

SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

Monthly Progress Report

To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

Title of the Report	Monthly Progress Report
Name	Narsappa Vagavathali
Date of Submission	2 nd February 2021
Reporting Period	January 2021

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

- APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh
- APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains
- APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19
- In Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh Ms. Deepika, a volunteer of APAL continuously providing her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests
- In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests
- APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting in Bihar
- In the Satya Jeevan Leprosy Sewa Sangh, Behrampura, Ahmedabad, Gujrat Ms. Suman, and Ms. Meharunnisha volunteers of APAL, focus on providing health care services
- In the Raja Bhoj Leprosy Colony in Dhar at Madhya Pradesh Mr. Bharat Rawat providing health care services by health screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families
- APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware and Mr. Rasul Mullah, state leader of Maharashtra visited Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony
- , In the Meghajibhaiwadi Miraj, Maharashtra Mrs& Mr. Shila Adhik volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families
- In Sai, Ram Kusht Ashram Indore, Madhya Pradesh Ms. Swathi, and Ms. Pooja continuously providing health care services

- In Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony, people affected by leprosy and their families with volunteers Ms. Sapna & Sneha celebrated Republic Day and distributed masks to participants
- Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks
- Mr. Raju, a volunteer of APAL providing health care services by screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families
- In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services
- In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services
- APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day
- Participated in the SHF Webinar "Zero Leprosy for whom in the Post- COVID World? on 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th January
- Monitoring of regular work in the Hyderabad office for Administration of corresponding mails, finance, and social media.

APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh

APAL conducted a 2 days State Leaders Meeting of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh held on 3rd & 4th January 2021 at Hotel Raipur Inn, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Narsappa, President of APAL

The following representative members participated in the meeting

<u> Iharkhand:</u>

- 1. Mr. Zainuddin
- 2. Mr. Jawahar Paswan
- 3. Mr. Madhu Sudan Tiwari

<u>Madhya Pradesh:</u>

- 1. Mrs. Parvathi
- 2. Mr. Sarang Gayadhane
- 3. Mrs. Sarita

Chhattisgarh:

- 1. Mr. Ghasiram
- 2. Mr. Sruthi Mesh Ram
- 3. Mr. Dev Raj
- 4. Mr. Dikshan Patel
- 5. Mrs. Nirmala

- 6. Mrs. K. K. Savita
- 7. Mr. Mohan Chowhan
- 8. Mr. Mahendra

APAL Board Members:

- 1. Mr. Narsappa
- 2. Mr. Venu Gopal
- 3. Uday Thakar

Special Invitee:

1. Mr. Sarwat Naqui



1st Day: 3.1.2021-

Mr. V. Narsappa&Mr.Venugopal welcomed the participants. Discussed the Pandemic situation in different states. Also briefly explained the objectives of the meeting. Requested participants to share the work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jharkhand:

The state leader was in Bihar when the lockdown implemented he stay in Bihar for a long. During the pandemic in Jharkhand

- A. They have organized food and ration distribution.
- B. Ration card distribution
- C. Continuous supply of food organized by Tata Trust.
- D. Help the persons who could not move to their native place due to Lockdown.
- E. Government paid advance pension during the Covid pandemic
- F. Motivated Voluntary organization to support colony people during Covid pandemic.

G..SILF provided ration support.

H.Vedant provided ration support, drinking water facility in Chandrapura and Bokara,

Chattisgarh:

- Arrange support to the district collector for the persons who could not be begging during the Covid pandemic.
- SILF supported colonies with ration distribution. In the fieldwork, people have got employment in Chapa. Good support from Social Welfare Department during the Covid pandemic.

Madhya Pradesh:

- NGO organized food distribution, COVID-19 screening camp along with Government agencies in Indore, Ujjain, Dhar, Badwani.
- Seva Bharti NGO has supported colony is Ratlamb and other places food, ration, drinking water support during Covid pandemic
- During the Covid pandemic, the Social Welfare department has initiated Housing schemes for Ratlamb colony people.
- CSR project to provide dressing materials and other facility were organized with the full scheme
- Working jointly with Rashtriya Viklang Manch to call attention to the Government for problems faced by leprosy affected persons and other divyanga during Covid pandemic.

