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What is The Leprosy Mission Australia

all about?

We see Transformation.

People healed and living in community with dignity, opportunity and hope.

Our Vision:

Leprosy Defeated. Lives Transformed.

Our Mission:

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission strives to break 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.

Towards Zero Leprosy.

Working together with supporters, staff and partners, we're not only providing a cure to those people affected by leprosy, but also giving hope and dignity so they can transform their lives.

About The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian organisation which helps people affected by leprosy.

Founded in 1874, The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

The Leprosy Mission is an international federation of 30 member countries, has over 2,000 staff and implements and supports more than 200 projects in 21 Implementing Countries.

Our expertise is in the detection, treatment, care and rehabilitation of people and communities affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission works in cooperation with governments, local communities, partner and local health organisations, the World Health Organisation (WHO), local Non- Government Organisations (NGOs), local churches, Christian partners and many others to achieve its vision and mission.

Through media and awareness campaigns, we challenge prejudices and misconceptions about leprosy. We work with community groups to encourage them to join together to find ways to make their needs heard and to become self-supporting.

Strategic Aims:

Over the next five years The Leprosy Mission Australia will focus on the following Strategic Aims in order to deliver our strategic intent:

- 1. Being Christ-centred:** The Leprosy Mission Australia is driven to support God's desire for people to enjoy fullness of life in God's presence.
- 2. Partnering for Impact:** The Leprosy Mission Australia will develop partnerships in Australia and overseas that contribute towards the Triple Zero strategic goals adopted by The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship (Towards Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035, Towards Zero Leprosy Disability, Towards Zero Leprosy Discrimination).
- 3. Financing:** The Leprosy Mission Australia will generate abundant and sustainable finances to facilitate programs and empower our implementing partners to deliver the global Triple Zero strategy.
- 4. Advocating for and with people affected by leprosy:** The Leprosy Mission Australia will ensure that the voices of people affected by leprosy are heard and listened to in Australia and will reinforce the advocacy activities of implementing partners.
- 5. Enabling The Leprosy Mission Australia:** The Leprosy Mission Australia invests in developing the skills, resources and environment to empower its people to work towards the Triple Zero strategic goals.

Highlights

14 projects



7 countries



400
leprosy cases
discovered



16,000+
people screened
for leprosy



4000+
people provided with
assistive devices



2500
people trained in
hygiene & sanitation



2.3 million
people reached with
COVID-19 messaging



214,773
people reached
around the world.

109,478
People reached with
Health Promotion
Activities



1,468
People facilitated
to access
Social Entitlements



504
Health Workers
trained



385
Reconstructive
Surgeries



342
Children receiving
Scholarships



105
People receiving
Vocational Training



99
Children with
Disabilities assisted
to attend School



46
Groups provided
with Micro-Credit
Training & Loans



45
Disability Rights
Advocacy Activities



28
Accessible Toilets
provided to
Homes/Communities



4,148
new contacts supported
for the first time



41
supporters who left
a Gift in their will



28
public buildings
modified for accessibility



2,254
Self-Help Group
members



227
people trained in
disability inclusion



The state of leprosy in the world.

184,000+
cases undergoing
treatment.



Every 2 minutes
one person is
diagnosed
with leprosy.



15% fewer
cases than
10 years ago.

208,000+
cases discovered.



5%
found too late
to avoid disability.



8%
of new cases
are children.

Nearly 60%
of total new cases
found in India.



Source: World Health
Organisation, 2019

Highlights in a Challenging Year:

Report from the Board Chair, Steven Meredith



It is my privilege to bring you my first report as Board Chair. We have had significant business and operational challenges caused by multiple external events and economic shocks during the year. Uncertainty and anxiety continue to impact across the world, and this will challenge many of our existing business models and strategies as the future unfolds across our span of operation.

God has continued to bless and sustain the work of the mission and He continues to be our cornerstone and strong foundation in times of trouble. As an organisation we have sensed faithful and strong prayer support which continues to uphold our decision making and our leadership - informing our pathway as we remain true to our Christian values, witness and mission.

We have been blessed to be supported in our mission over several years by selfless staff, donors, partners, volunteers and supporters. Our CEO and his team have done an excellent job in keeping the business running despite some major business continuity challenges with the COVID-19 crisis and the National bushfire crisis which impacted many local communities.

As a business we reaped the benefits of improved planning, operational

processes and technology investments over recent years to manage the challenges created by the disruptions and remain focused on the delivery of our goals for the year.

Our church partnership strategy has continued strongly over the year but with some significant challenges given the physical isolation requirements created by COVID-19 and the team has been creative and successful in conducting 'virtual' meetings with our supporters to maintain our field visibility and relationships.

The mission has continued to actively support and deliver on the international global strategy approved in 2019 and our Australian strategy is strongly aligned to the key drivers to ensure measurable progress and momentum. Several board members and staff continue to serve actively on international boards and Member Appointed Working Groups, supporting the international work of the Mission and further supporting the alignment of our efforts.

In Australia we continue to work hard on improving our governance and risk management practices and we have been recognised by ACFID as a leader in addressing aspects of our compliance and assessment frameworks as they

“...we must always remain vigilant and stay true to our missional calling, stepping out with courage to rid the world of the scourge of leprosy.”

apply to the Code of Conduct. This is an important aspect of practising good stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

We have also acknowledged the critical importance of safeguarding with significant work conducted on reviewing, developing and implementing revised policies for child protection and vulnerable adults based on tightened requirements from multiple Australian regulators.

In addition to these crucial aspects of our governance, the board has continued to review and discuss the mix and focus of our International Programs with the desire to boost our project spend to support the achievement of our Triple Zero strategy. This priority will continue to be reflected in our strategic conversations, financial and project reporting and represents a true step of faith given our other challenges. We are also actively investigating whether partnering with respected and credible offshore research initiatives provides us with another avenue to help deliver the Triple Zero objectives within the targeted timeframes.

As we read in Psalm 91 verses 1-2 “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most-High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord “He is my refuge and fortress; My God, in Him I will trust”.

Our merchandising program continues to demonstrate strong performance with close oversight and cost control of the operation, some great results with new donors engaged and products increasingly

being sourced from our local country partners and leprosy affected communities.

Volunteers continue to play a critical role in the Mission, and it was with thankful hearts that we heard of the efforts of our state committees and 'grassroots' volunteer work at the last National Council meeting - these activities are vital to ensuring the Mission stays connected to community.

In terms of our membership, we continue to be served by some wonderful members however we note with sadness that in the past year Eileen Aitken and Betty Dorn have passed away. Eileen had been part of the Townsville Auxiliary since 1980 and had been a supporter of The Leprosy Mission for over 90 years. She regularly opened her home for prayer meetings for worldwide missions. Betty first became a supporter of the mission in 1959 alongside her husband Ray. She served on the WA SAC from 1985 and was an active member of the Perth auxiliary for over 20 years. She actively supported her husband Ray who was a member of the National Council for many years and together they undertook many deputations on the mission's behalf.

Our National Council membership continued to change over the last year and we are extremely grateful for the service, commitment and passion of Jenny Davis, Myra Ronalds, Betty Cunnington, Celia Cliff and Denis Horsburgh - we will miss you all!

It was also with sadness that we noted the passing of Dr Bill Ramsay, a returned staff member.

Bill and his wife Robin were regular attendees at our National Council meetings and faithful servants of the Mission.

The Mission continues to benefit from dedicated men and women who are called and volunteer their valuable time and talents on our board, sub-committees and National Council. I would very much like to thank you all for the effort you put into making an impact, for humble service and wise counsel, contributing strongly to an exciting future for the mission.

In addition, we acknowledge and thank Stephen Lockrey for his service to the board and look forward to having him continue to support the mission as a member of the National Council.

In closing, I thank you all for your passion and enthusiasm towards our mission. I'm reminded in these challenging times that we must always remain vigilant and stay true to our missional calling, stepping out with courage to rid the world of the scourge of leprosy. We all know that remaining obedient and humble, serving selflessly, having faith and taking action will ensure we each play our small part in achieving a world without leprosy.



Steven Meredith
Board Chair

Report from the CEO



As we review the year just completed, it is truly astounding to absorb our results in the light of what has transpired! The last twelve months have been a tumultuous time of trouble and uncertainty, with almost apocalyptic fears at times driven by the global COVID-19 pandemic. In many ways, we have yet to come out of this crisis. Fears of a global recession prevail, and Australia entered its first recession in 29 years. The outworking of this crisis is an 'exhauster'. Panic and uncertainty across the world is seriously threatening the work of all charities in Australia!

