



DermLink provides support for one-off projects and initiatives, of no more than 12 months, that are based in low-resource areas.

These small grants of up to \$5,000 fall into three categories:

- materials and equipment
- training: short-term dermatological training for an individual
- field or community projects

ILDS Members submit grant applications to the **International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD)**, either as a project sponsor or to undertake the project directly themselves.



## NEPAL

Supporting dermatopathology training to improve services for skin disease patients



## PHILIPPINES

Increasing knowledge about dermatological care for patients with sexually transmitted infections



## INDIA

Improving the lives of patients with leprosy through education, treatment and research

In 2018-2019  
DermLink reached  
**4,800**  
people



## NIGERIA

Reducing the prevalence of scabies through the education workshops for school children and their teachers



## SRI LANKA

Improving equipment to enhance students' dermatological learning experience among students and patients



## CARIBBEAN

Increasing clinics dermatological equipment to improve diagnosis and treatment of skin infections

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## WHAT HAPPENED

INDIA



Leprosy awareness and screening camps in primary health centres in rural Bengaluru.

Donated innovative wound dressing materials to the Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre.

Supported an ongoing research project to deepen the clinical understanding of leprosy.

More than **1600 people** attended awareness camps about and screened for leprosy.

**10 patients** in the Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre were treated with the donated innovative wound dressing materials.

PHILIPPINES



Supported local doctor, Dr Pelino, to attend short-term dermatological training outside the Philippines.

Dr Pelino observed the clinical and observational flow of the Department of Sexually Transmitted Infections Control Clinic in Singapore.

Dr Pelino is **more confident** in differentiating lesions and assessing whether there is a need for further testing among patients with sexually transmitted infections.

Dr Pelino will cascade the **knowledge and skills** she gained to local Residents in the Philippines.

CARIBBEAN



Purchased a cryotherapy liquid nitrogen container and a binocular microscope for the Kingston Public Hospital/National Chest Hospitals, Jamaica.

The liquid nitrogen container **increased** the number of patients treated by 63% and resulted in shorter appointments for treatment.

The binocular microscope enhanced the accuracy of diagnosing skin conditions, and is a **teaching tool** for junior residents in microscopic and histological techniques.

SRI LANKA



Purchased a projector for the training of students and patients by the Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists.

The projector has been used for **lectures, workshops, and events**, including a 'Young Dermatologists Forum' and on 'World Psoriasis Day'.

It has **enhanced** the teaching and learning experience of both the teachers and students.

NIGERIA



Four secondary schools were visited to raise awareness about scabies among students and their teachers.

Treatment was provided to students diagnosed with scabies during the visit.

In addition to the workshops, scabies treatments were donated to school clinics.

Over **3200 students** took part in the programme during the school visits.

**120 students** were diagnosed with and treated for scabies.

There was a significant **increase in knowledge** and awareness of scabies among the students after the visits.

NEPAL



Living expenses were provided for local doctor, Dr Baral, while he attended dermatopathology fellowship training in Wake Forest University, North Carolina, USA.

Dr Baral completed his fellowship. He will utilise his training to **improve** the diagnosis and treatment of patients at his department in Anandaban Hospital, Nepal. This will be the **first time** dermatopathological services will have been provided at this department.