (though there is a minor difference in self-care method of leprosy and LF at a common place – that is why it is called “combined self-care”. This helps in reducing stigma among patients.

Along with patients, the general health care staff are also trained on self-care so that in future they are capacitated enough to provide the service to disabled. The health staff were also trained on Sensory Testing/ Voluntary Muscle Testing (ST/ VMT) so that they can identify occurrence of disability early.

The members of Community Based Organizations (CBO) and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) were also trained on identification of disabilities due to leprosy and LF.



Under this project:

- Self-care groups formed: 19
- Persons trained on self-care: 509 (431 persons affected by leprosy & 78 persons affected by LF)
- Capacity building of service providers on self-care: 389 ASHA, 353 GHC staff members, and 64 members of PRIs and DPOs
- Distribution of need-based assistive devices: 290
- Reconstructive surgeries facilitated: 53





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ZERO EXCLUSION:

In the year 2022-23, the projects implemented under Zero Exclusion were:

Projects' name	States/ Areas of implementation
Empowering persons with disability (PWD) and their dependents (DID)	Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh
Disabled Friendly Villages (M-DID)	Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh
Making Change Agents	Bihar
Need assessment survey in Leprosy Colonies	Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
Mental wellbeing study in Jaunpur and Bokaro	Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Empowering persons with disability (PWD) and their dependents (DID)



Stigma and discrimination are the biggest barrier which stop the person affected by leprosy in enjoying normal life with dignity. NLRIF promotes the activities which support the inclusion of affected persons into the society. NLRIF empowers them through increasing awareness about their rights and entitlements. Awareness is generated about “Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016”, so that PWDs can voice their concerns with appropriate authorities. The project “Empowering PWD and their dependents” is a unique intervention under disability inclusive development (DID). Under this project, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Block Development Committee (BDCs) and OPDs are formed and maintained through regular refresher trainings.

The SHG formation and maintenance is an important component of DID. The agenda of the SHG trainings also includes SHG norms, Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) act & role and responsibilities of SHGs. The Vihar Viklang Adhikar Manch (VVAM) is one organization with which we are working in Aurangabad in Bihar. Under the project, 11 block level DID coordinators are involved in supporting and maintaining the SHGs formed under their 11 blocks, 1 block/ DID coordinator.

The OPD is formed by the members of BDCs. The OPDs are mentored by NLRIF. The support/ services provided to affected persons include disability pension, disability certificates, railway and bus passes, ration cards, disability cards, MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) card etc.

NLRIF provides support for vocational training to persons with disabilities and their dependents. In a bid to empower the women with leprosy and disabilities or from the families affected by leprosy and disabilities, NLRIF runs a mobile training center for tailoring at Aurangabad in Bihar.

The DID project model of NLRIF is also called Aurangabad model because most of the interventions have evolved in the district. NLRIF has developed a document on Aurangabad model for making the govt officials understand the value of disability inclusive development and support implementation and/or replication. The principles of Aurangabad model are well accepted by government and other stakeholders.

In year 2022-23, in this project

- New SHG formed & trained: 35 (they were also trained on RPWD Act 2016)
- New BDC formed & trained: 3
- New OPD formed & trained: 1
- Old SHGs provided refresher training: 84
- New OPDs trained on 10-point program: 1
- Old OPD provided refresher training: 13
- Number of support/services/orders mobilized by NLR CBOs (SHGs/BDC/ DPOs): 257
- Workshops held for sensitization and planning: 8
- Persons provided assistive and protective devices through NLR facilitation: 922
- Networking meetings conducted: 11
- PWDs linked/ financially supported for vocational training opportunities: 50
- Women directly trained by NLR through mobile tailoring centre: 52
- Persons that received micro credit: 60



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Disabled Friendly Villages

Disabled Friendly Villages are part of NLR's vision of disability inclusive development (DID). Eleven select villages of the total eleven blocks of district Aurangabad (Bihar), 1/ per block, are being developed as Disabled Friendly Villages. The disabled living in these villages are being empowered about their rights and entitlements with a greater amount of accessibility. There are disabled friendly infrastructures in these villages.