Yet despite these dramatic pressures, fears and uncertainties we at The Leprosy Mission Australia have enjoyed another year of growth. Annual revenue for the 2020 financial year represents a 9.8% increase on 2019. I can only express my humble thanks to all our supporters for their continuing generosity in these trying times.

It is interesting to note that the growth that we experienced in this financial year was not simply in monetary terms:

- The number of people and organisations engaging with us increased by 10%, and
- The number of people engaging with us through regular giving (Action Partners, TLC giver and Cure One Partners) increased by 6%.

In reflecting on this experience, I cannot but conclude that our journey over the past five years prepared us well. From investments

in technology, through changes in how we engage the public and supporters to a revised strategic plan, we were able to navigate these challenges and remain focused on our reason for existence. As I look to the future, I believe that we have a compass and the required tools so that we can move forward with focus, clarity and confidence.

In ending, I would like to thank our board for their diligent service to the organisation, providing a nurturing and encouraging governance framework in which we can grow. Our dedicated staff have also given excellent service and commitment, especially during the time of high financial uncertainty. Their unwavering dedication enabled us to remain focused on the work ensuring that we had a successful year.

I also want to extend my generous thanks to our dedicated band of volunteers who have faithfully served us through the past year. We would not have been able to accomplish our results without this service. Finally, to our many supporters your ongoing and often sacrificial generosity and interest in our work is wonderful and greatly appreciated!

Sheldon Rankin

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Chief Executive Officer

Celebrating the life of Eileen Aitken

25.1.1921 — 21.07.2019

Life Member & Townsville Auxiliary Member

Eileen collected for The Leprosy Mission for over 90 years. She would go to the Post Office twice a year to post the money 'down south'. She faithfully served the mission until she passed away. The Leprosy Mission Auxiliary in Townsville has been meeting for 40 years. Eileen joined in the October of the first year. For many years we met in her small unit in Belgian Gardens.

Eileen was passionate about mission work. She had regular prayer meetings in her home, right up until she passed away. She was a member of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church from a child & was baptised in 1922, and taught Sunday School for many years.

Eileen was a member of the Australian Women's Army during World War 2 & was on duty at Headquarters in Brisbane when word came through that Townsville was being bombed!!

She got permission to stay until word came through that the situation was controlled. She had to walk back to the Barracks as had missed the transport.

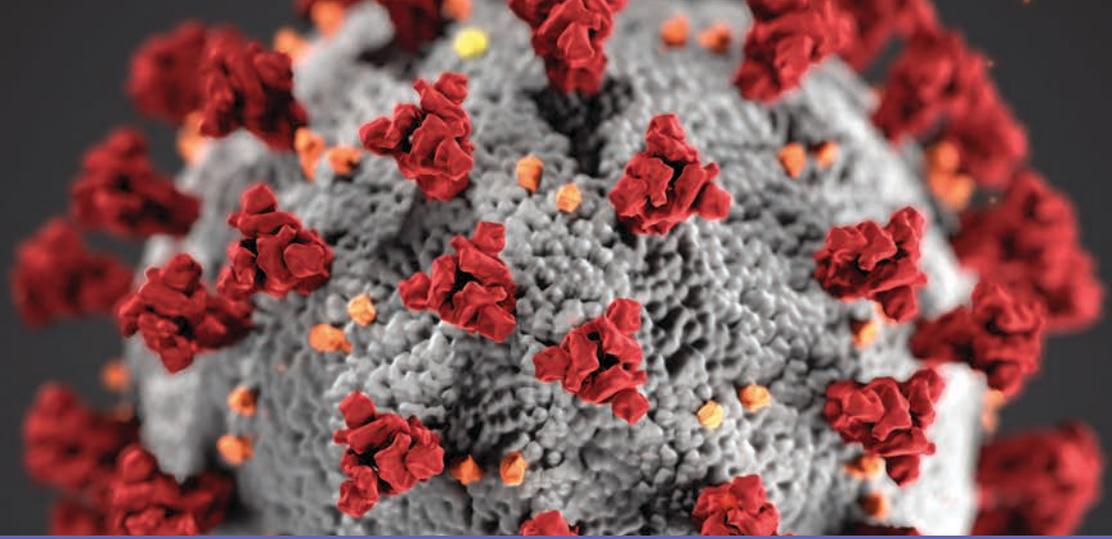
She spent her working life in Administration at The Townsville Hospital. Her real life's work was for The Lord. She packed and sent many a parcel to Papua New Guinea & Thailand for The Leprosy Mission. It was always fascinating hearing her tell of the work of the Auxiliary in Townsville.

Eileen probably never left Australia. She defended our country during World War 2. She was a prayer warrior and a true missionary in every way. She lived her life for her Lord & Saviour. Eileen was made a Life Member of The Leprosy Mission in 2016.



Left: Eileen and co. running a stall to raise money for The Leprosy Mission Australia.

Right: Eileen with Kashi from The Leprosy Mission Nepal during his visit to Australia.



COVID-19 response.

How our partners are responding

The global pandemic has had a great impact on the work of The Leprosy Mission globally. Whilst it has often meant the suspension and limitation of project activities, it has also led to opportunities for unplanned activities. Our partners have expertise in infectious disease control and particularly in educating the public on health issues. In many countries, they have been able to support government efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Here are some highlights from a few of our partners so far:

The Leprosy Mission Trust India

The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) launched the #VirusPeVijay campaign, which raises awareness of the impact of COVID-19 and the lockdown on people affected by leprosy and has gained significant media attention. TLMTI has been conducting awareness campaigns around preventing transmission of COVID-19, reaching remote and media-dark areas. They are also distributing relief packages,

increasing mobile clinic services, conducting tele-counselling through specially set-up centres, and generating innovative income ideas through the production of protective masks and shields.

Nepal Leprosy Fellowship

Nepal Leprosy Fellowship (NLF) is keeping its 2000 project participants informed and aware of COVID-19. They are also distributing PPE where needed.

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria

The Leprosy Mission Nigeria (TLMN) has reached at least 2.3 million people through a radio and TV messaging campaign, raising awareness of how to control COVID-19 alongside neglected tropical diseases. The team has also distributed PPE to 700 people; both health clinic workers and people affected by leprosy. To ease the economic challenges caused by the pandemic, TLMN has also supplied 800 people affected by leprosy and disabilities with food supplies.

The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste

The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste (TLMTL) is partnering with the Ministry of Health to protect at-risk communities. They have reached 1400 people with health messaging and have distributed food supplies to 250 people affected by leprosy and disabilities. The four doctors on staff at TLMTL have been trained for frontline service controlling COVID-19. They have also helped train staff at two regional hospitals in setting up and operating an ICU. Additionally, a Disabled People's Organisation supported by TLMTL has partnered with a national TV broadcaster to ensure vital information is communicated in sign language.

Many of our other partners are also responding to the pandemic, and we look forward to sharing more about their work in the coming months.

How COVID-19 affects our current operational plan

The Leprosy Mission Australia's International Programs team and its consultants are not physically visiting projects at this time. Instead, regular online communications have been scheduled in order to manage project monitoring. The team is working with overseas partners to adapt project work plans where necessary, where lockdowns and other public health measures affect planned activities.

How our volunteer base has been affected

Many of The Leprosy Mission's volunteers are in a more vulnerable demographic for COVID-19. In line with government health advice, all gatherings since the first lockdown have been cancelled. Some volunteers have continued to meet, using Zoom. Volunteer-led activities have been scaled back and will continue to be scaled back.

How our ability to conduct traditional fundraising has been affected

Traditional events fundraising has been affected. All events with international guest speakers have been cancelled. Fair Trade fairs have also been cancelled. We anticipate we may be able to hold volunteer-led fundraising events in minimally impacted states in the first half of 2021.

We have worked to bring some events online. We are also planning some mini email campaigns to replace lost revenue from Fair Trade fairs.

Have government grants been affected?

Government grants are extremely important in supporting our international programming, but thankfully, there is no sign yet of these grants declining. This year, our DFAT/ANCP grant has increased, which is welcome news. However, this means we will need to fundraise more than expected in order to match this grant.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade / Australian NGO Cooperation Program



A Leprosy Mission Trust India worker (right) educates about both COVID-19 and leprosy, outside the new mobile therapy unit. Source: The Economic Times India, July 3 2020.

