

LEPROSY SITUATION IN syria

*NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS &
LEPROSY PROGRAMM
MINISTRY OF HEALTH*

Background

Syria, 18 717 000 inhabitants, 183 885 km square, is located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, bounded by Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq and turkey

- It is a lower middle income country
- About 60% of population live in urban area
- The life expectancy is approximately 70

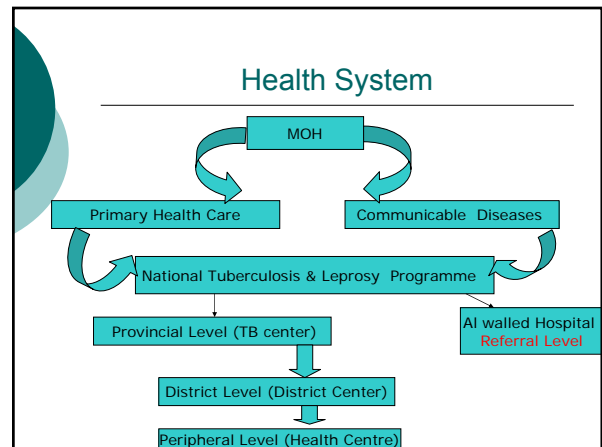


Objectives of the national program(2006-2010)

- Maintain Prevalence Rate of Leprosy < 0.001 case per 10000 population.
- Decrease Grade2 disability among new leprosy cases .
- Keeping the existent MDT coverage rate (100 %)

Strategies

- Early detected the cases
- Treating the patients with MDT
- Ensure the cure of all detected leprosy patients
- Rehabilitation of disabled cases through physical & social rehabilitation services
- good reporting and recording system



Leprosy Activities

Cases finding, diagnosed and treatment :
Leprosy suspect at any level referred to AL walled hospital to confirm the diagnosis ,then the patients will be referred to TB center with referral form .where he is registered then referred to nearest health centre to his residence to take his treatment under supervision

MOH provides diagnosis and MDT for Leprosy patients free of charge .

- NTP provincial Supervision team supervise the treatment of patients and tracing the contacts .in additional to the central supervision team .
- These cases are notified and reported from AL walled hospital to NTP .

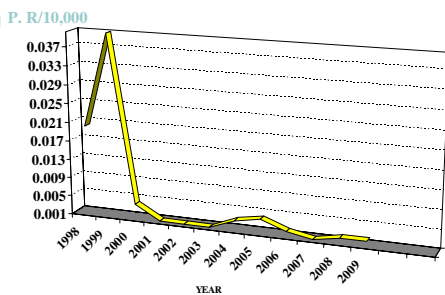
Training of head of all TB centre and the treatment supporter in health center where there were leprosy patients .

- Health education in health centers (attendants) .and health education in cooperation with the youth ,pioneer ,and woman unionabout leprosy .

Al walled Hospital

- There is one hospital to diagnosed leprosy and take care of leprosy patients.
- Part of these hospital considered as residence for the old leprosy patients with their family.
 - *30 Lebanese patients .
 - *40 Syrian patients .
 - *2 Afghanistan patients .
 - *1 Qatar patient.

Trend of Leprosy Prevalence Rate (SYRIA 1998-2009)



Leprosy Detection Rate (SYRIA 1998-2009)

