

To end stigma and discrimination
against people affected by leprosy

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Leprosy is curable, yet myths and misconceptions about the disease persist.

Because of the stigma, people affected by leprosy face social rejection—even after they are cured.
Whole families are marginalized, sometimes with devastating results.

As the world's largest group of health professionals, nurses are committed to alleviating physical and
mental suffering and promoting the health of all people, without prejudice.

We understand the importance of equitable access to health services and of educating the public about disease
—especially a misunderstood disease such as leprosy.

Our message is clear: leprosy can be cured. Drugs kill the bacteria. Early diagnosis and treatment prevent disability.
There is no reason to isolate anyone with the disease.

Nurses affirm the right of people affected by leprosy to receive treatment and care.

We call for an end to the discrimination they and their families face.

We support the right of people affected by leprosy to live in dignity as full members of the community,
enjoying equal access to all their human rights.

ANDORRA Col·legi d'Infermeres i Llevadores d'Andorra
ANGOLA Associação Nacional de Enfermeiros de Angola
ARGENTINA Federación Argentina de Enfermería
ARUBA Aruba Nurses Association (ODEA)
AUSTRALIA Australian College of Nursing

AUSTRIA
Österreichischer Gesundheits- und Krankenpflegeverband

BAHAMAS
Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

BAHRAIN
Bahrain Nursing Society

BANGLADESH
Bangladesh Nurses Association

BARBADOS
Barbados Nurses Association Inc.

BELGIUM
Fédération Nationale des Infirmières de Belgique (FNIB)

BELIZE
Nurses Association of Belize

BERMUDA
Bermuda Nurses' Association

BOLIVIA
Colegio de Enfermeras de Bolivia

BOTSWANA
Botswana Nurses Union

BRAZIL
Conselho Federal de Enfermagem

BULGARIA
Bulgarian Association of Health Professionals in Nursing

BURKINA FASO
Association Professionnelle des Infirmiers/ères du Burkina

CANADA
Canadian Nurses Association

CHILE
Colegio de Enfermeras de Chile

CHINA
Chinese Nursing Association

COLOMBIA
Asociación Nacional de Enfermeras de Colombia

CONGO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
Association Nationale des Infirmiers/ères du Congo

COOK ISLANDS
Cook Islands Nurses Association

COSTA RICA
Colegio de Enfermeras de Costa Rica

CROATIA
Croatian Nurses Association

CUBA
Sociedad Cubana de Enfermería

CYPRUS
Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association

CZECH REPUBLIC
Czech Association of Nurses

DENMARK
Danish Nurses' Organization

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Asociación Dominicana de Enfermeras Graduas

EAST TIMOR
East Timor Nurses Association

ECUADOR
Federación Ecuatoriana de Enfermeras/os

EGYPT
Egyptian Nurses Syndicate

EL SALVADOR
Asociación Nacional de Enfermeras de El Salvador

ERITREA
Eritrean Nurses Association

ESTONIA
Estonian Nurses Union

ETHIOPIA
Ethiopian Nurses Association

FIJI
Fiji Nursing Association

FINLAND
Finnish Nurses Association

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
Association of Nurses and Midwives of Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

FRANCE
ANFIIDE

GAMBIA
Gambia Nurses & Midwives Association

GERMANY
DBfK - Bundesverband

GHANA
Ghana Registered Nurses Association

GREECE
Hellenic Nurses Association

GRENADA
Grenada Nurses Association

GUATEMALA
Asociación Guatemalteca de Enfermeras Profesionales

GUYANA
Guyana Nurses Association

HAITI
Association Nationale des Infirmières Licenciées d'Haïti

HONDURAS
Colegio de Profesionales de Enfermería de Honduras

HONG KONG
College of Nursing Hong Kong

HUNGARY
Hungarian Nursing Association

ICELAND
Icelandic Nurses Association

INDIA
Indian Nursing Council

INDONESIA
Persatuan Parawat Nasional Indonesia

IRELAND
Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
Iranian Nursing Organization

