

**Leprosy
is
curable**

Flipbook for ASHA

How to use this flipbook?

The colourful illustrations given in this flipbook are for the audience and the description given in it is for ASHA.

- 1 ASHA expresses her gratitude to the audience
- 2 ASHA introduces herself to the audience and interacts with them.
- 3 ASHA shows the picture to the audience and asks what makes sense by seeing the picture.
- 4 ASHA, please read the message related to pictures.
- 5 If one of the audience asks a question, ASHA listens to them, understands and then answers.
- 6 If ASHA does not know the answer to the questions, she tells the audience that she will answer after consulting her supervisor.
- 7 ASHA tells viewers that today she will give information related to leprosy through two stories.



ASHA, Introduce viewers to the characters in the stories



MOHINI

Mohini stitches the clothes of the women of the village. She lives in the village with her husband, two children and in-laws. The villagers are very fond of Mohini for her work.



ASHA

She is a devoted ASHA of the village, who lives with her husband, daughter and mother-in-law. Mohini is a very good friend of Asha, and they both share their happiness and sorrow together.



SITARA

Sitara is a very beautiful girl from the village who lives with her parents and often contributes to farming. She is a shy girl.

Story of leprosy-free Mohini and untreated Sitara

Story 1: Story of leprosy-free Mohini and untreated Sitara



MOHINI

Mohini stitches the clothes of the women of the village. She lives in the village with her husband, two children and in-laws. The villagers love Mohini very much for her work.



ASHA

She is a devoted ASHA of the village, who lives with her husband, daughter and mother-in-law. Mohini is a very good friend of Asha, and they both share their happiness and sorrow with each other.

Story 2: Story of Untreated Sitara



SITARA

Sitara is a very beautiful girl from the village who lives with her parents and often contributes to farming. She is a shy girl.

Story 1:

Story of leprosy-free Mohini



One day, ASHA was going from the market towards the Primary Health Centre, and then she saw Mohini standing in the crowd and buying vegetables.

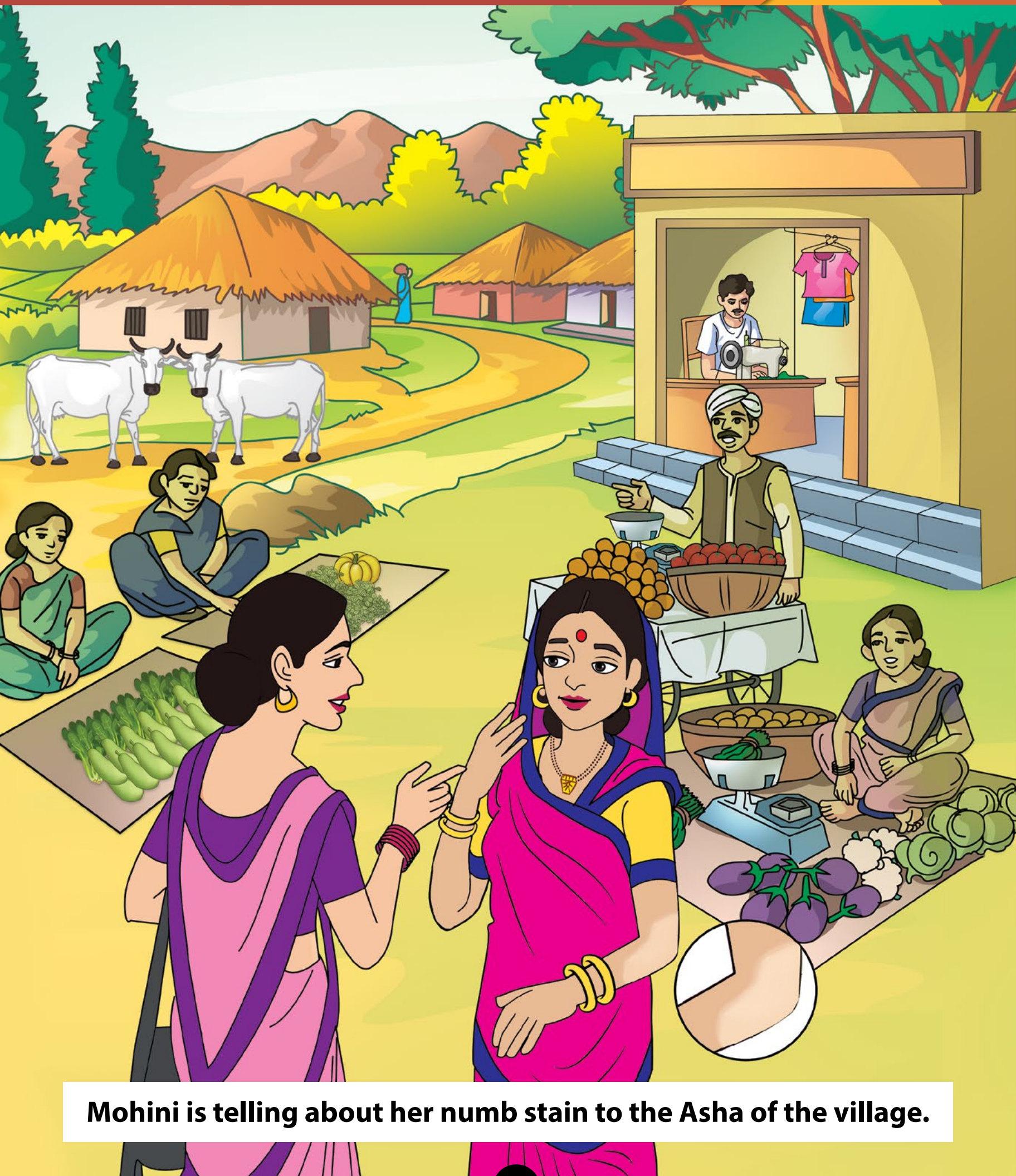
Asha quickly turned to Mohini and pinched her elbow from behind. She thought Mohini would turn back but it did not happen. Asha once again pinched Mohini's elbow. This time Mohini turned and looked at Asha and smiled.

