



2025 ACTIVITY REPORT



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

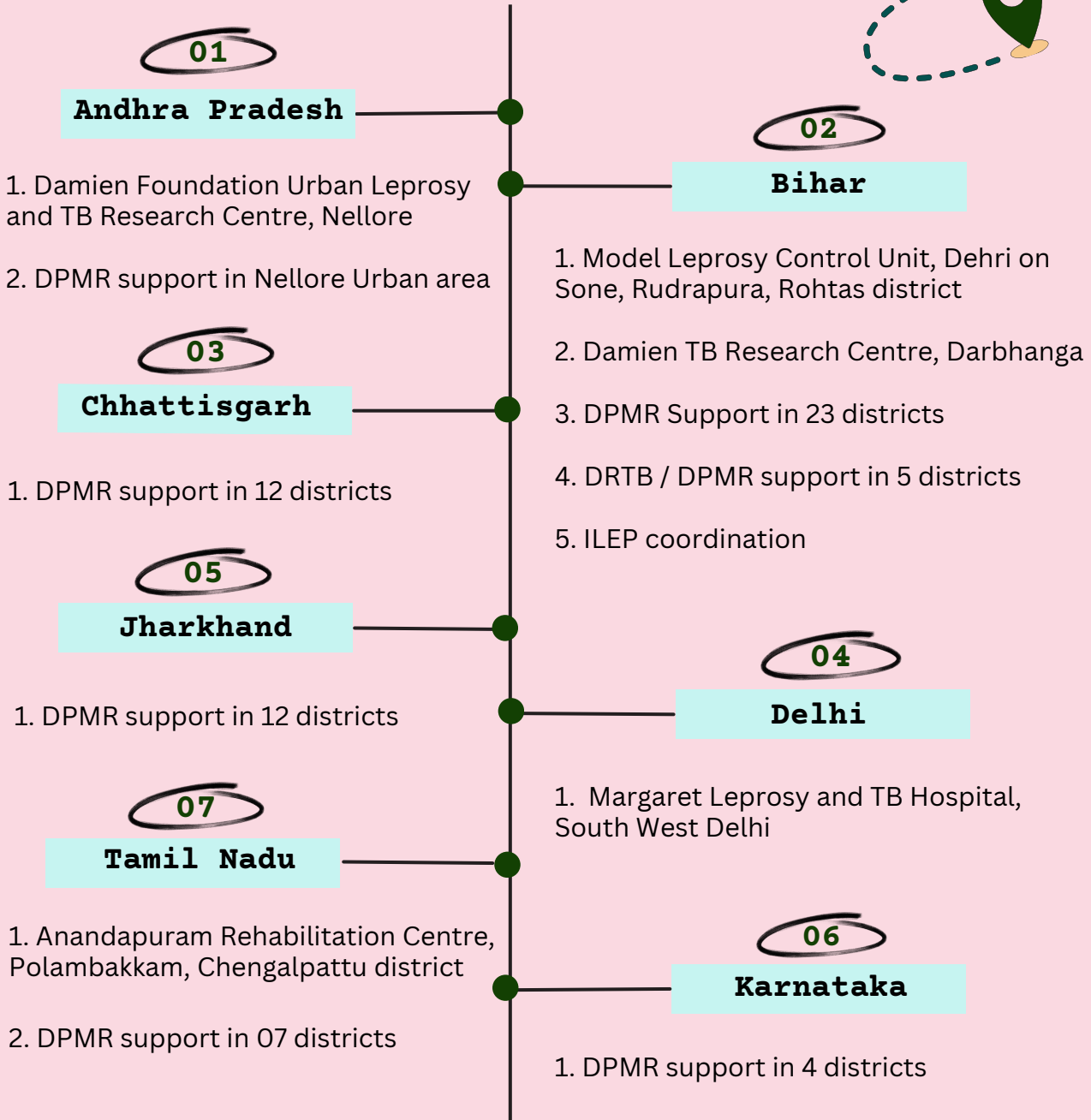
Values

Transparency, Accountability, Synergy and Respect

Health Care Partnership with.....,



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 2025 marks an important milestone in DFIT's journey, reflecting steady progress, resilience, and continued commitment to our mission. Following earlier challenges, this year has been one of recovery, learning, and focused action.

Through the dedicated efforts of our team and careful use of resources, we ensured uninterrupted delivery of essential services, continuing to support vulnerable communities and achieve our programme goals.

