

Over
60 years of
 Striving & Serving
 to end **Leprosy**
 and **TB**



**ACTIVITY
 REPORT
 2018**



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

VISION



Demien Foundation India Trust offers quality services, both medical and social to people in need, either directly or through NGOs, Civil society Organizations or Government

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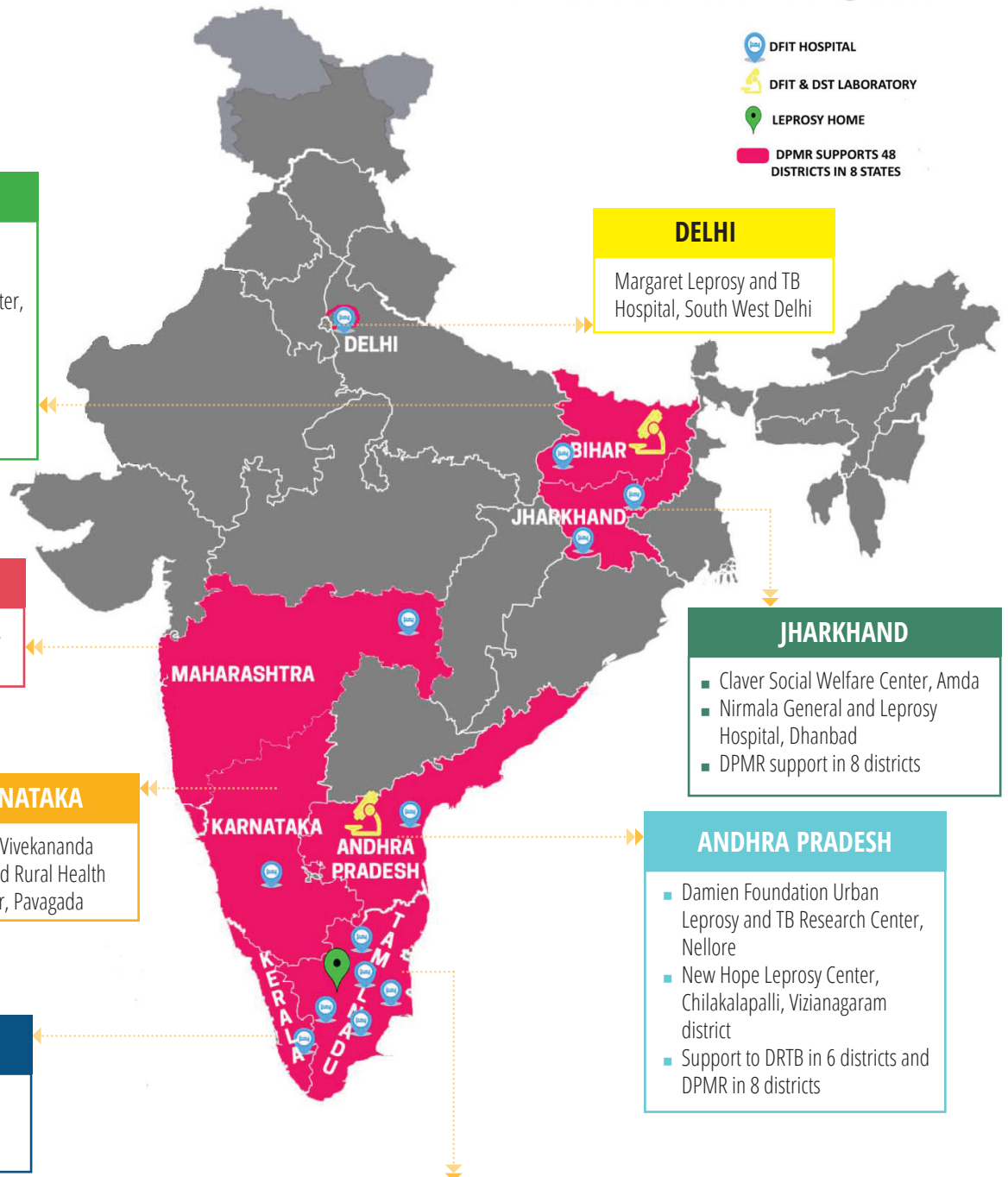


