Country Profile

Nigeria

Overview
American Leprosy Missions works with local partners to locate people suffering from neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) like leprosy, Buruli ulcer, yaws and lymphatic filariasis and provide them with quality, accessible, affordable care. Using the *Ten Steps* health guide developed by our staff, health workers, affected people and their families are equipped to manage and prevent disabilities.

Projects and Partners
- Integrated Morbidity Management of NTDs
  - German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association
  - Federal Ministry of Health, Government of Nigeria
- AIM Initiative
  - Federal Ministry of Health, Government of Nigeria
  - The Leprosy Mission Nigeria

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- Mapping NTDs and related disabilities in partnership with the Ministry of Health in order to better target resources
- Providing health worker training in wound care and disability management and prevention
- Conducting basic self-care training for 150 people affected by neglected diseases like leprosy and Buruli ulcer
- Distributing *Ten Steps* health guide training materials developed by our staff
**Major Objectives and Activities**

- Collect and map data on NTDs and related disabilities to inform the development of a national plan to target cure and care to those most in need

- Improve knowledge and skills of health care workers and communities to identify, treat and manage disease complications
  - Train eight health care workers and conduct regular supervisory visits
  - Promote proper treatment, care and training at the community and state levels

- Promote transfer of self-care knowledge and skills from health workers to people affected by NTDs
  - Conduct basic self-care training for 150 affected people

- Improve self-care practices among patients and community members
  - Distribute training materials and conduct regular supervisory visits

**FY 2018 Budget**

$42,680

**Impact**

Millions of people affected by NTDs, throughout the entire country of Nigeria, will be mapped. 150 patients with disabilities from neglected diseases and their immediate relatives, plus eight health care workers, will be trained to detect and treat NTDs amongst the 178,000 residents of two regions, Okpoko and Ogbakuba.

**Date Started in Country**

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