



LEPROSY RELIEF

62nd YEAR ACTION REPORT FOR DONORS

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Women affected by leprosy can face the worst discrimination and prejudice. No one should suffer from this curable disease. We hope you join us in our life's work to serve these people who are marginalized by leprosy.

**Make a donation today
and offer hope and healing!**

SEE YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

See ways Leprosy Relief donors are providing healthcare and changing lives



WOMEN IN NEED (WIN)

WIN is helping India's ignored and forgotten women. Although the prevalence of leprosy in Nagpur is less than 20 years ago, WIN detection programmes continue to spread awareness and information about the early detection of leprosy and where treatment can be accessed. Food inflation in August 2023 was 11.5%, and the cost of living pushes those living below the poverty line towards further deprivation. WIN is responsible for supplementing the poor diets of women living below the poverty line and delivering cooked meals to the sick and elderly. From the early days of catering for 50 leprosy-affected women, WIN provides food and new clothing for many women on Diwali and Christmas.

LEPRA

Manikyamma grew up in a leprosy colony in India. Both her parents were diagnosed and treated for leprosy, and she understood that it was a curable disease. She was also diagnosed with leprosy many years later. She had developed a pale patch of skin on her hand. Growing up with parents who had leprosy, she knew the first signs of the disease and was not afraid to seek help. She was started on multi-drug therapy immediately and learned self-care and the prevention of disabilities. Manikyamma was very lucky because she did not suffer any discrimination. After being cured, Manikyamma became a lab attendant at the Public Health Centre. She says, "I am happy that I can share my experience of leprosy with others and that I can make people more comfortable about their diagnosis."



LIVELIHOODS PROJECT

In Côte d'Ivoire, the Livelihoods Project improves the quality of life of people affected by leprosy and restores their dignity. The aim is to give people better access to livelihoods through income-generating activities. This project also help improve access to medical care, self-care, and prevention of disability by educating both patients and family members. Yolande is a member of the Livelihoods project. She received support to sell candies. The project trained her to reconstruct her self-image and self-esteem and educated her on financial literacy. She begun her business. Candies are well demanded by the population. She has not made significant income yet.

PROGRESS TOWARD ZERO LEPROSY



174 087
individuals
diagnosed
in 2022



10 302
children
among new
cases



9 554
new cases
with disabilities

The number of individuals diagnosed with leprosy is declining year by year, with aberrant figures for 2020 and 2021 because the COVID-19 pandemic diverted healthcare activities throughout the world. The number of individuals diagnosed in 2022 shows a return to very active case finding.

The number of child cases is a distressing figure. Also, many of those children already suffered from Grade 2 Disability at diagnosis. A challenge is to discover how the diagnosis could have been made earlier.

Despite the challenging times, YOU continue to support Leprosy Relief Canada. People with leprosy who live in poverty zones around the world are receiving treatment thanks to your generosity! We are so thankful for your partnership serving vulnerable people in marginalized communities!

Thank you for your support and generosity! You are making a real difference!

Maryse Legault
Executive Director



YOU ARE THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION WE HIGHLY VALUE YOUR WORDS

"When you create an organization specifically to help those no one else wants to, you know you're in for an uphill struggle. Over two decades of operating in the districts of Nagpur and Wardha, Women In NEED has defied many odds and brought dignity and hope to thousands of lives. We are extremely thankful to our supporters." **Leah**

"Christmas is fast approaching. In a season of hope and joy, many worldwide are desperate for help. That's why I continue my tradition of gift-giving that helps those in need." **Bill**

"This donation is in honour of my dear father. He prefers a donation to his favourite cause instead of a gift." **Mary**

"We hope your organization will continue to help leprosy sufferers and their families around the world. We've added a virtual tour to our museum website, showing the impact of leprosy in Tracadie. www.musee-tracadie.com Merry Christmas." **Sister Zelica**

"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to help those whom the world too often forgets." **Rene**

"I have decided to join the Relief Partner program and become a monthly donor. I want to help every month by investing in the health, dignity and future of affected families. I am so busy; sometimes I forget the essentials." **Robert**





LEPROSY RELIEF CANADA

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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ONE-TIME DONATION

- 🎁 **\$25** - A Leprosy patient receives monthly MDT treatments.
- 🎁 **\$50** - A Leprosy patient joins a reduction of disabilities program.
- 🎁 **\$100** - Emergency Fund to enhance leprosy screening for those untreated during the pandemic.
- 🎁 **\$250** - A new patient receives all necessary care until healing.
- 🎁 **\$500** - A Mobile Medical Team visits a neglected area.



MONTHLY DONATION

Join our Circle
"Relief Partners"

- 🎁 **\$10/month** - A day of active leprosy screening by the Emergency Team.
- 🎁 **\$20/month** - Complete care and cure for an individual newly diagnosed with leprosy.
- 🎁 **\$50/month** - A Mobile Medical Team visits a remote area to provide essential medical services.



TRIBUTE DONATION

Gift in Memory

Memorialize someone's life and legacy. Your donation in memory of a loved one will help alleviate suffering for people affected by leprosy.

Gift in Honor

Dedicate a gift to someone important or mark a special day with a donation.

A tribute donation will bring medical care to those who need it most. Leprosy Relief can recognize your gift.



MAKE YOUR DONATION :

- **By PHONE** – 1 866 744-3199 or 514 744-3199. Please call me to donate by credit card. I will be delighted to talk with you.
 - **By MAIL** – Please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail your donation. I will quickly prepare your income-tax receipt.
 - **ONLINE** – Visit our **Leprosy Relief Canada** website at www.slc-lr.ca to donate today.
- Bernise Gingras, Donor Relations Manager