



From Global Strategy to National Action:
Workshop for Health Service Managers in Charge of
Leprosy Control Programmes

Session 5 Part 2
Impairments and nerve damage

Topic: Disability grading



Disability grading

Disability = any impairment, activity limitation, or participation restriction affecting a person.

EVERY NEW case must be assigned a Disability grade, which shows the condition at the time of diagnosis.



Disability grading 2

The grade is either 0, 1 or 2 for each eye hand and foot.

Each person has six grades;

the highest grade is given as the disability grading of that person.



Disability grade 0 and 1

Grade 0: No disability found

Grade 1:

Loss of sensation of the hand or foot.

Eyes are only graded as 0 or 2

Loss of sensation in the hands or feet is that due to nerve trunk damage not loss of sensation in skin patches.

Examination for loss of sensation in feet is essential for prevention of damage to feet in people affected by leprosy.



Disability grade 2

Grade 2 = Visible damage or disability.



Disab grade 2 of eyes

Eyes: inability to close

Obvious redness

Visual impairment

Blindness



Disability grade 2 of hands

wounds (ulcers)
deformity due
to muscle weakness
loss of tissue



Disability grade 2 of foot

wounds (ulcers)
deformity due
to muscle weakness
loss of tissue

