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“When I grow up, I want to be a primary school teacher. If I meet a student with leprosy, I would try to encourage them through sharing my own story.”

— Claire, Papua New Guinea



**The Leprosy
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We see Transformation.

People healed and living in community with
dignity, opportunity and hope.

VISION

Leprosy Defeated.
Lives Transformed.

MISSION

Following Jesus Christ, The Leprosy Mission strives to break the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

VALUES

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

Cure. Care. Restore.

Working together with supporters, staff and partners — we're not only providing a cure to those people affected by leprosy, but also giving hope and dignity so they can transform their lives.

About The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian organisation which helps people affected by leprosy.

Founded in 1874, The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

The Leprosy Mission is an international federation of 31 member countries, has over 2,000 staff and implements and supports more than 200 projects in 21 Implementing Countries.

Our expertise is in the detection, treatment, care and rehabilitation of people and communities affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission works in cooperation with governments, local communities, partner and local health organisations, the World Health Organisation (WHO), local Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), local churches, Christian partners and many others to achieve its vision and mission.

Through media and awareness campaigns, we challenge prejudices and misconceptions about leprosy. We work with community groups to encourage them to join together to find ways to make their needs heard and to become self-supporting.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Leprosy Mission Australia:

1. Has a reliable and sustainable source of income to resource the projects to which it is committed
2. Has an integrated approach between its promotional strategic objectives and programmatic objectives in order to maximise outcomes and ensure appropriate and transparent donor engagement
3. Has a clear governance and organisational structure to ensure effectiveness and transparency
4. Participates actively in a Global Fellowship to contribute expertise, share ideas and learn from others
5. Maintains and strengthens partnerships with key implementing country partners towards enhanced strategies and maximised outcomes for people affected by leprosy
6. Partners with a spectrum of projects which effectively address the causes and consequences of leprosy

Highlights

4,438
People received
Assistive Devices



70,861
People reached
through Health
Promotion Activities



36
People receiving
Vocational Training



184
Reconstructive
Surgeries



263
Children received
Scholarships



6,350
People reached with
Disability Rights
Advocacy Activities



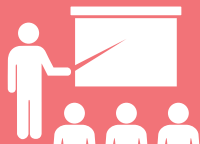
2,889
People in
Self-Help Groups



33,858
People reached through
Screening or
Contact Tracing Activities



3,283
People with leprosy
received Disability
Prevention Training



43
Supporters who left
a Gift in Will



3,598
People reached with
WASH Promotion
Activities



3,105
New contacts
financially supported
for the first time



\$621,621
Received through
Gifts in Will



423
Health workers trained
in Leprosy Detection
and Management



\$3,637,409

Received in donations and
gifts from supporters!

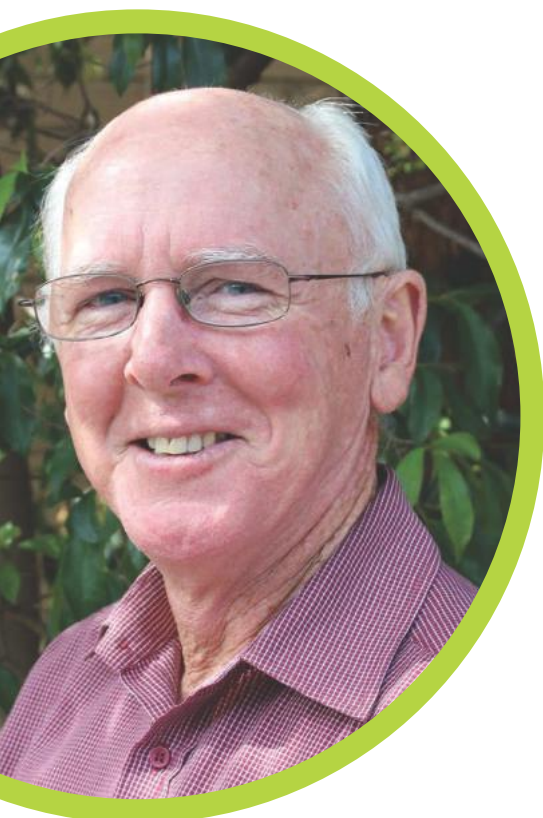
Your generosity has helped

238.793 people

**affected by leprosy and disability
over the last year! Thank you!**



Chairman's Report



After five years as Chairman, I am presenting my last report on behalf of the Board of The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA). It has been a great privilege to have served our gracious God, The Leprosy Mission Australia and those we minister to in this role but it is now time to stand aside. I thank you all for your personal support.

God has continued to bless The Leprosy Mission Australia in answer to our persistent and focused prayers. He has honoured our efforts to find and develop an amazingly talented group of staff and our willingness to work hard to achieve outcomes for the benefit of people affected by leprosy and disability.

The Board and Management Team have continued to fine tune our processes and this is evident in the efficiencies and outcomes achieved. The quality of our governance processes was noted as exceptional by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and we were asked to be part of a film explaining aspects of our governance system. ACFID said: "We support and appreciate the diligence and efforts TLMA has invested into ensuring your process and policies are robust and Code compliant, and are thrilled that this film amplifies this to others in an engaging way". I wish to thank all those people who have brought us to this position.

We have achieved another year of financial growth, although our budget surplus was not as high as last year due to much lower bequest income. This year saw us achieve the second highest annual income in the history of The Leprosy Mission Australia. Our fundraising revenue rose by 10%.

We were able to forward additional unbudgeted project disbursements of \$100,000 to the field.

For the first time ever, gross income from our Merchandise activities exceeded \$1 million. The Merchandising Department undertook a major donor acquisition programme, distributing 1.2 million catalogues, mainly in the National Roads and Motorists Association magazine in NSW. While this process increased costs in this department, the impact was remarkable. The Merchandise catalogue is now a significant source of donations and pledge donors as well as supplying amazing products for sale.

We had aimed to attract 1840 new donors last year. We were blessed with 3127, of who 75% came through the merchandise program. This has been a great blessing, in a time of difficulty for charity organisations. We praise God for His gracious interventions.

The increase in merchandise volumes has required us to outsource the warehousing and despatch functions. This ensures better processes but also frees up staff in the Box Hill office to pursue their own roles with less distractions. So far this change has been very well received by all concerned.

The Marketing Department continues to explore and engage in innovative options to increase our contact with the community and our donors. The latest success has seen us advertising on major roadside billboards in Melbourne. We have increasing public exposure on multiple media platforms. This was beyond our wildest dreams only five years ago.

The Customer Service Department continues to process merchandise and donation transactions and to provide affirmation and support to all those who join us in the work we undertake on behalf of people affected by leprosy. There has been very positive feedback in regard to our level of engagement with supporters. We consider it a great privilege to be able to support people and to enable them to be involved and purposeful in their philanthropic activities. The commencement of a monthly prayer group for supporters and volunteers, held at the Box Hill office, has been well received and allows for greater engagement and understanding of what we need to be praying for.

The International Programs Department has continued to maintain a close watch on our projects and has been active in the development of new activities and partnerships. The departure of both Philip Hamilton and James Montgomery during the year, placed some pressure on April Holmes, our International Programs Officer but with support, outcomes have been great.

This year, The Leprosy Mission Australia has developed its new Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 and this will be presented at the AGM for approval. It mirrors closely, the Strategic plan of The Leprosy Mission International Global Fellowship and focuses on being Christ-centred in all our activities.

