



## *Amici Annual Report 2008*



*Love is sharing others feelings*

*Raoul Follereau*



*Leprosy, Opportunities for Children,  
Community Based Rehabilitation*



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*Amici di Raoul Follereau is an Italian Non-Governmental Organisation, born out of the enthusiasm of a group of young people devoted to spreading the message of Raoul Follereau. The national association Amici dei Lebbrosi was set up in 1961 by Raoul Follereau himself. Its name was changed to Amici di Raoul Follereau in July 1979. AIFO was a founding Member Association of ILEP.*

### AIFO BUILDING A CIVILISATION OF LOVE

#### MISSION

Believe in a world, where relationships between all human beings are based on peace coming from justice.

Believe in a world where every person can develop and live with dignity, safe from all discrimination.

Believe in collaboration among the people of the world where diversity and mutual support are valued.

#### VALUES

A world in which, right to health is a reality for every one, leprosy

is defeated and the disabled persons have equal rights, a world without the domination of unjust power system.

#### VISION

We work for promoting dignity and access to health for the most marginalised groups, especially for persons affected with leprosy and disabled persons and to work together with them for fighting

### Fundamental Values which Inspire and Guide the Work of AIFO

- Respect of Human Rights of persons affected with leprosy and persons with disability
- Recognizing the special value of all persons affected with leprosy and all persons with disabilities.
- Believing in the social justice, dignity and equality of all peoples
- Opposing any kind of discrimination, especially towards persons affected with leprosy and persons with disabilities Promoting special attention towards the needs of more vulnerable groups like poor, women and children

To all those interested in leprosy, where ever you are:

To share information on leprosy and its control with email and Web users worldwide

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## Greetings form : AIFO India, Bangladesh



"To love is not to give, but to share.

The first sign of love is justice.

The fruit of justice is peace "

Raoul Follereau

In the year 2008 projects supported by AIFO in India and Bangladesh were facilitated with a variety of interventions related to health, education, social, livelihood and empowerment. As a result, an aggregated total of 48752 persons with disabilities, including persons affected by leprosy have directly benefited. The projects also facilitated 2406 self help groups with a total membership of 39049 persons. The year 2008 has witnessed several important activities facilitated towards strengthening the inclusion of CBR-leprosy and vice versa.

### Major improvements observed during the reporting year:

The capacity of the project staff is considerably enhanced. Disabled Persons Organizations have been strengthened, they have involved in various levels bringing legal-human rights issues to the officials in many places for equal opportunities and justice. Improved participation of leprosy affected persons and their family members in CBR activities have been observed.

Though the global recession affected us financially the projects did their best to render service to the vulnerable persons. We are grateful to all the projects and the staff for their hard work. All this was made possible by the generosity of AIFO and its collaborators.

Jose Manikkathan

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### Meetings:

WHO / ILEP meeting at Bangalore AIFO office discussing collaboration and partnership towards NLEP.



Annual NLEP Review meeting at Trivandrum,

Dr.P.L.Joshi, DDG [L]

Central leprosy Department Govt. Of India



17th International Leprosy Congress at Hyderabad.

## Should we attend! International congress!.. Will it be useful for us!!!...

It was indeed useful. We could meet our old friends and new friends to share experiences. Leprosy work seems to be more or less similar through out the world with same attitude, same problems... Good to hear the presentations made by the experts. It is almost a one time affair since it is happening in India, AIFO project representatives attended the conference.

**17th International Leprosy Congress** – Hyderabad, India: January 29 2008.



Paper Presented:

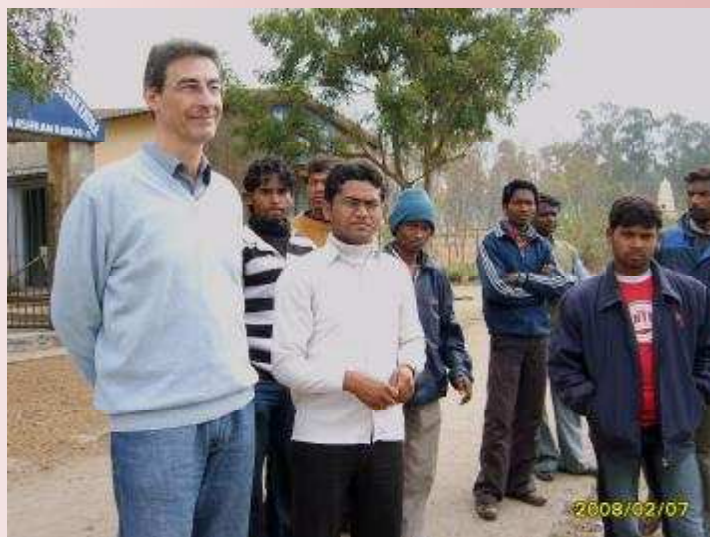
**Importance Of Temporary Hospitalization Ward In Supporting Referral System And Providing Training Opportunities For The PG/UG Medical And Nursing Students:**

