

END . LEPROSY . TOGETHER .

40 Years of working
towards a Leprosy free India!

Annual Report 2018-19



ALERT - INDIA

Association for Leprosy Education,
Rehabilitation and Treatment

In 1978 ALERT-INDIA was established primarily to improve the health status and social inclusion of people afflicted by leprosy living in urban and rural areas with a commitment to promote right to health and inclusive living.

Today ALERT-INDIA advocates and promotes joint practical programmes with different stakeholders to support national efforts that address the challenges in leprosy control and minimizes the socio-economic consequences on persons and communities affected by leprosy in Maharashtra.

Leprosy is not yet a disease of the past...



Leprosy, one of the oldest diseases known to humankind - often associated with tragic individual deformities, isolated communities, poverty and fear - is still a public health challenge today.

With over 200,000 new cases detected globally every year, India accounting for more than half according to the World Health Organization (WHO), there is a continuing need for action.

Early detection

Individual
family and
public
Awareness

Treatment

Monitoring
and Control
Continuous
support

Professional training at
different levels
Promotion of Human Rights

ALERT-INDIA's VISION

Protect and promote the right to health of people afflicted by leprosy to live a life with dignity and respect.

“ Many medical and public health experts still look for a magic wand to make India leprosy free; yet no infallible solution is in sight. The real magic isn't in the available technology or the current data about the disease, but how we effectively engage all stakeholders to control leprosy together.



ALERT-INDIA's 'Leprosy Elimination Action Programme' in endemic districts of Maharashtra offers a focused approach to achieve leprosy control. 18 Million people were covered in 9000 villages in 2018-19. In the year ahead we wish to increase Leprosy Referral Centers in remote tribal and rural areas and encourage community involvement.

We are thankful to all who helped and trusted us with their valuable time and funds. You reinforce our convictions to work for the rights of people with leprosy.

ALERT looks forward to your continued support as we scale up our programs to reach many more lives in the future.

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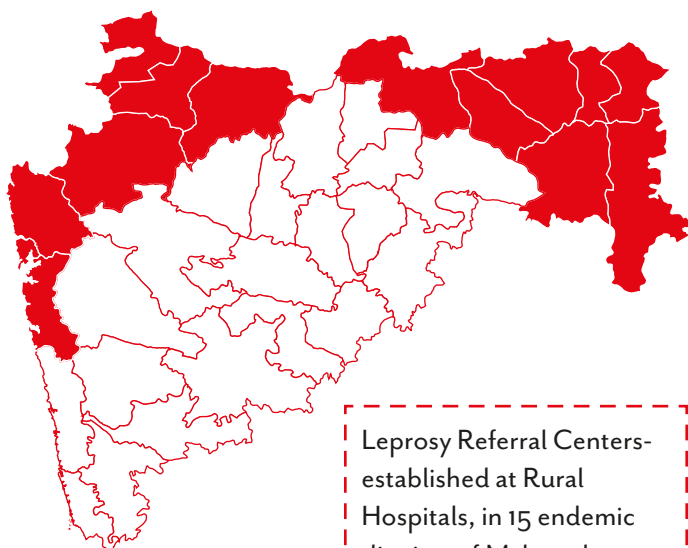
Antony A Samy, Chief Executive, ALERT-INDIA

ALERT-INDIA's Collaboration with Government at Center and State levels is critical.

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Over 70,000 individuals affected by Leprosy diagnosed, referred for treatment and cured.

ALERT's Leprosy Programme at districts in Maharashtra



Leprosy Referral Centers- established at Rural Hospitals, in 15 endemic districts of Maharashtra since 2005

149



Maharashtra Prevention of Impairment and Disability Project
Leprosy awareness among rural communities

2018-19 Highlights

Urban, rural and tribal population focused upon in **8,912 villages, 74 blocks, 15 districts** through Leprosy Elimination Action Programme of ALERT-INDIA providing leprosy care services

18 Million



Were provided with quality health services - for diagnosis of leprosy, prevention of disability and care of disability among leprosy affected

26,970
Children
and Adults



“ I have been associated with ALERT INDIA for almost two decades. The quiet sincerity and professionalism with which ALERT INDIA has been working for the eradication of Leprosy, TB and AIDS has impressed me a lot and deserves all encouragement and support. ”

Former Chief Secretary - Government of Maharashtra, ALERT committee member,
AV.Ranganathan



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Progress in 2018-19

1. ALERT's Leprosy Elimination Action Programme (LEAP)

continued leprosy control in 15 districts with high leprosy prevalence through:

a) Awareness and Early detection

by focused drives and encouraged community participation

b) Leprosy Referral Centers

within the existing Government Health Centres to detect, treat and provide care for any disabilities and deformities caused by leprosy.

c) Cutting the transmission of Leprosy in the long run with treatment that leads to prevention and care of disability among those affected.

d) Training of public health workers

- continuing medical education for private and public health care practitioners.

e) Evaluation and monitoring for advocacy at national level.

f) Promoting rights and inclusion of people affected by Leprosy.