In our new Strategy, we will seek to actively engage in:

- Partnering for impact,
- Financing the work of The Leprosy Mission,

- Advocating for those affected by leprosy and
- Enabling The Leprosy Mission Australia to develop the capacity to move towards the Triple Zero goals of zero leprosy transmission by 2035, zero leprosy related disability and zero discrimination.

The Board and Management Team continue to review where and how, we can best pursue our vision. We continue to explore the options of increasing activity in PNG and Indonesia, while still supporting our traditional partners.

We continue to maintain close links with The Leprosy Mission International (TLMI) and the Global Fellowship. Sheldon and I were able to attend the Global Fellowship meetings in Ethiopia in 2018 and to share amazing fellowship with very committed Christian people.

The Leprosy Mission Australia continues to have significant input into the Global Fellowship. I am now a Director on the TLMI Board. Sheldon Rankin is a member of the Representative Management Group which provides feedback to the Board and International Director. Steven Meredith and Paul Andrews are members of Member Appointed Working Groups (MAWGs) which report to the TLMI Board.

The Board was disappointed to accept the resignation of Tanya McPharlane in early 2019. Tanya remains on National Council but her input at Board level will be greatly missed after four years of valuable insight and input.

The death of Rob Swanton in December 2018 was a great shock. We praise God for his life and service, particularly to The Leprosy Mission. Our prayers continue for his wife Judy and his family as they move forward.

I would like to finish by acknowledging the many volunteers and supporters of The Leprosy Mission Australia, involved in Auxiliaries, Support Groups or as local representatives. Your continued passion for our activities is essential for our success. We thank God that He has challenged the hearts of people to reach out and to show His heart for justice and equity within their communities.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Nicole Macaitis and Joan Moulton who resigned from National Council at the last Annual General Meeting after four and eleven years of service respectively.

As we move forward with a new Strategic Plan and a highly motivated team of staff and volunteers, I look forward to seeing the blessings, which I believe God will provide. Our Saviour, healed those affected by leprosy and sent His disciples out to do the same. We are following a great tradition, firmly within God's will, as we seek to serve people who are loved by the Saviour but isolated and stigmatised by their societies. Pray that God will continue to bless this work, to His glory.



Colin Martin
Board Chair

CEO's Report



This year marks the end of our current five-year strategy. I am delighted to report upon the excellent results that this year has brought, which has seen The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) achieve its strategic priorities.

Six ambitious strategic priorities were adopted five years ago to drive the strategic re-focus of The Leprosy Mission Australia after a significant restructure in 2012/2013. These were:

1. **TLMA has a reliable and sustainable source of income to resource the projects to which it is committed.** We ended this year with the highest total revenue from Donation and Merchandise revenue since 1998. Fundraising revenue has seen a 15% increase since 2014.
2. **TLMA has integrated promotional and programmatic objectives, in order to maximise outcomes and to ensure appropriate and transparent donor engagement.** In the past five years there has been a significant improvement in the development of promotional material. Our International Programs Team and Marketing Team collaborate closely to ensure the accuracy of project outcomes reported upon.

3. **TLMA has a clear governance and organisational structure to ensure effectiveness and transparency.** We have seen this refined in the past three years, and TLMA's governance framework has been referenced as exemplary by the Australian Council for International Development.

4. **TLMA participates actively in the Global Fellowship to contribute expertise, share ideas and learn from others.** Over the past five years TLMA has grown its participation in the life of The Leprosy Mission Global Fellowship, with participation in 60% of the global working groups and institutions, including The Leprosy Mission International Board.

5. **TLMA maintains and strengthens partnerships with key implementing country partners, to enhance strategies and maximise outcomes for people affected by leprosy and some other neglected tropical diseases.** In the past five years TLMA has worked closely with partners to ensure that 100% of projects align with ACFID and DFAT requirements, especially ensuring the meaningful participation of people affected by leprosy.

6. **TLMA partners with a spectrum of projects which effectively address the causes and consequences of leprosy and some other neglected tropical diseases.** Using the TLMA Effectiveness Framework we have seen a measurable improvement for all projects with which TLMA partners.

With these outcomes I truly believe that we can defeat leprosy and transform lives!

Finally, I would like to say thank you:

To the staff for your excellent efforts in making us a bigger and better organisation;

To the Board, I pass on my appreciation for your steadfast support and your willingness to allow new approaches. You enabled change to happen;

To our dedicated volunteers, you have increased your commitment and giving, making sure that our campaigns and new initiatives were a success;

To our many loyal supporters, your ongoing and often sacrificial generosity and interest in our work is wonderful and greatly appreciated.

To our colleagues in the field and the children and families with whom they work, a special thank you!

Sheldon Rankin

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Chief Executive Officer

CELEBRATING ROB SWANTON

National Council & Life Member Robert Swanton
7 October 1943 — 14 December 2018



The sudden death of Rob Swanton in December 2018 was a great surprise to those who knew him and a cause of great sorrow. Rob, who had been a Board Member for 22 years, prior to his resignation in 2016, remained on the committee of the Eradicate Leprosy Foundation until his death.

He was a man of great energy, with a genuine smile which reflected his personality and a passion for the work of The Leprosy Mission. Rob was also a man of great Christian faith and commitment. His was often the voice that spoke into our discussions, to keep the Board's deliberations focused clearly on the Christ-centred nature of what we all seek to achieve in our ministry.

In his letter of resignation from the Board, Rob wrote: "this retirement brings up a period of over a century's involvement by the family in various ways with The Leprosy Mission Australia. For instance, reading a letter written from Stuart Mill from my great grandmother in 1917, she told my Dad

she'd been 'putting the pennies away for the poor leprosy patients in India', then a few years later my grandmother was running an auxiliary in Hobart and soon after, in 1928, my Aunt, Catharine Garrett (her daughter), was farewelled as she went off to serve as a qualified chemist in the Dispensary at the 'Mission' hospital in Belgaum, India".

Rob was equally passionate in his support for The Leprosy Mission and brought a wealth of financial experience to his roles. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In keeping with his life, Rob's funeral was a joyous and humorous event, which celebrated his life and the impact which he had on so many people, especially his large extended family, while also glorifying the Saviour who had given Rob that very special reason for joy and hope, which is ours through the grace of God.

Written by Board Chair, Colin Martin



Rob Swanton (far right) in attendance at a Leprosy Mission Australia National Conference.

Project Evaluations

To determine the impact of our work and generate learning for the future, The Leprosy Mission Australia and its partners conduct evaluations at the conclusion of each project.

In the past year, four significant projects concluded, and evaluations were completed for each of these. New projects were designed in their place, with adaptations made to the geographic areas or focus of the projects.

Recently concluded in Timor Leste: Better Health for Communities Affected by Leprosy (2014-2019)

New project phase: Improved Leprosy Services in Timor Leste (2019-2023)

The end-term evaluation for the Better Health project was carried out by a team of Timorese and Indonesian public health professionals, who examined three areas: the effectiveness of the project in achieving its objectives, the effectiveness of coordination with partners, and the level of sustainability and gender equality within the project.

