

GLOBAL APPEAL

TO END STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

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The heads of
100
of the world's leading universities declare that the discrimination suffered by people affected by leprosy has no place in our world.

“Leprosy is a curable disease, yet it continues to stigmatize.

The corollary of this stigma is discrimination, resulting in limited opportunities and social exclusion.

The stigma associated with leprosy is rooted in myths and misconceptions that deserve no place in today's world.

With awareness and education, this stigma can be challenged.

With education, people affected by leprosy can be empowered to overcome the social and economic barriers that society has placed in their way.

We call for an end to discrimination against people affected by leprosy and their families.

We support their right to live in dignity as full members of the community with equal access to opportunities and enjoying all their human rights.

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