

# Leprosy Mission

Southern Africa



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## Spot It

Leprosy patients diagnosed years after signs appear

 This means they have disabilities when starting treatment, which could have been prevented with early treatment

Leprosy Mission promotes early treatment by

- Training for health workers in rural areas
- Training for community leaders in affected areas
- Screening contacts of know patients and educating families



#### Treat It

Distribute free multi-drug therapy, which is provided by WHO Ensure that treatment is available as close as possible to where patient lives

Treatment includes disability prevention and wound care Stigma keeps leprosy patients sidelined

Help people to overcome their fear of leprosy

## Stop It

Goal is to stop transmission of leprosy

Ensure early treatment

Accessible treatment

Completion of treatment

Researchers looking for ways to identify pre-clinical leprosy

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