

# ACTIVITY REPORT



# | 2017

## VISION

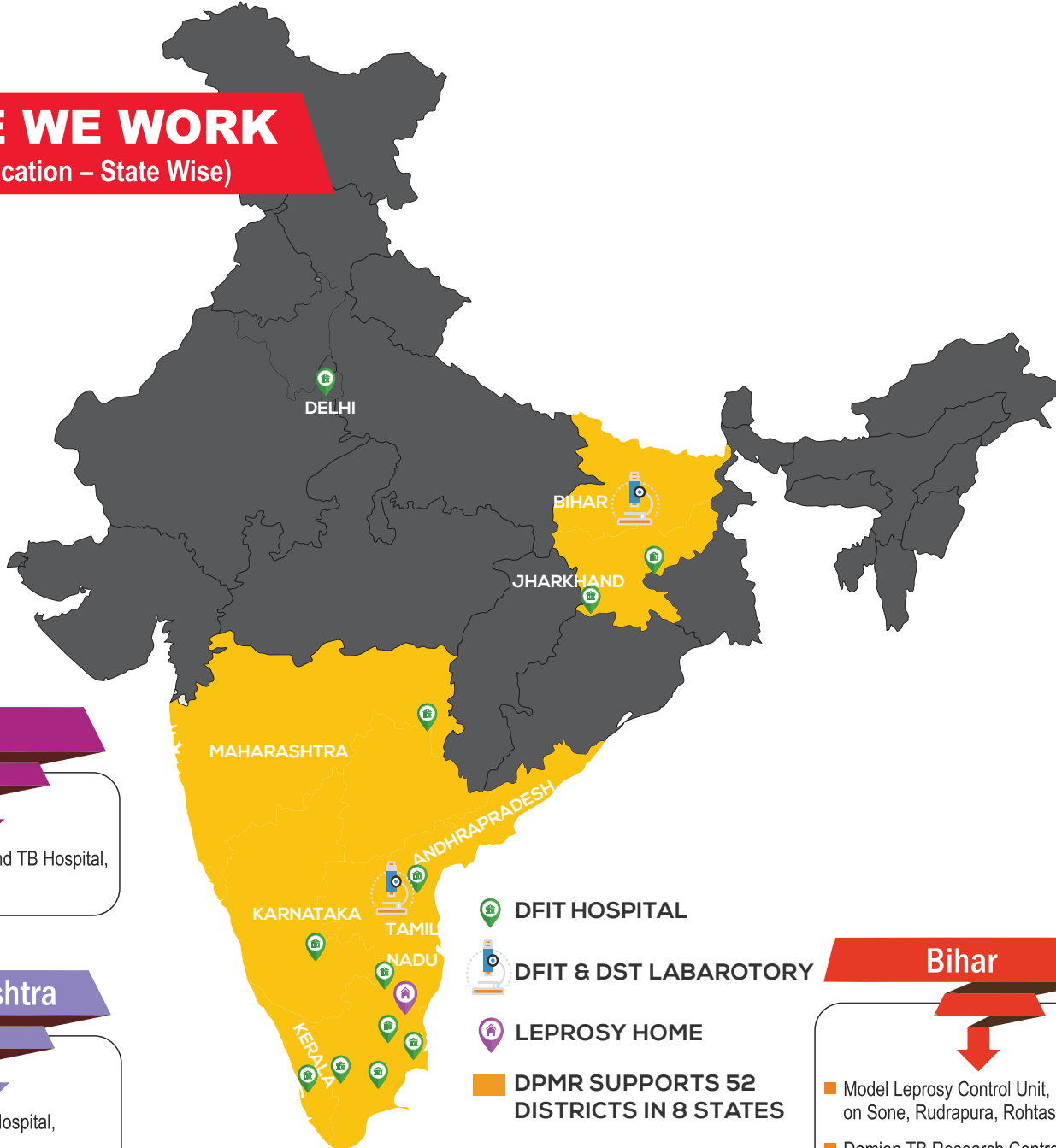
To reach and serve persons affected by Leprosy or TB, Medically and Socially

## 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

# WHERE WE WORK

(Project Location – State Wise)



## Delhi

- Margaret Leprosy and TB Hospital, South West Delhi

## Maharashtra

- Assisi Sevasadan Hospital, Nagepalli

## Karnataka

- Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada

## Kerala

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

## Andhra Pradesh

- Damien Foundation Urban Leprosy and TB Research Centre, Nellore
- Leprosy Referral hospital, Chilakalapalli, Vizianagaram district
- Support to DRTB and DPMR activities in 6 districts
- Support to DPMR activities in 2 districts

