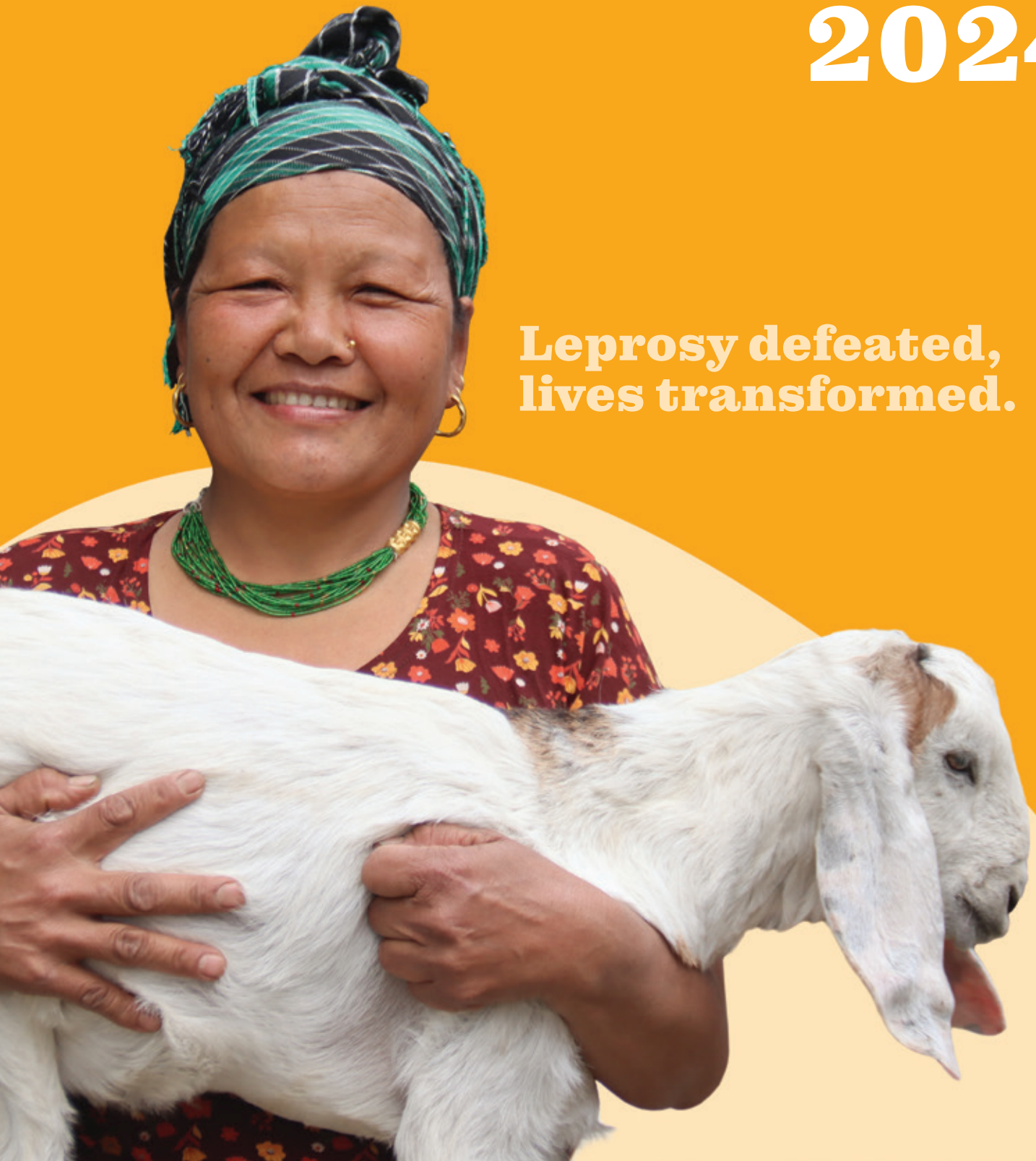




Annual Report 2024

**Leprosy defeated,
lives transformed.**



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Cover photo: Lanni with her goat received through the IMPACT project. A Gift of Love can make a remarkable life-changing effect. One goat can provide much needed milk and cheese for a family.

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Towards Zero Leprosy

Over the last five years, The Leprosy Mission Australia has worked to deliver on our strategic intent and support the global leprosy community as we endeavour to defeat leprosy.

As we look back on our successes, we take lessons with us as we head into a new strategic phase at the end of 2024. Below are just a few highlights from this period:



STRATEGIC AIM 1 Being Christ-centred

Supporting God's desire for people to enjoy fullness of life:

- Our number of committed prayer partners has increased by almost 25% in the five years.
- Our staff team have explored new ways of living out our values, ensuring they remain central to all we do.



STRATEGIC AIM 2 Partnering for impact

Developing partnerships in Australia and overseas that contribute towards the Triple Zero strategic goals by 2035, in the following ways:

- Building dynamic and effective overseas programs including starting a new partnership in Indonesia, and working towards the elimination of leprosy in West Timor.
- Hosting a keynote speech at the ACFID Conference in October 2023, with Pius Ogbu Sunday presenting on the electoral reform that has taken place in Nigeria through the partnership of The Leprosy Mission Nigeria and The Leprosy Mission Australia.



STRATEGIC AIM 3 Financing The Leprosy Mission Australia

Generating abundant and sustainable finances to facilitate programs and empower our implementing partners to deliver the global Triple Zero strategy:

- Since 2019 our revenue by private donations has increased by an average of 4% year on year and our revenue through The Leprosy Mission Shop has increased by 17%.



STRATEGIC AIM 4 Advocating for and with people affected by leprosy

Promoting the voices of people affected by leprosy to be heard and listened to in Australia and reinforcing the advocacy activities of implementing partners:

- Asken Sinaga, Executive Director of our Indonesian partner, Yayasan NLR Indonesia, and Pius Ogbu Sunday from TLM Nigeria spoke at events across Australia advocating for people affected by leprosy.
- Social Enterprise projects have empowered people affected by leprosy through supporting livelihood development.



STRATEGIC AIM 5 Enabling The Leprosy Mission Australia

Investing in developing the skills, resources and environment to empower its people to work towards the Triple Zero strategic goals:

- Supporting staff through the challenging COVID period, growing our revenue at the same time.
- Investment in staff attending training, both locally and internationally, through workshops and field trips, remains key for organisational growth

150 years of help and hope

150
YEARS

2024 marks 150 years since Wellesley and Alice Bailey journeyed from Dublin to India and witnessed the suffering of people with leprosy. On their return to Dublin, they gathered some of their friends and acquaintances and sought support for reaching these fellow human beings with compassionate care and the hope of Christ.

From this initiative, the worldwide Leprosy Mission was born and grew to work across 30 countries. 150 years on, an incredible amount of progress has been made, thanks to sacrifice, medical research, dedication, and a lot of answered prayers. We can see the defeat of this ancient disease, finally bringing to an end its awful contribution to human suffering.

The Leprosy Mission Australia wants to mark this occasion with both sober reflection and celebration. The sober reflection comes when we think of just how long people have been affected by leprosy. Until the past 50 years or so, there were few effective treatments. The most we could offer was compassionate aid and assistance, with no cure in sight. That changed in the 1980s, with the development of the multi-drug therapies

that we use today, along with many other promising interventions.

But it is right to celebrate even while we mourn for the losses people suffered for so long. Human ingenuity and persistence, by the grace of our creator God, have brought us hope. We now have solutions. We are constantly researching better ways to detect leprosy, to reduce disability, and to care for those affected. There is immense excitement at developments in areas of orthotics, preventative drugs, vaccines, the use of mobile technology, and much more.

To ensure we celebrated well with our supporters, we have held Anniversary events around the country throughout 2024. In Sydney, the Anglican Archbishop, The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel, gave a heartfelt address about Jesus' concern for the lost and least. We honoured long-serving heroes of our movement, including Professor Warwick Britton (who established the laboratory at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal, among many achievements) and Dr Grace Warren (a pioneer of surgery for people affected by leprosy).