During 2022-23

- Government (duty bearer) staff trained on leprosy or issues related to leprosy: 54
- PWDs received disability certificates: 837
- PWDs received disability pension: 511
- Assistive and protective devices through facilitation by NLR: 180

Making Change Agents

To support the children of persons affected by disability, NLRIF has been supporting students to get their education completed by providing them tuition/ admission fees, stationery, uniforms and clothes, school bags, shoes, and other items as needed by individual children. Under this project, adolescents are being provided Life Skill Education (LSE) and training on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and career counselling. The adolescent of the leprosy colonies are being developed as change agents so that they can serve as Community Volunteers for solving the leprosy and colony related matters.



During 2022-23

- Education support to children & youth: 399
- Career counselling provided to youth: 188
- Vocational training support provided to youth: 71
- Life Skills Education provided to children: 213
- Youths guided on Sexual and Reproductive Health: 182
- Children & youth identified & trained to serve as change agents: 108



Need assessment survey in Leprosy Colonies

During 2022-23, with the help of mobile based app (KoBo Collect), NLRIF conducted the need assessment survey of leprosy colonies under NLR districts. This was required as the needs of residents of leprosy colonies have not been assessed since long.

In 2022-23, we were able to collect quantitative data of 1109 households of different leprosy colonies. We expect to complete the assessments by June 2023. The data will be analysed and findings will be shared with the respective govt officials and other stakeholders.

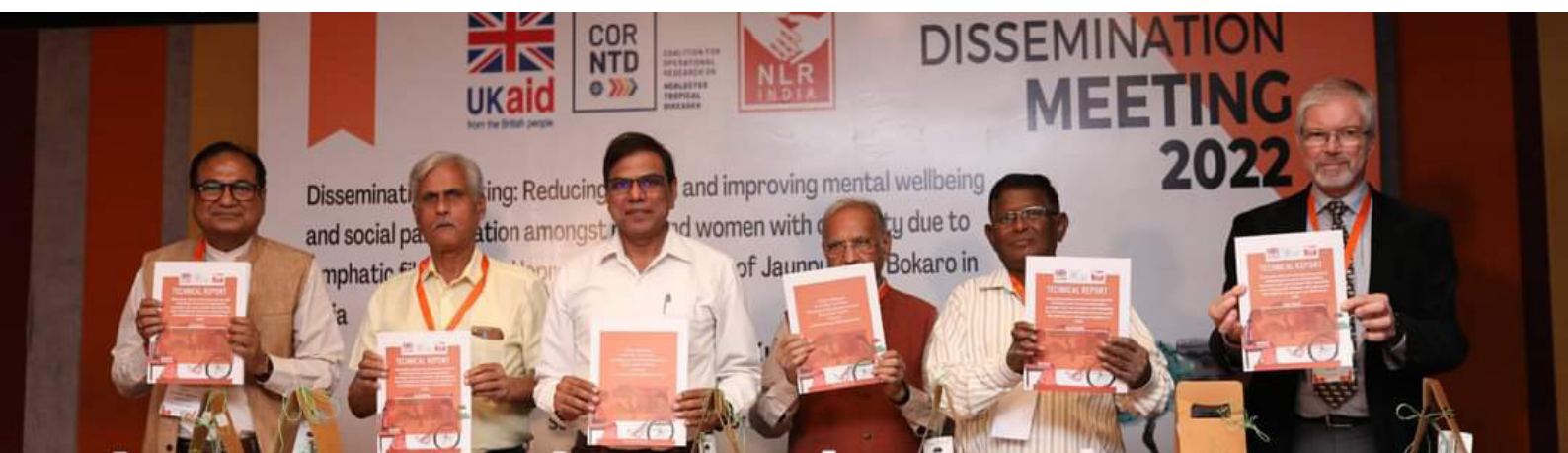
Mental wellbeing study in Jaunpur and Bokaro

This proof of concept study was conducted in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University; it was intended to assess the effectiveness of a peer support based basic psychological support for persons affected by NTDs (BPS-N) on the mental health, stigma and participation of persons with disabilities due to leprosy and LF. The study was funded by COR-NTD and approved by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in August 2021.

The data collection for the first phase of the research- formative assessment - was completed as planned. The guidebook, BPS-N, was developed by adapting the WHO guide of the psychological first aid (PFA) which is used for acute conditions like Ebola. For the intervention phase, 15 persons affected by leprosy and LF were selected as peer supporters (PS) and trained on how to provide basic psycho-social support to their peer clients following the BPS-N guide. They provided psycho-social support through a three-month long intervention, to 87 persons with disabilities due to leprosy and LF.