DFIT HOSPITAL

DFIT & DST LABAROTORY

LEPROSY HOME

DPMR SUPPORTS 52 DISTRICTS IN 8 STATES

## Tamil Nadu

- Anandapuram Rehabilitation Centre, Polambakkam
- The Beatitudes Social Welfare Centre, Pope John Garden
- Nilgiris-Wynaad Tribal Welfare Society, Ambalamoola
- Arogya Agam, Aundipatty
- St. Mary's Leprosy Centre, Arispalyam, Salem
- Holy Family Hansenorium, Fathimanagar, Trichy
- DPMR support in 12 districts

## Bihar

- Model Leprosy Control Unit, Dehri on Sone, Rudrapura, Rohtas district
- Damien TB Research Centre, Darbhanga
- Support to DPMR activities in 23 districts
- ILEP coordination
- Support to TB control programme in 15 districts

## Jharkhand

- Claver Social Welfare Centre, Amda
- Nirmala General and Leprosy Hospital, Dhanbad
- DPMR support in 8 districts

## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



*M Shivakumar*

Dr. M Shivakumar

It is my pleasure to thank you profusely for the support received towards serving persons affected with Leprosy and TB medically and socially during the year 2016-17.

With your support we are now able to touch lives of more than 1.5 lakhs. You have helped us in offering quality services to persons affected by Leprosy or Tuberculosis (TB). Especially those who face various forms of disadvantage in their lives whether it be disabilities, financial difficulties for livelihood or homelessness.

This report may seem to contain more statistics about the support rendered to our beneficiaries who have been assisted in our various programmes. Yet, as you read the report, I would request you to understand and reflect about the stories behind the statistics - the lives that have been changed and communities transformed through your support.

DFIT received "Humanitarian Award" from Honourable Vice President of India for its flood relief support to educational institution founded by Takkar Bapa, a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the continuous support of you, our valuable donors, our dedicated team of staff, our partners, our volunteers and our board members. We trusted each other, provided support and built on the successful implementation of our projects. Finally, I take this opportunity to truly thank all who have contributed their precious time and their resources.

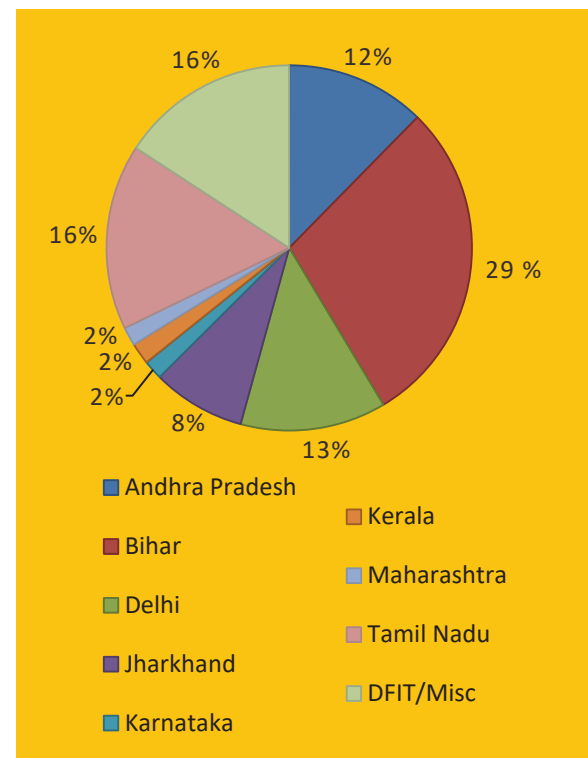
## DAMIEN CONTRIBUTES TO CREATING COMPASSIONATE & SOCIALLY CONCERNED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS!

Damien Foundation India Trust has been organising Leprosy Endowment Prize Exam for the final year medical students in collaboration with Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University since 1993 and thereafter with Sri Ramachandra Medical University, in order to increase awareness among future Doctors on Leprosy

The exam consists of two parts i.e., theory and practical which covers clinical identification of cases and management of complication related to leprosy. Ms. K. Subhashini a medical student from Chengalpattu Medical College who had scored the highest mark was awarded "Damien Foundation Endowment Prize Gold Medal" for the year 2017



## DFIT Financial Report 2017 Application of Funds (in %) INR 127 Million



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Damien Foundation India Trust (DFIT) is fighting a relentless battle against Leprosy and Tuberculosis (TB) in India, since 1955. Damien Foundation India relies strongly in the power of collaboration and partnership with Government, Non-Profit Organisations and Civil Society for the past 60 years.