The evaluation found that the project exceeded many of its objectives. For example:

- 674 health workers were trained in leprosy diagnosis and case management (target was 300)
- 101 schools and universities held screenings for leprosy (target was 25)
- 1,002 people received prevention of leprosy disability training (target was 300)
- 15,000 copies of new Tetum-language leprosy information materials were produced (target was 5,000)

The Better Health project succeeded in keeping leprosy under control in the three highest endemic districts of Timor Leste: Dili, Baucau and Oecusse. However, the leprosy prevalence rate in Timor more broadly has risen in the last four years, and the new case detection rate continues to stagnate rather than decline towards zero.

The evaluation made a number of recommendations, including emphasising the need to maintain momentum in active case finding for new leprosy cases in high-endemic and at-risk districts of Timor Leste. The new project, Improved Leprosy Services in Timor Leste (ILS), will keep up the work of Better Health project in three districts, and expand to a fourth – Manatuto – which has seen a worrying trend of emerging leprosy cases recently.

The ILS project will also develop an exit-strategy for The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste's engagement with the Ministry of Health, in order to promote sustainability.

We hope to be able to form a plan for eradicating leprosy in Timor Leste within ten years and will take the first steps towards this by conducting a national review of leprosy in the first year of the ILS project.



"I started getting better and after one month of taking the treatment and soaking/cleaning my ulcer, my ulcer is now healed." —Agustino (right) with his family.



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Evaluations help us to recognise areas for improvement and greater impact in the future.

Recently concluded in India: Partnerships, Advocacy, Research and Training towards Inclusion (PARTI) (2014-2018)

New project: Inclusive Empowerment in Tamil Nadu (2019-2023)

The PARTI project ended in December 2018, and a full impact assessment of PARTI and its sister project, SOAR (supported by TLM England & Wales) was completed in October 2018. The evaluation was headed by the leader of another local non-profit.

The evaluation found that PARTI project had directly impacted 1,207 people over its lifespan, of which 20% were people affected by leprosy and 80% people with disabilities. A further 9,400 people living in the project area indirectly benefited from the project. Specifically, some achievements of the project include:

- Physical therapy provided to 2,220 people
- Disability/leprosy assessments provided to 1,489 people
- Self-care training provided to 511 people
- Distribution of MCR footwear to 151 people
- 45 leprosy/disability champions empowered to advocate in their communities
- 28 new leprosy cases found, half of which were children

The evaluation made a number of recommendations, including that the focus of rights-based advocacy needs to expand from helping people access their 'entitlements' from the government towards broader mainstreaming of people affected by leprosy and disability into society. It was also suggested that therapy services could be made more accessible more people through mobile therapy clinics.

The new Inclusive Empowerment project merges the advocacy and disability management activities of the PARTI project with the livelihoods work of SOAR project and the development of civil society organisations through the CREATE project. The desired result is a comprehensive model of inclusive development and rehabilitation for people affected by leprosy and disability.

Recently concluded in Nigeria: Integrated NTD (INTD) and Disability Project in Zamfara State (2014-2019)

New project phase: Strengthening INTD Control in Zamfara State (2019-2024)

The end-term project evaluation of the Integrated NTD and Disability Project in Zamfara State was led by an independent evaluator. The evaluation focused on determining the success of the key objectives

of the project: increased access to healthcare with a focus on leprosy, lymphatic filariasis (LF) and disability services, prevention and management of leprosy and LF-related disabilities and enhanced local participation and inclusion within the Zamfara State. The evaluation examined the project's success through 10 key evaluation questions regarding its effectiveness, impact, relevance, efficiency, sustainability, coordination and coherence, coverage, participation capacity and lessons learned.

The end-term evaluation has discovered that the project successfully reached many of its objectives. For example:

- 150 government health workers trained on leprosy and LF management (target was 150)
- Leprosy-related disabilities reduced in new cases from 12% to 6% due to early case finding



"A thousand times thank you!" A transformed life has made Nagammal an award winning leprosy champion.

- 68% improved community participation due to increased access to assistive technologies and disability aids
- Treatment completion rate for leprosy reached 100%
- Hydrocele surgical care has resulted in the reversal of disability amongst 10 LF patients

The strength of the project remains within the participation of local communities, volunteers, self-help groups and hospitals. However, there are concerns about the overall sustainability of the project due to a lack of funding and support from the government. Furthermore, three key communities were unable to be travelled to as a result of heightened security concerns.

The evaluation has provided many recommendations, including increasing funds for hydrocele surgical care to reverse the effects of disability for patients. Furthermore, a continued effort to engage with the government is necessary to receive funding and ensure long-term sustainability of the project.

The next phase of the project, Strengthening INTD Control in Zamfara, will include an exit strategy that provides a sustainable proposal for NTD control in Zamfara

State. Furthermore, the next phase of the project will continue increasing collaboration between local communities and the State Department of Health in 9 new areas of Zamfara.

Recently concluded in Nepal: The Participatory Action for Community Empowerment and Development (PACED) 2014-2019

New project: Integrated Mobilisation of People for Active Community Transformation (IMPACT) 2019-2024

The end-term evaluation of PACED project placed its attention on three key aspects: sustainability, gender and effectiveness. These aspects were used to determine the success of PACED in providing an improved quality of life for individuals with leprosy, disabilities and other marginalised groups in the districts of Chitwan, Makwanpur and Parsa of Nepal, through the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Cooperatives.

The evaluation found that many objectives of the project were successfully reached. For example:

- 64 Self-Help Groups and 16 Cooperatives formed
- 131 members now earning over AUD\$100 per month

- 61% of group members are women
- 69 SHG members provided with gender training (target was 64)

The overall success of this project has been its strong sustainability amongst the SHGs and Cooperatives, ensuring that the groups will continue to prosper at the conclusion of the project. A strong recommendation of the evaluation was to ensure that groups conduct outreach activities towards their communities to promote the inclusion of people affected by leprosy and disability in the whole of community, and not just within their groups.

The next phase of the project, IMPACT, will continue action toward leprosy and preventable disease control using the SHG/Cooperative model in three new districts: Rupandehi, Kapilbastu and Parasi.



TLM Nepal and TLM Australia staff in Kathmandu, March 2019, designing the new IMPACT project. From left: Nati, Shovakhar, Pratigya, April, Rakchhya, Chiranjivi and Bishnu.

Project Reports

தலைப்பில் இல்லை
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International Programs Officer April Holmes (right) with Sita (left).

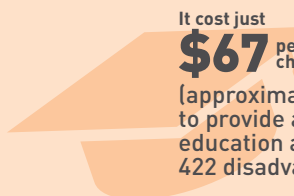
Nepal



It cost just
\$1.60 per person
(approximately)
to educate 3,658 people
about leprosy, disability, and
general health awareness.



It cost just
\$44 per patient
(approximately)
to give 180 people affected
by leprosy immersive
training, enabling them
to manage symptoms and
prevent further disability.



It cost just
\$67 per child
(approximately)
to provide access to
education and resources for
422 disadvantaged students.

Participatory Action for Community Empowerment and Development in Chitwan, Makwanpur and Parsa (PACED CHAMP)

The PACED CHAMP project was implemented by The Leprosy Mission Nepal and worked to improve health and economic outcomes for people affected by leprosy, disability and otherwise marginalised families in Chitwan, Makwanpur and Parsa districts of Nepal, through the development of Self-Help Groups and Cooperatives.

Last year, the PACED CHAMP project achieved many successes, including:

- 160 people received Prevention of Disability training
- 608 people reached with training on family violence

- 1832 members of Self-Help Groups

Social Return on Investment

Your support of the PACED CHAMP project last year meant that 14 accessible water points and 5 toilets were constructed, at an average cost of \$112 per facility.

