

# 2025 ACTIVITY REPORT



**ORDER OF MALTA**  
**LEPROSY RELIEF**

**CIOMAL FOUNDATION**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The year 2025 marks an important milestone in the evolution of the CIOMAL Foundation. In a context where the fight against Hansen’s disease remains both a health and humanitarian priority, the Foundation continued its commitment to populations affected by the disease while strengthening its institutional organization.

The Foundation Board underwent a transition phase aimed at consolidating governance and preparing for the future development of activities.

The appointment of a Secretary General, the evolution of the Board’s composition, and the creation of a Scientific and Medical Council reflect the determination to sustainably structure the Foundation’s work.

At the same time, CIOMAL continued its programs in its countries of intervention and strengthened its presence within international bodies, thereby helping to keep the fight against leprosy at the heart of humanitarian and public health priorities.

Field activities continued in Cambodia, Brazil, and Vietnam, with tangible results in screening, disability prevention, and socio-economic rehabilitation. In parallel, the Foundation pursued its efforts to structure its activities and improve project monitoring.

We would like to thank all teams, partners, and donors for their trust and commitment, which make the concrete implementation of our mission possible.



**Bernard de Laguiche**  
President of the CIOMAL Foundation



**Jimmy Thiébaud**  
Secretary General



## OBJECTIVES OF THE CIOMAL FOUNDATION

In keeping with the historical commitment of the Order of Malta, the CIOMAL Foundation works to reduce the medical, social, and economic impact of leprosy in the regions most affected.

Founded in 1958 and established as a Swiss foundation in 1999, its central objective is to contribute to the elimination of leprosy and the forms of exclusion associated with it.

### Its work is based on two complementary pillars:

- training doctors and healthcare personnel working in endemic areas in diagnosis and screening of the disease;
- rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration.

### To this end, the Foundation implements:

- active screening campaigns in endemic areas;
- disability prevention initiatives, notably through training for patients and healthcare professionals and the distribution of assistive technology devices;
- socio-economic rehabilitation programs (microcredit, training, housing, food aid);
- awareness-raising initiatives aimed at reducing transmission and stigma;
- support for associations of patients and former patients.

These actions are carried out in close collaboration with national health authorities, international organizations, and local partners in order to ensure their relevance and sustainability.

Since 2018, the Foundation has held Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.



## The sustainable development goals pursued by CIOMAL



### Eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities

People affected by leprosy are among the poorest and most excluded populations. By supporting their inclusion in networks of associations for people with disabilities and enabling them to receive training, the project contributes to eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities.



### Ensuring healthy lives and well-being at all ages

By implementing sustainable and participatory mechanisms to guarantee quality care, strengthening knowledge about leprosy among national healthcare personnel, and supporting early detection, the project helps to promote health and well-being for all, at every age.



### Ensuring quality education and economic growth

By funding scholarships for students, supporting the creation of production units, and offering training that promotes the integration of people affected by leprosy into social systems dedicated to people with disabilities, the project helps to guarantee equitable education for all and encourages the promotion of inclusive opportunities.



### Building partnerships to achieve the goals

Both in the field and in Switzerland, CIOMAL forges strong partnerships to achieve its objectives, working closely with local associations, national health systems, non-governmental organizations, and state authorities.

AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2025, THE BOARD OF THE  
CIOMAL FOUNDATION IS COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

<b>President:</b>	Mr Bernard de Laguiche
<b>Board Members:</b>	Mr Hervé Arot Mr Christoph Borucki Dr Laila de Laguiche Mr Raymond Loretan Mrs Verena Vorwerk Mr Bertrand Desénépart
<b>Secretary General:</b>	Mr Jimmy Thiébaud
<b>Cambodia Operations Manager:</b>	Mrs Carole Vann

In 2025, the CIOMAL Foundation continued its activities in a context of transition and strengthened governance, with the aim of consolidating its organization and supporting the development of its international programs.

Two members of the team, Mrs Alexandra Lucato (public relations) and Mrs Olivia de Villaine (development), left their positions in spring 2025. The Foundation sincerely thanks them for their commitment and valuable contribution.

In order to strengthen coordination and operational consistency, the development and management functions were merged into the position of Secretary General, entrusted to Mr Jimmy Thiébaud as of 1 September 2025. His experience in managing non-profit organizations in Geneva is an asset for the Foundation's outreach.

The Foundation expresses its gratitude to Dr Pablo Sandonato de León, President throughout 2025, for his commitment and for ensuring continuity.

At the end of this period, Mr Bernard de Laguiche was elected President of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation also thanks Mrs H el ene Genillard and Mr Charles-Louis Notter for their contribution to the Board.