ISRAEL
National Association of Nurses in Israel

ITALY
Consociazione Nazionale delle Associazioni Infermiere-Infermieri

JAMAICA
Nurses Association of Jamaica

JAPAN
Japanese Nursing Association

JORDAN
Jordan Nurses and Midwives Council

KENYA
National Nurses Association of Kenya

KOREA
Korean Nurses Association

KUWAIT
Kuwait Nursing Association

LEBANON
Order of Nurses in Lebanon

LESOTHO
Lesotho Nurses Association

LIBERIA
Liberia Nurses Association

LITHUANIA
Lithuanian Nurses Association

LUXEMBOURG
Association Nationale des Infirmiers & Infirmières Luxembourgeois

MACAU
Nurses Association of Macau

MALAWI
National Organisation of Nurses and Midwives of Malawi

MALAYSIA
Malaysian Nurses Association

MALTA
Malta Union of Midwives & Nurses

MAURITIUS
Mauritius Nursing Association

MEXICO
Colegio Nacional de Enfermeras, A.C.

MONACO
Association Nationale des Infirmières de Monaco

MONGOLIA
Mongolian Nurses Association

MONTENEGRO
National Association of Nurses and Midwives of Montenegro

MOROCCO
Association Marocaine des Infirmiers & Techniques Sanitaires

MOZAMBIQUE
Associação Nacional dos Enfermeiros de Mozambique

MYANMAR
Myanmar Nurses and Midwives Association

NAMIBIA
Namibian Nurses Association

NEPAL
Nursing Association of Nepal

NETHERLANDS
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NEW ZEALAND
New Zealand Nurses' Organisation

NICARAGUA
Asociación de Enfermeras Nicaragüenses

NIGERIA
National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives

NORWAY
Norwegian Nurses Organisation

PAKISTAN
Pakistan Nurses Federation

PALESTINE
Palestinian Nursing and Midwifery Association

PANAMA
Asociación Nacional de Enfermeras de Panamá

PARAGUAY
Asociación Paraguaya de Enfermeras

PHILIPPINES
Philippine Nurses Association

POLAND
Polskie Towarzystwo Plegniarskie

PORTUGAL
Ordem dos Enfermeiros

ROMANIA
Romanian Nursing Association

RUSSIA
Russian Nurses Association

RWANDA
Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Association

SAMOA
Samoa Registered Nurses Association, Inc.

SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
Associação Nacional dos Enfermeiros y parteiros de São Tomé e Príncipe

SENEGAL
Association Nationale des Infirmiers et Infirmières d'Etat du Sénégal (ANIIDES)

SERBIA
Association of Health Workers of Serbia

SEYCHELLES
Nurses Association of the Republic of Seychelles

SIERRA LEONE
Sierra Leone Nurses Association

SINGAPORE
Singapore Nurses' Association

SLOVAKIA
Slovak Chamber of Nurses & Midwives

SLOVENIA
Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia

SOLOMON ISLANDS
Solomon Islands Nurses Association

SOUTH AFRICA
Democratic Nursing Organization of South Africa (DENOSA)

SPAIN
Consejo General de Enfermería de España

SRI LANKA
Sri Lanka Nurses Association

ST. LUCIA
St. Lucia Nurses Association

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
St. Vincent & The Grenadines Nurses Association (SVG)

SURINAME
Suriname Nurses Association

SWAZILAND
Swaziland Nursing Association

SWEDEN
Swedish Association of Health Professionals

SWITZERLAND
Association Suisse des Infirmières/Infirmiers

TAIWAN
Taiwan Nurses Association

TANZANIA
Tanzania National Nurses' Association

THAILAND
Nurses Association of Thailand

TOGO
Association nationale des infirmiers/ères du Togo

TONGA
Tonga Nurses Association

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Trinidad & Tobago Registered Nurses Association

TURKEY
Turkish Nurses Association

UGANDA
Uganda Nurses & Midwives Union

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Emirates Nursing Association

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Nurses Association

URUGUAY
Colegio de Enfermeras del Uruguay

ZAMBIA
Zambia Union of Nurses Organization

ZIMBABWE
Zimbabwe Nurses Association