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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
EPF	Employee Provident Fund
GHC	General Health Care
Gol	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
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
OPD	Organizations Of Persons With Disability
PRI	Panchayat Raj Institution
PEP	Post Exposure Prophylaxis
PHC	Primary Health Centre
PWD	Person with Disability
RPWD	Rights of Persons with Disability
SDR	Single Dose Rifampicin
SPL	State Programs Lead
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 Chief Executive officer

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report 2023-24. Our projects are aimed to support the government of India in achieving three goals for leprosy, Zero transmission, Zero Disability and Zero exclusion.

Several important developments happened during the year.

- Development of NLR India Foundation (NLRIF) Multi-Annual Strategy (MAS) for 2024-2028 as the last quadrennial Multi Annual Plan (MAP) 2020-2023 got completed in December 2023 and was marked by achieving most of the targets across all projects.
- From 2024 onwards, NLRIF intervention area was restructured to include two new states (Assam and Madhya Pradesh, a total of 8 states) with approval from Central Leprosy Division (CLD). The two additional states were chosen for supporting Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) activities. The number of districts to be covered by NLRIF were reduced from 124 to 54 for more concentrated work. Similarly, the number of leprosy colonies to be covered by NLRIF was reduced from 150 to 43.
- During April 2023 to March 2024, total eight live virtual events were organised to showcase the activities of NLRIF in areas of health, education, livelihood, empowerment, gender, and stigma & discrimination.

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NLR India and Lepra society.
- Since inception in 1999, NLR India has implemented many projects related to disability care, disability inclusive development, urban leprosy project and call centre. All the projects were evaluated by an external agency under the guidance of a Technical Committee chaired by the Deputy Director General, Central Leprosy Division. The objectives of the assessment were to assess their impact on the beneficiaries, their sustainability and acceptability by the public health system.
- Durin the year, NLRIF also completed the needs assessment of leprosy colonies.
- Besides the intervention projects related to Zero transmission, Zero Disability and Zero exclusion, NLRIF implemented three research projects namely PEP++ Stop transmission of leprosy, PEP App and Compassion training were implemented.

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

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

Dr Ashok Agarwal
Chief Executive Officer
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 chief executive officer. The board supervised the policy execution and important matters. The chief executive officer provided oversight to the intricate operations and management, ensuring the decisions taken by the Board are executed.



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Former Vice President, Bansidhar and Ila Panda Foundation

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Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NLRIF

Former Project Director (HIV/TB/Malaria) and Chief of Party, Public
Health Foundation of India Former Project Director, FHI 360



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VISION

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





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 Us

NLR India Foundation (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 54 districts and 43 leprosy colonies of 8 states, namely, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The state units are headed by State Program Lead (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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Highlights of the year 2023-2024

The year 2023-24 has been a good year for NLR India Foundation(NLRIF). NLR India developed a new Multi-Annual Strategy (MAS) for 2024-2027 as the last quadrennial Multi Annual Plan (MAP) 2020-2023 got completed in December 2023 and was marked by achieving most of the targets across all projects.

April 2023 to March 2024

NLR India worked in diverse areas to support the lives of persons affected by leprosy. During April 2023 to March 2024, eight live virtual events were organised to showcase the activities of NLRIF in areas of health, education, livelihood, empowerment, gender, and stigma & discrimination. The topics of virtual events were as below:

Two of eight virtual meetings of the year were on disability inclusive development (DID) or on one of its components, i.e. NLR India's mobile tailoring training centre (MTTC) operational in Aurangabad for vocational training of girls and women. These events brought greater visibility to the DID efforts had been made to strengthen the tailoring trainings, engage partners having product making and business skills, and also to mobilise donors to financially support some adolescents and women in purchasing sewing machines.

During the year, NLRIF implemented projects to help the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in achieving Zero Transmission (through four projects), Zero Disability (through one project) and Zero Exclusion (through three projects).

Apart from these, three research projects namely PEP++ Stop transmission of leprosy, LRI-PEP app and Compassion study were also implemented and are continuing.

NLRIF also finalized the need assessment of residents of leprosy colonies. The findings are being scrutinized and will be available for dissemination in April 2024.