The guide developed in English was translated into Hindi, printed and provided to the peer supporters and stakeholders for their ready reference; a pocket guide was also developed and distributed to the peer supporters. The peer support led BPS-N intervention study showed promising results in just three months in reducing stigma and improving mental well-being however participation of the study participants in social events remained the same.

A national level dissemination meeting was held on 25 May 2022. More than 60 people from different organisations like government, non-government organisations participated in this meeting. The participants appreciated the efforts and results of both the formative and intervention components of the study. The key recommendations from the participants included larger application of the BPS-N guide, and the conduct of a randomised controlled trial (RCT) of the peer support-based BPS-N.





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Grassroot Tales: Family Finds Friends

In the vibrant landscapes of rural India, lives Mr. Ramesh Prasad, Ram Nagar leprosy colony, Patna. He came to know that he was suffering from a disease called leprosy at a tender age of 16 years, which came as a shock to him as instead of focussing on working towards achieving his dreams to become a doctor, he had to find a treatment for his illness, but his heart stayed strong. Due to lack of sensitisation of general public, Ramesh had to face a lot of discrimination, however, he still said to himself, "I am more than my sickness," and he hoped people would understand. Sadly, people around Ramesh didn't want to be his friends because they were scared of his sickness. He later shifted to a missionary hospital in Patna for leprosy, where his



sickness was treated and also got an opportunity to make new friends suffering with the same sickness. They often shared their stories with each other which helped in building a lifelong relationship. Ramesh also found his love in the colony, her name is Sita Devi who is also suffering from leprosy. Together they started working towards serving the people affected with leprosy and help them live a respectful life.

NLR India later contacted Ramesh after knowing about his efforts, and helped him provide with whatever he required to provide a positive environment to others. With NLR India's support and his hard work, he encouraged many children from and around his colony to take admission in schools and also connect the patients with doctors for their regular treatments. Slowly, people started changing their mindset and outlook about leprosy. "Leprosy is just a word; it's how we treat each other that matters," Ramesh said.

Currently, his children are graduates and are working to financially support the family. Not only Ramesh changed the life of his children but also motivated others to not lose hope and overcome any challenging situation that come as a huge setback to them. Ramesh just wants his children to keep helping others as he has done throughout his life and also stated that "General public should be more sensitised about the disease are even today leprosy affected people are facing social exclusion".



Partners and Collaborations:

In the transformative period of 2022-23, NLR India experienced significant growth and governance changes, actively seeking partnerships to advance its mission. NLRIF successfully collaborated with various organizations dedicated to the well-being of those affected by leprosy and their families. In the fiscal year 2023, NLRIF strategically approached fundraising, exceeding ambitious financial goals and reflecting its commitment. With a strong focus on addressing urgent needs, particularly in leprosy colonies, the organization is now poised to expand collaborations. NLR India Foundation is actively exploring partnerships with corporate social responsibility initiatives and other national and international agencies, reinforcing its dedication to supporting individuals affected by leprosy and their families.





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Communication and Fundraising :

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, NLR India Foundation (NLRIF) navigated its fundraising efforts with a strategic approach, aiming to secure resources from diverse sources. The targeted financial goals were ambitiously set, with a specific focus on institutional and individual giving. As outlined in the table below.

Source	Foundations, INGOs, Multilaterals, Governments, CSR
2023 Targets	Rs.53,12,500/-
Financial results	Rs.68,52,665/-

Source	Individual giving
2023 Targets	Rs.6,50,258/-
Financial results	Rs.10,40,086/-

TOTAL	Individual giving
2023 Targets	Rs.59,62,758/-
Financial results	Rs.78,92,751/-



Institutional Fundraising

NLRIF were able to achieve 129% of our institutional fundraising target. NLRIF adopted a three-way approach in which more and more quality institutional proposals were submitted; secondly, the national corporates or business hubs that overlap our thematic area and geographical areas were approached; thirdly support was taken from all staff of NLR India Foundation to provide contacts of business hubs, corporates or funding agencies in their vicinity so that further relationship can be nurtured to convert it into funds for NLR India Foundation. We also enhanced our presence on social media.

Individual Fundraising

NLRIF were able to achieve 160% of our individual funding target. NLRIF organized online virtual events to engage like-minded organizations, government institutions, donors, professionals, volunteers, and youth. A proper donor communication calendar was introduced marking the frequency and content of the updates to be shared with donors. The impact report was shared with donors informing them how the donation has supported NLRIF in reaching out to the community.

