

To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

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| <b>Title of the Report</b> | Monthly Progress Report  |
| <b>Name</b>                | Narsappa Vagavathali     |
| <b>Date of Submission</b>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021 |
| <b>Reporting Period</b>    | April 2021               |

### 1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

- APAL Bihar SAMUTHAN submitted a memorandum
- Lepra Office visit
- APAL associated with LEPRO India providing health care and Ulcer Care services
- APAL, treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Prakash associated with Shivanand Narayan Group distributed food grains
- APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) conducted a board meeting
- APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) visited Narava Leprosy Colony
- Monitoring of regular work in the Hyderabad office for Administration of corresponding mails, finance, and social media.
- Participated in the Indian Association of Leprologists
- Conducted Core Committee Online Meetings

#### **APAL Bihar SAMUTHAN submitted a memorandum**

On the date of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021, APAL Bihar SAMUTHAN submitted a memorandum to the East Champaran and Muzaffarpur District Medical Officer to vaccinate the Corona to the people of all the Leprosy Colonies in the district of Bihar.

13 persons affected by the leprosy of the Motipur leprosy colony got the first corona vaccine.



## Lepra Office Visit

On the date of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021, APAL President Mr. Narsappa, SLAP TS President Mr. Ramesh, and Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony leader Mr. Samuel meet with Mr. Prasanth Lepra CEO of LEpra in his office and discussed strong collaboration to work for people affected by leprosy and their families

On behalf of the people affected by leprosy, APAL thankful to the CEO for his positive response and very good hospitality by his great humanity.

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## APAL associated with LEpra India providing health care and Ulcer Care services

On the date of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, APAL associated with LEpra India providing health care and Ulcer Care services by SSOD( Soaking Scraping Oiling and Dressing) and Dressing Materials distribution to people affected by leprosy at Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony in Hyderabad.

On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we thank LEpra India for their valuable service to people affected and Mr. Ramesh President of SLAP TS for approached LEpra with responsibility.

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**APAL, treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Prakash associated with Shivanand Narayan Group distributed food grains**

On the date of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, APAL, treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Prakash associated with Shivanand Narayan Group distributed food grains and home essentials and also, distributed fruits associated with local individual Foster Minister Shri Satej Patil to people affected by leprosy and their families at Kolhapur Leprosy Colony in Maharashtra



**APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) conducted a board meeting**

On the date of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) conducted a board meeting in New Jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.

On this occasion, Mr. Venu Gopal Vice President of APAL participated and explained the advocacy, strong collaboration, communication skills, and leadership. All attendees discussed the future activities of SLAP and health and social services to people affected by leprosy and their families who reside in the leprosy colonies and who faced leprosy stigma and discrimination from the mainstream society

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## **APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) visited Narava Leprosy Colony**

On the date of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021, APAL Andhra Pradesh (SLAP) visited Narava Leprosy Colony at Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh with Mr. Venu Gopal Vice President of APAL.

Interacted with colony leaders and residents, discussed the housing problems, Education Support, Self Employment and report to the Andhara Panchayithi Minister Chairman by phone.

On this visit Mr. Prakash President of SLAP and all board members attended

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## **2. Report on activities of the Indian Central Government and States/UTs related to leprosy control that you have learned about while conducting duties as APAL President Mr. Narsappa.**

In March 2021 there is no activity in Central/ State Government programs.

### **a. Key findings which are important for SHF work**

- a. To be Concentrated Advocacy on RPWD Act and Supreme Court should be expanded to some more states.
- b. APAL to organizing more coordinated activities with other disabled sectors like DPI & NCPEDP.
- c. The regular meeting of youth leader & women empowerment programs should be budgeted and organized.
- d. To form women empowerment among colony women

## **b. Difficulties/Challenges you faced during the period**

### **Difficulties:**

- Some travel restriction and lack down is still going on in India

### **Challenges:**

- We are finishing COVID-19 Awareness Pilot Project
- COVID-19 vaccination is going on in India only for health workers and medical workers
- Elected SLAP AP new board members and conducted a board meeting
- Mostly using social media platforms and updating activities on the APAL India website

**V. Narsappa**