

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Government of India and ILEP Members active in India

From 24/10/2007 to 31st March, 2012

1.1. ILEP (International Federation of Anti- Leprosy Associations)

ILEP (International Federation of Anti- Leprosy Associations) is a federation of autonomous non-governmental organisations working together in India in close partnership with the Government of India for the common goal of a world without leprosy.

ILEP uses a system of co-ordination; which means that when two or more ILEP Members are active in a certain country or state, one member will be chosen by the ILEP Board of Trustees as ILEP Co-ordinator and represent all ILEP Members in that area. It is the responsibility of this Co-ordinator to ensure co-ordination, to guarantee the flow of information and initiate co-operation between all partners, including the Government.

In India ten ILEP Members are active, who through their local bodies work in close collaboration with the Government of India, directly supporting the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) of the Government of India (GOI). These organisations and their local bodies are:

AFRF	Foundation Raoul Follereau (<i>French Leprosy Relief Foundation</i>) FRF-India
AIFO	Italian Leprosy Relief Association (<i>Associazione Italiane Amici di Raoul Follereau</i>) - AIFO-India
ALES	Aide aux Lépreux Emmaüs-Suisse (<i>Swiss Leprosy Relief Association</i>) - ALES-India
ALM	American Leprosy Missions - ALM-India
DFB	Damien Foundation Belgium - Damien Foundation, India Trust (DFIT)
Fontilles	Fontilles, Lucha Contra La Lepra (<i>Spanish Leprosy Relief Association</i>) - Fontilles - India
DAHW	Deutsche Lepra- und Tuberculosehilfe (<i>German Leprosy & TB Relief Association</i>) - GLRA India
LEPRA	British Leprosy Relief Association - LEPRA Society
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1.2. National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP)

The National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) has integrated leprosy services into the General Health Care services (GHC). In 2006 it reached its goal of eliminating leprosy as a public health problem at the national level. Despite attaining this goal, the national leprosy statistics show that about 140,000 new patients were registered in the year 2006-07. Among the new cases detected in 2006-07, 14107 (10.13%) were child cases and cases with visible disability were 3130 (2.25%).

This illustrates that leprosy will continue to be of concern to India as new cases will continue to appear for the foreseeable future. Equally, there will be persons with disabilities due to leprosy who require support and various forms of rehabilitation. The need to sustain leprosy control activities in India is clear. Indeed, both WHO's Global Strategy on Leprosy and the 11th Five Year Plan of NLEP in India focus on reducing the burden of leprosy and sustaining leprosy control activities.

This Memorandum of Understanding provides the formal framework for collaboration between Government of India and ILEP Members active in India (herein after referred to as ILEP India) for the period starting from date of signing MoU to 31st March 2012.

2. Support to NLEP in India (Date of signing of MoU to March 2012)

ILEP India has agreed to continue providing support to NLEP beyond March 2007. While considering the content of future support, it was concluded that this should be planned in line with the new WHO Global Strategy and its Operational Guidelines, to sustain good quality leprosy services. Emphasis should be given to promoting sustainability and enhancing effectiveness. Support will be provided at National as well as at State level. Under the umbrella of the National level MoU, details of support at State level will be formulated in collaboration with State governments on the basis of an in-depth analysis involving all key stakeholders in the state, in order to ensure appropriate solutions for local conditions.

2.1 Support at national level

National Consultant (DPMR):

At National level, support will be given to the Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation programme (DPMR) by providing consultant (DPMR), to assist the Central Leprosy Division (CLD) in planning, monitoring and evaluating the DPMR activities for a period of five years with mid-term review.

Data Entry Operator:

At national level, support will be given to Central Leprosy Division by providing Data Entry Operator for a period of one year to make computer programmes, data entry and analysis. The requirement for the following year will be reviewed.

Office Assistant:

At national level, support will be given to Central Leprosy Division by providing office Assistant for a period of one year to assist in maintaining office records and assist in organizing meetings. The requirement for the following year will be reviewed.

State Leprosy Officers Programme Review Meeting:

ILEP India will contribute towards the organization of a State Leprosy Officers' Programme Review Meeting once a year.

Learning Material:

ILEP India will supply the learning material on DPMR for training of different categories of staff.