While financial targets were entirely met, NLRIF's commitment to creating a roadmap for effective fundraising and its strategic partnerships with international agencies position it well for sustained success in the coming years. The revised fundraising strategy, informed by expert recommendations, demonstrates the organization's agility and determination to adapt and thrive in the evolving philanthropic landscape. NLRIF remains steadfast in its mission, leveraging the support garnered to make a lasting impact on health, education, and inclusion in the communities it serves.

Get Involved

Volunteer or Intern who work with us for a short period of time often leave with rich experience and knowledge about our programmes on leprosy, Lymphatic filariasis and related disabilities and get acquainted with the communities we work. We provide internships to students from India and abroad to work, as per their interests and suitability, with teams from programmes, research, strategic information, grant, finance, administration, communication and fundraising department.

If you are interested in doing internship or work voluntarily with us, please contact us at – info@nlrindi.org

Donate

NLRIF is steadfastly working towards eliminating leprosy from India and mitigate the suffering. However, this requires major scale-up in resources for early identification, treatment, prevention, care and support. International funding for Leprosy has been declining for a while. NLRIF is increasingly becoming dependent on domestic funding for sustaining and fast-tracking leprosy support across our seven intervention states in India. NLRIF urge and appeal to individuals and corporates to join hands and support us.

Here are some of the ways you can support us:

Make an online donation, please visit: www.nlrindia.co.in

Invest your CSR Funds meaningfully, collaborate on mutually benefiting ventures and initiatives.

Connect us on info@nlrindia.org



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Thank You Note

Dear NLRIF Supporters,

We at NLRIF want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping NLR India continue its mission to eliminate leprosy and provide care for those affected by it.

Your collaboration and donations have helped us touch the lives of 4,436 persons affected by leprosy, which has enabled us to reach out to seven states (Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) and 150 leprosy colonies in the year 2022-23. Through your help, 400 dependent children residing in leprosy colonies were supported to continue their formal education, 213 children were trained on life skills and 182 were guided on Sexual and Reproductive Health. NLRIF also formed 39 new PwD groups and linked them with the banks (approx. 280 number of individuals), benefitted by government schemes (1605 number of individuals), received livelihood support (60 number of individuals), received skill training (173 number of individuals), etc. Without your endless support, this would have not been possible, and we assure you our commitment that we will continue to support the lives of the affected.

NLRIF deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in us. Your belief in our work inspires us to strive harder and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve. Your support not only brings hope to those affected by leprosy but also empowers them to lead healthier and more dignified lives.

Thank you for standing with us in this important journey. Together, we are making a difference and bringing positive change to many lives. We look forward to continuing our partnership and achieving even greater milestones in the future.

Finances

Audit Report 2022-23

NLR INDIA FOUNDATION				
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31.03.2023				
(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
I	Income From Grants & Donations	9	3,64,83,367	3,06,33,511
II	Other Income	10	18,65,690	8,04,260
III	Total Income (I+II)		3,83,49,057	3,14,37,771
IV	<u>Expenses:</u>			
(b)	PROJECT / PROGRAMME SUPPORTS EXPENSES	11	3,10,45,749	1,76,27,172
(c)	Human Resource Expenses	12	9,96,174	6,01,768
(d)	Fund Raising Expenses	13	11,51,812	3,33,493
(e)	Office And General Administration Expenses	14	46,79,352	20,29,923
	Total Expenses		3,78,73,087	2,05,92,356
V	Excess of income over expenditure for the year transferred to Capital fund		4,75,970	1,08,45,415
	Summary of significant accounting policies	1		
	Notes to Accounts	2-15		

As per our Report of even date attached.

FOR JAGDISH CHAND & CO.