The 'Human Rights Based Approach' works from within the community promoting the participation of people affected by leprosy in availing their entitlements.

Leprosy Referral Centres in 15 districts provided quality care for Leprosy

73



Disability Prevention & Disability Care Camps were conducted at 143 Primary Health Centres in 64 blocks of 12 leprosy endemic districts in remote rural and tribal areas.

287



People with high-risk for nerve damage were screened

49,452



Self Help Committee members were oriented in advocacy for promoting rights of people affected by leprosy

93



Aids such as Specialised footwear, Splints, Eyewear and Ulcer dressing kits were provided for prevention and care of disability

10,059



Participatory Grievance Redressal Meetings were conducted to identify, address and resolve health related issues of people affected

17



IMPACT

98% of new leprosy cases diagnosed without any disability.

12% of new leprosy cases

diagnosed are children below 14 years

3,398 New leprosy cases were detected

1,047 leprosy patients prevented from developing disability

397 infectious leprosy cases were detected and brought under treatment

ALERT'S Program focus is on Leprosy and continued support for persons affected.



Our other major areas of work

2. Health Projects:

a) TB Control

1. Private Provider Support Agency (PPSA) in 4 wards (L, N, S & T) of Mumbai
2. CBNAAT cartridges to private sector lab in 6 peri municipal corporations, Maharashtra
3. Hypertension Project in 2 Wards (N & G/N) of Mumbai
4. Global Health Security Agenda - Drug Resistant (DR) TB Project - 2 Wards (N & G/N) of Mumbai

b) Family Development Project in Kalwa & Mumbra, Thane district

c) AIDS Prevention and control

1. Targeted Interventions (TI) - Vashi & Turbhe, Thane Dist
2. Care & Support Centre (CSC) Vashi, Thane Dist
3. Joint Effort for Elimination of Tuberculosis (JEET) Municipal Corporations in 8 Districts, Maharashtra
4. Truckers project (APMC) Vashi, Thane Dist
5. Private Provider Support Agency (PPSA) in 24 Districts of Jharkhand State

Programs respond to people affected by TB and HIV/AIDS



TB cases diagnosed and treated in Mumbai since 2013

Almost 40,000



Sex workers at high risk for HIV reached

200



AntiRetroViral Treatment centres supported in Navi Mumbai & Thane district for immunity monitoring of HIV affected

4



IMPACT

8150 Patients received free treatment 85% compliance seen

18124 Free chest X-ray provided to patients in the Private labs

33% detected positive for TB

255 Hub Hospitals; 75 Private labs; 1387 private practitioners; 255 engaged for effective delivery of free diagnostic and treatment services for TB patients.

Direct Beneficiary Transfer incentive for TB patients completing treatment

TB program has been extended to 8 districts in Maharashtra



ALERT's plan ahead: 2020 – 2025,

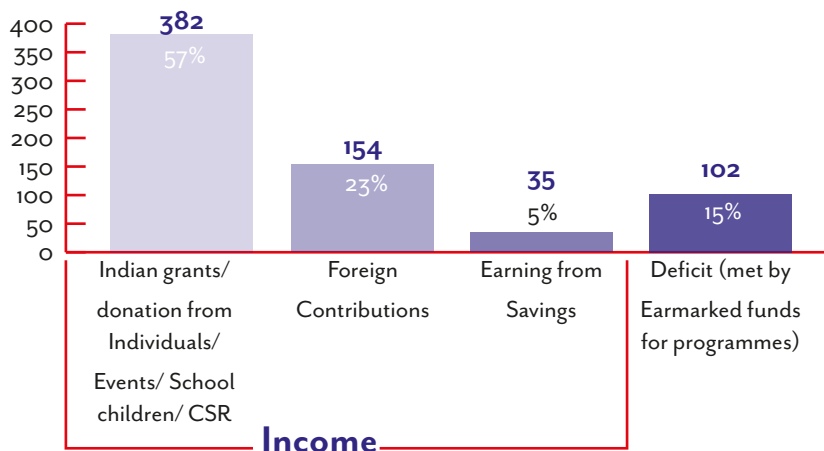
- (1) Develop a five-year strategic plan for an impactful leprosy control programme involving all stakeholders.
- (2) Prioritise leprosy control programme in 15 endemic districts of Maharashtra with case detection, treatment and Prevention of Impairment and Disability (POID) services.
- (3) Strengthen NLEP within the public health system in 35 districts of Maharashtra through Leprosy Referral Centres at the Rural Hospitals.
- (4) Undertake operational research to identify Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) including leprosy and formulate feasible integrated programmes with other NTDs.

