

# SASAKAWA HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Monthly Report

### To Executive Director of Sasakawa Health Foundation

| Title of the Report | Monthly Progress Report  |
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| Name                | Mrs. Maya Ranavare       |
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### 1. Report on activities of APAL State-Level Bodies and APAL Leaders

- Sasakawa along with the APAL team, NLR team, and SILF team met Mr. Gupta Health Minister
- WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination Mr. Sasakawa along with APAL's team met Mr. Hemant Soren
- Sasakawa along with APAL's team visited Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare delivered her welcome speech at Global Forum - 2
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya's speech at ILC Conference
- APAL's President Mrs Maya Ranavare met Hon. Minister for Culture, Tourism & Development of North Eastern region,
- APAL conducted an online EC Meeting
- APAL's President Mrs. [Maya Ranavare](#) met Dr. Buhe District Leprosy Officer of Nasik (DLO)
- APAL's Vice President along with the state committee visited the leprosy colonies
- APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare participated in the IIC meeting conducted by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation
- At the request of APAL's state committee(SKNS) in Madhya Pradesh, local donor Mr. Dipak Agarwal distributed water filters

#### ***Sasakawa along with the APAL team, NLR team, and SILF team met Mr. Gupta Health Minister***

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and living legend respected Sasakawa along with the APAL team, NLR team, and SILF team met Mr. Gupta Health Minister of Jharkhand

On this visit, discussed the disability pension, education support, the Government Yojna, houses, and land issues, the honorable minister responded positively



***WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination Mr. Sasakawa along with APAL's team met Mr. Hemant Soren***

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022, On 5th November 2022, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination Mr. Sasakawa along with APAL's team met Mr. Hemant Soren, Health Department, and AASHA Workers

On this occasion, he shared his personal experiences on leprosy services and strongly urged for quality treatment for leprosy, disability pensions, education support, special allowances for the better living conditions of people affected by leprosy and their families



***Sasakawa along with APAL's team visited Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony***

On 6th November 2022, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination Mr. Sasakawa along with APAL's team visited Shanthi Nagar Leprosy Colony in Hyderabad and interacted with the people affected by leprosy and their families

On this occasion, he motivated all inmates with his loveable speech and said that persons affected by leprosy faced stigma and discrimination, isolation, pain, and insults but it's not their fault but the fault and misunderstanding of mainstream society.

We can surely change the mindset of society and access our all human rights soon; also he asked children to give the promise to study well and said that he will come and see again their development





### **APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare delivered her welcome speech at Global Forum -2**

On 6th November 2022, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare delivered her welcome speech at Global Forum -2 in Hyderabad

In her speech, she said that Sasakawa Health Foundation supports us to improve our living standards and make as to address our problems accesses our rights, and can challenging exclusion. APAL is always grateful to the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for leprosy elimination, worshipful one, and Great kind hearted human being respected Sasakawa for his vision and mission. In the terrible COVID-19 hectic time world also panic and thinks about themselves and their families but he only looks at us and saves us. His message to the most experienced in the wipe away our tears also. On behalf of persons affected by leprosy and their families, we never forget his love for us until our last breath.



### **APAL's President Mrs. Maya's speech at ILC Conference**

On 9th November 2022, APAL's President Mrs. Maya's speech

***The 2nd Global Forum of People's Organizations on Hansen's Disease was held in Hyderabad, India from November 6 to 8. Around 100 representatives of 20 People's Organizations from 21 countries took part. The theme of the forum was "Strengthening and maximizing the roles and capacities of People's Organizations to promote the dignity of persons affected by Hansen's disease." There were sessions on Capacity Building, Inclusion, and Partnerships. The forum was organized by Sasakawa Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) Initiative as part of its "Don't Forget Leprosy"/ "Don't Forget Hansen's Disease" campaign launched during the coronavirus pandemic.***

***The impact of COVID-19 and measures against the disease, such as lockdowns and other restrictions, had a heavy impact on the lives of persons affected by leprosy/Hansen's disease living in marginalized communities. The pandemic diverted attention from treatment and services for leprosy/Hansen's disease to other areas. In some countries, the support provided by People's Organizations, working with partner organizations, was a lifeline.***

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

***People's Organizations recognize capacity building as essential to their sustainability and for them to realize their potential and enjoy their rights.***

***People's Organizations recognize the importance of promoting inclusion, both within their organizations and outside.***

***People's Organizations recognize that strategic partnerships with diverse stakeholders can be an effective way for the vision of persons affected by leprosy/Hansen's disease to be put into practice.***

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

***People's Organizations request a political, governmental, and non-governmental commitment to ensuring a minimum standard of living, economic security, and resources including funding and human resources, for capacity building.***

