



SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

Monthly Report

To

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On 1st August 2023, APAL wanted to share some great news about an eye camp that recently took place in Nasik, Maharashtra. In collaboration with DN Trust and Maharashtra Kusht Pidit Sanghatana, APAL was able to conduct the camp and test 175 people who have been affected by leprosy. Not only that, but they were also able to provide eye lenses to 50 of those individuals.

This is such an incredible service that will really make a difference in the lives of those affected by leprosy. APAL just wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to DN Trust and Maharashtra Kusht Pidit Sanghatana for their amazing work and dedication to helping people affected by leprosy.



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On 2nd August 2023, APAL and APAL's President, Mrs. Maya Ranavare had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Prasant Nayak, CEO of Lepra Society, and Mr. Arun Kumar, Head of Projects at Lepra Society; had productive discussions at the head office of Lepra in Hyderabad, Telangana. We had a productive visit where we talked about how we can collaborate in the future to work towards the socio-economic empowerment and welfare of individuals and families affected by leprosy. We came up with some great ideas and we are excited to see how we can positively impact together.

APAL is grateful to the Lepra Society for their kind and welcoming hospitality. They responded positively to our needs and treated us with respect. It was a comfortable and pleasant experience, and we appreciate their efforts.



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The two had a productive discussion on several topics, including awareness programs, LCDC, collaboration activities, dressing material support, participation in the policy-making committee, and more.

APAL is very appreciative of Dr. John Babu's warm hospitality and positive response.



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3rd August 2023, APAL and APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare recently met with Ms. Prangya Ayyangari Miss India & Asia and conveyed huge congratulation in Hyderabad, Telangana

We had some really productive discussions about awareness programs, participation in gender equality workshops, new launching events, and CSR fundraising recommendations. She responded positively and seemed eager to do what she can to fulfill these goals. APAL is grateful to SHF for their great intervention and initiates "Driving Social Change through the Power of Crown" to bring a productive change in to the leprosy community



APAL and APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare met with Mr. Laxmi Narayana Manager of CSR Muthoot Finance

On 3rd August 2023, APAL and APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare met with Mr. Laxmi Narayana Manager of CSR Muthoot Finance at his office in Hyderabad, Telangana

We had productive discussions about future activities and collaborative awareness programs for the socioeconomic empowerment and welfare of people affected by leprosy and their family members.

APAL is thankful to Mr. Laxmi Narayana for his positive response and assumed responsibility



APAL and APAL's state committee in Gujarat contacted Dr. Rajesh HOD Leprosy of Ahmedabad to request a dressing materials kit

4th August 2023, APAL and APAL's state committee in Gujarat contacted Dr. Rajesh HOD Leprosy of Ahmedabad to request a dressing materials kit for individuals who are affected by leprosy and are struggling with wounds and ulcers at Gandhi Seva Sangh Leprosy Colony. It is important to note that due to the loss of sensation, People Affected by Leprosy are susceptible to developing ulcer wounds on their hands and feet. Daily dressing of these ulcers is necessary to prevent bone infections and possible amputation of legs and fingers.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Rajesh visit our colony and provide us with the necessary dressing kit. Thanks to his kind gesture, we were able to dress all of our leprosy brothers and sisters the very next day with the help of the Lakshminarayan dresser from APAL. This was crucial in stopping the progression of their wounds.

APAL is incredibly thankful for the support and cooperation we received from Dr. Rajesh and his team. Additionally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Vijay Kumar Pasem for his unwavering dedication and contributions to the leprosy community.



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4th August 2023, with the efforts of APAL and the state committee in Madhya Pradesh, the Health Department of the Government conducted a POD (Prevention of Disability) camp at Sant Dnyaneshwar Leprosy Seva Samiti Mahesh Yadav Nagar Banganga Indore. They provided ulcer care services to 25 persons affected by leprosy, while also teaching them self-care and related physical exercises.

APAL is grateful to the health department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh for their health care services to people affected by leprosy, and special thanks to the state committee and Mr. Radha Krishna for his contribution to the camp.



APAL's Vice President of Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan and Shyam Gope, Co-Secretary of District Leprosy Welfare Committee,

On 4th August 2023, APAL's Vice President of Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan and Shyam Gope, Co-Secretary of District Leprosy Welfare Committee, Anil Kumbhkar congratulated the newly posted Honorable Deputy Commissioner Mr. Manjunath Bhajantri in East Singhbhum on behalf of all the persons affected by leprosy and also invited him to visit the leprosy ashrams or colonies

We also submitted a request for free education for the children of persons affected by leprosy under the "Right to Education Act". We are thrilled to report that the Deputy Commissioner

has promised to take appropriate action on our request and has committed to visiting the colony soon.



Mrs. Maya Ranavare, the President of APAL, recently participated in a 2-day workshop organized by the Central Leprosy Division

On 10th August 2023, Mrs. Maya Ranavare, the President of APAL, recently participated in a 2-day workshop organized by the Central Leprosy Division (CLD) in coordination with the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP) & World Health Organization (WHO), India.

This workshop was held in Pune, Maharashtra on 10-11 August 2023 and aimed to develop training modules for promoting mental wellbeing of Leprosy Patients. It's great to see such initiatives being taken to support those in need.



