



# OUR VISION: LEPROSY DEFEATED LIVES TRANSFORMED

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# WELCOME

'I lift up my eyes to the mountains -- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.'

Psalm 121:1-2

On behalf of the Board, it is my privilege to be able to present to you the Annual Report for 2020.

In a challenging year we lifted our eyes to God and his faithfulness held true.

The global pandemic was much more than a health crisis. Across the world, it tested public systems both health and economic and changed our view of the world we live in.

We acted in faith to continue our commitments to people affected by leprosy in our projects. In a year like no other our ability to keep our promises to our partners has been the greatest blessing of all. We are so thankful to kind supporters like you who made this possible.

As I recall our lockdown in New Zealand in March, I remember the feeling of uncertainty.

Seeing the outpouring of love and care from selfless donors and prayer partners who upheld the work despite this time of uncertainty was humbling.

As a Board we would like to acknowledge our dedicated staff who worked hard to connect with supporters in new ways. As staff uplifted partners, volunteers and supporters they were uplifted as well.

We give thanks to the LORD, who is faithful and true.

May you all know God's love and may you all feel blessed reading about the wonderful things made possible through his love.

#### **Financials**

Income for the year ending 31 December 2020 was \$5,734,708.

Operating expenditure for the year was \$1,175,556 and the amount committed to Overseas Ministry was \$3,716,177.

The overall surplus for the year of \$842,975 will be used to fund future projects and the effective running of the organisation.

#### **Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship**

As one of the members of the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, we join together to maximise our impact for people affected by leprosy.

The Global Strategy 2019-23 was implemented by Global Fellowship members with ambitious strategic priorities towards ending leprosy. These strategic priorities are Zero Transmission, Zero Disability and Zero Discrimination and a confirmation that in all our work we are Christ centred.

We are grateful that the Leprosy Mission fellowship supporters through the pandemic, have still considered it absolutely vital to give money to the work to defeat leprosy. This investment means that we are still on track to No Child with Leprosy by 2035.

#### The New Zealand Focus

New Zealand Leprosy Mission works in partnership with Leprosy Mission implementing countries and grassroots organisations in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, PNG and Bougainville while strengthening relationships with the Netherlands Leprosy Relief in Indonesia.

Each story shared with you from these partner countries during 2020 had the added impact of Covid. Each person is precious in the sight of God. The lives of Raju from Bangladesh, the children of Bougainville, Shabnam and Shaheen from India have been blessed through your support. As each of them overcomes leprosy their lives become an inspiration to us all.

We continue to be grateful to each of our faithful supporters as well as new supporters who have reached out across the world in a time when many of us are also feeling vulnerable in the face of the pandemic. In 2020 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) NZ Aid Programme provided funding for projects in Papua New Guinea and Bougainville. Their continued support and our trusted relationship of matched funding is a powerful enabler of our work.

I would like to thank you as the reader of this Annual Report knowing that you are reading this as a person who has an active interest in the Mission.

Together through serving selflessly, having faith and taking action, we will ensure we each play our small part in achieving a world without leprosy.

With blessings,

Odele Habets

**Board Chair** 

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand









# **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

While the Leprosy Mission New Zealand holds itself to the highest standards in all activities it undertakes, there may be times when this standard cannot always be achieved or be perceived to be achieved. The Leprosy Mission New Zealand has policies and a Safeguarding Code of Conduct for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. In the event of a complaint being received by the Leprosy Mission New Zealand, we will endeavour to investigate, put things right and learn from the experience.

In the first instance, please contact us:

General concerns: supporterservices@leprosymission.org.nz Safeguarding concerns: safeguarding@leprosymission.org.nz Or call Freephone: 0800 862 873 (NZ Only) or +64 9 630 2818

If you have raised a complaint with The Leprosy Mission New Zealand and are not satisfied with the response to that complaint you may contact: Fundraising Institute of New Zealand, a sector organisation of which The Leprosy Mission New Zealand is a member and which commits to ethical and best practice fundraising.

Website: finz.org.nz

You can also contact Charities Services, part of the Department of Internal Affairs. Website: charities.govt.nz or

The Council for International Development (CID), the national umbrella agency for NZ organisations working in International Development.

Website: cid.org.nz

# **GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP**

LMNZ is a member of the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, and we share the following Vision, Mission and Values:

Vision: Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed.

**Mission Statement:** Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission seeks to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

Our Values: Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value Compassion, Justice, Integrity, Inclusion and Humility.



# WHO WE ARE

#### **Board Chair**

Odele Habets - BHSc, PostGradDipDev (Distinction), GradDip (Blibical Studies/Theology)

#### **Board**

Andre Stuart BE
Andrew Stott - BCom/ BA, MBA
Anne Ratliff - PostGradDipBus, P.M.E.R.
Blair Matheson MBA
Grant Pollock (Treasurer) - BBS, CA
Jo Burnett - BNurs
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(Hons), PhD
Phil Johnstone - BA (Hons), Dipjour
Rev. Kathleen Gavin - DipPhysio, Dip Blibical
Studies, Dip Clinical/ Pastoral Counselling

#### **Executive Director**

Gillian Whitley MBS(HR Management), PGDipArts(Psych)

#### **Auditor**

Peter Conaglen PP, BMS, Dip Min Charity Audit

#### **Hon-Solicitors**

Gaze Burt

# **GLOBAL PARTNERS 2020**

Leprosy Mission New Zealand worked hand in hand with local leprosy project partners in Nepal, India, PNG, Bougainville, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Indonesia



# Nepal

LMNZ is a supporting partner of Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital in Kathmandu. Anandaban provides comprehensive quality care for people affected by leprosy including clinical diagnosis, physiotherapy, ulcer care, surgery and prosthetics. Anandaban also provides general and emergency medical services to the surrounding community for fee-paying patients.

In addition, in 2020, Youth Advocates visited Nepal in January and raised funds for a new clean water pipe and pump.



