



Annual Report of MAITRI Centre's 1st June 2017 – 31st May 2018

Programmes

Health, National

Leprosy Elimination

Our collaboration with the **State Health Services** has been ongoing since 1989, requiring monthly reports to the **District Leprosy Officer (DLO)** for the leprosy eradication programme. Since 2002 continues our involvement in the **integration process** with the assistance to the government staff at the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the entire **district** (24 provinces – **3,151 villages, population 4,788,066**) in the verification and management of **new cases**, which in the past 12 months have amounted to **685**. Since 2003 **overall 14,474** new cases.

Regarding the **Prevention of Deformities (POD)** programme, in 12 months assessed **586 high risk cases**, instructed **792 disabled cases** for **self-care**, trained **576 deformed patients**, **2,983 community members**, and **417 government staff members**. In 13 years **overall 16,197, 15,549, 16,311, 41,930** and **5,321** respectively. Particularly valuable to the District Health Services our **POD camps** at the government PHCs with distribution of **sandals** and **dressing kits**: in 12 months held **34** camps, distributed **120** pairs and **447** kits. .

Health Awareness programme continues along with the above activities as **Information-Education-Communication (IEC)** and **Inter-Personal Communication (IPC)**, for which we have covered in 12 months **3,347 villages**, touched **1,264,303 people** and **70,782 students**, carried out wall-paintings in **164 places**, and manned our stall for **73 days**.

We have also continued our **additional assistance** as required by the **District Leprosy Officer (DLO)** such as the **bi-monthly manning** of the leprosy section at the PHCs of **Mohanpur** and **Banke Bazaar** provinces since Jan. 1, 2013 and the **monthly delivery** of MDT drugs from the State Health Society, Patna, to the District Leprosy Office.

Patients from all over the district seek **temporary** hospitalization at our **hospital**. Since September, 1999 admitted an **overall total** of **1,392** patients : **1,328 ulcer cases, 94 reactions**. In 12 months total **61**: 59 and 2 respectively.

Our **shelter** for homeless, deformed patients at present has no hosts. Total so far sheltered **23**.

- **Jun.1-Oct.31, 2017** : Our **all-year-round booth with display** at Bodhgaya continues its operations in the hot season **biweekly**, i.e. on Saturdays and Sundays, to approach local visitors from all over the district.

- **Nov.1, 2017-Mar 15, 2018** : Manning of the booth **daily** throughout the winter at the new, permanent site.

- **Jan 28, 2018** : Celebrated **World Leprosy Day** with our special health education programme comprising of display of posters, distribution of leaflets, speeches carried out throughout 24 provinces by 2 jeeps. Field workers visited 206 villages with population 268,750 and manned Bodhgaya stall all day with the support of our teachers.

TB Control

Our TB work continues along the same line as during our collaboration with the **State and District Health Services** for the activities under **RNTCP (Revised National TB Control Programme)**, i.e.

1) In the 10 provinces of Bodhgaya, Mohanpur, Barachatti, Imamganj, Dumaria. Atri, Bathani, Mohra, Fathepur, and Tankuppa through our contacts with ASHAs (government village health workers) and our **10 sputum collection points**. In 12 months **registered 511, released from treatment 292** patients, **sputum tested 986. Under treatment 219, supplements** and **food** provided to **151 for a minimum of 6 months**. Since 1995 **overall registered cases 8,413**.

2) **Awareness** activities carried out in **3,347 villages (1,264,303 people, 70,782 students)**, wall-paintings in **164 places**.

3) In 12 months hospitalized at the **TB Ward 31** very serious patients, **overall hospitalised 293, fully recovered 244**.

- **July 7, 2017** : Submitted a **draft affidavit** to the District TB Officer, Gaya, regarding a collaboration with the government health services in DMC (pathological lab) and Adherence programmes within the RNTP.

- **Mar.24** : Celebrated **World TB Day** with processions of our village school students and with a special health education programme comprising display of posters, distribution of leaflets, and motivational speeches in 20 provinces (visited 179 villages, population 203,810) by 2 jeeps, a special exhibition at MAITRI stall throughout the day, and a procession of our Fulchater School students and teachers through 4 villages (population 5,888)..

Child Immunization

Terminated.in January, 2016.

Various, Institutional

Mother and Child Care

In view of the continuing poverty among the lower castes, stepped up our activities for both programmes, which are carried out in 3 provinces with clinics twice a week, i.e. 1 mobile and 1 at the Centre's OPD.

1) **Pre- and post-natal care** : for pre-natal care in 12 months **479 new expectant mothers** have attended our clinics for monthly check-up by our doctor and to receive **supplements, anti-tetanus vaccination, iodised salt**, and other required assistance. At present **under treatment 189**;

for post-natal care commenced in January, 2017 special care for **weak and anaemic mothers** at our weekly clinics, where they receive medical care and **supplements** and in some cases provision of **pulses**. So far **treated 73**.

In 12 months **245 new-born** babies (137 females + 108 males) thus since 1997 **overall total 6,514 women registered** and **5,165 babies born**, including 34 pairs of twins.

