



SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

Monthly Report

To
Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

Title of the Report	Monthly Progress Report
Name	Mrs. Maya Ranavare
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1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare, Dr. V R Pemmaraju - SHF, and Mr. Rama Varai Sah - APAL India had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Chintaram Hazarika, the State Leprosy Officer
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare, Dr. V R Pemmaraju - SHF, and Mr. Rama Varai Sah - APAL India had the opportunity to Visit Shantivan Leprosy colony, Missionary of Charity, Umshangling, Nong Poh
- Sahayog Leprosy Prevention's well-wishers distributed copy notebooks to the children of individuals impacted by leprosy in the coaching class

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On 3rd November 2023, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare, Dr. V R Pemmaraju - SHF, and Mr. Rama Varai Sah - APAL India had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Chintaram Hazarika, the State Leprosy Officer (SLO) at the Directorate of Health Services in Assam.

During the meeting, they discussed the activities of the Sasakawa Health Foundation, including the work of its Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination, Mr. Sasakawa. They also introduced the activities of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL). Additionally, they presented the annual report for the year 2022-23 to SLO Assam.

suggested a meeting with the Managing Director of National Health Mission (MD NHM) to discuss the challenges faced in the program. During the meeting, they shared that there were high rates of new case detection in the Tinsukia and Dibrugarh districts, and a special search activity was planned in early 2024 to address this issue. The special search activity would involve the participation of staff from tea gardens and civil society organizations.

They also informed MD NHM that no other leprosy NGO was currently active in Assam and that APAL in Assam needed reorganization and strengthening to better serve the community. In addition, they provided details about leprosy colonies and contact numbers of four persons affected by leprosy.

Finally, APAL organized a meeting with persons affected by leprosy on November 4, 2023, to facilitate their interaction with the organization.



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Mr. Pyrbot, a physiotherapist from Ri Bhoi district accompanied the SHF and APAL team to the hospital and introduced to Sr M Sarika MC in charge of the leprosy hospital, and Sr M Luciana MC of the leprosy hospital.

- 70 patients are inmates of the hospital, most of them needing disability care
- The physiotherapy unit is equipped but no trained staff is available.
- Footwear unit with facilities of micro-cellular rubber footwear lacks trained staff to provide footwear though equipment is available
- Rations for the patients are provided by Missionaries of charity and drawn from donations from local philanthropists
- Majority of the patients belong to Assam
- Mr. Kat Tongper is the local contact person for the persons affected by leprosy in the hospital



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On 10th November 2023, Sahayog Leprosy Prevention's well-wishers distributed copy notebooks to the children of individuals impacted by leprosy in the coaching class operated by Sai Ram Avtaar Leprosy Seva Samiti in Indore.

APAL expresses gratitude to Sahayog Leprosy Prevention for their valuable support and considers it their responsibility to take care of the affected individuals and their families.



Mrs. Maya Ranavare