

# 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT

Stepping into  
**69 years**  
of striving & serving to  
end Leprosy & 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



## Vision

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



## Values

Transparency, Accountability, Synergy and Respect

*In the journey for change, guided by the support of...*



# WHERE WE WORK

State

OUR  
PROJECTS

01

Andhra Pradesh

1. Damien Foundation Urban Leprosy and TB Research Centre, Nellore
2. DPMR support in Nellore Urban area

03

Chhattisgarh

1. DPMR support in 12 districts

05

Jharkhand

1. DPMR support in 12 districts

07

Tamil Nadu

1. Anandapuram Rehabilitation Centre, Polambakkam, for Leprosy old age Home Chengalpattu district
2. DPMR support in 15 districts

02

Bihar

1. Model Leprosy Control Unit, Dehri on Sone, Rudrapura, Rohtas district
2. Damien TB Research Centre, Darbhanga
3. DPMR Support in 23 districts
4. DRTB / DPMR support in 5 districts
5. ILEP coordination

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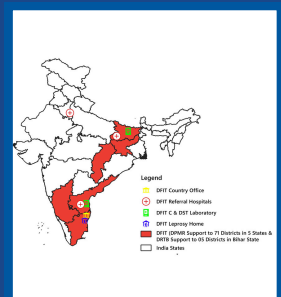
Delhi

1. Margaret Leprosy and TB Hospital, South West Delhi

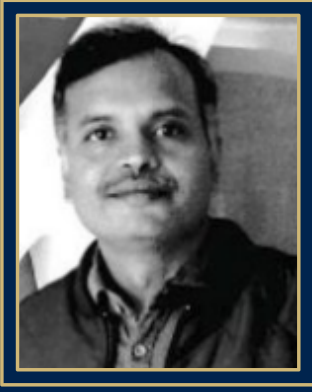
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Karnataka

1. DPMR support in 4 districts



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



**DR. M. SIVAKUMAR**  
**SECRETARY**

Facing tough challenges in 2023, we tested our commitment to making a positive impact on the lives affected by TB and leprosy. Despite financial constraints, our team stayed strong, driven by a burning desire to help. Our staff's dedication and passion shone through, even in the face of fiscal storms.

This report isn't just about numbers; it's a story of our spirit, showcasing how we succeeded over adversity. Explore these pages to discover stories of perseverance, innovation and unwavering dedication.

A big thanks to our board members, staff, volunteers, donors especially Damien Foundation Belgium and partners who supported us during these tough times. Your steadfast support has been crucial to our achievements and we look forward to tackling future challenges together.

As we navigate the upcoming year, let this report be a testament to our shared commitment and the extraordinary impact we can achieve when we unite for a common cause. Together, we can continue making strides in the fight against TB and leprosy, ensuring a healthier and more hopeful future for all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey

## Awards & Recognition and Endowment 2023

On the occasion of World Leprosy Day, Tamilnadu Government Health Department conducted "Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Programme" at Queen Mary's College, Chennai on 3rd February 2023 and recognized the NGOs participation for leprosy control programme.

Thiru. M. Subramaniam, BA.LLB, Honourable Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare appreciated the involvement of Damien Foundation India Trust and awarded Mr.K.Naresh Kumar, Mr.Francis Paul Durai Raj and Mr.K.Ilango Yesu for the exemplary services rendered towards leprosy medical and social rehabilitation for persons affected by leprosy.



Ramachandra Medical University presents its own gold medal to the top-performing final year MBBS students. Ms. Madhumitha Venkatesh (Reg.No.M0119175) was chosen as the recipient of the Endowment Prize Gold Medal in Leprosy for the year 2023.

Damien Foundation India Trust has been organizing Leprosy Endowment Prize Exam for the final year medical students in collaboration with Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University and Sri Ramachandra Medical University since 1993. During the year the theory and practical exam for the students were conducted in the month August 2023.



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 69 years.

## WHAT WE DO?

### OUR FOCUS

- Prevent occurrence of Leprosy and Tuberculosis
- 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 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 154 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 cover 178.7 million across 7 states in India

### TB CONTROL ACTIVITIES

- 11 designated microscopic centre to manage drug susceptible TB Control.
- 2 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

- Eighteen Field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 71 districts.
- Three referral hospitals to provide services for managing complications related to Leprosy.



### DFIT has been;

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

Year after year... for over 69 years...

# 1. SURGICAL SUPPORT

A 25-year-old woman, Mrs. Mahalakshmi (Name Changed) from Andhra Pradesh, presented with multiple pale coloured skin lesions with signs of inflammation throughout her body, persisting for one year. Initially, a year ago, she noticed a pale coloured skin lesions on her right thigh but did not seek medical attention. Subsequently, another lesion developed on her right cheek. She did not share this information with any family members. Her marriage was arranged for December 2022, and six months after the wedding, she began developing multiple patches with raised and indistinct margins across her body. In February 2023, she consulted a dermatologist who prescribed Anti-Leprosy drugs for three months. During that time, she experienced Leprosy Type 1 reaction, leading her to discontinue the Anti-Leprosy treatment.



