



# SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Monthly Report

**To**  
**Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation**

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### 1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

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- APAL's Treasurer, Ms. Kerolin Bhengra, visited the Sitamadani colony at Korba and interact with the residents, especially children and families affected by leprosy.
- APAL-BFDT Coordination Meeting was held at the UPHC Conference Hall, Station Pada, Bargarh, Odisha. The meeting brought together the leadership and representatives of APAL, BFDT, and the Bharosa Project for meaningful discussions and coordination on issues related to persons affected by leprosy.
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- Members of APAL and people affected by leprosy from various Leprosy colonies gathered at the water filter plantation under the leadership of Ms. Kerolin Bhengra and organized a peaceful protest against the flow of dirty and foul-smelling water into the leprosy colonies, especially in Ghoghranala Colony.
- APAL's State Committee in Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with local donor Mr. John, organized a rice distribution program for 40 persons affected by leprosy at Mother Teresa Leprosy Colony in Vadathorasalur, Tamil Nadu.
- In Khammam Leprosy Colony, APAL, in collaboration with a local donor from Hyderabad, organized the distribution of essential relief materials to 50 persons affected by leprosy.
- Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand visited Potka Block regarding the issue of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) housing support for 18 families living in Deenbandhu Ashram,

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On 1st May 2026, APAL's State Committee in Haryana coordinated an important development activity at Gandhi Kusht Ashram, Rohtak, Haryana. Under the guidance and support of (M.D.) Dr. J. Gane San, IAS Officer, Panchkula, Haryana, the construction work of 10 rooms is progressing successfully for the benefit of persons affected by leprosy and their families living in the Ashram.

Out of the total 10 rooms planned, the construction work of the first 4 rooms had already been completed earlier, and today the roof slab (lenter work) for 6 additional rooms was completed. This marks a significant step toward improving the living conditions and providing better shelter facilities for the residents of Gandhi Kusht Ashram.

Officials from the HEB Department, including J.E. Sunil and S.D.O. Ravinder, were also present during the work and extended their support to ensure smooth progress of the construction. Their active involvement reflects the government's commitment toward the welfare and dignity of persons affected by leprosy.

APAL Board Member Mr. P. Govindswamy was also present on this important occasion and appreciated the efforts of all departments and stakeholders involved. It is expected that the entire construction work will be completed by August 2026, bringing great relief and happiness to the residents of the Ashram.

APAL expresses its sincere gratitude to all the officials, supporters, and departments for their valuable cooperation and continued support in strengthening the lives of persons affected by leprosy.

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**APAL's President, Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan, participated in the inauguration program of the Summer Camp Banner & Poster launch held at Gandhi Ashram, Devnagar-Sakchi, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.**

On 14th May 2026, APAL's President, Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan, participated in the inauguration program of the Summer Camp Banner & Poster launch held at Gandhi Ashram, Devnagar-Sakchi, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.

The summer camp is scheduled to be conducted from 24/05/2026 to 30/05/2026. The inauguration program was attended by respected dignitaries, including the DC Sir, CS Sir, ACMO Sir, DLO Dr. Mrityunjay Dhawaria, and DLC Dr. Rajiv Lochan Mahato, along with development partners and MOI/C officials at the DC Conference Hall, East Singhbhum, on 13/05/2026.

During the event, APAL President Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan shared the importance of inclusion, awareness, and community participation for persons affected by leprosy and other vulnerable communities. APAL expressed its commitment to continue working together with government departments and development partners for social inclusion, dignity, and empowerment.

The program concluded successfully with the official release of the Summer Camp banners and posters in the presence of all participants.



**APAL's Treasurer, Ms. Kerolin Bhengra, visited the Sitamadani colony at Korba and interact with the residents, especially children and families affected by leprosy.**

On 17th May 2026, APAL's Treasurer, Ms. Kerolin Bhengra, visited the Sitamadani colony at Korba and interact with the residents, especially children and families affected by leprosy. During the visit, she held discussions with the community members regarding the importance of education, livelihood opportunities, and the future development of children living in the colony. The visit aimed to understand their present challenges and explore ways to support them towards a better and more dignified life.

Ms. Kerolin Bhengra encouraged the children and their families to continue education and become self-reliant through livelihood initiatives and skill development opportunities. She listened to the concerns of the residents and discussed the need for better educational support, awareness, and access to Government welfare schemes for the children of the colony.