2) Mainly below 5 years of age, the children treated under **child care** are mostly female, in the 1st year of life, affected by severe malnutrition and neglect. We provide **milk and supplements** and other care. In the past 12 months registered **349 children**. Under treatment **165**. **Overall registered** and cared for **3,261 children, restored to health 2,757..**

Treated for general ailments **1,002 children** between 2 and 5 years of age.

In October, 2014 we have expanded our outreach to girls age 6 to 15 to address their health issues particularly related to undernourishment and anaemia. In addition in 2017 we have started the distribution of sanitary napkins to our under treatment patients for a token amount of Rs5/pack. In the past 12 months registered **137 girls, overall registered 459 girls**, who receive **supplements** and in some cases **pulses**.

Birth Control

In addition to the personal advice provided to women at our mother care clinics, currently a public campaign is under way aimed at poorer families in the villages involved in our leprosy, TB, and mother and child care programmes. In 12 months succeeded in having **109 women** undergo tubectomy at the Primary Health Centres of 3 provinces. Since 2007 **overall operated 1,130 women**.

In 12 months covered **218 families** and addressed **2,685 family members**. Since 2003 **overall covered 1,448 families** with **35,700 family members**.

Physical Rehabilitation

Out of **5 disabled leprosy patients** selected for **reconstructive surgery**, **1 patient** left for Tata's hospital at Dhanbad, in Jharkand.on May 30. After completion he will be entitled to a grant of Rs8,000 awarded by the Government..

Since 1993 **total of 101 rehabilitated** including **9 children** for various types of disabilities, 1 of whom was a **cleft lip and palate** case. .

HIV/AIDS Awareness

Continues the **health education programme** in interior villages aimed at the families of migrant workers and along the Grand Trunk road linking Delhi to Calcutta mainly aimed at truck drivers.

In 12 months covered **82 villages** and **46,338 population**, with direct health education imparted to **410 persons**, and addressed **165 truck drivers**. Distributed **383 packs of condoms** provided by the government health services.

In 12 years **overall covered 2,853 villages** with **1,424,799 population**, educated **31,512 persons**, and addressed **6,720 truck drivers**. Distributed **11,963 packs of condoms**.

Educational Programmes

Primary Education in Schools

Continues our 19 year long partnership with the villagers of **Fulcharat Village** who duly maintain the buildings of the Fulcharat **Village School** as its **school committee** is still holding on mainly due to the unsatisfactory level of the government schools for children up to 5th class.

- *Sept.19, 2017* : Held mid year tests for all classes with the attendance of **88** pupils.

- *Jan.25, 2018* : Participation in the event graced by **His Holiness the Dalai Lama** for a Universal Education programme.

- *Mar. 20-23* : End of year exams of all **115** pupils (dropped out 6) with outstanding regular attendance in all 5 grades in both formal and non-formal classes followed by supplementary tests. **Promoted 34**.

- *Mar. 24* : Participation of the pupils of MAITRI's school in the celebration of **World TB Day** with processions through 4 villages (population 5,888) exhibiting posters and chanting slogans drawn and written by the pupils.

- *Apr. 15* : **Overall total** of pupils enrolled for the new school year 2017-18, **135** including new registrations..

- *Apr. 30* : Participation of 84 pupils and their teachers in the **early morning procession** to the Bodhgaya Mahabodhi Temple for the celebration of the **2562nd Buddha Jayanti**.

Adult Literacy

Re-started and re-suspended the *Hindi* and *English* literacy classes for MAITRI staff at our premises.

Water Resources & Afforestation

Carried out the deep boring for a tube-well with installation of 1 hand pump in the village of **Bhawani Bigha** in a remote area of Mohanpur Province.

Animal Care

Recognized by the **Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)** in 2008, the programme consists of

- 1) the **rescuing of animals** since 1993 : in 12 months rescued 32 **dogs** of various ages (11 puppies), 17 **goats**. Died **85** animals. Born 7 **kids**, 1 **calf**, 1 **filly**. Our **Animal Shelter** has now **72 dogs** ranging in age from 13 years to 10 months, **39 goats**, 1 **kid**, 1 **horse**, 2 **mares**, 2 **fillies**, 1 **cow**, 1 **calf**, 1 **bullock**, 4 **cocks**, 2 **cat-fish**.
- 2) **Veterinary care** provided to **135 pets** and other animals from the surrounding community. In 14 years **overall treated 1,314** animals.
- 3) **Animal Birth Control (ABC)** programme. In 15 years **overall sterilizations 3,538** : 143 **shelter dogs**, 3,362 **stray dogs**, 33 **other animals**.
- 4) The **large animal care** programme for the treatment of village cattle continues through the service at the OPD. In 13 years overall treated **1,873** cows, bullocks, calves, goats, and others.
- *Sept., 2017-Jan., 2018* : Held **6 ABC minicamps** with **Dr. Deepak Kumar**, Vet. Surgeon. Sterilized **162 dogs** (52 females).

