

# THE CHANGING GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PLANS

International Cancer Control Partnership

The [International Cancer Control Partnership's \(ICCP\) 2023 global review](#) of national cancer control plans (NCCPs) shows progress in overall national cancer strategies, and persistent gaps in funding, access, and integration of evidence-based interventions. Involving more than 70 international experts, this review analyzed 98 NCCPs and 58 non-communicable disease (NCD) plans from countries across all income levels. Plans were evaluated across 13 key domains of the cancer control continuum. This review serves as a follow up to ICCP's initial [2018 review](#), recognizing the evolving landscape of NCCPs.

## SAMPLE FINDINGS

### DATA

**96%**

of NCCPs define a cancer goal

**48%**

of NCCPs include SMART objectives in their cancer goals

**36%**

of NCCPs include references to cancer data, cancer registries, & other data sets

**<1%**

of NCCPs cite an evidence base for each strategy and intervention

## KEY MESSAGES



The number of countries with NCCPs has increased worldwide, especially among LMICs



Inclusion of financing strategies in NCCPs grew from 7% to 27%, but in many LMICs plans have limited to no resources allocated



Cancer control is integrated into broader health & NCD strategies for a more holistic approach



59% of NCCPs included strategies for monitoring & evaluation, to measure NCCP impact and ensure quality & accessible cancer care



Many NCCPs lack goals & strategies for integration into universal health coverage that would improve access to care



With progress in prioritizing research, the inclusion of cancer research strategies has risen from 6% of NCCPs to 81%

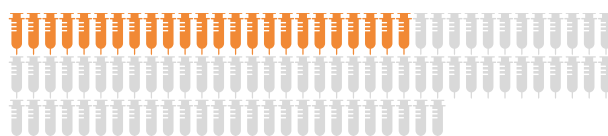
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## HEALTH WORKFORCE

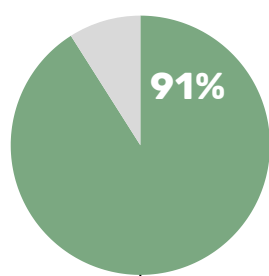
**45%** of NCCPs include strategies for workforce hiring & career development



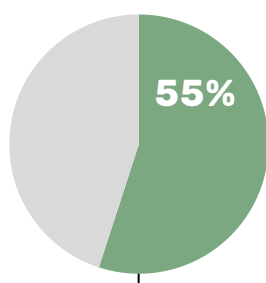
**24%** of NCCPs include workforce development or training programs



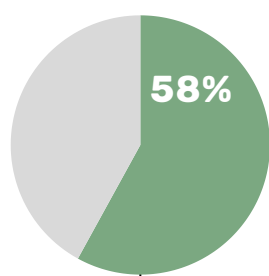
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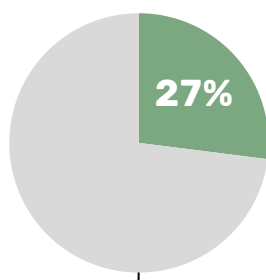
of NCCPs include a tobacco control strategy



of NCCPs address alcohol control



of NCCPs address commercial determinants of health



of NCCPs include air pollution reduction strategies

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



- Continued emphasis is needed to engage people with cancer to ensure more inclusive and patient-centered care
- Country-led efforts should leverage data to refine cancer strategies and enhance resilience for future health crises
- Research on workforce development, policy, and cost-effective strategies can improve NCCP effectiveness and patient outcomes
- Increase focus on resource allocation, early detection, and evidence-based practices to ensure accessible quality cancer care
- Addressing health equity goals, universal health coverage, social determinants of health, and the needs of vulnerable populations can improve equity and access in cancer care



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