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)*