Two new members joined the Board:

- Mr Bertrand Des en epart
- Mr Christoph Borucki (appointed Finance Director in 2026)

CIOMAL Foundation's areas of action worldwide



Despite significant progress, leprosy remains a reality in several regions of the world.

In 2024, 172,717 new cases were detected, representing a 5.5% decrease compared to 2023. The disease remains highly concentrated in certain areas, particularly in Southeast Asia (72% of cases), followed by the Americas (13.7%) and Africa (11.1%).

The 23 priority countries account for nearly 96% of global cases, highlighting the need to focus efforts in these regions.

The persistence of cases among children (5.4% of new cases) remains a worrying indicator, revealing ongoing transmission.

Since 2015, an overall decrease of nearly 20% has been observed, although trends remain uneven across countries. In this context, early detection and strengthening health systems remain absolute priorities.



## Program to combat neglected tropical diseases

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Figure 1 Detection of new leprosy cases, by WHO Region, 2024

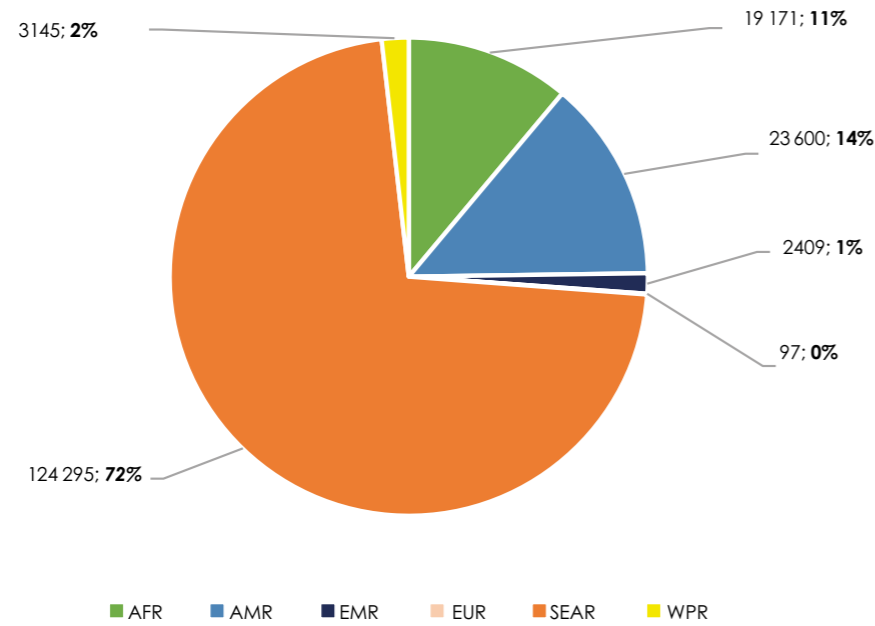
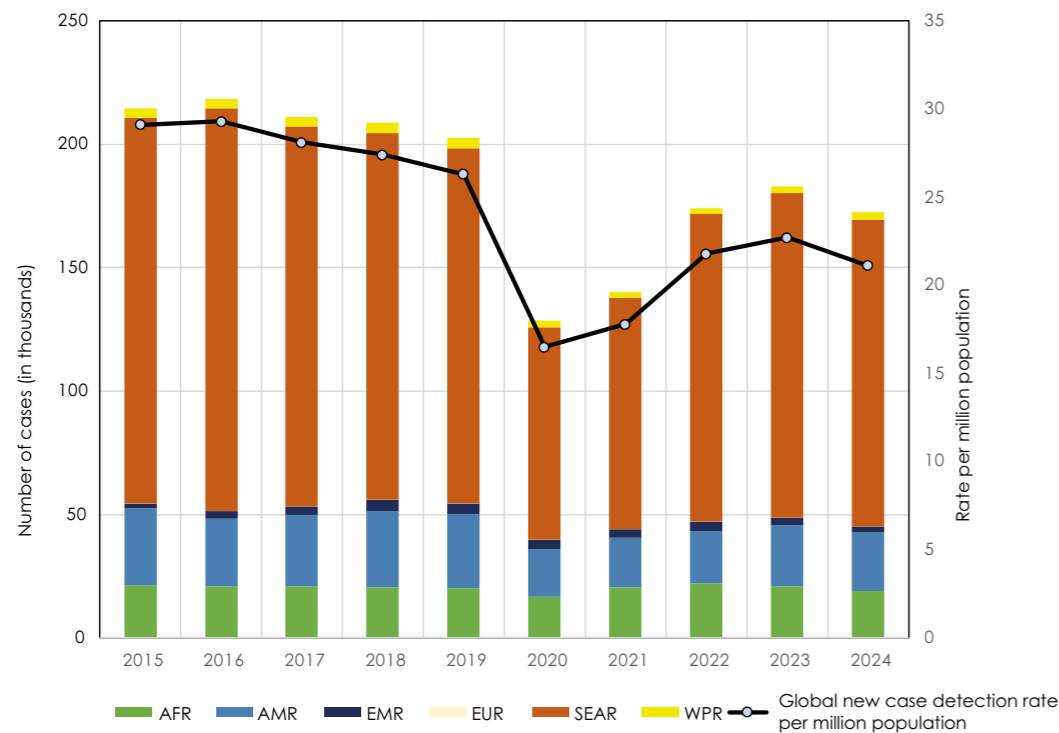


