**Minutes of meeting of Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy (GPZL) Leadership Team**

**Held by Zoom at 13:00 hours CET on 13 September 2023**

**Attendees:**

*Leadership Team (LT) Invited but unable to attend*

Takahiro Nanri (Acting Chair) Deanna Hagge

Lucrécia Vasquez Acevedo Benedict Quao

Linda Hummel Bill Simmons

Subbanna Jonnalagada Jordan Tappero

Berta Mendiguren Amar Timalsina

Sunil Modali

Mauricio Nobre *Support*

Faustino Pinto Monty Mukhier (ILEP)

P. Narasimha Rao Spanish and Portuguese interpreters

Emmy van der Grinten

Geoff Warne

1. **Introduction**

Taka Nanri welcomed everyone and summarized briefly the status of arrangements for venue, visas and travel for the October meeting in Delhi.

1. **Draft agenda for Leadership Team meeting, 7-9 October in Delhi**

The draft program and agenda had been circulated on behalf of the Steering Committee. Geoff Warne summarized each day’s proposed agenda in turn and there were comments and questions.

*Day One (Saturday 7 October)*

Most comments centred around morning visit to a leprosy colony. Various LT members suggested that the selected colony could include a health centre and programs related to social aspects of leprosy, rehabilitation, economic development and community integration. However there was acknowledgement that the main purpose is to get an understanding of the conditions under which real people live and work, and to hear their stories, so that the LT can then proceed with its business in a more sensitized way. Taka agreed to share these ideas with those undertaking the planning. A profile of the selected colony will be shared with the LT.

For the afternoon program, various LT members suggested a brainstorm to help identify strategies for broad agreement, more detailed timelines, and a brief session on lessons learned in the first five years of GPZL. Emmy offered to share an infographic from the TB world which may help to structure thinking on the person centred/disease centred issue across the continuum of care.

*Days Two and Three (Sunday 8 – Monday 9 October)*

The main concern was that there may not be enough time to reach a decision on strategy by the middle of Sunday, so the session on structure should be pushed back to the Monday.

1. **Participation and preparation for the October meeting**

Taka emphasized that LT members, including whoever is representing institutional members, should be fully prepared when the meeting begins. This needs to include thorough reading of the meeting papers. Opportunities will also be offered for briefing by Zoom before the meeting.

1. **Next steps**

Taka said that the Steering Committee will now build a final program for the meeting, taking into account inputs shared today, and circulate it for any final comments. He thanked everyone for their participation, and the meeting closed at around 13:55 CET.