# Research

In 2020, LMNZ was able to support a global research project aimed at developing potential new cost-effective and easy-to-use leprosy diagnosis technology.



# India

LMNZ supports the Leprosy Mission's
Salur Hospital in Andhra Pradesh (Southeast India), aiming to partner with them
towards sustainability. In 2020, your
support enabled hospital staff to continue
to be on the front line providing vital care
to people affected by leprosy during the
Covid-19 pandemic.

LMNZ is a supporting partner of The Leprosy Mission
Trust India's Children Unite for Action project to meet the
educational needs of children and youth in communities
affected by leprosy.

# **Ethiopia**

LMNZ continues to provide educational support grants for children affected by leprosy in Ethiopia.



# **Bangladesh**

The Chittagong People Led Development Programme gives people affected by leprosy and disability the learning skills and support they need to become fully self-reliant and active members of their communities.

# **Bougainville**

LMNZ supports the Bougainville
Healthy Communities Programme,
which covers 97% of the population.
Village Health Volunteers and the
Leprosy Control Officer assists in
detection, diagnosis and treatment of
leprosy and other diseases.

Communities are trained and supported in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), gender integration and community development issues.

The people of Bougainville, empowered by you, are creating a healthy community to live in and a future free of leprosy.



# **Indonesia**

NZ is a supporting partner of Netherlands Leprosy Relief to support the PEPCOM Project. This project uses active case finding, community awareness and contact tracing to stop the spread of leprosy.



# Papua New Guinea

The Sustainable Livelihood Development
Programme is our partnership programme in PNG.
Communities receive training on income generation,
gender issues, health and managing micro-credit.
93 Community Facilitators raised awareness
of leprosy in 50 communities.



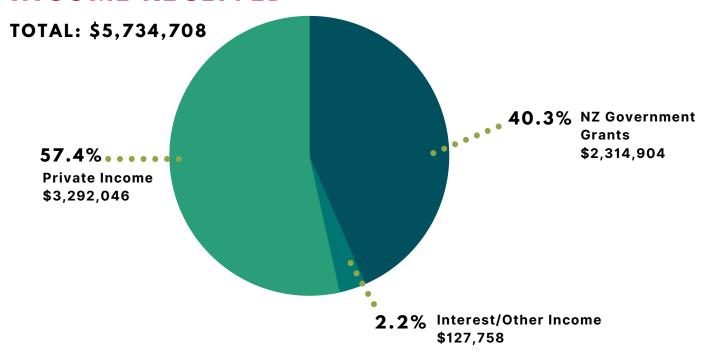
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# Leprosy Mission New Zealand raised \$5,734,708 in 2020

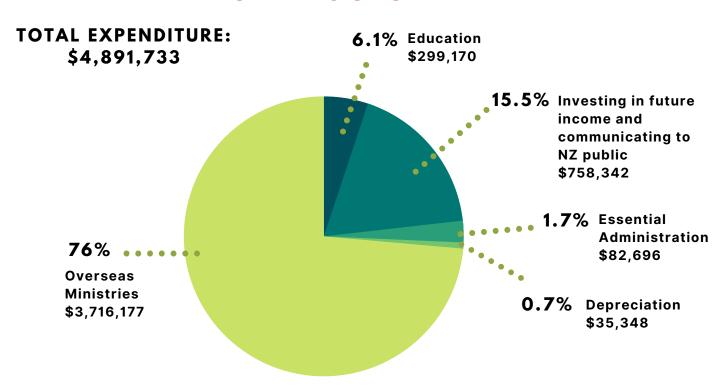
Out of the income we received in 2020, we spent \$4,891,733. 76% of this was expended on overseas ministries.

That's thousands of people affected by leprosy receiving MDT (multi-drug-therapy), hospital care, surgery, physiotherapy, counselling, self help groups, access to micro loans, vocational training and support.

# **INCOME RECEIVED**



# WHERE THE MONEY GOES



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our sincere thanks to all our wonderful supporters. Thanks to your commitment to our mission, we are able to make a difference to the lives of leprosy-affected communities in the Pacific, Asia and Africa.















# **CURE CARE RESTORE**

For over 100 years, the Leprosy Mission New Zealand (LMNZ) has been creating life-changing connections between New Zealanders and people affected by leprosy throughout the world. We are dedicated to curing, caring for and restoring people affected by leprosy, families and communities.

Over the last 25 years, 15 million people have been cured, but there are still 5 million people affected by leprosy today. LMNZ, in partnership with our supporters and the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, are dedicated to transforming these lives and ending leprosy.

## Cure



Finding, diagnosing, and ensuring the cure for leprosy is taken consistently

## Care



Providing counselling, physiotherapy, reconstructive surgery and ulcer treatment

## Restore



Restoration back into community, providing training for income generating opportunities

# **NO CHILD WITH LEPROSY BY 2035**

The Leprosy Mission is part of the Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy, joining with organisations like the World Health Organisation (WHO), working towards ending leprosy transmission by 2035.

The introduction of effective multi-drug therapy (MDT) 30 years ago has made leprosy easily treatable. The reported prevalence of leprosy has been reduced by more than 95% - 15 million people have been cured of leprosy since 1981.

However, the number of newly diagnosed leprosy patients has remained above 200,000 per year for the last decade, including thousands of children. It is estimated that more than one million will be newly diagnosed over the next five years.

Through new research and improved diagnostic testing, we are working together to achieve zero leprosy transmission by 2035.







# **CURE**

Leprosy is easily curable. It affects individuals with weakened immune systems. The disease often spreads in poorer areas due to poor sanitation and nutrition.

In 2020, despite Covid restrictions, project staff were able to continue to help find and diagnose those affected by leprosy. Using technology and PPE staff were able to continue to reach and communicate with people affected by leprosy. People affected by leprosy were able to start and consistently follow multi-drug therapy treatment to be fully cured.

