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PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MEASURES, INCLUDING LAWS, POSITIVE ACTION POLICIES AND ASSOCIATION WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, ADOPTED TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY AND THEIR FAMILIES AND ENSURE THEIR RIGHT TO DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE FORMAL LABOUR MARKET.

Answer: These actions are not carried out by the Ministry of Health. However, it is informed that, in a general way, with the objective of giving support to the Brazilian population that presents situation of social vulnerability, the Brazilian government through Law 13.982, of April 2, 2020, established additional parameters characterizing the social vulnerability situation for eligibility for Continuous Payment Benefit (*Benefício de Prestação Continuada - BPC*, in Portuguese), and established exceptional social protection measures to be adopted during the period of public health emergency of international importance resulting from the coronavirus (Covid-19). This Law approved the Emergency Aid, which is a financial benefit for informal workers, Individual Micro entrepreneurs (MEI), self-employed, and unemployed in order to provide emergency protection during the crisis caused by the pandemic. Citizens who complies with all of the following rules are entitled to the benefit:

- a) Be over the age of 18, except in the case of teenage mothers;
- b) Not having a formal job;
- c) Not receiving benefits paid by the National Institute of Social Security (INSS), such as retirement, pension or Continuous Payment Benefit (BPC);
- d) Not be a beneficiary of unemployment insurance, closed insurance or federal income transfer program, with the exception of Bolsa Família;
- e) Being in a family with a monthly income per person of up to half a minimum wage (R \$ 522.50) or with a total monthly income of up to three minimum wages (R \$ 3,135.00);
- f) In 2018, not having received taxable income above R\$ 28,559.70 (twenty-eight thousand, five hundred and fifty-nine reais and seventy cents), that is, in 2018 there was no need to declare income tax; and



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g) Being an individual microentrepreneur, individual contributor to the General Social Security System or informal worker, even if unemployed.

Available online at: <https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/lei-n-13.982-de-2-de-abril-de-2020-250915958>

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SOCIAL BENEFITS ESTABLISHED TO SPECIFICALLY RESPOND TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS FACING THOSE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY AND THEIR FAMILIES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Answer - Law nº 13.982, of April 2, 2020, established additional parameters of characterization of the social vulnerability situation for the purpose of eligibility to the Continuous Payment Benefit (BPC). This benefit guarantees the payment of a monthly minimum wage, currently, of R\$ 1,045, to people with disabilities or elderly over 65 years, who prove not to have means for their financial support.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR RECOVERY FROM COVID-19.

Answer – The Notifiable Diseases Information System (SINAN), in which leprosy records are registered, does not include data on cases of leprosy with Covid-19. However, the National Leprosy Program is conducting a study using a probabilistic database relationship to obtain them soon.

According to the Ministry of Health, the coordinating institution of SINAN and inducer of health policies, measures were adopted in line with the WHO recommendations for leprosy and COVID-19. These measures include the elaboration and virtual dissemination of information material on prevention measures to Covid-19 for people affected by leprosy, and recommendations on how to adequate health services to act in the context of the pandemic, in order to ensure continuity of treatment, respecting social isolation standards, decreasing the frequency of visits to health services. The information is available at: <https://www.aids.gov.br/ptbr/nocias/ministerio-da-saude-orienta-connuidade-do-tratamento-para-hanseniose>



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Also, to strengthen the management of the leprosy program in the states and municipalities during the pandemic period, the Ministry of Health held virtual meetings with local coordinators to plan and monitor actions; organized webinars on leprosy treatment with the participation of specialists and health professionals, and prepared materials with information aimed at people affected by leprosy and their families, to deal with stigma and discrimination, addressing also the rights of people with the disease. These materials will be launched in January 2021, on the National Day for Combating Leprosy.

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