



# Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected By Leprosy - ENAPAL

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## 1 NEEDS ASSESSMENT 1 OVERVIEW

### Beyond Stigma

#### Methods:

- Focused group discussions, key informant interview, note-taking, audio recording, and transcription of group dialogues.
- Open, inclusive, and participatory data collection approach

#### Reach Summary:

- Total reached: 98 people
- 88 individuals affected by Hansens Deases
- 10 children of those affected by Hansens Deases and others
- Women: 40 / Teenager:1 / Older people: 31

## 5 ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

#### Methods used:

- FGD
- Semi-structured interviews

#### Participants:

- 7 (5 M and 2 F) Executive Board members
- 9 (6 males and 3 females) were ENAPAL staffs

## 2 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH RIGHTS FINDING

#### Key Results:

- The number of new leprosy cases and associated disability rates are increasing by over 100 per year within specific Hospital
- Lack of access to adequate medications.
- High levels of social stigma and discrimination, which lead to feelings of isolation and inadequate access to care.
- Mental health conditions are exacerbated by the stigma surrounding leprosy.

## 6 GAPS & OPPORTUNITIES

#### Key Findings:

- Limited funding sources. There are few number of organizations working on leprosy.
- Absence of staff assigned for resource mobilization and fundraising
- Limited capacity of board members on governance, strategic planning, and effective decision-making.
- Good networking and partnership with relevant local public authorities and other development partners
- Structures of branch association of leprosy-affected persons at regional and district level.

## 3 HUMAN RIGHT AND DISCRIMINATION FINDINGS

#### Key Results:

- Misconceptions about leprosy's transmission and severity.
- 93% felt rejected and unable to participate due to stigma.
- Social isolation, discrimination in employment, and barriers to accessing healthcare services.
- The stigma surrounding leprosy discourages people from seeking legal protection due to fear of further discrimination or isolation.

## 7 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS RECOMMENDATIONS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Capacitate staffs in proposal writing and resource mobilization training
- Looking for new potential donors
- Providing capacity building for the established branch
- associations through technical and financial assistance.
- Legal literacy workshops for organizational leaders

## 4 LESSONS AND SOLUTIONS

#### Lessons for the World

- Importance of engaging affected individuals in the decision-making process.
- A significant gap in knowledge and skills among the community
- Patients living in isolated locations or those who are bedridden often cannot reach healthcare facilities.

#### Recommendations

- Develop Targeted Awareness and Advocacy Programs at schools, workplaces, and local organizations to foster understanding and inclusivity.
- Empower local associations to effectively advocate for the rights of persons affected by Hansen's disease and improve their overall quality of life.
- Establish a Network of a dedicated Specialized Healthcare Workers.

## 8 WISH LIST BEFORE NEXT ILC

- All persons affected by leprosy access safe, respectful and inclusive health care services.
- Organizations become grant-ready and financially sustainable
- Enforcement law formulation and execution for marginalized groups
- Create active members to take part in lobby and advocacy enforcement of laws and ratified conventions.