Program Evaluations

The Leprosy Mission Australia and our partners regularly evaluate the projects we support, to assess effectiveness and capture lessons learned. Usually, evaluations take place at the mid-point and the end of a project. In the past year, two evaluations were conducted. Both are summarised here.



“I could not have stayed in that situation longer. I asked (The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste) to do something for me to prove that leprosy is not a curse and punishment but it is a kind of disease that could be treated.” — Alsino, participant in the CBR CEHD project.

Your support of RECLAIM 2 has directly helped Saru!

Thanks to supporters like you, Self-Help Groups receive grants. Saru was able to set up a small business and buy 3 goats to breed. She has since taken a loan from the group and has bought 2 buffaloes and used her increased income to invest in pigs. Now she has 10 pigs in her sty!

With each new blessing, Saru's confidence has grown. Both she and her son (who has a disability) have been able to access provisions from the government. Her daughters are attending school regularly. And recently, she was nominated as a member of a district level Disability Coordination Committee and elected Chairperson.

Saru's group now has 200 members and the rate of completing leprosy treatment in the area is around 100%. Thirty-one people have also received assistive devices. The group is active in case finding and contact tracing.

“One of the benefits [of being in the group] is being able to share ideas, experiences and problems. It's helped group members find their own way to solve problems.”

Saru and her group acknowledge their success wouldn't have been possible without people like you! Saru's message to you:

“I'd like to say to the people of Australia that I'm very happy. I'm excited. I'm feeling well. But there are still people in need. I've been helped from this project but there are other people who are really in need. So please continue with the support for people in need.”



Mid-term Evaluation for Releasing Capabilities of Leprosy-Affected and Marginalised People Phase 2 (RECLAIM 2)

Nepal | 2017-2022

Implemented by Nepal Leprosy Fellowship (NLF)

The mid-term evaluation for the RECLAIM 2 project was carried out by a local leprosy and public health expert, who reviewed project documents, visited project participants, and carried out a gender analysis survey.

This evaluation found that there has been success so far in helping Self-Help Groups operate savings-credit schemes and generate income through small-scale businesses. The Self-Help Groups are well on the way to becoming cooperatives. There has also already been a 50% improvement in Participation Scale results, which measures the degree to which people with disabilities are able to participate in society without physical and social barriers. A further success is the marked improvement in literacy skills amongst participants. Among three Self-Help Groups where the majority of members were illiterate at the beginning of the project, now everyone can read and write.

The evaluation recommended that NLF plan more empowerment and advocacy skills training, to ensure that people affected by leprosy and disability can confidently speak out about their own issues and ideas to local leaders. The project will continue to develop Self-Help Groups so that they are able to contribute to their communities through development activities, overturning the idea that people affected by leprosy and disabilities are burdens. It was also suggested that case-finding activities be expanded, as there are a significant amount of leprosy cases emerging in the project area. Furthermore, the project must continue to build linkages with other community groups, civil society organisations and local government bodies.

The evaluation also solidified some of our existing assumptions about discrimination against people affected by leprosy in the target communities. The evaluator wrote, 'in principle, legally everybody, either leprosy affected or having disabilities, have equal rights

to services and resources, but accessibility in practice is not always available.' Although the government provides free health services and free education for all, many leprosy-affected people face difficulties in accessing them 'either due to physical inaccessibility or due to the discriminatory behaviour by service providers and fellow service seekers'. Bullying of children affected by leprosy and disabilities in schools is also an issue, linked to leaving school early. Despite a legal principle that inherited land must be distributed equally, people affected by leprosy and disabilities are frequently allocated less than their family members. This again points to the need to increase this project's focus on building the ability of participants to advocate for themselves.

End-term Evaluation for Community-Based Rehabilitation for Social, Economic and Health Development (CBR SEHD)

Timor Leste | 2015-2020

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste

The end-term evaluation for the CBR SEHD project was led by a disability inclusion expert from Indonesia, who visited and held focus-group discussions with Self-Help Groups. The evaluation recommended that the project be extended for an additional shorter phase, to ensure that Self-Help Groups are able to continue independently once The Leprosy Mission's support concludes.

The project has successfully improved participants' incomes. In one Self-Help Group, members

are making between US\$1 and \$35 profit per day through small businesses using microloans. This means the majority of participants in this group are earning more than the average person.

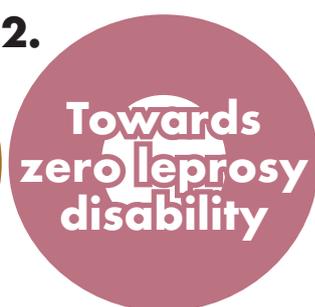
The groups have faced some difficulties in management, as well as retention of members. The evaluation also found that the project has struggled to promote meaningful social inclusion of participants within their broader communities.

In the next phase of this project, it has been recommended that specific group exit plans be put in place, and other fundraising avenues

developed. The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste will also seek to link the groups more strongly to its other projects, including the Rights for People with Disabilities project. In this way the groups should be able to contribute to the broader agenda of the disability sector in Timor, which at the moment includes advocating for the ratification of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the implementation of the Timorese government's National Action Plan for Disability.

towards triple zero.

The Leprosy Mission as a global fellowship has adopted the Triple Zero goals for ending leprosy. The goals are:

1.  Zero leprosy transmission by 2035
2.  Towards zero leprosy disability
3.  Towards zero leprosy discrimination

These goals are shared by the global community of organisations that fight leprosy, including the Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy and ILEP. By focusing on Triple Zero, we are acting in solidarity with other organisations, using our resources effectively and maximising the chances of reaching the Triple Zero goals.

Each of the three Zeroes are important on their own, but they are also inter-related. Early detection of leprosy is key, because it prevents lifelong impairments and stops ongoing transmission. Preventing impairments and disabilities can in turn reduce stigma and discrimination.

Likewise, tackling stigma and discrimination may help to reduce transmission, because people may be more likely to seek treatment early. Also, if stigma towards people affected by leprosy is reduced, they will face fewer disabling barriers to inclusion in their communities and societies.

The Triple Zero goals were adopted officially by The Leprosy Mission Australia in our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. According to this, each of the projects we support measurably contributes to one or more of the Triple Zero goals.







zero leprosy transmission.

The goal of reaching Zero Leprosy Transmission requires a number of strategies. Leprosy cases must be recognised and treated as early as possible, to prevent patients from passing the disease on to their household and social contacts. Contact tracing must be carried out thoroughly, to ensure everyone at risk of leprosy is checked. We also need to ensure that patients complete their entire course of treatment, to prevent the likelihood of relapse. We measure progress towards Zero Leprosy Transmission through indicators like contact tracing rates, treatment completion rates, and rates of disability at diagnosis.

Take a deeper look at the projects you support that are working towards Zero Leprosy Transmission:

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis in Communities (PEPCOM)

Indonesia | 2019-2021

Implemented by No Leprosy Remains (NLR) Indonesia

The PEPCOM project is a partnership between No Leprosy Remains (NLR) Indonesia, and the Indramayu District Health Office, supported by The Leprosy Missions New Zealand, the Netherlands and Australia. This project marks our first time directly supporting a promising tool in the mission to eradicate leprosy: Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). PEP involves administering the contacts of people who are newly diagnosed with leprosy a dose of rifampicin,

an antibiotic. Studies show that this may reduce the likelihood of contacts developing leprosy by up to 60%, making this the first viable prevention method for leprosy. The district of Indramayu is one of the most endemic areas in West Java for leprosy, making it an important site for the rollout of PEP.

Zero Leprosy Transmission focus

The project has trained local leprosy health workers on leprosy control and the PEP approach. Extensive data on the status of leprosy in Indramayu is being gathered, so the project can identify the contacts who are at risk. In the next two

years, PEP will be rolled out.

Further impact

Research on PEP points to an unintended, but very positive by-product of this approach as being the 'revitalisation' of leprosy control programs. Health workers have spent years trying to contain leprosy, often to find that funding is cut and cases of leprosy continue to emerge. Having a new tool like PEP encourages people that leprosy can be defeated and may inspire governments to allocate more funding and set new goals to that end.

Leprosy Control in Western Province

Papua New Guinea | 2019-2021

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea

Now in its second year, the Leprosy Control project seeks to support health clinics in the Western Province to manage leprosy cases. The project spans Daru Island, which has a high concentration of leprosy, as well as the South and Middle Fly areas of Western Province, where health clinics are typically remotely located and hard to access. This is a challenging project that is achieving impressive results towards defeating leprosy.