Dr.G.Ramachandra Rao, Medical Officer THW/ Government General Hospital Kurnool and Dr.N.Manimozhi Medical Coordinator AIFO, Bangalore

**Dr. Sunil's visit to AIFO projects in INDIA ,**

Dr. Sunil Deepak along with Dr. S.N.Pati Orissa NLEP Coordinator and Dr.N.Manimozhi, made a brief visit to Orissa State – NLEP project. Technical Resource Units are referral Centre's established by ILEP in Orissa to manage complications due to leprosy in collaboration with the National Leprosy Eradication Programme Orissa.

**AIFO President's visit to Chainpur Project, Indiranagar, Ranchi.**







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### Capacity Building

Capacity building activities, Leprosy Orientation, updating Knowledge and skills of our Project staff, Medical Students, General health staff and others remained a major priority.



#### Exchange Programme Assam/Orissa. (Lepra/AIFO initiatives)

A real felt need by the Assam State Leprosy Programme Officer to have an exposure to other States. A programme was arranged and both states shared their experiences. While after the visit Assam had initiated various crucial activities essential for NLEP in the state.

Post graduate (Dermatology) students - from Guwahati Medical college with their faculty during capacity building exercises.



Dr. Manimozhi participated Programme Managers workshop on Leprosy at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (May 2008) by WHO.

AIFO organized a similar workshop, for North East States (8) Programme managers at Guwahati, Assam (23rd June 2008) by NLEP/ILEP/WHO.



#### We honour their participation.

Persons affected by leprosy participate whole heartedly in our capacity building activities. They are felicitated in traditional way.



## Leprosy Control

AIFO involves along with other ILEP organizations supporting the National Leprosy Eradication Programme – at the Central, State, District and the Peripheral General Health System and also by supporting the NGO projects.

### Responsibilities of AIFO supported NGO Projects under NLEP:

1. Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation - coordinating with the General Health System:
2. Provision of Secondary level care - managing complications and Relapse cases - under Referral System

### **Thematic areas of Support , Which is initiated.**

1. Capacity Building of the District Nucleus team.
2. Monitoring and Supervision of the Programme.
3. Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation.
4. Operational Research
5. Socio-economic Rehabilitation
6. Community Based Programmes

### Lepra Reactions and Relapse



**Provision of proper Foot wear will remain a Challenge!!!!!!**



## Leprosy Control— information:

- The States/UTs has started recording cases of Lepra reactions / Neuritis from the current year.
- The States/UTs reported some cases as developing new disability during treatment.



**District Nucleus:** Every District has a unit with a District Leprosy Officer supported by a Medical Officer, and 2 paramedical Staff which would form the District Nucleus team. This team has an important role to play in the National Leprosy Eradication Programme. Their main role will be to carry out Capacity building, supervision and monitoring mainly along with other activities through out their districts (General Health Care System)

Due to frequent turn over of staff due to promotions and transfers, training and re-orientation training of District Nucleus becomes crucial.

2nd Round District Nucleus training was carried out in the state of Assam during the month of November.







## Leprosy Control



A brief case study Kurnool Medical college Andhra Pradesh.

The most dreaded complication in leprosy is Lepa- reaction.

The photographs shown above belongs to one unfortunate person affected by leprosy, due to severe lepra reaction (ulcerative Erythema Nodosum Leprosum ) he developed a vary rare episode leading to perforation (hole) of soft palate.

Due to this problem he could not speak, swallow nor could breath properly. It was distress all the way and while added to this was ulcers due to non traumatic causes.

