

- 1. Witness to Christ's reconciling and saving love for all people, especially to people affected by leprosy, who He actively sought out to heal and to restore.** This is sharing about Christ's redemptive work and the opportunity to have lives transformed through a living relationship with God. This should be communicated appropriately and sensitively according to context. This mark is about allowing opportunities for the sharing of faith by staff, or church members who may be involved in the intervention. ***E.g. from KKM, Sri Lanka** The many Christian staff and volunteers as well as church volunteers witness to Christ's love through their acceptance and support to people affected by leprosy. They also share their faith, listen, counsel and pray with people affected by leprosy if they are happy with this. Some have become Christians.*
- 2. Build transforming communities of faith, through training and discipleship, which are welcoming, accessible, inclusive and supportive to people and families, affected by leprosy, disability and other neglected tropical diseases.** Faith is more than just attending a church or another place of worship once a week. In the Great Commission Christ calls us to 'make disciples'. Discipleship is about learning from and following the teacher. Just as Jesus loved, served and healed people affected by leprosy, people with disability and people with other diseases, His disciples should do likewise. Therefore, churches should be involved in transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy. Likewise, members of other faiths should also follow the teachings of their leaders and be involved in serving people affected by leprosy. This mark is about facilitating the involvement of leaders and members of churches, temples and mosques in actions to serve people affected by leprosy. ***E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has been doing this by providing training and leprosy awareness through churches, the 'Breaking the silence conferences' and its use of Pastors as Ambassadors for Change which all contribute to making churches more welcoming and accessible to people affected by leprosy. Some churches are supporting the Leprosy People's Association of Sri Lanka financially. In addition district*

interfaith leprosy committees have been set up, which raise awareness, work on stigma reduction and get involved in leprosy case detection.

- 3. Respond to the needs of people, families and communities affected by leprosy, disability and other neglected tropical diseases, through loving service, which empowers them and builds their capacity.** Loving service is very much the core of what TLM has been about providing practical support in various ways, however this should not lead to donor dependency but empower & develop sustainability. Examples of this mark might include: hospital services, CBR, livelihood support and savings. ***E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has been doing this by meeting their needs for medical treatment for leprosy and its complications, as well as supporting them in practical ways such as sanitation, nutrition, water supply and agricultural training.*
- 4. Seek to transform the unjust structures of society which discriminate against people affected by leprosy, through international, national and local level advocacy, as well as seeking to support Leprosy Affected Peoples organisations, so that they can bring about change themselves.** This mark is about rights-based approaches which seek to obtain government benefits and entitlements for people affected by leprosy as well as involvement in advocacy initiatives. ***E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has been doing this by training Ambassadors for Change and Leprosy Champions as advocates for people affected by leprosy, through KKM's own advocacy and seminars it will aim to reduce leprosy stigma and discrimination. While through developing and building capacity of the 'Leprosy People's Association of Sri Lanka' it will enable People affected by leprosy themselves to obtain their rights and entitlements as well as contribute to national leprosy policy and practise.*
- 5. Respect God's creation, ensuring that our activities do not have consequences which would increase environmental degradation or climate change, as this would disproportionately affect poor leprosy affected communities, which rely on natural resources for their wellbeing.** As an organisation based on Christian values, we believe God created the earth, values it and cares about its future. This is the primary motivation to ensure our work is environmentally sustainable. Vulnerable and marginalised communities and households which contain the majority of people affected by leprosy are often living in less desirable locations which are more susceptible to natural disaster and climate change

impacts. In addition, due to poverty and tradition they are often more reliant on natural resources. This makes it even more important for a leprosy focused organisation to ensure its operations adversely impact on the environment. This mark is about reducing the environmental impact of our activities, whether at project level or through reducing the carbon footprint of national offices. ***E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has been doing this by encouraging environmental good practise such as reduction of pollution, clean water and promoting of environmental sustainability across all its activities. In terms of livestock promotion, it will ensure the good welfare of the animals that are being farmed, and the improved farming methods it promotes will be organic environmentally sustainable ones. These will result in better soils and fertility of the land and prevent environmental degradation. Tree plantation (particularly coconuts) will take up carbon and contribute to climate change mitigation. KKM also promotes climate change adaptation and its supporting branches of the Leprosy People's Association to produce disaster management plans.*

6. **Follow Christ in prioritising those most marginalised and working to ensure equitable focus is given to inclusion of those of all genders, ethnic groups, and social status in supporting case detection and holistic rehabilitation for people affected by leprosy.** TLM believes in the equal value of all people, however due to the unequal societies in which we work, the impact of leprosy is felt disproportionately (such as among ethnic minorities and among low caste/low status communities) and the number of new female cases detected is often proportionally low. This mark is about addressing inequalities and taking active steps (such as with gender and inclusion plans) to provide leprosy services to all. ***E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has been promoting gender equity, working for inclusion of low caste Hindu communities and seeking to equal participation of the different ethnic and religious communities in its programmes and within the Leprosy People's Association.*

7. **Provide inner wellbeing support for people affected by leprosy in order that they receive psychosocial, spiritual and emotional healing and long-term support from their peers and from trained staff.** Reliance on the 'medical model' can overlook the inner needs of people affected by leprosy. For as well as physical inclusion they often require inner healing from the trauma resulting from diagnosis of leprosy, hurts from the stigma and discrimination they have faced, as well as associated loss of

employment, loss of self-confidence or even loss of limbs due to amputation due to the effect of complications. **E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** has a trained psychologist on staff who has trained other staff on basic counselling (focusing on listening skills), provides counselling herself and has set up referral systems to the Government mental health services for those who need more specialist support. In addition within the Leprosy People's Association and Self-Care Groups there a strong culture of peer support. And tools to support emotional wellbeing such as 'Playback theatre and storytelling are utilised.

8. **God's guidance is sought in decision making and strategizing through prayer and contemplation.** This is rooted in the assumption that TLM, was inspired by and belongs to God. That TLM is seeking to serve God through involvement in 'God's mission to this earth' in particular bring the Good News of transformation to people affected by leprosy. We recognise that in seeking God's wisdom and guidance, through working alongside Him we can be more effective in our efforts. **E.g. KKM, Sri Lanka** is led by a Christian Priest, and values prayer and reflection which are part of the organisation's regular practise.