Supporters and staff at Anniversary events held around the country

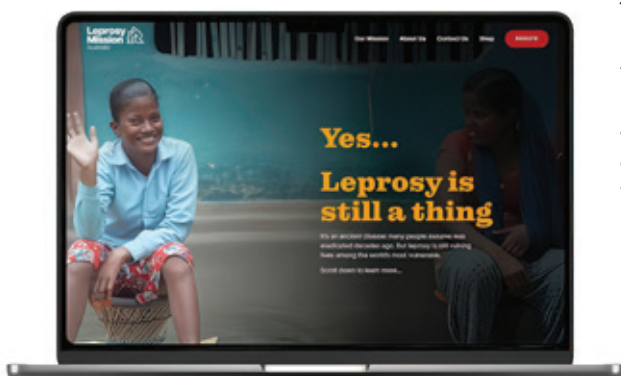




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Today the work of The Leprosy Mission includes advocacy to address social stigma, the creation of communities accepting of people affected by leprosy, education not only about the disease but for those who might otherwise be denied the opportunity for learning because of social rejection, skills training so that people who have recovered from leprosy can generate independent and self-sustaining livelihood, rehabilitation and investment in research, and remedy for treatable and preventable tropical diseases that otherwise have a low profile and yet massively impact the lives of millions of people. **This work is important, rare, beautiful and Christ-honouring. Thank you.**”

Anglican Archbishop of Sydney,
The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel,
speaking at the June 150th Anniversary
dinner at The Mint in Sydney.



Similar events were held in Brisbane and Perth, with more planned for the second half of 2024, including a two-day conference and Thanksgiving Service and Gala Dinner in Melbourne.

The Leprosy Mission has a faithful and devoted support base, but a major focus in our 150th year has been to grow awareness of our work to new audiences, including younger people. Towards this end, we developed a campaign called 'Still a Thing', with several important elements:

- ➡ we built a dedicated campaign website to tell the story of leprosy and its impending defeat to a new generation.
- ➡ we enlisted the help of actor David Wenham to voice new TV and online advertisements. David played Father Damien in the film *Molokai*, which also celebrates its 25th year since release. This campaign was launched in partnership with the Sydney Film Festival, to reach out to people who may not have heard about our work.
- ➡ at the same time, we featured 'Still a Thing' on billboards around Sydney, and in our social media accounts.

Perhaps our most innovative initiative has been the introduction of our mascot, the armadillo. Armadillos are one of the few animals which can contract leprosy as well as pass it on to human beings. They are fellow travellers on the journey towards our goals. We've developed the armadillo to be a playful figure representing the organisation, adding an element of surprise to a serious cause.

As we raise the awareness of our work, people can wear armadillo merchandise and share armadillo images and videos online as another way of getting involved. There's even armadillo coffee to remind people of the cause as they wake up each morning.



Report from the Chair

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight – Proverbs 3:5-6



This Annual Report has been written as The Leprosy Mission globally celebrates its 150th year. This is significant. From its beginnings in 1874 through to today, this Mission has worked amidst world wars, global pandemics, economic depressions, and no end of political turmoil. Through all these challenges, God has sustained this Mission.

The story of TLMA in 2024 is no different. God has kept our path straight as we embraced constant change, celebration and new beginnings. It is a story of strong financial performance, impact, and most importantly, continued progress toward our goal of a world without leprosy.

With the retirement of Sheldon Rankin as Chief Executive Officer at the end of July 2023, we were pleased to welcome Dr Greg Clarke as our new CEO in September. Dr Clarke brings rich and varied experience in the charity, media, publishing, and education sectors. The Board and I look forward to working together with Greg in this new chapter of TLMA to further increase the impact of our work.

The Board also underwent changes in its membership in 2024. I would like to acknowledge and personally thank Dr Colin Martin, Adam Walker, Jennifer Cavanough and Fifi Rashando, who all concluded their time as directors on the TLMA Board during this past financial year. I thank them all for their time, their humble service, wise counsel, and extraordinary contributions.

TLMA finished the financial year strongly with revenue achieving its highest level for the past 9 years at \$8.02m. All categories of fundraising performed well throughout the year with bequest income showing the strongest growth to total \$1.5m.

The tougher economic environment has seen softer sales through our social enterprise shop. Overall TLMA engaged

with 15,551 supporters during the year with our donor retention rate remaining above 52%.

Our International Programs department has continued to work closely with our Leprosy Mission member partners in the delivery of a diverse range of programs in the field. We were able to send an additional \$45k to the field compared to the budgeted amount, and were pleased to receive \$1.452m in grants from DFAT to support our programs.

We maintain close links with The Leprosy Mission International (TLMI) and the Global Fellowship. Both Greg and I participate in quarterly on-line meetings with the international office as well as our fellowship member offices. This year has seen our collaborative input and engagement with other members to design The Leprosy Mission Fellowship Strategy 2025 – 2030, launching November 2024.

Our National Council Membership has experienced further changes in 2024. We share the news of the passing of Tom Broderick. Tom served on the Board of TLMA from 1974 to 2000, and on the National Council until 2007. We wish to acknowledge and thank departing members Stephen Lockery and Fifi Rashando who also served as Board members, with Stephen also taking on the role of Finance Director from 2016 – 2019.

In finishing, I would also like to acknowledge the many volunteers and supporters of The Leprosy Mission Australia, involved in Auxiliaries, Support Groups, or as local representatives. Your continued passion for our activities is essential for our success. In this time of change, celebration and new beginnings, what has not changed – and will never change – is the glue that underpins everything we do at TLMA and holds us together as a global Fellowship: our shared commitment to Christ. Our Father's love for each person affected by leprosy inspires everything we will do. It is through Him that we will reach a world without leprosy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jenny Ward". The script is fluid and cursive.

Jenny Ward
Board Chair

Report from the CEO



It was a delight to take up the role of CEO of The Leprosy Mission Australia in September 2023, following the wonderful long tenure of Sheldon Rankin. I pay tribute to his work in building a strong, stable and effective organisation. Thanks to the Board, the amazing staff, and our faithful supporters, we have been able to continue our momentum into 2024, our 150th year of operation globally.

We determined to celebrate this international milestone with gusto, making it an opportunity to broaden awareness of the ongoing reality of leprosy and our need to run hard towards our Triple Zero goals by 2035. We saw the need to think creatively about how to engage Australians in our cause, since many will never have encountered leprosy themselves. The first half of 2024 has seen an increase in engagement events, media campaigns, and new anniversary merchandise, all aimed at furthering our message that leprosy is "still a thing". We also introduced our new friend, the armadillo, about whom you can read more in the pages that follow.

All our efforts are done with the same mission goals in mind: we want to be the generation that sees leprosy defeated and the lives of those affected transformed for good through the love of Christ in action. I want to thank everyone who is working with us towards these goals.

Operationally, we have been focused on improving our systems: relocating and modernising our warehouse and fulfilment services, and commencing work on new finance, fundraising and communications infrastructure. We are setting up TLMA for

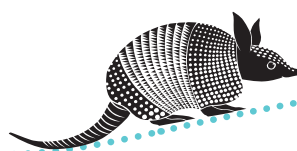
future growth, as we move more into the digital age with its need for greater connectivity and data-driven decision making. These systems are not cheap, but they are essential to our integrity and reputation as we serve the next generation of highly engaged supporters.

Our revenue continues to increase, with 2023-2024 delivering our highest overall consolidated income. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our people, and, in particular, noting those who are giving beyond their own time through legacies and bequests. I'm also proud of our social enterprise endeavours, where through our online shop, we sell goods produced by the people we also serve and support around the world. This is proving a great way to introduce new people to our work: buy a product, support disabled artisans, and find out more about leprosy work around the world at the same time. I thank you for shopping with us!

On a personal note, I have been moved deeply by the plight of those suffering from this dreadful disease. But I am also profoundly grateful to live in a time when it can be easily cured, transmission can be broken, and sufferers can be treated quickly and effectively with dignity, hope and compassion. It is a tremendous privilege to be part of the Leprosy Mission today and to stand on the shoulders of the many giants who have gone before me. May we remain faithful to Christ's calling to consider "the least of these" as his own brothers and sisters.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Greg Clarke".

Greg Clarke
CEO



Who we are

The Leprosy Mission in Australia

"...Go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy... Freely you have received; freely give." (Matthew 10:7-8)

The Leprosy Mission Australia partners with Australians to ensure that people affected by leprosy across the world get the cure, care and restoration they need to live life in all its fullness.

In 1913, Alice and Wellesley Bailey travelled to Australia to inspire Australians to show the love of Christ to people affected by leprosy.

Since then, over the course of more than 110 years, Australian supporters through The Leprosy Mission Australia have been dedicated to defeating leprosy and transforming lives across the world.

Our vision of a leprosy-free world has kept us passionate in prayer and determined in generating financial support. Currently, this enables us to extend the hand of 'mateship' to people affected by leprosy and disability in India, Nepal, Nigeria, and to our nearest neighbours in Indonesia and Timor Leste.

