

Stepping into
66 years of
 Striving & Serving
 to end Leprosy and TB



ACTIVITY REPORT 2020

VISION

To reach and serve persons affected by Leprosy or TB, medically and socially.

MISSION

Damien Foundation India Trust offers quality services, both medical and social, to people in need, either directly or through NGOs, Civil Society Organisations and Government.

VALUES

Transparency,
 Accountability,
 Synergy and Respect.

in Partnership with



WHERE WE WORK

DELHI

- ▶ Margaret Leprosy and TB Hospital, South West Delhi

TAMIL NADU

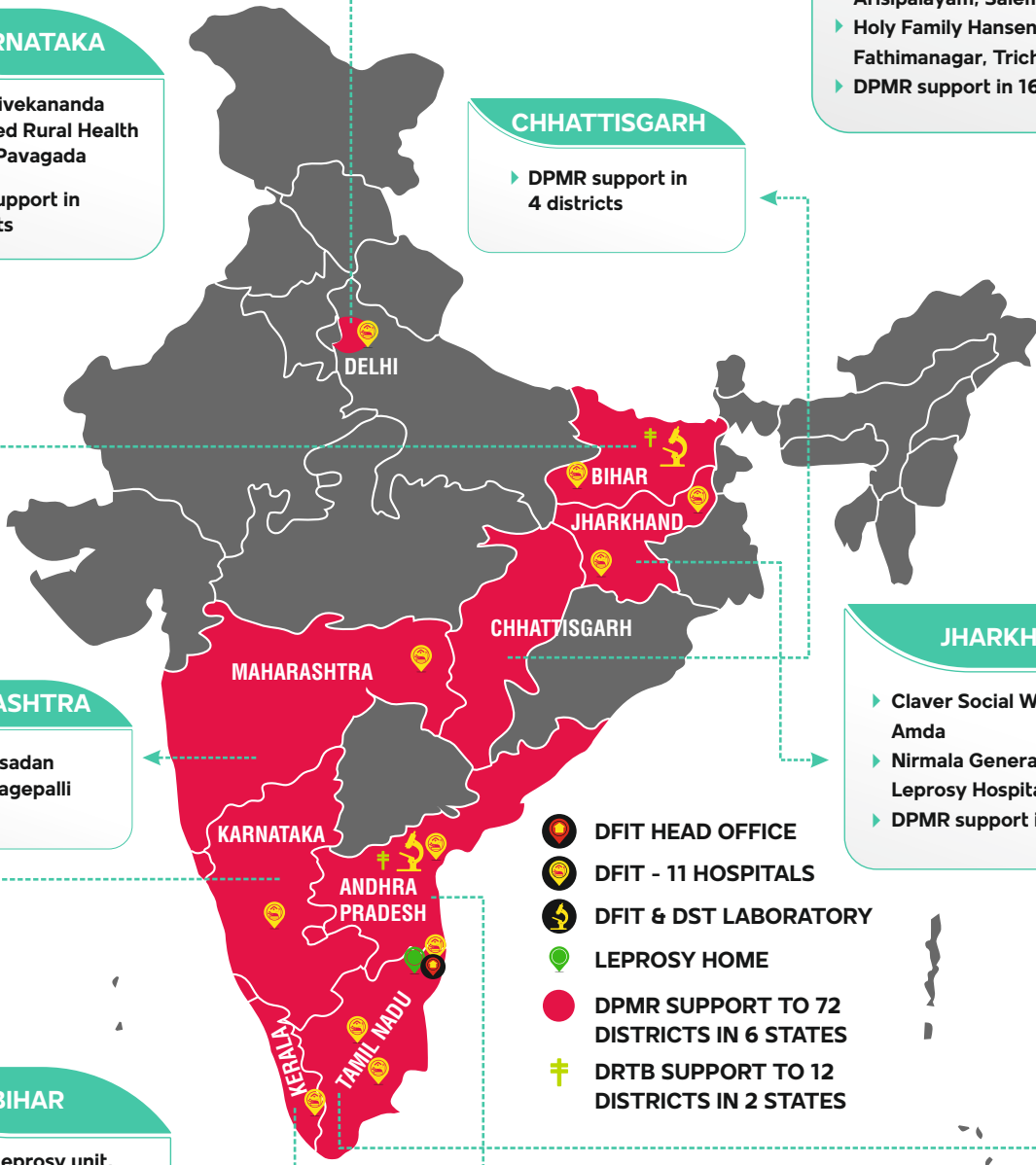
- ▶ Anandapuram Rehabilitation Centre, Polambakkam
- ▶ The Beatitudes Social Welfare Centre, Pope John Garden, Chennai
- ▶ St.Mary's Leprosy Centre, Arisipalayam, Salem
- ▶ Holy Family Hansenorium, Fathimanagar, Trichy
- ▶ DPMR support in 16 districts

