Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines

Giving children in low- and middle- income countries access to safe & effective medicines

In low- and middle- income countries (LMICs):

- 90% of children with cancer live in LMICs
- Only 1 out of 5 children survive
- 71% of low-income countries report general shortages in cancer medicines

Collaboration and creative solutions save lives. St. Jude is:

- Investing $200 million to provide LMICs with access to safe & effective medicines
- Partnering with World Health Organization
- Collaborating with leaders in LMICs and globally in healthcare and government

In 6 years, the Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines is expected to provide access to treatment for approximately 120,000 children in 50 countries

St. Jude, World Health Organization and global partners are transforming care for children with cancer

Solving the childhood cancer medicines problem would radically change how the global community works together towards ensuring all have access to the treatment they need.
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St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital believes no child should die in the dawn of life. That means every child, everywhere.

Lack of access to safe and effective medicines is a barrier to cancer care worldwide. Many hospitals struggle to find sustained access to affordable, high-quality childhood cancer medications.

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At the 70th World Health Assembly, global health leaders adopted a new resolution. It called for better access to essential medicines and other measures for all with cancer.

THE CHALLENGE

Availability
of essential cancer medicines around the globe is inconsistent due to supply and demand issues and complicated regulations.

Quality
of medicines is threatened when governments and administrations favor lowest-cost bids.

Cost
of childhood cancer medicines is often excluded from budgets, creating financial hardship for families in low- and middle-income countries.
Introducing the Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines.


THE SOLUTION

St. Jude and World Health Organization (WHO) are creating the platform to provide children with cancer with an **uninterrupted supply of quality cancer medicines**.

The platform will bring St. Jude, WHO, governments, the pharmaceutical industry, non-governmental organizations and the nonprofit sector together to ensure quality and effective medicines are available to treat childhood cancer. **This effort will increase global visibility and predictability of the market for childhood cancer medicines.**

In 6 years, **approximately 120,000 children in low- and middle-income countries could benefit.**