2nd Daty-4.1.2021

M. Uday Thakar elaborately provided full information on FCRA Amendment Rule 2020. He mentioned the following points.

- 1. Prohibition to accept foreign contribution- if the public servant is on the board.
- 3. Transfer foreign contribution to any other person.
- 4.20% limit on administrative expenses.
- 5. Aadhar for registration of all members
- 6. Designed FCRA Bank account in State Bank of India, Delhi.
- 6. Restriction in Utilization of foreign contribution
- 7. Suspension of registration
- 8. Renewal registration

9. Renewal of FCRA registration

Definition of "person" includes

a. an individual

b a Hindi undivided family (HUF)

c. Association of person and nonprofit organization or company under section 8.

Impact on working of APAL.

Mr. UdayThakar briefly explained the following points regarding the impact on the working of APAL.

- 1. Renewal of Income-tax 80G & 12 A certificate is now mandatory. We have to prove that, we are a charitable organization and programmes are directly benefitting to affected persons. So next year's budget should be prepared following these provisions.
- 2. FCRA Certificate renewal is one of the important provisions, so APAL has to initiate the renewal procedure.
- 3. Cash payment should not exceed 10,000/- per day. Hence all the payments must be made only to bank transfer. Advance paid for expenses or activities must be cleared within 30 days of completion of the activity. Vouchers reports must be sent to the office along with expenditure statement. No new advance can be granted unless the first advance is clear.
- 4. APAL cannot appoint any public servant (Government Servant) on their committee. Otherwise, APAL cannot take the foreign contribution.
- 5. As per the new rules, APAL cannot transfer any amount to any individual for organizing activities approved in the budget. This will directly impact on the transfer of state activity fund to state or colony leader.
- 6. Overall administrative expenses as per Appendix II, should not exceed 20% of total budget sanctioned. The donor agency will take an undertaking from APAL that, the limit of administrative expenses will not exceed 20% during the project period.
- 7. As ADHAR registration of each & every member is mandatory all the members must obtain ADHAR Card by the end of March 2021.
- 8. Designated FCRA Bank Account must be opened in the name of APAL in State Bank of India, New Delhi branch, before 31st March 2021. All the foreign contributions

will be received in that account. Any transfer or withdrawal above Rs.50, 000/- will cover under the PPS system and APAL has to inform Bank before presenting a cheque for clearance.

- 9. If funds received under FCRA, could not be utilized for the object of the project for which it was sanctioned, Government may ask to transfer the unutilized remaining balance to Government fund.
- 10. As per amended rules Department of the FCRA Division has empowered to start a summary investigation without prior notice.

Mr. Uday Thakar further added that APAL has to change their policy, projects which will suit the modified FCRA rules.

After the Question Answers session, the meeting was concluded.

APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains

APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19 to 100 families of people affected by LEPROSY and their families in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda, Telangana

Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food, clean water, and soap, masks which are critical to fighting COVID-19 infection. Lost livelihoods and travel restrictions have made it difficult to obtain food for many persons affected, and many communities of persons affected have not had access to clean water. The Government and local NGOs are supported some food grains, soaps and masks to the people affected by leprosy those who are residing in the leprosy colonies. In most states our APAL leaders represented and supported food aid and other key social protection services also.



The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to Tech Mahindra, CII, SILF, and APAL for the food grains support in the needy situation.

APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19

APAL associated with Tech Mahindra, CII, and Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation distributed food grains for the relief of COVID-19 to 36 families of people affected by LEPROSY and their families in Vadrical Leprosy Colony, Kamareddy, Telangana

Introduction: Persons affected Leprosy are facing difficulty obtaining basic goods, especially food, clean water, and soap, masks which are critical to fighting COVID-19 infection. Lost livelihoods and travel restrictions have made it difficult to obtain food for many persons affected, and many communities of persons affected have not had access to clean water. The Government and local NGOs are supported some food grains, soaps and masks to the people affected by leprosy those who are residing in the leprosy colonies. In most states our APAL leaders represented and supported food aid and other key social protection services also.



The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to Tech Mahindra, CII, SILF, and APAL for the food grains support in the needy situation.

In Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh Ms. Deepika, a volunteer of APAL continuously providing her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests

On the date of 12th January 2021, In Prema Nagar Leprosy Colony at Bobbili in Andhra Pradesh Ms. Deepika, a volunteer of APAL continuously providing her tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and refer to local PHC

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware

them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests

Presesnt Members: Mr.Venugopal ,Mr.UdayThakar, Mr.RambariSah, Mr.Ramesh, Mr.Dubey and Mr. Kamlesh.

Mr.Venugopalwelcomed and explained the purpose of the meeting and ask the participants to share their work during Covid Pandemic.



