

Integrating health care and rural development

Disease Eradication Programmes

1. MAITRI Leprosy Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre since 1989

MAITRI supports the government services in the fight against leprosy in 3,651 villages with population 4,788,066, as well as in a parallel action of support of individuals affected by the disease in the **prevention of deformities programme (POD)** involving to date 17,538 old and new patients, in **awareness campaigns** (IEC and IPC) through individual and mass health education to the entire district, and in a **referral leprosy hospital** for South Bihar. 1,458 patients have been successfully treated for ulcers and severe reactions, and 99 patients have been rehabilitated thanks to **reconstructive surgery**.



MB patient Ramswaroop Paswan with injured puppy Reha

2. MAITRI Tuberculosis Treatment since 1995

MAITRI provides free-of-charge medical care, pathological tests and additional medicines to TB patients as well as free nutritional supplements, food supplies, and other aid, including hospitalization in MAITRI's hospital, to needy patients. To date directly registered 8,893 and hospitalized 293 cases.

MAITRI's programme covers 1,300 villages with a population of 1,365,362.



Dr Verma checks up young TB inpatient, Deepa Kumari, at MAITRI hospital

3. MAITRI HIV/AIDS since 2004

The awareness programme covers all provinces of Gaya District, but targets truck drivers along the Delhi-Calcutta highway and nearby villages. Addressed totally 1,466,561 people with distribution of condoms provided by the government services.

The drives are usually combined with **TB awareness**.

Health & Welfare Programmes

1.&2. MAITRI Mother & Child Care since 1997, Birth Control since 1999

Weak expectant women (**pre- and post-natal care**) and malnourished little children (**child care 0-5 years**) are provided free medicines, including anti-tetanus vaccine, vitamins, supplements, iodized salt, and food when required, at weekly drop-in clinics and mobile clinics. **Contraception** advice is also provided.

Both programmes operate in 3 provinces. To date registered 6,941 women and delivered 5,503 healthy babies, treated 3,568 children.

Since 2014 the programme includes **anaemic and undernourished girls** from 6 to 14. Monthly distribution of sanitary pads. So far treated 602 cases.



Mother and child mobile clinic on Thursdays

3. MAITRI Humanitarian Aid since 1996

Relief materials in the form of food items and milk powder/cereals (6,470), clothing as well as blankets and sweaters (16,766), special footwear (8,785), educational material (3,386), and other forms of aid are provided to carefully selected needy people - adults and children up to 14. The programme covers the entire district.



Distribution of blankets in the winter

Rural Development Programmes

1. MAITRI Primary Education since 1999

Based on a unique concept of partnership between MAITRI and the villagers of selected villages located in remote areas of Bodhgaya province, the villagers construct and maintain the school buildings while MAITRI provides teachers, educational equipment, materials, and aid in kind to poorer pupils. Admission is free for all children and a formal education programme is provided in English medium up to 5th grade.

After running 4 schools for over 10 years, MAITRI currently operates only at Fulcharat Village school and serves 5 villages (population 8,050). Registered 150 pupils.

The *adult literacy programme* is related to MAITRI's grounds workers with daily 1-hour classes on site. So far benefitted 130 people.



First class pupils at Fulcharat School

2. MAITRI Water Resources & Afforestation since 2007

MAITRI educates villagers in rural areas on a sustainable utilization of water resources, which are getting scarce, and on tree cover to prevent desertification.

3. MAITRI Animal Care since 1994

MAITRI runs a shelter for rescued dogs, goats and other needy animals, provides veterinary care and education,



The goats enclosure at MAITRI

and *Animal Birth Control (ABC)* for street dogs. Overall sterilized 3,356 dogs and other animals.

At present MAITRI looks after 74 dogs, 28 goats, 9 large animals, and other species.

MAITRI Charitable Trust's Objectives

MAITRI Charitable Trust, a socially engaged trust with a vision, was set up with clearly specified objectives:

- to establish institutions for the prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation of leprosy patients and other disabled persons;
- to promote the educational, medical, economic and social advancement of Indians in general and the people of Bihar in particular;
- to establish and maintain dispensaries, health centres and hospitals;
- to establish and maintain projects for the benefit of the local community in the fields of health, nutrition, literacy and agriculture;
- to establish educational institutions such as schools;
- to establish and promote veterinary care programmes, establish and maintain shelters for stray animals, and promote humane treatment of animals;
- to issue appeals and applications for money and funds in furtherance of stated objectives.



Staff and patients celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights, on November 11, 2018

Supporting MAITRI

Through your support, we can together provide assistance for **leprosy patients**, make medical treatment and food available to **people infected with TB**, provide vital medical assistance and care for **expecting mothers** and **new born babies**, save the lives of **malnourished little children**, heal **anaemic young girls**, offer physical rehabilitation to **disabled persons**, provide precious information on the **prevention of diseases**, provide **primary education** to impoverished rural children in their villages, contribute to **holistic development** in villages, rescue **abandoned, dying animals**, in the Bodhgaya region of India.....today.



Priyanka Devi with son Madan at MAITRI mobile clinic

You can help in a number of different ways:

- Make a financial donation today
- Consider bequeathing a donation to MAITRI in your will/legacy
- **For \$100** you can
 - Restore a TB patient's health
 - Help a little child's survival
 - Sponsor a child's education for a year
 - Sponsor a disabled person's rehabilitation
- **For \$40** you can
 - Sponsor an animal's upkeep for a year
- **Volunteer** in our programmes
- **Visit** the leprosy centre and programmes
- Found a **Friends of MAITRI** group in your area or country

Donations from India (1) can be sent directly to

MAITRI Leprosy Centre
PO Box 32, Bodhgaya
Gaya District, Bihar 824 231

Donations from abroad (2) can be made on-line through <https://my.fpmt.org/donate/maitri>, by credit card or by cheque in favour of **FPMT Inc.**, specifying "for **MAITRI Charitable Trust**", and sent to

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or **(3)** for donations for animal care **only** from within the USA, by cheque in favour of **Help Animals India** specifying "for **MAITRI Charitable Trust**" and sent to

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