#### Zero Transmission of leprosy can be achieved by:

- Early detection and treatment of new leprosy cases, which helps interrupt the transmission of leprosy
- Reducing infection risk through Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), one dose
  of Rifampicin to people who are close contacts
- Improving water, sanitation and hygiene to reduce contamination and to prevent secondary infections for people affected by leprosy.

1,664
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
LEPROSY RECEIVED MULTIDRUG THERAPY
TREATMENT IN NEW
ZEALAND SUPPORTED
PROJECTS IN 2020



716

NEW LEPROSY CASES
WERE DIAGNOSED IN NEW
ZEALAND SUPPORTED
PROJECTS THIS YEAR

# DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS

In 2020 awareness raising programmes in leprosy-affected areas were undertaken to educate individuals, families and communities about the signs and symptoms of the disease.

A vital part of these programmes is the training of community volunteers who take responsibility for identifying new cases in their villages.

We also educate local health workers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, rural medical practitioners and family planning staff about leprosy so they can identify cases and refer people for treatment as quickly as possible.

In 2020 because of strong community networks in vulnerable communities our leprosy project partners in India, PNG, Bougainville, Bangladesh and Nepal were also involved in raising community awareness of Covid. With your support we were able to keep the most vulnerable safe and continuing their cure for leprosy.

# SARASWATI CURED OF LEPROSY

Saraswati first developed leprosy as a child, but it took 6 years before she was eventually diagnosed, and by then the patches on her leg were so bad she could hardly walk.

With members of her own family telling her that leprosy was a curse and a judgement Saraswati isolated herself, dropping out of school, terrified that people would reject her if they knew about her disease.

"I didn't like to think what people would say if they knew," she said, covering her face. "It is very scary for me."

Many people affected by leprosy don't come forward to be diagnosed or receive the cure because of myths and stigma surrounding the disease.





The good news is that leprosy is easily curable and Saraswati found Anandaban Hospital a safe place for her, somewhere she is welcome and loved.

Thanks to your support, Saraswati is receiving the cure for leprosy (multi-drug-therapy) at Anandaban hospital in Nepal.

In 2020, we were also able to give practical help to Anandaban Hospital ensuring they can continue to provide all essential medical services whilst protecting staff and patients from the threat of COVID-19.

Saraswati is continuing her course of antibiotics to be fully cured and she is looking forward to returning to her studies. Her dream is to one day become a police officer.

# CARE

Disability is not an inevitable consequence of leprosy but people continue to be affected by it if not treated early. Thanks to you we can provide cutting edge healthcare to people affected by leprosy.

Hospitals that you support provide reconstructive surgery, physiotherapy, counselling and ulcer treatment. In projects The Leprosy Mission New Zealand supports, people affected by leprosy are taught self-care for ulcers to prevent disability and provided with assistive equipment, crutches and wheelchairs as well as prosthetics.

Common disabilities caused by leprosy include loss of mobility in hands and feet, penetrating ulcers and infections, and even avoidable blindness.

#### Self-care

Once treatment is finished people affected by leprosy and their families are taught 'self-care' so they can prevent and manage disability at home.

This allows people affected by leprosy to live independently, stay active and keep working or attending school. In 2020 projects continued follow-up health services to ensure there are no complications or symptoms of recurring leprosy.



4,251

PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT
ABOUT SELF-CARE FOR
ULCERS IN NEW ZEALAND
SUPPORTED PROJECTS



357
PEOPLE RECEIVED ULCER
TREATMENT AND
RECONSTRUCTIVE
SURGERY IN NZ
SUPPORTED PROJECTS



943
PEOPLE RECEIVED
PHYSIOTHERAPY IN
NZ SUPPORTED
PROJECTS



324

PEOPLE WERE SUPPLIED
WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES
(PROSTHETICS, CRUTCHES,
WHEELCHAIRS ETC) IN NZ
SUPPORTED PROJECTS



1.690

PAIRS OF PROTECTIVE SANDALS WERE PROVIDED IN NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTED PROJECTS

# KANTI CAN DANCE AGAIN

13 year old Kanti's leprosy started with some discoloured patches all over her little body and a penetrating ulcer on the sole of her foot, which soon turned into full-blown drop foot.

Thanks to you, and the doctors and nurses at the Mission's Shadhadra Hospital, Kanti has completed the full course of multi-drug therapy and is now cured of leprosy.





Further, Kanti has received reconstructive surgery to correct her drop foot and was taught to do regular physiotherapy exercises.

The hospital staff also fitted her with a **special spring orthosis** - a device that pulls Kanti's foot up while walking so it will not drag on the floor - and **protective sandals** to prevent ulcers.

"Earlier I couldn't walk normally. I could not lift my foot and I had to walk slowly. I couldn't run and play with my friends," says Kanti.





"I'm happy to be going back to school!" Kanti declares. "My dream is to be a police officer one day."

# RESTORE

In the projects you support, people affected by leprosy are restored back to their communities and empowered to challenge injustice and self-advocate for their rights and entitlements.

New Zealand supports livelihoods development in all its projects. This involves livelihoods training and opportunities for income generating activities. Through this, people affected by leprosy are able to lift themselves out of poverty and build a better future for themselves and their families.

38 countries still have legislation that discriminates against people affected by leprosy. Led by the empowerment of people affected by leprosy, Leprosy Mission New Zealand, as part of the Global Fellowship, advocates for the removal of discriminatory legislation.

Together with your support we will see people affected by leprosy enjoy full participation in public, social, economic and cultural life.



2,838

PEOPLE WERE TRAINED IN ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND RIGHTS IN NZ SUPPORTED PROJECTS



1,353

PEOPLE WERE TRAINED
IN INCOME
GENERATING ACTIVITES
IN NZ SUPPORTED

**PROJECTS** 



3,917

PEOPLE IN SELF-HELP GROUPS IN NZ SUPPORTED PROJECTS



1,913

VILLAGE HEALTH
VOLUNTEERS WERE
TRAINED IN HEALTH
DEVELOPMENT IN NZ
SUPPORTED PROJECTS

843

CHILDREN AFFECTED BY LEPROSY (EITHER THEMSELVES OR THEIR FAMILIES) WERE PROVIDED SUPPORT THIS YEAR IN NZ SUPPORTED PROJECTS.

