

Project Title	Leprosy Field Research in Bangladesh
Project Location	Country: Bangladesh State / District: Nilphamari, Rangpur, Thakurgaon&Panchagarh District, North West part of Bangladesh
Project Beneficiaries	Direct beneficiaries: leprosy-affected people and their families Indirect beneficiaries: Communities that will be freed from the burden of risk of contracting leprosy and the consequences of disabilities and Government health staff and policy makers, will have better access to evidence regarding best practice in leprosy control
Project Duration	Start time: 1st July 2013 Finish time: 31st December 2016
Funding Agency	The Leprosy Mission Canada
Project Summery	<p>Project goal:An environment where innovative field-based research can be conducted in a high quality leprosy control program.</p> <p>Project objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further strengthen the capacity for leprosy research and ensure that reliable and trustworthy data can be generated and shared. 2. To maintain high-quality diagnosis and treatment of leprosy in Nilphamari, Rangpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts in order to support research into the epidemiology of leprosy and its transmission, as well as the diagnosis and management of the disease and its complications. <p>Key activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training on research methodology • Explanation of research protocols • Data collection in the 4 districts • Data entry • Liaison with a recognized ethics committee for timely ethics approval of all research • Updating of patient database • Backing up of database and important records • Archives of all data • Web-based database backup. • Research software upgrade (SPSS, ARCGIS, or equivalent) • Ensure/Maintain good internet access and communications • Reliable systems will be maintained for data transmission and communication • Vehicles will be maintained for field visits to clinics and patients • Medications will be stored in appropriate conditions (Chemotherapy trials)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate research networks will be maintained in Bangladesh and internationally• Dissemination of research results• Maintain good working relationships with relevant government staff• Diagnosis• Chemotherapy• Contact Management• <i>Management of complications</i> |
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