

PROGRESS TOWARD ZERO LEPROSY

New global leprosy data shows the path to disease elimination

Incidence



127 000 people diagnosed
in 96 countries



9 000 children included in
new diagnoses



7 000 newly diagnosed
people with grade-2
disability

Successes



>88% of MDT treatments
completed



15+ countries have used
SDR-PEP to reduce
transmission*



11 countries are working
with the Global Partnership
for Zero Leprosy

Challenges



COVID-19 disrupted active
case-finding



Stigma prevents people
from seeking care



130 discriminatory laws
remain in 23 countries*

Action Needed



Close contacts receive a
single dose of rifampicin to
stop transmission



Country ownership and
national programme
leadership



Meaningful engagement of
persons affected

Source: 2020 data from the World Health Organization Global Leprosy Update and the

*International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)