Day 1-16.1.2020

Mr.RambaraiSah

- Mr.Rambaraihimself suspected from Covid and admitted in hospital. At present keeping good health.
- Rising star supported with ration in all colonies of Bihar.
- In Champanran 20 applications for Parvarish Yojana were submitted
- Two medical camps were orgnaized
- AyushmanCatd in Khogal
- UDI cards application were submitted on line for Ara and Khogol

Mr.Ramesh

- Online application to Civil Surgeon for 20 people for disabilities.
- 20 Labour cards were distributed to labours.
- With the help of NLR Panchayat and Inner Wheel Club. 8 rooms and toilets block were constructed in the colonies,
- Submitted application to High Court for relief work should be for all colonies of Bihar

Mr.Brijkishore

- 7 application for ParvarishYojana
- 2 application for Pension
- 7 Application for UDI
- coordinated Rising star and other activities of LEPRA

Mr.Dubey

- During the Covid Pandemic he organisedParvarishYojana application online.
- Construction of WC in colony
- Coordinated activities to get High Court order.
- Work with SILF to distribute Ration and the support of Rs.5000/- in each colony is affected by flood.

Mr.Kamlesh

- Covered activities with Govt. and SILF and Sumuthan.
- Coordinated the online meeting with Social Welfare Department, in which the problems faced by leprosy affected persons were discussed and addressed.

At the end Mr.Venugopal andMr.UdayThakar said that Bihar state team should comprehensive report of the work organised at different places. The name of APAL should be included in all activities.

2nd Day-17.1.2021

Mr, UdayThakar elaborately provided full information on FCRA Amendment Rule 2020. He mentioned following points.

1. Prohibition to accept foreign contribution- if public servant is on the board.

3. Transfer foreign contribution to any other person.

4.20% limit on administrative expenses.

5.Aadhar for registration of all members

6.Designed FCRA Bank account in State Bank of India, Delhi.

6.Restriciton in Utilization of foreign contribution

7. Suspension of registration

8.Renewal registration

9.Renewal of FCRA registration

Definition of "person" includes

a.an individual

b a hindu undivided family (HUF)

c. Association of person and nonprofit organization or company under section 8.

Impact on working of APAL.

Mr. UdayThakar briefly explained the following points regarding impact on working of APAL.

- 1. Renewal of Income tax 80G & 12 A certificate is now mandatory. We have to prove that, we are charitable organisation and programmes are directly benefitting to affected persons. So next year's budget should be prepared in accordance with these provisions.
- 2. FCRA Certificate renewal is one of the important provisions, so APAL has to initiate renewal procedure.
- 3. Cash payment should not exceed 10,000/- per day. Hence all the payments must be made only to bank transfer. Advance paid for expenses or activities must be cleared within 30 days of completion of activity. Vouchers reports must be send to office along with expenditure statement. No new advance can be granted unless first advance is clear.

- APAL cannot appoint any public servant (Government Servant) on their committee.
 Otherwise APAL cannot take foreign contribution.
- 5. As per the new rules APAL cannot transfer any amount to any individual for organizing activities approved in the budget. This will direct impact on transfer of state activity fund to state or colony leader.
- 6. Overall administrative expenses as per appendix II, should not exceed 20% of total budget sanctioned. Donor agency will take undertaking from APAL that, the limit of administrative expenses will not exceed 20% during project period.
- 7. As ADHAR registration of each & every member is mandatory all the members must obtain ADHAR Card by the end of March 2021.
- 8. Designated FCRA Bank Account must be opened in the name of APAL in Sate Bank of India, New Delhi branch, before 31st March 2021. All the foreign contribution will be received in that account. Any transfer or withdrawal above Rs.50, 000/- will cover under PPS system and APAL has to inform Bank before presenting cheque for clearance.
- 9. If fund received under FCRA, could not be utilised for the object of the project for which it was sanctioned, Government may ask to transfer unutilized remaining balance to Government fund.
- 10. As per amended rules Department of FCRA Division has empower to start summary investigation without prior notice.

Mr. UdayThakar further added that, APAL has to change their policy, projects which will suit the modified FCRA rules.

After Question Answers session the meeting was concluded.

After Question Answers session the meeting was concluded.

In the Satya Jeevan Leprosy Sewa Sangh, Behrampura, Ahmedabad, Gujrat Ms. Suman, and Ms. Meharunnisha volunteers of APAL, focus on providing health care services

On the date of 19th January 2021 In the Satya Jeevan Leprosy Sewa Sangh, Behrampura, Ahmedabad, Gujrat Ms. Suman, and Ms. Meharunnisha volunteers of APAL, focus on providing health care services by health screening tests and social protection services by distributing masks and sanitizers to people affected by leprosy and their families

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

In the Raja Bhoj Leprosy Colony in Dhar at Madhya Pradesh Mr. Bharat Rawat providing health care services by health screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families

On the date of 19th January 2021 In the Raja Bhoj Leprosy Colony in Dhar at Madhya Pradesh Mr. Bharat Rawat providing health care services by health screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families.