We sincerely thank our Chairman and Board Members for their guidance, and Damien Foundation Belgium for their continued technical and moral support. We also appreciate the support of the Belgium Embassy and Consulate General in strengthening CSR linkages.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our CSR partners and individual donors, especially Sheshasayee Paper Mills, Erode, for sustaining vital palliative care services at Polambakkam.

As we move forward, DFIT remains committed to strengthening partnerships, mobilising local resources, and expanding impact.

With sincere thanks to all our supporters for their continued trust.

Dr. M. Shivakumar
Secretary

Event - Participation in King's Day Celebration



Damien Foundation India Trust was invited by His Excellency Frank Geerrens to attend the King's Day celebration held on Friday, 14 November 2025, at Bayview Lawns.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Secretary of Damien Foundation India Trust, represented the organization at the event. The celebration was attended by diplomats, government officials, representatives of international organizations, and other distinguished guests.



During the event, Dr. Shivakumar had the opportunity to briefly introduce the humanitarian work of the Foundation, highlighting its long-standing commitment to the control of leprosy and tuberculosis, disability prevention, and community-based rehabilitation services across several states in India. The event provided an excellent platform to share the mission and achievements of the Foundation and to interact with members of the diplomatic community and other stakeholders. It also strengthened the Foundation's relationship with the Belgian diplomatic mission and partners who have been supporting health and humanitarian initiatives in India.

Damien Foundation India Trust expresses its sincere appreciation to His Excellency Frank Geerrens for the kind invitation and the opportunity to participate in this memorable celebration.

Leprosy Endowment Price Exam 2025

As part of its long-standing commitment to Continuing Medical Education, Damien Foundation India Trust (DFIT) has conducted the Endowment Prize Examination on Leprosy for final-year MBBS students under Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University since 1993. The initiative aims to strengthen undergraduate training and promote clinical excellence in leprosy care.

Each year, around 600 students participate in the theory exam, with top performers shortlisted for the practical component. The University appoints senior professors to oversee the examination process in coordination with DFIT.

In 2025, the theory exam was held on 28 June across 26 medical colleges, with 510 of 545 enrolled students appearing. The top 25 candidates were shortlisted for the practical exam, conducted on 4 August at Stanley Medical College, Chennai, where 24 students participated.



Following evaluation, **Mr. Vignesh Kasi from Madras Medical College secured the highest score (155/200)** and has been recommended for the **Endowment Gold Medal** and University certificate.

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 71 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 138 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 179.75 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

- 15 Field expert teams to facilitate Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation activities in 63 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.

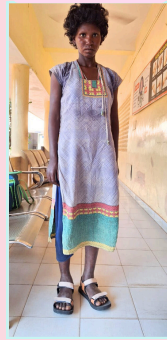
Year after year... for over 71 years...

1. SURGICAL SUPPORT

“A Story of Courage Beyond Disease”

K. Santhi (Name Changed), a 22 year old from Kothuru village in Andhra Pradesh, has known loss from an early age. Her father abandoned the family when she was a child and her mother, forced to migrate to Warangal for work, never returned. Left behind, Santhi grew up as an orphan in a crowded relative's home, learning early what it meant to live without security or belonging. A year ago, her life took another painful turn when nodules began appearing across her body.

Before Treatment



After Treatment



Instead of care, she faced fear and rejection. Illiterate, without an Aadhaar card and suffering from severe Multi-Bacillary leprosy with a Type II reaction, Santhi was pushed to the margins, completely alone. At her lowest point, local ASHA workers brought her to the Damien Foundation India Trust (DFIT) Hospital in Nellore. There, she received specialised treatment free of cost.



Initially withdrawn and traumatised, Santhi slowly began to heal not only through medicine, but through the compassion of the DFIT staff and fellow patients. Recognising that recovery meant more than medical care, DFIT helped restore Santhi's identity by supporting her Aadhaar application and teaching her basic writing skills. She later received training in jute bag stitching, giving her the confidence and means to become financially independent.

As her health improved, Santhi began helping other patients, becoming a source of comfort and hope in the ward. Her journey came full circle when she met Raju, another person affected by leprosy who shared her experience of loss. With the support of the DFIT they got married in their village and integrated with the community.

Once an outcast, Santhi now lives a life of dignity, skill and love proof that with compassion and holistic support, even the most broken beginnings can lead to hope.

