

HANSEN'S DISEASE

Stigma and discrimination - Brazilian perspective

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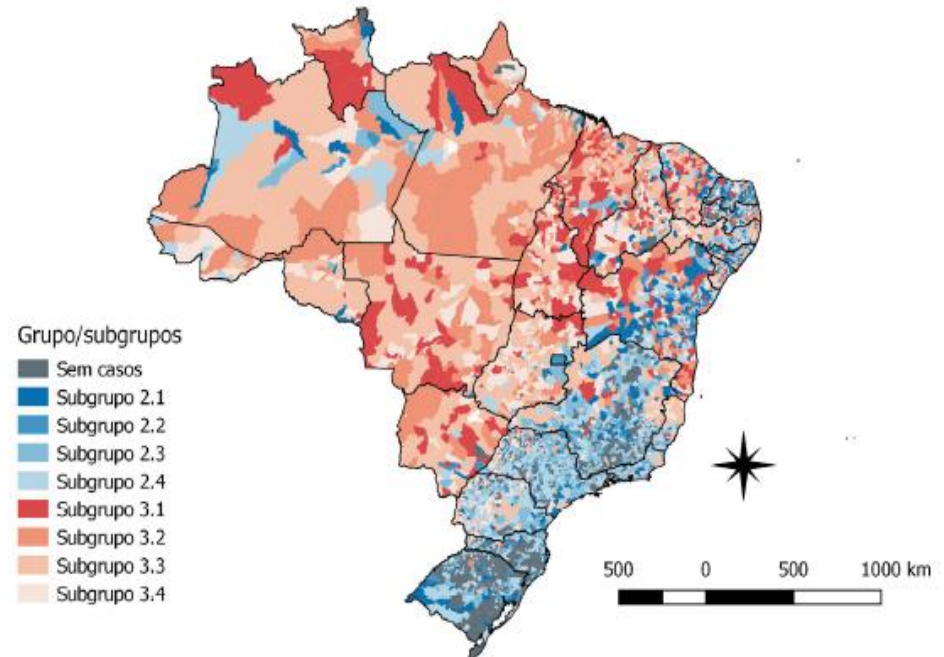
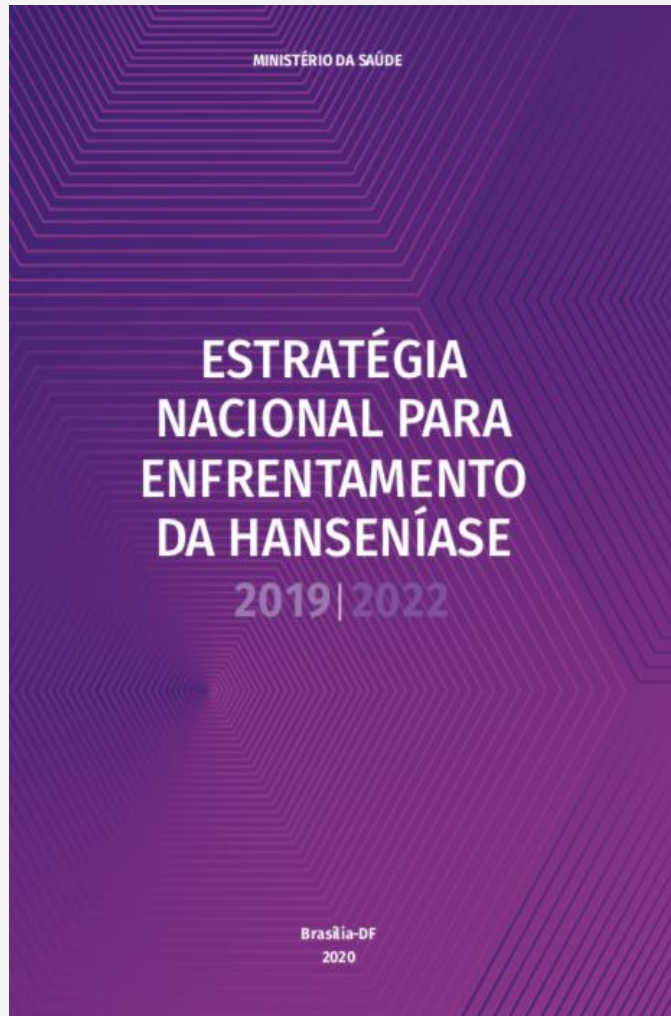
Legal regulatory framework in Brazil