Project Outcome: Self-Help Group members give back to their communities

Ram Krishna joined a Self-Help Group in the hope of learning how to better support his disabled son, Shree. Through the Group's activities, he learned more about leprosy and disability, and has helped share this with his wider community, which he feels is part of the mandate of his Christian faith.

“I have been able to pay school fees, and buy a school dress. When I finish school, I would like to join the army.”
— Sita

“In the Group I learnt about leprosy and I helped to write scripts for street dramas that were performed by our group on World Leprosy Sunday. I feel very happy that I have been able to contribute to my community in this way. As I Christian I feel it is very important to help bless our community.”

Ram Krishna has been also able to start saving in Shree’s name through being part of a Cooperative, so now his son has security for the future.

Releasing Capabilities of Leprosy-Affected and Marginalised People (RECLAIM) Phase 2

The RECLAIM 2 project finished its second of a five-year cycle last year. Implemented by the Nepal Leprosy Fellowship, RECLAIM 2 works to develop communities on the Terai plains of Nepal through empowering people affected by leprosy and disability by forming Self-Help Groups and Cooperatives.

Last year the RECLAIM 2 project’s achievements included:

- 10 Self-Help Groups formed, with 442 members
- 3,658 people reached with health promotion activities
- 206 people with disabilities provided with assistive devices
- 886 people reached with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) promotion activities

Social Return on Investment

Last year, 3,658 people were able to learn more about leprosy, disability, and general health awareness, at a cost of \$1.60 per person.

Project Outcome: people affected by leprosy get the care they require

Fulmani was diagnosed with leprosy nine years ago, but stopped treatment when she lost her prescription and access to Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT). She was afraid to seek treatment because she didn’t hold Nepali citizenship. In the absence of

treatment, Fulmani’s feet formed large wounds that wouldn’t heal, and she could barely walk as a result.

Nepal Leprosy Fellowship (NLF) found Fulmani and helped her get her citizenship and a disability card, so she could again access treatment. When it became clear that her wounds were too severe to manage, NLF helped Fulmani get to Anandaban Hospital, where her foot was successfully amputated. Once she is fully recovered from the operation, NLF will fit Fulmani with a prosthetic leg.

Self-Care Unit and Education Program

The Leprosy Mission Nepal implements a two-part project with your support. The first is the Self-Care Unit at Anandaban Hospital, which provides a practical education program for patients affected by leprosy and experiencing sensory loss and nerve damage. This program helps patients learn how to go about day-to-day life while minimising the risk of further impairment to their limbs. The second is an Education program, which supports students who are directly affected or the dependents of people affected by leprosy or disability.

The success of this project over the last year include:

- 230 people provided with training on the prevention of impairment and disability at the Self-Care Unit

- 171 people provided with assistive devices via the Self-Care Unit
- 244 students receiving scholarships, including 150 funded through the generous support of the Navitas Education Trust

Social Return on Investment

Scholarships to support the cost of school fees and materials for 422 students were provided at \$67 per student last year.

180 people were able to stay at the Self-Care Unit for an immersive training program in living with leprosy impairment, at a cost of \$44 per patient.

Project Outcome: children can go to school despite demanding circumstances

Fifteen-year-old Sita lives only with her older sister, who is leprosy-affected and has a disability. Sita became her sister’s carer when they were both forced to move away from their family village because of the stigma and abuse her sister faced.

Bearing a burden much heavier than most teenagers is tough, but TLM Nepal has helped to keep Sita in school despite this. She says, “I feel things are easy now because I have been able to pay my school fees on time and bought a school dress”.

When she grows up, Sita wants to serve her people by joining the army.



Thanks to your support, Fulmani received treatment at Anandaban Hospital, and will soon receive a prosthesis!



"I know that God is in control, so I surrendered and went for treatment. I wasn't afraid." — Petronella (centre), with three of her seven children.

It cost just
\$2.78 per person
(approximately)
to train 3,125 people in
advocacy and the rights of
people with disabilities.

It cost just
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to screen household
members and neighbours of
people recently diagnosed
with leprosy.

It cost just
\$69 per group
(approximately)
to train 21 Self-Help Groups
to develop small businesses.

Timor Leste

Better Health for Communities Affected by Leprosy in High-Endemic Districts of Timor Leste

The Better Health project worked to eliminate leprosy in the high-endemic districts of Dili, Baucau and Oecusse. Working as the official partner of the Timorese Ministry of Health in the National Leprosy Control Program, Better Health strengthened early detection of leprosy to help minimise transmission and disability in affected communities.

Last year, the project achieved the following:

- Leprosy information material distributed to 41,937 people
- 25,817 people screened for leprosy
- 102 new cases of leprosy diagnosed

- 191 health workers trained in leprosy detection and management

Social Return on Investment

The Better Health project screened household members and neighbours of people newly diagnosed with leprosy, in order to catch further cases quickly. At a cost of \$3.25 each, 445 people were screened.

Project Outcome: community awareness events lead to people self-detecting leprosy

Martinha was diagnosed with leprosy after she and her niece noticed skin patches and nodules on her face and neck. Her niece told her it could be leprosy, so she went to a clinic. Although Martinha began Multi-

Drug Therapy (MDT), a year after her diagnosis she was admitted to hospital with leprosy reaction. Martinha battles reaction 'flare-ups' particularly when she is stressed or overworked. The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste take her to her local clinic for regular recuperation and also provide food supplement to help her take her medication. With their support she has also managed to complete her university studies. Her nephew was also diagnosed with leprosy.

Community-based Rehabilitation for Social, Economic and Health Development (CBR SEHD)

The CBR SEHD project has just completed its fourth year. The project aims to increase social participation and improve health and economic outcomes for people with leprosy and disabilities, by developing Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Last year, the project achieved the following:

- 546 Self-Help Group members
- 48 people provided assistive devices
- 380 people trained in disability inclusion
- 6 cases of leprosy found by SHG members

Social Return on Investment

Twenty-one Self-Help Groups were given training and support to develop small businesses of their own, at a cost of \$69 per group.

Project Outcome: A farming father regains his livelihood

Alsino Bobo is a 45 year old father of four from Oecusse district. He noticed the first signs of leprosy in 1998, and as the disease progressed his work as a farmer became harder for him to do. With the loss of income that resulted, Alsino's family struggled to make ends meet. To make things worse, the community remembered that Alsino's father had also had leprosy, and believing it to be a family curse, they rejected him. Eventually, Alsino met a health worker who referred him to a clinic for Multi-Drug Therapy. Although his body was healing, the stigma of his community continued to affect Alsino. He says, "I could not have stayed in that situation any longer. I had to ask [the health worker] to do something for me, to prove that leprosy is not a curse or punishment". The health worker contacted The Leprosy Mission field staff and asked them to come to Alsino's village and educate the people about leprosy. As well as providing advocacy, Alsino was offered a place in a Self-Help Group, which has helped him to learn self-care and regain his ability to do his farming work.

Rights for People with Disabilities

The Rights for People with Disabilities project, which builds the capacity of eight Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in Dili reached its midpoint last year. The mid-term evaluation found that the project is succeeding in raising the potential of DPOs individually, and unifying the disability sector as a whole towards wider advocacy aims.