## OUR FOCUS

- Provide quality services for persons affected by Leprosy & TB free of cost
- 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 & TB with special focus on women & children

## OUR SERVICES

### Leprosy Control Activities

- 20 field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 39 districts
- 14 referral hospitals to provide services for managing complications related to Leprosy

### TB Control Activities

- 17 designated microscopic centres to manage drug susceptible TB
- 8 referral centres for managing complications related to TB
- 2 reference laboratories to support drug resistant TB control in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar

### Scale & Reach

- Dedicated and a well trained team comprising of 221 Medical/Paramedical Staff, 30 Administrative Staff and 138 Programme Staff catering to the needs of more than 25000 families affected with Leprosy / TB every year
- Strengthening of referral system through Primary Health Care centers, Government and Non-Government Organizations covering a population of over 100 million across 8 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 their dignity
- **Ensuring** deformity prevention through early detection, treatment & self care practice



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## 1

### SURGICAL SUPPORT

1,15,496

Out patients were given treatment

1,978

Leprosy affected In patients were treated

385

New Leprosy cases identified

449

Deformity Correction Surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

93

Minor surgeries done

All types of deformities in leprosy can be corrected through surgery combined with physiotherapy at the early stages. The Occupational therapist trains them to use their hands/limbs effectively and safely in their day to day life.

Sumitra Hembrom (name changed) a 32-year-old homemaker, lived in a small village with her husband in Jharkhand. During her pregnancy, few patches occurred on her body and her fingers were getting weak. She thought it was a normal skin rash and neglected it. After her maternity, the patches spread all over her body. She was not able to do her daily chores and struggled to carry her child. She was referred to a DFIT supported Hospital where she was diagnosed with Leprosy. She was heartbroken and thought it was incurable and was the end of her life. DFIT staff counselled her and her family. She took Multi-Drug Therapy for Leprosy and was advised to undergo surgery as it was the second stage of disability. Sumitra was hesitant and scared of the surgery, yet she agreed to the surgery which was conducted by a DFIT surgeon. After the surgery, she received regular physiotherapy and the doctors monitored her closely. Her fingers became normal "I never thought I could carry my child again".



Your donation of ₹36,000 will help many like Sumitra experience a life transformation through surgical process called 'Deformity Correction Surgery' and lead a productive life.

## 2

### SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS



Special diet and nutritious food supplements are provided to persons affected by TB to complement their treatment. Food items such as Rice, Wheat, Cereals, Egg, Cooking Oil etc are given throughout the treatment course for six months to help recover from TB.

Rahul (name changed) a teenage boy visited the DFIT hospital. The staffs were shocked to see his condition. He was so thin that his bones were visible through

skin. He was in a pathetic condition and also very poor. The staff diagnosed him to have Cat-1, abdomen TB. He was put on treatment and nutritional support was given for six months. He was constantly monitored by the staff and Doctors who kept track of his progress. The staff motivated him and his family, assuring that he would get cured. Gradually he gained weight and was very happy to see the difference. He said, "I am cured and very happy to see myself changed, I have gained 11kgs, I am thankful to DFIT for the support given to me".

16,378

Presumptive TB Patients were screened

4,982

Presumptive Multi- Drug Resistant (MDR) TB patients were screened

2809

Follow-up examinations for MDR TB patients

376

Multi- Drug Resistant TB Patients were admitted, evaluated and initiated treatment at DOT's plus site.

391

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements.

Your support of ₹12,000 helps to complement and supplement TB treatment by providing nutritious diet for 1 Drug Resistant TB patient.





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### SELF-CARE

9370

Leprosy affected were motivated to practice self-care regularly.

2071

Leprosy affected were supported with customized MCR Footwear

5518

Leprosy affected were motivated to use appropriate foot wear.

Sensation loss makes Leprosy affected susceptible to wounds in feet and hands. Trained social workers make regular home visits and provide the Leprosy affected and their families with information and tools required for selfcare, to manage and control further damage to the their limbs.

Regular self-care training leads to their own health care, thus helping them to take individual responsibility towards management of their health. Self-Care initiatives are successful through combined efforts of the individual concerned, Family of the affected, Health care team and Social workers.



Your contribution of ₹ 300 can help provide a special customized footwear for one Leprosy affected that can prevent infections and ulcers caused by nails or sharp objects from the ground.