They both came out of the crowd a little. Asha asked Mohini, "I didn't pinch you too hard?" Mohini

replied, "No, ASHA, I felt your pinch very light because of the stain on my elbow from some time, which is numb."

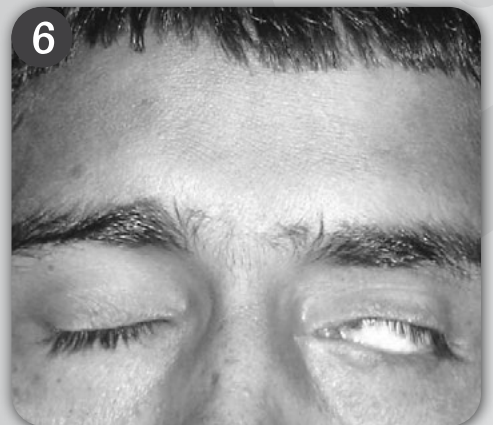
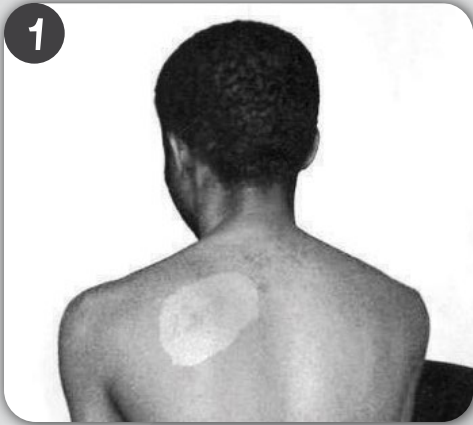
Asha worriedly asked Mohini, "How long has this stain been?" Mohini tells her that the stain is from a few months, but it does not feel any kind of touch. Asha said, "Mohini, numb stains on the skin can be a symptom of leprosy. It is necessary to get check-up for any type of stain on the body. You should see a doctor as soon as possible."

Story 1: Story of leprosy-free Mohini



Mohini is telling about her numb stain to the Asha of the village.