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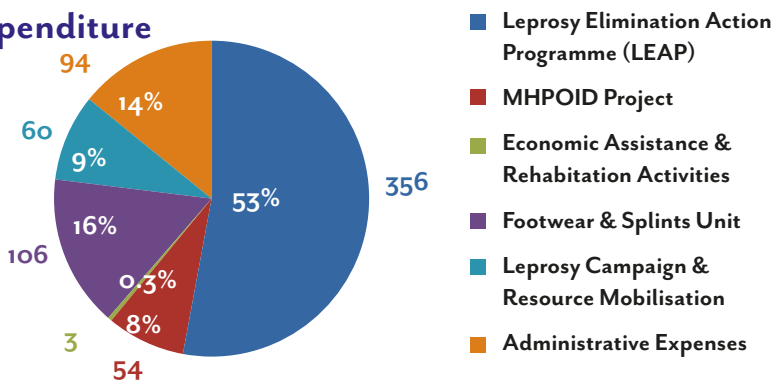
Financials and Transparency

ALERT-INDIA is well governed, accountable, transparent and legally compliant.

Leprosy Control Work

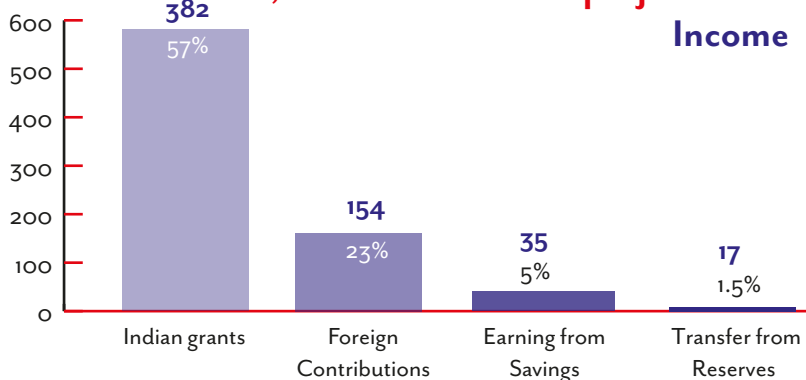


Expenditure

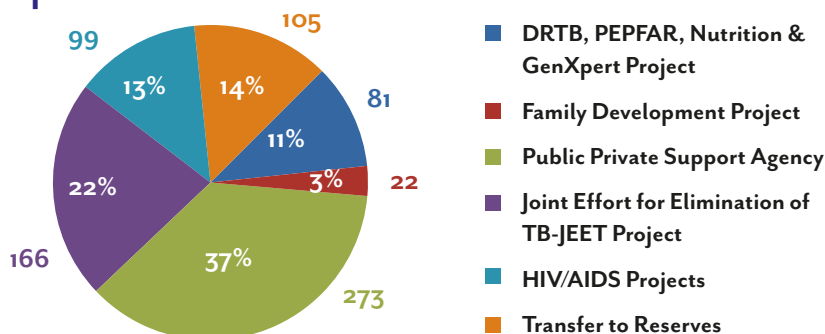


* All figures are in INR Lakh

TB, HIV/AIDS & other projects



Expenditure



Registrations :

Trust Registration No : F 7293 BOMBAY

dated 16-01-1982

Society Registration No : BOMBAY 837/81 GBBSD

dated 24-11-1981

U/S 12A of Income Tax (IT) Act 1961 dated 17

December 1982

80G of IT Act [Reg. No. DIT (E) /ITO (Tech) / 80G

/ 1013 / 2010-11 dated 31 January 2011]

Foreign Contribution Regulation Act 1976 [Reg.

No. 083780109 dated

18 February 1985]

Registered Address:

6-B, Mukhyadhyapak Bhavan, Sion (W)

Mumbai 400 022

Auditors:

Mr. Deepak S. Karanth, Proprietor

M/s R.K. Karanth & Co.