- 1923 – Decree nº 16.300: isolation of patients in colony hospitals.
- 1972 – Ordinance No. 236: regulation of the end of compulsory isolation in colony hospitals.
- 1995 – Law No. 9,010: **prohibited the use of the term “leprosy” and its derivatives, in the language used in the official documents of the Union and the Member States.**
- 2001 – Ordinance No. 2,998: lists the diseases that are exempt from grace for the purpose of granting sickness benefit and disability retirement.
- 2007 – Law nº 11.520: granting compensation for the violation of the fundamental rights of people with Hansen’s disease submitted to compulsory isolation in colony hospitals until December 31, 1986.

The National Strategy to face Hansen's Disease. Brazil, 2019-2022

- Present different strategies in view of the different endemicity patterns existing in Brazil
- Support the planning of actions in the three levels of government (federal, states and municipalities)

Allocation of Brazilian municipalities, according to epidemiological and operational groups - 2013 to 2017



Pillar 3: Promote social inclusion by facing stigma and discrimination

Specific goal 01: Promote social inclusion by addressing all forms of stigma and discrimination.

Specific goal 2: Strengthen the capacity for active participation of people affected by Hansen's disease in spaces of social control and in health services.

Specific goal 3: Support models of inclusive development of people affected by Hansen's disease.

Specific goal 4: Promote the access to services and programs of social and economic support.

Target:

All units of the federation with channels for registering discriminatory practices

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Priority actions:

- Strengthen the ombudsman channel of the Unified Health System (SUS) to register discriminatory practices;
- Support states and municipalities to identify channels/means to register local discriminatory practices, and use this information to face the situation;
- Monitor the records of discriminatory practices received through the National Observatory on Human Rights and Hansen's disease;
- Train health professionals to include the theme stigma and discrimination in the care of people affected by Hansen's disease;
 - Offer the use of tools that promote knowledge for conduct on the topic
- Develop an online course on stigma;

Priority actions (cont.):