Transparency, Accountability, Synergy and Respect

VALUES

WHERE WE WORK

-  DFIT HOSPITAL
-  DFIT & DST LABORATORY
-  LEPROSY HOME
-  DPMR SUPPORTS 48 DISTRICTS IN 8 STATES



BIHAR

- Model Leprosy unit in Rohtas district
- Damien TB Research Center, Darbhanga
- Support to DPMR in 23 districts and DRTB in 6 districts
- ILEP Coordination

DELHI

Margaret Leprosy and TB Hospital, South West Delhi

MAHARASHTRA

Assisi Sevasadan Hospital, Nagepalli

JHARKHAND

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

KARNATAKA

Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Center, Pavagada

ANDHRA PRADESH

- Damien Foundation Urban Leprosy and TB Research Center, Nellore
- New Hope Leprosy Center, Chilakalapalli, Vizianagaram district
- Support to DRTB in 6 districts and DPMR in 8 districts

KERALA

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

TAMIL NADU

- Anandapuram Rehabilitation Center, Polambakkam
- The Beatitudes Social Welfare Center, Pope John Garden
- Nigiris – Wayanad Tribal Welfare Society, Ambalamoola
- Arogya Agam, Aundipatty
- St. Mary's leprosy center, Arisipalayam, Salem
- Holy Family Hansensorium, Fathimanagar, Trichy
- DPMR support in 15 districts

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

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



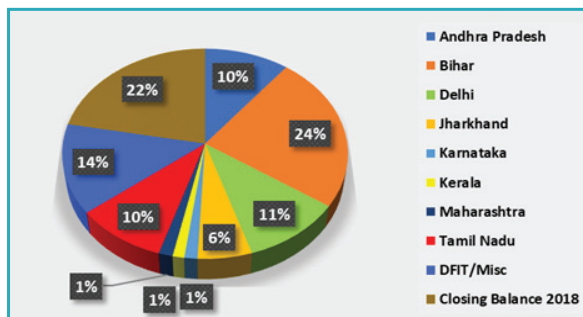
I am delighted to present our activity report 2018. It is my hope and expectation that this annual report will provide an effective information for all the donors and partners supporting Damien Foundation India Trust. Overall it was a successful year in terms of both implementation and results. One of the challenges in leprosy control is availability of services for underserved population like Musahar community in Bihar. DFIT developed a strategy of involving local volunteers from the same community during the leprosy detection campaign organised by the Government. This yielded in better case detection. The state of Bihar recognised the importance of involving local members and followed the strategy for leprosy case detection in 38 districts of Bihar in 2019. The initial results of the strategy followed for strengthening the referral system in selected districts in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand has trusted us about its sustainability of leprosy services and helped us for scaling up in other priority districts.

As a medical and humanitarian organisation, our strength lies in our employees and volunteers, be the front-line or back-office staff, and all the other people who support our work. I would like to thank them and acknowledge their commitment for this noble cause. I am pleased to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Government of India, State Governments and District authorities for their collaboration and support.

Finally, it is important to indicate here that all this was possible to achieve because of the good support and guidance received from our trust members and officials from Damien Foundation Belgium.

Dr. Shivakumar
Secretary

Final Report 2018: Application of Funds in INR 117.6 million



DAMIEN CONTRIBUTES TO CREATE COMPASSIONATE AND SOCIALLY CONCERNED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

In order to increase knowledge and compassion among future doctors for leprosy, Damien Foundation India Trust facilitates Leprosy Endowment Prize award for Final Year Medical College students. This is done in collaboration with Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University and Sri Ramachandra Medical University. Ms. Harini from Dr. MGR Medical University was recommended for Damien Foundation Endowment Prize Gold Medal - 2018. Ms. Shreyas Srinivasan was nominated for Gold Medal from Sri Ramachandra Medical University for the year 2018.



AROUND 1500 PERSONS RECEIVED LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT



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 60 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

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

SCALE AND REACH

- Dedicated and a well-trained team comprising of 213 Medical /Paramedical staff, 27 Administrative staff and 138 Programme staff catering to the needs of more than 25000 families affected by with Leprosy /TB every year.
- Strengthening of referral system through Primary Health Care Centres, Government and Non-Government Organisations covering a population of over 100 million across 8 states in India.

LEPROSY CONTROL ACTIVITIES

- 15 field expert teams to facilitate Disability prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 48 districts.
- 13 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.