In April 2023, the project supported by Novartis, namely “Capacity building of State Leprosy Officers of all States and Union Territories of India for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP)” was concluded with a workshop attended by all State Leprosy Officers (SLOs)/ State Leprosy Consultants (SLCs) of the country, representatives of NGOs and ILEP members and officials from CLD. During the workshop, the learnings of LPEP implementation in West Bengal were shared and all were briefed on the operational guidelines of LPEP. The participants were also trained on Nikusht 2.0 portal and on the guidelines of National Strategic Plan (NSP) and roadmap of leprosy 2023-27.



From 2024

NLR India is going to implement only two projects (besides research projects) targeted to achieve interruption of transmission of leprosy and supporting the zero exclusion services for the affected persons. The intervention area was restructured to include two new states (Assam and Madhya Pradesh, a total of 8 states) with approval from Central Leprosy Division (CLD) to work in these states. These states were chosen for supporting Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) activities. Number of districts were also revised; NLR India chose to work in 54 Highest & High priority districts of Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The number of leprosy colonies were also revised - 43 leprosy colonies were chosen with criteria that at least five disabled persons are living in the colony.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NLR India and Lepra society. Since 1999, NLR India has implemented many projects. NLRIF has evaluated projects related to disability care, disability inclusive development, urban leprosy project and call centre project by an external agency. The agency was shortlisted from a group of applications by a technical advisory group chaired by the former Deputy Director General- Leprosy (DDG-L), Central Leprosy Division (CLD), Govt of India (GoI). The objectives of the assessment was to assess their impact on the beneficiaries, their sustainability and acceptability by the public health system. It is hoped that through this exercise it will be possible to identify priorities for future endeavours. The result of the evaluation is expected by April 2024.

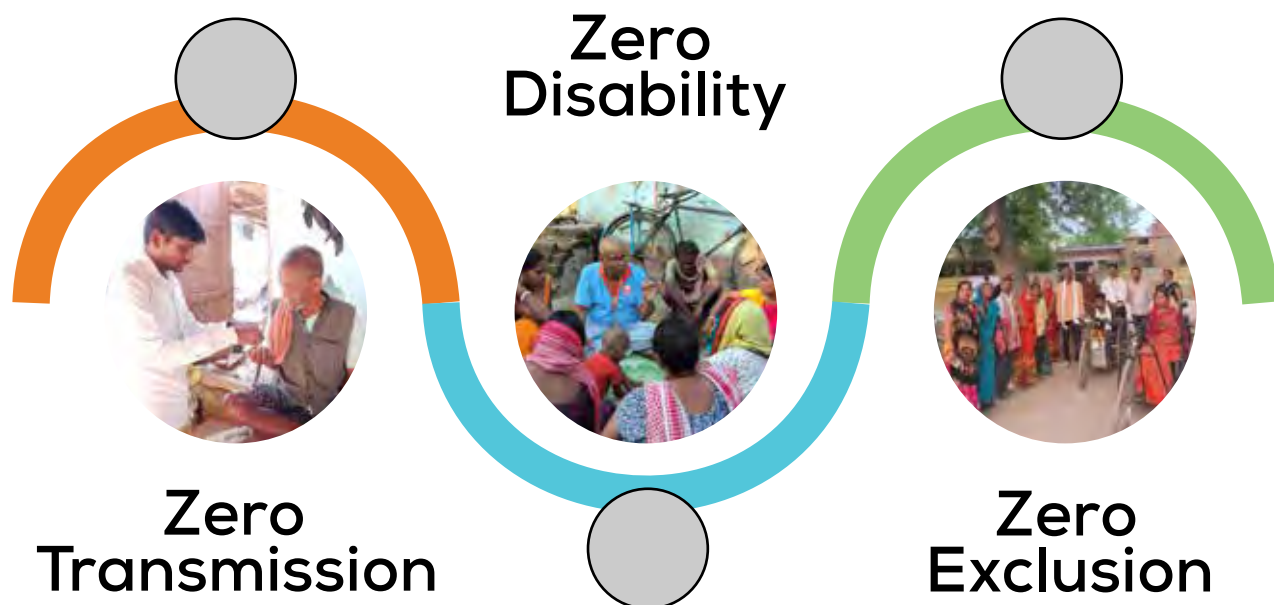


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NLRIF's Projects

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

Three Zeros



ZERO TRANSMISSION:

NLRIF has implemented six projects to support the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in achieving zero transmission. These projects were **Strengthening NLEP in 8 NLR supported states, Scaling up of LPEP in all 8 NLR supported states, Capacity building of State Leprosy Officers of all States and Union Territories of India for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) and Vikalp – call center project.**