The visit was conducted in the presence of colony leader Prema Ji, who actively participated in the discussions and shared the issues faced by the community members. APAL reaffirmed

its commitment to support the children and families affected by leprosy through education, rehabilitation, livelihood promotion, and community empowerment initiatives.



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On 18th May 2026, an APAL–BFDT Coordination Meeting was held at the UPHC Conference Hall, Station Pada, Bargarh, Odisha. The meeting brought together the leadership and representatives of APAL, BFDT, and the Bharosa Project for meaningful discussions and coordination on issues related to persons affected by leprosy. The meeting was conducted in a positive and collaborative atmosphere, focusing on strengthening partnerships and collective action for the welfare and inclusion of persons affected by leprosy in Odisha.

The APAL leadership committee was represented by Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan, President of APAL; Mr. Prakash Done, Secretary of APAL; Mr. Prabhakar Sahoo, Joint Secretary of APAL and members of APAL’s State Committee in Odisha also actively participated in the meeting. From BFDT and the Bharosa Project, staff members and representatives joined the coordination discussions and contributed valuable suggestions and insights during the session.

The coordination meeting proved to be highly fruitful and useful, as participants openly discussed challenges, future plans, and collaborative interventions for improving the living conditions of persons affected by leprosy. A special presentation on APAL’s Overview and Achievements in Odisha was delivered by APAL’s team, which highlighted APAL’s ongoing efforts, community initiatives, advocacy work, and achievements in empowering persons affected by leprosy.

The primary purpose of the coordination meeting was to strengthen collective efforts towards the noble cause of achieving zero transmission, zero disability, and zero stigma related to leprosy. Participants assured their continued volunteer involvement, cooperation, and interventions to support inclusion, dignity, rehabilitation, and community development for persons affected by leprosy across Odisha. The discussions emphasized the importance of unity, partnership, and active community participation in building an inclusive society where no person affected by leprosy is left behind.

MayAPAL expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Victor Babu Director of BFDT and Mr. S.P Chowdary Program Manager and the Bharosa Project for the excellent arrangements, warm hospitality, and friendly support extended to all APAL representatives and participants during the meeting.



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On 19th May 2026, through the continuous advocacy and dedicated efforts of the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), and in the presence of Ms. Kerolin Bhengra, Treasurer of APAL, new ration cards were successfully sanctioned and distributed to seven persons affected by leprosy residing in Gogra Nala Leprosy Colony, Ward No. 13.

The distribution of these ration cards marks an important step towards ensuring social inclusion and access to government welfare schemes for marginalized individuals. With the issuance of these cards, the beneficiaries will be able to access subsidized food grains and other essential services provided under various government social protection programs, thereby improving their food security and overall quality of life.

This achievement reflects APAL's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the rights and entitlements of persons affected by leprosy and supporting their integration into mainstream society. APAL sincerely expresses its gratitude to the concerned Government authorities for their positive response, cooperation, and support in facilitating the sanction and distribution of the ration cards to the residents of the colony.



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On 19th May 2026, APAL India, with the support of Brighter Future Development Trust (BFDT), collaboratively organized a foodgrains distribution programme at Shanti Leprosy Colony, Bargarh, Odisha. The initiative supports people affected by leprosy and their families living in the colony and ensures access to basic food support and social care.

Shanti Leprosy Colony consists of 17 houses, including 13 Grade-II persons affected by leprosy who continue to face social and economic challenges in their daily lives. In response to the community's needs, BFDT provided foodgrains to residents. The programme brought relief and encouragement to the colony members and highlighted the importance of collective efforts for the welfare and dignity of persons affected by leprosy.

During the programme, Mr. Choudhary, District Leprosy Consultant (DLC), Bargarh, and Biranchi were present in the colony and interacted with the residents. Their presence encouraged the community members and strengthened coordination between community organizations and the health department.

APAL India President, Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan, also participated in the programme and expressed gratitude to BFDT and all supporters for standing with persons affected by leprosy.



**Members of APAL and people affected by leprosy from various Leprosy colonies gathered at the water filter plantation under the leadership of Ms. Kerolin Bhengra and organized a peaceful protest against the flow of dirty and foul-smelling water into the leprosy colonies, especially in Ghoghranala Colony.**

On 20th May 2026, Members of APAL and people affected by leprosy from various Leprosy colonies gathered at the water filter plantation under the leadership of Ms. Kerolin Bhengra and organized a peaceful protest against the flow of dirty and foul-smelling water into the leprosy colonies, especially in Ghoghranala Colony. The contaminated water and unbearable smell were causing serious health concerns and leading to several diseases among the residents. The community members strongly demanded that the polluted water flow be stopped immediately to protect the health, safety, and dignity of the people living in the colonies.

