### GPZL Leadership Team Meeting
7 October 2021 | 13:00 - 14:30 CET

#### Participants

**Leadership team members and guests**
- Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur
- Amar Timalsina, President, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA) Nepal
- Arielle Cavaliero, Global Franchise Lead, Leprosy, Novartis
- 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)
- Maarten van Cleeff, Former Director of Challenge TB project, KNCV
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre, Consultant to Brazilian Leprosy Programme
- Rao Pemmaraju, Technical Officer, WHO Global Leprosy Programme
- Roch Christian Johnson, President, International Leprosy Association
- Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation

**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**
- Linda Hummel, Chair of Executive Group, Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI)
- Wim van Brakel, Chair, ILEP Technical Commission (ITC)

#### Summary of Key Decisions / Action Items

- **Action item** – The Budget Working Group will develop the 2022 workplan and will share it with LT for feedback in our meeting on 2 December.
- **Action item** – Ganga will share the findings from Novartis’ recent resource landscaping project.

#### Meeting Agenda
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<td>Bill Simmons</td>
<td>I. Welcome</td>
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<td>Bill Gallo, Mondie Tharp, Andie Tucker</td>
<td>II. Action framework and 2021 work plan</td>
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<td>● Overview of action framework</td>
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<td>● Review of 2021 work plan and current status of different workstreams</td>
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<td>3 Breakout room discussions</td>
<td>III. 2022 work plan discussion</td>
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<td>● Discuss research, resource mobilization and advocacy, and country work considerations for next year’s work plan</td>
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<td>Bill Simmons</td>
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**Meeting Notes**

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<td>Action framework and 2021 work plan</td>
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<td>Work plan discussion</td>
<td><strong>Resource mobilization and advocacy</strong> Mobilize general resources and build capacity of countries to lead national-level resource mobilization; build relationships; seed funding</td>
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<td>● New donors</td>
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<td>○ Many companies can offer technology or support but not funding</td>
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<td>○ Invite potential donors to the 2022 International Leprosy Congress</td>
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<td>○ The Task Force may provide new opportunities for us to develop relationships that could lead to funding</td>
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<td>● Existing donors</td>
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<td>○ Existing donors are not well-coordinated. If they can work on the same project/activities, we can help coordinate.</td>
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<td>○ Encourage existing donors to consider non-leprosy partners</td>
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<td>■ We need a formal mechanism for national-level partnerships to incorporate themselves so they can pursue funding</td>
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<td>● National governments and national partnerships</td>
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<td>○ National-level partnerships would connect the existing ILEP presence with the private sector and other foundations</td>
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<td>■ GPZL could support with cost prospecting</td>
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<td>■ GPZL should build relationships with other global health implementing entities to collaborate on larger scale funding opportunities, playing a smaller role within a larger proposal</td>
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- Leverage resources and commitment to sustain support from national governments
- If we have a clear idea of how much funding we want each country to raise by 2030, then we have a clearer ask

### Research
Integration at national and global levels
- **1) Integrate research with Country Model and country partnerships**
  - Global research vs. national research
  - Country-specific operational research
- **2) Encourage leprosy research to contribute to our research priorities**
  - How do GPZL research working groups contribute to the integration goals?
  - Research requires several years before findings can be integrated with country work
  - Country partners could be research sites
- **Challenges:** Lack of coordination and proper prioritisation
- **Action needed:** Increase in prioritisation and coordination among organizations and universities conducting research
  - How can GPZL facilitate partnership between existing research institutions?

### Country Work
- **Define role with expanded group of countries**
  - Maximize our reach—23 WHO priority countries
  - Finalize the application/selection process
    - Prioritise countries that applied previously
  - Define role with non-formal country partners
    - Maintain open access to tools and knowledge products; make review and action planning tools publicly available
    - Offer technical assistance and build out the Zero Leprosy Toolkit to include more resources and translations
    - Regional action plans based on countries’ similarities
- **Implement a tiered system of country support**
- **Develop post-action planning role**
  - Document lessons learned from countries and share feedback from countries
- **Integrate resource mobilization with Country Model**
  - Show results from current partner countries: GPZL convened partners, raised awareness of leprosy in-country, improved country ownership, and renewed energy to achieve zero leprosy
  - Formalize communication from our country partners (narratives from stakeholders); put a human face on the country work (more stories from the field)
- Alignment - Continue to align the Country Model with the NTD Roadmap and recommendations from the Task Force for Certification of Elimination of Leprosy (TFCEL)
- Strengthen country ownership

### Key Upcoming Dates

- **Next LT meeting**: 4 November 2021, 13:00 - 14:30 CET
- **Second research workshop**: 6 - 9 December 2021