THAT'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES, UNIFORMS, AND SCHOOL FEES PAID, ENSURING THAT THESE CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION!



# AIMY WALKS HOME FROM SCHOOL

Aimy was just a toddler when her parents saw the tell-tale mark of leprosy on her leg - a patch of numb skin. They were terrified.

Her leprosy spread this far ... and no further, because Aimy was able to receive a full course of medication to cure leprosy.

Her parents took her to a clinic. She began taking the tablets that fought back the bacteria. They saw the patch stop and grow no further. Aimy was cured!

When fear for their little girl turned to joy at her healing, they wanted to do something to express their thanks.

Aimy's mother became a Leprosy

Mission Village Health Volunteer.

Funded by gifts from New Zealand supporters and matched 5 x by the New Zealand Aid Programme respected

volunteers like Aimy's mother are trained to help people recognise the first signs of leprosy and get them medication.

If a child like Aimy hadn't received the cure, her life could have been completely different. The patch could have spread and numbed and she could have been permanently disabled by leprosy. Her hands and feet would have been clawed and damaged forever.

Today Aimy walks to school with joy in her step, her favourite subject is art and she loves playing games with her best friend Janet.

Aimy's mum is very effective as the local leprosy mission supported Village Health Volunteer. During Covid, she helped people continue their leprosy medication and with support from the project, she shared important health messages about Covid with the community. Aimy follows her mother's footsteps by encouraging friends and family to remember to wash their hands and take rest. Aimy can bring so much joy and hope to her community - all thanks to wonderful supporters like you!



# **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

We faced new challenges in 2020 with the Covid-19 pandemic and implemented new strategies to support both people affected by leprosy and the wider communities we work in.

#### This included:

- making sure multi-drug therapy remained available
- giving registered patients more than one blister pack to ensure they continued their treatment even if monthly clinics could not run as scheduled
- using self-help groups to educate and support people affected by leprosy, provide accurate WHO Covid-19 messaging, and to distribute personal hygiene items and emergency relief packages
- sharing accurate and helpful information about Covid-19 within the communities we work in on hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing
- in some areas providing vital food parcels and monetary support
- in some areas supporting the local government Covid response to provide hospital beds and care for Covid-19 patients
- in one project masks were made and distributed among their tribal community





In Nepal, the Mycobacterial Research Laboratories at Anandaban Hospital received permission to conduct Covid-19 testing. The hospital also assigned 20 percent of their beds for isolating Covid-19 patients.

Our teams in PNG and Bougainville effectively supported local government Covid response by leveraging their strong community networks and volunteers.

The Leprosy Mission's hospital team around the world continues to face the front lines with courage and carry your love to serve the most vulnerable, and provide the vital care so desperately needed for people affected by leprosy.

With bans on gatherings of groups of people and lockdowns, contact tracing, self-help groups, outreach clinics, and other such activities became more difficult.

Staff found innovative methods to continue to support people affected by leprosy and used networks such as self-help groups to educate through accurate WHO Covid-19 messaging. They also distributed personal hygiene items and emergency relief packages in vulnerable communities.





Our Government partners are extremely important in supporting the international projects. In 2020, MFAT increased their communication with the sector and were supportive when project activities needed to incorporate implementation of Covid strategies.



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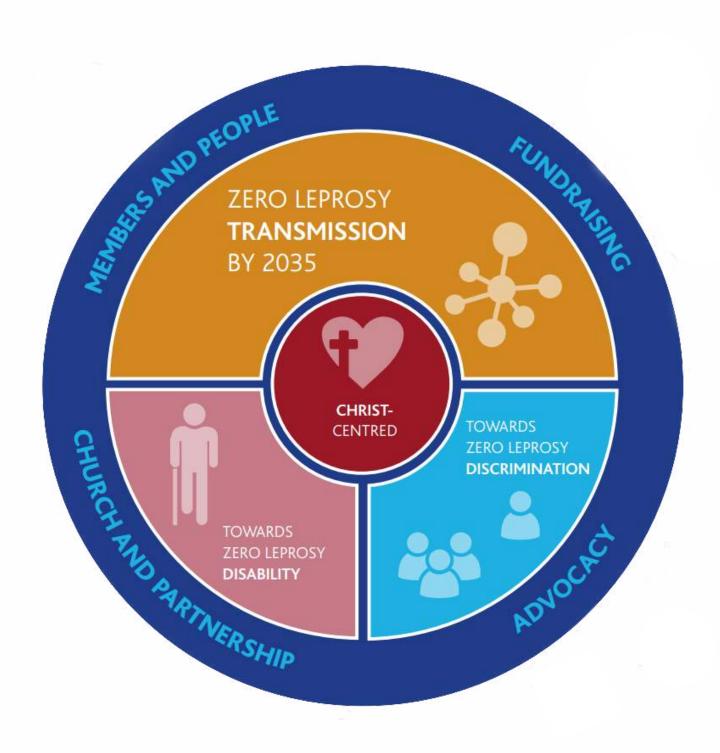
FAMILIES GIVEN VITAL RATION KITS ACROSS PROJECTS IN INDIA



10,000's
REACHED THROUGH
COVID-19 AWARENESS
RAISING INTIATIVES



# TRIPLE ZERO LEPROSY STRATEGY



# TOWARDS ZERO TRANSMISSION

# Earlier detection and treatment of new leprosy cases

- partnering with local governments and with the National Leprosy Control Programmes to encourage greater ownership of leprosy detection
- raising awareness about leprosy symptoms and treatment, and enabling early diagnosis and treatment through active case finding
- supporting the training of health workers, community volunteers and people affected by leprosy.
- providing contact tracing to reduce the spread of leprosy by giving close contacts a single dose of Rifampicin and screening for signs of leprosy.