The project continues to build an advocacy movement towards the Timorese government for the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

Last year, the project achieved the following:

- 8 Disabled People's Organisations received funding and training on project planning, business management, keeping finances and advocating for disability rights
- 3,125 people were reached with disability rights advocacy activities
- 3 public buildings were modified for accessibility

Social Return on Investment

Training and advocacy about the rights of people with disabilities was given to 3,125 people, at a cost of \$2.78 per person.

Project Outcome: Disabled children get specialised care

Teja helps out at the Centre for Rehabilitation in Hera, one of the organisations that is supported by the Rights for People with Disabilities project. Teja recently became the foster carer for two children with disabilities — a brother and sister — who were at risk of homelessness as their family were unable to care for them. Having two disabled children of her own, Teja is very accustomed to being a carer. She welcomed the children into her home, and brought them along with her to the Centre for Rehabilitation three days a week, where they received therapy and education. The children learned how to write, and their health improved. They became noticeably happier. Eventually, seeing how their children could thrive with the right care, the family were encouraged and welcomed their children back. They continue to go to the Centre for Rehabilitation for support. This is an example of the family-level impact that the Rights for People with Disabilities project has, because it supports community organisations that advocate and care for people with disabilities and their families.



"I want to thank The Leprosy Mission Australia for supporting The Leprosy Mission Timor Leste and people with leprosy, so that they will help to decrease the leprosy in Timor Leste." — Martinha (pictured left, with her mother and nephew)



Maimuna and her baby son, meeting International Programs Manager Philip and Marketing Manager Paul

It cost just
\$10 per person
 (approximately)
 to provide protective shoes
 for 150 people affected by
 leprosy.

It cost just
\$182 per village
 (approximately)
 to conduct active case
 finding for leprosy and
 lymphatic filariasis in
 20 villages

It cost just
\$193 per worker
 (approximately)
 to provide 30 health
 workers with a three-day
 training course in leprosy
 and lymphatic filariasis
 diagnosis and treatment.

Nigeria

Integrated Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) and Disability Project Zamfara State

This project aimed to increase access to quality leprosy, lymphatic filariasis (LF) and disability services within an integrated health system for communities in Zamfara. The project worked closely with the Government's Department of Health to improve health services, train health workers, and increase access to health clinics at a local level. The project also worked with communities to help ensure people with disabilities were included in society.

Some of last year's achievements include:

- 15,750 people reached with health promotion activities

- 100 health workers trained in leprosy and lymphatic filariasis diagnosis and management
- 493 people reached with inclusive WASH promotion activities
- 162 assistive devices fitted to people with disabilities

Social Return on Investment

Thirty government health workers were given a three-day training course on leprosy and lymphatic filariasis diagnosis and treatment, at a cost of \$193 per health worker.

Active case finding for leprosy and lymphatic filariasis in 20 villages, at a cost of \$182 per village.

150 pairs of protective footwear provided to leprosy affected people at \$10 each.

“Thank you for your continued support of The Leprosy Mission’s work here in Zamfara. May God continue to encourage you, and my prayers are with you.”

— Maimuna

Project Outcome: Self-Help Groups help people access income and be independent

A whole community in Kuga is continuing to benefit from the fresh water the pump supplied through your support. General health and wellbeing has improved through better hydration, sanitation and hygiene.

Through the provision of a small business grant, the Kuga Women’s group are producing and selling jewellery beads and cleaning products for a good profit.

“This has been our primary source of income” Hossi, the group leader told us, “We have managed to sell goats and sheep at decent profits too.” They have also been able to purchase cattle through the group’s savings which their husbands look after.

The women are keen to further expand their businesses and impact the wider community. “We are the people that can assist others in our community who need support,” Hossi said. They have also initiated an education program in their local community to ensure all primary school age children receive an education.

Hossi is pleased to report, “We have succeeded.”

Their confidence is visible to everyone around them. Another group member told us. “We’re considered important in our community — other people want to join our group who are not affected by leprosy or do not have disabilities. We used to beg, but people are now dependent on us and respect us.”

Their special message to Australian supporters:

“We highly appreciate your support! Please continue to support The Leprosy Mission so groups like ours can support others in our local communities, and keep our communities’ children benefitting from education!”

What began with a borehole became a stream of thriving businesses for these Nigerian women.

Project Outcome: People with disabilities are able to access prosthetics

Maimuna gave birth to a son earlier in the year. She has been receiving treatment for an ulcer on her left foot which has healed now.

She has been diligent with the self-care treatment she was taught. She is also enjoying using the new prosthetic leg provided through The Leprosy Mission at the Orthopaedic workshop in Minna.

“I am enjoying my new prosthetic leg a lot! I can even do farming now!”

Her family is benefiting because she is part of a Leprosy Mission Self-Help Group. Each of the 30 members contributes money which is then shared as a low interest loan between group members.

She was also able to purchase a goat and it gave birth to 4 kids! Maimuna reared them and sold them for a profit. With this, she purchased grain. She has now even paid off her loan!

“Being part of The Leprosy Mission Self-Help Group has meant I was able to support my five children through goat-rearing after my (first) husband was killed”.



Women from Kuga with products they make and sell to support their families!



Rajeswari's family was able to understand that leprosy is not a curse, and accept her again because of people like you!

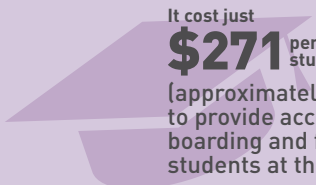
India



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\$0.38 per student
(approximately)
to provide 2,219 students
with training on safe and
inclusive water, sanitation
and hygiene practices.



It cost just
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to restore function to the
hands of 63 people who have
been affected by leprosy.



It cost just
\$271 per student
(approximately)
to provide access to
boarding and food to 60
students at the VTC.

Partnerships, Advocacy, Research and Training towards Inclusion (PARTI)

The PARTI project ended last year, having focused on assisting people with disabilities to claim their rights with regards to employment, education, healthcare, government entitlements, and community participation. Engaging with people with disabilities at a village level, the PARTI project raised up 'leprosy and disability champions' to advocate for their rights and be an example to others.

PARTI's achievements last year include:

- 650 households screened for leprosy
- 16 new cases of leprosy diagnosed, including seven children

- 472 people received disability management services and training in self-care
- 3,050 people reached with activities advocating for disability rights

Social Return on Investment

Last year, 2,219 students received training on safe and inclusive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) practices, at a cost of \$0.38 per student.

Project Outcome: Building of Self-Esteem and the making of Disability Champions

The PARTI project helped to build the self-esteem and advocacy skills of people affected by leprosy and disability in Tamil Nadu and has raised up Disability Champions.

“After getting leprosy, I never thought I would get an opportunity to study. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!”
— Rajesweri

Amali said she had very low self-esteem before the project, and stayed inside her family home the majority of the time, not wanting to face other people because of her disability. Now, she says “I am confident”, because she helps to run a shop that her DPO set up. Because of the support of her peers through the DPO, and because of the training PARTI provided, she “engaged with people, and got confidence that I can be a productive member of my family. Now I’m an earning member.”

Sylvie, another woman with a disability, said that gaining power in their families was a common outcome of the project: “We all have lots of relatives, but none felt like we had worth.” Now, through the training and empowerment PARTI project provided, “We are decision-makers in our families”.