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware and Mr. Rasul Mullah, state leader of Maharashtra visited Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony

On the date of 20th January 2021 APAL's treasurer Mrs. Maya Ranaware and Mr. Rasul Mullah, state leader of Maharashtra visited Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony at Nasik and participated in the program of health screening tests with Ms. Sapna and Ms. Sneha volunteers of APAL and also appreciated their focused services to people affected by leprosy and their families.

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even. In the Meghajibhaiwadi Miraj, Maharashtra Mrs& Mr. Shila Adhik volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families

On the date of 21st January 2021, In the Meghajibhaiwadi Miraj, Maharashtra Mrs& Mr. Shila Adhik volunteers of APAL providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families

Supported by 笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.





The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

In Sai, Ram Kusht Ashram Indore, Madhya Pradesh Ms. Swathi, and Ms. Pooja continuously providing health care services

On the date of 23rd January 2021, In Sai, Ram Kusht Ashram Indore, Madhya Pradesh Ms. Swathi, and Ms. Pooja continuously providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families for 3 months.

Supported by 笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

In Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony, people affected by leprosy and their families with volunteers Ms. Sapna & Sneha celebrated Republic Day and distributed masks to participants

On the date of 26th January 2021 In Valmiki Nagar Leprosy Colony, people affected by leprosy and their families with volunteers Ms. Sapna & Sneha celebrated Republic Day and distributed masks to participants. On this occasion, the Colony Leader Nirbhavane and Corporator Shetty also participated Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks

On the date of 27th January 2021, In Amaravati at Maharashtra Mr. Vijay Patil & Varsha providing health care services and distributed masks to people affected by leprosy and their families and celebrated Republic Day in the colony

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.

In response to this upheaval, the Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL) decided to run a pilot project in the 25 leprosy colonies of 6 states, by the volunteers who are active and well-trained youth living in the same leprosy colony. The volunteers aware them on precautions of COVID-19 and do the health tests from 1st October 2020 by

Oximeter and Temperature gun as like first aid to people affected by leprosy and their families also and refer to the near PHC.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

Mr. Raju, a volunteer of APAL providing health care services by screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families

On the date of 28th January 2021, Mr. Raju, a volunteer of APAL providing health care services by screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in New Jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services

On the date of 29th January 2021, In Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh Mr Naik . Ravi Kumar providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests for 3 months

Supported by <u>笹川保健財団 Sasakawa Health Foundation</u>

Introduction: In this terrible COVID-19 crisis time the health promotion information is reaching some persons affected by leprosy but others are difficult to reach due to travel restrictions and illiteracy. Persons affected have specific and ongoing leprosy-related healthcare needs. If persons affected can reach health facilities, they face reductions in services, as facilities transition to exclusively treating COVID-19 patients.



The all beneficiaries conveying thanks to APAL and SHF for providing health care services by screening tests in this crisis even.

APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day

At Samastipur in Bihar, APAL associated with Social Security Samastipur celebrated Anti Leprosy Day and it was inaugurated and addressed by Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal, board member of APAL, distributed 70 tricycles,36 new Disability Certificates. On this occasion, more than 300 people affected by leprosy participated and got Blankets, Sarees, Dhoties, MCR Footwear, Medical kits, Food grains, Clothes for their children

At District Samaharnalay and Jitwarpul Oath was taken, DM and all others were present. On the occasion, Mr. Kamalesh Chandra Lal was welcomed with Shawl by Mrs. Gayatri Kumari, ADSS

On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we convey gratitude to Respected Mrs. Gayatri Kumari for her great humanity and responsibility to our people



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 January 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 restuction is still going on in India due to lack of travel vehicles.

Challenges:

- We are continue our office work because of India Ministry of Home Affairs released new guidelines that allow the opening of Private Offices, malls, restaurants, and religious places in all areas
- We are continue COVID-19 Awareness Pilot Project and continue 3rd month of screening tests
- COVID-19 vacination is going on in India only for health workers and medical workers
- Regional stte leaders meetings are going on well
- Participated in the SHF Webinar "Zero Leprosy for whom in the Post- COVID World? on 26th, 28th, 29th & 30th January
- Mostly using social media platforms and updating activities in the APAL India website

V. Narsappa