6,668

CLOSE CONTACTS
WERE SCREENED AND
RECEIVED A DOSE OF
RIFAMPICIN IN NZ
SUPPORTED PROJECTS
IN INDONESIA







LEPROSY HEALTH WORKER IN INDONESIA SCREENING CLOSE CONTACTS

# TOWARDS ZERO DISABILITY

Reduced disability burden in people affected by leprosy Transformation of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of people affected by leprosy

- supporting hospitals around the world to provide care and treatment for leprosy affected people impacted by physical disability
- supporting community-based rehabilitation and home-based self-care
- creating access to timely detection, monitoring, and treatment of impairments of the eyes, hands, and feet.
- working hard to ensure that people affected by leprosy have access to assistive devices that will support them day to day. This includes footwear and prosthetic devices.

# TOWARDS ZERO DISCRIMINATION

Greater inclusion of, and justice for, people affected by leprosy and disability People affected by leprosy confidently standing up for their rights

- self-help groups play a vital role in promoting identity, dignity and sustainable livelihoods for persons affected by leprosy within the community.
- supporting self-help groups which give members the chance to gain vocational skills and training for business capacity and disaster-risk reduction, leadership, and financial management.
- self-help groups have been instrumental in promoting leprosy awareness and access to medical treatment, education for children, better housing and access roads, and improved water/sanitation facilities in communities.

# **GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP**

New Zealand is a member of the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, a global federation of 30 Leprosy Mission national organisations.

We work together towards our shared vision of leprosy defeated, lives transformed. The two halves of that vision are equally important. By valuing each voice of our Global Fellowship, we are stronger and better equipped to work towards our vision.

Together in 2020, the Global Fellowship has achieved many successes to take us closer to our vision.

254,068,146

PEOPLE REACHED BY ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMMES





29,812

TRAINING DAYS WERE CONDUCTED FOR DOCTORS, NURSES AND AID STAFF



23,902

PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY AND DISABILITY PARTICIPATED IN SELF-HELP GROUPS



17,466

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR



10,115

PATIENTS RECEIVED LEPROSY RELATED DISABILITY CARE



1'

DISCRIMINATORY LAWS
AGAINST PEOPLE
AFFECTED BY LEPROSY
REMOVED





36

LEPROSY RESEARCH PROJECTS





Photo caption: Brent Morgan, TLM International Director and Amar Timalsina, Global Fellowship Board Member and personally affected by leprosy at the UN Conference.

# GLOBAL ADVOCACY

The most powerful advocates are those who can speak from personal experience. We believe that persons affected by leprosy should have their voices heard by leaders across the world, whether these are local business leaders or leaders at the United Nations.

In December 2020, the UN hosted its major disability rights conference (COSP13). At this conference, The Leprosy Mission and Disabled Peoples' International (DPI) hosted a side event that considered the challenges women affected by leprosy face in accessing their rights. Speakers included Lilibeth Evarestus, a lawyer in Nigeria, Maya Ranaware, representing DPI and the Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (APAL) in India and Jayashree Kunju, a CEO in India.

It is supporters like you in member countries across the world who enable the International Office and people affected by leprosy to advocate in these global forums to bring about change in this world. Thank you.



# STATEMENT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Statement on Corporate Governance**

The Board is responsible for preparing financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position of The Leprosy Mission New Zealand at the end of a financial year and the operating results for that year. The external auditor is responsible for expressing an opinion on the financial report, based on a review and assessment of the conclusions drawn from evidence obtained in the course of the audit.

The general purpose financial statements set out in this report have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice under the Financial Reporting Act 2013. The Leprosy Mission New Zealand has taken early adoption of the NZ International Public Sector Accounting Standards [NZ IPSAS] Tier 2. They are based on appropriate accounting policies which have been consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgments and estimates.

#### The Board

The Board retains full and effective control over the society, monitors executive management and ensures that decisions on material matters are in the hands of the Board.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is composed of members of the Resource Committee. The external auditor has access to this committee and has met with the committee following completion of the audit for the 12 months ended 31 December 2020. Matters considered included a review of the financial statements and accounting policies, the effectiveness of management information and other systems of internal control and the auditor's findings. The auditor is appointed each year based on recommendations of the audit committee.

#### **Internal Control**

To fulfil its responsibilities, management maintains adequate accounting records and a system of internal controls which is monitored periodically. No breakdowns were identified in the systems of internal control for the 12 months ended 31 December 2020. After reviewing internal financial reports and budgets, the Board believe that The Leprosy Mission New Zealand Incorporated will continue to be a going concern in the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Management and the Board have undertaken a going concern review considering reasonable possible changes in performance due to COVID-19. Consideration was given to the current levels of cash at bank, working capital available and the organisation's operating and programme payments based on potential scenarios. Based on this review, The Leprosy Mission New Zealand has sufficient funds to sustain operations for the foreseeable future. The Board is therefore satisfied that The Leprosy Mission New Zealand will continue to operate for at least 12 months from the approval date of the financial statements. Accordingly, The Leprosy Mission New Zealand continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

# THE LEPROSY MISSION NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE & EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

All figures are in NZ dollars \$

INCOMING RESOURCES	NOTES	2020	2019
Revenue From Non-Exchange Transaction			
Donations	4f(i),8	2,595,688	2,311,842
Trusts/Corporates/Major Gifts	4f(i)	111,259	171,012
Bequests	4f(ii)	585,099	298,392
NZ Government Grants from MFAT	4f(iii),9	2,314,904	2,256,748
		5,606,950	5,037,994
Revenue From Exchange Transactions			
Interest and Other revenues	4g(i),(ii)	127,758	159,386
TOTAL Incoming Resources		5,734,708	5,197,380
Resources Expended	_	0.740.477	0.405.000
Overseas Ministry	9	3,716,177	3,465,932
Education		299,170	239,347
Fundraising and Promotion		758,342	852,568
Administration		82,696	117,007
Depreciation	4b	35,348	32,679
TOTAL Resources Expended		4,891,733	4,707,533
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		842,975	489,847
Transfer to Reserves		(500,000)	
General Funds carried forward		342,975	489,847

