



Rebuilding Communities  
Affected by Leprosy

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LEPROSY



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## REACHING REMOTE STATES OF THE NORTH EAST

Our focus for the year ahead is mitigating and resilience building among Covid-19 impacted vulnerable communities in remote tribal and rural areas in the North East including rebuilding communities affected by Leprosy.

Leprosy is often undetected due to lack of awareness among people; Self-referral is very less due to negative attitude towards Leprosy; Delayed treatment leads to deformities and spread of the disease!

Public participation at all levels - individuals, schools, colleges, companies will improve social inclusion and help us provide services to persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, and vulnerable communities at the right time. Looking forward to your continued support.

**DR JOSE MANIKKATHAN,**

Director AIFO India



## THE AIFO INDIA STORY

AIFO India was established in 1998 to address the challenges of people affected by leprosy.

An evidence-based organization specializes in addressing leprosy through a community-based approach to bring about inclusive development.

AIFO has consultancy status with the Government of India, WHO, and State governments including amongst the members of the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), and has an MoU with Central Leprosy Division for supporting state governments in the villages of Karnataka and North East states.

AIFO is an ISO 9001:2015 Certified Organisation and accredited / vetted by Global Giving, GuideStar India, India Cares Foundation, and Dhvani Foundation, with extensive experience in working with underserved communities across 14 states.

AIFO responds to emergencies & natural disasters – most recently being the response to Covid-19 in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and North-East.



# RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Communities from around **30 districts in 4 states** were reached with information for building community knowledge on COVID-19 and safe practices with the support of AIFO Italy and CEI Italy.

HCL Foundation supported for covid relief project in Bangalore. Through HCLF support, we have provided dry ration kits to needy people. We could also provide medical equipment, covid medicine, consumables to hospitals.

Over 30,000 people in Vulnerable Communities reached. Communities from around 30 districts in 4 states reached with information for building community knowledge on COVID-19 and safe practices. 9800+ dry ration kits distributed among people in vulnerable conditions in remote geographies including forest reserve areas and tea-gardens of Assam.

10,000+ people reached out with significant impact in a way of reduction in fear among the migrant labourers, tea-garden workers, and especially women in distress living in neglected geographies with the collaboration of many like-minded organisations and individuals.

20,000+ population reached through awareness, building knowledge, and other services, directly and indirectly, linking to government services.

# A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT



Every year there are over 1.3 Lack new cases detected in India with highest incidence of infectious and child cases from Assam.

In India, 3 million people with disabilities due to leprosy are in need of lifelong care and support.

There is a pressing need to detect early and provide treatment - to prevent disabilities and further spread of Leprosy

## WAY FORWARD

- To build socio-economic resilience among the covid-19 impacted vulnerable communities.
- To expand the leprosy programme in the vulnerable neglected geographies of eight states of the northeastern region and, Karnataka.
- To enhance India's national eradication policy and programme based on established and replicable care and integration community-led inclusive development model for people affected by leprosy towards rebuilding their lives within their communities.
- To Provide ulcer care, eye surgery, Assistive devices and preventive care to Persons affected by leprosy to prevent disability.
- To Provide reconstructive surgeries for persons with disabilities through leprosy.

*Reaching 8 states in North East through Leprosy awareness, treatment and care and surgical support...*



# JOURNEY BEGAN IN 1998

## ***We started in 1998***

- with a deep connection to the principles of Raoul Follereau.
- AIFO was established in India, by Dr V Ekambaram... to address the issue of Leprosy which was a national public health problem at the time.
- Dr Ekambaran served as Director from 1998 to 1989.
- Dr Daisy Kandathil served as Director from 1989 to 2000.
- Dr Jose Maikatthan served as Director from 2001 to date.

## ***Now in 2021...***

- AIFO India operates in 13 states both directly and through a partnership
- AIFO has a team of 12 experienced and dedicated professionals
- AIFO has established offices in Bangalore and in Assam



## ON THE FOREFRONT OF LEPROSY CARE IN THE NORTH EAST

### *Programmes have a key focus on*

- Leprosy activities in association with Govt of India,
- Detection, Care, and Reconstructive surgery and support,
- Community-Based Developmental Projects in association with Partners,
- **World Health Organisation (WHO) Advisory**
- **Indian Member of International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)**
- **Implementing Partner for National Leprosy Elimination Program (NLEP) North East, Karnataka**
- **Our doctors are on national and international committees**



# IMPACT IN THE LAST DECADE

- Detected and treated 67,000 people affected by leprosy
- Improved independent mobility among 16,863 persons with disabilities
- Specialized footwear for 20336 persons to protect anesthetic feet & avert further deterioration
- Medical & socio-economic rehabilitation of 79202 persons with disabilities
- Established 961 Self-Help Groups with 15990 members across 6 states
- Developed and strengthened 83 Disabled people's organizations across 6 states
- Supporting Tribal women 198 SHGs, their federation, and reclaiming 200 acres of mortgaged agriculture land in Assam state
- We represent Leprosy care at the national and international level, advocacy, and policy changes -
- Founder member of GoodBye Leprosy Trust

# AWARENESS REACHING REMOTE AREAS

In August 2020, under MCKS supported project AIFO's medical team visited Nilomoni, Tea-Estate, in Nahoroni Block for timely identification, treatment, cure, and care for people affected by leprosy.

