Nepal

Overview
In Nepal, American Leprosy Missions partners with two of the busiest leprosy hospitals in the world to treat leprosy, prevent disabilities, improve WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), share the love of Jesus and transform the lives – and communities – of people affected by leprosy and related diseases.

Projects and Partners
- SMILE Prevention of Disability
  - Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal Leprosy Trust
- Self-Help Group Strengthening
  - Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal Leprosy Trust
- USAID ASHA Hospital Infrastructure Grants
  - Anandaban Hospital, The Leprosy Mission Nepal
  - Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal Leprosy Trust
- Ending NTDs through Women-Led WASH
  - Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal Leprosy Trust
- Village Alive
  - Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal Leprosy Trust Ireland

Your Support Transforms Lives By
- Developing self-help groups for people affected by leprosy and related diseases
- Supporting hospital staff including doctors, physiotherapists and lab technicians
- Providing reconstructive surgeries and special, protective footwear
- Educating communities to promote early treatment and reduce stigma
- Providing literacy programs, micro-credit loans, vocational training, nutrition assistance and advocacy
- Treating people affected, preventing disability and training health workers
- Improving the health system by updating hospital infrastructure
- Empowering women, educating communities about health and hygiene, and improving water and sanitation
Major Objectives and Activities

- Provide accurate diagnosis of leprosy
  - Conduct lab tests, screen patients, provide counseling

- Prevent and manage disabilities
  - Provide physical therapy, wound care, self-care training, nerve function tests, counseling, ultrasounds, eye care, protective footwear, ulcer surgery and treatment of reactions

- Support government health workers
  - Conduct supervisory visits and train health workers to properly detect, diagnose and treat leprosy

- Empower people affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis
  - Conduct self-care training
  - Distribute micro-credit loans
  - Build houses for community members
  - Train and equip self-help group facilitators
  - Provide nutritional support for children under age five
  - Support literacy and education

- Provide critical facility upgrades and increase the resiliency of the health system
  - Replace three earthquake-damaged buildings at Anandaban Hospital: trauma center, emergency ward and maternity block
  - Complete hospital infrastructure improvements at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital

- Improve WASH conditions and reduce NTDs
  - Train communities, self-help groups and health workers on WASH, NTDs and human rights
• Improve health and hygiene in vulnerable and at-risk communities
  o Educate thousands of families, teachers and school children
  o Install hand-washing stations in schools
• Increase access to safe drinking water and improve sanitation
  o Test water quality and protect water sources from contamination through infrastructure improvements
  o Install toilets in schools and villages, water pumps, and community bathing enclosures to provide privacy for women

When Ramchandra (right) was diagnosed with leprosy, he was thrown out of his village. Our partners at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital provided him with treatment, counseling and self-care training. Now he leads a self-help group and is a respected leader in his village.

FY 2019 Budget
$609,284

Impact
240,000 people

Date Started in Country
1982