Zero Leprosy Transmission focus

Last year, 103 new cases of leprosy were detected, 34% of which are children under 15 years. This is a very high proportion of children, compared to the worldwide average of 8% and the global goal of less than 5%.

The project has trained 52 health workers in leprosy case management.

The aim is to train 76 in total, ensuring that each health clinic in

the province has at least one health worker who can recognise and treat leprosy.

As well as this, 28 community volunteers have been trained to detect and report new leprosy cases on Daru Island. The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea also regularly ensures that 28 health clinics have sufficient MDT supply.

Improved Leprosy Services (ILS)

Timor Leste | 2019-2023

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste

The Improved Leprosy Services (ILS) project recently completed its first year, carrying on the work of the previous Better Health project, while expanding into a new district. ILS project operates in partnership with the Timorese Ministry of Health's National Leprosy Control Program, supporting health workers in the four highest endemic districts to manage leprosy cases.

Zero Leprosy Transmission focus

In 2019-20, 23 laboratory technicians were trained by The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste on

performing the slit skin smear test, which is used to diagnose leprosy. Previously, only one laboratory in Dili was able to perform this test. This training will significantly increase the number of qualified technicians who can perform this test, leading to more efficient processes for diagnosing leprosy patients and quicker turnarounds for starting them on treatment.

Furthermore, 13,000 people were screened for leprosy, through contact tracing and school screening programs. This helps catch leprosy early, lowering rates of transmission.

Further impact

ILS project made 15,000 people aware of leprosy through awareness sessions at churches, schools and in communities. The team at The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste are also collaborating closely with the Ministry of Health to draft a new national strategy for leprosy control, as the old plan has elapsed. Timor Leste has a relatively low number of cases overall, so with strong leadership, it could have the potential to reach Zero Transmission by 2035.

Reaching children to interrupt transmission in Papua New Guinea

Claire was just nine years old when she was diagnosed with leprosy. The first sign was light-coloured skin patches on her arms, which Department of Health staff picked up on during a screening activity in Claire's village. On the same day, Claire's father Eddie was also diagnosed, suggesting that transmission has occurred in their household.

In Papua New Guinea, over 30% of new cases of leprosy last year were children. This is far higher than the global average of 8%, and it indicates that transmission is occurring aggressively. As we attempt to reach Zero Transmission in Papua New Guinea, a key indicator will be less children diagnosed.

Luckily, Claire's case was relatively mild and caught early. She's now completed her 6 months of treatment and has not developed any impairment, though she keeps her leprosy a secret from her friends to avoid stigma.





zero leprosy disability.

We work towards Zero Leprosy Disability in two ways: by preventing disability where possible, and by rehabilitating impairment when it already exists. The best way to prevent disability is to diagnose leprosy early. Because leprosy is typically a slow-moving disease, it often takes many years before people affected develop impairments to their eyes, hands or feet.

When people are diagnosed too late to avoid disability, we can help rehabilitate them through self-care, and if necessary, reconstructive surgery. Providing people with assistive devices also helps them to participate in society, minimising the social and economic effects of disability.

Take a deeper look at the projects you support that are working towards Zero Leprosy Disability:

Inclusive Empowerment

India | 2019-2023

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Trust India

The Inclusive Empowerment project concluded its first year in December 2019. This project focuses on empowering people affected by leprosy and disability in Tamil Nadu.

Zero Leprosy Disability focus

In its first year, the Inclusive Empowerment team reached 175 people affected by leprosy with disability management assessments and self-care

training. In addition, 228 people affected by leprosy were screened for their suitability for reconstructive surgery.

The project has also formed seven Self-Care Groups, spanning 101 members, who will hold one another accountable to practicing self-care to prevent and rehabilitate disability.

Further impact

The project has also supported participants to identify 57 issues that require advocacy to the

government: issues around disability inclusion. One hundred people affected by leprosy and disability will receive training and support to become 'champions' in their communities, playing an important role in advocacy and leadership towards inclusion.

The Kothara Community Hospital and Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital Salur

India | Ongoing Projects

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Trust India

The Leprosy Mission Australia continues to support two hospitals in India, both of which provide specialised care for people affected by leprosy. Hospitals often provide a first stop for leprosy-affected patients, ensuring that they receive a diagnosis without being met with stigma. Hospitals also play a key role in reducing leprosy disability by providing affordable specialist surgeries to reconstruct dropped feet and clawed hands, and also debriding severe ulcers.

Zero Leprosy Disability focus

In 2019, Kothara Hospital carried out 226 surgeries for people affected by leprosy, reversing and preventing disability. Salur Hospital distributed 448 pairs of customised footwear and orthotics to people affected by leprosy, to protect feet from developing ulcers and thereby reducing the likelihood that recipients will develop disability.

Further impact

The hospitals play an important role in each of the Triple Zero goals. In 2019, Kothara Hospital screened over 2500 people for leprosy. Salur Hospital

achieved a 100% treatment completion rate, and a 100% contact tracing rate, both of which represent best practice in reducing transmission of leprosy.

Furthermore, both hospitals help patients access further supportive services, such as vocational training and disability certificates, which entitle users to benefits from the government.



Bringing therapy services to doorsteps in India

Through the Inclusive Empowerment project in India, and thanks to the support of many Australians, 2019 saw the launch of a new mobile therapy unit to service people who may struggle to access health care in Tamil Nadu.

The mobile therapy unit has been created in a converted ambulance, and is staffed by a physiotherapist, occupational therapist, orthotic and prosthetic technician, and a community worker.

During its first few months in action, the mobile therapy unit reached 175 people affected by leprosy, and 183 people with disabilities, who were assessed and where needed, provided with therapeutic care.

The mobile therapy unit also provides a base to find and follow up people who would benefit from assistive devices, which the Inclusive Empowerment team is equipped to design and produce in-house. So far, the team has distributed 373 devices, including customised moulded footwear (which redistributes pressure in feet, reducing the chances of wounds developing), crutches, prosthetic limbs, and other aids.

Providing people with leprosy therapy and assistive devices is critical in preventing and rehabilitating disability. The mobile therapy unit will help ensure Zero Leprosy Disability is reached for all people – not just those who can access mainstream health services.

Strengthening Integrated Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Control in Zamfara State

Nigeria | 2019-2024

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Nigeria

This was the first year of this project, which is an extension of The Leprosy Mission Nigeria's previous work in Zamfara addressing leprosy, as well as other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) such as lymphatic filariasis, helminth infections, and trachoma. These NTDs cause sickness as well as lasting disability, both of which this project seeks to address. The project continues to operate in a difficult environment. Zamfara has experienced civil unrest in recent years, and last year, this required The Leprosy Mission Nigeria to suspend their work in certain areas for two weeks until tensions settled.

Zero Leprosy Disability focus

Active case finding resulted in 21 new leprosy cases and 53 other NTDs cases being found and treated in the last year, reducing the chance of lasting disability for patients. The project trained 30 health workers to

find leprosy and lymphatic filariasis cases and manage disabilities.

Further, 117 people were given assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, crutches and prostheses, and one health clinic was renovated to ensure it is

universally accessible. Two Self-Care Groups were also formed, supporting people affected by NTDs to practice self-care, which prevents and rehabilitates physical disability.



The Leprosy Mission Project Assessor, Andrew Harding, met with project participants on his recent visit to Nigeria.

Community-Based Rehabilitation for Social, Economic and Health Development

Timor Leste | 2015-2020

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste

The CBR SEHD project had its final year last year, although it will be extended for a two-year phase to ensure a sustainable impact. This project aims to increase social participation for people with disabilities in remote areas of Timor Leste, by forming Self-Help Groups. SHGs empower members by teaching about rights and advocacy, encouraging health-seeking

behaviours, and integrating savings-credit schemes for building financial independence. The project formed 21 SHGs, each of which is linked to the Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, as well as other NGOs and government bodies.

Zero Leprosy Disability focus

Last year, 279 households took part in leprosy and disability awareness sessions, including local community members and authorities.

This resulted in two suspected cases of leprosy being referred to health officials. Early diagnosis is the key to preventing leprosy disability, so it is encouraging to see community members informed and confident in detecting leprosy.



zero leprosy discrimination.