Figure 2 Trends in new leprosy case detection with corresponding new case detection rates, by WHO Region, 2015–2024



AFR = African Region; AMR = Region of the Americas; EMR = Eastern Mediterranean Region; EUR = European Region;

Source: WHO – Weekly Epidemiological Record, No. 37, 12 September 2025

## Scientific and Medical Council

In continuity with its historic mission to combat leprosy, the CIOMAL Foundation initiated in 2025 the creation of a Scientific and Medical Council (SMC), officially established in January 2026.

Composed of internationally recognized experts, the SMC's mission is to provide scientific, medical, and strategic support for the Foundation's orientations, in order to ensure the relevance, quality, and impact of actions carried out in support of people affected by leprosy.

**At its creation, the Scientific and Medical Council is composed of the following personalities:**



**Dr Andrea Amico**, plastic and reconstructive surgeon (Switzerland)  
Specialist in the surgical management of leprosy sequelae, particularly in functional reconstruction;



**Dr Christian Johnson**, Professor of Public Health (Benin)  
Recognized expert in tropical medicine and long-term contributor to leprosy control programs in West Africa;



**Dr Alice Cruz**, sociologist (Portugal) and international human rights expert  
Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on discrimination related to leprosy;



**Dr Paul Fine**, epidemiologist (United Kingdom)  
Emeritus Professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, specialist in infectious diseases and transmission dynamics;



**Dr Hubert Vuagnat**, specialist in physical and rehabilitation medicine (Switzerland)  
Expert in disability prevention related to neglected tropical diseases and functional patient care;



**Dr Laila de Laguiche**, dermatologist and leprologist (Brazil)  
Founder of the Alliance Against Leprosy, committed to developing innovative solutions for the management of the disease.

Operating independently, the SMC plays an advisory role. Its members serve on a voluntary basis and meet twice a year in order to formulate recommendations intended to guide the decisions of the Foundation Board.

## The Council notably contributes to:

- **Guiding medical, prevention, and disability management priorities.**
- **Ensuring alignment of programs with international recommendations and standards.**
- **Reviewing and evaluating projects supported by the Foundation;**
- **Promoting innovative, integrated, and patient-centered approaches.**

The creation of the SMC marks a structural milestone in CIOMAL's evolution toward an increasingly demanding scientific and medical approach, while remaining faithful to its humanitarian vocation.

It reflects the Foundation's determination to rely on the highest level of expertise to strengthen the effectiveness, consistency, and long-term impact of its programs.

Dr Laila de Laguiche wished to dedicate herself fully to the Foundation's Scientific and Medical Council and therefore submitted her resignation from the Foundation Board, effective in 2026.

The Board considers it essential to benefit from first-rate scientific and medical support in order to prioritize supported projects and assess the results of the Foundation's work and that of its partners.



Food assistance for a patient, Cambodia.



## FIELD ACTIONS

### 1. Cambodia

Present in Cambodia for more than thirty years, the CIOMAL Foundation continues its activities in close collaboration with the national leprosy elimination program of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs.

This long-term cooperation makes it possible to deploy coordinated actions tailored to the needs of the population and aligned with national public policies.

#### Detection and active case finding

In 2025, the Foundation continued its support activities for active screening and contact tracing in the provinces of Kampong Speu, Kampong Cham, and Tbong Khmum. Six campaigns were organized during the year, reaching a large number of beneficiaries:

- 435 former patients were examined;
- 908 family members were screened;
- 5,237 people from surrounding communities were sensitized and examined.

These actions led to the identification of 22 new cases of leprosy among adults (12 men and 10 women). Detection of these cases, often at an early stage, allows rapid treatment and limits the risk of complications and transmission.

The gradual decrease in the number of cases observed in recent years reflects the effectiveness of awareness campaigns, patient follow-up, and post-exposure prophylaxis strategies implemented.

The Foundation increasingly relies on the Patients' Association (PAL) as a relay for its activities in Cambodia. The objective is to provide it with greater autonomy and an expanded scope of action.

#### Rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration

Beyond medical care, the Foundation pays particular attention to the social and economic reintegration of people affected by leprosy. The socio-economic reintegration program (SER), established in 2002, is a key pillar of this approach.

In 2025, actions carried out included:

- the granting of 118 scholarships (10 university students, 66 secondary school students, and 42 primary school students), promoting access to education for children from families affected by the disease;
- the distribution of emergency food aid to 33 highly vulnerable individuals;
- the granting of 29 microcredits intended to support the launch or development of income-generating activities;
- the construction or renovation of 8 homes, improving beneficiaries' living conditions;
- the development of essential infrastructure, including installation of 9 sanitation facilities, drilling of 3 wells, and distribution of 20 water filters, contributing to improved access to drinking water;
- the distribution of 17 bicycles facilitating access to school, healthcare, or professional activities;
- implementation of the "cow-banking" program, with the loan of two cows to families in order to strengthen their long-term economic autonomy.

These actions contribute concretely to restoring beneficiaries' autonomy and promoting their inclusion in society.

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Capacity building and training

The Foundation continued its efforts in capacity building with a dual objective: improving patient autonomy and strengthening the skills of local stakeholders.

In 2025:

- 284 people affected by leprosy and 570 members of their households received training in self-care and wound prevention techniques;
- 75 members of associations of affected persons received organizational training, helping to structure their activities and strengthen their role within communities.



Awareness campaign.

At the same time, training was provided to numerous actors within the healthcare system:

- 5 provincial managers;
- 11 district managers;
- 505 health center teams;
- 370 village health support groups.

These actions improve the quality of care, strengthen early detection, and sustainably anchor skills at the local level.

Awareness and fight against stigma

Awareness campaigns are an essential lever in combating disease transmission and reducing stigma.

In 2025, activities carried out reached 604 families across 260 villages in 21 provinces. These initiatives contribute to improving knowledge about the disease, encouraging access to healthcare, and changing perceptions within communities.



In-home assistance for people living with leprosy.

Advocacy and community mobilization

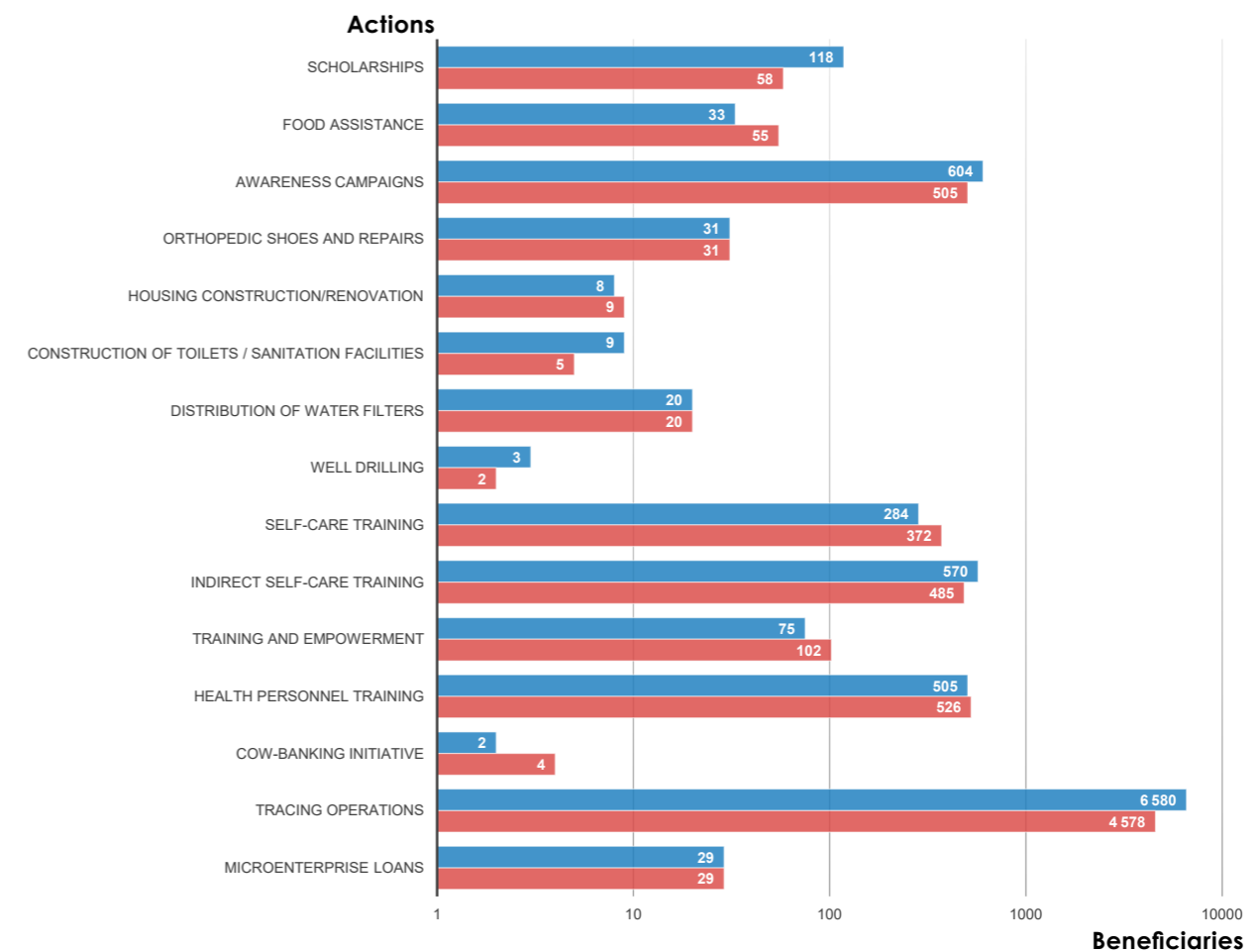
The association of people affected by leprosy, supported by the CIOMAL Foundation, plays a central role in promoting rights and raising awareness. Established with the Foundation's support, it aims to progressively strengthen the autonomy of those concerned and ultimately ensure local ownership of activities.