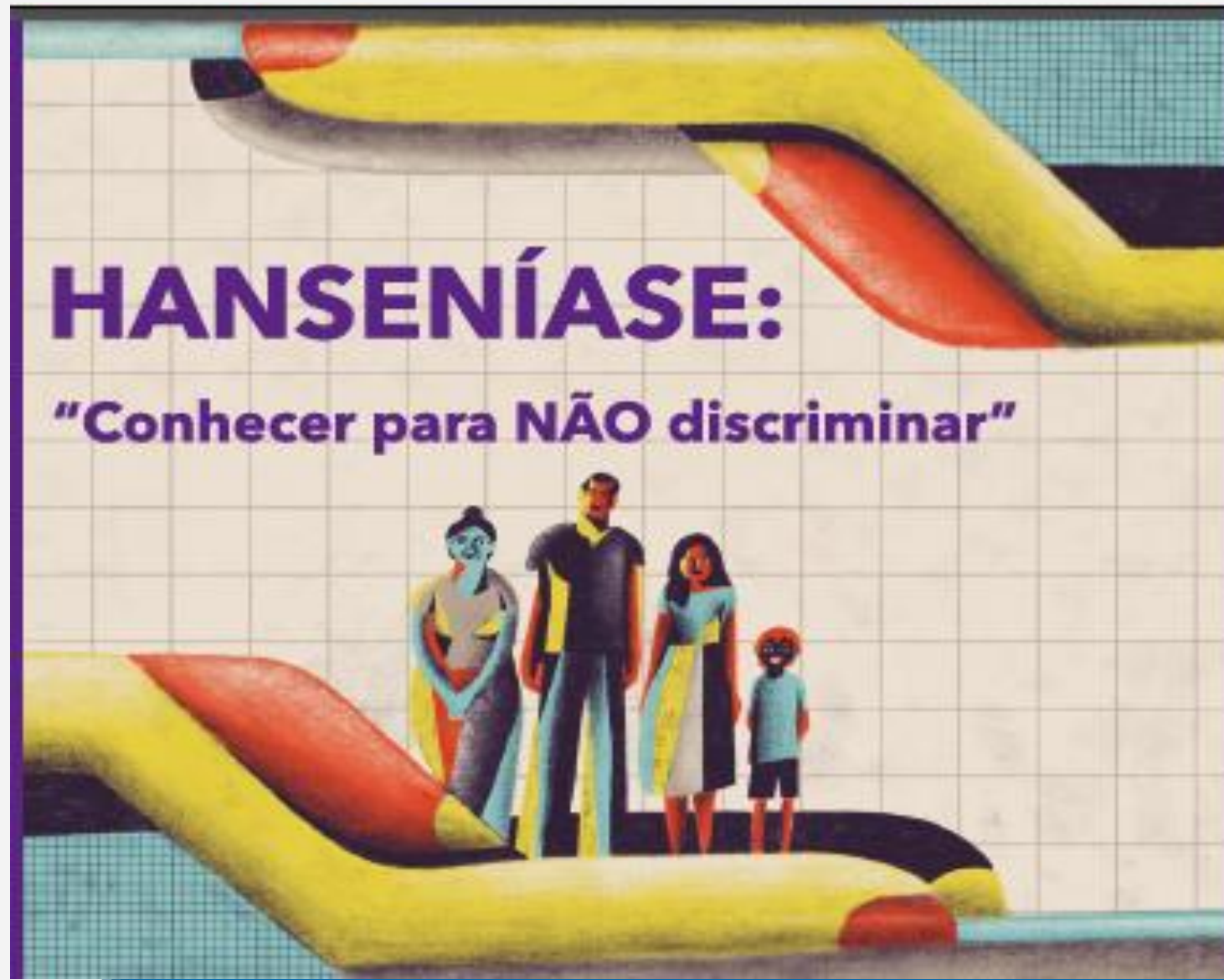
- Facilitate equitable access to social protection systems;
- Work in partnership with the Ministry of Citizenship for the inclusion of families of children with the most vulnerable GIF 2 in social assistance and income redistribution programs;
- Seek partnership with public and private organizations for professional adaptation and insertion in the job market;
- Support the expansion of self-care groups (SCG);
- Include the stigma scale in the national guidelines and to the line of care - Explanatory Model Interview Catalog (EMIC).

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1. Folder (audience: general population)