Very effective drug " thalidomide" became essential. They could not find a solution to solve the perforation problem.

The Medical officer of the centre contacted us and interventions where initiated. A Kind dentist and an ENT surgeon assisted to provide him with a prosthesis. The person now is able to lead a normal life.

Assam: Guwahati Medical College serves as tertiary level referral Centre for leprosy. They manage a large number of Repeated Chronic ENL cases, sometimes requiring thalidomide to manage. Through CLTRI—Chengalpattu, thalidomide could be made available

Dermatology Department of Guwahati Medical College collaborates with AIFO to improve and provide quality leprosy services.

Initiated discussions with Plastic Surgery Department to start Leprosy Re-Constructive Surgery in the Guvahathi Medical Collage.



Press meet at Guwahati: about ILEP support in Assam.





## Main CBR activities :

In the year 2008 AIFO supported 20 CBR projects in India and Bangladesh.

These projects are the combination of leprosy-CBR, CBR-children and CBR-leprosy. These projects have facilitated with a variety of rehabilitation interventions related to health, education, social, livelihood and empowerment. As a result, an aggregated total of 48752 persons with disabilities of different kinds have been covered as direct beneficiaries by all these projects.

### Achievements:

-The projects have facilitated 2406 self help groups with a total membership of 39049



-The projects promoted and strengthened 53 disabled people's organizations (DPOs) .

-300 persons with disability were enabled to avail Government housing assistance in Andrapradesh .

-CBR personnel, DPOs and SHGs facilitated for capacity building activities on UNCRPD, national legislations, disability-rights .



-External Technical support to disability movement and advocacy promotion and capacity building activities to project staff on various issues of CBR.





### Children's Projects :



### AIFO CARRING CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES

The children project continue to assist the vulnerable children.



PROJECTS	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES
<b>WE CARE BANGALORE</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 590 2. Health related Activities: 211 3. Other Activities : 400
<b>ORBIT. BIDAR.</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 1027 2. Health related Activities: 1784 3. Other Activities : 83
<b>MONIKBOND. ASSAM.</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 75 2. Health related Activities: 0 3. Other Activities : 252
<b>NAYEE ASHA MEERUT.</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 912 2. Health related Activities: 912 3. Other Activities : 304
<b>CHAINPUR . JHARKHAND.</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 1109 2. Health related Activities: 1869 3. Other Activities : 951
<b>LUCKNOW.</b>	1. Education Related Activities: 1222 2. Health related Activities: 1922 3. Other Activities : 1066

Early Diagnosis adequate treatment, early recognition of disabilities, Education, Psycho-socio economical support an urgent need for the next generation. Child showing early signs of disability



Share my dreams and share my food!







## Children and challenges due to leprosy !



Two School going children had patches and had come seeking for medical advice was kept under observation, one for about 6 months and the other for over a year.

Mother was a know case of leprosy and had accurately completed her treatment. She very keenly follows the discussions between the health staff and the visiting consultants (there where three children kept under observation and brought to the centre for expert opinion)

School children they are were aware of senselessness in the skin lesions and had tested it on their own, making scars. Puzzling! Why there was delay in diagnosis.....

Ultimately mother feeling relieved and happy, when her two sons where diagnosed having leprosy.



Child with Cerebral palsy challenged with leprosy and managed.  
(Courtesy: PG students Guwahati Medical College— Dermatology Department.)



## Leprosy control activities

### Bangladesh: Khulna Project review Programme carried out during the month of November 2008

Sr. Lorella, with her beloved patients at Khulna Project, Bangladesh.



### Leprosy Control–

AIFO along with other ILEP partners in India is supporting NLEP in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Orissa and West Bengal. Organize series of meetings to realize and discuss to carry out interventions finally to provide Quality Leprosy services under NLEP. Visits to the Districts and the peripheral health units had been carried out, providing supportive supervised technical assistance.

**Andhra Pradesh:** All NGO's operating in the state of Andhra Pradesh attended to a workshop organized by Lepra at Hyderabad. AIFO supported Projects attended and participated in this workshop. Facilitators from Lepra, Medical Coordinator AIFO, and the State Leprosy Officer of Andhra Pradesh guided and facilitated the process.

