

Monthly Progress Report

To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

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

- Screening tests in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana
- Screen tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in New Jyothi Leprosy Colony, Bhimavaram.
- The core committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 on Zoom.
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- Health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Health screening tests Gandhi leprosy Sewa Sangh. Ahmedabad Gujarat.
- APAL associated with Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation and Maharashtra Kushthapidit Sanghatana take part in this process and they help both the colonies by providing food grains and money.
- Health screening tests and masks distribution in Meghajibhaiwadi, Miraj, Maharashtra
- 3rd-time health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their family members door to door in New jyothi Leprosy Colony at Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh.
- APAL associated with SILF and Tech Mahindra Foundation distributed food grains to 260 people affected by leprosy and their families in Ambedkar Leprosy Colony at Nalgonda district, Telangana.
- APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony
- Meeting with SLO at Delhi
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- Health screening tests and masks distribution in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony at Andhra Pradesh
- Memorandum submission for Monthly grains
- Health screening tests and masks distribution in Navjeeban ashram Jamshedpur Jharkhand.
- Health screening tests and masks distribution in Gujarat
- Monitoring of regular work in the Hyderabad office for Administration of corresponding mails, finance, and social media.

Screening tests in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana

On the date of 1st November 2020, APAL's volunteers continuously providing health-care services by screening tests to people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony and Santosh Nagar Leprosy Colony at Ranga Reddy district, Telangana

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Screen tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in New Jyothi Leprosy Colony, Bhimavaram.

On the date of 2nd November 2020, APAL's volunteer Mr. Raju continues his dedicative social work by health screen tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in New Jyothi Leprosy Colony, Bhimavaram.

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Minutes of the core committee meeting held on 3rd November 2020 on Zoom. Following members were present.

1. Dr. P. K. Gopal
2. Mr. V. Narsappa
3. Mr. Venu Gopal
4. Mr. Uday Thakar

Meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. V. Narsappa.

Dr. P. K. Gopal initiated the discussion. He mentioned that due to Covid-19 pandemic physical meeting is not possible, so we should organized zoom meeting at regular interval may be twice in a month. In the meeting, we should have very frank discussion as we are the pillars of APAL. We all should work together for the growth of APAL in right direction. In social service and working together, the difference of opinion bound to be there. We have to overcome this situation and strengthen our partnership with all section of society.

The following points were discussed in the meeting.

1. Resignation of Mr. Sarang Gayadhane

Mr. Uday Thakar brought to the notice of meeting the technical difficulties arrived after resignation of Mr. Sarang Gaydhane. Also the mail sent by Mr. Sarang Gayadhane was discussed in detail and it was suggested that-

- a. Due to lockdown, APAL could not organized physical meeting of Executive Committee members during Covid-19 pandemic period and matter was kept pending.
- b. APAL should act on the advice given by our Auditor V. Ravulapalli & Co
- c. While taking the decision all other points related with FCRA, Income Tax and

12 -A certificate, Registrar of Society of Andhra-Pradesh should be considered.

d. It was suggested that, all members including Mr. Sarang Gayadhane working on National level should address all issues with patience. They should not use lose words and criticized unnecessarily on working of APAL.

e. As discussed in detail it is approved that the final decision of Mr. Sarang Gaydhane 's resignation should be taken in Executive committee Meeting . It is further suggested that the said meeting should be organized on war footing. May be last week of November or first week of December 2020.

2. per diem for zoom meeting

Dr. P. K. Gopal suggested, if APAL budget permits the core committee members should be paid per diem for attending the core committee meeting.

As the extended time of Zoom Meeting expired, the meeting was concluded with a note that, next meeting will be organized in weeks time to discuss remaining points on agenda. It was further suggested that, agenda should be prepared in advance and share with all core committee members.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Conducted COVID-19 awareness program, Masks Distribution, and Medical Camp for people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad at Telangana.

On the date of 6th November 2020 APAL associated with WHO and the Government medical authorities, conducted COVID-19 awareness program, Masks Distribution, and Medical Camp for people affected by leprosy and their families in Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony, Hyderabad at Telangana.

In this program, Telangana State Leprosy Officer Dr. John Babu, DM&HO Dr. Swarajya Laksmi, DLO Dr. Subhash Chandra, Ward Counsellor Mrs. Vidhyavathi Vijayender Reddy, DPMO Mrs. Sulochana, APAL president Mr. Narsappa, Medical Officer Dr. Veena, and AASHA workers participated.

On this occasion, the Government authorities explained the current precautions of COVID-19 and measures of treatment. The SLO Dr. John Babu explained the challenges of disability certification of people affected and assured will make sure to provide at least a benchmark percentage and also explained about leprosy related stigma and

discrimination. The DM&HO said that doesn't panic for treatment of leprosy and COVID-19 and the Government always available for people affected by leprosy for their treatment and welfare also.

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Health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

On the date of 6th November 2020 APAL's volunteer Mr. Ravi Kumar Naik continues his dedicative service by doing health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their families in Aadarsh Nagar Leprosy Colony, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

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Heath screening tests Gandhi leprosy Sewa Sangh. Ahmedabad Gujarat.

On the date of 8th November 2020 APAL, the volunteers of APAL Mr. Vijay Kumar, Ms. Meharunnisha, Ms. Suman providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by doing health screening tests Gandhi leprosy Sewa Sangh. Ahmedabad Gujarat. In addition, sanitized them firstly check and give medicine if they required.

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On the date of 9th November 2020 People affected by leprosy from Indira Kushtha Vasahat and Kushtarog Dharamshala, Pandharpur, Solapur were recently impacted by the floods. The total colony was underwater and all colony members shifted to safe places by the local Government.