Muthu Krishnan said that he learned about his rights through PARTI, and gained the confidence to advocate for his and his community’s needs. Recently he went to the district leprosy office and asked for MCR footwear for the people affected by leprosy in his village. The next day they sent out a team of people to distribute 30 pairs of shoes. Muthu Krishnan says he often refers people to the local Leprosy Mission hospital when they suspect leprosy.

Ramya said that her group delivered a petition to the government to install ramps at the local hospital for disability access, and to install street lights in the village to make it safer to walk home at night. The government was impressed that a group of leprosy and disability-affected people was advocating for public issues that affect everyone. They installed the street lights immediately. Ramya says other community members “used to exclude us, but now they want to join with us, and ask us to raise their issues with the government too”.

Prabhu used to think that being a person with a disability meant he needed to always take rest inside the house and be dependent on his family. Through the PARTI project, his “life is transformed”. Prabhu became the

head of the Information Centre, which is a hub for his DPO, and provides information about the rights of people affected by leprosy and disability to everyone. Prabhu has built up contacts and rapport with government officials, so he’s able to advocate for support. Recently he was part of a successful lobbying effort to get 17 sewing machines for local people, which he says was thanks to the training that PARTI project offered.

Another way that Prabhu interacts with the government is that officials recently approached him because there is an election coming up, and he was able to give a list of people who have disabilities, so that the government can ensure that voting is accessible to them. Along with his DPO, Prabhu also helped to run a leprosy screening camp in his village recently, which resulted in five people being diagnosed and referred for treatment. Because his village is particularly endemic, early detection is important.

The Kothara Community Hospital and Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital Salur

The Kothara and Salur hospitals continue to provide medical care to people affected by leprosy, and the wider community. They stock Multi-Drug Therapy for leprosy, and conduct reconstructive surgery and physiotherapy for leprosy-affected limbs.

Last year at the hospitals:

- At least 163 new cases of leprosy were diagnosed
- 181 reconstructive surgeries performed
- 4,135 people screened for leprosy
- 3,722 people received assistive devices, such as special footwear or eyeglasses

Social Return on Investment

At Kothara Hospital, 63 tendon transfer surgeries helped restore function to the hands of people affected by leprosy. This cost \$169 per surgery.

Vadathorasalur Vocational Training Centre (VTC)

The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) provides a free, quality, co-ed technical education to students who are directly affected, or the dependents of people affected by leprosy or disability. Courses include electrical engineering, mechanics, tailoring, and air-conditioning and refrigeration.

Last year, the Vocational Training Centre’s achievements included:

- 574 students trained in a technical skill, and provided with business and life skills training
- 89 girls found gainful employment after finishing their course
- 35 employers sensitised to disability and gender equitable workplaces, and fair labour conditions

Social Return on Investment

60 students were provided with boarding and food at the VTC at a cost of \$271 for the year.

Project Outcome: Educated girls have more choices

At just 17, Rajesweri is one of the students studying electrical engineering. She is excited to have this opportunity as she has big dreams for her future: “I chose the electrical engineering course, as I knew there could be some good opportunities for me to pursue a career with the government when I qualify,” Rajesweri said. A diagnosis of leprosy did not stop this determined young woman. With a little encouragement from her father (who admitted that he had leprosy in the past), Rajesweri applied to study at the VTC in Vadathorasalur. “I now want to finish my studies and get a good job first before I consider marriage,” she says. Rajesweri has also received physiotherapy and self-care training. The clawing of her hands has reduced considerably. Her family also received counselling. “Now my mother is understanding of leprosy and knows that it is not a curse,” she said. All thanks to people like you!



Lily (left) with a friend from her village.

Papua New Guinea

Lily is a young girl from Papua New Guinea. She lost two toes on one foot and had a terrible ulcer on the other due to leprosy. Lily was doing well on Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) and had begun home schooling so she can finish her education. Unfortunately, some of her ulcers wouldn't heal. Despite receiving shoes and bandages to assist with self-care, Lily's ulcer never healed. Finally, Lily was in so much pain her leg had to be amputated.

If only Lily been found and treated earlier, she would have been cured and may still have her right foot. However, there's still hope for Lily. First came crutches for Lily. The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea (TLMPNG) Country Leader Natalie Smith says: "I went

to the hospital to teach her how to use them and to practice going up and down stairs... The hospital only provides one meal a day for patients so we helped to buy food... so she was getting enough nutrition to help the amputation heal up quickly." Natalie says they're helping Lily get approved and fitted for a prosthetic leg. With physiotherapy and practice, she will one day walk again.

Leprosy Control Project in Western Province

In the new financial year, The Leprosy Mission Australia will begin partnering with TLMPNG on a new project, 'Leprosy Support in Western Province'. This project operates in the Western Province, where villages and

"...we helped to buy food... so she was getting enough nutrition to help the amputation heal up quickly."

health clinics are remotely located and difficult to access. Often it is very difficult to reach leprosy patients — people like Lily.

This project seeks to train health workers at the clinical level in leprosy diagnosis, treatment and management, to ensure every clinic across Western Province has two health workers with leprosy expertise. The project will also monitor MDT supply, and train community members to spread awareness about leprosy, and other health issues.



“May God bless you richly for supporting people like me through TLM.” — Wennai

Thailand

McKean Senior Centre — Leprosy Control and Rehabilitation Project

The McKean Senior Centre (formerly known as McKean Rehabilitation Centre) provides many services to the community in Chiang Mai, among which is a three-pronged leprosy program. Firstly, the hospital-based leprosy control program treats people at McKean’s on-site hospital, including migrants and refugees who struggle to access healthcare in the public system. The community-based leprosy control program works with government health workers to ensure people living in the community are diagnosed and treated for leprosy effectively and without discrimination. Finally, McKean continues to provide accommodation and care to 28 elderly leprosy-affected people. The residents frequently host visits from primary Thai students and

medical students from around the world to talk about the legacy of leprosy stigma and discrimination in Thailand.

Social Return on Investment

Through McKean’s hospital, 48 people affected by leprosy or disability were provided with assistive footwear, at a cost of \$22 per person.

Project Outcome: A father accesses treatment that saves his livelihood

Wennai first noticed the signs of leprosy developing when he was nine years old, living in Rakhine State, Myanmar. He lived at hospital for three years because of leprosy complications, but in that time, became a Christian.

When Wennai grew up, he found it hard to find work because of the stigma associated with his clawed hands and facial nerve damage. He moved to

Thailand in search of work, where he married and started a family. Now, he’s working as a wholesale flower supplier.

However, Wennai still struggles with ulcers that form because of his leprosy-induced nerve damage. Recently, he developed an ulcer on his foot which threatens his ability to work. Thanks to the care at McKean’s hospital, he was able to access quick and affordable treatment for this ulcer, so he can keep his job:

“I’ve got to be responsible now for my family. I want to make sure I can still work.”

“I want to say thank you to The Leprosy Mission supporters of McKean, because due to the support I’ve received here I am now able to continue to look after my family. May God bless you richly for supporting people like me through TLM.”



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The Leprosy Mission Australia Shop

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Together, with your support of The Leprosy Mission Shop, we are enriching the lives of many people around the world affected by leprosy, disability and poverty.

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Sanjali's Story

Sanjali was infected with leprosy at the age of 12 but only started treatment years later. She came to The Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital after being referred by her local hospital. Leprosy left her with permanent scarring on her face and body. Now 40 years old and married with three children, she feels proud that she works and earns a living for herself and family despite still showing visible effects of leprosy. Her specialties are handmade wrapping paper and greeting cards.