YEAR AFTER YEAR, FOR OVER 60 YEARS...

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SURGICAL SUPPORT

1,07,513 – Leprosy affected were given free treatment as out-patients

1,912 – Leprosy affected were treated in-house

370 – New leprosy cases identified

406 – Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

108 – Minor surgeries done

Your Donation of

Rs.36,000 Will help many like Khalindi experience a life transformation through surgical process called "Deformity Correction" and lead a productive life

A dream come true

Kalindi (name changed) aged 15, hails from a tribal village at Saraikela district, Jharkhand. She was living with her uncle who was affected by leprosy.

One day during her routine domestic work, she unknowingly began dropping things and felt weakness in her left hand. Her family members immediately rushed her to a nearby Government Hospital in Saraikela. She was diagnosed with leprosy and put on treatment for six months. And she successfully completed her treatment. She was referred to Claver Social Welfare Center, Amda supported by Damien Foundation for the correction of weakness in her left hand. Her surgery was successful after intensive physiotherapy. She was able to successfully overcome the hindrance and able to carry out her regular household chores.

She desires to complete her schooling and take up a course in skill training that would help for her livelihood. DFIT has encouraged her to pursue her dreams and has assured to support her through livelihood programme.



SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

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A fifty year old woman named Punitha (name changed) had been happily living with her husband, sons and daughter-in-laws in a small village in Gadchiroli district. She led a normal life doing her routine work until one day she fell ill with fever and cough. Assuming that her condition is due to some religious beliefs, she sought the help of priests from local temples which showed no signs of change.

Luckily, one day a DFIT health worker visited her during the field visit, where he presumed Punitha's condition as TB and referred her to Assisi Sevasadan Hospital for diagnosis and treatment. She was diagnosed TB and treatment was initiated immediately and also supported nutritional supplement. With the continuous counselling and motivation helped her to recover faster and regain weight. She couldn't find words to express her happiness. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment saved her life.

Special diet and nutritious food are provide 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 of six months to help recover from TB.



18,470 – Presumptive TB patients were screened

8,018 – Follow-up examinations for MDR TB patients

324 – Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements

10,709 – Presumptive Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB patients were screened

557 – Multi-Drug Resistant TB patients were admitted, evaluated and initiated treatment at DOT's plus site

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

AROUND 100000 FAMILIES COVERED IN TB DIAGNOSIS

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SELF-CARE

9,465 – Leprosy affected were motivated to practice self-care regularly

1,912 – Leprosy affected were supported with customized MCR Footwear

4,683 – Leprosy affected were motivated to use appropriate foot wear

Your contribution of

Rs.500 can help provide a special customized footwear for one leprosy affected that can prevent infectious and ulcers caused by nails or sharp objects from the ground

Sensation loss makes persons affected by Leprosy susceptible to injuries and burns in feet and hands. 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 through combined efforts of the individual concerned, family of the affected, health care team and social workers.



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

TRANSFORMATION...

Mr. Gopal (name changed) aged 55, hails from Kalava Konda village, Nellore district. His foot and hand was deformed due to leprosy, homeless and desperate, he was living at the mercy of the local community members in his village staying on the streets. The villagers were moved by his plight and supported him by providing food and clothing.

During the routine visit of DFIT team to the village, they witnessed the condition of Gopal and intervened to provide self-care training. He began to practice self-care regularly and got relieved from ulcers in his hands and feet.

The villagers came forward to support by constructing a small house for him, but could not complete it due to financial constraints. Identifying this, DFIT team recommended socio-economic support to complete the remaining construction work.

As a contribution from the community, his neighbors offered him household articles like fan, cot, mattress, pillow, kitchen utensils, rice and groceries etc to encourage him to sustain his livelihood. Local community volunteers and health staff made regular visits to ensure that Gopal followed the self-care practices regularly. DFIT facilitated him to avail disability pension and monthly ration from the Government.

The local community with the support of Damien Foundation was able to transform the life of Mr.Gopal.