## 4

### SAFE SHELTER

Before



After



**Leprosy affected patients are stigmatized even today, resulting in their social exclusion and poverty. They are unable to rent a house and live with dignity. This is where Damien Foundation India intervenes and provides financial support to renovate or reconstruct their homes. Only poorest among the affected are selected for this support.**

*Mrs Giddaluru Vijayalakshimi, (name changed) 64-year-old woman, from Anagunta village, Nellore. She contracted leprosy at a very young age. Her husband, family and relatives left her to fend for herself.*

*She lived alone for many years in a thatched roof house in a low lying land. Whenever there was rain, the gutter would get flooded in her house and had to stay outside with her chair. Her house was infested with slugs, insects*

*and snakes. The DFIT staff identified her when she had come to get treated for an ulcer at DFIT project. She was given treatment and counselling. The DFIT staff recommended for LEP for a renovation of her house as she lived in a very inhuman condition. DFIT renovated her house. She is grateful to DFIT for being provided with a safe shelter.*

32

Houses were built/renovated

Other Construction | Renovation work at Damien Centres:

- Renovation of Kitchen facility for serving food for inpatients and Renovation of Male and Female Wards with toilets to accommodate 50 ulcer patients at Hemerijckx Govt. Leprosy Centre, Polambakkam, Tamil Nadu
- Construction of two Patient Attenders Room at Damien Foundation Urban Leprosy & TB Centre, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
- Construction of Ward for Male inmates with Toilets and water sump to accommodate 18 inmates.
- During the year DFIT received five Chantiers (volunteer groups) of 39 persons from Belgium who supported in construction and renovations

A contribution of ₹1 Lakh to repair or reconstruct a home for a needy person affected by Leprosy or TB.

## 5 SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF INCOME

91

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

58

Children affected by leprosy were provided education support

**Damien Foundation India Trust provides support in setting up petty shops, pushcarts or livestock support, thereby helping poorest among the affected to have a stable source of Income.**

*Anil Ram (name changed), a 43-year-old daily wage worker lived with his wife and three children at a village in Bihar. One day at work, he was struggling to lift weights, felt sick and unwell. He went to a nearby DFIT supported hospital and was shocked to hear that he had leprosy. His hands got clawed and he couldn't move his fingers. He received treatment but was disappointed, as he could not earn for his family's basic needs. His family was left stranded without him. His eldest daughter could not clear her board examination papers and discontinued schooling. She started going to work at a nearby tailoring shop and started earning for the family. Her daughter dreamed of starting her own tailoring shop as she could earn better for the family. During the regular visits Damien team members provided a sewing machine as part of LEP programme to support his daughter's creative sewing aspiration and for economic improvement in his family.*

*Anil Said, "I used to feel guilty that I was not able to take care of my children. Now I am happy to know that my daughters will be able to manage the family expenses. I will get cured soon and will give my daughters in marriage happily, thanks to the ray of hope by Damien Foundation."*

**Your donation of ₹ 18,000 will help provide regular income and a stable future through petty shops, pushcarts or livestock!**

## 6 SOCIAL INTEGRATION

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 regular life. People experiencing such social rejection are unable to live with their families, stay married or sustain their jobs.

Damien Foundation India steps in to heal the deprived families through counseling patients, their families and communities to live together with acceptance.





## Empowering Communities, Ending Discrimination

Sign up for **Rs.500/-** with a monthly commitment for **TOUCH & TAG** 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, business men & 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"**.

This is a partnership to mobilize practical financial support for the needy.



## Did you know?

Every single day, In India alone,  
500 people are detected for Leprosy  
5000 people detected for TB

Pledge

₹ 500

- A regular monthly donation of Rs. 500 for a year can help provide **special customised footwear** to 20 persons affected by leprosy
- A regular monthly donation of Rs.500 for a year will help with **cost of vocational education** for 2 adolescent children affected by Leprosy
- A monthly donation of Rs.500 for 3 years can help **provide petty shops, pushcarts or livestock** to ensure regular income and a secure future for head of family affected by Leprosy or TB
- A monthly donation of Rs.500 from 4 persons for a year can **provide nutritious food** for atleast 2 drug resistant Tuberculosis patients
- 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.
- A monthly donation of Rs. 500 from 6 persons for a year helps **cover the cost of a deformity correction surgery** for a person affected by Leprosy.

## Thank you!

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

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

Please pledge a committed support  
and become a regular donor.

## Sign in Now!

### There are 3 ways to Donate regularly:

**Option 1:** Direct NACH debits from your savings account

**Option 2:** Cheques/DD payable to "Damien Foundation India Trust"

**Option 3:** Contribute online through our secure payment gateway

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