

GPZL Leadership Team Meeting
5 August 2021 | 13:00 - 14:00 CET

Participants

Leadership team members and guests

- Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur
- Amar Timalcina, President, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA) Nepal
- Benedict Quao, Program Manager, National Leprosy Elimination Program of Ghana
- Bill Simmons (Chair), President & CEO, American Leprosy Missions
- Deanna Hagge, Senior Research Advisor, The Leprosy Mission (TLM)
- Gangadhar Sunkara, Senior Global Program Clinical Head, Novartis
- Geoff Warne, CEO, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)
- Linda Hummel, Chair of Executive Group, Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI)
- Maarten van Cleeff, Former Director of Challenge TB project, KNCV
- Mathias Duck, Chair, ILEP Panel of Women and Men Affected by Leprosy
- Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation
- Wim van Brakel, Chair, ILEP Technical Commission (ITC)

Secretariat

- Andie Tucker, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Bill Gallo, Secretariat Director, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Caroline Cassard, Communications Specialist, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Mondie Tharp, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy

Invited but unable to attend

- Arielle Cavaliero, Global Franchise Lead, Leprosy, Novartis
- Erwin Cooreman, Team Leader, WHO Global Leprosy Programme
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre, Consultant to Brazilian Leprosy Programme
- Rao Pemmaraju, Technical Officer, WHO Global Leprosy Programme
- Rekha Shukla, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India
- Roch Christian Johnson, President, International Leprosy Association

Summary of Key Decisions / Action Items

- **Action Item** – Please submit any topics that you would like covered in the September and October LT meetings to the Secretariat.
- **Action Item** – Discuss how many new countries we will take on in 2022, due to COVID-19 delays in 2020 - 2021.

Meeting Agenda	
Presenter	Item
Bill Simmons	I. Welcome
Ganga Sunkara	II. Novartis in-person meeting recap
Bill Gallo Andie Tucker Mondie Tharp Caroline Cassard	III. Mid-year Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting on progress and delays in all work areas: research, communications/partnership, resource mobilization, and country work
Bill Simmons	IV. AOB
Meeting Notes	
Meeting Objective	Notes
Novartis meeting recap	<p>The meeting between Novartis leadership and The Task Force for Global Health leadership helped management understand the sustained commitment to GPZL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Novartis Foundation used to be partnered with GPZL. Now, Novartis Global Health is tackling big medical access problems in LMICs. Four flagship programs have been established: Sickle Cell, Malaria, Chagas, and Leprosy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The leprosy flagship has 3 divisions: drug development, business, medical affairs ● Working within the leprosy flagship has broadened GPZL's reach within Novartis. Novartis leadership is interested in becoming more involved in GPZL's country work.
Mid-year update	<p>See slides for information on research, communications, country work, resource mobilization and advocacy, and budget.</p> <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning of research meetings are underway although delayed. Now, we will develop concept notes for the first topic while the second workshop takes place, rather than waiting until all workshops are complete to develop concept notes. We plan to have the PEP research proposal targeted to a specific donor by the end of the year. ● Monitor the number of submissions to calculate an award success rate. <p>Country Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Country Model: An additional version of the Country Model is being developed. The current model is designed for GPZL to be at the center of

	<p>implementation. The future version will allow for countries to implement it independently, without GPZL leading the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Country selection: We are currently only working with 1 (Nepal) of the top-5 high-burden countries. GPZL should conduct more targeted outreach in anticipation of beginning work with other high-burden countries. <p>Resource Mobilization & Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● New opportunities: Current focus is on the upcoming research workshops, which will include an exercise on the theory of change or impact pathways. Resource mobilization advisors including The Task Force, Julie Jacobson, and ILEP institutions are contributing to landscaping of research funding.● High-level meetings: Instead of organizing high-level meetings (due to COVID-19), we should focus on mobilizing resources in-country. We need to attract domestic donors so that country work does not rely on international donors.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is strength in numbers if we partner with other NTD programmes to engage large donors.● Seed-funding concept note: The funding should be applied to areas that only require short-term funding. National programmes would have to demonstrate how an activity will be sustained after the seed-funding is complete.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Linda Hummel is interested in joining additional conversations about seed funding.
Key Upcoming Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Next LT meeting: 2 September 2021 at 13:00 CET - https://emory.zoom.us/j/96051181681● First research workshop: Week of 20 September 2021	