KARNATAKA

- ▶ Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada
- ▶ DPMR Support in 3 Districts

CHHATTISGARH

- ▶ DPMR support in 4 districts



JHARKHAND

- ▶ Claver Social Welfare Centre, Amda
- ▶ Nirmala General and Leprosy Hospital, Dhanbad
- ▶ DPMR support in 12 districts

MAHARASHTRA

- ▶ Assisi Sevasadan Hospital, Nagepalli

BIHAR

- ▶ Model Leprosy unit, Dehri on Sone, Rohtas district
- ▶ Damien TB Research Centre (DTRC), Darbhanga
- ▶ Support to DPMR in 28 districts and DRTB in 6 districts
- ▶ ILEP Coordination

KERALA

- ▶ St.John's Hospital and Leprosy Services, Trivandrum

ANDHRA PRADESH

- ▶ Damien Foundation Urban Leprosy and TB Centre, Nellore
- ▶ Damien TB Research Centre (DTRC), Nellore
- ▶ Support to DRTB in 6 districts and DPMR in 9 districts

- DFIT HEAD OFFICE
- DFIT - 11 HOSPITALS
- DFIT & DST LABORATORY
- LEPROSY HOME
- DPMR SUPPORT TO 72 DISTRICTS IN 6 STATES
- † DRTB SUPPORT TO 12 DISTRICTS IN 2 STATES



- ◆ DPMR - Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation
- ◆ DRTB - Drug Resistant Tuberculosis
- ◆ ILEP - International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Association

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I am pleased to present the DFIT's Annual activity report 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us both directly and indirectly. The virus responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a horrific toll on individuals, communities, and societies, with the most vulnerable disproportionately affected especially persons suffering from tuberculosis and leprosy. The pandemic has demonstrated the inadequate health systems and gaps in social protection.

As you read this report you will see many examples of our team's commitment to serve persons affected by leprosy and tuberculosis during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our unique position to work together with the Government, making it easier for persons affected by Leprosy, Tuberculosis and COVID-19 to access the medical services.

When the COVID-19 crisis hit in March this year, our immediate priority was to follow up of TB and leprosy patients under treatment. DFIT's team did not hesitate to visit patient's houses during the lockdown period and supplied full courses of medicines to persons affected by leprosy and TB. At the same time, we took decisive steps to protect most vulnerable patients and their families from lack of food. The DFIT teams provided food supplements to 2000 families for 2 months, this helped to maintain good treatment adherence throughout.

On behalf of the Chairman and members of Damien Foundation India Trust, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our team members for their exceptional and unwavering commitment, and the tremendous flexibility they have shown for continuing to provide all essential services to persons affected by leprosy and TB during the pandemic period. Together, we have ensured that DFIT emerges from this global crisis stronger than ever.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board Members and team of Damien Foundation Belgium for their incessant guidance and support. I would like to thank the Government of India, State Governments, District health authorities, volunteers from India and abroad for their continuous collaboration with us.



