

ILEP TECHNICAL COMMISSION PLAN OF WORK 2008-2011

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1. MONITORING						
1. Advise on the monitoring of routine and ad hoc data on leprosy. Respond to specific requests for advice on data quality.	Annual	Review and analysis of most recent WHO and other data. Response to specific requests from Members.	Analysis of data and critical review including HIV co-infection and GIS.	ED		
2. IMPLEMENTATION						
1. Training of national programme managers in the operational guide for the Global Strategy. Support for sustainability and other aspects of training such as dermatology and referral.	5 in 2008/9	Training programmes in 2008 and 2009. Other training to support sustainability.	Participation and support for regional WHO training programmes.	ED/AG		
2. Development of a tool kit of indicators of quality for use in leprosy programmes.	Once	Tool kit of different quality indicators and methods for use by programme managers.	Identification of potential indicators and their development and testing by ITC. Work in collaboration with WHO.	PS		
3. Implementation of prevention of disability to improve coverage and quality.	Cont.	Identification of barriers and facilitators for extending POD coverage. Follow-up of recommendations.	Consultation with ILEP programme experts and workshop with programme managers & ILEP experts in 2009.	HC		

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4. Implementation of community based rehabilitation guidelines.	Cont.	Guidance on Improving coverage, quality and impact of CBR. Follow-up of recommendations.	Workshop in Bangkok linked to New WHO CBR guidelines in December 2008 with DAR.	SD		
3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT						
1.Synthesis of research findings for implementation and development of research strategy based on priority research questions including chemotherapy.	Once	Synthesis of current research and new research strategy. Implementation of research findings.	Identify key questions. Systematic review of evidence. Forum for evidence-based leprosy policy and practice in 2009.	WCS		
2. Advise ILEP on use of new methods of early diagnosis of leprosy and sub-clinical infection.	Cont.	Advice on application of new methods.	Liaise with IDEAL project on standardisation of methods.	WCS		
3. Support the develop of research in reactions and nerve damage based on recommendations of neurology workshop in 2007.	Cont.	Support and advocacy for research in reactions and nerve damage.	Work within ITC.	WvB/ DL		
4. STIGMA						
1. Identify research needs and develop best practice in the measurement and interventions to reduce stigma including the role of counselling.	Cont.	Recommendations on measurement of stigma and best practice for interventions.	TEG.	WvB		
5. LIAISE WITH ILEP MEMBERS						
Liaise with ILEP Members through ILEP Forum and e-mail to review programme of work in light of emerging issues.		Revise programme of work after e-mail consultation with Forum in 2010.	Continuing communication with Members. E-mail circulation of Forum members at mid-point (2010).	WCS		