The most important activity under “Strengthening NLEP” project was to build capacity of health staff on technical and programmatic aspects of leprosy. Multiple states have recognized the technical capacity of NLR India, which was evidenced by requests received by the State Programme Leads (SPLs) and Community-based Rehabilitation Coordinators (CBRCs) to impart training to districts beyond the jurisdiction of NLR India. Besides that, NLR India supported in planning and implementation of Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) in its operational states. A total of 20 districts across six states were monitored by NLR staff. During the year, total of 1218 health personnel were trained on leprosy and LPEP. Similarly, 2649 health staff were provided hand holding support on how to suspect, identify and manage leprosy. NLR India conducted 230 meetings with DLOs and SLOs and contributed to analysis and provided feedback for improvement of NLEP implementation. All the NLR supported districts in 8 states are implementing LPEP. Government’s commitment to improve LPEP implementation was evident during the meeting of the highest priority states in Delhi in the month of November 2023, at which most states showed improved rifampicin procurement and administration with some states already administering preventive medicine single-dose of rifampicin, SDR to around 20 contacts per index (new) case as per the national recommendation. 23 meetings were held with partners like WHO, other ILEP agencies and local NGOs during 2023. 850 representatives of different stakeholders (partner agencies working on leprosy and govt agencies) were sensitized on LPEP by NLR India staff. 450 contacts who had received SDR were validated.





NLR India concluded the project supported by Novartis Foundation under the project titled “Capacity building of State Leprosy Officers of all States and Union Territories of India for Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP)”. The key achievements have been documentation of lessons learnt in LPEP implementation in West Bengal and dissemination meeting participated by all the SLOs of the country and officials from CLD, partner agencies and association of people affected by leprosy (APAL). About 75 participants attended the dissemination meeting where the officials of CLD emphasized on importance of LPEP.

The call center project is a unique helpline for persons affected by leprosy. This project continued in 2024 as part of project – support for interruption of transmission. The call center located at Jaipur in Rajasthan, receives line-list of under treatment cases and cases Released from Treatment (RFT) from districts. The counselor of the call center calls them fortnightly till completion of treatment. For RFT cases the calls are made to patients every three months for five years. Currently 13 districts of Rajasthan and one district of Jharkhand are sharing the line list of cases with the call center. During April 2023 to March 2024, a total of 190 patients were registered in the call center and total 919 calls were made to these patients. A monthly report based on feedback of patients is shared with concerned districts; in case something urgent (like flaring up of signs and symptoms likely due to lepra reaction) the district is informed by phone and email immediately. Many times the patients have called the counselor of call center to show their gratitude about the positive changes in their life brought by counselling.

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). In the reporting period from April 2023 to March 2024, across the two districts of Chandauli and Fatehpur, a total of 3068 index cases (IC) and 54,960 close contacts (CC) were enrolled under the trial, of which 52,138 CC were screened.

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

The PEP App was finalized after series of revisions and testing etc. The ethical approval for the study was granted by the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (SIHFW), West Bengal on 22nd June 2023. The data extraction form was field tested and finalized. The training for the master trainers was conducted in both districts of Howrah and Paschim Bardhaman districts for Senior Public Health Nurses (PHNs) and PHN, chaired by the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) and cochaired by the Deputy CMOH II of the respective districts, which was followed by training for ANMs on PEP App across six training sessions for different blocks in each district. Total 67 leprosy index cases, and 1303 close contacts were registered and their details collected on PEP App in intervention blocks of two study districts i.e. Howrah and Paschim Burdhaman, West Bengal. A rifampicin stock management tool was developed and field tested. A total of 17 and 56 index cases were registered on the PEP App in the intervention and control blocks of two districts with a total of 466 and 2279 contacts listed with screening of total 381 contacts and 2187 contacts. In intervention blocks, total 348 contacts were administered SDR and 2138 in control blocks. The proportion of contacts administered SDR out of total screened was 75% in intervention blocks and 94% in control blocks. On an average, 20 contacts administered SDR per index cases in intervention blocks and average 38 contacts per index cases in control blocks.





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ZERO DISABILITY:

The Zero disability projects are targeted to improve the disability of persons affected by implementing selfcare. The project has an innate objective of building the capacity of the front-line health workers regarding selfcare.

