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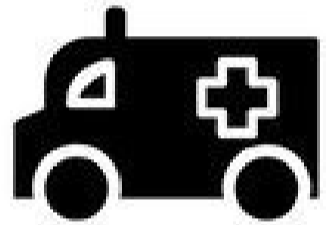


Most people
are **unaware**
of the fact
that **Leprosy**
is **curable**

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Leprosy
is one of the
world's
leading causes
of **preventable**
blindness.



In 2015, there were 210,758 reported new cases of leprosy.



127,326 of these cases - 60% - were in India.



14 countries reported more than 1,000 new cases. Together they represent 95% of total cases.



The highest proportion of child cases (11.28%) was found in Sri Lanka. The highest proportion of cases with visible disability caused by leprosy was found in Myanmar (13.61%).



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LET'S TALK ABOUT LEPROSY

WHY SHOULD LEPROSY BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases known to man. Today, the disease is treatable using multi-drug therapy (MDT), but patients are still experiencing stigmatizing and discriminating behaviour.^{1,5}

Pale patches on the skin are usually the first sign of the disease, but symptoms can take as long as 20 years to appear.^{2,3}

Almost **1 in 10** newly diagnosed patients are children, indicating continued transmission of the disease.⁴

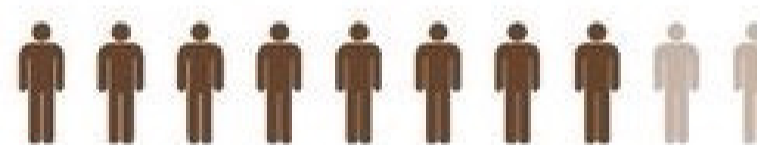


Globally, almost **214,000** people were diagnosed with leprosy in 2014 – that's one every two minutes.⁵



It is estimated that **1-2 million** people are visibly and irreversibly disabled by leprosy.¹

TODAY LEPROSY IS FOUND MAINLY IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

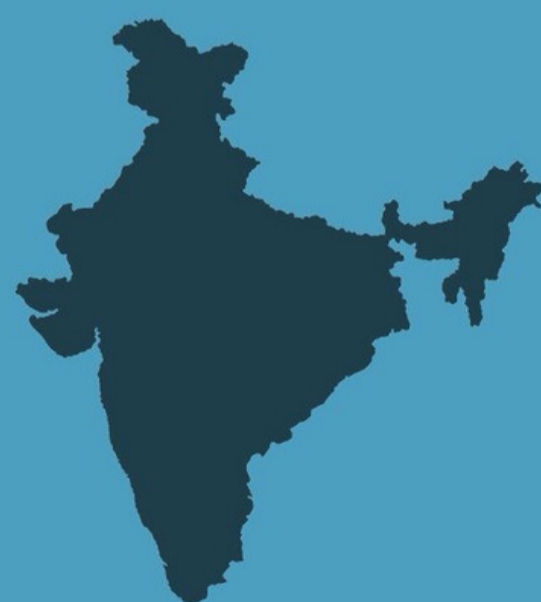


81 percent of new leprosy patients occur in **Brazil, India and Indonesia** which are the most highly endemic countries for leprosy.⁵

NEW CASES OF LEPROSY.⁵



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According to WHO, in **2014**, **213,899** people were diagnosed with **Leprosy**, about **half** of which were from **India**

" The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for, and deserted by everybody "



Let's make a difference for the neglected people!

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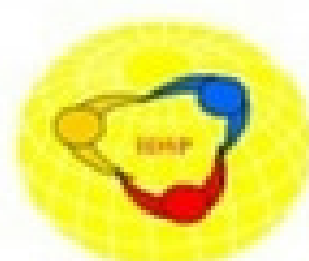
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