

EU-CORD Member NGO USP's (Unique Selling Points)

Introduction: *(Say something about your Christian identity, year founded and country where your HQ is located).*

The Leprosy Mission (TLM) is an international Christian organisation which helps people affected by leprosy on a mission to defeat leprosy and transforms lives. Founded in 1874, The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focused organisation in the world today, with a track record of more than 150 years in serving communities. We are working to achieve our vision of 'Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed'. The Leprosy Mission International Office is located in London, UK and serves as a secretariat to a global network of Members located in 31 countries.

1. **Areas of expertise in Programming:** *(Comment on particular areas where you're NGO has expertise and the programming approaches usually adopted such as self-help groups, cash programming etc.).*

Collectively TLM has a diverse range of expertise in health, disability, inclusion, human rights, research, advocacy, livelihoods and community development. Our 5 key programmatic areas are:

Healthcare: our hospitals provide exceptional level of care to leprosy patients as well as meeting the general medical needs of their surrounding communities. Reconstructive surgeries, physiotherapy, assistive devices and special footwear, treatment of ulcers and leprosy reactions, counselling and health education are all designed to enable people affected by leprosy live independent and productive lives. We also provide training to health workers, medical students, self-care groups and communities, so that knowledge of the disease reaches all levels of society. At the community our education programmes cover not only leprosy but also HIV/Aids, maternal health, nutrition and sanitation. We support primary health care workers and government health care systems to identify and diagnose people with leprosy and ensure they get prompt treatment – in doing so we seek to interrupt the transmission of leprosy.

Community Based Rehabilitation: Our CBR schemes include: skills training (including various forms of vocational education), micro-credit, self-help groups of leprosy and disability affected people, low-cost housing, self-care groups (preventing development, or worsening, of disabilities) and Integrating leprosy-disabled people into existing disabled people's organisations. Currently TLM has a network of over 3,560 self-care / help grounds around the world catering to over 60,000 affected persons.

Advocacy: We advocate for the rights of leprosy-affected people and aim to reduce the physical and social barriers that they face. We also promote self-advocacy – helping leprosy-affected people to know their rights, improve their self-confidence and voice, and be empowered to lobby for change in discriminatory laws and practices at the local and national levels of government.

Education: We operate a number of education schemes for those directly or indirectly affected by leprosy or who are from marginalised backgrounds. These schemes include: Vocational Education Programmes; which include residential vocational training establishments and community-level skill-development programmes, Formal Education; under which children from leprosy and disability affected poor families receive scholarships to enable them to attend school; at the same time, The Leprosy Mission works with families to improve their livelihoods so that they can afford to pay for their children's education. We also provide literacy classes which provide vital skills in reading and writing in countries with high rates of illiteracy especially among women and people with disabilities.

Research: The Leprosy Mission has very good access to people with leprosy, through its various institutions, and this makes it a valued partner in many research projects. We have three research centres in Bangladesh, India and Nepal, which are involved in, among other things monitoring for multi-drug treatment (MDT) resistance, as well as individual hospitals that collaborate in global

research studies. Our research is not restricted to our hospitals and laboratories. TLM incorporates research into its public health and community-based projects in order to enlarge the current knowledge base, thus enabling evidence-based policy and practice. TLM also has set up an International Research Committee which is made up of global experts on leprosy and research who advise on, and support, the research work around the leprosy community.

2. **Capacity:** *Income in 2018 & key donors including key consortia with other peer NGO's.*

The gross annual income [2017] of the Mission is around £29 million. Around the world we have about 2,000 staff and 223 projects in 18 countries. The largest number of projects is in India, but there are also a significant number in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nigeria and Nepal. Increasingly TLM seeks to work with local partners as well as implementing projects directly. We are part of member consortiums in applying for funding, strongest donor relationship is with UKAID which we have a long track record and we are developing new relationship with SDC, X and the like.

3. **Reach:** *Say something about the key countries you work in and the main areas of programming.*

We are a global network of 31 country-members, with a field presence, including with partners, across 33 countries. Additionally we have 3 internationally recognised research hubs in Bangladesh, Nepal and India and a network of hospitals, clinics and support groups around the world. We have a presence in Australia, Belgium, Denmark, England & Wales, France, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Netherlands, Switzerland, Scotland, Sweden, Spain, South Korea, Singapore and South Africa. We have an implementing presence, or partnership, in Angola, Bangladesh, Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Sri-Lanka, Sudan, Timor Leste, Tanzania and Thailand.

4. **Main Objectives:** *This may include localisation of aid, working through the local church etc.*

.A. Zero Leprosy Transmission by 2035, to truly defeat leprosy creating a world free of leprosy through the early detection and treatment of cases, the focusing of resources on key endemic districts and innovative solutions targeted at interrupting leprosy transmission. This is why our main focus is on leprosy, however, our work often includes other people with disabilities, other neglected tropical diseases, other marginalised people in society, and those living in extreme poverty.

.B. Towards Zero Leprosy Disability: reduce the disability burden in people effected by leprosy; transform the physical, mental emotional and spiritual wellbeing of people affected, through the timely detection, monitoring and treatment of impairments of the eyes, hands and feet.

.C. Reach Zero discrimination against people affected by leprosy: by promoting greater inclusion of, and justice for, people with disabilities and ensuring the opportunity for people effected to have sustainable livelihoods.

We aim to integrate leprosy services into other WASH and NTD programs to increase our reach to specific beneficiaries and ensure that programs have a sufficient disability and persons effected inclusion component, not only to win funding, but to better serve our key beneficiaries.

5. **Innovations:** *Say something about areas where you're NGO has developed or is developing something innovative.*

PEP is the focal point of our innovative work, breaking transmission of leprosy through mass chemoprophylaxis. We have also developed innovated areas in the area of 3D printing, which our hospitals in Nepal and India can custom make shoes fitted to the specific foot of the patient. TLM is also taking on the role as a coordinating body bringing in partnership together to create a global campaign to break transmission and spearhead applications to large innovation awards such as MacArthur, Unorthodox philanthropy and Grand Challenge.

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