Charity & Others

Distributed 1,080 blankets along with **87 sweaters** for children, women, and men and **197 garments** (mainly baby clothes, dhotis, sarees), **food** to TB patients, children from 0 to 14 years, anaemic women in our programmes (**526**), and **books, copybooks, etc.** (**140**) to **65** poorer pupils of our village schools. **Overall totals 14,403, 5,424, 3,166** respectively.

Provided leprosy patients with **120 pairs of footwear** (overall total **8,760**) and **465 dressing kits** (overall total **4,129**), plus **overall 388 goggles** for lagophthalmos patients.

So far enabled **6** underprivileged **persons** to achieve **self-sufficiency**.

Selected by MAITRI a small boy from a very poor and underprivileged family of Bodhgaya province to be provided aid in kind and support for his studies under an international **long-distance adoption** programme.

Special Events & Activities

- *Oct. 19, 2017* : Celebrated **Deewali**, the Festival of Light, by all of MAITRI's staff and in-patients with the lighting of 1,000 lamps in the campus.

- *Nov. 15, 2017-Jan. 5, 2018* : Biweekly **distribution of blankets** to leprosy, TB, and mother care patients from all over the district, with contribution towards the cost of fare. Funds donated by long-time donors Berliner **Buddhistische Akademie**.

- *Dec. 30, 2017-Jan. 13, 2018* : Volunteering by old time friend and supporter, Mr **Phil Hunt**, from Australia.

- *Jan. 18* : Visit of MAITRI staff to Spiritual Director, **Ven. Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche**, at the Maitreya Project School for teachings and blessings.

- *Jan. 25* : Participation in the **Alice Project** event graced by **His Holiness the Dalai Lama** for a Universal Education programme with 74 senior students from MAITRI Fulchar and Ramnagar schools

- *Apr. 30* : Participation in the **early morning procession** to the Bodhgaya Main Temple for the celebration of the **2562nd Buddha Jayanti** with 84 pupils, plus parents, teachers and field staff, along with the **72 hour free medical camp** organized by the **Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee**, medicines and staff being provided by MAITRI.

Staff

Our working force has remained stable in number :

Present staff members : 25

1 director

2 consultants : 1 medical doctor, 1 chartered accountant

5 field workers : 4 paramedical workers + 1 coordinator cum laboratory technician

3 educational workers : 1 trainer + 2 teachers

5 administrative workers : 1 accountant, 1 peon, 1 driver, 1 cook, 1 helper

9 campus caretakers : 2 handimen, 1 animal nurse, 1 animal keeper, 3 sweepers, 1 gate-keeper, 1 night-guard,

Real Estate

Land & Buildings

After completing major repairs of the buildings, work continues with minor maintenance.

At a standstill the construction of the **temple**.

Legalities

Completed the High Court **second arbitration** regarding the construction of MAITRI campus and awarded a **higher award** by the Arbitrator. However the counterpart has filed a **new appeal**.

Still pending some of the **civil suits** filed by MAITRI at Gaya Court regarding parcels of land inside the property. Under way our **petition** to Patna High Court for the recovery of the balance dues from the Government of Bihar.

Finance

Running Expenses

At present most of the programmes are being funded through general donations and private and institutional grants the major of which are

- June 1, 2017-31 May, 2018 : Commenced the utilization of **FPMT Inc.**'s grant 2017-18 for our leprosy and mother & child programmes.

- Sept. 30-Oct.1, 2017 : Completed the utilization of **Chiesa Valdese's** grant 2016-17 for our TB care programme and commenced the grant 2017-18 for the same.

Investment

Major rehauling of 2 field **Mahindra jeeps**.

Future Projects & Prospects

Continue the **ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme** to limit the stray dogs' population of Bodhgaya.

Continue and expand **water resources** and **afforestation programmes**.

Expand **HIV/AIDS awareness programme** to other areas and its **women's clinic**.

Enlarge the **horses' enclosure** and complete the construction of the **temple**

Set up a **sanctuary** for old cows and other animals.

Complete the **final registration** of the balance 1½ acres of land.

Fundraising for all existing and planned projects and programmes. Encourage the setting-up of other **Friends of MAITRI** groups along with seeking of **fundraisers**.

Adriana Ferranti, Director

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*Devotion and Compassion —
the Spirit of MAITRI*



The annual event of Buddha Purnima celebrating the key moments of Shakyamuni Buddha's life is highlighted by the early morning procession from the 80-ft Buddha statue to the Mahabodhi Temple. Despite the long distance to be covered so early in the morning and the raging heat, the Fulchar School children have gone through the entire enterprise happily and energetically, while a small group of MAITRI's staff has kept the health camp going round the clock, literally. Doctors and paramedics of MAITRI and Root Institute have worked side by side to support the Mahabodhi Temple Management in their herculean task of assisting the thousands and thousands of pilgrims arriving from all over India for the holy event. Both FPMT organizations have provided medical assistance to hundreds of people stricken by the relentless heat from their own resources.

On April 30 MAITRI students at the clinic while coordinator Binod Patra attends to patients.