While the development of Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) has provided significant inroads to treating leprosy over the last few decades, to truly defeat the disease, there is more to be done. In line with The Leprosy Mission Global Strategy, we are determined to work towards the following goals:

- Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035
- Zero Leprosy Disability
- Zero Leprosy Discrimination

"I got a prosthetic limb, this made me very happy, and I was able to go everywhere, including the market and the farm. I'm very grateful to everyone who came to support us. May God bless them and replenish them in a thousand-fold." – Lami

Photo contributed by Stephanie Roberts

Our Vision

Leprosy defeated, lives transformed.

Our Mission

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission seeks to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity, and life in all its fullness.

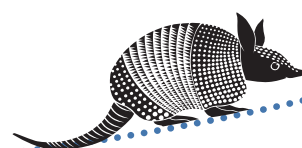
Our Values

Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value compassion, justice, integrity, inclusion and humility.

The Leprosy Mission Australia is one of 27 member countries which make up the Global Fellowship of the international organisation of The Leprosy Mission. Each country has the same vision – a world without leprosy – but works to fulfil this vision in different ways. We are part of a worldwide organisation with over 1700 staff with almost 150 years of experience in working with leprosy in over 30 countries worldwide.

The member countries include both Supporting Countries (those that raise funds for projects overseas) and Implementing Countries (those that receive TLM funds for use in TLM projects). Some countries, while implementing projects, are also raising money in country. Currently, India is the Implementing Country with the largest number of TLM projects.

Australia, a Supporting Country, focuses its work on funding projects in Nigeria, Timor Leste, Nepal, and India. It also supports leprosy work through other organisations in Indonesia and Nepal.



Our Project Partners



Ranila demonstrating handwashing in Nepal.

Photo credit: Subin Adhikari

Triple Zero

The Triple Zero is a universal strategy adopted by organisations working towards the elimination of leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission Australia has integrated the three goals into our work, recognising that the achievement of these components is key to accomplishing our vision.

Each of our projects progresses one or more aspects of Triple Zero. Under each project, you will see the thematic area/s of alignment marked with the symbols below:



by 2035

Transmission of leprosy must be stopped if disease elimination is to be achieved. To disrupt transmission, cases must be identified and treated early. As the early symptoms of leprosy are quite mild, they can easily be missed or misdiagnosed. Proactive case finding activities and increasing leprosy diagnostic and management skills within the health system is important to achieving this goal. Child cases of leprosy are a sign that there is active transmission in a community. As a result, some of our projects have started to increase their focus on school screening.



As leprosy awareness increases and more people are diagnosed early, disability will be prevented. Unfortunately, for people diagnosed late, disabilities that are caused before treatment, cannot be reversed. As a result, they are often left with permanent, potentially debilitating ulcers and disabilities that impact their ability to participate meaningfully in their daily lives. If not managed properly they can become worse, leading to severe infections or amputations.

Self-care, prevention of disability tools and assistive devices can reduce the impact of disability and prevent further injuries. In severe cases, reconstructive surgery and fitting of artificial limbs after amputation is required.



Leprosy has long been a stigmatised disease due to misinformation that causes fear in communities. In some countries, there are laws that exacerbate the discrimination and exclusion of persons with leprosy.

To reduce discrimination, communities need to be educated on the true facts about the disease and be mobilised to support leprosy patients on their journey to recovery. Persons with leprosy often need to be supported to rebuild their self-esteem, obtain suitable livelihoods and economic opportunities to help them regain the status they lost due to leprosy.



Your impact

Highlights from home



Your Overseas Impact



Project Evaluations & Learnings

Integrated Mobilization of People for Active Community Transformation (IMPACT)

Duration

2019-2024

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

Project locations

Western Nepal:

- Kaplivastu
- Rupendehi
- Parasi

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Working in six municipalities in three districts in western Nepal, the project aimed to build inclusive, healthy and resilient communities. 36 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were established supporting people affected by leprosy and other disabilities to increase their social, economic and health outcomes. At the completion of the project, over 1,800 people had been supported through the nine cooperatives formed from the amalgamation of the 36 SHGs and an additional 32 SHGs formed by the cooperatives independent of the project.

Key achievements

- 75.4% of SHG members experienced a 25% or more increase in their individual income with a large proportion of them being women
- 28.7% of farmers involved in the SHGs have adopted more efficient and environmentally friendly farming practices as a result of education from the project
- 26.7% of SHG members were elected to decision making roles in their local communities. They provide representation for persons with leprosy and disability in making decisions that affect their communities.
- 84.2% or 99,854 of the target population was reached with leprosy screening



Druga joined one of the Self-Help Groups run by the IMPACT project. The project gave her training to improve her skills in tailoring which has enabled her to increase her income to support her family and also to save for the future.

Photo credit: Subin Adhikari

Learnings/recommendations

- Cooperatives continue to face challenges with managing operational costs independently and require additional financial support in the next few years before they can achieve sustainability. This timeframe of required support is consistent with learnings from other SHG development models.
- Centralisation of core project activities into one district will improve effectiveness and resource management.
- Increase mental health support and awareness raising in communities
- Integrate screening of other skin diseases alongside leprosy.
- Increase project participants' understanding of value chains to strengthen their business growth.



Working in partnership with the Timor Leste government, the Improved Leprosy Services project aimed to strengthen the country's leprosy control program. Initially the project worked across six municipalities, but this was later reduced to two midway through the project due to staff and resources being stretched too thin, thus compromising impact. The reduction of targeted municipalities allowed closer monitoring and improved supervision, leading to improved standards in leprosy service provision in the two regions.

The project continued to face challenges due to political and economic instability within the country. The project team regularly adjusted the project implementation model in attempts to maximise effectiveness in the ever-changing health service environment.

The end-term evaluation revealed the project had made significant progress towards achieving a well-functioning leprosy program.

In the final year the project implemented a model of regular supervision and monitoring of local health workers with a financial incentive provided to health clinics for accurate completion of reporting processes. This proved to be effective in improving active case finding and management of leprosy patients and in increasing accurate recording of cases.

Key achievements

- 60,366 people screened for leprosy
- 82,417 community members educated on leprosy
- 1,162 health workers trained
- 454 hidden cases of leprosy found
- 566 people received self-care training

Some of the key achievements of the project cannot be measured in numbers. These include:

- Upskilling of medical doctors contributed to medical development within Timor Leste.
- Training of lab technicians in slit skin smear testing resulted in local health clinics being able to conduct leprosy confirmations locally.
- The development of a leprosy association has provided a platform for people with leprosy to independently advocate to the government.

Learnings/recommendations

- Initial findings of the new model of financial incentive provision proved to be an effective, motivating strategy.
- Consider involving village health volunteers to assist in community education and active case finding.
- Increased understanding of the affects of changing climate in leprosy and participants will increase effective programming.



Improved Leprosy Services

Duration

2019-2024

Partner

Misaun Lepra Timor Leste

Project locations

- Baucau
- Manatuto

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Idelfonso (second from left) with the Misaun Lepra medical staff who have supported him as he has been healed from leprosy.

Photo credit: Elfan Cadson

Project Evaluations & Learnings

Inclusive Empowerment

Duration

2019-2024

Partner

The Leprosy Mission
Trust India

Project locations

- Cuddalore
- Kallakurichi
- Vilupuram

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Kumar receiving treatment from the TLM Trust India staff at the Inclusive Empowerment Project.

Photo Credit: Daniel Christiansz
Photography



The Inclusive Empowerment Project addressed the challenges faced by individuals affected by leprosy and physical disabilities. The project commenced with three components, with staggered concluding times – comprehensive disability management (concluded 2024), sustainable livelihoods (concluded 2022) and advocacy (concluded 2021). All components worked towards increased inclusion of persons with leprosy and disability within the Cuddalore and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu.

The innovative approach of establishing mobile rehabilitation units has garnered expansive success in providing comprehensive disability management services to rural and remote areas, not just in targeted communities, but also in neighbouring areas. The rehabilitation units consisted of 5 village level therapy units owned and run by the local community to support the physical rehabilitation of those within their village. The outfitting of a mobile therapy van providing technical support and specialist disability services between villages completed this approach.

Key Achievements

- The mobile therapy van model attracted the attention of the local government who commissioned 39 new mobile therapy vans to be rolled out across the state.
- Four district governments have adopted the project's provision of aids and appliances model. As a result, over 4,000 assistive devices were obtained by community members from the government.
- 2,281 people with leprosy and other disabilities accessed rehabilitation services
- 2,192 assistive devices were created including:
 - 455 items from 3D printing and scanning
 - 689 customised footwear
 - 200 artificial limbs
 - 848 other aids and appliances

Learnings/recommendations

Several recommendations were made based on the continued challenges faced by communities:

- Allied health services should be expanded to include speech therapy and neurodevelopment therapy to support those with intellectual and cognitive disabilities. This will ensure provided support is more holistic.
- Expansion of services to support general health in the project areas due to limited existing health services in the area.
- Expand the assistive device unit to streamline production and cost effectiveness.
- Implement a community orientated management information system to improve accurate data collection and reporting.
- Incorporate child early intervention strategies to improve outcomes.

