

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

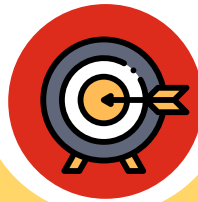


**ACTIVITY REPORT
 2019**



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 14 districts

KARNATAKA

- ▶ Swami Vivekananda Integrated Rural Health Centre, Pavagada

CHHATTISGARH

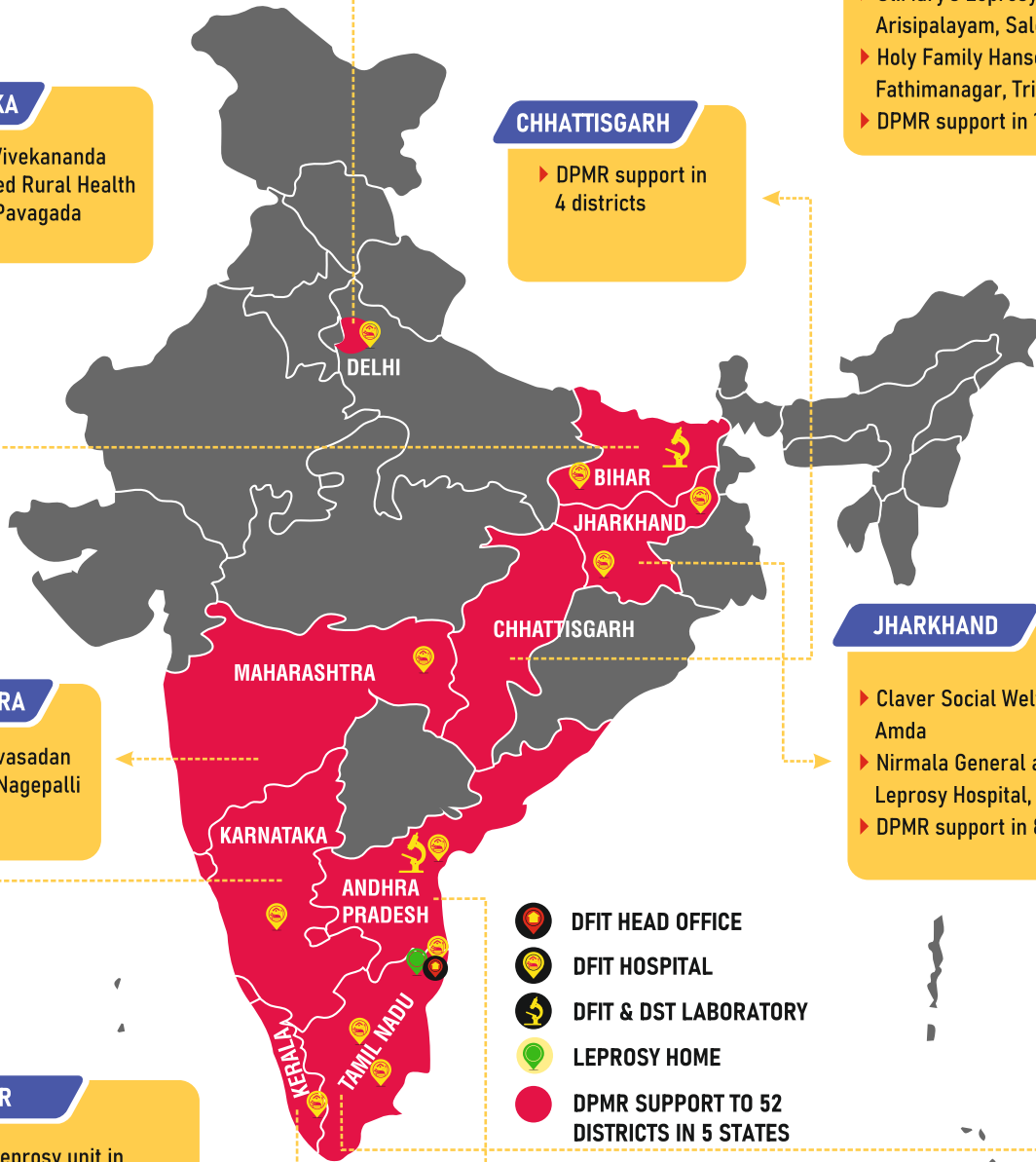
- ▶ DPMR support in 4 districts

MAHARASHTRA

- ▶ Assisi Sevasadan Hospital, Nagepalli

JHARKHAND

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



BIHAR

- ▶ Model Leprosy unit in Rohtas district
- ▶ Damien TB Research Centre, Darbhanga
- ▶ Support to DPMR in 23 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 Research Centre, Nellore
- ▶ Support to DRTB in 6 districts and DPMR in 9 districts

◆ DPMR - Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation ◆ DRTB - Drug Resistant Tuberculosis

◆ ILEP - International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Association



NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

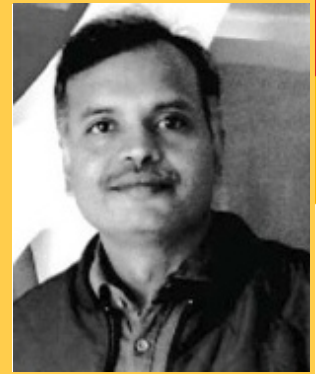
I am pleased to introduce this year's annual report, which illustrates the efforts of Damien Foundation India Trust and its team. This report showcases the many ways in which we support work at primary, secondary, tertiary level care and medical & social rehabilitation of persons affected by leprosy and tuberculosis.

I am pleased to inform you that during the year DFIT has initiated Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 4 districts in Chhattisgarh and one district in Andhra Pradesh. DFIT has signed an MoU with the State Government of Chhattisgarh to initiate activities at different levels in the districts to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Xavier Ortegat, President of Damien Foundation, Belgium, for his visit to our projects and appreciation.