Thank you for purchasing these products!



Maninehala's Story

Maninehala works for a social enterprise for women with disabilities, and those abandoned, widowed or living with AIDS. She makes softs toys, jewellery and cotton bags. Maninehala now helps support her parents, brother, sister and her sister's baby! She really enjoys her independence and not feeling so vulnerable any more. Now she is saving for the future.

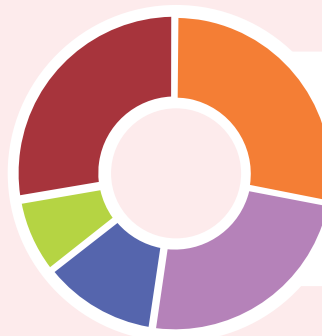
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Thanks to you, our producers are building better lives for themselves!



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- Sri Lanka (28%)
- Nepal (28%)
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Not only did you buy beautiful hand made products and gift items, in addition you made Gifts Of Love® tax-deductible donations to provide practical items through Leprosy Mission overseas projects, like chickens, protective shoes, scholarships and water pumps!

You are changing lives through your purchases and Gifts of Love® donations!



What you bought:



- Products (68%)
- Gifts of Love® (32%)

National Board

The Leprosy Mission Australia is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of members from various fields of expertise within the community. Members include representatives from financial, medical, field service, promotional and marketing and human resource fields.

The following National Council members are the elected governance body for 2018-2019, and known as the Board.



Damian Fisher

BSc (Hons) Physics, DMS Appointed Director 26 February 2018, Member of TLMA's Prayer, Promotion and Fundraising Committee. Damian has over 20 years' experience in marketing, branding, product and customer management, gained within commercial companies such as British Airways (UK) and NRMA (Aus), plus extensive experience of leading voluntary activities at a church level. Currently a member of the executive team at Bible Society Australia, where he manages Fundraising, Marketing, Branding and PR. Damian brings with him extensive experience in marketing, fundraising and donor engagement.



Rev. Kevin Keegan

Grad.Cert.NFP Management; Grad. Dip.Th, B.Th, TAE40110 Cert IV Training & Assessment, Cert.Ministry Consultancy, Cert.Ordnation Appointed Director 9 February 2015, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Prayer, Engagement and Fundraising Committee Kevin is the CEO/National Director of FEBC Australia and an Executive Member of FEBC International. An ordained Baptist minister with qualifications in theology, non-profit management, consultancy and training, 25 years of leading churches and four years chairing an international mission association—Kevin brings leadership, strategy, theological thinking, cross-cultural awareness and mission experience to this position.



Stephen Lockrey

B.Comm., CA Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Appointed Finance Director (Hon) 27 August 2016, Chair of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and member of the Investment Committee Stephen has extensive Aid and Development industry experience following 10 years as Chief Financial Officer with an aid and development non-governmental organisation. He brings finance and risk management expertise to this role. Stephen has wide non-profit Board experience, and is currently a Board member of Jubilee Housing Inc.



Dr. Colin Martin

GAICD, MB.BS, DRANZCOG, Grad.Dip. FM, MPH&TM, FRACGP, General Medical Practitioner (retired) Appointed Director 12 July 2012, Appointed Chairman 20 September 2014, Chair of TLMA's Prayer, Engagement and Fundraising Committee, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's International Program Committee & Human Resources and Governance Committee, Member of the TLM International Board since 2019, Member of the TLM Timor Leste Advisory Board (as Global Fellowship Representative) since 2019 Colin practised as a rural procedural GP and practice administrator for 35 years, with a focus on people in need. He retired from practice in June 2016. His field work experience in Nepal over a period of 10 months, from 2009-2017, allowed him to develop an understanding of the problems and issues facing that country in the implementation of leprosy related services and programs. He has also been able to see the work of The Leprosy Mission Australia and its partners in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, India and Thailand.



Adam Walker

BA LLB (Hons) LLM (Commercial Law); AGIA Law, Governance and Management Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Member of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Human Resources and Governance Committee Adam is a partner with Gadens Lawyers, whose commercial law practice focuses on the fields of competition and consumer law, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property and technology. A member of the Governance Institute of Australia, and serving also on the board of a health services charity addressing health issues in remote indigenous communities, Adam brings broad experience in commercial, corporate and not-for-profit law.



Steven Meredith

Grad Dip Mgt, GAICD; Banking/Finance and International Business Management Appointed Director 21 October 2013, Appointed Deputy Chair 20 September 2014, Chair of The Leprosy Mission Australia's Human Resources and Governance Committee, Chair of the TLM Global Fellowship Strategy Working Group Steven has significant banking, corporate treasury, operations, human resources and business development experience and possesses expertise in corporate governance, finance, risk management and succession planning. He has held a number of senior executive leadership roles, both domestically and internationally. Steven is a qualified company Director. He is actively involved in leadership in his local church and is passionate about supporting the work of Christian, non-profit and missionary organisations across Australia.



Dr. Judy Louie

PhD(Acc), MBus(Acc), Grad.Dip(Acc), BSc, CPA Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Member of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Judy has more than 20 years of knowledge and experience in accounting and information technology. She completed her PhD degree in accounting and is currently Finance Manager at the NewHope Baptist Church. She was previously a lecturer in accounting at La Trobe University for 11 years and a lecturer in information technology at Sunway University in Malaysia for 4 years. Judy is a CPA and has strong industry background, having worked in an accounting firm and nonprofit organisations for 7 years. She had served for 7 years as a leader in Navigators, a University Christian student group, to help meet the various needs of students from overseas.



Jennifer Ward

MBA, BEcon (HONS), Post Grad Dip, GAICD Appointed Director 23 October 2016, Chair of TLMA's International Programs Committee, Member of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Jenny has over 25 years' experience in international business, economics and human resource management to bring to her role. She has held a variety of senior executive roles both in Australia and internationally (Japan, China, USA, Asia Pacific) with large global organisations including BHPBilliton and World Vision Australia. Jenny is a qualified Company Director, has a Masters of Business Administration and a post graduate degree in Economics. She brings broad governance, cross cultural, business and human resource management experience to the Board.



Fifi Rashando

MBA (IntBus), GradDipMin, BA (English Literature) Appointed Director 25 June 2018, Member of TLMA's International Programs Committee

Fifi is a Social Economic Inclusion Specialist with over 15 years of experience in the international development and humanitarian sector across Australia, Asia and Pacific regions. She has contributed towards the strategic growth of a number of reputable organisations; achieved corporate strategies; ensured compliance with legislative requirements; designed and managed multiple projects with inclusive business models which are guided by the principles of innovation, job creation, access to finance and creating commercial enterprises. She is currently the Principal Consultant of ODS and a board member of Haggai International Australia.



Dr. Angeline Low

PhD, MMgt, B. Econ (Hons), MAICD Appointed Director 25 June 2018, Member of TLMA's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Angeline has more than 25 years on Board of Directors in international charity and development organisations. In addition she has many years of professional and business experience. On an international level, Angeline is an active participant and speaker in various international engagements on gender, leadership and economic inclusion of women. She had been the guest of the European Union, the OECD and the ILO on a number of occasions to deliberate on gender issues in entrepreneurship and in senior management. She holds a PhD in entrepreneurship research. Today Angeline manages her private investments and spends the rest of her time in philanthropic work.

