

LEPROSY BACKGROUND: Somalia

- Leprosy is a public health problem in riverside areas of Somalia.
- Initiated in 1925 by Italian colonial administrators
- Lepers until civil war tore the country apart in 1991.
- Untreated active cases of leprosy, roughly estimated to total 2,500

SOMALIA PLAN TO STOP LEPROSY 2009-15

Strategic vision/goal:

By 2015:

- To Reduce Leprosy incidence by **50%**
- To halve Leprosy morbidity and mortality

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TARGETS	2008	2015
Detect	60%	95%
Incidence	18\100K	9\100K
Prevalence	403\100K	200\100K
Death	11\100K	5\100K

CONCLUSIONS

- Sources of funding: WHO
- Obstacles:
 - Limited PHC population coverage
 - Political\security instability.
 - Lack of resources in terms of HR and material Funds exclusively depending on external aid
- Opportunities:
 - A good collaboration and partnership among International health providers in Somalia
- Uncertainties:
 - Continuity of donor commitment and support.