Following the protest and ongoing demands from APAL members and the community, the Municipal Corporation acted promptly on the matter. The authorities visited the site, addressed the issue seriously, and took necessary action to stop the dirty water flow from the filter plant into Ghoghranala Colony. The people appreciated the timely intervention of the Municipal Corporation and expressed hope for a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment in their colonies.



**APAL's State Committee in Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with local donor Mr. John, organized a rice distribution program for 40 persons affected by leprosy at Mother Teresa Leprosy Colony in Vadathorasalur, Tamil Nadu.**

On 20th May 2026, APAL's State Committee in Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with local donor Mr. John, organized a rice distribution program for 40 persons affected by leprosy at Mother Teresa Leprosy Colony in Vadathorasalur, Tamil Nadu. The support was provided to help the residents meet their basic food needs and to show solidarity and care towards persons affected by leprosy and their families. The program brought happiness and encouragement to the community members living in the colony.

The distribution program was conducted in the presence of Mr. Rajendran, State Coordinator of APAL, who appreciated the generous contribution and compassionate support extended by Mr. John towards the welfare of persons affected by leprosy. He also highlighted the importance of collective efforts and community support in improving the living conditions and dignity of marginalized communities.

APAL sincerely thanks Mr. John for his valuable support and humanitarian service towards persons affected by leprosy. Such contributions play an important role in strengthening the confidence, wellbeing, and social inclusion of the community.



**In Khammam Leprosy Colony, APAL, in collaboration with a local donor from Hyderabad, organized the distribution of essential relief materials to 50 persons affected by leprosy**

On Wednesday, 20-05-2026, in Khammam Leprosy Colony, APAL, in collaboration with a local donor from Hyderabad, organized the distribution of essential relief materials to 50 persons affected by leprosy. The program was supported by donor Mrs. Ani Madam and coordinated through Mr. Maniyada Ramesh, EC Board Member of APAL and Working President of SLAP-Telangana.

The beneficiaries expressed their happiness and gratitude for the timely support. Mr. D. Immanuel, treasurer of SLAP-TG and the colony elders conveyed their sincere thanks to the donor and APAL team for their valuable service and compassion towards persons affected by leprosy.



**Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand visited Potka Block regarding the issue of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) housing support for 18 families living in Deenbandhu Ashram,**

On 21st May 2026, Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) and APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand visited Potka Block regarding the issue of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) housing support for 18 families living in Deenbandhu Ashram, Jamshedpur. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the housing concerns and ensure that the eligible families affected by leprosy receive the benefits of the government housing scheme.

However, the concerned officer was out of the office during the visit, and therefore the discussion could not take place. APAL representatives plan to follow up again with the authorities to pursue the matter and support the families in accessing their housing entitlements.

Among those who visited the block office were APAL President Mr. Jawahar Ram Paswan and APAL's State Coordinator Mr. Jainuddin, who jointly represented the concerns of the community and emphasized the need for proper housing facilities for the affected families.



**APAL and APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand, with the support of Jusco CSR, have made dedicated efforts for the welfare of persons affected by leprosy by opening two Dressing Centres at Gandhi Ashram and Vinoba Ashram in Jharkhand.**

On 25th May 2026, APAL and APAL's State Committee in Jharkhand, with the support of Jusco CSR, have made dedicated efforts for the welfare of persons affected by leprosy by opening two Dressing Centres at Gandhi Ashram and Vinoba Ashram in Jharkhand. The inauguration programme was conducted in the presence of APAL India President Jawahar Ram Paswan, Jharkhand Kusht Kalyan Samitee President Govind Singh, APAL State Leader

Zainuddin, and the leaders of both Ashrams including Santosh Seth, Mitru Pradhan, Ram Majhi, and Suru Bhagt.

The opening of these Dressing Centres will greatly benefit around 40 ulcer patients living in both Ashrams by providing regular dressing and care services near their communities. The patients and residents expressed great happiness and gratitude for this important support, which will help improve their health, dignity, and quality of life



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