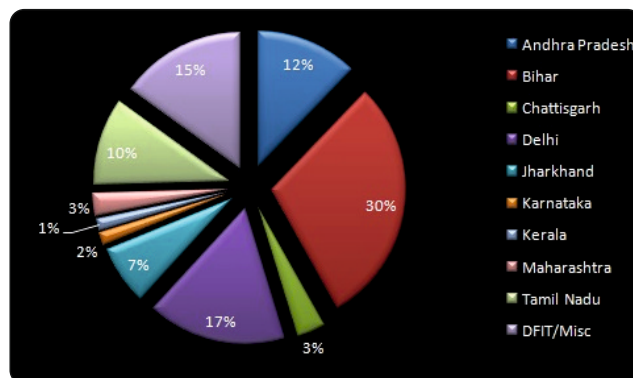
Dr. M. SHIVAKUMAR
Secretary

Food grains support to TB / Leprosy affected persons during Covid 19 pandemic lockdown period - 2020

| Projects | No of beneficiaries |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ Arisipalayam , Salem, Tamilnadu | — 600 |
| ◆ Bihar State | — 120 |
| ◆ Delhi | — 412 |
| ◆ Nellore, Andhra Pradesh | — 362 |
| ◆ Nagepalli, Maharashtra | — 40 |
| ◆ DFIT Chennai and Tamil Nadu Teams | — 458 |
| ◆ Pavageda, Karnataka | — 150 |
| ◆ Trivandrum , Kerala | — 150 |

FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

Application of Funds in INR 122 million



Covid-19 diagnosis In DTRC, Nellore Lab, Andhra Pradesh

- ◆ Around 32000 presumptive covid-19 cases were screened
- ◆ 2821 Positive cases were reported in the year of 2020

Support received from Belgium Embassy in Delhi & Belgium Consulate General in Chennai for Covid-19 relief work.



Provided Livelihood support to around 2050 families so far..



Damien Foundation is fighting a relentless battle against Leprosy and Tuberculosis in India since 1955. Damien Foundation India relies strongly in collaboration and partnership with Government, Non-Profit Organisations and Civil Society for the past 66 years.

Our Focus

- ▶ Prevent occurrence of Leprosy and Tuberculosis through advocacy and education.
- ▶ Provide medical treatment and deformity correction surgeries for those affected by Leprosy.
- ▶ Provide diagnostic and treatment services for drug susceptible and drug resistant tuberculosis.
- ▶ Provide nutritional support and monitor treatment of TB patients.
- ▶ Provide livelihood support and facilitate social acceptance of persons affected by Leprosy and TB with special focus on women and children.
- ▶ Provide palliative care for persons affected by Leprosy.

TB Control Activities

- ▶ 16 designated microscopic centre to manage drug susceptible TB Control.
- ▶ 6 referral centres for managing complications related to TB.
- ▶ 2 reference laboratories to support drug resistant TB control in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.

Leprosy Control Activities

- ▶ 18 field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 72 districts.
- ▶ 11 referral hospitals to provide services for managing complications related to Leprosy.

Scale And Reach

- ▶ Dedicated and a well-trained team comprising of 236 Medical / Paramedical / Administrative staff catering to the needs of more than 25000 families affected by Leprosy / TB every year.
- ▶ Strengthening of referral system through Primary Health Care Centres, Government and Non-Government Organisations covering a population of over 201 million across 9 states in India.



DAMIEN FOUNDATION INDIA TRUST has been

- ▶ Educating the persons affected by Leprosy and TB and giving them a ray of hope.
- ▶ Empowering the persons affected by Leprosy and TB by giving them a future and a purpose to live.
- ▶ Enlightening common man, fighting Leprosy and TB.
- ▶ Encouraging society to respect their rights and restore dignity.
- ▶ Ensuring deformity prevention through self-care practice.

Year after year,
 for over 66 years...

1. SURGICAL SUPPORT

Bringing back smile in the family

Prity 13 year old girl is a native of Sulemanpur village in Jehanabad District, Bihar. She is lives with her parents and her two elder brothers. Her father is a daily wage agricultural laborer, and her mother is a homemaker.