On behalf of the trust, I would like to thank the Government of India, State Governments, district health authorities and volunteers from India and abroad for their continuous support. I also extend my gratitude to all our trust members for their timely guidance and support. Finally, my sincere appreciation to our team for their continued dedication to the organisation and its important mission.

Together with our many partners in India and abroad, DFIT will continue to deliver quality services for persons affected by leprosy and tuberculosis in the coming years.



Dr. M. SHIVAKUMAR
Secretary

DAMIEN CONTRIBUTES TO CREATE COMPASSIONATE AND SOCIALLY CONCERNED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

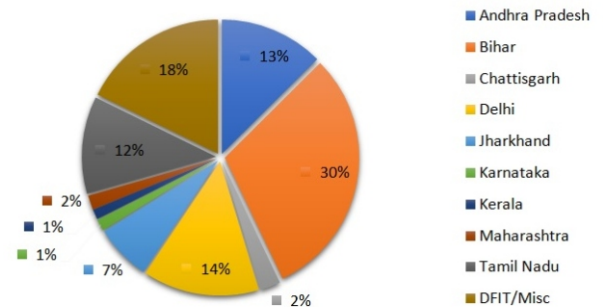
Through out the world Leprosy experts are decreasing and in order to increase knowledge and compassion among future doctors for leprosy, Damien Foundation India Trust facilitates Leprosy Endowment Prize award for Final Year Medical College students every year. This is done in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University and Sri Ramachandra Medical University. Ms. A.Jenet Evans from Dr.MGR Medical University was recommended for Damien Foundation Endowment Prize Gold Medal - 2019. Ms. M.Keerthana Prasitha was nominated for Gold Medal from Sri Ramachandra Medical University for the year 2019. Damien Foundation India Trust (DFIT) conducted the Dr. Claire Vellut Gold Medal Endowment Prize Examination for Undergraduate Medical Students of Vardhman Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Pawapuri, Nalanda district, Bihar from the year 2019. Mr. Munchun Kumar was awarded with "Dr. Claire Vellut Gold Medal prize" for the year 2019.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Application of Funds in INR 128.20 million

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Provided Livelihood support to around 1750 Persons 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 65 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 221 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 100 million across 9 states in India.

