

It's Time to End Leprosy Stigma

Leprosy, or Hansen's disease, has affected humans for millennia.

Today it's curable, yet left untreated the disease can lead to disability and social exclusion.

Deep-seated fears and misconceptions about leprosy exacerbate the hardships those diagnosed with the disease face.

The COVID-19 pandemic has left this marginalized community especially vulnerable.

Join our appeal to end stigma and discrimination against persons who have experienced leprosy.



**No one should be left behind because of leprosy.
No one should be discriminated against because of a disease.**



reported new cases of leprosy in 2019, totaling over 200,000 cases.



are thought to be living with impairments and disabilities due to leprosy.



exist around the world that discriminate on the grounds of leprosy.

Each year, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, The Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Health Foundation organize an annual Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy. For Global Appeal 2022 we are inviting the world's philanthropic organizations to join the call for an end to the marginalization of persons who have experienced leprosy and the realization of a just and equitable society that respects the human dignity and fundamental freedoms of all its members.

Please consider adding your organization's voice to the Global Appeal. Email us or contact us through our website for more information.

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