Different symptoms of leprosy



Asha further says, there are many symptoms of leprosy.

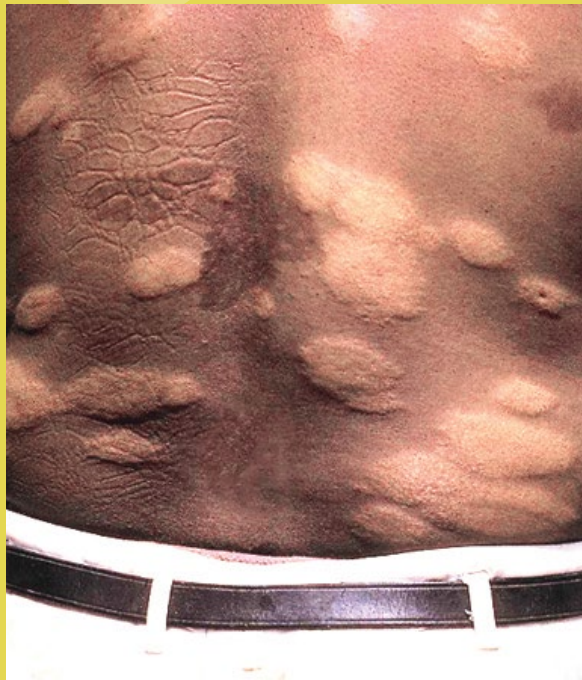
- 1 Light-coloured, red or copper-coloured stains compared to normal skin, which do not feel when touched.
- 2 Having more than one stain.
- 3 Embossed stains of red color.
- 4 Feel the bumps in the skin.
- 5 Thickening of the ear or knotting on the ear.
- 6 Lagophthalmos – Eyelid does not get closed when closing the eyes; hair loss of eyebrows.

Different symptoms of leprosy

Light coloured stain



Multiple stains



Red coloured swollen stains



Lumps on the skin



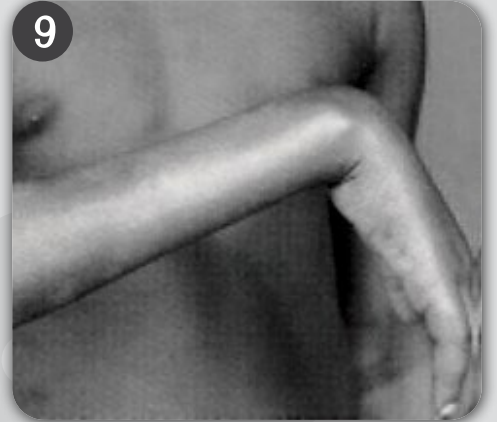
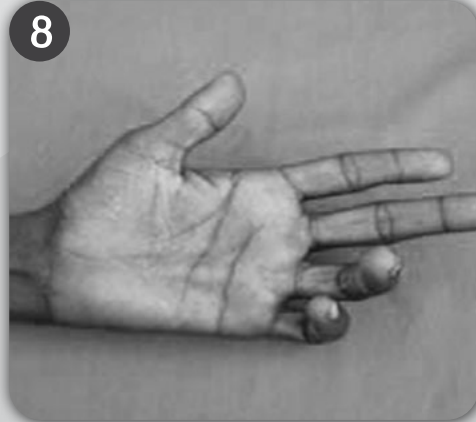
Ear thickening



Lagophthalmos



Different symptoms of leprosy



7 Painless ulcers / ulcers on the feet, hands and other parts of the body

8 Weakness or curvature in the fingers and numbness in the palm, dryness

9 Weakness in the muscles of the hand, swinging of the wrist of the hand

10 Numbness in the toes of the feet, weakness in the muscles, or swing of the paws

11 Swelling, pain or tingling in the nerves near the elbow, knee or neck

12 Nose bruising due to nasal bone rupture

Whenever someone finds these symptoms, immediately tell Asha and get them checked at the nearest health centre or government hospital.

