

2024 ACTIVITY REPORT

DAMIEN FOUNDATION INDIA TRUST



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



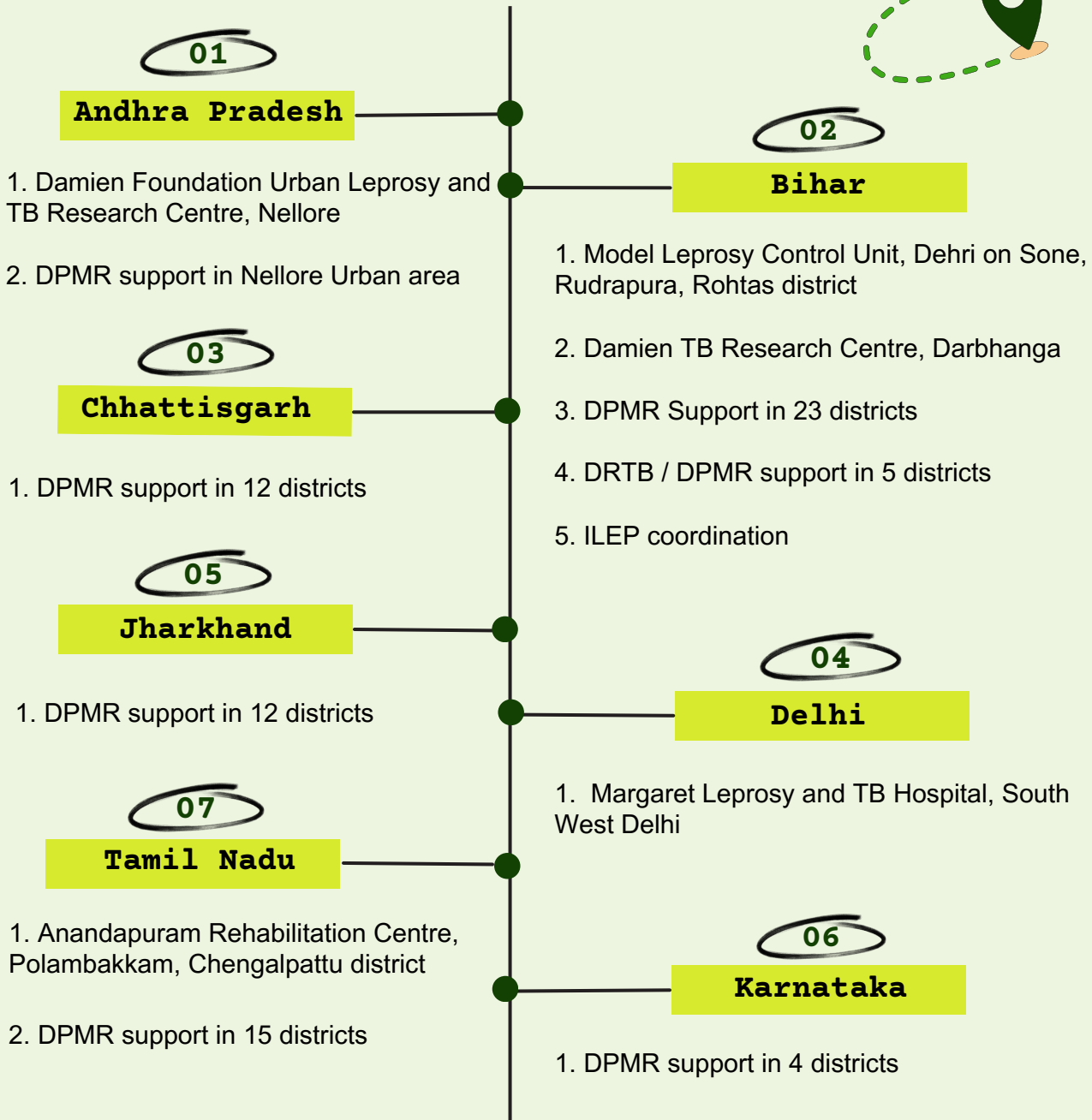
Values

Transparency, Accountability, Synergy and Respect

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



Our Project States



- ★ DPMR - Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation
- DRTB - Drug Resistant Tuberculosis
- ILEP - International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
- DFIT - Damien Foundation India Trust

SECRETARY'S DESK



The year 2024 has been a defining chapter in DFIT's journey, marked by challenges, resilience, and achievements. This report highlights our team's unwavering dedication despite hurdles like FCRA renewal delays and budget constraints. Their commitment ensured key targets were met, sustaining our mission.