In 2025, its members notably took part in:

- World Leprosy Day organized in Phnom Penh, with the participation of 60 affected persons.
- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs.

These mobilization events help strengthen the visibility of affected persons and promote an inclusive approach based on human rights.

Actions carried out in Cambodia in 2024 and 2025



## 2. Brazil

Brazil remains the country most affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) in the Americas, accounting for more than 90% of new cases recorded in the region. A total of 20,632 new cases were recorded in 2025, confirming that leprosy remains a major public health issue.

CIOMAL's activities continue in collaboration with the Alliance Against Leprosy Institute (AAL), its exclusive partner since 2021 for Hansen's disease initiatives in the country. Together, the two institutions develop programs focused on training healthcare professionals, distributing assistive technology equipment, and deploying telemedicine solutions.

**TECHansen Program – 2025 Results**

CIOMAL supports the TECHansen program, implemented with AAL, which aims to improve disability prevention and quality of life for people affected by leprosy through access to adapted assistive technology devices. This program has become a national reference in Brazil and is widely promoted by the Ministry of Health.



Patient benefiting from assistive technology equipment under the TECHansen programme.

In 2025, the following achievements were recorded:

- 3,598 rehabilitation devices distributed, in addition to 15 devices loaned as part of an initiative conducted with the Ministry of Health;
- 941 beneficiary patients;
- coverage in 24 Brazilian states.

The increase in requests from physicians demonstrates earlier integration of assistive technology into clinical management of leprosy, particularly for disability prevention and maintenance of motor functions.

The most requested equipment concerns protection and functional adaptation: protective gloves, adapted sponges, sunglasses, support scarves, and custom-made polyamide spoons. These devices help limit complications linked to neuropathies and preserve patient autonomy.

The 2025 results confirm that the collaboration between CIOMAL and AAL now constitutes a structured reference in leprosy-related rehabilitation in Brazil, with a direct impact on disability prevention, access to rehabilitation solutions, and functional patient follow-up.

**Innovation and rehabilitation – FEETHansen Program**

In partnership with AAL, activities continued to promote an integrated approach combining medical expertise, technological innovation, and social support. One of the flagship initiatives concerns the development of personalized orthopaedic footwear, digital or otherwise, intended for patients suffering from plantar neuropathies linked to the disease.



FEETHansen – Custom-made footwear and orthopaedic workshop.

Custom-made, these shoes play a crucial role in preventing plantar ulcerations, reducing the risk of amputation, and improving mobility.

In 2025, workshops produced:

- 722 orthopaedic insoles;
- 215 pairs of handcrafted custom-made shoes;
- 142 shoe insoles.

A meeting bringing together several beneficiaries made it possible to assess the concrete benefits observed: reduction of pain, return to professional activities, improved mobility, and strengthened self-confidence.

Beyond technological innovation, this program illustrates the human impact of rehabilitation: restoring the ability to walk also means restoring autonomy and dignity.

**Post-surgical rehabilitation**

In 2025, CIOMAL and AAL supported a national workshop on leprosy prevention and rehabilitation organized at the HUB – University Hospital of Brasília. Specialized equipment was provided to support the functional rehabilitation of patients who had undergone reconstructive surgery.

