ACTIVITY REPORT 2022





Stepping into

68 years of

Striving & Serving to end Leprosy and TB















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.



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



Transparency, Accountability, Synergy and Respect.















































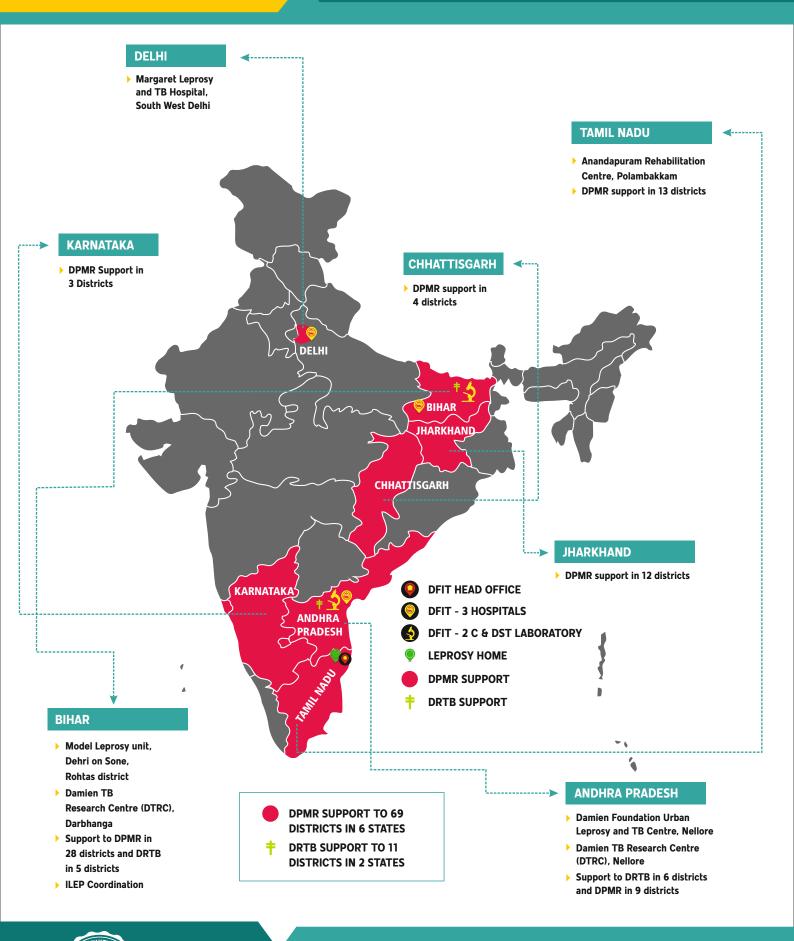








WHERE WE WORK





- ♦ 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 DFIT's Annual Report for 2022. The report highlights the progress we have made to support leprosy and TB control activities in collaboration with National Programmes. For the last two years, due to Covid Pandemic was most challenging and unprecedented times and we observed reduction in number of TB and leprosy cases, now we see higher number of cases detected in 2022 than expected. Our teams across the projects have continued to provide quality care especially in urban slums and rural villages and strived hard to improve the leprosy referral services in 5 states.

On behalf of the trust, I would like to acknowledge the continuous guidance and support from our board members. I wish to thank all the local and international donors.

Finally on behalf of the trust, I would like to thank all our team members for their commitment and dedication.



Dr. M. SHIVAKUMAR
Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022



DAMIEN CONTRIBUTES TO CREATE COMPASSIONATE AND SOCIALLY CONCERNED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

India accounts for 52% of world new Leprosy patients reported during the year 2022. DFIT facilitates Leprosy Endowment Prize award for final year medical students every year with collaboration of the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University and Sri Ramachandra Medical University. During the year 2022, 549 students from 24 medial colleges were registered and exam conducted, Ms. Sobhana B. Swami, Madras Medical College student under TN Dr.MGR Medical University was nominated for Damien Foundation Endowment Prize Gold Medal 2022. Ms. Sharon Priyadharshini Kumar was nominated for Gold Medal from the Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai.







AWARDS

DFIT received
best NGO award from
Tamil Nadu
Government
for Covid Relief
work towards
TB affected patients
during pandemic
period.



DFIT received
best NGO award from
Tamil Nadu
Government
for effectively
implement
Leprosy Eradication
Program in the State.





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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 68 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.

Scale And Reach

- Dedicated and a well-trained team comprising of 163 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 201.7 million across 7 states in India.

TB Control Activities

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

Leprosy Control Activities

- Sixteen field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 69 districts.
- Three referral hospitals to provide services for managing complications related to Leprosy.



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.



I can walk like any other person

My name is Sunil, I am From Nellore, Kovur Village, Andhra Pradesh. When I was 16 years old, I had a problem with my leg. I had a foot drop due to Leprosy; I went to hospital for treatment. I underwent severe suffering; I was thinking whether I would walk again normally or not. Whether my marriage will happen or not, will people call me as a disabled person. Every time I used to think about this suffering, I would ask why God has given me this situation. Even in my dreams this used to disturb me, why did this happen to me and why me?

