
April 2017 newsletter New project launched in India

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IMPACT

New Project in 2017 - Integrated disease management of leprosy and lymphatic filariasis

Update on leprosy and lymphatic filariasis finding in Madhya Pradesh State, India: diagnosing almost half of leprosy cases before disability occurs!

[Read the story here](#)

PROJECT UPDATE



In March, health workers and teams of community health volunteers in Côte d'Ivoire went door-to-door in 24 districts, to make sure every child under 5 received Vitamin A supplementation and deworming treatment. Health workers have taken up the mantra "Chaque enfant compte" – each child counts. A breakthrough for this campaign is the new data collection forms that tally the number of boys and girls who are given Vitamin A and deworming medication, helping promote equal access to nutrition services for girls as well as boys.

[More about the project here](#)



NEWS

Sport Day organized for people affected by leprosy

The Singapore Disability Sports Council with the Singapore Leprosy Relief Association Home organized a sports day for people with disabilities in March. The event introduced modified sports to participants, who enjoyed a day bonding with their community.

[Read the rest of the story here](#)



Meet the R2STOP researchers

Six research award recipients were chosen by a scientific review committee that convened at effect:hope. These researchers are investigating the many mysteries surrounding leprosy transmission.

[Read about the on-going research here](#)



REMEMBERING MINI WOLTJER

Hand in hand with Herman, her husband of 60 years, Mini Woltjer raised a quarter of a million dollars through the recycling of scrap metal over a 23 year period.

[Learn more about Mini here](#)

HOPE DOLLS UPDATE – THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

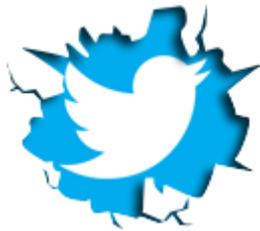
In March we put out a call for knitters and have had an amazing response! We already have 21 individual knitters and 10 knitting groups knitting Hope dolls! A warm thank you to all, for your enthusiasm and willingness to knit in support of our



work. There is still need for more knitters, so if you'd like to knit Hope dolls, please contact Cindy Quinn at [647-385-4318](tel:647-385-4318) or cquinn@effecthope.org.

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What's happening around the world?



ELIMINATING NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

The World Health Organization (WHO) hosted a Global Partners Meeting on Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) on April 19, 2017.

5 years after a WHO decision to eliminate 10 NTDs by 2020 - which marked a 'turning point' in global efforts to control and eliminate these poverty-related diseases - the 2017 theme was "Collaborate. Accelerate. Eliminate." Representatives of Member States, donor agencies, foundations, the private sector, academia, and stakeholders attended, including effect:hope's Executive Director Peter Derrick.

[Learn more about the NTDs](#) addressed by effect:hope.

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