26357

Leprosy affected persons given free treatment as out patients

489

Leprosy affected persons treated as inpatients

156

New Leprosy cases identified

101

Deformity correction surgeries for adults and children affected by Leprosy

19

Minor Surgeries

2. SELF-CARE



14820 Leprosy affected persons were motivated to practice self-care regularly

329

Leprosy affected persons were supported with customized MCR Footwear



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

Around 50000 Persons Rescued from Leprosy induced deformity so far.

3. SPECIAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO TB PATIENTS

A Life Transformed Through Care and Compassion

Gudiya, an 18-year-old girl from a financially vulnerable family, faced a life-changing challenge when she was diagnosed with Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB). After losing her father, her mother who works as a school peon became the sole earning member responsible for raising three children. As Gudiya's health worsened, the family struggled to cope with the emotional and financial burden of the disease.

On the advice of a neighbor, Gudiya came to Damien Foundation Hospital, Delhi, where the medical team confirmed her condition and immediately began her treatment. Understanding the family's difficult situation, Damien Foundation provided complete treatment free of cost, including medicines, regular medical care, counselling, and nutritional support.

Although the treatment was long and challenging, with continuous care and encouragement from the Damien Foundation team, Gudiya remained strong and committed to her recovery.

Today, Gudiya has successfully completed her treatment and is free from the disease. She is now healthier and hopeful about her future. Her recovery stands as a powerful reminder that with the support of compassionate donors and dedicated healthcare, lives affected by tuberculosis can be transformed.



Before Treatment



After 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

8044

Presumptive TB Patients were screened

4137

TB Patients were Treated

3328

Follow up examinations done for DRTB Patients

1628

Patients were confirmed of DRTB

11612

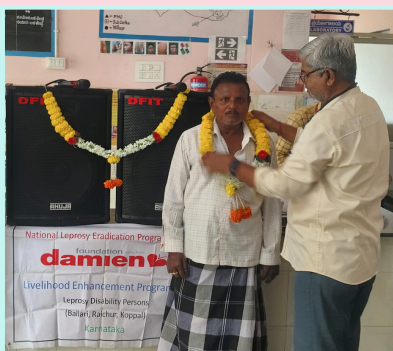
Presumptive Drug Resistant (DRTB) TB patients were screened

198

Deserving men, women and children were given nutritional supplements

4. 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.

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

Mr. Govindharaj once dreamed of becoming a self-reliant landowner. A hardworking welder, he took up any job to support his family. But life changed suddenly when leprosy crippled his hand, taking away his livelihood, confidence, and hope.

In his darkest days, his wife stood beside him as his greatest strength. Together, they searched for help and finally reached the Medical College in Thanjavur, where he was referred to Damien Foundation India Trust. Without delay, the Foundation stepped in—providing complete treatment, curing his disease, and supporting his family during their most difficult time.

With renewed hope, he completed his treatment and underwent reconstructive surgery that restored not just his hand, but his dignity.

Recognizing his financial struggles, Damien Foundation supported him with ₹45,000 to start a small grocery shop. Though the beginning was slow and challenges arose, Govindharaj refused to give up. Today, his business has grown steadily, with assets reaching nearly ₹1,00,000. He has regained his confidence, respect, and place in society. His disability no longer defines him.

Today, Govindharaj and his family live with happiness and gratitude.

“From Darkness to New Beginnings”



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

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

18 Children affected by Leprosy were provided education support

Anandapuram Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, Polambakkam

Damien Foundation began its leprosy care journey in Tamil Nadu in 1955, starting from a small village near Chengalpattu. Today, this effort has grown into a strong and compassionate network of care across the state.

At the heart of this work is the Anandapuram Rehabilitation Centre in Kanchipuram District. This centre provides a safe and caring home for people affected by leprosy who are elderly, abandoned, or without family support. **With space for 25 residents, 21 individuals received care and dignity here in 2025.**

Residents are supported with food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support. The centre also ensures dignity in end-of-life care, including conducting last rites with respect and compassion. Since 2015, services have expanded to include terminal care, along with ambulance support for emergency medical needs.

Through Anandapuram, Damien Foundation continues to restore dignity, care, and hope to some of the most vulnerable people in society.



Damien Foundation has so far provided livelihood support for 3000 beneficiaries.



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

Merchant Name : Damien Foundation India Trust



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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/-

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO DONATE REGULARLY

- 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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