**Assam:** Frequent visits are carried out to this State since its new inception into ILEP supportive activities and AIFO as its ILEP Coordinators. Strengthening the State Leprosy Society

(SLO and Staff) was initiated after completion of District Nucleus training second round. The State Leprosy Officer and his team along with Medical Coordinator AIFO made a visit to "Marigoan" district and carried out supervisory activities, which was a learning experience.

Lepa extends its support to the state along with AIFO a pleasant collaboration DFIT had expressed its interest to help the needy persons affected by leprosy in building houses for them; discussion is going on with a hope that it will be accomplished in the next coming year.

**Orissa:** The Orissa NLEP is functioning as one of the best among other states with a good coordinated support from ILEP partners. The Technical Resource Units are providing secondary level referral care, and Reconstructive Surgeries are being carried out as planned. Visit to AIFO Supported Projects had been carried out, Kollapur, Tirvuru Catald; Balki Niddadavole and Mangalagiri Projects had been visited with a special attention and priority. Mr. Jose, Mr. Jayanth and Dr. Manimozhi as a team took up this activity and provided them with all needed support and suggestions, while other projects had routine supervision and monitoring visits by the Medical Coordinator.

Project realizes the importance to continue focus and priority for Leprosy related activities. The Programme was reviewed and suitable suggestions were suggested.








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ANDHRA PRADESH	PROJECT AND ACHIEVEMENTS	ACTIVITY
	ASSISI DERMATOLOGICAL CENTRE: GUDIVADA. <u>District Collector : Certificate of Merit awarded for their achievement</u>	Leprosy: Total Cases: 7072 2008: 36 new cases added CBR: Total: 1230 2008: 67 newly added
	AROGYA MATHA RURAL REHABILITATION CENTRE, KOLLAPUR. <u>They started New Physiotherapy and Daycare center.</u>	Leprosy: Total Cases: 480 2008: 22 new cases added CBR: Total: 2064 2008: 27 newly added
	ASSISI SEVA SADAN, TIRVURU, ST.CATALD	Leprosy: Total Cases: 2711 2008: 9 new cases added CBR: Total: 1995 2008: 29 newly added
	ST.JOSEPH'S LEPROSY REHAB-CENTRE, NIDADAVOLE,	Leprosy: Total Cases: 49 2008: 7 new cases added
	MANGALAGIRI GUNTUR A.P.	Leprosy: Total Cases: 69 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 1902 2008: 31 newly added





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Karnataka	Project and Achievements	Activity
	SUMANAHALLI LEPROSY REHABILITATION & TRAINING CENTRE,	Leprosy: Total Cases: 4557 2008: 44 new cases added CBR: Total: 3847 2008: 211 newly added
	1.ASSISI LEPROSY CENTRE BELLARY.	Leprosy: Total Cases: 58 2008: 46 new cases added CBR: Total: 600 2008: 77 newly added
	2.ASSISI DEEPTHI ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION (ADOR) RAICHUR, BELLARY <a href="#">Woman's Group, children Club and HIV Programs in Raichur Dist.</a>	Leprosy: Total Cases: 37 2008: 28 new cases added CBR: Total: 346 2008: 477 newly added
	MALAVALLI	Leprosy: Total Cases: 759 2008: 18 new cases added CBR: Total: 10253 2008: 124 newly added
	MOB MANDYA <a href="#">HIV Awareness and Empowerment of woman</a>	Leprosy: Total Cases: 138 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 0 2008: 0 newly added
	WE CARE BANGALORE	Leprosy: Total Cases: 4 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 1026 2008: 0 newly added

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Karnataka	Project and Achievements	Activity
	ORBIT BIDAR	Leprosy: Total Cases: 1337 2008: 21 new cases added CBR: Total: 1259 2008: 517 newly added
	SHANTHA JEEVA JYOTHI BANGALORE	Leprosy: Total Cases: 795 2008: 32 new cases added CBR: Total: 491 2008: 102 newly added
JHARKHAND		
	SIMDEGA JHARKHAND	Leprosy: Total Cases: 0 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 204 2008: 0 newly added
KERALA		
	IMA Cochin.	Leprosy: Total Cases: 307 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 1005 2008: 48 newly added
	MUDHOL	Leprosy: Total Cases: 51 2008: 0 new cases added CBR: Total: 2391 2008: 0 newly added



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### List of Hospitals(Referral Centers) supported by AIFO