I extend my deep gratitude to our chairman, board members, Damien Foundation Belgium, and the Belgium Embassy for their invaluable support.

The Embassy's efforts in connecting us with Belgian companies for CSR contributions, along with generous corporate donations, were crucial in maintaining essential services.

A special thanks to Sheshasayee Paper Mills, Erode, for supporting our palliative care services in Polambakkam. The mid-term evaluation of the EKFS project in Jharkhand reaffirmed the impact and effectiveness of our work, reflecting the dedication of our team.

Looking ahead, sustaining DFIT's activities will require ongoing local resource mobilization. However, with the support of our team and stakeholders, we are confident in overcoming challenges and continuing our impact.

On behalf of DFIT, I sincerely thank our team, board members, Damien Foundation Belgium, the Belgium Embassy, CSR partners, and donors. Your unwavering belief in our mission has been the cornerstone of our success in 2024.

With gratitude and hope for the future.

Dr. M. Shivakumar
Secretary

Awards & Recognition 2024



On January 7, 2025, Mr. Elango Yesu, the Project Coordinator of the Damien Foundation, received the Best Worker Award for 2024 in recognition of his efforts on behalf of individuals affected by leprosy. The award was presented by the Government of Tamil Nadu's Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons.

In January 2025, Mr. Hemant, a staff member of Damien Foundation CSW, received an appreciation award for his service to individuals affected by leprosy on Republic Day in Raigarh District, Chhattisgarh for the year 2024.



Mr. Francis, Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation Coordinator of Damien Foundation India Trust was honored with Lifetime achievement award for his dedicated work for persons affected by leprosy. This award was given during 150th Anniversary Celebration of "The Leprosy Mission" at TLM Hospital at Dayapuram, Manamadurai in Tamil Nadu, India.

Leprosy Endowment Prize Exam 2024

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 June 2024.

Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University:

Mr. Namicharan N. final year MBBS, from Madras Medical College, Chennai who scored the highest rank was recommended for the Gold Medal and Certificate, to be awarded during the university's convocation.

Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education & Research University:

Mr. Hemanth Jain, final year MBBS student who scored highest rank has been nominated for the Leprosy Endowment Prize for the year 2024.



Damien Foundation has so far provided livelihood support to around 3000 beneficiaries

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 70 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 152 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 179.7 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

- 16 Field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 68 districts.
- 3 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 70 years...

1. SURGICAL SUPPORT

Sumitra's Journey to Recovery

Sumitra, a 23-year-old young woman, lives with her parents and brother. Her life took an unexpected turn six years ago when she began losing sensation in her left thumb. Over time, she struggled to grip objects properly and developed blisters, making everyday tasks increasingly difficult.

Despite visiting multiple private hospitals and dispensaries, she found no relief. It wasn't until she moved to Chandigarh, where her brother worked, that she was advised to seek treatment at a government hospital. There, she was diagnosed with MB Leprosy and immediately began treatment. With determination, she successfully completed her therapy in 2019.

Following her recovery, she was referred to the Damien Foundation India Trust in Delhi for deformity correction. Thanks to their expert care, her left thumb was successfully treated, restoring its function.

Today, Sumitra leads a happy and active life with her family. With renewed confidence and improved mobility, she continues to pursue her work. She expresses her heartfelt gratitude to the DFIT team for their unwavering support in her journey to recovery.

Before Treatment



After Treatment



"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

24330

Leprosy affected persons given free treatment as out patients

357

Leprosy affected persons treated as inpatients

146

New Leprosy cases identified

112

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

04

Minor Surgeries

2. SELF-CARE



13011

Leprosy affected persons were motivated to practice self-care regularly

251

Leprosy affected persons were supported with customized MCR Footwear



Your contribution of **Rs.5,000/-** will provide customized MCR Footwear to 10 persons affected by Leprosy and Prevent deformity

Around 50000 Persons Rescued from Leprosy induced deformity

3. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

Sangeeta, a 20-year-old woman from Bihar, has always faced immense challenges in life. Living in a modest home with her mother and younger brother, Sangeeta's family struggled with poverty. Her father, an alcoholic, had abandoned them years ago, leaving her and her mother to fend for themselves. Both Sangeeta and her mother worked tirelessly as domestic helpers to make ends meet.

