

Achieving a world free from leprosy



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ILEP Strategy
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Who we are

ILEP is an organisation of 13 international NGOs working in more than 65 countries. In the fight against leprosy, or Hansen's Disease, ILEP and its Members work alongside the World Health Organization (WHO), Novartis, other NGOs, governments, organisations of persons affected by leprosy and more than 500,000 supporters worldwide.

The ILEP strategy states the direction of the ILEP membership globally and in countries where we are working. It also shows how ILEP Members will accentuate efforts in tackling health, disability, development and human rights abuses by working towards a world free from leprosy.

Background and global context

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
 In 2015, the UN and its Member States approved the SDGs. The references to disabilities, as well as target 3.3 in relation to ending NTDs are welcomed by ILEP, as it joins with others working in NTDs and on disability issues to achieve these critical goals.
- Uniting to Combat NTDs**
 In 2012, global public health leaders came together in London, where they pledged to unite in their efforts towards the WHO 2020 targets for NTDs, known as the London Declaration. The indicators in this strategy contribute to measuring progress of leprosy in relation to these targets.
- Global Leprosy Strategy (2016-2020)**
 In 2015, WHO led the development of a new Global Leprosy Strategy. ILEP is a critical partner in being able to achieve the goals and targets of the Global Leprosy Strategy. The ILEP strategy is intended to chart our contribution to the wider Global Leprosy Strategy.
- WHO NTDs Roadmap**
 Leprosy is included in WHO's NTD Roadmap. ILEP seeks to align its approaches within the cross-cutting themes of the Roadmap.

- Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy**
 ILEP is one of the core partners of the GPZL and seeks to ensure that its strategy is informed by and aligned with the GPZL.
- ILEP Restructure**
 In 2015, ILEP underwent a major restructure at the governance, strategic and operational levels to enable Members to work better together and with other partners.

Purpose of the strategy

- Combine forces to achieve a world free from leprosy** and recognise the important role that all ILEP Members play in stopping leprosy, preventing disability and promoting inclusion.
- Expand partnerships** globally, regionally and at national levels to intensify the engagement to achieve a world free from leprosy.
- Track progress and promote learning** to achieve the goals ILEP has set itself.
- Accelerate efforts** and act with urgency to reduce the number of people suffering from a preventable and treatable disease.

Strategy Summary

OUR VISION: *A world free from leprosy*

OUR MISSION: *To work together to stop leprosy, to prevent disability and to break the stigma resulting from leprosy.*

1 Strategic Goals

What ILEP aims to achieve

Stop Transmission: We will work together and with other partners to stop the transmission of leprosy.

Prevent Disability: We will work together and with other partners to prevent disabilities from leprosy.

Promote Inclusion: We will work together and with other partners to promote inclusion of people affected by leprosy.

2 Enabling Actions

How ILEP will achieve these Strategic Goals

Work more effectively together: We will improve ILEP collaboration to achieve our Strategic Goals.

Work more effectively with others: We will work in partnership with others to achieve our Strategic Goals.

Raise the profile of leprosy: We will raise the profile of leprosy and its consequences to achieve our Strategic Goals.

3 Operational Strategy

How the ILEP Office will facilitate this strategy

Good governance: ILEP Office will facilitate effective governance of the ILEP Federation.

Coordination: ILEP Office will coordinate the Federation to monitor achievements and promote learning in the achievement of the ILEP strategy.

Initiatives: ILEP Office will lead the development of policy, advocacy and communication initiatives in collaboration with the Members.



Strategic Goals: *What ILEP aims to achieve*

Stop Transmission: We will work together and with other partners to stop the transmission of leprosy.

In support of the Global Leprosy Strategy target: “Reduction of new leprosy cases with Grade 2 disabilities to less than one case per million population.”

Objectives	Indicators
1.1 Increased early detection of leprosy, with a focus on women and children.	1.1.1. Annual new case detection and new case-detection rate (per 100,000 population), disaggregated by sex and age group. 1.1.2 % of female patients among newly diagnosed patients. 1.1.3 Number and % of children among newly diagnosed patients. 1.1.4 Completion rate of MDT in all cases, disaggregated by sex. 1.1.5 Number of countries where contact tracing is an integral part of the national programme. 1.1.7 Number of countries where sub-district level mapping of leprosy case detection is implemented. 1.1.8 Proportion of MB cases among new cases. 1.1.9 Availability of web-based, case-based reporting system allowing disaggregation by age, sex, place of residence and other relevant criteria.

Prevent Disability: We will work together and with other partners to prevent disabilities from leprosy.

In support of the Global Leprosy Strategy target: “Zero Grade 2 disabilities among paediatric leprosy patients.”

Objectives	Indicators
2.1 Improved data collection of residual morbidity disaggregated by gender and age.	2.1.1 % of people (by country) with EHF (eye hand foot) assessed for disabilities at time of diagnosis, disaggregated by sex and age group. 2.1.2 % of patients with EHF (eye hand foot) assessed for disabilities at the end of treatment, disaggregated by sex. 2.1.3 Number of cured patients presenting with new disabilities not present at the end of treatment. 2.1.4 % of newly diagnosed leprosy patients with Grade 2 disabilities disaggregated by sex and age group.