The stigma attached to leprosy is often described by patients as worse than the physical effects of the disease. Discrimination exists at both a national, policy level — such as in India, where there are still over 100 laws discriminating against people affected by leprosy — and at a community level, affecting people's access to work, school, marriage, land and social relationships. Following the disability rights principle, 'nothing about us without us', much of the work we support towards dismantling discrimination centres on people affected by leprosy themselves. When people affected by leprosy are educated, able to access an income, and connected with likeminded people and organisations, they are in a more powerful position from which to advocate for their own rights.

Take a deeper look at the projects you support that are working towards Zero Leprosy Discrimination:

Vadathorasalur Vocational Training Centre

India | 2018—2022

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Trust India

The Vadathorasalur Vocational Training Centre (VTC) provides a free vocational education to young people who are directly affected by leprosy or disability or are the children of parents with leprosy or disability. Students train to be electricians, mechanics, refrigeration and air-conditioning technicians, tailors and more. VTC staff also work with local businesses to educate about accessible workplaces and encourage businesses to hire

people who might otherwise be discriminated against.

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

In the last year, the VTC admitted 100 students, including 10 young people affected by leprosy, and 39 with a parent affected by leprosy. This is important because leprosy stigma often affects whole families, making education and employment harder to access. VTC staff also sensitised 5 employers on how to create inclusive workplaces and implement fair labour conditions.

Further impact

The project recently conducted a gender analysis to understand perceptions of gender roles and pinpoint how further work towards inclusion of women affected by leprosy and disabilities can be done.

The analysis found serious gender inequalities; for instance, 85% of respondents agreed that women should tolerate violence to keep their family together.

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80% of respondents feel leadership is a male role exclusively, and half of women feel unsafe walking around their own villages. As we work towards Zero Leprosy Discrimination, it is important that we recognise the compounding effects of gender inequality and stigma against those affected by leprosy.

Electrician trainees designed a 'Green Propelled Inclusive Wheelchair', which is powered by solar panels, and won third place in a state competition.



VTC students with the award-winning "Green Propelled Inclusive Wheelchair". A tricycle powered by solar panels that allows people with leprosy to move about without further damaging their feet!



How helping one person can really help many!

Arul has had so much success with his business, he's decided to take on an additional employee. This person is Gajeddiran who is also a person affected by leprosy who graduated from the same course as him at VTC Vadathorasalur.

"I appreciate all the supporters of The Leprosy Mission Australia who have enabled me to start my own business...I want to provide others affected by leprosy with the opportunity to earn an income as well."

"My mother and father have been affected by leprosy, I wanted to give someone the opportunities they never had...I want to bring more apprentices here

from the VTC to support their livelihoods. I learnt self-discipline and good business principles at the VTC Vadathorasalur.... I now always do my best to work with integrity by finishing things well and on time, and I have been getting referral business. I learnt valuable life skills which have been invaluable in having great impact through my business."

"Because I've been developing a good reputation in the industry and with the contacts I'd already developed, I was able to get going with my business quickly. My parents are proud that I have started my own business"

Integrated Mobilisation of People for Active Community Transformation (IMPACT)

Nepal | 2019—2023

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Nepal

The IMPACT project completed its first year, carrying on the successes and lessons of the previous 5-year PACED project. IMPACT project will form 36 Self-Help Groups in three Terai (plains) districts of Nepal. Groups consist of people affected by leprosy and disabilities, which provides a base of solidarity and friendship amongst members. Participants are educated about their rights and encouraged to stand up for them through group-led advocacy activities. They also receive training in various topics, such as health-seeking

behaviours, group leadership, and financial management. Later, the groups introduce a savings-credit scheme, leading to the formation of cooperatives which support members' small business developments.

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

Over its first year, IMPACT project formed 27 Self-Help Groups, with membership comprising 90% people affected by leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, and disabilities. The remaining 10% are people otherwise marginalised, such as widowed and poor community members. By forming groups of people who are most likely to be discriminated against,

this project builds social solidarity and empowers people to educate their families and communities about their experiences, normalising leprosy and disabilities, and reducing discrimination.

Further impact

During the formation of groups, the IMPACT team suspected four new cases of leprosy, which were referred for diagnosis and treatment.

Releasing Capabilities of Leprosy-Affected and Marginalised People Phase 2 (RECLAIM 2)

Nepal | 2017—2022

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Nepal

The RECLAIM 2 project, which completed its third year, is similar to IMPACT project in using a Self-Help Group model. This project is implemented in the eastern region of Nepal.

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

We know that educated people are empowered people, and empowered people are more able to stand up for their rights. The RECLAIM 2 project has engaged participants in an impressive amount of training over the last year, including on the rights of women with disabilities, community-based rehabilitation, community cleanliness and sanitation, non-communicable and communicable diseases, biodynamic agriculture and other farming techniques, bookkeeping, and more.

This project has also helped 241 people access the Nepal government's disability identity card, which will enable them to access the social welfare to which they are entitled.



Assistive devices and walking aids are distributed to help people affected by leprosy and disability become independent.



Australian supporters visit with patients like Alina at Anandaban Hospital as they tour Nepal and see firsthand how they are helping defeat leprosy and transform lives.

Socio-Economic Rehabilitation 2: Education Program and Self-Care Unit (SER 2)

Nepal | 2014—2020

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Nepal

The SER 2 project has two components: an education program, which provides scholarships to hundreds of students affected directly or indirectly by leprosy or disability, and a residential unit at Anandaban Hospital dedicated to teaching leprosy-affected people self-care.

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

The education program in particular targets Zero Leprosy Discrimination, by ensuring school is accessible to all students, irrespective of leprosy stigma. In the last year, 218 students were supported with scholarships, with a 50/50 gender distribution. This is in addition to the 150 students funded through the generosity of Navitas Education Trust, whose support has now concluded.

Further impact

The Self-Care Unit welcomed 35 new patients, who learned comprehensive self-care techniques for the first time. The project also distributed 30 assistive devices.

Continuing education in the face of stigma.

Nishsal is 12 years old and is in grade five. His favourite subject is science and when he grows up, he wants to be a doctor.

A few years ago, Nishsal's father was diagnosed with leprosy. Travelling from his mountainous home district of Dolokha, he received treatment at Anandaban Hospital. As well as struggling with leprosy, Nishsal's family had the added burden of low income and poverty. The Leprosy Mission staff at Anandaban Hospital connected the family with the SER Education Program, meaning Nishsal could access a scholarship.

At the beginning, Nishsal was able to go to school in his home village. However, once community members and relatives found out about Nishsal's father's leprosy, the family faced stigma so severe, they were forced to leave their home and move to Kathmandu.

Nishsal's family are now making a new life in Kathmandu, made easier through the scholarship support for their son. Their story is a stark example of the intergenerational effects of leprosy discrimination. Through the support of you and Navitas, Nishsal has the chance to continue his education in spite of stigma.

McKean

Thailand | Ongoing Projects

Implemented by McKean Senior Centre, Chiang Mai

McKean continues to promote the rehabilitation of people affected by leprosy, through both on-site care and community-based work. McKean operates a quality physical therapy and occupational therapy department, from which people affected by leprosy and disabilities are provided orthotics, prosthetics and specialised insoles and footwear.

Residential care is available during rehabilitation therapy, making this specialised service accessible to people who are not from Chiang Mai.

McKean more broadly now specialises in multi-tiered aged care support, palliative care and hospice care.

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

McKean advocates for patients affected by leprosy who are discriminated against by the public health system. A social worker employed at McKean is available to people affected by leprosy as an advocate, and McKean also treats marginalised people who are unable to access the public system altogether.

Rights for People with Disabilities (RPD)

Timor Leste | 2016—2021

Implemented by The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste

The RPD project is developing the capacity of seven Disabled People's Organisations and two Community-Based Organisations in Timor Leste, as well as bringing the sector together in advocating for the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

Zero Leprosy Discrimination focus

In the last year, the National Parliament passed a resolution recommending that the UNCRPD be quickly ratified, marking an important milestone for the advocacy campaign that this project has been engaged with since its beginning.

The ratification of the UNCRPD will ensure that the government prioritises the needs of people with disabilities, including those related to leprosy, in all public programs.

The project's partner organisations have also achieved the following at the community level:

- Five villages made public buildings disability-accessible
- Members spoke on TV twice to raise awareness of the issue of violence against people with disabilities
- 4,775 people participated in sessions raising awareness of the rights of people with disabilities.