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Firm Registration Number: 000129N

Pawan Kumar
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M.No:- 511057



Place: New Delhi
Date: 20.06.2023

FOR NLR INDIA FOUNDATION

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(Managing Trustee)

Place: New Delhi
Date: 20.06.2023



Ms. Nirmala Gupta

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(Trustee)

Place: New Delhi
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NLR INDIA FOUNDATION				
Receipts & Payment Account				
For the year ending 31st March 2023				
(Amount in ₹)				
Receipts	Year Ended 31st March, 2023		Year Ended 31st March, 2022	
OPENING BALANCES				
Cash at Bank (Schedule - 5)	70,68,672		1,65,33,697	
Cash-in-hand (Schedule - 5)	38,273		73,444	
Fixed Deposit	2,37,21,300		33,71,300	
TDS Refundable	-		51,591	
Project Advances / Imprest (Schedule - 7)	7,080	3,08,35,325	1,05,996	2,01,36,028
GRANTS RECEIVED				
Foreign Grant Received	3,38,26,429		2,89,79,657	
Donation Received from Domestic Donor	26,26,928	3,61,82,167	16,53,854	3,06,33,511
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest on Saving Bank Account	-		-	
Interest in FDR	-	7,47,573	-	5,43,085
OTHER RECEIPTS				
Misc. Income	-		-	
Sale Proceeds of Old Assets	-	7,95,137	-	12,883
TOTAL		6,88,61,601		5,13,25,507

Payments	Year Ended 31st March, 2023		Year Ended 31st March, 2022	
REHABILITATION EXPENSES				
Self Care Project Expenses/Training	45,73,521		61,50,695	
Non-Medical Rehabilitation	22,45,216	68,18,739	5,52,954	67,03,648
SALARIES & BENEFITS EXPENSES				
Administration staffs salaries & Benefits Expenses	-	6,23,972	-	5,99,818
PROJECT/ PROGRAMME SUPPORTS EXPENSES				
Project/Programme Supports Medical Staff Salaries, Benefits Expenses & Other Expenses	2,07,80,715		1,01,84,333	
ONGC Expenses	-		1,72,870	
Programme Expenses	34,34,497	2,42,15,212	2,65,392	1,06,22,595
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Website Development	-		-	
Fundraising Expenses	-	11,51,812	-	3,33,493
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Payment of Security Deposit	-	8,000	-	73,500
Advance for execution of project	-	7,29,702	-	1,27,204
OFFICE AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				
Office Rent and Maintenance Expenses	6,97,733		4,61,339	
Printing & Stationery	2,62,766		2,20,221	
Postage Expenses	29,969		15,628	
Telephone Expenses	20,505		45,383	
Bank charges	28,471		34,616	
Professional Fees	18,20,824		96,786	
Office Expenses	16,03,388		7,74,689	
Public Relation expenses	1,585		1,300	
Audit Fee	1,00,400		94,400	
Office Equipments	1,13,711	46,79,352	2,85,561	20,29,923
CLOSING BALANCES				
Cash at Bank (Schedule - 5)	87,88,601		70,68,672	
Cash-in-hand (Schedule - 5)	46,835		38,273	
Fixed Deposits with Bank	2,17,21,300		2,37,21,300	
TDS Refundable	-		-	
Project Advances / Imprest (Schedule - 7)	78,077	3,06,34,813	7,080	3,08,35,326
TOTAL		6,88,61,601		5,13,25,507

Significant Accounting Policies:
Notes to Accounts

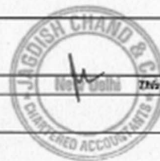
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NLR INDIA FOUNDATION		(Amount in Rs.)	
Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2023			
		31-03-2023	31-03-2022
5	Receivables against CSR Projects		
(a)	Unsecured Considered good (ONGC Receivable)	1,72,870	1,72,870
	Total Receivables against CSR Projects	1,72,870	1,72,870
6	Cash and Bank Balances		
A	<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>		
(a)	On current accounts		
	<u>FCRA</u>		
	HDFC Bank at New Delhi	31,37,471	6,52,082
	HDFC Bank at Kolkata	19,813	-
	HDFC Bank at Batisa	32,612	-
	HDFC Bank at Lucknow	98,315	-
	HDFC Bank at Patna	31,402	-
	HDFC Bank at Ranchi	12,687	-
	Indian Overseas Bank at New Delhi	10,01,278	9,53,383
	Indian Overseas Bank at Patna	160	80,468
	Indian Overseas Bank at Ranchi	1,67,866	1,63,349
	Indian Overseas Bank at Lucknow	17,701	18,457
	Indian Overseas Bank at Burdwan	43,237	52,070
	Punjab National Bank at Varanasi	-	186
	SBI Bank (FCRA) at New Delhi	7,87,597	42,62,435
	<u>NON FCRA</u>		
	Axis Bank at New Delhi	19,39,515	3,57,892
	Indian Overseas Bank at Ranchi	2,18,357	2,12,468
	Indian Overseas Bank at New Delhi	12,87,589	3,15,883
	<u>FCRA</u>		
	Cash at HO	2,881	2,806
	Cash at Patna	21,564	18,502
	Cash at Lucknow	2,425	-
	Cash at Ranchi	2,397	-
	Cash at Burdwan	98	-
	<u>NON FCRA</u>		
	Cash in hand at New Delhi	17,470	16,965
	Total Cash and Cash equivalents (i)	88,35,435	71,06,945
B	<u>Other bank balances</u>		
(a)	Bank Deposits		
(i)	Earmarked Bank Deposits	2,17,21,300	2,37,21,300
(ii)	Total other bank balances	2,17,21,300	2,37,21,300
	Total Cash and bank balances (i+ii)	3,05,56,735	3,08,28,245
7	Loans and advances		
	(Unsecured, Considered Good)		
(a)	Project Advances/Imprest	78,077	7,080
(b)	Petrol Card Balance	203	12,000
(c)	Advance for execution of project	8,56,906	1,27,204
(d)	Security Deposits for Rental Properties	1,36,600	1,28,600
	Total Loans and Advances	10,71,786	2,74,884
8	Other Current Assets		
(a)	Interest accrued and due on deposits	6,13,149	3,60,379
(b)	TDS Receivable	1,38,275	68,265
	Total Other Current Assets	7,51,424	4,28,644