Implemented across 24 communities in the northern state of Zamfara, Nigeria, the project worked in partnership with the Zamfara government's Leprosy and Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) control program to improve community access and quality of NTD services.

The project was assessed to have improved the health and well-being of communities through their work of improving government health services to address NTDs, improvements in detection and reporting of new cases and improving local health clinic infrastructure.

The project worked with communities to address issues that negatively impacted health (e.g. access to clean water) and the significant stigma against persons with leprosy and disabilities. This included increasing mental health services, improving access to clean water, toilets and income generation opportunities.

In addition, flexible programming and exchange rate gains allowed for achievements beyond planned project activities.

Key achievements

- 911 leprosy cases found
- 15,048 children reached with good hygiene education
- 3474 people with improved access to clean water
- 8.2 million people reached with NTD information
- 4,840,000 community members received NTD preventative medication
- 6 Public Health Centres now deliver mental health services

Achievements that cannot be measured in numbers:

- Successful advocacy to the national electoral commission resulted in over 500 previously excluded people with leprosy being able to register to vote.
- The Zamfara state department for Leprosy and TB received national awards for their work on identifying more leprosy cases than the national average. This was a direct result of the project's active case finding activities.
- Boreholes installed to improve clean water access has increased social interaction with people from neighbouring communities who visit to fetch water.

Learnings/recommendations

- The model was successful in increasing NTD awareness. It is recommended that the model be scaled up and extended to other states.
- The state government provided limited funds to support the project implementation. If more funds were provided, the impact of the project would have been even greater. The evaluation recommends the State Ministry of Health should consider allocating funds from their annual budget to fund core leprosy and NTD interventions.
- Consider providing mobile health services, including mental health counselling to hard-to-reach communities.

Strengthening Integrated Neglected Tropical Disease Control in Zamfara (SINTDC)

Duration

2019-2024

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria

Project location

Zamfara

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Project Reports: Timor Leste



Project duration

2019-2024

Amount provided

this year \$358,990.94

Partner

Misaun Lepra Timor Leste

Project locations

- Baucau
- Manatuto

Sustainable

Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Improved Leprosy Services (ILS)

Working in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the project seeks to improve the implementation of the National Leprosy Control program in two districts in Timor Leste. This involves upskilling of health workers, conducting mass screening, improving accuracy of leprosy recording documents in the health system and providing supervision to government health workers to improve their capacity to manage leprosy treatment and complications.

This year, the project trialled a new model of providing financial incentives to health posts to encourage motivation and accurate completion of leprosy recording. This appeared to have some effectiveness in ensuring accurate reporting and follow up of patients.

The project also provided training to laboratory technicians on the diagnosis of leprosy. As a result, for the first time, local health posts now have the ability to conduct slit skin smear tests in their local clinics instead of sending patients to the district hospitals which may be a long distance away.



Highlights

- 16,378 people screened
- 38 new leprosy cases found
- 436 reached with leprosy management
- 30,657 community members educated on leprosy
- 181 people provided with self-care training
- 90 vulnerable patients provided with food

Antonio receives treatment for ulcers and wounds as a result of leprosy.

Photo credit: Elfan Cadson



Project Reports: Nepal

Integrated Mobilisation of People for Active Community Transformation (IMPACT)

Through the model of establishing Self-Help Groups and cooperatives, the project aims to improve the economic resilience and increase positive health outcomes for people affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, other disabilities and those marginalised in society. In this final year of the project, significant emphasis was placed on ensuring sustainability in health seeking behaviours and economic stability for the nine cooperatives under the project.

Highlights

- 900 people were members of a cooperative
- 102,385 people screened for leprosy
- 1,060 people trained in self-care techniques
- 261 people received counselling
- 103 people received assistive devices



Urmila was supported to build up her business through the Self-Help Group.

Photo credit: Subin Adhikari



Rakesh has been supported by the IMPACT project to access a prosthetic limb and the loan scheme has allowed him to start dragon fruit farming, to help support his family.

Photo credit: Subin Adhikari



Project duration

2019-2024

Amount provided this year \$253,592.96

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

Project locations

Western Nepal:

- Kaplivastu
- Rupendehi
- Parasi

Sustainable Development Goals



Zero Strategy



Project Reports: Nepal

Project duration

2023-2028

Amount provided this year \$105,915

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

Project location

Anandaban Hospital, Lele, Kathmandu

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Project duration

2022-2027

Amount provided this year \$100,000

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

Project location

Across Nepal

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Self-Care Unit (SCU)

Located in Anandaban Hospital (a leprosy specialist hospital), the self-care unit is the last stop for patients before discharge home. At the unit, patients spend two weeks learning self-care techniques that prevent further damage when they return to their tasks of daily living (e.g. washing, cooking, farming).

This year, the unit was rebuilt to address structural damage caused by the 2015 earthquake, increase disability accessibility and modernise the unit to align with standards of the modern Nepali home.

The rebuild took ten months and moving patients into the new unit commenced as the financial year ended.



Greg Clarke with Kashi, Nurse, Self-Care Unit, Anandaban Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Highlights

- 102 patients received self-care training
- 78 attended physiotherapy sessions
- 81 received counselling
- 79 people received aids to protect against further damage

Nepal Tertiary Education

Recognising the barriers to education people affected by leprosy and other disabilities face, this project aims to provide holistic support for 12 students to attend university and obtain a bachelor's degree. This support includes university fees, accommodation, study resources (e.g. laptops), mental wellbeing monitoring and a small amount for daily expenses. Enrolment into the program continued this year, with six new students, thus completing the total quota of enrolments for the project. All courses studied are between 3-4 years.



Anjali helping out with donations from her local Leo Club.

Photo credit: Subin Adhikari

Highlights

Student enrolments:

- Bachelor of Business: 3
- Bachelor of Nursing: 2
- Bachelor of social work: 1
- Bachelor of Hotel Management: 2
- Bachelor of Computing Science: 2
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering: 1
- Bachelor of Public Health: 1

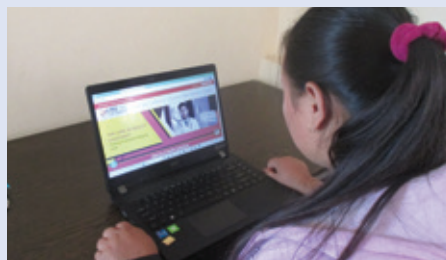


Project Reports: Nepal

Supporting Empowerment through Education Development (SEED)

Educational scholarships are provided to support children affected by leprosy, disability or from marginalised families, to attend primary and secondary school. The students' mental health wellbeing is monitored throughout their schooling and parents are also involved in counselling to ensure holistic support for students and reduce the risk of school dropouts.

Triple Zero Goals



Juki, who was diagnosed with leprosy as a child, has been supported to continue her studies through the SEED Project.

Highlights

- 82 students provided with scholarships: 42 female, 40 male
- 9 students graduated from year 12
- 48 students reported experiencing moderate – high levels of stigma

Jhapa Leprosy Reduction (JLR)

Recognising the high number of child cases in the district of Jhapa, the project works in six high endemic areas towards the goal of reducing the prevalence of child leprosy cases to less than 10% of new cases.

The project works in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to conduct skin screening in schools to identify leprosy cases and other skin conditions. The project then expands their services into the community through contact tracing and mass screening of neighbourhoods of new leprosy cases identified through the school. Additionally, the project reviews old and existing leprosy cases to ensure thorough contact tracing has been completed.

This year the project started a new initiative of mapping endemic child leprosy clusters to identify strategic areas for targeting and conducted comprehensive contact tracing. This has proven to be an effective method

that has uncovered many hidden cases, some of whom had already developed disabilities, indicating they had gone undiagnosed for many years.



Ajay, a government health worker, providing leprosy awareness training to the community.

Photo credit: Daniel Christiansz Photography

Highlights

- 18,413 school children screened
- 57 schools reached
- 7,396 community members screened
- 894 community members educated on leprosy
- 122 people supported with custom shoes
- 58 new leprosy cases

Project duration

2023-2032

Amount provided this year \$48,781

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nepal

Project location

Bagmati Province

Sustainable Development Goals



Australian Aid

Project duration

2023-2028

Amount provided this year \$250,000

Partner

Nepal Leprosy Fellowship

Project location

Eastern Nepal: Jhapa

Municipalities:

- Kamal
- Barhadashi
- Haldibari
- Kachankabal
- Birtamode
- Gauriganj

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Project Reports: Indonesia



**Australian
Aid** 

Project duration
2022-2025

**Amount provided
this year** \$205,583

Partner
Yayasan NLR Indonesia

Project location
Kuningan

**Sustainable
Development Goals**



Triple Zero Goals



Nuraeni educates and mentors people on the benefits of leprosy screening.