NLEP Web Site:

ILEP India will develop NLEP web site initially and handover to Central Leprosy Division for further maintenance.

Research and Behaviour Change Communications:

At national level, ILEP India will provide technical support in developing operational research protocols of NLEP and also provide technical support in developing strategic document on Behaviour change communications.

Specific goal oriented workshops:

ILEP India will support Central Leprosy Division in organizing two need based specific goal oriented workshops involving various stakeholders on specific issues of NLEP in a year.

Independent Evaluation:

ILEP India will provide technical inputs for the independent evaluations of NLEP including DPMR.

ILEP supported referral hospitals:

ILEP India will continue to support their own hospitals to function as referral hospitals to treat complications of leprosy as a part of referral mechanism of General Health Care system. These hospitals will provide disability care of leprosy affected persons in an integrated approach depending on availability of the funds, expertise and other resources.

NGO Support:

ILEP India will continue to support their NGO projects.

2.2 Support at state level

Support at State level will focus on strengthening of District Nuclei, support to the SLO's office and functioning of the integrated programme. It will be based on thematic approaches which will be identified jointly by concerned state Governments, WHO and ILEP Member Representatives.

In deciding the areas to be strengthened, information about disease burden, including numbers of new cases and their profiles, and the status of the existing structure of GHS (staff numbers, skills and performance), will be considered. The following thematic areas are identified:

- Strengthening the planning, monitoring and supervision (including Disease surveillance system)
- Capacity Building at various levels
- Support to DPMR (including referral systems)
- Operational research
- Socio-economic rehabilitation and community participation

Each state government will draw up an action plan with the ILEP state coordinator of the respective state in consultation with all the ILEP partners working in the state, describing the objectives of the collaboration, respective responsibilities and contributions. State leprosy Officers will send the action plans to Government of India (Leprosy division).

For strengthening implementation of ILEP supported activities, ILEP shall position an ILEP State Co-Ordinator for each state or for 2 states. (ILEP State Co-ordinating agency(s) in different states & UTs of India are given in the annexure).

Support to the states will be reviewed every year to find out the needs/problems and revise the support accordingly within the frame work of thematic areas of support.

3. Formalisation of Partnership 2007-2012

The Government of India, through its representative, and the ILEP Members active in India, through the representative of the ILEP Coordinator for India, have agreed to the contents of this memorandum of Understanding and formally sign this document in duplicate on the 24th day of October 2007.

For Government of India	For ILEP Coordinator of India
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Dr. P.L. Joshi Deputy Director General (Leprosy) Ministry of Health, Government of India.	Dr. G. Rajan Babu ILEP Co-Ordinator (Representative) c/o. The Leprosy Mission Trust India

Place: New Delhi

Date: 24th October 2007

Annexure- 1
ILEP STATE CO-ORDINATING AGENCY (S) IN DIFFERENT STATES & UTs OF INDIA

S.N.	STATE /UT	ILEP STATE CO-ORDINATING AGENCY
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	LEPRA
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ALES
3	ASSAM	AIFO
4	BIHAR	DFIT
5	CHATTISGARH	TLM
6	GOA	GLRA
7	GUJARAT	GLRA
8	HARYANA	GLRA
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	GLRA
10	JHARKHAND	NLR
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	GLRA
12	KARNATAKA	ALES
13	KERALA	GLRA
14	MADHYA PRADESH	LEPRA
15	MAHARASTRA	TLM
16	MANIPUR	TLM
17	MEGHALAYA	ALES
18	MIZORAM	TLM
19	NAGALAND	TLM
20	ORISSA	LEPRA
21	PUNJAB	GLRA
22	RAJASTHAN	GLRA
23	SIKKIM	ALES
24	TAMIL NADU	GLRA
25	TRIPURA	ALES
26	UTTAR PTRADESH	TLM
27	UTTARANCHAL	NLR
28	WEST BENGAL	GLRA
29	A & N ISLANDS	DFIT
30	CHANDIGARH	GLRA
31	D & N HAVELI	GLRA
32	DAMAN & DIU	GLRA
33	DELHI	TLM
34	LAKSHADWEEP	DFIT
35	PONDICHERRY	AFRF

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