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NLR INDIA FOUNDATION		
Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2023		
(Amount in Rs.)		
	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
9 Income from Grants and Donation		
(a) Grants or donations received		
(i) Foreign Grant received	3,38,26,429	2,89,79,657
(ii) Domestic donation received	26,56,938	16,53,854
Total Income from Grants and Donation	3,64,83,367	3,06,33,511
10 Other Income		
(a) Interest income		
Interest on Saving Bank	3,06,734	5,43,085
Interest on Fixed Deposits	7,63,619	2,48,292
(b) Other non-operating income		
Misc Income	29,602	1,823
Sales of Old Assets	7,65,735	11,060
Total Other Income	18,65,690	8,04,260
11 Project/ Programme Supports Expenses		
Project staff salaries benefits exp & workshop	1,57,44,316	72,04,355
NLR 2020 Project	-	53,100
MMZ Project	9,00,424	12,35,672
Self Care Project Expenses/Training	45,73,523	61,50,695
Non-Medical Rehabilitation	22,45,216	5,52,954
Project Office Expenses	24,71,981	8,47,460
Printing of Communication Material	28,477	36,620
Internet & Telephone Expenses	47,879	42,196
Equipments & Supplies	68,629	1,63,801
Training & Meeting Expenses	3,73,183	2,39,104
Call Centre Project	2,56,720	5,97,953
Sasakawa Project	98,439	2,65,392
WHO	6,39,098	-
21st ILC	9,00,903	-
IIEP Expenses	26,96,960	65,000
ONGC Expenses	-	1,72,870
Total Project/ Programme Supports Expenses	3,10,45,748	1,76,27,172
12 Human Resource Expenses		
Administration Staffs Salaries & Benefits Expenses	9,96,174	6,01,768
	9,96,174	6,01,768
13 Fund Raising Expenses		
Website Development	79,760	-
Other Expenses	10,72,052	3,33,493
Total Fund Raising Expenses	11,51,812	3,33,493
14 Office And General Administration Expenses		
Office Rent and Maintenance Expenses	6,97,733	4,61,339
Office Expenses	16,03,388	7,74,689
Office Equipments	1,13,711	2,85,561
Printing and Stationery	2,62,766	2,20,221
Audit Fees	1,00,400	94,400
Professional Fees	18,20,824	96,786
Public Relation Expenses	1,585	1,300
Postage Expenses	29,969	15,628
Bank Charges	28,471	34,616
Telephone Expenses	20,505	45,383
Total Office And General Administration Expenses	46,79,352	20,29,923
15 Other Notes to Accounts		
a. Contingent liabilities - On Account of demand as appearing traces website of Income Tax Rs 1,47,433.62/- (Previous year NIL)		
b. Commitments: NIL (Previous year NIL)		
c. During the year, inadvertently Income Tax Refund of Rs. 15,628/- (including Rs. 1,482/- as interest on Income Tax Refund) was received in		
d. Previous year figure have been regrouped and rearranged wherever necessary to make them comparable with these of the current figure.		
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