<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statement



# THE LEPROSY MISSION NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY/ NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

All figures are in NZ dollars \$

	NOTES	2020	2019
Balance at beginning of year		3,713,395	3,228,229
General Fund	17a		(4,681)
Lend n Mend Fund	17b		
Restricted Capital Fund	17c		
Project Reserves	17d	500,000	
Working Capital Reserves	17e		
Holiday pay Reserve	17f		
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		342,975	489,847
Balance at end of year		4,556,370	3,713,395

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statement



# THE LEPROSY MISSION NEW ZEALAND **INCORPORATED**

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

All figures are in NZ dollars \$

	NOTES	2020	2019
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts, Cash and Deposits	10	4,696,284	3,568,632
Accounts Receivable & Prepayments	4d	78,584	161,916
Inventory		3,015	2,507
		4,777,883	3,733,055
Current Liabilities			
Less Current Liabilities - Accounts Payable	4e	181,435	145,629
Less Funds committed for future remittances	11	631,342	413,966
		812,777	559,965
WORKING CAPITAL		3,965,106	3,173,460
Non Current Assets			
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures, Motor Vehicles	15	95,409	48,881
Advances (Share of Partnership)	16	486,237	481,437
Investments	4c	9,618	9,618
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		591,264	539,936
TOTAL ASSETS		4,556,370	3,713,396
Equity			
General Funds	17a	1,120,690	777,716
Lend n Mend Fund (Restricted)	17b	36,345	36,345
Restricted Capital Fund	17c	314,335	314,335
Project and Other Reserve	17d	2,500,000	2,000,000
Working Capital Reserve	17e	485,000	485,000
Holiday Pay Reserve	17f	100,000	100,000
TOTAL EQUITY		4,556,370	3,713,396

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statement

Grant Pollock CA **TREASURER** 

Gillian Whitley

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

# THE LEPROSY MISSION NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Donations and bequests	3,375,377	2,721,211
Government Grants	2,314,905	2,256,748
Payments		
Remittances made to overseas ministries	(3,498,801)	(3,434,772)
Payment to suppliers & employees	(1,104,911)	(1,193,691)
Net cash from operating activities	1,086,570	349,496
Cash flows from investing activities		
Net cash from investing activities	41,082	117,453
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,127,652	446,949
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,568.632	3,101,683
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,696,284	3,568,632
Reconciliation with reported operating surplus		
Reported surplus/(loss)	842,975	489,847
Depreciation	35,348	32,679
Less (Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(508)	700
Interest and Other Income	(127,758)	(159,386)
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivables and Prepayments	83,331	(60,035)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	35,806	14,531
Increase/(Decrease) in funds committed to remittances	217,376	31,160
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,086,570	346,496

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statement





# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# 1. Reporting Entity

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand Incorporated is a charitable organisation, based in Auckland, incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and registered under the Charities Act 2005 as Charities Registration No. CC37638.

Physical address: The Leprosy Mission New Zealand Incorporated

591 Dominion Road

Mount Eden Auckland 1041.

**Vision: Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed** 

# 2. Date of Authorisation

The current financial statements of the Leprosy Mission New Zealand are for the year ended 31 December 2020. These statements will be authorised for issue after the Board meeting on 29th May 2021.



## 3. Basis of Preparation

Statement of Compliance

The general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the Society as stated in Section 12 and these comply with the Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Framework (Not-For-Profit Entities).

The financial statements of the Leprosy Mission New Zealand have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices. [NZ GAAP] They comply with the Public Benefit Entity NZ International Public Sector Accounting Standards [NZ IPSAS], with the application of Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR), as authorised by the External Reporting Board under the Financial Reporting Act 2013.

Under this framework, the Leprosy Mission New Zealand is classified as a Tier 2 reporting entity. Leprosy Mission New Zealand is a public benefit entity that raises funds together with the NZ Government grants for leprosy related work done overseas.

The stated accounting framework and accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

# 4. Accounting Policies

#### (a) Owned Assets

Assets comprise furniture and fixtures, office equipment and vehicles in addition to an interest in the Missions Centre Partnership of which the Leprosy Mission New Zealand owns a 50% share at 591 Dominion Road. Except for interest in the Missions Centre Partnership, all assets have been recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

#### (b) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of furniture and fixtures, office equipment and vehicles, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned.

The estimated useful lives of assets are as follows:

- Computers and software 3 years
- Furniture and Fixtures 5 years
- Motor vehicles 5 year

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.



#### (c) Investments

- (i) Leprosy Mission New Zealand endeavours to make available all possible funds for immediate and planned leprosy work. Specific funds are invested so as to only utilise the interest when received.
- (ii) Investments are shown in the Statement of Financial Position at the lower of cost or market value.
- (iii) The Leprosy Mission New Zealand's Investments comprise cash together with 300 shares in Pacific Gas & Electric Company which were bequeathed to the Leprosy Mission New Zealand by a supporter. The fair value of quoted securities is determined based on bid prices at the balanced sheet date. The book value of this investment remains unchanged from 2003. PG&E filed for Chapter 11 on January 29, 2019 and as at 31 December 2020 the last sale listed on the Nasdaq Exchange was USD 10.87 per share. There were no dividends received in 2020.
- (iv) The Leprosy Mission New Zealand has a third share of a 5 share interest in freehold land in the Maori Freehold Land known as Anakiwi No.10 Block. Dividends of NZ\$105 were received in 2020.

