



SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

Monthly Report

To

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

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- APAL's State Committee of Madhya Pradesh convened a crucial discussion with Shri Pushpa Mitra Bhargava, the Mayor of Indore, concerning the maintenance allowance provided by the Municipal Corporation to individuals affected by leprosy

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On 7th May 2024, In a mutually beneficial collaboration, Mrs. Parvathi, a highly regarded figure in the Rural Development sector, partnered with the Association of People Affected by Leprosy to extend a significant gesture of support to the community of individuals afflicted by leprosy in Shanthi Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana. This philanthropic endeavour entailed the distribution of essential food grains to 20 families, providing much-needed sustenance and relief to those grappling with the challenges of leprosy and its effects on their families. Mrs. Parvathi's involvement underscores a spirit of empathy and solidarity,

highlighting the efficacy of collective action in addressing the needs of marginalized communities.

The Association of People Affected by Leprosy extends heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Parvathi for her invaluable contribution and unwavering support towards those affected by leprosy and their families. Her benevolent actions have engendered a tangible difference in the lives of individuals facing adversity, providing not only sustenance but also a sense of dignity and belonging. Furthermore, special recognition is bestowed upon Mr. Ramesh, the State Coordinator of APAL, whose active participation and unflagging efforts facilitated the seamless execution of the distribution initiative. Through such collaborative endeavours, communities unite to uplift and empower the most vulnerable among them, fostering a culture of compassion, inclusivity, and mutual support.



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Mrs. Ranavare's role in the mission to eradicate leprosy from Jordan was transformative. As a seasoned expert in the field of leprosy, she shared her wealth of experience and understanding with local authorities, healthcare professionals, and affected communities alike, raising awareness about the disease and inspiring proactive measures to combat its spread. Her contributions transcended boundaries, and her tireless efforts reaffirmed her commitment to eradicating the stigma associated with leprosy while ensuring that every individual receives the care and support they deserve.

During the Elimination of Leprosy Disease in Jordan, Mrs. Ranavare demonstrated her relentless pursuit of excellence and unwavering advocacy for those affected by the illness. Her leadership within APAL has set a standard of empowerment and solidarity, empowering individuals to reclaim their dignity and voice in society. Her expertise and unwavering

commitment to the cause have earned her a reputation as a seasoned expert and leader in the fight against leprosy.

Mrs. Maya Ranavare's name shines brightly as a testament to the power of compassion, expertise, and determination in the global fight against leprosy. Her participation in the mission to eliminate leprosy from Jordan serves as a reminder that progress is possible when individuals unite with a common purpose. As she continues her journey as an advocate and leader, Mrs. Ranavare's legacy will endure, inspiring future generations to pursue a world free from the grip of leprosy's scourge.



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On May 18, 2024, a significant distribution program was conducted at Ambedkar Leprosy Colony and Shantinagar Leprosy Colony, wherein 150 families affected by leprosy received essential aid. The event was orchestrated by Ravi Garu, the Chief of Reliable Trust, a reputable organization committed to social welfare. This endeavour constituted a component of the ongoing campaign to assist marginalized communities and enhance their standard of living. The program witnessed the participation of several prominent individuals, including Pirla Janaiah, the Councilor of the 3rd Ward, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Furthermore, Nagaraju, the President of the Ward Youth Congress Party, actively contributed to the event, underscoring the involvement of young political figures in social causes.

This distribution initiative was executed under the supervision of APAL's state coordinator, Mr. Ramesh, who played a pivotal role. The engagement of APAL underscores the collaborative endeavours among diverse organizations to effect meaningful change. The event sought not only to deliver immediate relief but also to raise awareness about leprosy and the persistent challenges the affected individuals confront.

On behalf of the Society, the Trustees expressed their appreciation to all representatives and volunteers who contributed to the program. Their collective efforts epitomize the spirit of community and the influence of concerted action in nurturing a supportive milieu for individuals affected by leprosy. This event signifies another stride towards constructing a more inclusive society wherein everyone receives the care and support they merit.



