Global Disparities in Childhood Cancer

More than 300,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer worldwide each year.

240,000 live in low- and middle-income countries

60,000 live in high-income countries

The greatest indicator of cure for children with cancer is where they live.

Low- and middle-income countries

1 out of 5 are CURED

High-income countries

4 out of 5 are CURED

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents around the world.

A growing problem

Improvements in public health and medical services are helping more children survive infancy, which means increasing numbers of children will be at risk of developing cancer.

1950 0.87 BILLION
2018 1.96 BILLION

Number of children worldwide

Why are cure rates low in low- and middle-income countries?
- Limited access to high-quality, affordable treatment
- High treatment refusal and abandonment rates due to socioeconomic and cultural barriers

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