Photo supplied by YNLR Indonesia

Leprosy Friendly Village (Desaku)

Fear and discrimination against people with leprosy are significant barriers to early diagnosis, treatment and management of leprosy.

This project works in 20 villages to integrate the leprosy friendly village model. This model seeks to mobilise key community leaders and government staff to increase leprosy awareness, reduce stigma and improve support for people seeking a leprosy diagnosis and those going through treatment.

Through the advocacy work of the project this year, Kuningan province has passed a regulation mandating the implementation of the leprosy control program. This provided additional leverage for the project team to encourage villages to

allocate budget to conduct leprosy activities. 18 villages have now allocated budget and conducted their own leprosy screening activities. This has contributed to finding new leprosy cases.

20 Leprosy Friendly Village forums were also established to provide persons with leprosy a space for peer support.

Highlights

- 37,749 screened for leprosy
- 38 new leprosy cases
- 527 health workers trained
- 429 key community members educated on leprosy



Project Reports: Indonesia

Urban Leprosy (Kotaku)

The migration trends of people in search of work have resulted in the spread of leprosy in urban areas. With increased options for private health services in urban cities, leprosy cases are often under reported or misdiagnosed due to poor knowledge within the private health sector. Currently there is no mandate that private practitioners report leprosy cases. Additionally, leprosy awareness is low within the private health sector. This project seeks to improve leprosy awareness amongst clinicians in the private sector and establish a common leprosy referral system for both public and private health services.

This year, because of the project's partnership with the Indonesian medical association, more private doctors have been willing to attend training on the clinical management of leprosy.

Referrals from private doctors have resulted in new cases being identified and recorded.

Highlights

- 26,061 people screened for leprosy
- 1,465 community members educated on leprosy
- 125 private clinicians trained
- 45 informal settlements reached with leprosy services
- 33 new leprosy cases



Australian Aid 

Project duration
2022-2025

Amount provided this year \$149,417

Partner
Yayasan NLR Indonesia

Project location
Bekasi

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Jamaludin has been cured from leprosy and is now an advocate for awareness.

Photo supplied by YNLR Indonesia

Project Reports: India

Project duration

2019-2024

**Amount provided
this year** \$133,801

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Trust
India

Project locations

- Cuddalore
- Kallakurichi
- Vilupuram

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Inclusive Empowerment

Operating in the state of Tamil Nadu, this project seeks to increase access to health services. Through the use of a mobile therapy van, the project brings much needed basic health care and rehabilitation services to communities in remote, hard to reach areas. With advancements in technology, the van conducts 3D feet scanning so that custom shoes can be made for patients without them needing to travel long distances to the workshop. Additionally, the van provides telehealth appointments so patients can receive consultations with specialist doctors without having to travel to the hospitals.

The project continued to advocate for more disability inclusive practices in different villages within Tamil Nadu. There are now five therapy units set up in villages that are run by the local communities and 10 self-care groups.

The project continues to experiment and use their 3D printer to develop small, but highly important, tools for patients such as splints, insoles, cosmetic fingers and toes.

Highlights

- 1,561 leprosy patients and other disabilities supported
- 413 health workers and allied health students trained in leprosy rehabilitation
- 634 assistive devices provided
- 14 reconstructive surgeries
- 52 children from orphanages fitted with orthotic devices
- 214 3D printed items (e.g. insoles, splints, prostheses) provided
- 83 people received artificial limbs
- 149 people received custom footwear

Project duration

2019-2023

**Amount provided
this year** \$60,000

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Trust
India

Project location

Salur

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Salur Hospital

Salur hospital provides specialised leprosy treatment and management services to the local population. As they are one of the few health services in the region, the hospital also provides general health services to the surrounding communities and to the remote tribal groups living in the region. Outreach clinics are regularly conducted with other local organisations to increase community awareness of the available services at Salur Hospital.

This year the hospital received financial support from the government insurance scheme to treat disadvantaged patients.

Highlights

- 17,234 people received services
- 2,427 leprosy patients treated
- 178 babies delivered
- 429 cataract surgeries performed
- 334 people provided with custom footwear
- 34 reconstructive surgeries
- 1,538 physiotherapy assessments
- 1,457 dental procedures completed



Project Reports: India



Mechanical students at the vocational training centre.
Photo credit: Daniel Christiansz Photography

Vadathorasalur Vocational Training Centre

The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) provides education to young adults affected by leprosy, other disabilities and marginalised people to learn a trade that is in demand in Tamil Nadu. These trades include electrical, refrigeration and tailoring. Recognising that fewer young women come to the institution, the VTC started a college-on-wheels initiative where teachers travel to different villages to provide short course training to women. Through this, a samosa production unit has been established and has already crossed the break-even point and is now bringing in a small profit for the VTC.

The VTC continues to maintain a strong focus on improving their financial self-sustainability. The available land at the VTC has been planted with trees such as aloe vera, lemons, urad dal and Azzola in preparation for the commencement of income generating production units.

Highlights

- 158 students enrolled in trades run on campus
- 314 students enrolled in the College on Wheels program
- 9 potential employer companies educated on fair labour laws and inclusive employment
- 1,000 aloe vera trees planted
- 100 lemon trees planted
- 1 acre urad dal (mungo bean) planted



Tailoring student at the vocational training centre.

Photo credit: Daniel Christiansz Photography

Rilda Bennett Physiotherapy Training Fund

Supported by the Bennett family, this fund contributes to the training fees for students affected by leprosy who desire to complete a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Naini Hospital. The hospital is currently completing government registration requirements for the commencement of this new degree. Identification and admission of students for the course is currently underway.

Project duration

2023-2028

Amount provided

this year \$80,000

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Trust India

Project Location

Vadathorasalur

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Amount provided

this year \$10,250

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Trust India

Project location

Prayagraj

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Project Reports: Nigeria



Project duration

2019-2024

**Amount provided
this year** \$260,000

Partner

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria

Project location

Zamfara

Sustainable Development Goals



Triple Zero Goals



Lawal expresses his gratitude to TLM Nigeria Head of Programs & Operations, Pius Ogbu Sunday, for his third prosthetic leg funded by TLM supporters.

Photo supplied by Stephanie Roberts

Strengthening Integrated Neglected Tropical Disease Control in Zamfara (SINTDC)

Working in Zamfara state, northern Nigeria, the project aims to strengthen health services for the diagnosis and management of Neglected Tropical Diseases and attributed disabilities. Additionally, the project seeks to ensure people with leprosy and lymphatic filariasis contribute to health programs and policies of relevance to them and build their capacity to take responsibility for their own development.

Following the project's successful advocacy work to ensure the inclusion of persons with leprosy in the national electoral voting system, the team continued to work with national government to increase inclusion of persons with other disabilities.

A significant focus of the project on mental health awareness has resulted in the integration of mental health

assessments into routine services at health clinics, the development of peer support counselling groups and the development of a mental health hotline where people can ring into The Leprosy Mission Nigeria office to receive over the phone counselling for any mental health concerns.

Highlights

- Renovation of wards at a general hospital to increase capacity to admit leprosy patients
- New borehole installation that services four communities
- 56 people provided with prosthetics
- 3,124 reached with leprosy awareness
- 39 new leprosy cases
- 30 surgeries for hydrocele and hernia repair
- 4,035 students reached with sanitation and personal hygiene education



The Leprosy Mission Social Enterprise Shop

When you Shop to Stop Leprosy, you are not only purchasing products, but you are helping to achieve all of the following:

- Providing livelihoods for artisans affected by leprosy
- Supporting organisations that help people affected by leprosy and disability
- Supporting The Leprosy Mission projects in partner countries
- Improving living standards of communities in developing countries
- Supporting Fair Trade and anti-slavery initiatives
- Supporting local Australian businesses
- Supporting sustainable products and practices for a positive effect on the environment


The map below shows where our overseas partner producers are located. By supporting our partner producers, workers are able to earn a dignified income and gain access to much needed social and medical care.