#### (d) Receivables

Receivables are recognised at the original invoice amount less impairment losses. This balance is made up of a current account balance with the Leprosy Mission international, prepayments and GST.

#### (e) Payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Leprosy Mission New Zealand and which have not been paid at the end of the financial year. Given their short term nature, the carrying values of trade and other payables are considered a reasonable approximation of their fair values.

An accrual for Holiday Pay reflects the balances owing to staff at balance date and is measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Sick leave requests greater than any annual entitlement are considered insignificant and have not been accrued into employee end of year entitlements.

#### (f) Revenue NON-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

(i) Grants and Donations

Grant and donation income is recognised as income when it becomes receivable unless the Leprosy Mission New Zealand has a liability to repay the grant if the requirement of the grant or donation is not fulfilled. A liability is recognised to the extent that such conditions are unfulfilled at the end of the reporting period.

#### (ii) Bequests

Bequests are recognised in the statement of Comprehensive Revenue when received.

#### (iii) Government Grants

Contracts with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade [MFAT] are based on 3 to 5 year terms with a schedule of annual payment dates. The contracts have performance reporting dates along with a financial accountability reporting inclusive of any unspent balance. Formal negotiations take place with the MFAT on any unspent project funds as to repayment, or an application to apply the unspent funds to an extension of the project(s). On this basis, the revenue recognition policy is to treat government contracts as a current liability until the funds are expended on the authorised project, and the administration of the project.

#### (g) Revenue EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

(i) Finance Income (Interest and other income)

Interest is recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses when the right to receive payments is established.

#### (ii) Sale of books

Revenue from the traded goods and services are recognised when the agreed goods & services have been delivered and the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. At this stage, the benefits of the service and products has been delivered to the respective client.

Currency gains (if any) is recognised as "Other Income" at the end of the financial period.

# 5. Emergency Grants

Grants made for emergency purposes are recognised as expenses when approved and the recipient has met all necessary conditions to be entitled to the payment.

#### 6. Income Tax

The Leprosy Mission New Zealand is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax and gift duty having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.



#### 7. Goods and Services Tax

The statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses has been prepared so that all components are stated exclusive of GST. All items in the statement of financial position are stated net of GST, with the exception of receivables and payables, which are stated inclusive of GST.

#### 8. Donation Income

This income is made up of the following

	2020	2019
Appeal Donations	2,010,231	1,739,664
Partner's Programme	547,996	504,849
Money Boxes	28,305	49,821
General Donations	9,156	17,508
TOTAL	2,595,688	2,311,842

## 9. Overseas Ministry & Grants

	2020	2019
Government Grants <sup>1</sup>	2,314,905	2,236,748
Private Funds	1,401,272	1,229,184
TOTAL	3,716,177	3,465,932

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

#### 10. Cash and Cash Balances

Cash comprises deposits with The Bank of New Zealand.

#### 11. Funds Committed For Future Remittances

Government grants for 2021 received from MFAT (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) totalled \$631,342 and will be remitted after balance date.

# 12. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no material changes in accounting policies by the entity during the period covered by these financial statements. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

# 13. Related Party Transactions

Leprosy Mission New Zealand conducts an internal audit every year for the Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme (BHCP) project. The internal audit comprises a desk-audit followed by a site visit to Bougainville to complete a full internal audit which is required for reporting to MFAT. Grant Pollock CA, a member of The Leprosy Mission NZ Board conducts this audit and is paid a fee which is determined and agreed in the BHCP project budget with MFAT. All travel, accommodation and incidentals for the site vist are covered under the agreed budget.

## 14. Accounting for Events After Balance Date

No significant events have occurred since balance date that would require a change to these Financial Statements.

## 15. Equipment, Furniture and Motor Vehicles

	Cost	<b>Current Period</b>	Accumulated	Written Off	Carrying
		Depreciation		Amo	unt
2020					
Equipment	534,519	26,442	444,846		89,673
Furniture	76,738	3,864	75,624		1,114
Motor Vehicles	25,260	5,042	20,639		4,621
	636,517	35,348	541,109		95,408
2019					
Equipment	452,643	23,773	418,404		34,239
Furniture	83,939	3,864	78,960		4,979
Motor Vehicles	25,260	5,042	15,597		9,663
	561,842	32,679	512,961		48,881

# 16. Advances - Share of Partnership

	2020	2019
Balance as per Restricted Capital	481,437	477,037
Add Other Advances:		
Advance towards maintenance fund	4,800	4,400
TOTAL Advances	486,237	481,437

- A reinstatement valuation of the building was prepared by Seagars (Auckland) Ltd in October 2016 and the valuation was estimated to be \$2,300,000.
- A valuation on 31 December 2017 from the Auckland City Council web site had the following values.

Land Value \$3,500,000
Value of Improvements \$300,000
Capital Value \$3,800,000

These advances are repayable in the event of the Leprosy Mission New Zealand withdrawing from the partnership.

# 17. Equity

The equity comprises of the following:

(a)	General Funds	2020	2019
	Balance at beginning of year	777,716	792,549
	Add: Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year after transfers	842,975	489,847
	Less Prior period adjustment	- (500,000)	(4,680)
	Add: Transfer from general funds	(500,000)	(500,000)
	Balance at end of year including funds committed to future remittances	1,120,690	777,716
(b)			
	Lend n Mend Fund	2020	2019
	Balance at beginning of year	36,345	36,345
	Balance at end of year	36,345	36,345
(c)			
	Restricted Capital Fund	2020	2019
	Balance at beginning of year	314,335	314,335
	Balance at end of year	314,335	314,335
(d)	Project and Other Reserves	2020	2019
	Balance at beginning of year	2,000,000	2,000,000
	Add: Transfer from general funds	500,000	
	Balance at end of year	2,500,000	2,000,000



(e)		
	Working Cap	oital Reserve

Balance at beginning of year Balance at end of year

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(f) Holiday Pay Reserve

Balance at beginning of year Balance at end of year

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of The Leprosy Mission New Zealand (NZ) for the year ended 31st December 2020

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Leprosy Mission NZ, which comprises the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes 1 to 17 to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Leprosy Mission NZ as at 31 December 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) {ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of The Leprosy Mission in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no other relationship with, or interests in, The Leprosy Mission NZ.