Damien Foundation requested me to undergo deformity corrective surgery. I was doubtful and did not have faith in undergoing deformity corrective surgery because after surgery whether I will be alright or not was a big question. With all fear I underwent surgery, and it was successful. Now nobody would be able to identify my walking style. Now, I am walking like others.

Earlier, people used to differentiate my walking style, used to ask what happened to you, show your leg. But now nobody can differentiate me, I walk like any other normal person because of the reconstructive surgery. Now, I am married. I have four children. Everyone in the family is doing fine. Thanks to Damien Foundation for this support.

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



Leprosy affected persons given free treatment as out-patients

628

Leprosy affected persons treated as Inpatients

151

New leprosy cases identified

205

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy





24

Minor surgeries conducted

2. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

Your support of

Rs.24,000 helps to

complement
and supplement
TB treatment
by providing
nutritious diet
for 1 DRTB
Patient for
24 months.

My Husband avoided me because I had TB

Namaste! My name is Babita.

I am a native of Bihar. I now live in Jeevan Park Uttam Nagar, New Delhi. I was affected by TB six months ago. There was no one to take care of me during this period. My husband also left me during this situation. I continuously suffered from fever, there was no one to take me to the Doctor. My husband is a Driver who is addicted to alcohol and always drunk. He always beats me and harasses the children and doesn't take care of the family. During this struggle my sister & brother-in-law helped me and showed me to Doctor at Damien Foundation.

They started TB medicine at Damien Foundation hospital. After a few months of treatment, I felt better. During the course of treatment, Damien Foundation supported me with Nutritional support. There was tremendous improvement in my health condition. Damien Foundation further supported me to start vegetable business. Now, I am having stable income and able to support my family. I am very much thankful to Damien Foundation for the timely intervention and support.





8456

Presumptive TB patients were screened 20051

Presumptive Drug Resistant (DRTB) TB patients were screened 2826

Follow-up examinations done for DRTB patients

3133

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

145

TB inpatients were treated

305

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements



Your contribution of

Rs. 5,000

will provide customised MCR footwear to 10 persons affected by leprosy and prevent deformity. Damien Foundation has motivated 20092 persons affected by Leprosy to practice self - care & supported with customized MCR Footwear to 224 leprosy affected persons.









20092

Leprosy affected persons were motivated to practice self-care regularly

224

Leprosy affected persons were supported with customized MCR Footwear





4. SAFE SHELTER

Safe shelter provided to seven persons affected by Leprosy during the year of 2022.









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.



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.

5. SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF INCOME

I am a businessman today because of Damien Foundation

I am Manipal Bhushan Pandey living with my parents and two siblings in the Saran district of Bihar. When I was studying in the 9th class, I felt a loss of sensation in my right hand. Slowly my little finger started clawing. I have consulted doctors from private and government hospitals and taken treatment, but I did not get any relief. Later, I met a staff of the Damien Foundation who helped me for getting twelve months of treatment at the government hospital. Because of the treatment, my hand condition improved. But the clawing of little finger remains the same.

Damien Foundation referred me to TLM Muzaffarpur hospital, where my deformity was corrected. After the surgery, the functioning of my hand improved, I became normal. I started doing my normal work. Damien Foundation supported me by paying initial down payment for purchasing of an auto rickshaw. Through this auto rickshaw, I am doing ready-made garments business and earning a daily profit of Rs.1200/-. I have appointed one staff, who assists me in this business. Today I am able to pay my staff salary, re-payment of loan amount and also support my family expenses.

Today my entire family members are living happily because of Damien Foundation. I am very happy and wish to express my sincere thanks to the Damien Foundation for all the support.









Your donation of

Rs.50,000

will help to have regular income by providing petty shops, push-carts, livestock etc..,

141

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

42

Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support.

6. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Today we are not isolated we are integrated. Thanks to Damien Foundation

My son Veeresh is affected by Leprosy; he has multiple deformities. We belong to kolagal village, Bellary District, Karnataka State. My son cannot work and support our family financially due to deformity and our family also does not have any source of income. We do not have a house and we live under this mountain rock. I work as daily wage labour and take care of my family.

One of my well-wisher seeing our living condition donated a small piece of land. We came in contact with Damien Foundation staff during their visit to see my son Veeresh. Seeing his health condition and our family situation, Damien Foundation constructed a house in our land. Earlier we were residing outskirts of the village and today we are able to live with our village community. We are very happy and thankful to Damien Foundation.











"Sustainable income and decent living condition will help a person affected by leprosy to live a dignified life."

Donate a Gift Box to bring smiles in life of poor persons affected by Leprosy or TB on your Special occasions



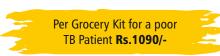
Did you know?

Every single day, In India alone,

people are diagnosed with Leprosy

people diagnosed with TB



















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

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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

THANK YOU



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



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