COUNTRIES PRODUCT IS MADE

Bangladesh
India
Israel/ Palestine
Nepal
Indonesia
Nigeria
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Vietnam
Australia




Achievements from the past year include:




\$51k

Purchases helped Artisans




\$243k

Purchases that supported Australian local businesses




\$5k

Purchases from artisans directly linked to TLMA projects



\$12k

Purchases from organisations that work with artisans affected by leprosy and disability



20%

of product is purchased from overseas artisans

The Leprosy Mission Social Enterprise Shop



Photo credit:
Supa Thejan

Artisan, Radhika Basnet, at New SADLE handmade felt and batik products

The Leprosy Mission Australia believes our commitment to following Jesus Christ means that we do not want to see people trapped in slavery. We are also aware that modern slavery overwhelmingly impacts people who live in poverty. Many people affected by leprosy are economically disadvantaged and face a higher risk of ending up in slavery. As people living in the light of Jesus, and committed to serving people affected by leprosy, we want to be active participants in preventing slavery.

Everyone should have a chance to feel empowered, no matter where they are

or what challenges they face. That's why our handmade products are carefully crafted by artisan producers across the world through the 10 Fair Trade principles.

Through ethical sourcing we help provide a dignified source of income for these incredibly talented artisan producers, who are often ostracised and marginalised, as well as a way for them to give back to their communities.

The Leprosy Mission Shop is proud to offer high-quality, ethically sourced products that support those who need it the most.



This year the global Leprosy Mission fellowship celebrates 150 years of helping people affected by leprosy! To commemorate this special milestone, the Social Enterprise team developed a unique range of shoppable gifts. We worked in collaboration with local Australian small businesses to create a collection of items inspired by Australian flora and the emblem of the 150 years of The Leprosy Mission - the Armadillo. By prioritising ethical and sustainable sourcing, we have curated a range of products that will provide a loving gift or keepsake and help to share the message of The Leprosy Mission. Proceeds of each item sold go back to overseas projects that support individuals and communities affected by leprosy and disability.



How your Gifts of Love are helping Mina help others with leprosy

When Mina was diagnosed with leprosy, she felt deeply sad and lost. But thanks to the support of people like you, she can tell us about this time with a smile!

Mina was out working in the field when another worker accidentally struck her arm. But Mina didn't feel anything and that worried her. She went to see a doctor and found out it was leprosy.

She was upset and asked the medical staff not to tell anyone she had leprosy. She had heard bad things about leprosy, and knew about the stigma.

"I finished my medicine and didn't really tell anyone," Mina tells us.

"It was only when I discovered another member in my community taking the medicine, I started talking to them and coming out."

Mina knew other people were suffering the same way she was. After talking with Leprosy Mission staff, she took the initiative and formed a Self-Help Group! She chaired the group, and has moved on to helping run a special agricultural cooperative

"Compared to before putting the Self-Help Group together, I feel very different," Mina says. "Before the IMPACT project, nobody knew about me. But now... even the local government invites me to meetings and discussions."

A couple of years ago, Mina took out a loan to start a banana farm. She's been able to build up a sustainable income from it for her family. Now she wants to keep growing her farm – and help give work and income to others in her community.



Photo credit: Subin Adhikari



Photo credit: Supa Thejan

Your shopping helps Sabita care for her family!

Sabita works hard, hand-stitching textiles to earn money for her family. Her husband used to work in another country but came back to Nepal for his family. He has struggled to find work since then, so they take care of their 10-year-old son with just one income. They saved up money and took out a loan to buy a taxi. Now Sabita's husband could work! But then – COVID lockdowns hit. A caring mother wants to do anything she can to help her family – but sometimes, it's hard to see what she can do.

As the lockdown stretched on, Sabita became more and more worried. Her husband could not drive his taxi, and they had put so much of their money into it. Would they be able to afford rent? Or repayments on their loan? Could they even afford enough food?

But Sabita was able to find help for her family – through her job at New SADLE. Thanks to our supporters who buy her handmade products, Sabita was able to get the financial support her family needed.

Since lockdowns ended, Sabita is working and confidently supporting her family.

When supporters shop our range of hand-made products, they are helping to empower women like Sabita, and helping mothers like her care for their families. Sabita feels proud knowing that people overseas love the things she makes and this has restored her sense of pride and dignity.

Thank you

“If you take on anything for the Lord, it needs to be so big that it scares you.” Angus Buchan



Maria and Joe Bast shared this inspiring quote, and it truly embodies their approach to philanthropy and support for our work with people affected by leprosy.

Around 20 years ago, Maria and Joe returned from India where they met Dr Jacob, a leprologist, saw his work and also met people affected by leprosy. It made such an impact that they were inspired to support this work and have since personally supported and raised funds for several large programs in India with The Leprosy Mission Australia.

These programs include the support for training of ten nurses for four years and multi-year funding of a mobile outreach service. At an international conference in Hyderabad, our in-country partner shared the success of this program and the Tamil Nadu State Government agreed to fund 39 similar mobile outreach van services! As

Joe said, “God doesn’t only multiply bread and fishes”.

A truly amazing result and demonstration that well-funded, impactful programs supported by The Leprosy Mission Australia, build the capacity of local health systems to deliver large scale impact.

At 86 and 89 years old, Maria and Joe have just agreed to wholly support the Life and Limbs Project in Chidambaram, India, which uses innovative technology such as scanning and 3D printing to provide prosthetics and orthotics to people affected by leprosy. On a recent visit to India they saw people being fitted with customised prosthetic legs proceeding to throw away their crutches and ride off on a motorcycle with a big smile on their face!

They, like us, are inspired to see this project transform the lives of people from a seemingly hopeless life to a life full of hope.

We are very thankful to have the support of so many supporters like Maria and Joe, who are truly passionate partners in our mission to end leprosy and transform lives.

TLMA Ambassadors Joe and Maria Bast listen and learn from Manivanan Govindarajlu M.O.T (Ortho) Program Manager & Senior Occupational Therapist at The Leprosy Mission Trust India in Tamil Nadu, India as he fits a patient with a prosthetic leg.

Photo supplied by TLM Trust India



Leprosy Mission centenarian is also Vegemite royalty

The niece of the inventor of Vegemite is one of Leprosy Mission Australia's longest serving supporters. Margaret Callister, who lives in Sydney, estimates that she has been advocating for the work to defeat leprosy for at least 64 years.

"I began supporting in 1960 after we had a Leprosy Mission speaker at the Bexley Baptist church," Margaret says. "I felt compelled to support due to the awful treatment people with leprosy experienced. No one deserves to live the life they were."

Margaret is not just a highly valued donor: she has supported the Leprosy Mission Australia in several ways over the years. She has purchased from catalogues, been one of our prayer partners, and has been an advocate for our work through the various church and community organisations she has been involved with.

Margaret is particularly proud of the medical advancements that have happened during the last 64 years. She says during her time as a supporter, she particularly enjoyed talks from Warwick and Annette Britton about the work they were involved with in Nepal. She also loved hearing from Dr Grace Warren about her surgical breakthroughs.

However, Margaret says her biggest delight is that there is now a cure for leprosy with Multi-Drug Therapy. This and other medical breakthroughs mean The Leprosy Mission is the closest it has ever been to achieving the triple zero goals of zero leprosy transmission, zero leprosy disability and zero leprosy discrimination.

Margaret says it's remarkable and exciting that a charity is working towards putting itself out of a job by completing its mission. "It will be a great day when leprosy is eradicated and the discrimination people with leprosy receive is stopped."

Margaret's other claim to fame is being the niece of the inventor of Vegemite, Australia's iconic breakfast toast spread. Cyril Callister was the brother of Margaret's father. Cyril was a food technician hired by the Fred Walker Company (later Kraft) in Melbourne to produce a yeast extract spread from the remnants of beer production. Vegemite was first produced in 1923 and celebrated its 100th birthday last year.

Margaret says her uncle was a kind and pleasant man. She says no one, including her uncle, expected the popularity and success that Vegemite eventually achieved. "We knew it was special but not the worldwide phenomenon that it is now."

Margaret is one of The Leprosy Mission Australia's oldest supporters at the age of 102.



Giving thanks

This year we received bequest gifts from the following estates:

Estate of Alice Charlotte Lilius Wheat

Estate of Erica Coral Hammond

Estate of Erika Rosemarie Worboys

Estate of Ian Francis Woodland

Estate of Jessie May Hall

Estate of Leonard Arthur and Vivienne Muriel Evans

Estate of Malcolm Pussell

Estate of Maureen Valerie Thompson

Estate of Patricia Robyn Nicolson

Estate of Philip Hamilton Wollaston

Estate of Raymond Arthur McGahy

Estate of Robert Peter Heywood

Florence Agnes Todd Charitable Trust

The Estate of the late Miss Pauline Fischer Darlington Trust

The Harding Beneficiary Fund

The Ida Maud Webster McDonald Perpetual Charitable Trust

The Lynette and John Gates Charitable Endowment

The Ronald K White Charitable Trust Fund



Board of Directors

The Leprosy Mission Australia is governed by a Board of Directors comprising of members from various fields of expertise including international development, mission, financial, human resources, promotional and marketing fields.