Prity was brilliant in her studies from the very beginning, and would paint pictures, scribble in the books, write alphabets and numbers. When she turned six her parents noticed she was unable to hold pencil in her hand. In the beginning her parent ignored it because of her young age. As she grew older, soon they realized something is wrong with her hand and they got worried. They took her to a private medical practitioner; the doctor examined her and referred her to the Government hospital for further investigations and treatment. There, she was diagnosed as a case of leprosy and was immediately put on treatment. Prity completed her course of treatment, but she had weakness in her hand, often the pencil would slip from her hands. She tried to hide her hand from her friends as she was worried that they may not accept her. During the field visit to the village, Damien Foundation (DFIT) Coordinator and Community Social Worker visited her house and met her parents. They explained the disease, counseled Prity and her parents and motivated to under go Re-constructive Surgery (RCS) for correction of her hand. The parents agreed.

Prity underwent for RCS of her right hand at DFIT MLCU leprosy hospital, Dehri on Sone. She received special care as she was a child patient. After surgery and physiotherapy, within a few weeks she started gaining back her strength in her hand. Today, she can hold pen in her hand and write many pages like normal children. She helps her mother in cooking and other household work. Her parents are very happy as she is able to lead a normal life as they dreamt off. DFIT sponsoring her education under Livelihood Enhancement Program (LEP). The family is thankful for all the efforts and support from Damien Foundation for the love and care they received for their daughter.



Before



After

Your Donation of **Rs.50,000** will help many like Prity's to experience a life transformation through surgical process called "Deformity Correction" and lead a productive life

81483

Leprosy affected were given free treatment as out-patients

980

Leprosy affected were treated in-house

294

New leprosy cases identified

169

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

36

Minor surgeries conducted

2. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

Simple yet a life saving support

Your support of **Rs.24,000** helps to complement and supplement TB treatment by providing nutritious diet for 1 DRTB Patient for 24 months.

Poonam, 17 year old girl from Delhi city came to Damien Foundation project hospital in Delhi. She was suspected for having TB as the family history taken by the staff reveals that her elder sister also a known case of TB and taking treatment with Delhi project. She was very weak when the TB treatment was started at the Damien hospital. It is very essential to have good protein and nutritious food while taking TB treatment. Poonam hails from a very poor family and already having one known case of TB patient at home and Ms.Poonam was not taking proper nutritional food as her father who is a Dhobi (washerman) was not earning enough money due to Covid-19 lockdown. In this situation, DFIT analyzed her situation and decided to support for her protein rich nutritional food support by giving her Milk & Egg in addition to regular food grains for about 6 months. She was taking regular treatment along with the nutritional supplement. Poonam's health improved and she started to gain about 8 kg of weight during the course of treatment in 6 months. Her body weight was increased from 30kgs to 38kgs. She is happy and healthy today.



Before Nutritional support



After Nutritional support

15708

Presumptive TB patients were screened

14074

Presumptive Drug Resistant (DRTB) TB patients were screened

4351

Follow-up examinations done for DRTB patients

2131

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

67

TB patients were treated in-house

293

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements



Around 106000 families covered under TB diagnosis so far.,

3. SELF-CARE

Your contribution of **Rs. 5,000** will provide customised MCR footwear to 10 persons affected by leprosy and prevent deformity.



5199

Leprosy affected were motivated to practice self-care regularly

1396

Leprosy affected were supported with customized MCR Footwear

Commonly Sensation loss makes persons affected by Leprosy susceptible to injuries and burns in feet and hands which leads to sometimes permanent deformity and disabilities. Trained social workers make regular home visits and provide the persons affected by leprosy their families with information and tools required for self care to manage and control further damage to their limbs. Regular self-care training leads to their own health care, thus helping them to take individual responsibility towards management to their health. Self-Care initiatives are successful in DFIT projects through combined efforts of the individual concerned, family of the affected, health care team and social workers.



4. SAFE SHELTER

Life's Unending Challenges

The persons affected by leprosy are stigmatized even today, resulting in their social exclusion and poverty. They are unable to rent a house and live with dignity. DFIT intervenes and provides financial support to renovate or reconstruct their homes. Only the poorest among the affected are selected for this support.