Leprosy Control Activities

- ▶ 15 field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 60 districts.
- ▶ 13 referral hospitals to provide services for managing complications related to 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



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 65 years...**

1. SURGICAL SUPPORT

Behula hopes that suffering is only a chance encounter



Before Surgery

Behula Gorh had the shadow of leprosy cross her path at the tender age of 14. She lived with its unsettling effects for eight years until Damien Foundation discovered her and made her undergo surgery and get rid of the scourge at age of 22. Behula hails from the Lakhansai village of the Potka district of Jharkhand. She was only 8 years when Leprosy affected her. She was treated by a local doctor to no avail. She was diagnosed correctly and treated adequately at the Government hospital. But, she lived with the scar of her disease, clawing of both hands due to leprosy for several years. One day, when a DFIT social worker, upon visiting the village for field assessment, found her and decided that she was suitable for deformity correction surgery.



After Surgery

She underwent surgery for her deformed right hand at Damien Foundation Hospital in Amda, Jharkhand. She is, needless to say, happy! Her world was turned upside down with leprosy, and now, she has a chance to lead a normal life, again. While she has a supportive community, who have always encouraged her to participate in activities, she, finally, had the confidence to try. She wants to get married, and, also support her family. She is waiting to undergo the left hand surgery.

Her life is, now, full of possibilities. Damien Foundation with the help of well-wishers / donors helped her cross the last mile to happiness.

Your Donation of

Rs.50,000

Will help many like Behula Gorh experience a life transformation through surgical process called "Deformity Correction" and lead a productive life

96,550 -

Leprosy affected were given free treatment as out-patients

1,737-

Leprosy affected were treated in-house

390-

New leprosy cases identified

449-

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

109-

Minor surgeries conducted

2. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

I will play with my friends again

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

Shrikanth (Name Changed) a bubbly twelve-year-old had been living happily with his parents in a small village in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. He fell ill one day with persistent fever and cough which did not subside for days. His parents were poor, they were not able to give him the necessary medical support. DFIT health worker during his regular field visit to the village met him, and suspected TB. He was immediately referred to DFIT sponsored hospital in Nagepalli.

He was barely skin and bones when he came to the hospital. The health staff diagnosed him and found Category-I, abdomen TB. He was put on treatment and was provided with nutritional supplement to improve his health condition. His health condition was constantly monitored by the health staff of the hospital. Project staff motivated him and counselled his family during the days of his stay at the hospital.

Shrikanth slowly started to regain his weight and was incredibly happy to see the visible improvement of his health. Now he is fully cured of TB. Shrikanth plays like any other children in his village. His family said, "we are thankful to Damien Foundation for the timely intervention and support". Early diagnosis and prompt treatment with supportive nutritional supplement saved Shrikanth life. The success of Damien Foundation and its projects depends on the happiness and well-being of patients treated every year.



Before Nutritional support



After Nutritional support

21,311 -

Presumptive TB patients were screened

11,769-

Presumptive Drug Resistant (DR TB) TB patients were screened

10,755-

Follow-up examinations done for DRTB patients

1,892-

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

354-

TB patients were treated in-house

364-

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements

Around 104000 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.

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.



7,060 -

Leprosy affected were motivated to practice self-care regularly

1,542-

Leprosy affected were supported with customized MCR Footwear



4. SAFE SHELTER

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.

Life's Unending Challenges

Bharat Ram is never willing to accept defeat even though he has been repeatedly challenged by adversities. Hailing from Sarauti village in Alwar District in Bihar, the 43 year old Bharat ram, with a family consisting of a wife and four children, faced leprosy with its consequences four years back. This led to the loss of toes in his right foot and the loss of his job as a daily wage labourer. His family survived through meagre wages earned by his wife as a daily wage labourer. Damien Foundation India Trust came to know the plight of Bharat Ram and his family and helped by offering 20000 rupees for starting a small grocery shop. Timely help and their diligence helped them to earn a decent monthly income and send their children to school.