During community sensitization and house-to-house drive, the team identified one child with an anesthetic patch in the left hand, thickening, weakness of ulnar nerve, and anesthetic. The child is being confirmed as a new child leprosy case.

As we included in our visit the National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP) team members consisting of Mrs. Barsha (Physiotherapist), Mr. Mantu (NMA), and Mrs. Annu Orang (Asha worker) as a strengthening and coordination with the public health system.

AIFO team explained the situation of the identified child and as per the guidelines, the Multi-Drug Therapy was started. Team also did the counseling of the family and explained to his father and child about the regular exercises, self-care and to take MDT regularly.

When we discussed with his father for case history, he told that his brother's son name Suroj Manki 22 / M, took MB treatment and made RFT.

Since then, the AIFO team has been doing regular follow up, noticed an improvement in his muscle power, and ensured he is regularly taking MB (C).

Timely intervention saved the boy from lifelong deformity & vulnerability due to leprosy.



# CASE STUDIES



Leprosy care along with education to children and livelihood support for men and women helps economic independence, community integration. Shirin stopped school after she developed patches from Leprosy. She was wary of returning to school afterword of her family being affected by leprosy had spread. Post-treatment counselling and help in enrollment at a neighbouring school ensured that the bright child continued her education. Support to construct a house and livestock provided has also ensured livelihood for the family.



Paul has enhanced the use of his fingers after reconstructive surgery to correct claw fingers due to leprosy. He looks forward to employment and active life.

# ASSOCIATIONS AND COLLABORATIONS



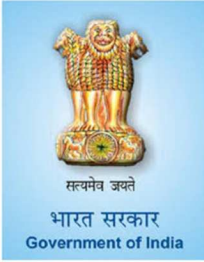
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# FINANCIAL AND LEGAL TRANSPARENCY

Registered as a public charitable trust:

No. 117/IV/290/1998-1999/JNR/BLR on 10-04-1998

Income tax and relevant financial compliances

- 12A - AAATA2183QE20214,
- 80 G - AAATA2183QF20214,
- CSR Registration - CSR00001743,
- FCRA 094420816,
- PAN AAATA2183Q,
- TAN BLRA01739D,
- NGO Darpan KA/2017/0165675,

Registered with Directorate of women and child welfare department for the empowerment of differently-abled and senior citizens, Bangalore.

Official NLEP partner for Northeast states and Karnataka from 2006



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipt and Payments	2020-21		2019-20	
Receipt	Lakh	%	Lakh	%
Opening Balances	41.16	20.02	32.70	19.43
Self-generated income	4.14	2.01	5.78	3.43
Donations	11.44	5.56	6.99	4.15
Grants	148.86	72.40	122.84	72.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>205.60</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>168.31</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Payments	Lakh	%	Lakh	%
Programme	77.83	37.86	94.29	56.02
Management & Operational costs	23.90	11.62	32.54	19.33
Purchase of Fixed Assets	0.76	0.37	0.32	0.19
Investments	9.30	4.52	9.95	5.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>111.79</b>	<b>54.37</b>	<b>137.10</b>	<b>81.46</b>
Closing Balances	93.81	45.63	31.21	18.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>205.60</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>168.31</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Balance Sheet	2020-21		2019-20	
Sources of Funds	Lakh	%	Lakh	%
Earmarked/ Designated Funds	2.55	1.03	2.43	1.29
General Fund	244.93	98.97	185.66	98.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>247.48</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>188.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Application of Funds	Lakh	%	Lakh	%
Fixed Assets	144.37	58.34	146.93	78.12
Cash and Bank (incl FDs)	103.11	41.66	41.16	21.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>247.48</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>188.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>

*\*Detailed audit reports are available on request*

# BOARD MEMBERS



SI	Name	Highest Qualification
1	Dr. J. Alexander	PhD. Rtd.IAS (Chief Secretary) Govt. of Karnataka
2	Dr. Nagendra Prasad	Doctor- Ayurveda
3	Dr. Daisykandathil	MBBS, MD
4	Ms. Emily Kizhakekara	Nurse
5	Mr. T.V Srinivasan	B.Sc
6	Dr. Jose Manikkathan	PhD Sociology
7	Mrs. Vijayalakshmi R	M.Com & M.B.A
8	Mrs. Anna Mary	B.Com , LLB & LLM

# Thank You Volunteers, Collaborators & Donors for making it possible



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- Indian Revenue Services Association, Karnataka Chapter,
- Tapish Tyagi, IRS, Inspector, GST& Customs, Bangalore,
- Kaushik Yanamadram,

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**Axis Bank Ltd.,** Koramangala Bangalore 560 095  
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**Dias & Associates,** Chartered Accountants Bengaluru

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