APAL's President Mrs Maya Ranavare along with Dr Sudarshan Mandal, DDG Leprosy and Ms. Nikita Sarah Head Advocacy& Communication

On 11th August 2023, APAL's President Mrs Maya Ranavare along with Dr Sudarshan Mandal, DDG Leprosy and Ms. Nikita Sarah Head Advocacy& Communication at the Leprosy Mission visited Anandvan leprosy colony in Pune and interacted with youth, women and colony leader



APAL participated in the 2nd Brainstorming meeting towards the National Conference

On 23rd August 2023, APAL participated in the 2nd Brainstorming meeting towards the National Conference on the Abolishment of Discriminatory Laws against People Affected by Hansen's Disease in India at The Leprosy Mission Trust India office in Delhi.

The meeting was attended by a number of individuals and organizations, including Mrs. Maya Ranavare, Mr. Prakash Done, Mr. Mohan from APAL, Mr. Arman Ali, and Ms. Niharika Das from DPI India, Mr. Gaurab Sen and Mr. Shubhendra Sachan from S-ILF, Ms. Nikita Sarah and Mr. Subhojit Goswami from TLMI, and Ms. Dhvani Mehta and Ms. Rituparna Padhy from Vidhi Centre. Additionally, Dr. Takahiro Nanri and Ms. Mao Hasebe from SHF also participated in the meeting. The discussions were productive and focused on ways to eliminate discriminatory laws against those affected by Hansen's Disease in India.



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During the visit, had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Vivek Lal and his team and discussed the collaboration to work together for the socio-economic empowerment and welfare of persons affected by leprosy and their families.

On behalf of the people affected by leprosy, we express our gratitude to Dr Vivek for the positive response, comfortable hospitality, and respect. It was a fruitful visit, and we look forward to working together towards the betterment of the community.



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On 25th August 2023, APAL had an Online Collaborative Meeting in Delhi, in collaboration with Sasakawa Health Foundation. During the meeting, SHF interacted with all executive members of APAL; and had fruitful discussions addressing various topics such as the problems and current situation of the affected, accessibility of rights, collaboration with NGOs, Ideology, knowledge sharing, the right way of approaching to Govt authorities, solution measures, Future plans, Status of the social entitlements, organization development, time management, and more.

APAL is grateful to Dr Takahiro Nanri CEO of SHF, Dr. Ranganatha Rao and Ms. Mao Program Officer of Hansen's Disease Program for their all kind of support to help people affected by leprosy and their families. APAL is committed to providing welfare, empowerment, health care and social protection services to persons affected by leprosy, and we are thankful to have the support of SHF in our endeavors.



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It's unfortunate that there is still a stigma surrounding Leprosy and societal discrimination towards persons affected by leprosy. Discriminatory provisions in over 100 Central and State Acts and Rules unfairly label Leprosy as a "loathsome" and "dangerous" disease, which prevents those who have been cured from pursuing certain professions and even using local transportation. It's unacceptable that these laws also prevent people from contesting in elections and holding positions of authority in universities. We need to raise awareness about these discriminatory laws and their impact on those affected by Leprosy and work towards amending or repealing them. It's important to sensitize duty bearers on the causes and contagiousness of Leprosy and discuss ways to amend or repeal these laws in order to create a fair and just society for all.

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During the visit, APAL's team Mrs Maya Ranavare, President, Mr Prakash Done Treasurer, Mr Giridhari Lal State Coordinator, Mr. Vijay Kumar and Mr. Arjunram APAL's youth had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Takahiro Nanri, CEO of SHF, and Mao Program Manager of SHF, who joined us to interact with the colony residents. We had a fruitful discussion on various key points, including the tireless advocacy support of Mr. Sasakawa on the empowerment of people affected by leprosy, the history of colony establishment, the current living conditions of the inmates, the status of social entitlements, and healthcare services.

We also took a tour around the colony, observing its infrastructure and gaining insights into the lives of the residents. It was a valuable experience, and we are grateful to SHF for the opportunity to have participated in such an important meeting.

APAL expresses our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Ranganadh Rao for all of the invaluable support and contributions he has provided. His dedication and expertise have been instrumental in our success, and we are truly grateful for his efforts. Thank you, Dr. Rao, for your unwavering support and tireless commitment to our organization. We couldn't have done it without you!



APAL's state committee in Delhi and some young people met with Mrs. Shaili Oberai, the MCD Mayor

On 27th August 2023, The APAL's state committee in Delhi and some young people met with Mrs. Shaili Oberai, the MCD Mayor. They submitted a memorandum requesting that at least 4% of cleaning staff employment opportunities be made available to people affected by leprosy and their family members. This would help to improve living conditions for those who have been impacted by this disease.

APAL wants to thank Mrs. Shaili Oberai for her prompt and positive response in providing cleaning staff and comfortable hospitality for our organization; APAL want to extend a special thank you to Mr. Giridhari Lal, State Coordinator of APAL, Mr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary of the state committee, and Mr. Arjun, Joint-Secretary of the state committee for their valuable

contributions to advocacy and working with relevant authorities on behalf of our cause. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated



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APAL just wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to TLM for their invaluable support of the children who are living with leprosy. I also want to extend a special "thank you" to Mr. Someswara Dubey, the State Coordinator of APAL, and the state committee in Bihar for their generous contribution in recommending education support. These efforts truly make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Mrs. Maya Ranavare
President, APAL