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# Call for Grant Proposals for Hansen’s Disease FY2024

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Through its grant program, Sasakawa Health Foundation is promoting projects to build a society where Hansen's disease (leprosy) is not deemed an issue, discrimination and stigma do not exist, and persons affected by Hansen's disease can receive the treatment and services they need. In FY2024, we are supporting projects in three areas: tackling disease, fighting discrimination, and preserving history.

projects begin.

Please carefully read the following Application Guidelines before you apply.

## Application Guidelines

### 1. Application Period

For projects starting in April 2024: November 8  
– December 8, 2023

For projects starting in September 2024: March  
11 – April 12, 2024

### 2. Period of Support

March 10, 2025

Projects starting in September 2024:

September 1, 2024 – March 10, 2025

\* All projects (tackling disease, fighting discrimination, preserving history) are, in principle, for 1 to 3 years.

\* For multi-year projects, applications are required on an annual basis.

### **3. Areas of Support and Priority Countries**

#### **A. Tackling Disease**

providing high-quality Hansen's disease services (e.g., early detection and treatment, prevention of transmission, rehabilitation) in endemic countries.

- Activities for early detection, treatment and prevention of leprosy, and for creating support mechanisms to ensure that patients continue their treatment until it is completed.
- Activities to share experience and transfer know-how to healthcare personnel with insufficient knowledge of Hansen's disease.

schools that promote awareness of the importance and methods of early diagnosis and treatment.

Priority countries: Countries reporting more than 1,000 annual new cases or with a disease prevalence rate above 1.0 per 10,000 population

#### **B. Fighting Discrimination**

We support activities to empower persons affected by Hansen's disease

discrimination they face by strengthening their organizations' foundations and networks to enable them to gain a solid foothold in society and develop sustainably as the primary stakeholders at the heart of resolving issues related to Hansen's disease.

- Organizational strengthening and empowerment of People's Organizations including human resource development, as well as network building between organizations.
- Activities that contribute to the empowerment of persons

(e.g. promotion of participation, capacity building, establishment of economic base, participation in policy-making process)

- Educational support for children of persons affected by Hansen's disease.
- Activities that deepen understanding of issues surrounding Hansen's disease through awareness raising and network building among key actors as well as investigative research and surveys in related fields.



more than 1,000 annual new cases or with a disease prevalence rate above 1.0 per 10,000 population as well as countries where discrimination against leprosy remains a social issue

### **C. Preserving History**

The history of Hansen's disease holds many lessons for future generations regarding the treatment, care and integration into the community of individuals with stigmatizing diseases,

impairments, and the importance of safeguarding human rights. SHF funding for history preservation focuses not only on the medical history of Hansen's disease but also on its social impact, with a particular focus on the lives of those who personally experienced the disease. We welcome proposals that highlight the resilience of persons affected by Hansen's disease and their efforts to lead a dignified existence in the face of stigma and discrimination.

- Collection of histories and historical materials: Collect life

(and the stories behind the materials), before it is too late.

- Preservation of historical materials: Preserve fast-deteriorating historical materials for future generations through archiving, digitalization and online databases; develop web content that gives issues surrounding Hansen's disease relevance to contemporary audiences.
- Human resource development for history preservation: Provide training to groups who recognize the need for history preservation but who lack

networks and develop human resources to promote the search for and collection of historical materials.

- Awareness-raising and advocacy to expand the circle of history preservation activities: Conduct activities to sensitize potential collaborators outside the field of Hansen's disease (e.g. researchers, archivists, government agencies), and promote search for and collection of historical materials.
- Research: Carry out action-oriented research that assigns

leads to better policies and practices for preserving and disseminating knowledge about Hansen's disease history and heritage. Applicants for funding will need to show how the research results will be used and the expected impact of the research as a condition of support.

Priority countries: Countries where proposals for activities that can serve as a model for other countries in preserving Hansen's disease history or that contribute to the transfer of

possible.

#### **4. Annual average amount of support**

The amount of funding varies depending on the contents and nature of the project. For reference, the average figures for FY2023 are USD 20,000-40,000.

#### **5. Eligible Applicants**

Applicants must be non-profit organizations and may include educational and research institutions. Sasakawa Health Foundation (SHF) does not accept applications from, nor

organizations.

## 6. Expenses Covered

- Expenses necessary for carrying out the project. Management costs should account for no more than 10% of project costs.
- Please contact us in advance regarding the purchase of equipment such as personal computers.
- Items not covered: Personnel costs not related to the project, management costs exceeding 10% of the total grant, expenditures that cannot be justified such as purchases

and land.

- Although the project period ends March 10, fixed expenses (e.g. office rent, personnel cost related to the project, etc.) incurred during March can be included in expenses.

## 7. Important Notes

- Our fiscal year is from April 1 to March 31.
- Projects are to start in April or September in principle. All projects should conclude by March 10 regardless of when they begin. For example, a 1-year project that begins in September and ends the following August would be treated as a 2-year



March, 2nd year: April to August)

- For multi-year projects, the book should be closed in March each year. Roll-over of any remaining budget to the following fiscal year is not permitted.
- Please retain proof of all expenditures.
- The organization must have a bank account to receive the grant.
- In principle, an organization is eligible to apply for only one scheme at a time. This is to enable us to offer grants to more organizations.
- SHF may send a Request for Proposal to targeted organizations.

Please submit your proposal by filling out **the Grant Application Form**. You can download **Draft Form (Excel)** to prepare your application. We will be in touch again within 21 days, only if we are interested in learning more. Re-submission of previously rejected proposals is not accepted.

#### **9. Examination Criteria**

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Reliability of the organization (track record, appropriate information

organization has legal person status)

- Ability to send reports, communicate information in English.
- Organization is willing to continue the project activity after the end of the grant period by putting in place a plan and system to do so.
- Project objectives are clear and appropriate and will have a large impact.

#### **10. Handling of personal information**

Personal information collected at the time of the grant application will be used for administrative purposes related to the grant

questionnaire implementation and various notifications, in accordance with the Foundation's policy on the protection of personal information.

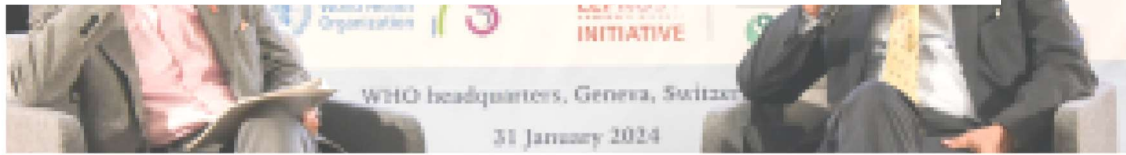
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