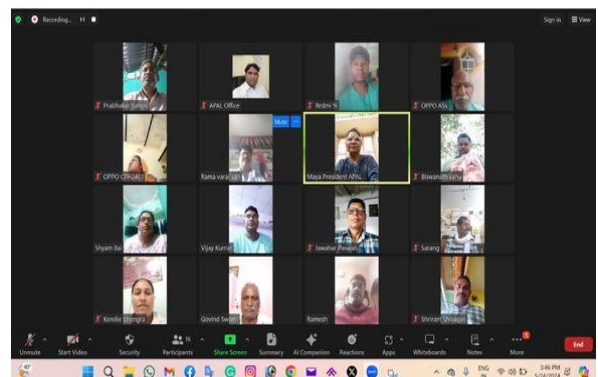
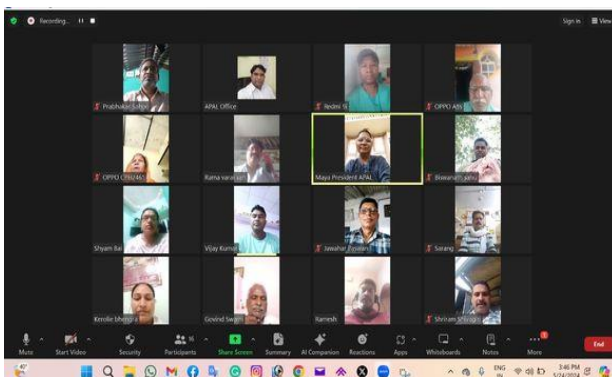
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On 24th May 2024, The Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) today convened a virtual State Coordinator's monthly review meeting, marking a significant milestone in their ongoing dedication to addressing the challenges faced by individuals affected by leprosy and their families. The meeting served as a platform for in-depth discussions and collaborative problem-solving, focusing on the urgent issues affecting these marginalized communities.

Throughout the meeting, participants conducted a thorough assessment of the current circumstances of people affected by leprosy, meticulously examining the interconnected factors contributing to their vulnerability and marginalization. The dialogue encompassed a wide range of challenges, including socio-economic hardships, healthcare disparities, and deep-rooted stigma, highlighting the multifaceted nature of the issues faced by individuals and families affected by leprosy.

Leveraging collective expertise and lived experiences, the meeting catalyzed the exploration of advocacy solutions designed to address the systemic barriers impeding the full inclusion and empowerment of those affected by leprosy. State Coordinators shared innovative strategies and successful interventions, encompassing community-based initiatives and policy advocacy campaigns aimed at dismantling stigma, enhancing access to healthcare, and safeguarding the rights of individuals affected by leprosy.

Upon conclusion of the meeting, a pervasive sense of determination and solidarity characterized the virtual space, with participants reaffirming their commitment to amplifying the voices of those affected by leprosy and advocating for their rights on local, national, and international platforms. Empowered by their shared vision of a more equitable society, APAL and its partners departed the meeting with renewed vigour, poised to drive meaningful change and foster greater dignity and inclusion for individuals and families affected by leprosy.



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The APAL's state committee in Telangana (SLAP-TIS) played a pivotal role in this event, with State Coordinator Mr. Ramesh spearheading the distribution. The gesture was met with gratitude by the residents of both colonies, who conveyed their sincere appreciation to all members of the Shirdi Sai Trust. The new school bags signify not only educational support but also a beacon of hope and communal solidarity.

Colony President Samel and Vice President Dominic were actively engaged in the proceedings, ensuring the event was meticulously organized and successful. Their involvement underscored the collaborative spirit and unwavering commitment of the local leadership in enhancing the lives of their residents. The event serves as a testament to the potency of collective endeavour and compassion in effecting a tangible difference in the lives of those impacted by leprosy.



leprosy. This meeting signified a significant stride towards addressing the financial support required by these patients, culminating in the submission of a memorandum to the Mayor outlining the concerns and needs of the leprosy-affected community.

The meeting was attended by key representatives from various organizations dedicated to leprosy prevention and support. Among them were Shri Sarang ji Gaydhane, the Secretary of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy, and Raju ji Rathore from the Sahyog Leprosy Prevention Association, along with Gopal Shinde, Bhamabai Sakhre, and Thakubai Gaikwad from the Sant Dnyaneshwar Leprosy Seva Samiti, who contributed their insights and experiences to the discussion.

Mayor Shri Pushpa Mitra Bhargava acknowledged the pressing issues raised by the delegation and assured them that the matter would be promptly addressed. This assurance has provided a glimmer of hope to the leprosy-affected community, who have long awaited an increase in

their maintenance allowance to better manage their daily needs and improve their quality of life. The commitment from the Mayor to resolve this issue underscores the local government's dedication to supporting vulnerable populations and enhancing their well-being.



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