

LEPROSY RELIEF

62ND YEAR ACTION REPORT FOR DONORS SEPTEMBER 2023

Your Gifts at Work - April to August 2023



ETHIOPIA

We recently received an update from our project aiming to find undetected leprosy patients in Ethiopia's endemic communities and provide both medical care and socio-economic empowerment.

Three days of training on basic leprosy was provided for 29 healthcare workers to improve the quality of leprosy services. Door-to-door screenings were conducted in 1,790 households and 27 new leprosy cases were diagnosed. Unfortunately, the grade of disability in individuals newly diagnosed is much higher than expected.

Skin campaigns were held and 579 neighbour contacts were screened. A 12-year-old boy was among the participants of a skin campaign. He presented with the sign of skin patches on his body. He has been experiencing numbness in both hands for the last six months. The skin campaign changed his life; he will be treated and cured at no cost! During the skin campaign, 88 other skin diseases were diagnosed and referred to nearby health centers for treatment.

In the next few months, we will continue to conduct door-to-door screening by trained healthcare workers. We will also run mass screening campaigns in many communities. Your gifts are at work and changing lives forever.

YOUR SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CRUCIAL.

You make everything we do possible.



IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

- \$25** Monthly MDT Distribution.
- \$50** Educate School Children about Leprosy.
- \$100** Training of Healthcare Workers.
- \$250** Early Diagnosis & Treatment.
- \$500** Complete Leprosy Care and Cure.

Thank you!

Together!



Together we will win our fight against leprosy.

By working together, our combined efforts will go even further.

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LEPROSY IN FLORIDA

In recent weeks, you may have seen headlines about how leprosy might become "endemic" in Florida. Physicians have known for some time about cases of leprosy in the State. However, given how rare the disease is, there is no cause for alarm.

Leprosy is caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae*. This organism infects the skin and nerves of affected patients and presents as rashes that often have absent sensation and can have pain or loss of feeling in the hands and feet. Leprosy causes significant morbidity for affected patients and is the leading cause of infectious disability worldwide.

Leprosy spreads through respiratory droplets after **prolonged exposure**, such as household contact. It is important to note that spread does not occur by incidental contact. Also, 95% of the world's population is immune to infection. Therefore, most people will never go on to develop disease even if they do come in contact with the bacteria. Acquisition of the disease in someone who is susceptible requires prolonged contact, and therefore, one cannot catch leprosy by walking near someone with the disease.

The overall number of cases in Florida is very low. Therefore, despite the occurrence of these locally acquired cases in Florida, the risk of contracting leprosy in Florida remains exceedingly rare.

YOUR WORDS

" Thanks for your efforts to eradicate this awful disease. " **Tina**

" Best wishes in your important work. " **Ken**

" Save those than can not. " **Mike**

" Congratulations on your excellent work with those most in need. " **Varsha**

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Leprosy Relief Canada was founded in 1961 to combat leprosy and has since developed into a leading international organization in leprosy control. Leprosy Relief Canada focuses on actions to detect, treat, educate and rehabilitate. The work of Leprosy Relief Canada has been made possible thanks to generous contributions of donors



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