

Today 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 28 of these will be children.

Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. One-in-two people diagnosed with leprosy suffer moderate to severe depression and anxiety due to the prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease. Evidence shows over **3 million people** are living with undiagnosed leprosy. **4 million people** are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy.



But it is curable!

2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and for over 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease.

To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk.

With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope.



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Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease

