SASAKAWA LEPROSY HANSEN'S DISEASE INITIATIVE

Our Vision, Mission, Goals, and Strategies (2026–2030)

Don't Forget Leprosy — The Last Mile Starts Now

Vision

VISION

A world free from leprosy (Hansen's disease) and its impact

Mission

MISSION

- Eliminate Disease
- End Discrimination
- Disseminate History

Goals

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1. Interrupt transmission, prevent and care for impairments, and look after mental health.
2. Scale up emerging and existing tools for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.
3. Address discrimination and protect human rights.
4. Promote history preservation to highlight human resilience and pass on lessons learned.
5. Develop people's organizations and embed a people-centered approach in all strategies.

Strategies

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- Sustain high-level advocacy through the WHO Goodwill Ambassador and expand partnerships within and beyond the global leprosy community.
- Support high-endemic countries to develop model projects at state and district levels to interrupt transmission and prevent new disabilities.
- Invest in operational and implementation research to scale up emerging and existing technologies.
- Provide resources to people's organizations for knowledge co-production, capacity-building, leadership development, and effective advocacy, and promote meaningful participation at all levels.
- Systematically collect data on discrimination, document effective solutions, and develop an action framework for engaging with international and regional bodies.
- Support model initiatives to preserve leprosy history, facilitate training and networking of those involved, and disseminate the lessons and experiences this history holds.
- Raise awareness and profile of leprosy issues through traditional and innovative communication approaches.