Different symptoms of leprosy

Painless ulcer



Finger weakness or curvature



Wrist swing



Numbness in feet



Nervous obesity near the neck



Nose bleeding



Doctor examines Mohini



Asha takes Mohini to the nearest primary health care centre of the village for leprosy check. The two meet the doctor and tell him about the stain. The doctor examines Mohini and tells Mohini that the method of identifying leprosy is very simple.

Leprosy can be identified by confirming numbness in the skin:

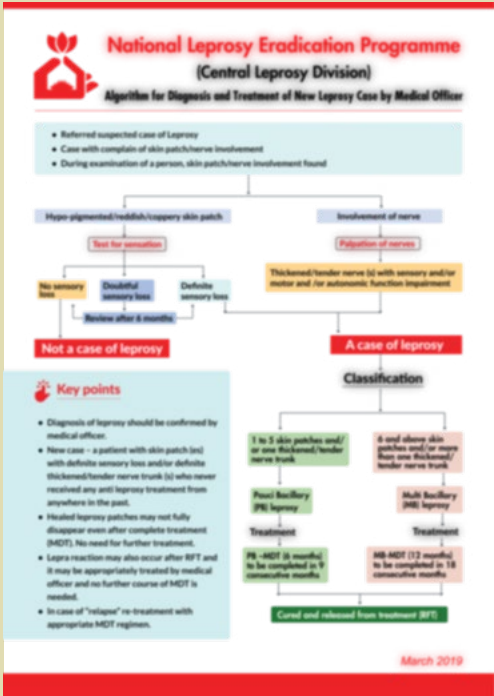
- 1** Touch the stain with the tip of the ballpoint pen.
- 2** If the person can't feel the touch of a ballpoint pen, then it is a symptom of leprosy. The patient is asked to close the eyes and keep the finger where the touch is felt.

The doctor told Mohini that she is suffering from leprosy. But the treatment of leprosy is possible and can be cured with MDT drugs (multi-drug therapy).

- MDT medicines are available free of cost in all government hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres
- The duration of treatment is 6 or 12 months.
- Regular and complete intake of MDT medicines is necessary.

Mohini takes MDT medication regularly for 6 months and becomes leprosy-free.

Doctor examines Mohini



Story 2: Story of untreated Sitara

Before



After



There lived a very beautiful girl in the same village, whose name was Sitara. Sitara was getting ready to go to a village wedding. She saw a light coloured stain on her neck in the mirror. Sitara became very worried. She decided not to go to the wedding. Sitara used to see her back scar every day but did not hesitate to go to the hospital. Time passed by and many other stains emerged in other parts of her body. After a few months, some weakness began to occur in the grip of her hands, the palm became numb, which caused her hand to burn while cooking but she did not feel it. After some time, there was numbness in the soles of her feet. While walking, there was no pain even when she pricked a needle or stone in her sole. But even after all these problems, Sitara neither told Asha of the village nor went to the doctor for a health check-up. As a result, her leprosy remained untreated and the disease kept increasing day by day.

Story 2: Story of untreated Sitara

Before



After



Important things about leprosy



If you notice signs of a stain or other leprosy on a person's skin, encourage them to get checked by a doctor.

Important things about leprosy

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**Male / female,
old / young,
rich / poor,
anyone can
suffer from
leprosy.**

2

**MDT
medicine
is the
treatment
for leprosy.**

3

**Treatment
prevents
leprosy
from
spreading.**

4

**Treatment
of leprosy
is available
free of cost in
government
health centres
and hospitals.**

**Early detection
and treatment
of the disease
prevents
disability.**

5

**Find out if your
family/friends/
relatives and
neighbours
have any signs
of leprosy
or not.**

6

**If you notice
signs of a stain
or other leprosy
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If you notice signs of a stain or other leprosy on a person's skin, encourage them to get checked by a doctor.

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If you have any signs or symptoms of leprosy, inform Asha and go to the nearest health centre or government hospital for an examination. Treatment of leprosy is possible. Timely treatment of leprosy prevents deformities.

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Leprosy is curable and its treatment is free. Please ensure that if you or someone in your family have a light coloured stain on the skin. If you notice a stain, visit a health worker immediately. Early treatment prevents disability.

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