APAL and treasurer of APAL Mrs. Maya Prakash Ranaware concerned about their request have gathered some funds to help them.

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All the colony members are thankful to APAL, Maharashtra Kushthapitit Sanghatana, [Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation](#)

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Health screening tests and masks distribution in Meghajibhaiwadi, Miraj, Maharashtra

On the date of 14th November 2020 APAL's volunteers Mr& Mrs. Shila Adhik continue their dedicative service to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Meghajibhaiwadi, Miraj, Maharashtra

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The beneficiaries are conveyed their gratitude to Tech Mahindra, APAL, and SILF for their great support for flood relief.

Foodgrains sponsored by [Tech Mahindra](#)



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APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony

On the date of 16th November 2020 APAL's member Mr. Ramvarai Sha with leprosy colony leaders met and submitted a memorandum to Bihar SDM in his office for the houses reconstruction in the colony, because the houses built 32 years ago, became in disrepair.

The respected SDM response immediately called the SDO of Areraj and Dhaka to visit those leprosy colonies and their houses.

On behalf of people affected by leprosy and APAL convey our gratitude to SDM and SDOs for their responsibility to us.



Meeting with SLO at Delhi

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No. F.DSLCS/01/344/DHS/Lep/2014 150-156

Dated: 16/11/2020

Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting to deliberate on EDPAL Bill and Discriminatory laws in respect of Leprosy was convened on 11/11/2020 at 3 pm to discuss the issue of Advocacy for EDPAL Bill and repealing of discriminatory laws on Leprosy at the Chamber of Addl. Director/SLO Delhi 2nd Floor PDSS Bhawan, Sector 20 Dwarka.

The meeting was attended by the following participants

1. Dr. K.S. Baghotia, Addl. Director/ SLO Delhi
2. Dr Rashmi Shukla, WHO India
3. Dr S.P. Sood State Consultant NLEP, NLR India
4. Ms. Nikita Sara, Media Centre TLM
5. Mr. Venu Gopal, Vice President APAL
6. Dr. Manipadma

The issue on the Agenda was discussed at length and it was agreed by all the participants that advocacy is required for repealing of discriminatory laws in respect of Leprosy to remove Stigma against the disease in the society. The following actions were decided:-

1. Ms Nikita Sara will share with the participants the updates, status and any such documents relevant to the matter for perusal.
2. Representations relevant to the concerned matter will be submitted by APAL to the various authorities and stakeholders.
3. HKNS (HQ) and NLR, Delhi will coordinate for further meetings, IEC and sensitisation exercises among the stakeholders and key community members.
4. Above activities to be completed before the next monthly meeting.

The meeting ended with the Vote of thanks to the Chair and the participants

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3. Ms. Nikita Sara, Coordinator, Media Centre, TLM
4. Dr. C.M. Aggrawal, Treasurer, HKNS, Red Cross Road, New Delhi – 01
5. Dr. S.P. Sood, Consultant Delhi, NLR India.
6. Mr. Venugopal, President APAL
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Health screening tests in Durga Mandir Baniahir Leprosy Colony. Jhariadhanbad.

On the date of 19th November 2020 In the state of Jharkhand APAL and the Volunteer of APAL Mr. Navnit continues his tireless services to people affected by leprosy and their family members by health screening tests in Durga Mandir Baniahir Leprosy Colony. Jhariadhanbad.

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On behalf of people affected by leprosy, we thankful to the respected DLO sir for responding positively and listening to our voices



Health screening tests and masks distribution in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony at Andhra Pradesh

On the date of 20th November 2020 Mr. Dilip Kumar volunteer of APAL continues his service to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Bunny Nagar Leprosy Colony at Andhra Pradesh. The state leader Mr. Nagesawar Rao also contributed

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Health screening tests in Sri Shriram Sewa Samiti Leprosy Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

On the date of 22rd November 2020 In the Sri Shriram Sewa Samiti Leprosy Colony, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, APAL's volunteer Ms. Swathi and Ms. Pooja started second-month health screening tests for people affected by leprosy and their family members. The APAL member Mr. Sarang Gayadhane also contributed.

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Memorandum submission for Monthly grains

On the date of 23rd November 2020 The treasurer of APAL, Mrs. Maya Ranaware met and discussed with the District Collector for the monthly grains to people affected by leprosy and people with disabilities; from last month they are not getting the grains because the biometric machine is not accepted the deformity fingerprints.

Finally, the Government removed the fingerprints system from the biometric machine.

For that purpose, she met and requests the district collector to help people affected to get monthly grains



Health screening tests and masks distribution in Navjeeban ashram Jamshedpur Jharkhand.

On the date of 29th November 2020 Mr. Nirmal Maheto, one of the volunteers of APAL continues providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution in Navjeeban ashram Jamshedpur Jharkhand.

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Health screening tests and masks distribution in Gujarat

On the date of 29th November 2020 In the Satya Jeevan Sewa Sangh and Gandhi Leprosy Sewa Sangh Amraiwadi, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Ms. Mehrunnisha and Ms. Suman providing health care services to people affected by leprosy and their families by health screening tests and masks distribution.

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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 November 2020 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: The people affected by leprosy are also recently afflicted from sickness by COVID-19 positive. The affected people are already facing problems with less immunity and poverty. In October and November 2020 also people are impacted by floods in Telangana

Challenges:

- We started office work because of India Ministry of Home Affairs released new guidelines called “Unlock 1.0” that allow the opening of Private Offices, malls, restaurants, and religious places in all areas
- We are started to inaugurated COVID-19 Awareness Pilot Project and continue 2nd month of screening tests
- Mostly using social media platforms and updating activities in the APAL India website

V. Narsappa