Jennifer Ward

MBA, BEcon (HONS), Post Grad Dip, GAICD

- Appointed Director 23 October 2016
- Appointed Board Chair 15 October 2022
- Chair of the Governance & Risk Committee
- Member of the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee

Jenny has over 25 years' experience in international business, economics and human resource management to bring to her role. She has held a variety of senior executive roles both in Australia and internationally (Japan, China, USA, Asia Pacific) with large global organisations including BHP Billiton and World Vision Australia. Jenny is a qualified Company Director, has a Master of Business Administration and a post graduate degree in Economics. She brings broad governance, cross cultural, business and human resource management experience to the Board.



Paul de Mare

B.Comm, Higher Dip: Accounting, M.Comm: Tax, CA

- Appointed Director 10 October 2020
- Appointed Finance Director 7 December 2020
- Chair of the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee

Paul has some 25 years business experience having worked as a Corporate and International Tax expert for a Multinational based in South Africa for some 20 of these years. He led a team and, together with the team, managed the tax affairs of the multinational's African group for the 10 years prior to moving to Australia. On moving to Australia in 2010 his focus changed, and he has been working in the Christian Not for Profit sector, working for Arrow Leadership and for the last 10½ years, Korus Connect, as their Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary



Rev. Kevin Keegan

Grad.Cert.NFP Management; Grad. Dip.Th, B.Th, TAE40110 Cert IV Training & Assessment, Cert.Ministry Consultancy, Cert.Ordnation

- Appointed Director 9 February 2015
- Member of the Governance & Risk Committee

Kevin has over 15 years mission executive leadership experience and over 20 years of senior church leadership/pastoral experience, and is presently a Project Development Manager in the HCR Network. Kevin is an ordained Baptist minister with qualifications in theology, non-profit management, consultancy and training. Kevin brings leadership, strategy, theological thinking, cross-cultural awareness and integral mission experience to this position. His practical and insightful acumen, along with a witty and outgoing personality makes for healthy Board functioning and interaction.





Dr Judy Louie

PhD(Acc), MBus(Acc), Grad.Dip(Acc),
BSc, CPA

- Appointed Director 23 October 2016
- Member of the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee

Judy has more than 20 years of knowledge and experience in accounting and information technology. She completed her PhD degree in accounting. She was previously a lecturer in accounting at La Trobe University for 11 years and a lecturer in information technology at Sunway University in Malaysia for 4 years. Judy is a CPA member and has a strong industry background, having worked in an accounting firm, a religious institution and non-profit organisations for more than 11 years. Currently, Judy is lecturing in finance and data analytics at William Angliss Institute. She had served for 7 years as a leader in Navigators, a University Christian student group, to help meet the various needs of students from overseas.



Dr Angeline Low

PhD, M Mgt, BEcon (Hons), MAICD

- Appointed Director 25 June 2018
- Chair of the International Programs Committee
- Member of the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee
- Member of the Governance & Risk Committee

Angeline has over 30 years' experience on Boards in international charity and development organisations, including Family Planning NSW, Northern Sydney Area Health Service, ChildFund Australia and Action on Poverty. Her professional and business experience included being a Partner of Deloitte Malaysia and Director of Asia-Pacific Consulting at Deloitte Sydney. Internationally, Angeline is an active participant and speaker on gender, leadership and economic inclusion of women. She has been the guest of the European Union, the OECD and the ILO on multiple occasions to deliberate on gender issues. She holds a PhD in entrepreneurship research. Today, Angeline manages her private investments and spends the rest of her time in philanthropic work.



Dr Mark Morley

BA (Arabic), BComm, MInt'lBus,
SJD (Law).

- Appointed Director 27 September 2021
- Chair of the Prayer, Promotion & Fundraising Committee
- Member of the Finance, Audit & Investment Committee

Mark has a strong consulting background, and extensive experience in Australia and abroad. He was a senior diplomat in Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and then in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and has worked at Regional Development Victoria and Telstra in executive roles. Mark holds a Bachelor of Commerce, a Bachelor of Arts in Arabic, a Master of International Relations, and a doctorate in law at Monash University, on Islamism and its influence on Christian minorities in Pakistan. Mark currently consults with an international not-for-profit agency in leadership development and serves as an independent director at Bendigo Community Health Services (BCHS), Regional Partnerships Victoria, and the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo.

THANKS

Our thanks go to the following members who stepped down from the Board during the financial year.

Dr Colin Martin (resigned 16 November 2023)

Adam Walker (resigned 16 November 2023)

Fifi Rashando (resigned 29 November 2023)

Jennifer Cavanough (resigned 15 March 2024)

Governance

The Leprosy Mission Australia Board has established sub-committees to develop board efficiency and effectiveness to support activities in the following areas:

Governance and Risk Committee (GRC)

The Governance and Risk Committee is responsible for the effectiveness of the board structures and membership, ensuring the highest standards are met, including Board education and development and CEO appointment and performance. It also takes responsibility for the management of risk including review of the policies and compliance in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements.

Finance, Audit and Investment Committee (FAIC)

The Finance, Audit and Investment Committee is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the overall financial performance and health of the organisation, advising the Board on the audit and overseeing the management of the investment portfolio.

The International Programs Committee, Prayer, Promotion and Fundraising Committee and Investment Committee ran for the first half of the reporting period and then oversight of these areas has been incorporated into the committees noted above.

Membership of Leprosy Mission Australia

The Board are accountable to the members of the National Council.

National Council – General Members	National Council State Representatives	Life Members
Paul de Mare Kevin Keegan Judy Louie Angeline Low Mark Morley Jennifer Ward Shivani Astley Warwick Britton Jennifer Cavanough Peter Geddes Colin Martin Steve Meredith Stephen Lockrey (resigned 16 November 2023) Pam Packett Fifi Rashando (resigned 29 November 2023) Chrisy Savvides Denise Scott Adam Walker	New South Wales Sally Martin Janet Walmsley Queensland Derek Hume Judy Satish South Australia Kathrine Jaeschke David Marshman Jenny Marshman Tasmania Margaret Mead Victoria Joe Bast Maria Bast Western Australia Heather Newton	From time-to-time honorary Life Membership is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the work of the Leprosy Mission Australia over many years and who have a deep and abiding interest in the work that we do. The following people have Life Membership Mrs Shirley Bates Mrs Margery Bonsor Mr Tom Broderick (dec. 7 Jan 2024) Mr Stuart Brown Mrs Martry Cole Mr Robert Cole Dr Russell Conway Mrs Jenny Davis Mr Ron Dawes Dr Barry Edwards Mr Ken Martin Mrs Shirley Martin Mrs Barbara Maxwell Ms Joan Moulton Ms Pam Packett Mrs Jean Porteous Dr Murray Sandland Mrs Jan Saunders Mrs Margaret Schneebeil Mrs Denise Scott Mrs Audrey Sheffield Mrs Anne Steed Mrs Heather Smith Mr Trevor Smith (dec. 4 July 2024) Mr Jack Torrance Mrs Janet Torrance Dr Grace Warren Mr Peter Warren Mrs Ruth Wheatley



The Leprosy Mission Australia

ABN: 52 354 004 543

Independent Audit Report to the members of The Leprosy Mission Australia

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the summary income statement and summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial report of The Leprosy Mission Australia for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 5 September 2024.

Directors' responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.


Saward Dawson
Peter Shields
Partner

Blackburn

Date: 2 October 2024

Financial Summary

Finance overview for the financial year ending 30 June 2024

The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) achieved a surplus for the year of \$182,084 (2023: \$356,716) which includes a non-monetary adjustment of \$170,660 (2023: \$110,955) to reflect its financial assets at its fair value at year end. A recent revaluation of land and building has given rise to a revaluation surplus of \$556,880 which has been reported as part of comprehensive income and increased the asset revaluation reserve.

We have raised \$8,015,352 in total revenue through our faithful and generous supporters in donations, bequest gifting and buying merchandise from our shop including an Australian government grant of \$1,452,349 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Revenue had increased 2% against last year.