"I want to contribute to the village here by making it beautiful. I come outside and look at my garden and I'm really happy at what I have achieved. This is where I want to remain. My needs are met here and I can make a contribution."

— Somboon, a McKean resident

The Leprosy Mission Australia Shop



Thank you for purchasing these products and providing an income for families affected by leprosy, disability and poverty!

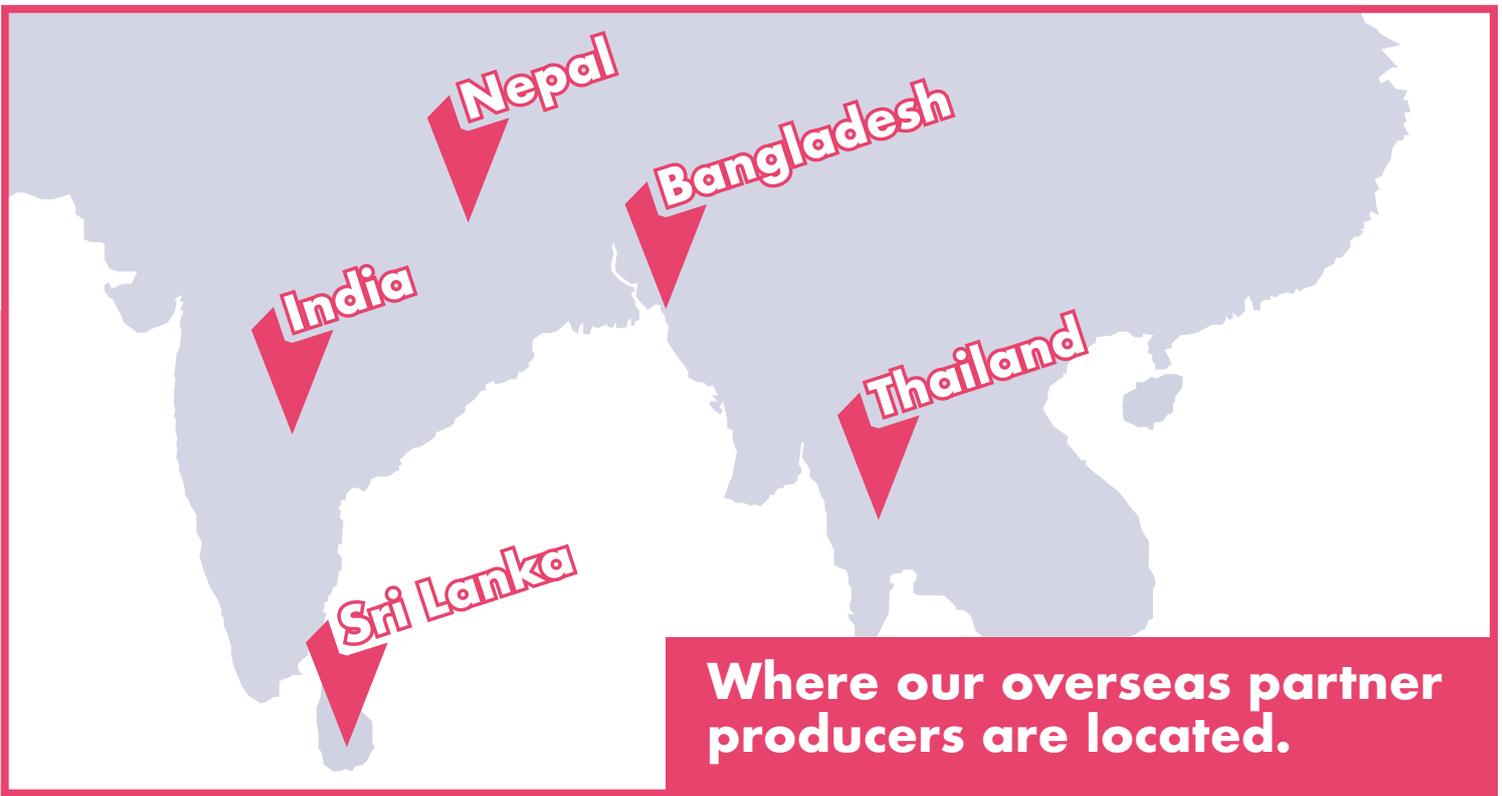
Suma's Story

24-year-old Suma now helps support her family. But years ago she noticed patches on the left side of her face. Traditional healing didn't work. Patches appeared on her legs and her condition got worse. She started fainting. Other villagers would talk behind her back and avoided her. Finally, she was diagnosed with leprosy and treated for 12 months with Multi-Drug Therapy. Fortunately, the patches on her skin faded away. She no longer has visible damage and can get on with her life. Suma is now trained on how to use a hand loom. She is involved in the production of scarves and table runners sold through The Leprosy Mission Shop.



Janaki's Story

22-year-old Janaki lives in Nepal. Janaki's dad was diagnosed with leprosy 18 years ago. Janaki participated in handicraft training provided by Nepal Leprosy Fellowship and has since been helping make pearl and amethyst necklaces for The Leprosy Mission Shop. Janaki is grateful for the opportunities that she has received and is happy that she has been of a great help for the organisation as well. She now wishes to start her own handmade jewellery business.



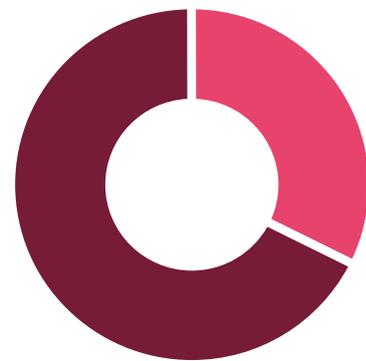
Together, we have purchased \$104,536 of handmade products from communities affected by leprosy, disability or poverty!

By supporting our partner producers, their workers are able to earn a dignified income and gain access to much needed social and medical care!

Here's how much money was spent in each partner country this past year:

- **\$39,751 was spent in Nepal.** Our partner producers from Nepal include the Nepal Leprosy Trust and Nepal Leprosy fellowship. This makes up 38% of our total spending.
- **\$22,004 was spent in India.** Our partners in India work with people affected by leprosy and disability and make up 21% of our total spending.
- **\$20,519 was spent in Thailand.** Our partner producer from Thailand is the McKean Centre. This makes up 19% of our total spending.
- **\$19,524 was spent in Sri Lanka.** Our partner producers from Sri Lanka include Gospel House Handicrafts. This makes up 18% of our total spending.
- **\$2,738 was spent in Bangladesh.** Our partners in Bangladesh work with people affected by leprosy and disability. This makes up 2% of our total spending.

Percentages are approximated



● Products (67%)

\$719,184 was raised from the sale of The Leprosy Mission Shop products!

● Gifts of Love® (33%)

\$352,769 was generously donated as Gifts of Love to those in need!

Thank you also to all our Australian producers and artisans who share and support our vision of fair trade and transforming lives through shopping. Bless you!

The Modern Slavery Act.

The Leprosy Mission Australia is committed to adhering to the standards of the Modern Slavery Act.

There are more slaves in the world today than at any time in the past. This includes an estimate of up to 15,000 slaves in Australia*. As a result, the Australian government adopted the Modern Slavery Act (No.153) in 2018. The first defined reporting period was for the financial year ending June 2020. Under current regulatory standards, The Leprosy Mission Australia is not required to submit a statement but have chosen to do so voluntarily.

The Leprosy Mission believes our commitment to following Jesus Christ means we do not want to see people trapped in slavery. We are also aware 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, The Leprosy Mission wants to be an active participant in preventing slavery.

The Leprosy Mission also operates in a high-risk sector for modern slavery. This includes operating in high risk geographies, subcontracting cleaners, security services, mail-houses and our share investments. The Leprosy Mission Shop also has a risk of modern slavery in its supply chain. The Leprosy Mission also recognises that COVID-19 has exacerbated the conditions which can cause people to end up in modern slavery.

