



Annual Report  
2019 - 2020

Amici di Raoul Follereau  
(AIFO) rebuilds  
communities affected  
by Leprosy

## Our Vision

An inclusive society sharing love

## Our Mission

Rebuilding communities affected by leprosy and disability, as part of a national consortium of Civil Society Organisations partnering with the Government.

## In India, we started in 1998

To carry out leprosy control activities under Dr Ekambaram's leadership (Eminent Leprologist 1917-2003). Our initial focus was on early detection, treatment, disability limitation and care to affected people. In recent years we have added a greater focus on community.

We aim to carry forward Raoul Follereau's approach of sharing love while serving people with leprosy, within families and communities. He was a French social reformer (1903-1977) instrumental in founding a number of organisations; and was the inspiration for the establishment of AIFO.

### *Renewed hope and efforts - in the face of the Covid pandemic*

Children and adults affected by leprosy face innumerable challenges every single day. Starting with difficulty accessing basic necessities like food and medical care extending to acquiring education or finding a sustaining livelihood. Social stigma creates severe trauma in daily living.

**Covid and lockdowns added many more hurdles this year.**

While we have continued our Leprosy support work in the North-East, we are 'grateful to have also received support from individuals, associations, companies, and volunteers for our Covid response. AIFO India has reached varied communities in Karnataka and the North-East with survival kits to migrant workers, remote tribal groups, leprosy affected and stranded families.

Dr Jose Manikkathan, Director, AIFO India



## AIFO India's focus areas:

1. People affected by Leprosy
2. People with disabilities from other causes
3. Vulnerable communities

### Since 2013

- 67,000+ people affected by leprosy treated
- 1500+ health professionals trained in association with the Government National Leprosy Elimination Program
- 300+ reconstructive surgeries conducted to correct deformities among leprosy affected people
- 100+ livelihoods supported for people in leprosy affected communities
- 1,50,000+ Persons with disabilities supported with aids, appliances and therapies
- 55,000+ children with disability educational needs supported
- 25,000+ young adults supported to earn sustainable incomes
- 1115 Self Help Groups facilitated, which have 15,614 members, including 6,864 Persons with disabilities

With Leprosy affected people we have worked both directly and with valued aligned partners including the government in 8 states of the North-East and Karnataka.

As a member of the International Anti-Leprosy Federation we are also actively involved in contributing to new policies and programmes.



# Programmes & Projects 2019-20

Lives changed - Communities Impacted!



Leprosy Care



Ulcer care training  
Meghalaya



CRPF screening  
camp Shillong



Training Community  
health workers

Rebuilding communities affected by Leprosy. Enhancing lives of persons with disabilities

211

People received leprosy services: physiotherapy, self & ulcer care, aids & appliances, trainings

23

Reconstructive surgeries were performed

11

Anemia screening camps helped in screening 1685 women and adolescent girls

2565

Home visits and 90 children with cerebral palsy were followed up with physiotherapy

9

Health awareness camps reached 900+ children

1500

Differently abled persons received services & help: wheelchairs, sewing machines, applications for scholarships, aadhar cards and much more...

# Plans 2020-21, special focus on North-East

1. Covid Response - follow-up with Leprosy affected people especially in tea gardens
2. Leprosy care reaching remote areas in North East including reconstructive surgeries, ulcer care and therapies
3. Providing livelihood support for women and educational needs of children - remote tribal communities
4. Self-help-groups for people with disabilities



Discussions between Indian Astronaut Rakesh Sharma (rt), AIFO Director and Dr Jayanth (lt), Head Disability Programme, AIFO India



## A chance against life-long disability and exclusion

Claw fingers of young Pujo Tontobai corrected with reconstructive surgery. She looks forward to an active family and community life now

'Thanks to Samruddhi and AIFO team for creating awareness about anemia and hemoglobin - and importance of green vegetables and fruits. We are sharing this information with friends and suggesting them to take care of their health'

Rakshita, Nisarga, Pallava, Swathi,  
Vaishnavi, Annapurna  
- Young adults from Harohall

# Financial & Legal Matters

## Registrations

Registered as a public charitable trust

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

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TRUST/718/10A/VOL.A-1/A-780/98/99/CIT-II Dated 23/10/1998

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FCRA 094420816 | PAN AAATA2183Q | TAN BLRA01739D

NGO Darpan KA/2017/0165675

Directorate of women and child welfare

Department for empowerment of differently abled and senior citizens

## Auditors:

Dias & Associates,  
Chartered Accountants  
Bengaluru

## Bankers:

South Indian Bank Ltd.  
Hosur Road, Bangalore  
A/c no: 0396053000006293  
Axis Bank Ltd., Koramangala  
Bangalore 560 095  
A/c no: 91301055013987  
State Bank Of India, Residency Road,  
Bangalore 560 025  
A/c no: 10416346035

## Accreditations

- ISO 9001:2015
- EUROPACERT and UKASCB, UK
- Credibility Alliance
- Global Giving
- GuideStar India

## Income and Expenditure 2019-20

Income for the year ₹136L  
Expense for the year ₹127L  
₹

## Board:

Dr Daisy Kandathil, Chairperson

Ms Emily Kizhakekara, Social Worker

Mr Srinivasan TV, Social Worker

Dr Alexander J, Former Chief Secretary,  
Government of Karnataka

Dr Nagendra Prasad, Social Worker

Dr Jose MV, Secretary-Director

Mrs Jayashree PK, Educationist

Mrs Vijayalakshmi R, Finance Officer

Mrs Anna Mary Josephine, Advocate

Mrs Abha Saxena, Disability Inclusion consultant

Mr Subhendu Agarwal, Specialist in Corporate Sector

**MANY THANKS!**

*To all who have contributed in big & small ways  
to our work this year*

*Special thanks to,  
Aradhana Buragohain & Leprosy champions for  
participation in Tata Steel Kolkata 25K 2019*

## **Our Associations and Collaborations include:**

Amici di Raoul Follereau, AIFO Italy

Composite rehabilitation centre, Davangere, Karnataka

Charities Aid Foundation, India

Cargill India

Lepra Society, India

Dhwani Foundation, India

Head Held High, Global action on poverty

Goodbye Leprosy Trust

ILEP Partners in India

Tour of Nilgiris

World Health Organisation

ALERT-INDIA, Maharashtra

## **Our partner in progress** **MCKS Trust Fund** **& HCL Foundation** **for Covid Relief**

Staff as on 31-03-2019	Salaried/ Cosultantants		
Salary (Rs)	M	F	Total
10,001 - 25,000	4	1	5
25,001 - 50,000	3	1	4
50,001 - 75,000	2	0	2
75,001 >	1	0	1
Total	10	2	12

## Join us in rebuilding communities affected by leprosy



- ₹20,000 Gift reconstructive surgery for a person with a disability resulting from leprosy
- ₹10,000 Support skill training for a young person from a background of leprosy or disability
- ₹6000 Educate a child coming from a background of leprosy, disability or poverty
- ₹1000 Covid relief support with ration kits in remote communities

All donations receive 50% tax exemption under section 80G of Income Tax Act.

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