TLM Niger’s Contributing

For fighting against Stigma and Discrimination due to Leprosy

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I. The Leprosy Mission Work in Niger

• More than 60 years of working in partnership with SIM Niger at Danja leprosarium and health Center in Maradi Region.
• In 2011, TLM Niger was fully recognized by the Niger Government and established its office in Niamey, the Capital.
• TLM Niger established signed an MOU with the Ministry of Public Heath and also with the Ministry of Community Development to run its programme in 6 regions of the Country.
• TLM Niger is working with various partners to defeat leprosy and to see lives are transformed
II. The Leprosy Situation in Niger

- Since 2002, Niger is no more ranked as an Endemic Country according to the WHO Statement (less than 1 case among 10,000 habitants)

- More than 300 new cases are diagnosed each year
- In 2019, 333 new cases were diagnosed (77 PB/ 256 MB)
- 16 Health Centers are still endemic in 2019
III. TLM’s Partners in carrying out leprosy Work in Niger

TLM Niger works with
• The Ministry of Public Health (via the Leprosy National Control Programme)
• Raoul Follereau Foundation (an ILEP organization)
• Danja SIM Leprosy Hospital
• IDEA Niger
• Others strategic partners
IV. Stigma and discrimination

• Self-stigma/Internalized Stigma/Perceived Stigma (representation)
  • Ignorance
  • Huge traditional and religious believes/Fear
  • Poverty
  • Dependency
  • Disabling conditions
  • Health conditions
  • Leprosy not an agenda/priority disease
  • Health workers not fully trained
  • Less leprosy expertise
IV. Stigma/discrimination: Practices

• Settlement of persons affected by leprosy in towns were frequently moved from one place to another and frequently established at the periphery of the city;
• There is no proper plan from the Government for the persons affected by leprosy and their families to be fully integrated and included;
• Marriage mainly between families of persons affected;
• Begging situation still recurrent;
• People affected by leprosy are part of the most disadvantaged groups among other disabling conditions;
• Only very few organization that are carrying for persons affected by leprosy.
V. TLM Niger Results in 2019

- Au cours de l’année 2019, **Plus de 8600** bénéficiaires directs ont été recensés sans prendre en compte ceux qui sont touchés indirectement grâce à l’appui de TLM Niger.

Ainsi, TLM Niger a réalisé les activités qui suivent:

- Dépistage de 309 nouveaux cas lèpre dans sa zone d’intervention
- 1998 jours de formation à l’endroit de 111 agents de santé
- 54 personnes hospitalisées suite aux complications dues à la lèpre (dont 14 femmes vs 40 hommes), 43 sont libérés et 11 encore sous soins
- Les 7 groupes d’auto-soins ont bénéficié de dix (10) et couplées de deux (2) supervisions. 410 PAL ont été consultés (260 F vs 150 H)
- 460 personnes affectées par la lèpre ont bénéficié des chaussures et 576 chaussettes adaptées
- 39 PAL dont 16 femmes vs 23 hommes ont bénéficié des services de physiothérapie
- 1313 personnes issues de 45 groupements ont bénéficié de l’appui renforcement de capacités et des fonds pour activités génératrices de revenus
- 31 familles ont encore bénéficié des travaux de construction et de réfection maisons
TLM Niger Results in 2019

• 5 familles ont bénéficié des appuis en sanitaire
• 63 enfants des personnes affectées par la lèpre et autres personnes handicapées ont bénéficié de l’appui en éducation formelle
• - 39 enfants des personnes affectées par la lèpre et autres personnes handicapées ont reçu un appui en apprentissage de métiers professionnels
• Une étude sur le stigma dû à la lèpre a été menée dans la région de Zinder
Some illustrations of TLM’s work
VI. The Contribution of TLM

• The Leprosy Mission is supporting IDEA Niger, an organization of people affected by leprosy in Niger
The Contribution of TLM

• Since 2007, The Leprosy Mission is supporting the forming, the building capacity of IDEA Niger.

• Because of TLM support IDEA Niger have shown the enormous work they do to help diagnose new cases of leprosy, psychosocial support, awareness raising towards the community to fight against stigmatization and discrimination against their members and their families members

• IDEA has joined the Niger Federation of Disabled Persons (FNPH) and undertaking advocacy to facilitate the reintegration and the Inclusion of patients with disabling consequences
Conclusion

• The new WHO strategy is going in the right direction of the needs of people affected by leprosy;

• There is a huge need to support the Organization of people affected by leprosy to champion the fight against stigma and discrimination in Niger
Thanks from TLM Niger’s team