**We would also like to thank
Tanya McPharlane who retired
from the Board this year.**

The Leprosy Mission Australia is one of 28 member countries which make up the Global Fellowship of the international organisation of The Leprosy Mission. Each country has the same vision — a world without leprosy — but works to fulfil this vision in different ways.

The 28 countries include both Supporting Countries (those that raise funds for projects overseas) and Implementing Countries (those that receive TLM funds for use in TLM projects). Currently, India is the Implementing Country with the largest number of TLM projects.

Australia, a Supporting Country, focuses its work on funding projects in Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Nepal, India and Thailand, and works to provide expertise as well as funds to the projects we partner with.

Supporters can be assured that The Leprosy Mission Australia is part of a worldwide organisation with around 2,000 staff with more than 136 years of experience in working with leprosy.

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Financial Overview



The Leprosy Mission Australia

ABN: 52 354 004 543

Independent Audit Report to the members of The Leprosy Mission Australia

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the summary income statement and summary statement of changes in equity for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial report of The Leprosy Mission Australia for the year ended 30 June 2019.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 24 August 2019.

Directors' responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

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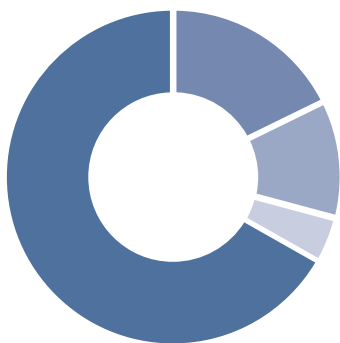


Income & Expenditure

The Leprosy Mission Australia (TLMA) achieved a modest surplus for the year of \$7,521 in the face of a challenging environment of declines in giving in the charity sector. Compared to last year, even with a significant reduction in bequest income, income remained stable at \$5,432,577 due to faithful and generous giving from our donors. Total expenditure was \$5,425,156 of which \$4,558,997 was for international aid and development programs expenditure. Total government funding declined this year to \$917,776 or by 5% compared to last year. Despite this, compared to last year, TLMA has managed to increase its support to international projects by \$134,994 to six countries around the world– India, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Thailand.

Where did we get the money?

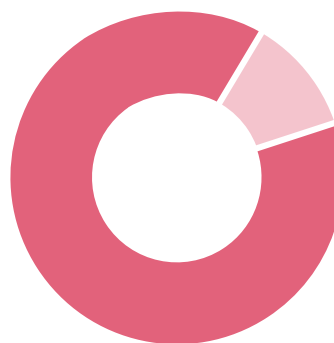
TLMA has 4 main sources of income – donations from individuals including churches and groups, merchandise sales, government grants from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and investment income. Total revenue remained stable compared to previous year due to faithful and generous donors who have supported us in grants, donations, bequest gifting and buying merchandise from our shop.



- **Donations & Legacies (67%)**
- **DFAT (17%)**
- **Commercial Income (11%)**
- **Investment Income & Other Income (5%)**

Where did we spend it?

Disbursements of DFAT grant was in line with what was received and with the support of our faithful donors, we managed to increase our funding to our international projects in the six countries for the financial year. This has ensured that the project activities can be implemented effectively to help people affected by leprosy and disabilities.



- **Total International Aid & Development Expenditure (84%)**
- **Commercial Activities & Other Expenditure (16%)**

Our overall financial health

TLMA has a strong balance sheet with adequate reserves on hand, which is monitored by management on a regular basis to ensure we can continue our support to our overseas projects in the long term. These reserves are vital in view of the uncertainties in the outlook of the global economic and political landscapes. Therefore, our financial objectives continue to focus on sustainable revenues by enhancing donor relationships while maintaining tight controls on costs to maximise our efficient and effective use of funds.

Remittance by Country



- **Timor Leste (37%)**
- **Nepal (23%)**
- **India (23%)**
- **Nigeria (9%)**
- **Papua New Guinea (5%)**
- **Thailand (3%)**

Percentage values calculated based on the Audited Financial Statements.

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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
REVENUE		
Donations & Gifts		
• Monetary	2,997,308	2,676,481
• Non-Monetary	—	6,727
Bequests and Legacies	621,621	1,164,968
Grants		
• DFAT	917,776	966,287
• Others	18,480	21,550
Commercial Activities Income – Merchandise	582,267	409,588
Investment Income	271,872	228,305
Other Income	23,353	22,048
TOTAL REVENUE	5,432,677	5,495,954
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
• Funds to International Programs	1,857,689	1,722,695
• Program Support Costs	396,299	386,896
Community Education Costs	745,651	608,385
Fundraising Costs		
• Public	956,629	927,670
• Government, multilateral and private	15,703	—
Accountability and Administration	587,026	579,189
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	4,558,997	4,224,835
Commercial Activities Expenditure	831,058	555,739
Other Expenditure	35,101	29,049
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,425,156	4,809,623
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	7,521	625,853
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax	—	—
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Revaluation changes for property, plant and equipment	2,248,973	—
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2,256,494	686,331

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,662,510	1,774,265
Trade and other receivables	117,595	104,336
Inventories	76,507	70,184
Financial assets	2,338,624	2,158,127
Other assets	78,433	75,788
Total Current Assets	4,273,669	4,182,700
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4,838,196	2,648,223
Intangible assets	52,007	52,115
Total Non-Current Assets	4,890,203	2,700,338
TOTAL ASSETS	9,163,872	6,883,038
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	131,601	129,881
Borrowings	10,000	10,000
Short-term provisions	129,076	125,525
Total Current Liabilities	270,677	265,406
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long-term provisions	31,662	12,593
Total Non-Current Liabilities	31,662	12,593
TOTAL LIABILITIES	302,339	277,999
NET ASSETS	8,861,533	6,605,039
EQUITY		
Reserves	5,371,438	3,122,465
Retained earnings	3,490,095	3,482,574
TOTAL EQUITY	8,861,533	6,605,039



Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2019

2019

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	FINANCIAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	3,482,574	1,998,045	—	1,124,420	6,605,039
Surplus for the year	7,521	—	—	—	7,521
Other Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—	—
Revaluation increment (decrement)	—	2,248,973	—	—	2,248,973
Total Comprehensive Income	7,521	2,248,973	—	—	2,256,494
Balance at 30 June 2019	3,490,095	4,247,018	—	1,124,420	8,861,533

2018

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	FINANCIAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE \$	TLMA INVESTMENT FUND \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2017	2,632,257	1,998,045	163,986	1,124,420	5,918,708
Retrospective adjustment upon change in accounting policy	163,986	—	(163,986)	—	—
Surplus for the year	686,331	—	—	—	686,331
Total Comprehensive Income	686,331	—	—	—	686,331
Balance at 30 June 2018	3,482,574	1,998,045	—	1,124,420	6,605,039

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The Leprosy Mission Australia is an international organisation that works in partnership with governments, public health officials, non-government organisations, the World Health Organisation, churches, Christian partners and others to achieve its vision of a world without leprosy. The Leprosy Mission is the oldest and largest leprosy-focussed organisation in the world today.

Leprosy affects people's lives in many different ways. The Leprosy Mission Australia cares for their physical, social, spiritual and psychological needs. Leprosy is sometimes not understood by communities and as a result people are fearful of it. This means those affected by leprosy are often stigmatised. Our main focus is on leprosy work, yet we often include those with severe disabilities or those living in extreme poverty.

Thank you!



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