

Additional factors of vulnerability among Persons affected by leprosy influencing integration

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Love is sharing of feelings



Raoul Follereau our inspiration

1. Re-visit Additional factors of vulnerability
2. Share experiences
3. Strategies to handle the situation
4. Conclusions

(Collections from field visits, across India and Bangladesh and photographs used, after permission)



Re-visit : Additional factors of vulnerability

Persons affected by Leprosy often face problems:
of discrimination, stigma which prevent their integration in mainstream rehabilitation services.

The possible strategies to promote mainstreaming have been the object of various debates.



Are there factors and additional factors ?




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- Operational Factors:
- IEC factor – school children



Community Based worker ASHA – NRHM could assist in rehabilitation process – could make a difference!




Additional factors ?




- Age
- Gender
- Socio Economic Status
- Ethnic / Caste
- Operational guidelines

Additional factors ?

- Mishaps and Catastrophes:
- 1.Natural calamities
- 2.Man made:
 - Ethnic clashes
 - Refugee camps
 - Terror strikes
 - Inaccessible areas


Low or no priority – leprosy gone down!!!!!!@

Gender issue






- Widow
- Poor
- Religion sanctions talaq X 3


Age: Children



- School
- Examinations
- Specific days/technology!!
- complications

Non School going Children need some attention – strategies!



Children special!






- Non School going!
- Tribal
- Street Children
- Others (I do not know!)



Old age! with additional factors



Failure!

- Fine NGO operations
- Rehabilitated
- Cheated
- Community involvement missed
- Try again



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Unknown! Not sighted!



All possibilities available

- Yet not sighted
- Yet to be sighted

Community cares for him - a stimulus and it can rehabilitate him



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Reformed!!!



- One among these belonged to an outlawed group! Additional factor!

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Rich made poor!!



Complication management - a costly affair !! Becoming drop outs!



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Strategies:



Sensory loss yes! But Senses not lost



Weak yet strong!

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Strategies:

- Public health approaches: levels of prevention
 - Involve General Health System
 1. Identify
 2. Plan and
 3. Manage
 4. Utilize all available resources
- For a sustainable, quality leprosy Services

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Eyes do not see what the mind does
not know!!!!

- Capacity building:

LOTS – communication skills



Lighter moments!

Capacity Building – Mutual exchange of resources.....



CBR – Common-sense Based Realization – it is not numbers you look at – but the persons behind the numbers you dunce!

Leprosy & CBR

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Awareness Programmes



Not cardinal signs of leprosy !!



Adjust within existing strategies!

- Extra effort - strategy for special areas



There are umpteen number of reasons to justify
Community Based approaches debated and agreed.

One good reason:

We all exist within community and the persons in need, needs to be within the community to which they belong

It becomes mandatory, important, interesting, useful and beneficial if programmes are made Community Based – be it what ever!