Promote Inclusion: We will work together and with other partners to promote inclusion of people affected by leprosy.

In support of the Global Leprosy Strategy target: “Zero countries with legislation allowing discrimination on basis of leprosy.”

Objectives	Indicators
3.1 An end to discriminatory practices towards people affected by leprosy.	3.1.1 Number of countries with discriminatory laws and policies against those affected by leprosy. 3.1.2 Number of countries with laws and/or regulations facilitating the inclusion of persons affected by leprosy and their communities. 3.1.3 Number of countries that assess the level of stigma in the community and among patients and healthcare workers.

Enabling Actions: How ILEP will achieve its Strategic Goals

This is how ILEP has agreed to work to implement and achieve its Strategic Goals.

Work more effectively together: We will improve ILEP collaboration to achieve our Strategic Goals.

Objectives	Indicators
1.1 ILEP Members share and utilise learning, actively participating in ILEP conferences, working groups and other learning events.	1.1.1 Members able to demonstrate that learning from learning events has been applied to programmes and services.
1.2 ILEP Members collaborate actively at country level and participate in ILEP country coordination workshops.	1.2.1 Number of coordination reviews and agreed country-level plans being implemented.
1.3 ILEP Members are contributing to an active and well organised ILEP website.	1.3.1 Up-to-date map and other member data on ILEP website.
1.4 ILEP Members measure progress against ILEP strategies.	1.4.1 Number of Members whose strategies show all three ILEP strategic pillars.
1.5 ILEP Members contribute to ILEP technical publications.	1.5.1 Number of Members contributing expertise or finance to ILEP learning guides, stigma guides and other technical publications.

ILEP Structure

Governance	Members' Assembly			
	Executive Board			
Advisory	Advisory Panel		ILEP Technical Commission	
	Communications Network	Institutional Funding Network	ILEP Office	Country Coordinators
Membership Cooperation	Learning Events		Country Level Strategies	

Work more effectively with others: We will work in partnership with others to achieve our Strategic Goals.

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Indicators</i>
2.1 ILEP and other stakeholders working on leprosy collaborate to deliver shared advocacy and policy messages at the global and national level.	2.1.1 Number of identifiable national partnerships for zero leprosy.
2.2 ILEP is recognised as a credible partner in policy and programme implementation with other partners working on neglected tropical disease issues.	2.2.1 Number of programmes being implemented with other NTD partners. 2.2.2 Number of advocacy initiatives with other NTD partners.
2.3 ILEP is recognised as a credible partner in policy and programme implementation with other partners working on disability issues.	2.3.1 Number of programmes being implemented with other disability partners. 2.3.2 Number of advocacy initiatives with other disability partners.

Increase the profile of leprosy: We will raise the profile of leprosy and its consequences to achieve our Strategic Goals.

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Indicators</i>
3.1 Policy and funding decision-makers hear a consistent and strong ILEP voice.	3.1.1 ILEP key messages are produced and regularly updated. 3.1.2 News stories and other PR materials are shared and promoted through the network. 3.1.3 ILEP actively engages with WHO- NTDs, OHCHR and other relevant multilateral organisations.



Operational Strategy: *How ILEP Office will facilitate this strategy*

ILEP is supported in delivering this strategy by a small office, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Good governance: ILEP Office will facilitate effective governance of the ILEP Federation.

Objectives	Indicators
1.1 ILEP's governance bodies are effectively overseeing and guiding the Federation.	1.1.1 Annual Membership Survey showing positive results.
1.2 ILEP's ITC and Advisory Panel are providing value to the Members.	1.2.1 Annual Membership Survey showing positive results.

Coordination: ILEP Office will coordinate the Federation to monitor achievements and promote learning in the achievement of the ILEP strategy.

Objectives	Indicators
2.1 ILEP Office monitors and reports on progress against the strategy.	2.1.1 ILEP annual reports charting progress. 2.1.2 Regular CEO reports to Board and Members.
2.2 ILEP Office facilitates country level planning and reporting.	2.2.1 Number of ILEP country plans and reports. 2.2.2 Implementation of decisions made at coordination workshops.
2.3 ILEP Office organises relevant learning events.	2.3.1 Active Member participation at conferences and other learning events.

Initiatives: ILEP Office will lead the development of policy, advocacy and communication initiatives in collaboration with the Members.

Objectives	Indicators
3.1 ILEP Office has developed a leprosy alliance with partners.	3.1.1 Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy (GPZL) developed.
3.2 ILEP Office has led an increased number of policies, advocacy and communication initiatives with members and partners.	3.2.1 CEO report on policy initiatives. 3.2.2 CEO report on ILEP submissions and interventions with OHCHR treaty bodies and councils.
3.3 ILEP communications strategy in place and being followed.	3.3.1 ILEP communication strategy in place and reported on. 3.3.2 Increase in ILEP branding through the Federation. 3.3.3 Increased social media presence. 3.3.3 Member satisfaction with ILEP Office leadership on World Leprosy Day planning and communications.
3.4 ILEP Office systems and processes are in place to enable it to deliver on above.	3.4.1 Quarterly Board reports showing progress on the Operational Strategy.
3.5 ILEP Office represents Members on GPZL Leadership Team.	3.5.1 Regular communication to Members of GPZL activities.



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