Hansen's disease:
inform NOT to
discriminate



2. Album (audience: people involved with Hansen's disease)

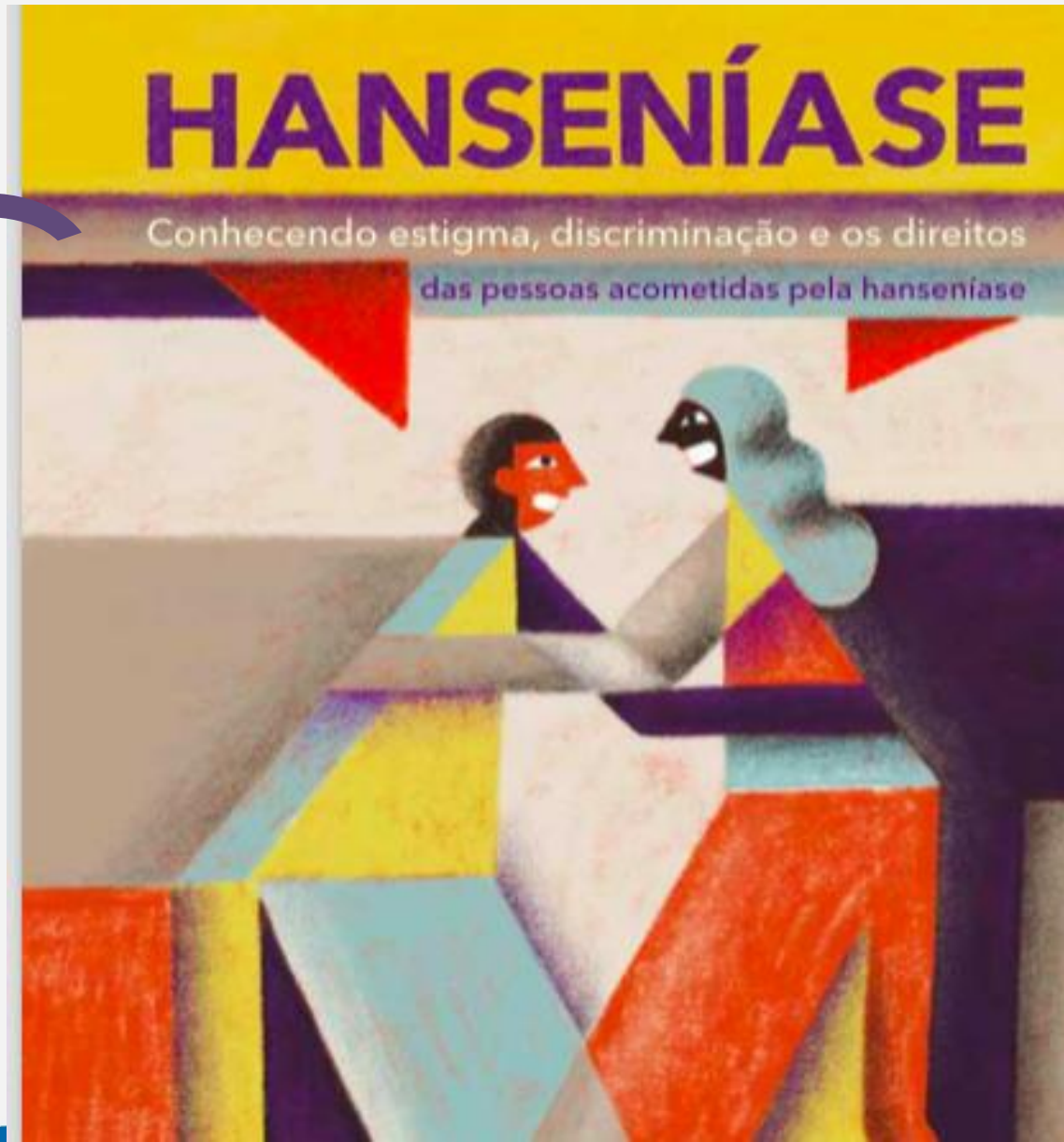


**Hansen's disease
Getting to know stigma,
discrimination and the
rights of people affected by
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3. Booklet (audience: schoolchildren)

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4. Booklet (audience: people affected by Hansen's disease)



I LOVE MYSELF, I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF
Health Handbook for People Affected by Hansen's disease

Brazil's perspectives to reduce stigma and discrimination

- Evidence of discriminatory practices for decision making;
- Establish the Hansen's disease Parliamentary front;
- *App* of the handbook of the person affected by Hansen's disease;
- Expanding access to social and psychological support;
- National campaigns;
- Religious leaders well informed and involved with the theme;
- Dissemination of material on the rights of people affected by Hansen's disease;
- Work in partnership with schools;
- Empowerment of the patients regarding their health condition and rights.

Thank you!