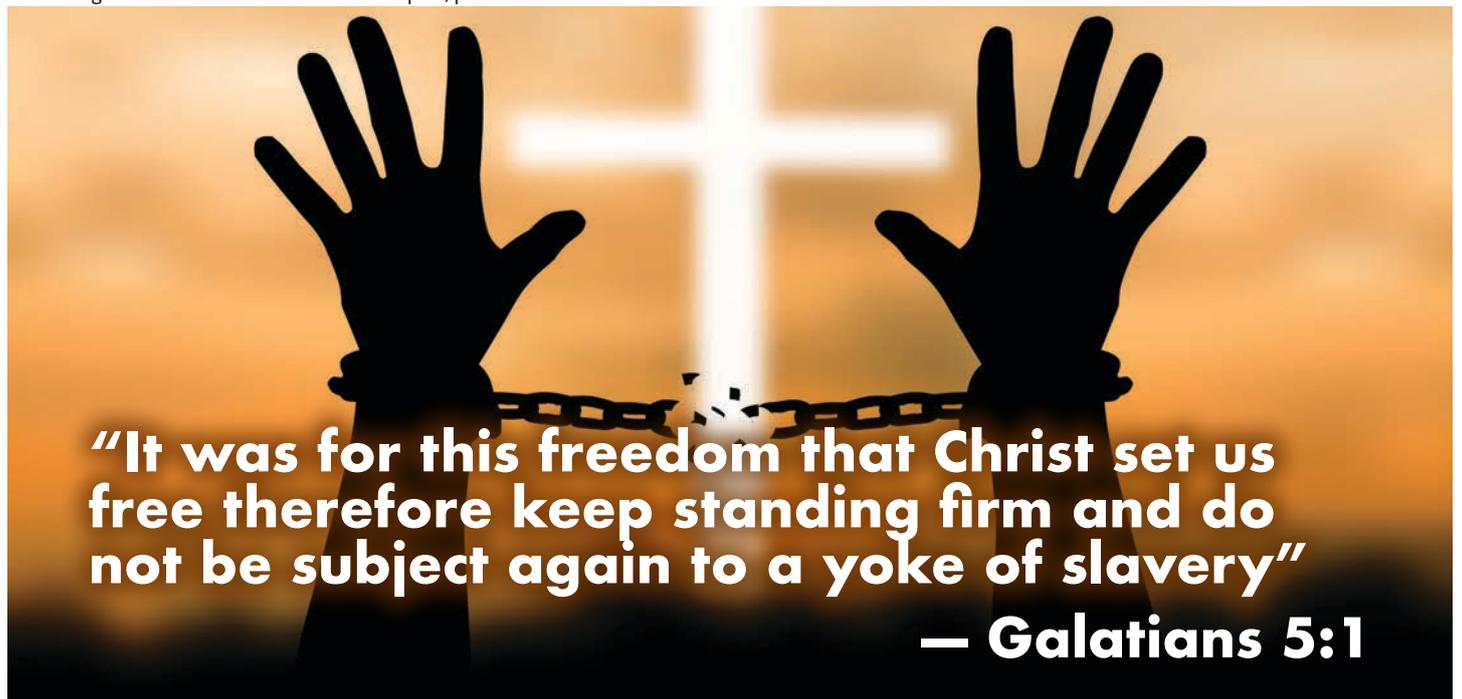
The Leprosy Mission undertakes action to mitigate the risks of modern slavery in its supply chain. These include a human rights policy, a grievance procedure, and an international reporting service. They also include site visitations, a supplier code of conduct, an auditing process and appropriate child and vulnerable adult policies.

The Leprosy Mission knows this is a continuing process and looks forward to helping eliminate modern slavery. The Modern Slavery Statement will be available on The Leprosy Mission website after submission.



Sheldon Rankin
Chief Executive Officer

*according to Walk Free Foundation Pacific Report, p17.



National Board

The Leprosy Mission Australia is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of members from various fields of expertise within the community. Members include representatives from financial, medical, field service, promotional and marketing and human resource fields.

The following National Council members are the elected governance body for 2019-2020, and known as the Board.



Steven Meredith

Grad Dip Mgt, GAICD, Banking, Finance and International Business Management

Appointed Director 21 October 2013. Appointed Chairman 12 October 2019. Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Governance & Risk Committee. Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Finance & Audit Committee. Chair of the TLM Global Fellowship Strategy Working Group.

Steven has significant banking, corporate treasury, operations, human resources and business development experience and possesses expertise in corporate governance, finance, risk management and succession planning. He has held a number of senior executive leadership roles, both domestically and internationally. Currently the CEO of The William Wilberforce Foundation, Steven is actively involved in leadership in his local church and is passionate about supporting the work of Christian, non-profit and missionary organisations across Australia.



Adam Walker

BA LLB (Hons) LLM (Commercial Law) AGIA Law, Governance and Management

Appointed Director 21 October 2013. Appointed Deputy Chair 12 October 2019. Chair of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Governance & Risk Committee.

Adam is a partner with Gadens Lawyers, whose commercial law practice focuses on the fields of competition and consumer law, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property and technology. A member of the Governance Institute of Australia and previously serving also on the board of a charity addressing health issues in remote indigenous communities, Adam brings broad experience in matters of law, governance, risk and compliance.



Damian Fisher

BSc (Hons) Physics, DMS, GAICD

Appointed Director 26 February 2018. Chair of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Prayer, Promotion and Fundraising Committee.

Damian is a qualified Company Director and has over 20 years' experience in marketing, branding, product and customer management, gained within commercial companies such as British Airways (UK) and NRMA (Aus). His most recent role was part of the executive team at Bible Society Australia, where he managed Fundraising, Marketing, Branding and PR. Damian brings with him extensive knowledge in marketing, fundraising and donor engagement alongside experience of leading voluntary activities at a church level.



Rev. Kevin Keegan

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

Appointed Director 9 February 2015. Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Prayer, Promotion and Fundraising Committee.

Kevin is the CEO/National Director of FEBC Australia and an Executive Member of FEBC International. An ordained Baptist minister with qualifications in theology, non-profit management, consultancy and training, 25 years of leading churches and four years chairing an international mission association—Kevin brings leadership, strategy, theological thinking, cross-cultural awareness and mission experience to this position.



Dr Judy Louie

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

Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Appointed Acting Finance Director 12 October 2019, Member of TLMA's Finance & Audit Committee.

Judy has more than 20 years of knowledge and experience in accounting and information technology. She completed her PhD degree in accounting and is currently Finance Manager at the New Hope Baptist Church. 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 and has strong industry background, having worked in an accounting firm and non-profit organisations for 7 years. 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.

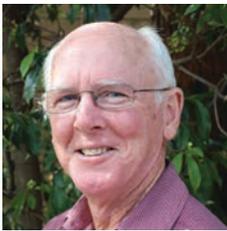


Dr Angeline Low

PhD, M Mgt, B.Econ (Hons), MAICD

Appointed Director 25 June 2018, Member of TLMA's Finance & Audit Committee.

Angeline has more than 30 years on Board of Directors in international charity and development organisations. In addition, she has many years of professional and business experience. On an international level, Angeline is an active participant and speaker in various international engagements on gender, leadership and economic inclusion of women. She had been the guest of the European Union, the OECD and the ILO on a number of occasions to deliberate on gender issues in entrepreneurship and in senior management. She holds a PhD in entrepreneurship research. Today Angeline manages her private investments and spends the rest of her time in philanthropic work.



Dr Colin Martin

GAICD, MB.BS, DRANZCOG, Grad.Dip. FM, MPH&TM, FRACGP

General Medical Practitioner (Retired)

Appointed Director 12 July 2012, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Prayer, Promotion and Fundraising Committee, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's International Programs Committee, Member of the TLM International Board since 2018, Member of the TLM Timor Leste Advisory Board (as Global Fellowship Representative) since 2019.

Colin practised as a rural procedural GP and practice administrator for 35 years, with a focus on people in need. He retired from practice in June 2016. His field work experience in Nepal over a period of 10 months, from 2009-2017, allowed him to develop an understanding of the problems and issues facing that country in the implementation of leprosy related services and programs. He has also been able to see the work of The Leprosy Mission Australia and its partners in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, India and Thailand.



Fifi Rashando

MBA (IntBus), GradDipMin, BA (English Literature)

Appointed Director 25 June 2018, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's International Programs Committee

Fifi manages Good Return's gender-lens investments, business advisory support, and stakeholder engagement in the Asia-Pacific region. She has over 19 years of management and consulting experience in the international development and humanitarian sector. Holding an MBA and a Strategic Leadership for Inclusive Finance certificate from Harvard Business School, she has contributed towards the growth of reputable organisations; developed partnerships and gender-lens projects for socio-economic inclusion; and designed multiple projects with inclusive business models. Her work is guided by the principles of innovation, access to finance, inclusive value chains, influencing market systems and creating commercial enterprises to generate employment for the marginalised, particularly for women, and people with disability. She is actively engaged in the governance of Haggai International Australia.