Despite the hardships, Sangeeta had always been healthy, until one day when she developed a persistent cough. Initially, she thought it was just a seasonal cold, so she bought some over-the-counter medicine from the local chemist. However, the cough worsened, followed by a fever and significant weight loss. Sensing that something was seriously wrong, she decided to seek medical help.

Sangeeta was admitted to Damien Foundation Hospital, where she was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (TB). At that time, her weight had plummeted to just 26 kgs, and her condition was critical. But the hospital staff acted swiftly, beginning immediate treatment

The team at Damien Foundation didn't just provide medical care—they also offered Sangeeta emotional support and counseling to help her cope with the physical and psychological toll of the illness. In addition, she received vital nutritional support, which was crucial for her recovery.

Slowly but surely, Sangeeta began to regain her strength. With each passing day, her health improved, and she gained back the weight she had lost. Today, Sangeeta is completely cured of tuberculosis, and she is deeply grateful to the Damien Foundation for not only saving her life but also giving her the hope and support she so desperately needed.



Before TB Treatment

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



After TB Treatment

8160

Presumptive TB Patients were screened

3842

TB Patients were Treated

3330

Follow up examinations done for DRTB Patients

2003

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

11892

Presumptive Drug Resistant (DRTB) TB patients were screened

110

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements

4. SAFE SHELTER



Before



After

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 125000 families covered under TB diagnosis so far.,

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

A New Beginning: Ravi's Path to Recovery and Hope

Ravi Prakash Kamat was once living a comfortable life with his family. However, everything changed when he developed a persistent cough and fever. Despite undergoing multiple treatments, his condition did not improve. Seeking medical care at private hospitals drained his finances, leaving him struggling to support his wife, two children, and widowed mother. Since 2020, Ravi had been taking tuberculosis (TB) medication, but due to financial constraints, he could not maintain consistent treatment. In 2023, he turned to a government hospital, where doctors conducted a sputum test and diagnosed him with Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (DRTB).

He was immediately started on the appropriate medication. Recognizing his deteriorating physical and financial condition, a Community Social Worker (CSW) from Damien Foundation visited his home. Through proper counseling, the CSW identified his need for nutritional support, which was then provided to help him regain strength. Seeing his economic struggles, the Damien Foundation also identified him for Livelihood Enhancement Program (LEP) assistance.

With continued treatment, Ravi's health gradually improved. However, he still faced difficulties in meeting his family's daily needs and his children's education expenses. To empower him financially, the Damien Foundation supported him through the LEP initiative by investing ₹25,000 to help him start a small grocery shop. The shop soon began generating a daily income of ₹300 to ₹400, enabling him to provide for his family again. Grateful for the support he received, Ravi now looks forward to a healthier and more stable future. He expresses his heartfelt thanks to Damien Foundation for giving him a second chance at life.

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

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

23 Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support



6. SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Transforming Lives, Restoring Dignity



Damien Foundation, we are committed to helping persons affected by leprosy regain their health, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

Through our free medical treatment and unwavering support, we are not just healing bodies – we're restoring lives.

Our dedicated efforts go beyond treatment; we focus on **social integration**. With personalized care and rehabilitation, those affected by leprosy are empowered to live confidently and harmoniously within their communities.

Today, many of our beneficiaries are thriving, participating actively, and living fully integrated lives alongside their peers.



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



Damien Foundation India Trust is registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for receiving CSR grants and the registration number is CSR00039353

DONATE A GIFT BOX !

To bring smile in life of poor people affected by Leprosy & TB



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/-

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Your Donations are 50% tax exempted under section 80G of Income Tax Act, 1961

SCAN AND PAY

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THANK YOU!

We wholeheartedly thank all our Individual, Institution and Corporate donors for their contribution and support towards the Leprosy & TB free India.

PLEDGE RS. 500/-

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DID YOU KNOW?

Every single day, In India alone

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

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