

WHO-Global Leprosy Programme (GLP)

Advocacy for sustaining achievements and preventing complacency

Achievements

- Multi drug therapy (MDT) cured close to 16 million persons with leprosy, globally
- Achieved elimination of leprosy as a public health problem at the national level in most countries
- “Enhanced global strategy for further reducing the disease burden due to Leprosy 2011–2015” is now in implementation — in collaboration with the partners

Remaining Challenges

- 18 countries still detect more than 1000 cases annually
- Reduced resources including expertise for leprosy work, globally
- Physical and socioeconomic rehabilitation of affected persons
- Sustain basic awareness to seek early treatment



'International Leprosy Summit: Overcoming the Remaining Challenges'

24 – 26 July 2013 in Bangkok Thailand

Objectives:

- Reaffirm political commitment
- Announce the 'Bangkok Declaration'
by a group of Honourable Ministers of Health

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