Membership No. 39945

Beneficiary Name **ALERT INDIA**

Bank Name **Central Bank of India**

Branch Sion West Branch, Mumbai

A/c Type **Saving**

MICR No. **400016053**

A/c No. **1005019088**

A/c No. **1005016928 (FCRA)**

IFSC Code **CBIN0282064**

Gross Monthly Salary to Staff as on 31 March 2019

Amount (Rs)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5000*	15	53	68
5001-10000	67	116	183
10001-25000	136	63	199
25001-50000	32	11	43
50001-100000	9	3	12
Total	259	246	505

* Honorarium paid to Peer Educator & Community Volunteers

*For detailed Audit Report 2018-19,

write to info@alertindia.org

Donations exempted under sec. 80-G of I.T. Act, 1961

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Thank you

Board members

NAME	POSITION	PROFESSION
Dr. P. H. Maniar	Hon. Chairman	Leprologist
Ms. Kishwar Nensey	Hon. Vice Chairman	Educationalist
Mr. George Thomas	Hon. Secretary	Media Expert
Ms. Leena Joshi	Hon. Treasurer	Social Worker
Dr. Ashok B. Shah	Member	Dermatologist
Dr. Sharmila Patil	Member	Dermatologist
Mr. Balakrishnan Mangad	Member	Para-Medical Worker
Mr. A. Antony Samy	Ex. Officio	Health Administrator
Dr. Waman S. Bhatki	Co-opted Member	Leprologist
Ms. Stella Mancheril	Co-opted Member	Para-Medical Worker
Ms. Veera M. Rao	Co-opted Member	Social Worker

Four board meetings, One Annual General Meeting held in 2018-19 with 80% and above present.

ALERT-INDIA works in collaboration with

Members of Good Bye Leprosy Trust
 International Leprosy Relief Agencies
 National Leprosy Eradication Program,
 Ministry of Health, India
 Directorate of Health Services,
 Maharashtra
 Leprosy National AIDS Control
 Organisation National
 Maharashtra and Mumbai District TB
 Control Society
 Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society

“ Everything we do is made possible because of your generosity, enthusiasm and dedication. While we assure to maximize the value of every contribution we receive, we earnestly appeal to individuals, trusts, foundations, corporate and government institutions to scale up our reach to deepen our impact on more lives. ”

Veera Rao, Director Resource Mobilisation

CSR Partners: H. T. Parekh Foundation | JSW Foundation | Allcargo Logistics Ltd. | UPL Limited | Mumbai International Airport L td (MIAL) | Balaji Telefilms Ltd

Donors: GIVE Foundation | Integrated Village Development Project | United Way of Mumbai | Automotive Manufacturers Ltd | Jaquar Private Limited | Shree Babulnath Mandir Charities | Volkart Foundation India Trust | PEN India Ltd | Inner Wheel Club of Bombay | Mr. Sameer Bhakhri

Trust & Foundation: Fairmed India | Anesvad Foundation | Mission Del Sorriso | Inter Aide | Public Health Foundation of India | P ATH | Soonabai Pirojsha Godrej Foundation | Centre for Health Research & Innovation - CHRI | Johnson & Johnson Pvt Ltd | Network of Maharashtra People with HIV/AIDS (NMP+)



“ The noteworthy efforts made by ALERT-INDIA since 4 decades, for the happiness of people affected by leprosy lifts us above ourselves and that gives a purpose and meaning in our life. ”

Jackie Shroff, Indian Actor, Film Producer and ALERT Committee Member

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Care beyond treatment helps change lives



Nikita in the field after successful recovery from hand disability post surgery

17 year old Nikita from a Bhil tribe is part of a five member family that earns a livelihood providing farm labour.

Earlier a lively girl, she chose to remain secluded from her friends; social and family gatherings when she developed claw fingers due to leprosy. Her parents were saddened that matrimonial proposals were rejected due to her disability.

Health coordinator visits, assessment, counselling towards a reconstructive surgery, and post-operative care from ALERT-INDIA team helped Nikita correct the deformity and be a part of her community.

“The surgery brought back happiness missing from our lives. We now look forward to a full life for her. “ say Nikita’s Parents

We CAN

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Help us reach people in rural and tribal endemic areas

For one year,

- Rs. 50 lakh helps establish Leprosy Referral Centres and community based case detection and surveillance activities with the involvement of Community counsellors and ASHA workers
- Rs. 10 lakh helps set up two/ three LRCs in endemic blocks and provide physiotherapy and disability prevention services
 - Rs. 5 lakh facilitates screening of residential school children in 20 tribal schools
 - Rs. 1 lakh provides 200 pairs of protective footwear and dressing kits for wound care

Online donations can be made at : www.alertindia.org

**Contributions to ALERT-INDIA are exempt under Section 80-G of Income-Tax Act.*

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