Mr. Sanjay Singh Kushwaha, aged 37 years is a resident of Shekhpura village in Khagaria district. Sanjay was affected by leprosy 10 years back. He developed deformities in both hands and ulcers in feet. He is staying with his wife and 3 children in a temporary shed. As his health condition worsened, he was not able to do any intensive work physically. He and his family were worried about their survival as he was the main earning member of the family. Life had become exceedingly difficult for him and his family. During the field visit DFIT community social worker (CSW) in Khagaria met Sanjay. Sanjay expressed his condition and requested for DFIT to help him in. DFIT field team visited and assessed his condition, helped him to cure his ulcers and helped in starting a small cosmetic shop under livelihood program. DFIT CSW also helped him to avail disability pension of Rs.1500/- per month from the Government.



Before

Sanjay along with his family was staying in a dilapidated shed, without any proper walls and roof with a fear of dog and snakes entering his house. His family never had a peaceful sleep at night his neighbours were not supportive. With all this problems he requested DFIT for help to repair his house. DFIT team visited him and assessed the situation; they felt it was necessary for Sanjay and his small children to have proper living condition by providing good housing. DFIT team prepared a house plan with one room and kitchen and completed the construction in August 2020. The district Civil Surgeon was happy with the work and expressed his gratitude to DFIT for timely help for persons affected by leprosy in his district and on request of the patient he volunteered to participate in the inauguration of the house.



After

The dream of owning a house has become a reality for Sanjay and his family. He is now happily living with his family in his new house. He is very much thankful to DFIT for the timely support. He expressed that DFIT is a beacon of hope for him and his family and he thanked DFIT for all their work and commitment towards supporting leprosy affected persons in the society.

18 houses were newly constructed / renovated



A Contribution of **Rs.1,00,000** is all it takes to repair or reconstruct a home and **Rs.2,50,000** for a new House to needy person affected by Leprosy.

Around 50000 Persons Rescued from Leprosy induced deformity



5. SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF INCOME

Damien Foundation India Trust sets up petty shops, provides push-carts or livestock support thereby helping poorest among the affected to have a stable source of income.

I have become stronger says Ranjit

Ranjit Singh a 35 years old young man is from Sondahi village of Darbhanga District, Bihar. He is with his wife and 7 year old daughter. In the year 2011, he had cough & fever. He felt very weak. He visited a private hospital for his condition where he was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. He was advised to take treatment. After the treatment he felt better and went in search of work to Delhi as he was the sole bread winner of his family. In Delhi, he started working as transporter of food items from one place to another. He worked for 3 years, thereafter he experienced the same symptoms which he had previously like cough & fever. He visited a Government hospital in Delhi where the physician diagnosed him for Drug Resistant TB and advised him for DRTB treatment for one year. Day by day his physical condition worsened and he decided to go back to his native village in Bihar and he returned.

He was facing financial difficulties due to excessive expenses required for his treatment and towards managing his family. His health condition had also deteriorated. Many days his family would starve as they did not have anything to eat.

DFIT field team visited anjit Singh, along with key health staff after seeing his health and family condition the team had serious doubt about his recovery. DFIT team recommended for notorious support under livelihood programme and provided him with groceries to support treatment adherence. The field staff also provided him counselling and explained about the importance of treatment adherence, treatment completion and necessary precautions to be taken. This intervention by DFIT gave him support and strength to survive through his difficult times. His wife took good care of him, and with continuous treatment and frequent monitoring by the DFIT team, he was recovered from DRTB completely.

As part of the social rehabilitation by Damien Foundation, Ranjit Singh requested for a support of a small grocery shop for which Rs.20,000/- was provided. This start-up gave him support to sustain in difficult times and gradually his business flourished. Today, the shop is worth Rs. 40,000/- and he is able to manage his family needs. He never believed that he would be alive after acquiring DRTB and going through such turmoil. Ranjit and his family expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the help and support provided by Damien Foundation.

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Persons affected by leprosy / TB were given livelihood support to ensure sustainable sources of income

40

Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support.

Your donation of **Rs.50,000** will help provide regular income and a stable future through petty shops, push-carts or livestock.