These devices promote motor recovery and prevent the onset of new disabilities. Rehabilitation represents an essential stage in the continuum of care: without appropriate support, the benefits of surgery may be compromised.

This initiative therefore strengthens continuity of care and contributes sustainably to patient autonomy.

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International volunteer mission

In June 2025, 17 young volunteers from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in California were welcomed by AAL and CIOMAL for an eight-day mission in the state of Pernambuco. Their immersion included visits to public healthcare facilities, awareness activities, meetings with people affected by Hansen's disease, and distribution of self-care kits.



Youth mission from California with AAL and CIOMAL.

One particularly significant moment was the creation of an artistic mural within a former leprosy colony, led by artist Flo de Bretagne. This colourful collective work symbolically brought life back to a place long associated with exclusion, illustrating the role of culture in the fight against stigma.

At the end of the mission, participants had developed a deeper understanding of the medical and social issues surrounding leprosy and committed themselves to becoming ambassadors for the cause within their communities.

DOCHansen Telemedicine Program

The year 2025 confirmed the value of integrating digital tools into the care of people affected by leprosy. The DOCHansen telemedicine platform, developed in Brazil within the framework of collaboration with the Alliance Against Leprosy (AAL), continued to demonstrate its usefulness.

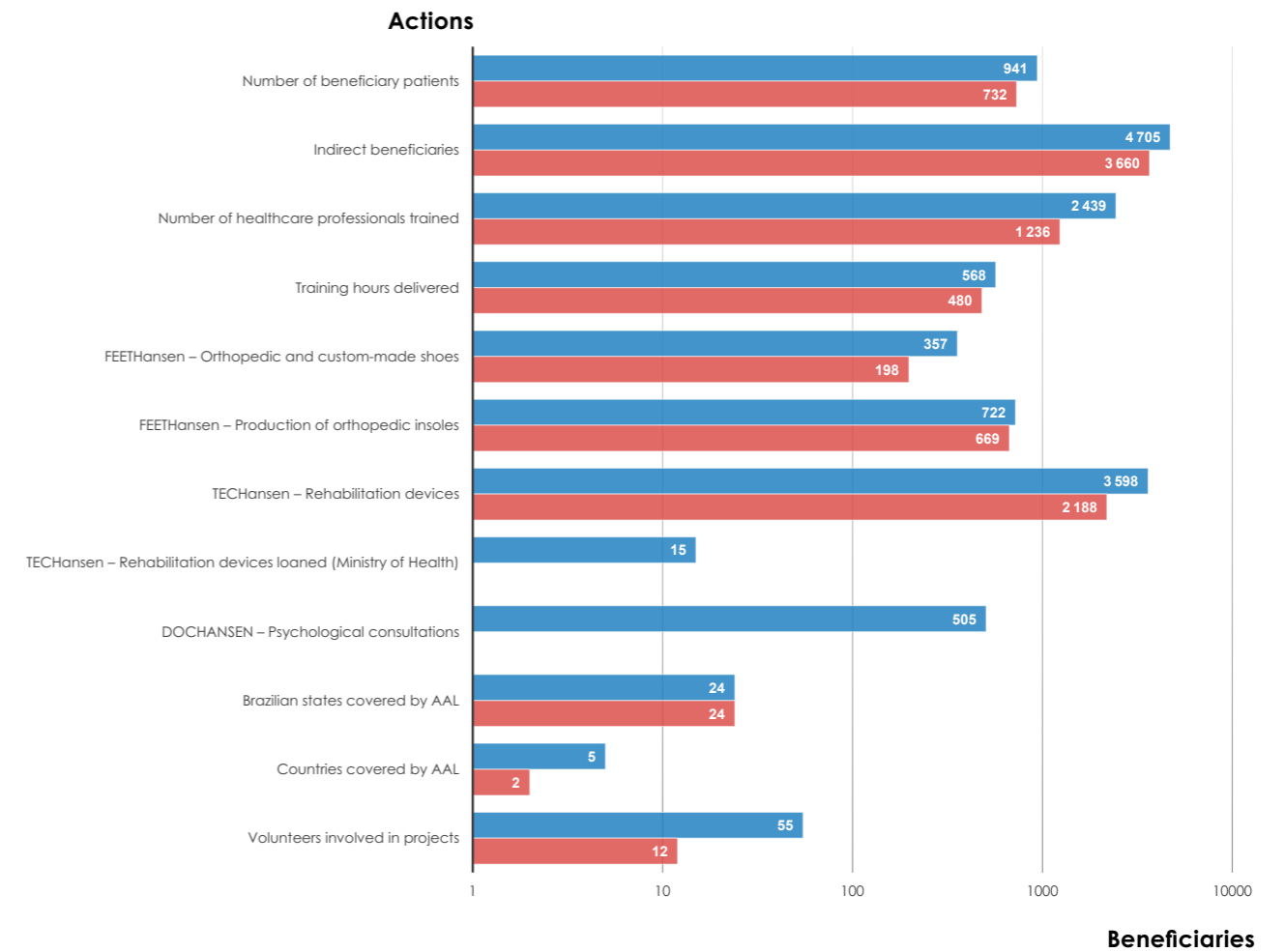
It enables healthcare professionals to access a network of specialized experts, facilitating diagnosis of complex cases and medical follow-up of patients, particularly in areas where access to expertise is limited. The platform also contributes to psychological follow-up by encouraging exchanges between teams and supporting patients facing the social and emotional consequences of the disease.