In June 2023, she sought the opinion of another dermatologist. Simultaneously, a relative undergoing treatment with Damien Foundation's hospital brought her to our centre on June 30, 2023. Upon assessing her medical history, it was confirmed that she was pregnant. We advised initiating all necessary treatments, including MDT and treatment for reaction. Upon examination, it was observed that she had early weakness in the right hand ulnar nerve. A posterior slab was applied on her hand to provide rest to the nerve. Regular follow-ups were conducted, and she completed her reaction treatment without leading to any disabilities. In December 2023, she gave birth to a healthy male child. Damien Foundation to monitor her health. She is keeping well and all the members in the family are very happy.



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

**28781**

Total out patients treated

**606**

Leprosy affected persons treated as patients

**133**

New Leprosy cases identified

**205**

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

**25**

Minor Surgeries

# 2. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS



This narrative revolves around Begum (Name changed), a 24-year-old woman from Uttar Pradesh. Until 2022, she appeared to be in good health. However, she began experiencing persistent fever, loss of appetite, extreme weakness, and emotional distress, reaching a point where she felt unwilling to continue living. Despite seeking help from multiple private doctors and spending nearly Rs. 20,000, her condition did not improve.

Noora's journey took a positive turn when she visited RML Hospital in Delhi, where she was diagnosed with Extra-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, specifically Pleural Effusion. Her treatment commenced. She is living in a rented house and facing significant financial challenges, she received nutritional support throughout her entire treatment course. She successfully completed her treatment, experiencing a remarkable weight gain of approximately 10 kgs.

Now leading a content and comfortable life, Begum expresses profound gratitude to the Damien Foundation for their crucial support throughout her journey.



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

**12006**

Presumptive TB Patients were screened

**16087**

Presumptive Drug Resistant (DRTB) TB patients were screened

**4594**

Follow up examinations done for DRTB Patients

**2688**

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

**110**

TB Patients were Treated

**292**

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements

**Around 125000 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



**274**  
Leprosy affected persons were supported with customised MCR Footwear



**16128**  
Leprosy affected persons were motivated to practice self-care regularly

### SUCCESS STORY OF Mr. SOMA CHANDU MADAVI

### 4. SAFE SHELTER

I am Soma chandu Madavi age 49-year-old from a tribal community, in Maharashtra state. I lived happily with my wife and three children until I was diagnosed with leprosy. The diagnosis was done in late stage when my fingers got clawed on my both hands. To add to my hardship I also developed ulcer in my both foot and hand which created stench smell around. Everyone started complaining about my condition and I could not go out and move freely with friends and neighbors.

One day Damien Foundation staff came to our village and seeing my suffering condition they counselled me and my family members about the disease and not to worry about it. They assured me and my family that I can get rid of this disease, if I take the treatment and follow the self-care exercise regularly. They started leprosy treatment and demonstrated self-care and due to this my ulcer healed. Damien Foundation helped me to complete this house. Now myself and my family is happy. My ulcers are healed. I am grateful to Damien Foundation for helping me renovate my house.

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

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**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

Your contribution of **Rs.50,000/-** will help to have regular income by providing petty shops, push-carts, livestock etc.,

### SUCCESS STORY OF Mrs. AMERIKA DEVI



Amrika Devi, a 46-year-old woman and Bihar native, has been residing in Delhi for the past 30 years. She lives with her husband and two sons. Diagnosed with TB in 2017, she faced the challenge of recurring episodes, eventually leading to her current status as a Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR TB) patient. Undergoing an extensive 18-month oral treatment, her journey was complicated by severe anemia prior to initiating therapy.

Adding to the difficulties, Amrika's husband experienced a handicap due to an accident, rendering him unable to engage in any labor work. This unfortunate circumstance pushed the family into extreme poverty. However, with the invaluable support of Damien Foundation India Trust, they received health and nutritional assistance. Moreover, a thoughtful initiative provided them with a rickshaw to sell vegetables, contributing to their monthly income of Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 12,000/-. Today, the family expresses immense gratitude and satisfaction for the positive impact of Damien Foundation India Trust on their lives.

**137**

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

**14**

Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support

## 6. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Veeresh, living with his mother, one brother, and two sisters after his father's passing, relied on his mother as the sole breadwinner. In 2021, with the assistance of village members and health staff, the family obtained small piece of land. Immediately the application was prepared for approval of small house construction for Veeresh, approval was given to construct a house comprising one room, a toilet, water connection, and electrical work worth of 2.25 lakhs.



Construction was successfully completed in September 2022, and the house was handed over to the patient's family. Additionally, clothes were provided to both the patient's family and the Persons Affected by Leprosy (PAL) community. Family of veeresh expresses gratitude to the Damien Foundation India Trust for their unwavering support.



**"Sustainable income, decent living: dignity for those touched by leprosy"**

# DONATE A GIFT BOX !

To bring smile in life of poor people affected by Leprosy & TB on your Special Occasions



**Per Grocery Kit for a poor TB Patient Rs.1090/-**



**Per Vegetable Kit Price Rs.430/-**



**Per Grocery Kit for a Leprosy Patient Rs.1080/-**



**Self Care Kit for Leprosy Patients Rs.2450/-**

## 80 (G)

50% Income Tax Exemption

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

**SCAN AND PAY**

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UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE

## THANK YOU!

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

## PLEDGE RS. 500/-

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- 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

**SIGN IN NOW !**

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### DID YOU KNOW;

Every single day, In India alone

- 500 people are diagnosed with Leprosy
- 5000 people diagnosed with TB

DFIT Offices at

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