



GREEN PASTURES HOSPITAL

For almost 60 years, Green Pastures Hospital [GPH] in Pokhara has been the flagship of INF's work in Nepal, providing treatment and care for people living with leprosy.

Since its doors opened in 1957, GPH has provided treatment and relief to thousands, earning it a reputation of delivering high standard care to the poorest and most marginalised people of Nepal.

Nowadays, the work at GPH also includes treatment and rehabilitation for people living with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities, reconstructive surgery for problems such as burns contractures, orthopaedic surgery and palliative care.

Annually, GPH serves about 8000 patients and remains the biggest leprosy hospital and the only rehabilitation centre for spinal cord injury in Nepal's western regions. Having 40 beds – 20 for leprosy patients and 20 for patients with other forms of disability – it remains the hub for referrals from other INF centres, as well as hospitals and local partner organisations across western Nepal.

GPH serves Pokhara, the second largest city in Nepal with a population of around 265,000, as well as Nepal's three Western Development Regions.

For every 1,000 people in Nepal, there are eight who live with leprosy. This is two and a half times higher than the global average.



AKKAL'S STORY

More than 10 years ago, Akkal Bahadur Gurung fell from a tree. Though injured, Akkal refused to let this affect his busy life. He took a few days of rest and as soon as he was able and despite the aches, he returned to his daily work.

Over the years however, the aches got worse and started to hamper his mobility. At times, Akkal would be confined to bed for weeks. He sought treatment, moving between hospitals before finally discovering that his spine had been injured in multiple places.

Eventually, Akkal made it to Pokhara after visiting many other hospitals, even in Germany where his son lived and worked.

Akkal was given the contact of a GPH staff member and decided to see what GPH could offer.

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Recent achievements from 2014-15:

- 99 people newly diagnosed with leprosy were treated
- 65 people with spinal cord injury were admitted for rehabilitation
- 26 major surgeries relating to general disability were performed