One of the projects implemented under Zero disability was Combined Self-care camps in PHC. In the project "Combined Self-care camps in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), the persons affected by leprosy and those affected by Lymphatic filariasis (LF) are trained on selfcare at the same place. This intervention helps the government in providing services to persons affected by two types of debilitating diseases- leprosy and LF. A total of 16 self-care groups (SCGs) were formed comprising of 498 persons affected by leprosy and 73 persons with lymphatic filariasis (LF). They were all trained on self-care practices. Total 253 ASHAs were trained on identification of disabilities due to leprosy and LF. A total of 245 health staff were trained on self-care for both leprosy & LF; Sensory Testing/ Voluntary Muscle Testing (ST/ VMT) for patients of leprosy and identification and management of acute attacks LF .

The improvements in conditions of ulcer in persons affected by leprosy and swelling (due to lymphedema) in LF are indicators of persons practicing self-care. During 2023, a total of 303 persons affected by leprosy had reported to have ulcers in the camps; out of them 228 (75%) could heal their ulcers following self-care practices. Similarly, a total of 71 LF affected persons reported having swellings in their legs; out of them 70 (99%) got their swellings reduced by following self-care practices. A total of 98 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. In this project, one component was to facilitate Recustructive Surgery (RCS) for disabled persons by counselling them to accept this procedure. NLRIF facilitated 47 persons with disabilities to accept RCS and 342 persons with disabilities were supported with assistive devices. In this project, mental health component was integrated and CBRCs were trained on Basic Psychological Support (BPS) The trained CBRCs in turn oriented the participants attending the self-care camps including persons affected by leprosy and LF on BPS. A new record book was developed which also recorded the issues of mental wellbeing.







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ZERO EXCLUSION:

Through its four projects under Zero exclusion, NLRIF is committed to reducing stigma and discrimination in communities by empowering persons with disabilities through support for earning livelihood, developing skills and levels of awareness about their rights and entitlements. The projects under zero exclusion were targeted towards empowering persons with leprosy and disabilities, generating awareness about their rights & entitlements and supporting them in earning their livelihoods and improving their skills (through vocational trainings & educational support). This has increased access to services. A good number of institutions, their trainings, capacity building, and voice reflect an ownership and movement towards sustainability. Social mobilisation and institutional development need to be persistently promoted. The projects implemented are Empowering Persons with Disability (PWD), making Change Agents, Disable Friendly Villages.

NLR India has done pioneering work in the field of Disability Inclusive Development (DID) by creating a model at Aurangabad district of Bihar. This model, called "Aurangabad model, has following key activities:

- Social mobilization and institution development of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) including formation of Self-help groups (SHGs); Village Development Committee, Block Development Committee etc
- Networking with all stakeholders
- Advocacy with government for support, timely and quality services
- Sensitization and involvement of local governance mechanisms
- Enable implementation of laws and schemes
- Capacity building, IEC & facilitation





In 2023, the advocacy for implementing the model was done with 24 officials of different districts. All of them had appreciated the model. SHG formation and maintenance is an important intervention under this project. The agenda of the SHG trainings includes SHG norms, sensitization on Rights of Persons with Disability (RPWD) Act of 2016 & role and responsibilities of SHGs. This model DID project was being supported by Block level DID Coordinators who were involved in supporting and maintaining the SHGs formed under their blocks.

In 2023, 34 new Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were formed and 240 persons were trained on functioning of SHGs and DID.

Workshops are conducted to sensitize govt officials and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on different issues including accessibility, inclusion, rights & entitlements. During April to December 2023, eight such workshops were conducted. Similarly, seven networking meetings were also organised for connecting Community Based Organizations (CBOs) with other organizations and civil societies for need based support. Under this project, 785 persons were provided assistive and protective devices through NLRIF's facilitation. It was in coordination with the Social Welfare departments of different states.

NLRIF has provided vocational training opportunities. In 2023, through linkages 133 persons were supported for vocational trainings through linkages and 14 persons were supported through NLRIF budget. 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 centre for tailoring at Aurangabad. This three-month training was attended by 62 adolescent girls and women.

This project had been successful in making the officials understand the value of disability inclusive development. The acceptance of the principles of Aurangabad model was a great example of successful advocacy.

