

Newsletter Summer 2022



Food crisis in East Africa – Summer 2022

How Amref Health Africa is supporting mothers and young children

Severe drought brought on by climate change has devastated food and water supplies across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. In Ethiopia, the effects of drought have been amplified by armed conflict, huge plagues of locusts and COVID-19. The conflict in Ukraine has added further pressure to the situation, causing oil prices and the cost of living to rise. Millions of people's lives are at stake.

In the Afar region of northern Ethiopia, we've supported health centres with the capacity to care for 25,000 children; trained health workers in malnutrition screening and treatment; and supplied vital equipment – such as refrigerators for vaccines and medicines, and solar panels for electricity. But the current food crisis won't be the last; we're doing everything we can to mitigate the impact of future crises.



A mother being supported in Amref's Talalak Health Centre in Afar, Ethiopia

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DeafKidz International – No Deaf Child Left Behind

With safeguarding at the heart of our work, our global projects respond to the protection, health, wellbeing and access to education needs of deaf children, young people and adults. For thousands of deaf children, like 17-year-old Tayyaba in India, school provides a sense of belonging and a safe space alongside their deaf peers. However, the closure of schools during Covid-19 lockdowns left deaf children feeling lonely and isolated, often locked down with families who do not know sign language and are unable to communicate and interact with them.

This is why DeafKidz International, partnering with local NGO, Slum Soccer, stepped in to help Tayyaba during this time with our DeafKidz Goal programme, which provides important life skills training to deaf children living in the slums of Nagpur, delivered in Indian Sign Language by deaf football coaches.

"DeafKidz Goal's football sessions have filled me with joy and given my life a new meaning and direction" – Tayyaba, age 17

Thank you for your regular donations which is supporting more deaf children like Tayyaba to reach their potential. Together we can ensure no deaf child is left behind.



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You're breaking down barriers to work



With your help, we supported more than 22,000 people with disabilities to seek employment in the UK, Africa and Asia last year. On the next page, you will see how our UK internship programme Change 100 gave Scarlett and Phil confidence in the workplace.

When he landed a place on Leonard Cheshire's internship programme Change 100, Phil couldn't believe it. He did so well that soon after the internship, Phil secured a role as a Senior Associate for a finance company. After a while, he found a pretty spectacular way to say thank you – by running his first ever marathon, raising almost £2,000 for Leonard Cheshire! "I'd like to be able to raise awareness of the fact that disabilities of any kind are not a barrier to getting on and succeeding in life." - Phil

"Change 100 has opened up new possibilities and increased my confidence in disclosing or talking about my disability. My mentor also encouraged me to network more. For example, I joined the Digital Accessibility Group in my workplace, which promotes accessible forms of learning for all. I wouldn't necessarily have reached out without the support of the Change 100 mentor. Now, I know that I can achieve whatever I set my mind to." – Scarlett



Thanks to your support, Change 100 helps disabled students to find work placements, development opportunities and mentorship. And it gave Phil and Scarlett the confidence boost they needed. Find out more at leonardcheshire.org/change100



For all of us at Lepra, just as for everyone, everywhere, it was another year dominated by COVID-19.

For our teams that meant doing all we can to support people affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis (LF) in India, Bangladesh. Their hard work ranged from providing Protective Personal Equipment (PPE), to ensuring access to testing and vaccinations, supplying oxygen cylinders, or providing food and cash support for people affected by leprosy and LF. As LEPRO Society's State Coordinator in Bihar, India, Rajni and his team were on the front-line of healthcare in one of the worst-affected countries in the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rajni offers a unique perspective of this period, not only as an employee of LEPRO Society, but also as an individual who himself had battled LF.

"In my village, it was a very terrible situation, every house had 1 or 2 people with symptoms including a fever, sneezing and coughing. They were most likely to be positive but the testing centre was 16 km away and there was no functioning transportation system at the time.

"We had to do something. We were able to deliver thousands of doses of vital medication and self-care kits. Our rapid provision of food and medical supplies was vital to the success of our response, but education also played a very important role in helping us get through this disaster"

Your support has been vital in ensuring our support reaches people affected by leprosy and LF. We continue to do all we can to strive for a world free from prejudice and disability caused by leprosy, and thank you for your vital role in this.

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