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SAFE SHELTER



22 – Houses were built/renovated

- Support provided for Operation Theater and Post Operative Patient Ward Renovation work in Holy Family Hansensorium, Fathima Nagar, Trichy.
- Support provided for Leprosy Hospital Block Renovation for In-patients and Out-Patient care services and RCS ward in St. John's hospital & leprosy services, pirappancode, Trivandrum.
- Support provided for In-Patient ward Renovation, OPD, Physiotherapy Unit and patient toilets inside the hospital Campus in Dehri-On-Sone, Bihar
- Support provided for Civil Work in the Hospital Premises and Guest House Maintenance in Margaret Leprosy and TB Hospital, Delhi
- Support provided for Female inmate ward renovation, Dining hall and Kitchen Renovation in Anandapuram Rehabilitation Centre, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu

A contribution of **Rs.1,00,000** is all it takes to repair or reconstruct a home for a needy person affected by leprosy

AROUND 50000 RESCUED FROM LEPROSY INDUCED DEFORMITY



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.

MISERABLE TO DESIRABLE

The 20 year old boy named Raghu (name changed) comes from a poor family background supported by his mother and brother. His father is an alcoholic, who failed to take responsibility of his family; therefore the burden of taking care of the family fell on him. He developed patches on the fore-arms and reported to St. Mary's Leprosy Centre, Arisipalayam supported by Damien Foundation. He was diagnosed with leprosy and began the treatment. He made frequent visits to the hospital with severe pain during the course of treatment. He was admitted for the management of complications related to the disease. He started recovering from the condition.

'I was not aware of my condition and didn't want to share it with anyone considering my father', says Raghu passively. With the moral support he received from his mother and brother he was able to undertake the treatment and recover quickly. He was supported with materials for making silver anklets at home through livelihood support project. He is now able to earn his livelihood and thereby supporting his family. Raghu's family is grateful to St. Mary's leprosy centre for the generous support offered to make them self-sustainable. His condition has changed from a miserable state to his desire.

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

72 – Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support.

Your donation of

Rs.18,000

will help provide regular income and a stable future through petty shops, push-carts or livestock

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 counselling patients, their families and communities to live together with acceptance.

TIMELY SUPPORT SAVED MY LIFE

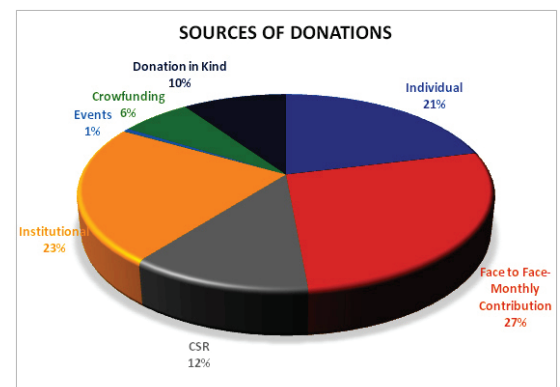
I am Pandiyan (name changed) aged 49 years residing in a village in Salem District. I have been living happily with my wife and three children until I was diagnosed with leprosy. I was also partially losing my eye-sight due to old age and my family tried to isolate me. I was intending to commit suicide because of the constant emotional abuse of my son. I had no-where to go and struggled without any love and support.

To add to my hardship, I also developed ulcers in my foot which created stench smell around. Everyone started complaining about my condition and my wife isolated me completely.

One day, team from St. Mary's Leprosy hospital supported by DFIT came to my village and promised to rescue from my suffering and also counseled me and my family members for cataract surgery and self-care. They facilitated to get my cataract surgery done. After undergoing the surgery, I breathed a sigh of relief. I was excited to look at my face into the mirror as I had not done so for nearly three years. I also shared my experience with everyone in the hospital who empathized with me.

St. Mary's Leprosy hospital helped in construction of toilet for my personal care to prevent taking any long-walks. Now I am free from ulcers in my feet.

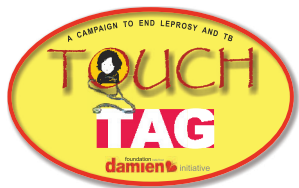
I am grateful to St. Mary's for considering my condition and rescuing me from my struggle. My family has got along with me now. This timely support saved my life.



Empowering Communities, Ending
Discrimination

Sign up 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, 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"**.

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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

- A regular monthly donation of Rs. 500 for a year can help provide **special customised footwear** provide 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 action of Rs.500 for 3 years can help **petty shops, pushcarts or livestock** to ensure regular income and secure future for head of family affected by Leprosy or TB
- Monthly donation of Rs. 500 from 4 persons for a year can provide **nutritious food** for at least 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

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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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