



Capacity Building Training Strengthens Leprosy Response Across Bangladesh Nilphamari | 30-31 July 2026 | Organized by: Advocacy Programme of TLMIB

The Advocacy programme of The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMIB) successfully organized a two-day Capacity Building Training on Leprosy for Partner Staff at the DBLM Training Center, Nilphamari, bringing together frontline professionals committed to strengthening leprosy services across Bangladesh.

The training aimed to enhance technical knowledge and practical competencies in early diagnosis, case management, disability prevention, reporting, and advocacy, ensuring that partner organizations remain equipped to support the National Leprosy Program effectively.

A total of 51 participants from partner organizations including Community Resource Persons (CRPs) attended the programme. The event achieved an impressive 96% attendance rate, reflecting strong commitment and engagement from participants. Facilitated by an experienced team of leprosy experts and programme professionals from DBLM Hospital, Nilphamari, the training combined interactive lectures, case discussions, clinical demonstrations, practical exercises, and experience-sharing sessions. Participants received updates on current leprosy guidelines and strengthened their skills in:

- Early detection and diagnosis of leprosy
- Classification and management of cases
- Prevention and management of disabilities and ulcers
- Nerve function assessment and clinical examination
- MDT implementation and management of complications
- Programme reporting, data management, and epidemiological indicators
- Advocacy and community engagement using the TLM Advocacy Toolkit

One of the most valued components of the programme was the hands-on clinical learning and patient demonstrations, which allowed participants to translate theory into practical field-level application.

The training resulted in improved knowledge, greater confidence in clinical decision-making, enhanced understanding of programme monitoring and reporting, and

stronger networking among partner organizations. Participants also expressed appreciation for the practical nature of the sessions and the opportunity to learn from experienced facilitators and peers.

During the closing session, we emphasized the importance of compassionate, patient-centred care, highlighting that early diagnosis, timely treatment, and prevention of disability remain critical to reduce the burden of leprosy. Also encouraged participants to share their learning within their organizations and continue contributing to high-quality services for affected communities.

"The patient demonstrations transformed theoretical concepts into practical learning. I now feel more confident in identifying suspected cases and assessing disabilities." – Md. Abdul Karim, Field Facilitator, Jhenaidah

"The discussions with experienced facilitators gave us practical solutions to challenges we frequently encounter in the field." – Mohammad Rahman, Community Resource Person (CRP), Sylhet

This initiative reaffirms TLMI-B's commitment to strengthening partner capacity and supporting Bangladesh's journey toward a leprosy-free future. By equipping frontline staff with updated knowledge and practical skills, the training is expected to contribute to improved case detection, better patient outcomes, stronger advocacy, and enhanced programme quality across the country.

The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMI-B) continues to work closely with partner organizations and government stakeholders to ensure no person affected by leprosy is left behind.