Andhra Pradesh	ASSISI Dermatological Centre, Gudi-vada	Sr. Prashanthi Mary
	Viswa Karuna Snagham Social Service Centre, Warangal A.P	Fr. Colombo
	Arogya Matha Rural Rehabilitation Centre, Kollapur A.P.	Sr. Veronica
	ASSISI Seva Sadan, St .Catald A.P.	Sr. Presanna
	St.Joseph's Leprosy Rehab-Centre, Nidadavole A.P.	Sr. Meera
Karnataka	Sumanahalli Leprosy Rehabilitation & Training Centre Bangalore - 560091	Fr. George kananthanam
	Assisi Deepthi Organization for Rehabilitation (ADOR) Raichur Bellary	Sr. Felicia Mary
	Assisi Leprosy Centre BELLARY	Sr. Ida Francis

No	Children Project
1	We care -Bangalore Kar-nataka children
2	Lucknow Donbosco UP
3	Assam children (Monikbond)
4	Chainpur - Jharkhand
5	Nayeeasha Meerut UP

No.	Leprosy / CBR Projects
1	IMA - Cochin. Kerala
2	MoB - Mandya. Karnataka
3	SJJ - Bangalore
4	Bhalki
5	Orbit - Bidar
6	Malavalli
7	Bellary
8	Gudivada
9	Kollapur
10	Warrangal
11	Nidadavole
12	St.Catald
13	Sumanahalli
14	Assam
15	Chandpur
16	Mudhol
17	Mangalagiri
18	Simdega
19	WE CARE



## Auditors Report

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2009

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
CAPITAL FUND:				
Less: Excess expenditure over income	9154124.74		1481381.22	7672743.52
Dr. V. Ekambaram Memorial Fund	200000.00			
Add: Interest on Dr. V. Ekambaram Memo. Fund.	27275.00		227275.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>7900018.52</b>	

## ASSETS &amp; PROPERTIES

FIXED ASSETS (Sch - B)		1384187.84
ADVANCES, DEPOSITS & INVESTMENTS:		
Telephone Deposit (BSNL)		14300.00
Fixed Deposits with Banks (Sch-C)		330000.00
Cash - Local Secretariate, Bangalore		81322.31
State Bank of India, 1041634603 -5 (Old D1100005059)	359740.08	
State Bank of India, 1041634602 - 4 (Old a/c 5059)	2771950.41	
South Indian Bank, 6258	2711260.88	
South Indian Bank, 6388	131162.00	
South Indian Bank, SB a/c 6293	116095.00	6090208.37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7900018.52</b>

To be read with the Schedules, Notes and our Report of even date attached hereto

For AMICI DI RAOUL FOLLEREAU

  
JOSE M.V.  
Secretary & Chief Functionary  
Place: Bangalore  
Date: 17th June 2009



For DIAS & ASSOCIATES  
Chartered Accountants

  
DIAS P JACOB  
Partner  
Place: Bangalore  
Date: 17th June 2009



### Technical Support in preparation of Training Manual—NLEP

*A training manual for Medical Officers was prepared in consultation with the partners (WHO/ILEP) and specialist in the field. The National Programme Manager, DDG(L) Dr. Joshi had put in all his efforts to bring out this manual. A workshop was held at New Delhi to finalize the document*



### Our Visitors:

- AIFO President and Photographer
- Dr.V.K.Pannikar, Dr.Barouah from WHO
- Dr.Baidyanath. Taid, SLO Assam
- Mr. Manikandan Ellangovin, Physio - therapist from Bangladesh attend the PT training programme in Malavalli project.
- Italian group came to visit the AIFO projects.
- 2 students (Carlo and Carlo) from Italy came to visit Sumanahalli and SRMAB to do their thesis on marketing and company management
- Mr. Freddy from Congo visited AIFO India.
- Our ILEP India colleagues and friends.





Sensory loss yes!

Weak muscles!



But Senses not lost



Yet !with a strong mind and heart

- *It is not the numbers which matters , but the persons behind these numbers which concerns AIFO .....the psychosocial issues.*
- *AIFO strengthens its attention and focus on to Mental Health in an integrated manner..... along with capacity building activities to handle psycho-social issues , rehabilitation.*

Thanks, Dr.Manimozhi. [Editor]