## **Restriction on Responsibility**

This report is made solely to the Board, as a body, in accordance with section 42F of the Charities Act 2005, the Financial Reporting Act 2013, and their constitution. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Other Information**

The Board is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises the financial overview, Board chair report, and project



achievements, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Board Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards NZ IPSAS with the Reduced Disclosure Regime, (as issued by the External Report Board (XRB) under the Financial Reporting Act 2013) and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs(NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the XRB's website at

https://xrb.govt.nz/Site/Auditing\_Assurance\_Standards/Current\_Standards/Page8.aspx

Director: Peter Conaglen Charity Integrity Audit Ltd

Charty Audit

29 April 2021

# STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2020

### **DESCRIPTION OF ENTITIES OUTCOMES**

Resource and support field programmes that cure, care for and restore people with leprosy.

## **DESCRIPTION AND QUANTIFICATIONS OF ENTITY'S OUTPUTS**

### Chittagong People-led Development Programme, Bangladesh

- Total of 3,917 members in 264 Self-Help Groups structured in 11 Federations under 1 community-based organisation (Disabled People's Association).
- 142 leaders of Federation and DAPA trained in advocacy and rights.
- 244 participants received technical advice, mentoring and support to identify and run income generating activities.
- Total of 1476 (296 Male, 1,180 Female) loans issued to members of Self-Help Groups in 2020. Total received was Tk. 34,946,000 with an average loan per member of Tk. 23,676.

### Bougainville Healthy Communities Programme, Bougainville

- BHCP is now operating in 12 Districts out of a total of 13 Districts in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, representing 411 out of 426 wards.
- 898 village and ward support visits in 2020.
- A total of 1,913 participants undertook Health Management training, of which 1,063 were male and 850 were female.
- A total of 1,913 participants undertook Governance and Administration training, of which 1,063 were male and 850 were female.
- 123 new confirmed leprosy cases in 2020.

### Sustainable Livelihoods Development Programme, Papua New Guinea

- A total of 106 (53 Male, 53 Female) Community Facilitators trained and providing support to 47 communities on livelihoods and health.
- A total of 1,033 participants (377 Male & 656 Female) were trained including in savings & budgeting, livelihoods and cashflow and loans.
- 48 (21 Female and 27 Male) of the 149 (69 Female and 80 Male) people affected by leprosy and disability surveyed in the 2020 Participation-Scale exercise report they have actively exercised and advocated for their rights.
- 1,353 Income generating activities (407 Male and 946 Female) that have been assisted/developed by project activities.

## STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE - CONTINUED

### **Covid Impact**

- PNG Number of participants was reduced from 30 to 15 participants per training due to the 'New Normal' National COVID requirements, with the use of masks and hand sanitisers mandatory.
- Ward visits in Bougainville decreased during the Covid State of Emergency from March to May but Covid awareness activities were undertaken.
- Bangladesh Self help groups were unable to meet during Covid lockdowns and many stopped their Income generating activities. Decrease in loans issued due to Covid pandemic and lockdown.







# **YOUTH ADVOCATES**

Each year, we choose a group of enthusiastic young people to become advocates for the vital work we do with people affected by leprosy, their families and communities.

Our eight 2020 Youth Advocates from across New Zealand visited Nepal in January, meeting people affected by leprosy, visiting community self-help groups, and even watching a reconstructive surgery take place.

Throughout the year the group then raised funds to pay for a water pipe and pump which will provide access to a quality, clean, reliable, water supply for Anandaban Hospital. They raised \$23,000. Thank you team.

This water pipe is important because water is a fundamental human need, essential for drinking, cooking and keeping yourself clean. Polluted water can be deadly, causing sickness and disease. A poor water supply may also dry up in the hot season, causing water shortages, and in monsoon season it becomes even more contaminated with mud and water runoff. The new pipe will go down 157 meters into the ground and a pump will push this clean water up the pipe to Anandaban Hospital. This will be life changing for the people affected by leprosy that receive treatment at Anandaban Hospital.







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# THANK YOU

### **Financial Supporters**

We would like to acknowledge all our financial supporters including individual donors, bequestors who have left legacy gifts or memorium gifts, The New Zealand Aid Programme (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), churches, trusts and businesses.

#### **Board and Committee**

We honour and thank Anne Ratliff for her services and expertise in the past seven years as Board Chair, and her ongoing commitment as the Vice Chair of The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship Board. We give thanks for Anne's continuous guidance and advice on the Resource Committee.

We acknowledge and thank Phil Johnstone who has stepped down from the Board and Supporter Engagement committee. Phil gave many years of service to people affected by leprosy including visiting our field partners and creating friendships with people affected by leprosy. We will miss his energy and enthusiasm and expertise and constant encouragement to look at the big picture.

We are also very thankful for our dedicated Board members and the commitment of our Committee members who give their time and skills to support the Mission so willingly.

#### **Prayer Partners**

Prayer is fundamental to our work. We would like to thank our Prayer Partners for continuing to remember our work in their thoughts and prayers.

#### Field partners and Global Fellowship

We would like to thank our field partners who are on the frontline carrying out the mission, and the Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship and International Office. Together we each play our part in supporting each other to see leprosy defeated and lives transformed.

#### **Volunteers**

Over the last 12 months our volunteers have given countless hours of their time, and we give thanks and praise for their enthusiasm. We appreciate their vital help in our office, their churches and communities.

#### Staff

Lastly, we want to acknowledge the Leprosy Mission staff team and key consultants for their service and dedication in defeating leprosy and transforming lives.