Through the project, Making Change Agents, NLRIF provided education support for primary and secondary education in order to enable quality education by providing tuition/admission fees, stationary, school uniforms, school bags, shoes etc., as per individual children's needs. During 2023; 501 children were given education support. 173 children and youth were supported for vocational trainings. 299 students from leprosy colonies have been provided career counselling. 288 children attended Life Skills Education (LSE) and 209 were guided on Sexual and Reproductive Health. 324 children and youth were oriented to volunteer as change agents by working for upliftment of themselves, their families and community. The change agents were mentored by the CBRCs of NLR India. At least 64 change agents made a good contribution in changing the condition of their families/ community in 2023.



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Disabled Friendly Villages

The Disable Friendly Villages project was implemented in 22 villages of 11 Panchayats of Aurangabad district of Bihar. Under this Disability Friendly Villages (DFVs) were developed. These villages were setting examples of how to make the community understand the needs of the persons with disabilities and developed their infrastructure accordingly so that there were disability-friendly or accessible places. The residents of these villages were educated on their roles, and also the rights and entitlements of disabled persons.

- 36 government staff were trained on issues related to leprosy and disabilities
- 23 persons with disabilities were provided assistive and protective devices through facilitation by NLRIF under this project
- 83 PWDs received disability certificates
- 36 PWDs received disability pension with the support of NLR India

The participation of the local actors voicing rights and concerns of persons affected by leprosy and disabilities had been encouraging. The govt officials, community members and PRI representatives attended and spoke in the different events (like meetings, rallies etc) organised for disabled people. They also supported the persons affected by leprosy and disabilities when the latter contested local elections or voiced their concerns and demanded their inclusion in the decision-making or planning processes.

Compassionate Care Training for reducing stigma and improve the quality of lives of persons affected by leprosy:

The study was started as approved by the Ethics Committee of Centre Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi, and was implemented in Bokaro district of Jharkhand. The MoU with partner agencies were signed, and the data agreement contract with NLR International.





Multi Annual Strategy: Way Forward

From January 2024, a new Multi Annual Strategy (MAS) has been introduced for five years (2024-28). The main reference materials for developing the MAS were the guidelines published by WHO on leprosy and NTDs. NLR India conducted interviews with around 40 different stakeholders and collected their opinion regarding the future of NLR India's projects. The persons interviewed belonged to govt, partner agencies, NTD field, research, economic field, beneficiaries and persons affected (by leprosy and LF), and representatives of APAL.

Besides the ongoing research projects, two new projects were implemented from January 2024 namely 1] support for interruption of transmission and 2] support for zero exclusion services.



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Main interventions proposed in the project support for interruption of transmission are

- Support State-specific Strategic Plan (SSP) Development and Implementation
- Enhance the technical capacity of states and districts on leprosy
- Strengthen follow-up services through helpline
- Develop and implement newer tools
- Advocacy for increasing implementation of SDR- PEP
- Advocacy for increasing the availability of appropriate leprosy diagnostics

Main interventions proposed in the project support for zero exclusion services

- Develop resource directory of social, education and livelihood services/ schemes required for the leprosy affected
- Develop mechanism for facilitating the delivery of zero exclusion services
- Enhancing community engagement and empowerment
- Support to Leprosy Colonies
- Support for reduction of stigma and improve mental wellbeing
- Advocacy for strengthening Zero Exclusion services

The first report of achievements of these two projects will be reflected in the Half yearly report of NLR India in June 2024.



Grassroot Tales

Jaya's Journey from Difficulty to Difference

My name is Jaya Reddy, and I am 48 years old. I am a single mother with one son. We live in Lok Mata Kushth Ashram, Patel Nagar, New Delhi. Both of my parents were affected by leprosy. When I was very young, I did not fully understand this condition. Our family decided to settle in Delhi, and I grew up there. Gradually, we came to understand the reality of leprosy and the insensitivity of society towards it. I also came to realize why people kept the distance from leprosy patients and ignored them. In the past, there was a strong reluctance by the general people in society to even talk to other people suffering from leprosy, and



it was very difficult to get admission in school. Even in school, we had to sit on the floor, on a separate mat, while the teachers taught. I completed my education up to 10th grade. After that, I got married, and my education came to an end.

My parents passed away, and a few years later, my son was born. One year after his birth, my husband also passed away. I became a single mother and worked hard to educate my son. I did manual labour and faced many difficulties to support his education. Now he has grown up and completed a computer course. He used to work in IT but is currently unemployed, and the household situation has become challenging.



