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DETECTION OF HIDDEN CASES OF LEPROSY IN DR CONGO

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PLAN OF PRESENTATION

- Country profile
- National Leprosy Elimination Program
- Situation of leprosy in DRC
- Problems or challenges
- Strategies adopted
- Results
- Lessons learnt
- Recommendations

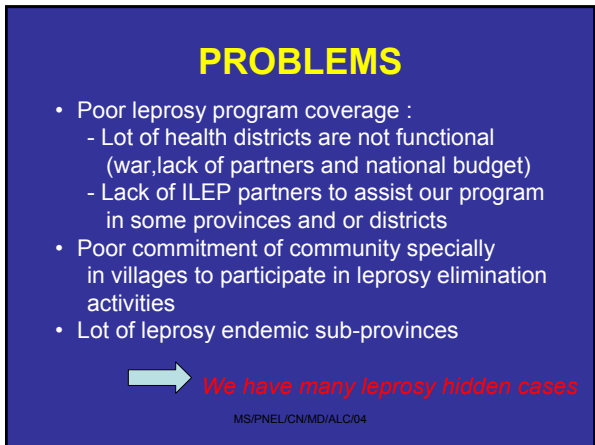
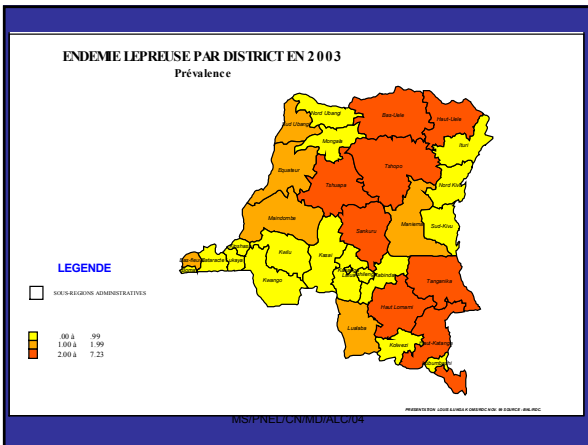
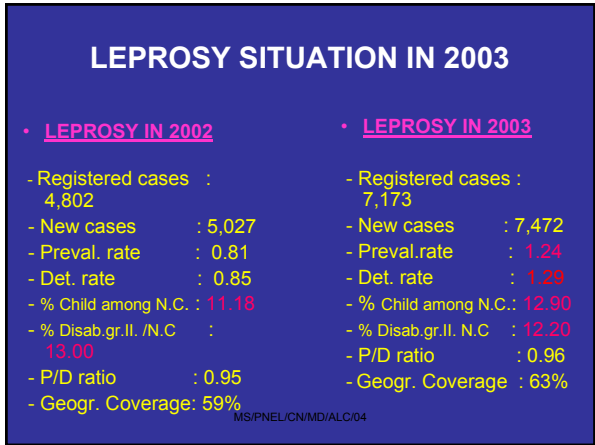
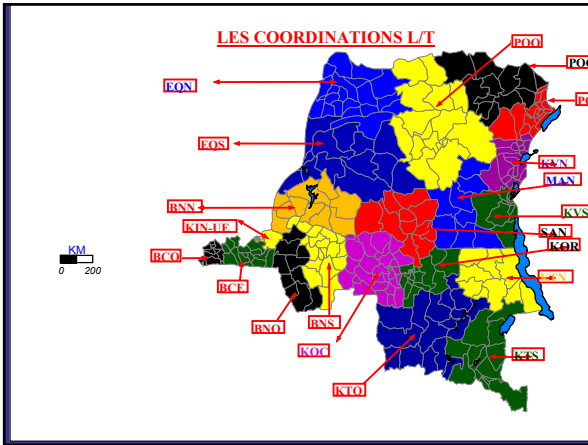
- Area : 2,345,000 km square

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NATIONL LEPROSY ELIMINATION PROGRAM

- NLEP : 20 L-T Provincials Coordinations (PC)
- 2 NEWS L/T PC :
 - WEST KATANGA
 - WEST BANDUNDU
- 2 L/T PC WITH A POOR COVERAGE :
 - OCCIDENTAL KASAI : 21%
 - ORIENTAL KASAI : 15%
- 2 L/T PC IN WAR SITUATION
 - ITURI
 - NORTH KIVU

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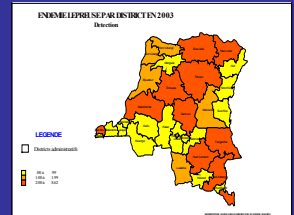
STRATEGIES ADOPTED

- INCREASE THE GEOGRAPHIC LEPROSY PROGRAM COVERAGE BY :
 - Strengthening the integration of leprosy activities in all health centers and structures.
 - Utilisation of **innovative** approaches with volunteers in area without health structures
- SOCIAL MOBILISATION :
 - Authority
 - Community (village, street and avenue)

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LEPROSY SITUATION IN 2003

- New Cases : 7,472
- Det. Rate : 1.29
- Reg. Cases : 7,173
- Prev. Rate : 1.24
- %Child /NC : 12.90
- %Dis.gr.II/NC : 12.20
- P/D : 0.96
- **Geogr. Cov.** : 63%



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SITUATION OF LEPROSY UP TO 31 SEPT 2004

- New Cases : 8,462
- Det. Rate : -
- Reg. Cases : 8,568
- Prev. Rate : 1.56 per 10,000
- %Child /NC : 12.69%
- %Dis.gr.II/NC : 9.86%
- P/D :
- **Geogr. Cov.** :

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DIFFICULTIES MET

- Volunteers and Community Agents (**Relais communautaires**) need salary or bonus
- The new cut up of health districts (515 previously 307)
- Insecurity in some health districts
- Destruction of health infrastructure and roads because of war
- Delay in mobilisation of resources

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LESSONS LEARNT

- Mobilisation of resources must be soon
- **Community agents(Relais communautaires)** must be chosen by population
- Motivation must be planned in the project for all persons who are involving in the intensification project
- Utilisation of posters and leaflets with local images or black leprosy patients

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase the leprosy program coverage by integrating leprosy elimination activities in all health centers
- Strengthening of involvement of community in leprosy elimination activities (with utilisation of Community agents -**Relais Communautaires**- in every village)
- Involvement of Volunteers, after some days of training, in areas without health centers
- It is desirable to get all resources before start the implementation of leprosy intensification activities project.

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