

SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

PROGRESS REPORT

To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

Title of the Report	Monthly Progress Report
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1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

- Monitoring for preparatory arrangements for WHDD2020 programmes of Anti – Leprosy Day celebrations in different states.
- Monitoring of routine work in Hyderabad office for Administration of corresponding of mails and finance.

Highlights:

Maharashtra:

Mr.Rasul Mulla State leader Maharashtra, Ms.Maya Ranevare-APAL Treasurer other Mumbai leprosy colony inmates met with Hon'ble Minority Minister and Foster Minister Mr.Navab Mallik had discuss problems of Leprosy colonies of Mumbai as well as over all Maharashtra on 14 February 20



Madhya Pradesh:

Ms.Anjana Saraf – Project Coordinator , Madhya Pradesh visited Madhya Pradesh for NCEPG programme feedback in Madhya Pradesh leprosy colonies on 25 February 2020. Mr.Sarang Gaydhane explained the students on NCEPG programme,



Gujarat:

WHO Goodwill Ambassador Elimination Leprosy and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation Mr. Yohie Sasakawa visited Gujarat state from 31 January 2020 to 4 February 2020.

Mr.Y.Sasawaka, Mr.Takahiro Nandri -Sasakawa Health Founder Director, Ms.Kiyomi - Programme Director, Mr. Venu Gopal - Vice President APAL, Mr.Uday Thakar, Dr. Rashmi Shukla - WHO, Ms.Megha Ben and Gujarat state leaders met Disability Commissioner Mr.B.G. Nerval at his office. And also they met



Chief Secretary Health Madam Ms. Jayanti Ravi on 4 February 2020.

The team submitted memorandum to Disability Commissioner and Chief Secretary for land patta issues. They have assured will take necessary action for leprosy affected families land patta.

Tamil Nadu:

Ms. Nevis Mary- Joint Secretary APAL visited Balaramapuram Villivakkam, leprosy colony and also attended the colony leaders meeting at Villivakkam, Chennai on 12 February 2020.



Mr. Prakaasam – State Leader has arranged colony leaders meeting at Villivakkam, Chennai. The Colony leaders from Kumbakonam, Ulunthurpet, Chengalpat, Sevir, SP Koil, Venkatapuram, Thiruthani, Dharmapuri, and Villivakkam are attended the meeting.

The Rising Star outreach India team has also participated in the meeting. Mr. Prakasam recommended the request of Sevir colony for construction of 4 toilets. Kumbakonam leader reported that renewal of railway concession, ID card was refused by Railway department. The reason was leprosy is not in railways disability list. Xerox copies of the application and ID card were received for further process. It was good to be with all.

Joint enhancing relationship between DPI & APAL

A joint enhancing relationship between the disability movement and People Affected by Leprosy seminar was organized by APAL and DPI on 13-02-20 at U S I, New Delhi. 40 leprosy affected people from Delhi and Haryana & 8 people from disability movement participated in the seminar.

Mr. Arman Ali, Executive Director, NCPEDP delivered welcome address and Dr. Vineeta Shankar, Executive Director SILF has presented an overview of Leprosy. Mr. Venu Gopal – Vice President APAL & Mr. Uday Thakar- Advisor APAL addressed the seminar on Leprosy and APAL activities.

After self introduction by participants, Mr. S. N. Tyagi and Mr. Girdhari Lal explained about the present status of Leprosy Affected People in Haryana and Delhi. Mr. Rajiv Rathuri informed about RPWD Act and benefits for leprosy affected people. Mr. Dhawani Mehta, Vidhi Centre for legal policy explained about legislative framework around Leprosy.

Ms. Nikita Sara, TLM informed about livelihood and employment opportunities for people affected by leprosy. Mr. Pankaj Sinha explained about the Supreme Court directions for the empowerment of Leprosy Affected People.

Finally discussions took place on action plan and seminar concluded.



After over meeting Mr. Venu Gopal – Vice President and Mr. Uday Thakar went to Mr. A K Sahoo – Additional Secretary Rajya Sabha at his office. Had discussions about ADPAL bill and further action to introduce in Parliament. He gave suggestions and assured his cooperation from Law Ministry.

Maharashtra:

Mr. Rasul Mulla - State Leader of Maharashtra, Ms. Maya Ranavare – APAL Treasurer, Mr. Fargane and Mumbai colony people went to Minority Minister Office on 14 February 2020.

Maharashtra team met Hon'ble Minority Minister and Foster Minister Mr. Navab Mallik and submitted memorandum and they explain the leprosy colonies facing problem not in Mumbai colonies well as all over Maharashtra state.



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The Hon'ble Minister assured that to take necessary action.

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Uttar Pradesh:

The PACE organization at Varanasi is organizing PRATHAM 2 months training programme on Skill Development to the students and also leprosy affected children.



Mr.Kamlesh Chandra Lal – PRO APAL has addressing to students on skill development for two days. During the 2 months training programme on food, beverage and hospitality. The PACE organization has given replacement to all students after training programmes.
Free training given to leprosy affected family children and also food, accommodation etc,.

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.

During the month there is no activity in Central/ State Government programmes.

3. 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. Regular meeting of youth leader & women empowerment programmes should be budgeted and organized.
- d. To form women empowerment among colony women

4. Difficulties/Challenges you faced during the period

Difficulties

1. Weak communication between stake holders
2. Needs of each states are different and hence to develop common proposal for all states becomes difficult.
3. It is also very difficult to explain the tangible results of the projects to the donor agency.

Challenges:

1. During the period under review the main challenge communication and follow up work in the different state
2. Identity issues for getting social entitlements. Inability to seek or maintain employment or volunteering.

V. Narsappa.