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Partners and Collaborations

In the transformative period of 2023-24, NLR India has undergone remarkable growth and governance changes, driven by a passionate pursuit of partnerships to further our mission. During this time, NLRIF successfully joined forces with various organizations committed to the well-being of those affected by leprosy and their families. Our strategic fundraising efforts surpassed ambitious financial goals, showcasing our unwavering commitment to making a difference.

With a focus on addressing urgent needs, especially in leprosy colonies, we are now eager to expand our collaborations. NLR India Foundation is actively seeking partnerships with corporate social responsibility initiatives and other national and international agencies. Together, we can reinforce our dedication to supporting individuals affected by leprosy and their families, creating lasting change and brighter futures.



Communications

NLRIF adopts a rights-based approach to address the needs of individuals affected by leprosy, recognizing the pivotal role communication plays in shaping our narrative both internally and externally. In the reporting year April 2023 to March 2024, we had launched the quarterly newsletter of NLR India with great success that was well received and appreciated by stakeholders, partners and donors etc. The social media followers on our account had also increased and surpassed our expectations. The awareness about leprosy and NLR India's work had been generated immensely through periodic sharing of progress updates about our programs on five thematic areas be it research, health, education, livelihood and empowerment, and through regular and frequent postings on our key activities on social media accounts, and had reached much wider audience.

During April 2023 to March 2024, eight live virtual events were organised to showcase the activities of NLRIF in areas of health, education, livelihood, empowerment, gender, and stigma & discrimination. The topics of virtual events were as below:



Get Involved

Join us and be a catalyst for change! Volunteering or interning with NLR India is more than just an opportunity to gain experience; it's a chance to make a tangible impact on the lives of those affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and related disabilities. When you work with us, you'll dive deep into our programmes, engage with the communities we serve, and contribute to meaningful projects. Our internships are open to students from India and abroad, allowing to tailor experience to your interests, whether in programmes development, research, strategic information, grant management, finance, administration, communication, or fundraising.

Ready to make a difference? Reach out to us at info@nlrindia.org and embark on a journey that will enrich your life and the lives of many others.

Donate

Your support is vital in our mission to eliminate leprosy from India and alleviate the suffering it causes. As international funding dwindles, our reliance on domestic contributions has never been greater. Your donation can help us scale up resources for early identification, treatment, prevention, care, and support across India.

We urge individuals and corporations to partner with us in this critical mission. Here are some of the ways you can support us:

Make an online donation, please visit: **www.nlrindia.org**

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Invest your CSR funds in meaningful collaborations and initiatives that create lasting change.

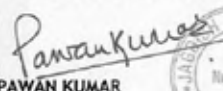
Join hands with us today. For more information, contact us at **info@nlrindia.org**. Together, we can build a healthier future for all.



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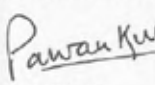
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NLR INDIA FOUNDATION				
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31.03.2023				
(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
I	Income From Grants & Donations	9	3,64,83,367	3,06,33,511
II	Other Income	10	18,65,690	8,04,260
III	Total Income (I+II)		3,83,49,057	3,14,37,771
IV	Expenses:			
(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. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Firm Registration Number: 000129N			FOR NLR INDIA FOUNDATION	
 PAWAN KUMAR M.No:- 511057  Place: New Delhi Date: 20.06.2023			 Dr. Ashok Agarwal (Managing Trustee)  Place: New Delhi Date: 20.06.2023	
			 Ms. Nirmala Gupta (Trustee) Place: New Delhi Date: 20.06.2023	

NLR INDIA FOUNDATION				
Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2023				
(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
I	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
1	Owners' Funds			
(a)	Capital Fund	2	3,04,36,328	2,99,60,358
			3,04,36,328	2,99,60,358
2	Non-current liabilities			
(a)	Long-term provisions	3	14,93,520	14,45,373
			14,93,520	14,45,373
3	Current liabilities			
(a)	Other current liabilities	4	3,20,050	2,62,151
(b)	Short-term provisions	3	3,02,917	36,761
			6,22,967	2,98,912
	Total		3,25,52,815	3,17,04,643
II	ASSETS			
2	Current assets			
(a)	Receivables against CSR Projects	5	1,72,870	1,72,870
(b)	Cash and bank balances	6	3,05,56,735	3,08,28,245
(c)	Short Term Loans and Advances	7	10,71,786	2,74,884
(d)	Other current assets	8	7,51,424	4,28,644
			3,25,52,815	3,17,04,643
	Total		3,25,52,815	3,17,04,643
	Summary of significant accounting policies	1		
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