Bharat Ram and his family were contented until tragedy struck in the form of storm in June 2019, which ravaged their home that they had built with their earnings. The family was roofless, living amongst the ruins, what was left of their home.

Damien Foundation assessed the situation and decided that the family should be helped again and provided Bharat Ram with Rs.1,50,000/- to rebuild his home. Today Bharat Ram and his family have a roof over their heads, he is able to earn an income on his own through the shop provided and he sends his children to school. Bharat Ram is thankful to all those who helped him overcome his situation. Now, he is confident that he can overcome the challenges in his life.



24 houses were newly constructed / renovated.

- For Gaja Cyclone Victims of Persons affected by Leprosy 10 houses constructed. One house was supported by Avery Dennison.
- Sunderpur Kusht Colony, West Champaran, Bihar Renovation works done.
- Marjadwa Leprosy Colony, West Champaran, Bihar, 20 houses renovated.
- Dehri on Sone, Bihar - Renovation work done at RCS and Ulcer Wards.
- Raxaul, Little Flower Convent, Bihar, renovated / converted a room into operation theatre for doing RCS.
- St.Mary's Leprosy Centre, Arisipalayam, Salem, Renovation works done for OPD, staircases provided for the four houses constructed at Pananthoppu Colony.
- Holy Family Hansensorium, Fathimanagar, Trichy, renovated / toilet facility provided for inpatients.
- Margaret TB Hospital, Delhi - Guest house building 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 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.

Story of Ashok Kaudu



Ashok Kaudu Bhodalkar, aged 44 hails from Ghoat village from Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra. He is a victim of leprosy and he completed his treatment in 2001, but he had developed foot drop. Damien foundation field workers during the field visit identified him. He was running a small electrical repair shop and earning very meager income. He used to stand for long time to do the electrical repair work especially copper coil winding for motors, as a result he had ulcers in his foot. He was not able to do one motor coil winding a day and he faced financial burdens.

Damien Foundation came to his rescue and supported him with Rs. 20,000/- in the year 2019 towards the purchase of an automatic coil winding machine, under socio - economic rehabilitation for his livelihood. Today he is able to do 5 to 6 motor coil winding a day and earning about Rs.10,000/- a month. He does not stand for a long time for coil winding any more, his ulcers have disappeared and he is practicing self care regularly with the advice of DFIT field worker. Today he is able to save money after his monthly expenses. Today his both daughters are going to school.

He is now willing to undergo deformity corrective surgery for his foot drop. He and his family are happy today without any financial burden and he is thankful to Damien Foundation and its project for the timely intervention.

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

165-

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

58-

Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support.

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 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

Story of Mr.Santosh Singh

Mr. Santosh singh, aged 40years, was living happily with his wife, 2 small kids and aged father in his village Araha, Saharsha district, Bihar, until he noticed a skin patch with loss of sensation on right arm. He ignored it for 2-3 months, thinking that it was not a big problem. Gradually, he developed many patches all over the body and numbness in his left hand. He consulted a local medical practitioner, and was prescribed some injection and medicines. There was no improvement. Slowly he developed clawing of his left hand and also developed a blister due to working in an agriculture field. He approached the district hospital. From there, he was referred to Government hospital in Patna. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and was started on MDT.

Mr. Santosh singh and his family faced prejudice and discrimination due to disability over a long period. He often felt depressed and had suicidal tendency, as he was not able to earn his livelihood. His elder son (10 years old) started to work as a bus cleaner at sourbazar bus stand to feed his family.

In the year 2019 Damien Foundation, identified Mr. Santosh singh and supported him in starting a small grocery shop for his livelihood. He was also assisted by the Damien Foundation community social worker for getting his disability certificate and Government pension. Now, Mr. Santosh singh is earning around Rs.200 to 300/- daily and living a dignified life with his family members.



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"**.



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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 to 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 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
- ▶ 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 to cover the **cost of a deformity correction surgery** for a person affected by Leprosy

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