Before



After

6. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Gangaram is integrated with his family

Mr. Gangaram Bari, is 27 years old male from Kuldiya village, West Singhbhum District from Jharkhand. In 2016, he got injury in his Right foot while doing the cultivation work in his field. Initially he neglected it as there was no pain due to loss of sensation in his Leg. Later the wound did not heal and it developed into ulcer. So he consulted the village practitioner and took treatment, but there is no improvement in his ulcer. In the meantime he went to Delhi with his brother in search of job. In December 2016, he developed paralysis in leg and developed disability and he consulted the doctor at Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi where he was diagnosed as a case of Leprosy and treatment was provided. He completed the full course of treatment and was cured of leprosy. He was counseled by the staff and he was ready to undergo reconstructive surgery for his right foot for deformity correction. In November 2017 he was admitted in Delhi hospital and underwent Surgery for his recurrent ulcer in the foot and he was not able to walk properly. He returned back to his native place where his own wife started isolating him because of ulcer with foul smell. He was not allowed to play with his children in the family. DFIT field team identified him and counselled him to undergo RCS surgery in DFIT supported hospital in CSWC Amda. He accepted the advice of the field staff and got admitted in the hospital in 2020. His right greater toe was found to be infected, and it was amputated in order to avoid further damages. He was also thought self-care practice for his hand and feet by the hospital staff. As a result of this, his ulcer started to heal soon and he reunited with his wife and children. Gangaram is very happy and he could not express his happiness in words. He is thankful to the DFIT team for bringing back his normal life.

Fighting against discrimination is half the battle won for those affected by Leprosy and TB. Even when people affected by leprosy are cured, social stigma can remain an obstacle to their regular life. People experiencing such social rejection are unable to live with their families, get married or sustain with their jobs. Damien Foundation India steps in to heal the hurt families through counseling patients, their families and communities to live together with acceptance.





PLEDGE Rs.500

Did you know?
Every single day, In India alone,

500 people are diagnosed with Leprosy
5000 people diagnosed with TB

Please pledge a committed support
Today and Change lives

Empowering Communities, Ending Discrimination

Signup for **Rs.500/-** with a monthly
commitment through **TOUCH & TAG**
campaign and watch **how your money
changes lives**

Join the fight against
Leprosy and Tuberculosis!



TOUCH & TAG is the effort of **Damien Foundation India** to enlighten
schools and colleges, businessmen & professionals, corporate &
media institutions about the magnitude of **Leprosy and TB**.

TOUCH & TAG encourages and engages individuals and corporate
to **TAG - "TO AFFIRM AND GIVE REGULARLY & CONSISTENTLY"**.

1. A regular monthly donation of **Rs. 500** for a year can help to provide special customised footwear to 20 persons affected by Leprosy.
2. A regular monthly donation of **Rs.500** for a year will help with cost of vocational education for 2 adolescent children affected by Leprosy.
3. A monthly action of **Rs.500** for 3 years can help petty shops, push carts or live stock to ensure regular income and secure future for head of family affected by Leprosy or TB.
4. Monthly donation of **Rs. 500** from 4 persons for a year can provide nutritious food for atleast 2 drug resistant Tuberculosis patients.
5. A monthly donation of **Rs.500** from 16 persons for a year can renovate the dilapidated home of a needy person affected by Leprosy or TB.
6. A monthly donation of **Rs.500** from 6 persons for a year helps to cover the cost of a deformity correction surgery for a person affected by Leprosy.

THANK YOU



We profusely thank all our
donors / corporate sponsors
for their contribution
and support towards the Projects of
Damien Foundation India Trust.

SIGN IN NOW!

There are 3 ways to Donate regularly

- Option 1 : Direct monthly pledge from your savings bank account
- Option 2 : Cheques / DD payable to "Damien Foundation India Trust"
- Option 3 : Contribute online through our secure payment gateway

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50% INCOME TAX
EXEMPTION

Damien Foundation India Trust (DFIT) is
registered under the trust Act (213/1992).

Donations to DFIT are 50% exempted from
Tax under 80G of Income Tax Act,1961

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