

ESTABLISHED 1989

ST. JOSEPH'S

LEPROSY PATIENTS SOCIETY



ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

KALASAPAKKAM

TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT | TAMIL NADU



FOUNDER'S NOTE

“With grateful hearts, we give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing grace and guidance throughout our journey.

St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients Society was founded with a simple but meaningful purpose—to care for people affected by leprosy with love, dignity, shelter and hope. What began as a compassionate idea has grown into a shared mission, made possible by God's blessings and the kindness of many generous hearts.

‘This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.’

— Psalm 118:23

I offer my heartfelt thanks to every donor, well-wisher, volunteer, staff member and friend who has stood with us. Your prayers, encouragement and support have helped us bring comfort and care to those who need it most.

Inspired by the words, ‘Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’ (Matthew 25:40), we hope to reach many more people in the years ahead and continue serving them with compassion and faith.

May the Lord bless everyone who shares in this mission and guide us as we carry this work forward.

With gratitude and prayers,

Mr. John

Founder

St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients Society



Rooted in Service. Committed to Dignity.

St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients Society (STJLPS) was established in 1989 with a commitment to stand alongside persons affected by leprosy and their families. For more than three decades, the organisation has worked in rural communities with a focus on dignity, inclusion and access to essential support.

Rooted in Kalasapakkam Block of Tiruvannamalai District, STJLPS works to improve understanding of Hansen's disease, reduce stigma and strengthen the wellbeing of individuals and families. Its community initiatives include awareness, healthcare assistance, education, self-help promotion and support in accessing government welfare schemes.

As community needs evolved, the organisation extended its service to persons with disabilities and children requiring special education and care. This continuing journey reflects the founding vision of Rev. Fr. Schlooz and Mr. P. John: compassionate service grounded in equality and respect.

1989

THE JOURNEY
BEGAN

3+ DECADES
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

KALASAPAKKA
M

PRINCIPAL SERVICE AREA

TIRUVANNAMAL
AI

TAMIL NADU

OUR VISION

"Transformation of communities that accept leprosy as any other disease and treat persons affected by leprosy and their families on an equal footing with others."

A Year of Continued Care

Through community-based support, STJLPS continued to serve persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, children and vulnerable rural families.

48

VILLAGES

Reached through leprosy-awareness
medical camps

1,460

PEOPLE

Reached through awareness activities
812 males | 648 females

160

FAMILIES

Supported through rice distribution

160

PEOPLE

Provided with MCR footwear

62

PEOPLE

Assisted with medical-treatment expenses

512

PEOPLE

Examined through rural eye camps

CARE IN ACTION



**Practical
support,
delivered with
dignity**

Community-based
assistance remains
central to the work of
STJLPS.

Programme figures are based on information provided by STJLPS.

LEPROSY CARE & FAMILY SUPPORT

Restoring Comfort. Strengthening Independence.

STJLPS provides practical, community-based assistance to persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities and economically vulnerable families—responding to everyday needs with dignity and care.

NUTRITION & ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

Rice was distributed throughout the year to 160 families affected by leprosy and other disabilities.

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Clothing support was provided to 284 people—158 males and 126 females.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance towards medical treatment was provided to 62 people facing barriers to timely care.

MOBILITY & SOCIAL PROTECTION

MCR footwear was provided to 160 people. STJLPS also assisted 13 persons affected by leprosy and 7 persons with other disabilities to access government maintenance grants.

CARE THAT RESPONDS TO EVERYDAY NEEDS

From food and clothing to treatment assistance and protective footwear, STJLPS continues to provide practical support close to the community.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & CONTINUING CARE

Care Close to Home.

For persons affected by leprosy and other disabilities, access to appropriate care can make an important difference in everyday life. STJLPS continues to respond through practical health assistance, protective support and community-based care.

Its work during the year included assistance towards medical treatment, distribution of MCR footwear and support for people seeking access to government maintenance grants. These interventions reflect an approach centred on meeting immediate needs while helping people remain connected to essential services.



A SIMPLE CONTINUUM OF CARE

01

IDENTIFY

A health need is recognised.

02

ATTEND

Individual care and treatment support.

03

PROTECT

MCR footwear and practical assistance.

04

FOLLOW

Continued connection with community care.

62

PEOPLE

assisted with medical-treatment expenses

160

PEOPLE

provided with MCR footwear

Care is not only about treatment. It is also about helping people stay mobile, comfortable and connected to support within their community.

A Place to Learn. A Place to Belong.

STJLPS continues to organise its Special School for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other support needs. The programme provides a structured environment for learning, participation and care, supported by qualified special educators.

During the reporting period, the school served **25 children**, with services provided by **four qualified Special Teachers**. The programme also receives support from the government.



25
CHILDREN
SUPPORTED

4
SPECIAL TEACHERS
QUALIFIED SUPPORT

LEARN
EVERYDAY SKILLS
THROUGH PARTICIPATION

BELONG
SUPPORTED SPACE
WITH CARE

LEARNING • PARTICIPATION • ROUTINE • CARE

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Continuing with Care.

STJLPS has worked alongside rural communities in Kalasapakkam for more than three decades. Its continuing work connects people with practical assistance, public services and community support.

REACHING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE



HOME
Regular visits



GUIDANCE
Vazhi Kattum
Thittam



ACCESS
Government
facilities & schemes

**WITH
GRATITUDE**

STJLPS thanks its staff, government departments, community leaders, self-help groups, teachers, children, youth groups, donors and supporters for their cooperation and support.

Care. Dignity. Community.