GLOBAL APPEAL 2021

To End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy **Endorsed by the International Trade Union Confederation**

As the International Trade Union Confederation, our mission is to promote and defend the rights and interests of all working people. Although leprosy is completely curable, prejudice and discrimination based on old perceptions linger.

The stigma of leprosy can result in ostracism and job loss.

Even family members of a person affected by leprosy may find doors closed to them, despite being eager and willing to work.

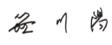
International labor standards uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

ITUC supports the efforts of persons affected by leprosy who want to earn a living. We believe in equality and non-discrimination. We uphold the right of every individual seeking work to be treated with dignity, fairness and respect.









Yohei Sasakawa WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination Chairman, The Nippon Foundation

Signed on behalf of the ITUC and its 332 national member organisations representing 200 million workers in 163 countries and territories.

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The Global Appeal is an annual message to raise awareness of leprosy and to call for an end to the discrimination against persons affected by leprosy.

First launched in 2006 by Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and chairman of The Nippon Foundation, it is issued every January to coincide with World Leprosy Day, and endorsed each year by world leaders and organizations in different fields.

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