This financial year, the Company has continued its support to seven countries – Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, PNG and Timor Leste. We were able to spend \$2,949,976 (2023: \$2,938,210) on program implementation and \$1,029,749 (2023: \$944,491) in community education. This has enabled our project partners to provide aid to help people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

Our overall financial health

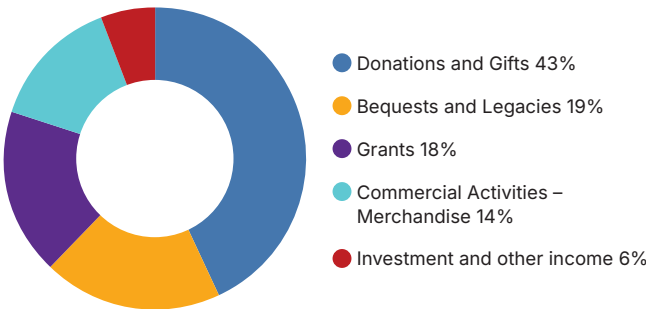
We are thankful that the financial health of the Company is sound with a strong balance sheet (as summarised in the Statement of Financial Position) with net assets of \$12,558,990 (2023: \$11,820,026) including cash equivalents of \$1,750,341 and financial assets of \$4,238,514 which are ungeared and actively managed using specialist advice to achieve long term market growth with competitive returns.

Our financial objectives in 2024-25 are to focus on building and sustaining the Company's capacity to meet our project commitments and operations. We will continue to keep a tight control on non-project expenditure to maximise effective use of resources. Together, with our supporters and partners, we will defeat leprosy and transform lives affected by leprosy.

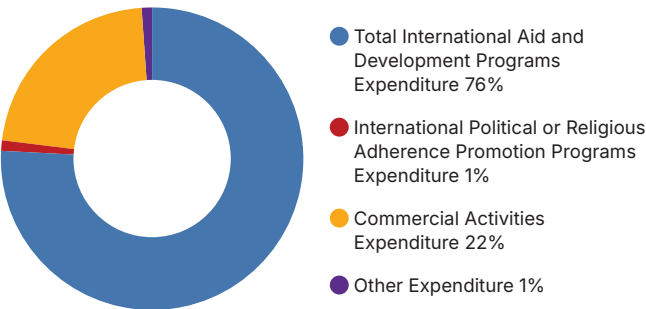
The charts represent our income and expenditure as a proportion of the totals. Each category is adapted from the summary financial statements within this report and is based on the definitions approved in the ACFID Code of Conduct.

*Source: Audited TLMA Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, amounts are in Australian Dollars

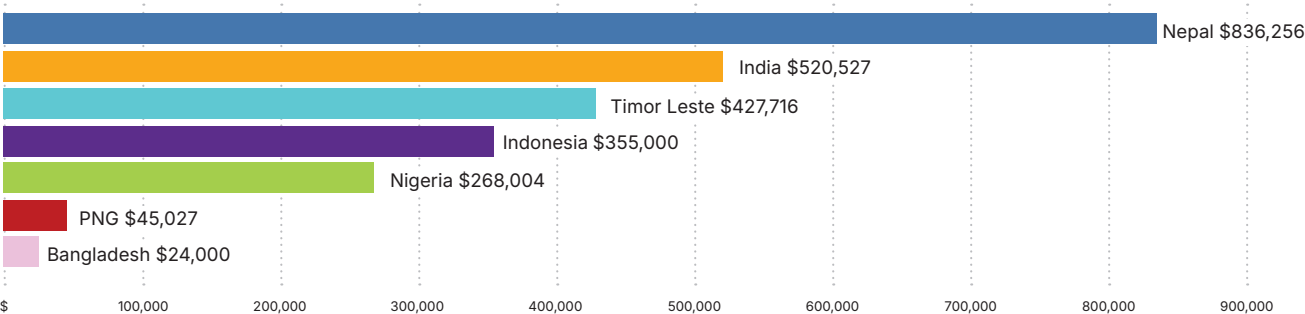
Where do our funds come from?*



Where did we spend the money?*



Remittance by Country



Financial Summary

Statement of Income and Expenditure and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Amounts shown in Australian Dollars

REVENUE	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Donations and Gifts		
• Monetary	3,472,296	3,660,217
Bequests and legacies	1,530,576	1,181,879
Grants		
• DFAT	1,452,349	1,410,005
Commercial Activities Income - Merchandise	1,085,339	1,272,525
Investment income	468,440	325,857
Other income	6,352	16,365
TOTAL REVENUE	8,015,352	7,866,848
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
• Funds to International Programs	(2,476,530)	(2,496,879)
• Program Support Costs	(473,446)	(441,331)
Community Education Costs	(1,029,749)	(944,491)
Fundraising Costs		
• Public	(1,320,817)	(962,640)
• Government, Multilateral and Private	(9,837)	(8,069)
Accountability and Administration	(640,956)	(743,789)
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	(5,951,335)	(5,597,199)
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	(87,594)	(84,082)
Commercial Activities Expenditure	(1,755,639)	(1,795,571)
Other Expenditure	(38,700)	(33,280)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(7,833,268)	(7,510,132)
Surplus for the year	182,084	356,716
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Gain on property revaluation	556,880	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year	738,964	356,716

These summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID website www.acfid.asn.au. For a copy of The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) full audited financial statements or further information, please contact our team on 1800 537 767 or visit our website www.leprosymission.org.au

Financial Summary

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2024

Amounts shown in Australian Dollars

ASSETS	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,750,341	2,823,313
Trade and other receivables	182,719	70,689
Inventories	234,861	353,279
Financial assets	4,238,514	2,877,539
Other assets	66,380	85,894
Total Current Assets	6,472,815	6,210,714
Non-current Assets		
Right-of-use assets	12,323	540
Property, plant and equipment	6,549,048	6,033,453
Intangible assets	77,145	52,023
Total Non-Current Assets	6,638,516	6,086,016
TOTAL ASSETS	13,111,331	12,296,730
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	262,250	178,330
Short-term provisions	247,908	281,157
Lease liabilities	3,845	573
Total Current Liabilities	514,003	460,060
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long-term provisions	29,516	16,644
Lease liabilities	8,822	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	38,338	16,644
TOTAL LIABILITIES	552,341	476,704
NET ASSETS	12,558,990	11,820,026
EQUITY		
Reserves	7,318,537	6,761,657
Retained earnings	5,240,453	5,058,369
TOTAL EQUITY	12,558,990	11,820,026

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Amounts shown in Australian Dollars

2024	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TLMA Investment Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	5,058,369	5,637,237	1,124,420	11,820,026
Surplus for the year	182,084	-	-	182,084
Gain on property revaluation	-	556,880	-	556,880
Balance at 30 June 2024	5,240,453	6,194,117	1,124,420	12,558,990

2023	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TLMA Investment Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	4,701,653	5,637,237	1,124,420	11,463,310
Surplus for the year	356,716	-	-	356,716
Balance at 30 June 2023	5,058,369	5,637,237	1,124,420	11,820,026

Accountabilities and memberships



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The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and as a signatory to the Code, is committed to full adherence to the ACFID Code of Conduct. TLMA participates in a number of ACFID's Communities of Practice that provide a platform for members to collaborate through shared learning and to advocate on issues relating to international development. More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct may be obtained from ACFID's website: www.acfid.asn.au.

If you have any concerns relating to TLMA's compliance with the ACFID Code of Conduct complaints can be made directly to ACFID by emailing code@acfid.asn.au. Further information can be found at acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/complaints/

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1800 LEPROSY (1800 537 767)

By email:

hello@leprosymission.org.au

By Post:

Private and Confidential
Board Chair
The Leprosy Mission Australia
PO Box 293
BOX HILL VIC 3128

We welcome feedback of all kinds, and have a formal complaints process.

To provide feedback, read our complaints policy, or to lodge a complaint, please email.



We are registered as a charity and Public Benevolent Institution with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).



ORGANISATIONAL
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We are an organisational member of the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA), the national peak body representing professional fundraising in Australia. We adhere to, and comply with, FIA's Principles and Standards of Fundraising Practice.



Australian Disability+Development Consortium

We are committed to disability-inclusive development and contribute to advocacy activities in the Australian Development sector.



TLMA is also a member of Missions Interlink, a network of Australian Christian agencies actively engaged together in effective cross-cultural and global mission.



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We are fully accredited by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), meeting all the standards required. DFAT is responsible for managing Australia's overseas aid program.

As an accredited agency, we receive government funds for a number of our programs through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). The Leprosy Mission Australia raised \$1 for every \$5 provided by the Australian Grant. We are grateful to both ANCP and our supporters who through their combined funding increased the impact of our projects. The projects that received contributions from ANCP are identified with the Australian Aid logo above.



The Leprosy Mission Australia is a member of the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand, a network of organisations that support fairness in price and wages, improved market access and poverty alleviation.

The Leprosy Mission Australia is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, and this report was designed on the lands of Wallumedegal.

We wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, and give our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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