



ILEP

Working together
for a world...
without Leprosy



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Huge achievements have been made in reducing the burden of leprosy but the disease, and its consequences for those affected, remains a challenge in many countries. The existence of a Federation to co-ordinate the work of different agencies has proven successful over many years. This co-ordination remains important as ILEP Members build on their achievements by supporting sustainable quality leprosy control activities and promoting the dignity and human rights of those affected.

The purpose of ILEP

is to promote and facilitate co-operation, collaboration and synergy among its Members, by co-ordinating their support to, and partnerships with leprosy programmes and other stakeholders, representing their common interests and sharing information and technical expertise between its Members and other parties.

- ILEP is an international federation of autonomous non-governmental anti-leprosy organisations, or organisations with a strong emphasis on leprosy. Membership of ILEP enhances the capacity of these Member Associations to work towards the common goal of a world without leprosy.
- ILEP is a powerful financial partnership. Together Members raise funds from public and institutional sources. They annually contribute €50-60 million to anti-leprosy work. As well as supporting projects in the field this includes funding for training, research projects and institutions, scientific journals and congresses.
- Members of ILEP are active in virtually all countries where leprosy exists. Together they are fighting leprosy on all fronts - from detection and treatment to rehabilitation and promotion of human rights.
- Members of ILEP work in partnership with governments, intergovernmental institutions, international and local partners, supporting the development and continuation of quality integrated and sustainable leprosy services.
- Conscious of the links between leprosy and poverty, ILEP Members promote support to the Millennium Development Goals, especially those concerning the fight against poverty-related diseases.

How ILEP Members work together

- ILEP Members work together in a unique model to pool resources and information, to avoid duplication of activities and identify gaps in support, thereby maximising the effectiveness of their work.
 - At Federation level, ILEP Members meet twice a year to agree on policies, co-ordinate support and exchange ideas and expertise on all matters relating to leprosy including field operations, fundraising and communications. Co-ordination takes place on a daily basis through the ILEP Secretariat in London and between ILEP Members both at organisational and at field level.
 - An ILEP Member assumes the role of ILEP Co-ordinator at national level for each country where leprosy is endemic and where support is required. The role of the Co-ordinator, supported by its field representative, is to organise support, speak on behalf of the Federation and to maintain relations with the health authorities of the country.



ILEP's Vision

is of a world where the rights of every person affected by leprosy to receive appropriate treatment and rehabilitation are fulfilled, and where all people affected by leprosy are able to participate as fully as they choose at every level of society.

As a Federation ILEP upholds the following values:

- **Respect** recognising the dignity, human rights and abilities of people affected by leprosy.
- **Equity and inclusion** ensuring that people affected by leprosy have access to the same services as others in their community.
- **Courage of conviction** prompting Members of ILEP to address the social and economic causes and consequences of leprosy.
- **Justice** so that everyone has equal opportunity to realise the full potential of their human rights irrespective of age, class, gender, race or religion.
- **Partnership** leading the Federation to forge alliances and promote the empowerment of people affected by leprosy.
- **Honesty and transparency** requiring the Federation to be accountable for the effectiveness of its work for people affected by leprosy.

ILEP's Mission

is to work towards the long-term goal of a world without leprosy and its consequences through:

- ensuring that people affected by leprosy have access to treatment, care and rehabilitation;
- ensuring the prevention of impairments and disabilities associated with leprosy; and
- ensuring that people affected by leprosy and their families no longer experience stigma and discrimination against them.



Achieving the common mission of ILEP Members

1. **ILEP** will continue working together as a united Federation focused on leprosy
2. **ILEP** will promote and stimulate collaboration between all stakeholders involved in leprosy work
3. **ILEP** will strengthen its advocacy role at the international and national levels
4. **ILEP** will take a co-ordinated approach to information sharing.
5. **ILEP** will provide authoritative advice on leprosy to ILEP Members and their field partners
6. **ILEP** will promote and support the development and sustainability of leprosy expertise at all levels
7. **ILEP** will stimulate support to relevant scientific research in leprosy including basic, applied and operational aspects.
8. **ILEP** will continue to monitor the global leprosy situation and attempt to identify unmet needs and potential solutions
9. **ILEP** will interact with other networks in the wider development sector both in order to learn from others and to share its expertise.



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