Initially used mainly in Brazil, the CIOMAL Foundation is exploring the possibility of progressively supporting its development and wider use with its partners, in order to strengthen the capacities of medical teams and improve the overall quality of care.

In addition, 505 psychotherapy sessions were carried out in 2025, illustrating the importance given to mental health in the overall support of people affected by leprosy.



Actions carried out in Brazil by in 2024 and 2025



CIOMAL communication impact

Media	People impacted:	2024	2025
Instagram reach		58 000	78 840
Facebook reach		1 800	17 560
TV and print media reach		763 000	850 000
Social advertising reach		0	6 600 000
<b>Total people impacted:</b>		<b>822 800</b>	<b>7 546 400</b>

### 3. Vietnam

The therapeutic shoemaking project continued with the production by five technicians of 980 pairs of adapted sandals distributed to patients in several provinces: 390 preventive pairs, 380 pairs adapted to deformed feet, and 210 custom-molded pairs. These sandals were distributed to leprosy patients in the provinces of Gia Lai and Kon Tum, helping to prevent injuries and improve daily mobility.

At the same time, the team provided care for plantar ulcers in several isolated villages in the Central Highlands. Despite difficulties accessing certain areas, 269 patients were treated in 12 villages. Assistance was also provided to six people suspected of having leprosy so that they could travel to the specialized Qui Hoa hospital for diagnosis.

In total, 849 people affected by leprosy in the two provinces directly benefited from the project. The therapeutic sandals and care provided allowed wounds to heal more quickly and helped avoid amputations for at least 70 patients.



*Orthopaedic workshop, Vietnam.*

Beyond medical assistance, the project improves mobility, autonomy, and quality of life for beneficiaries, enabling them to resume daily activities and regain better integration within their families and communities.

### 4. Mauritania

In Mauritania, the CIOMAL Foundation continues its partnership with AMPHL (Mauritanian Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy) in order to support people living with the consequences of Hansen's disease.

Thanks to the support of the Monegasque Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and in collaboration with the Order of Malta France, the Foundation supports a local initiative aimed at strengthening the economic autonomy of affected persons.

This support is intended to enable several families to continue managing a parking facility under safer conditions while benefiting from income contributing to their livelihood.

This action is part of a gradual approach to strengthening socio-economic support for people affected by the disease in Mauritania.

**Special thanks are extended to the Order of Malta France (OMDP France), which enabled the development of projects in Vietnam and Mauritania, as well as to Professor Chaise for his constant commitment.**

**The CIOMAL Foundation continues its commitment within international networks dedicated to the fight against Hansen's disease.**

Among the year's highlights were participation in international awareness initiatives, collaboration with associations of the Order of Malta, and participation in events organized abroad by the Order of Malta.

### 1. United Nations Human Rights Council

With the support of the Permanent Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations in Geneva, the CIOMAL Foundation took part in the 59th session of the Human Rights Council held in June 2025 in support of the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on leprosy (Hansen's disease).

Through the statement delivered by Mr Hervé Arot, member of the Foundation Board, the CIOMAL Foundation welcomed the call to strengthen international cooperation among stakeholders engaged in this field. Drawing on its field experience in WHO priority countries and least developed countries, it reaffirmed its commitment to structured and sustainable approaches.

The intervention also highlighted persistent financing challenges, emphasizing the need to mobilize greater resources and better coordinate donor contributions. As in the past, the CIOMAL Foundation supported the establishment of strengthened monitoring and financing mechanisms while calling for clear leadership to accelerate progress toward the elimination of leprosy and the fight against related discrimination.

Holding ECOSOC status since 2018, CIOMAL continues its advocacy through regular exchanges with Dr Beatriz Miranda-Galarza, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their families.

### 2. World Leprosy Congress – Bali 2025

The CIOMAL Foundation participated in the 22nd International Leprosy Congress (ILC 2025), held from 7 to 9 July 2025 in Bali, Indonesia. This congress is now the leading global platform for scientific and strategic exchange on leprosy elimination, bringing together more than 1,200 participants from around fifty countries.

