## Leprosy is curable

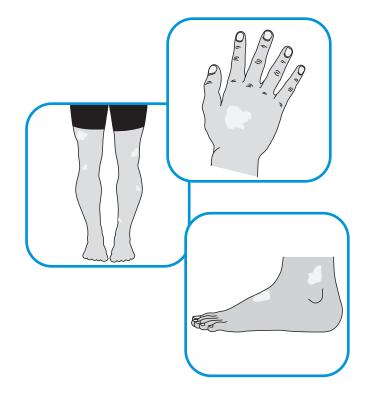
## Free treatment is available at health centres



Leprosy is caused by a germ. It is not a curse. It is not hereditary.

Casual touch, like shaking hands or playing together or working in the same office, will not transmit or spread leprosy.





Leprosy usually starts as a patch without sensation

- no feeling of touch and pain
- can be anywhere on the body.

It is important to see a health worker or a doctor as soon as you notice any of these skin changes.





Leprosy can be cured with medicines within 6–12 months. Multidrug therapy (MDT) taken regularly:

- ensures complete cure
- prevents deformities
- stops transmission to other individuals.



People affected by leprosy can lead a normal and dignified life like any other person.