Jennifer Ward

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

Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Chair of TLMA's International Programs Committee, Member of TLMA's Finance & Audit 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.

We would also like to thank Stephen Lockrey who retired from the Board this year.

The Board would like to cordially thank Colin Martin for his exemplary leadership as Board Chair over the past 5 years. Thank you Colin.

The Leprosy Mission Australia is one of 30 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.

The 30 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). 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, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Nepal, India, Thailand and Indonesia, and works to provide expertise as well as funds to the projects we partner with.

Supporters can be assured that The Leprosy Mission Australia is part of a worldwide organisation with around 2,000 staff with more than 136 years of experience in working with leprosy.

National Council General Members

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Damian Fisher
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Steven Meredith
Pam Packett
Fifi Rashando
Myra Ronalds (resigned AGM 2019)
Murray Sandland
Chrisy Savvides
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Jennifer Ward

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Margaret Mead

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Western Australia

Anne Steed
Heather Newton

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Colin Martin (to 12/10/2019)
Steven Meredith (from 12/10/2019)

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(from 12/10/2019)

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Sheldon Rankin

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Martry Cole
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Russell Conway
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Margaret Schneebeli
Denise Scott
Audrey Sheffield
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Heather Smith (since AGM 2019)
Trevor Smith (since AGM 2019)
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Peter Warren
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 2020, 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 2020.

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 – Reduced Disclosure Requirements 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 31 August 2020.

Directors' responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

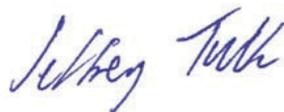
The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

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



Jeffrey Tulk
Partner

Blackburn

Date: 31 August 2020

Financial Summary

Income and Expenditure

The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) achieved a surplus for the year of \$13,926 under very challenging circumstances with the Covid-19 pandemic that is affecting everyone around the world .

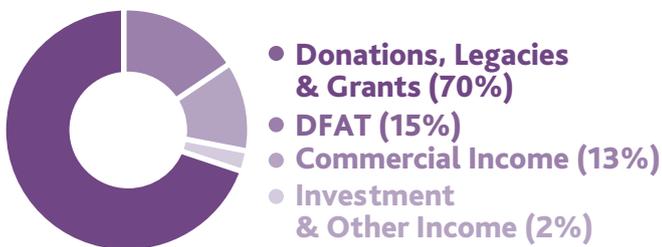
However, we are thankful for the faithful and generous giving of our donors which saw income go up by 9.8% to \$5,963,525, which has been the highest revenue achieved since 2014. This included a grant of \$918,636 from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Total expenditure was \$5,949,599 of which \$4,765,839 was for international aid and development programs expenditure.

Through the support of our donors and DFAT, TLMA has increased its support to international projects by \$100,387 to seven countries around the world– India, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Thailand.

Where did we get that money?

TLMA has 4 main sources of income – donations from individuals including churches and groups, merchandise sales, private grants and government grants from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and investment income. Although monetary donation remained stable, our overall total revenue increased due to significant bequests and merchandise income compared to previous year due to faithful and generous donors who have supported us in bequest gifting and buying merchandise from our shop.



Percentage values calculated based on the Audited TLMA Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

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Where did we spend it?

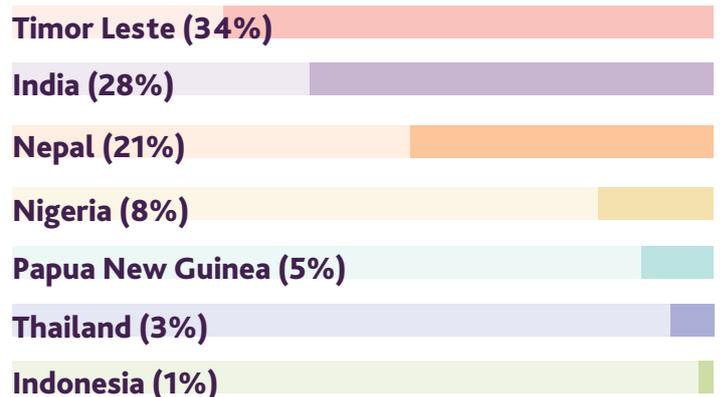
Disbursements of DFAT grant was in line with what was received and with the support of our faithful and generous donors, we managed to increase our funding to our international projects in the seven countries for the financial year. This has ensured that the project activities can be implemented effectively to help people affected by leprosy and disabilities.



Our overall financial health

TLMA has a strong balance sheet with adequate reserves on hand, which is monitored by management on a regular basis to ensure we can continue our support to overseas projects in the long term. Therefore, our financial objectives are to focus on building and sustaining the Company's capability to meet our project commitments and navigate through the future challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. To do this, we will need tight control spending on non-project expenditure and to work together with our generous supporters and partners to continue support to our projects, whilst maximizing our efficient and effective use of funds.

Remittance by country



Statement of Income, Expenditure and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Amounts shown in Australian Dollars.

REVENUE	2020	2019
Donations & Gifts		
• Monetary	2,914,385	2,997,308
• Non-Monetary	134	—
Bequests and Legacies	1,234,490	621,621
Grants		
• DFAT	918,636	917,776
• Others	18,480	18,480
Commercial Activities Income – Merchandise	774,278	582,267
Investment Income	23,590	271,872
Other Income	79,532	23,353
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,963,525	5,432,677
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
• Funds to International Programs	1,958,076	1,857,689
• Program Support Costs	411,111	396,299
Community Education Costs	739,400	745,651
Fundraising Costs		
• Public	979,829	956,629
• Government, multilateral and private	17,047	15,703
Accountability and Administration	660,376	587,026
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	4,765,839	4,558,997
Commercial Activities Expenditure	1,152,821	831,058
Other Expenditure	30,939	35,101
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,949,599	5,425,156
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$13,926	7,521
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax	—	—
Revaluation changes for property, plant and equipment	—	2,248,973
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$13,926	2,256,494

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2020

Amounts shown in Australian Dollars.

ASSETS	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,814,720	1,662,510
Trade and other receivables	68,307	117,595
Inventories	170,506	76,507
Financial assets	2,270,456	2,338,624
Other assets	104,330	78,433
Total Current Assets	4,428,319	4,273,669
Non-Current Assets		
Right-of-use assets	20,009	—
Property, plant and equipment	4,758,620	4,838,196
Intangible assets	73,191	52,007
Total Non-Current Assets	4,851,820	4,890,203
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,280,139	9,163,872
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	143,220	131,601
Borrowings	10,000	10,000
Short-term provisions	187,185	129,076
Lease liability	6,376	—
Total Current Liabilities	346,781	270,677
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long-term provisions	43,998	31,662
Lease liability	13,901	—
Total Non-Current Liabilities	57,899	31,662
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$404,680	302,339
NET ASSETS	\$8,875,459	8,861,533
EQUITY		
Reserves	5,371,438	5,371,438
Retained earnings	3,504,021	3,490,095
TOTAL EQUITY	\$8,875,459	8,861,533

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2020

2020	RETAINED EARNINGS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND	TOTAL
Balance at 1 July 2019	3,490,095	4,247,018	1,124,420	8,861,533
Surplus for the year	13,926	—	—	13,926
Total Comprehensive Income	13,926	—	—	13,926
Balance at 30 June 2020	3,504,021	4,247,018	1,124,420	8,875,459

2019	RETAINED EARNINGS	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND	TOTAL
Balance at 1 July 2018	3,482,574	1,998,045	1,124,420	6,605,039
Surplus for the year	7,521	—	—	7,521
Other Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—
Revaluation increment (decrement)	—	2,248,973	—	2,248,973
Total Comprehensive Income	7,521	2,248,973	—	2,256,494
Balance at 30 June 2019	3,490,095	4,247,018	1,124,420	8,861,533

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The Leprosy Mission Australia is an international organisation that works in partnership with governments, public health officials, non-government organisations, the World Health Organisation, churches, Christian partners and others to achieve its vision of a world without leprosy. The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

Leprosy affects people's lives in many different ways. The Leprosy Mission Australia cares for their physical, social, spiritual and psychological needs. Leprosy is sometimes not understood by communities and as a result people are fearful of it. This means those affected by leprosy are often stigmatised. Our main focus is on leprosy work, yet we often include those with severe disabilities or those living in extreme poverty.



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