Novartis and the Novartis Foundation have been working with partners around the world to eliminate leprosy for over 30 years, and to eliminate malaria for over 20 years.

**The Novartis Foundation leprosy program**

Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases known to man, but about 200,000 new patients are still diagnosed every year and an estimated 2-3 million people live with physical disability and stigmatization because of the disease. Novartis Foundation leprosy initiatives have included the Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Program, the Leprosy Alert and Response Network System (LEARNS), and AI4Leprosy.

**Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Program**

LPEP showed how providing preventative treatment to close contacts of newly diagnosed patients can help accelerate leprosy elimination.

**The Leprosy Alert and Response Network System (LEARNS)**

LEARNS was the Philippines' first mobile phone-based leprosy detection system.
Disease Elimination

**AI4Leprosy**

The Foundation is working with partners to use the world’s latest technologies to speed-up elimination of one of the oldest diseases.

**The Novartis Foundation malaria program**

Despite the tremendous progress made in combating malaria, one child still dies from the disease every two minutes. According to the [WHO](https://www.who.int), there were 228 million cases of malaria in 2018, with an estimated 405,000 deaths. The Novartis Foundation’s efforts to tackle this disease included a targeted parasite elimination (TPE) strategy.

**Malaria TPE Strategy**

Defining the optimal strategy to interrupt malaria transmission and strengthening health surveillance and response capabilities.

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