***People's Organizations recommend that the inclusion of persons with lived experience of leprosy/Hansen's disease should be equitable, demonstrated by their participation in consultative processes, strategy formulation, and implementation of strategies and policies that concern them.***

***People's Organizations recommend that partnerships, including with the government, are built in a collaborative, respectful, and trusted relationship for working towards their shared goals.***

***People's Organizations acknowledge that digital technology is critical for their effective participation in their activities and therefore request that the digital divide be bridged.***

***People's Organizations call on governments to provide adequate budgets and human resources so that national leprosy/Hansen's disease programs can guarantee prevention, comprehensive care, and rehabilitation.***

***The 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum notes that many of the issues raised in the Conclusions and Recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Forum in Manila in 2019 have yet to be adequately addressed. It urges governments and non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to take all the necessary steps to implement the recommendations coming out from both Global Forums.***



On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, APAL's President Mrs Maya Ranaivare met Hon. Minister for Culture, Tourism & Development of North Eastern region, Govt. of India, Shri G Kishan Reddy at ILC in Hyderabad and explained the APAL's services to people affected by leprosy and their families residing in the leprosy colonies overall India through tireless useful activities

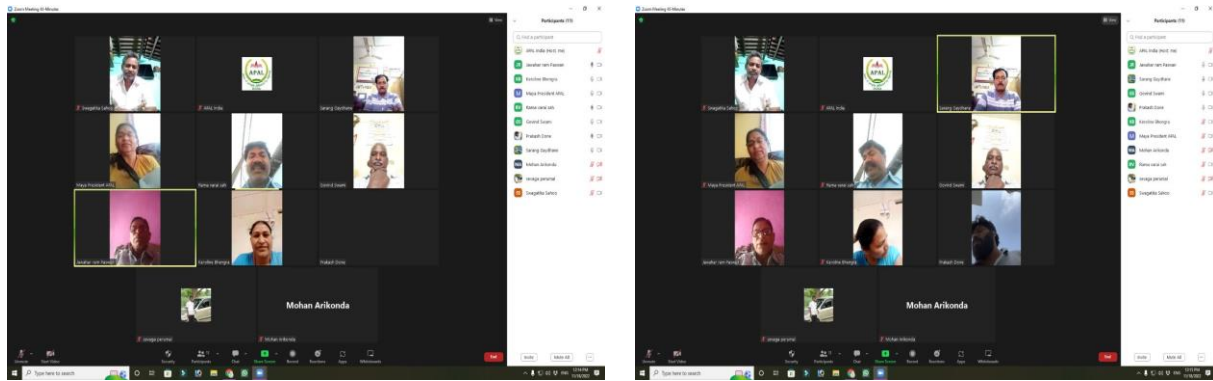


### ***APAL conducted an online EC Meeting***

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022, APAL conducted an online EC Meeting and discussed the future activities of APAL and new projects.



On this meeting, Mrs. Maya Ranavare informed all EC members about need to express farewell to Dr. Vivek Lal and welcome to Mr. Gaurav Sen as a CEO of SILF



### ***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare met Dr. Buhe District Leprosy Officer of Nasik (DLO)***

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, APAL's President Mrs. [Maya Ranavare](#) met Dr. Buhe District Leprosy Officer of Nasik (DLO) at her office in Nasik, Maharashtra and discussed the current situation of persons affected by leprosy and their families those residing in the leprosy colonies: also, requested and explained need to work hard and work together for the empowerment of people affected by leprosy and their family members.



### ***APAL's Vice President along with the state committee visited the leprosy colonies***

On 26th November 2022, APAL's Vice President along with the state committee visited the leprosy colonies in Dhanbad, Jharkhand

On this visit, the survey (Data), the status of the social entitlements, infrastructure, and utmost needs of persons affected by leprosy and their families in the leprosy colonies. special thanks to Mr. Madhu Sudan for his contribution in the data collection



***APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare participated in the IIC meeting conducted by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation***

On 28th November 2022, APAL's President Mrs. Maya Ranavare participated in the IIC meeting conducted by Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation in New Delhi

On this occasion, she delivered her speech about the measures of leprosy free India and pledge by signed to support the elimination of leprosy in the World



On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, At the request of APAL's state committee(SKNS) in Madhya Pradesh, local donor Mr. Dipak Agarwal distributed water filters to 100 families of people affected by leprosy at Indore leprosy colony in Madhya Pradesh

APAL is entirely grateful to Mr. Dilip for his valuable support and special thanks to Mr. Sarang Gayadhane General Secretary of APAL for his contribution to the leprosy community



**Mrs. Maya Ranavare  
President, APAL**