

International Leprosy Summit -Overcoming the remaining challenges Bangkok, Thailand, 24–26 July 2013

Conclusions

1. The Summit noted challenges facing countries in reducing the burden of leprosy. Such challenges include: reducing Grade 2 disabilities in new cases through early case detection; access to equitable and quality health care including rehabilitation and referral systems; the need to strengthen human resources; raising awareness about leprosy; , promoting leprosy, wherever appropriate, as an integral part of neglected tropical diseases; and reliable information systems.
2. With a view to overcoming the remaining challenges, countries renewed their commitment to reducing the burden of leprosy.
3. The commitment and contribution of national and international partners in overcoming the burden of leprosy was acknowledged, and the importance of further strengthening partnerships was emphasized.
4. The Summit emphasized the importance of involvement and participation of communities and people affected by leprosy, including in efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination.
5. The Summit emphasized the need for adequate resources for supporting programme implementation.
6. The Summit recognized the continuing need for supporting research in leprosy.

Recommendation

The Summit *recommends* full implementation of the Bangkok Declaration – Towards a leprosy-free world – in all countries.