The Foundation was represented by Dr Laila de Laguiche, member of the Foundation Board, ensuring an active institutional presence for CIOMAL in international scientific discussions. Under the theme "Towards a World with Zero Leprosy," this edition highlighted several major advances: new therapeutic protocols aimed at shortening treatment duration, integrated early screening strategies, development of post-exposure prophylaxis, and innovative approaches to disability prevention.

Discussions also emphasized the importance of a quality-of-life-centered approach for people affected by the disease, particularly through functional rehabilitation and assistive technologies. The congress hosted the 3rd Global Forum of Organizations of Persons Affected by Leprosy, underscoring the need for inclusive approaches based on human rights and the fight against stigma.

Through its participation in this major international event, CIOMAL reaffirms its determination to contribute actively to global scientific dynamics aimed at achieving the shared objective: zero transmission, zero avoidable disability, and zero discrimination.



Dr Laila de Laguiche representing CIOMAL and AAL at the World Leprosy Congress – Bali 2025.

### 3. Global Forum of Organizations of Persons Affected by Hansen's Disease

From 4 to 6 July 2025, the 3rd Global Forum of Organizations of Persons Affected by Hansen's Disease was held in Bali ahead of the International Leprosy Congress. Organized by the Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative, the event brought together more than 110 representatives of organizations of affected persons from 21 countries, as well as major international actors such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

This forum placed the lived experience of affected persons at the center of discussions, affirming their essential role in shaping health policies and combating stigma. It resulted in concrete commitments, notably the adoption of recommendations, an action plan to strengthen the capacities of patient organizations, and the establishment of a monitoring mechanism.

The CIOMAL Foundation took part in this event, contributing to international discussions and reaffirming its commitment to the rights, inclusion, and strengthening of organizations of persons affected by Hansen's disease.

### 4. Outreach and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific

In November 2025, a regional conference of the Sovereign Order of Malta was held in Singapore, bringing together associations and delegations from Asia-Pacific. This meeting enabled the various national entities to present their respective actions in the humanitarian, social, and health sectors, while promoting the sharing of experiences and best practices.

Dr Pablo Sandonato de León, President of the Foundation, participated by videoconference to present CIOMAL's activities and priorities, thereby strengthening the Foundation's visibility and affirming its role within the international network of the Order of Malta.

The meeting also provided a platform for strategic reflection on the region's common challenges, notably poverty reduction, access to healthcare, and crisis response. Discussions strengthened regional coordination and increased commitment to concerted action, thereby improving the impact and sustainability of the Order's interventions in the region.



**GENEVA**

### Benefactors' Circle Dinner

On 24 November, the Benefactors' Circle gathered once again at Le Lyrique in Geneva for its annual dinner, a privileged moment of exchange with the Foundation's donors and partners.

The event provided an opportunity to present the year's activities and thank the Foundation's loyal supporters.

## Soeurn Kai:

## A teaching vocation born from the stigma of leprosy

At 35 years old, Soeurn Kai is a former leprosy patient who now lives with a disability affecting her left hand. Supported by CIOMAL since her fifth year of primary school, she was able to continue her studies through to obtaining a university degree in Siem Reap province.

As a child, she faced severe discrimination from villagers and classmates, many of whom were unaware that leprosy could be cured. Marked by this experience, she decided to become a teacher in order to raise awareness among younger generations and fight prejudice.

Today, she teaches at the primary school in her village, informing her students about leprosy while practicing the profession she had dreamed of. Married and mother of a two-year-old daughter, she also contributes to the family income by raising pigs.

Committed to the network of people affected by leprosy created by CIOMAL (PAL association), she actively participated in its early development, particularly to support women's empowerment.

Her journey illustrates the lasting impact of education and support in the fight against stigma related to leprosy.



Soeurn Kai taking care of her livestock.



Soeurn Kai benefiting from a water filter distributed by CIOMAL.



Soeurn Kai's class of students, Cambodia.

## Testimonial – Brazil

"Only those who have had leprosy know how difficult it is to return to a normal life. My name is Rodrigo, and today I would like to thank AAL and the CIOMAL Foundation. They enabled me to fulfill my dream: to walk again and move around normally. Hansen's disease completely deformed both of my feet, causing irreversible damage. But thanks to God, I received these custom-made shoes. This gift makes me very, very happy. I can wear shoes again. It took time to adapt, but they fit my deformed feet perfectly and helped me regain my balance so I can move around. Thank you!"

The CIOMAL Foundation thanks all its donors, partners, and institutions for their support, which is essential to the continuation of its activities.

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