

# International Cancer Control Partnership ECHO Program

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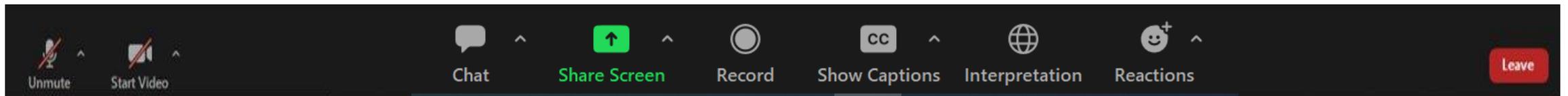
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**SESSION 1: SETTING THE STAGE – ICCP ECHO PROGRAM ORIENTATION AND COUNTRY TEAM PRIORITY SHARING**

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# About ICCP

The International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) is a group of international organizations engaged in cancer control planning efforts in coordination and alignment with UN agencies (WHO, IAEA, IARC).



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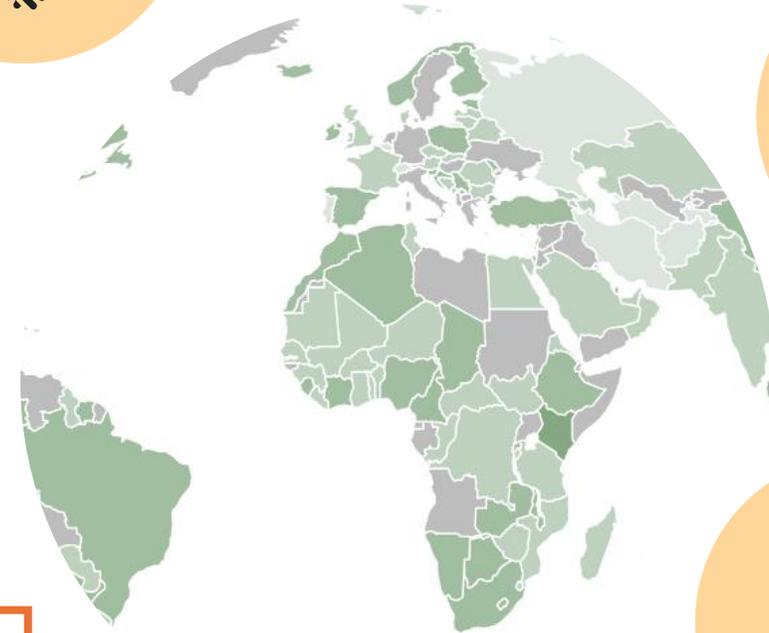
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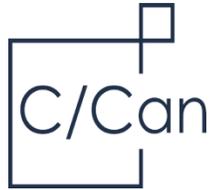
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# ICCP ECHO Purpose and Outcomes



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Increased knowledge about and awareness of NCCP implementation resources, tools

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Increased knowledge about NCCP implementation strategies

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Increased capacity to understand and identify factors influencing NCCP implementation

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A network of expertise and practice among countries

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Progress related to 1-2 NCCP implementation priorities

# ICCP ECHO Country Team Participation



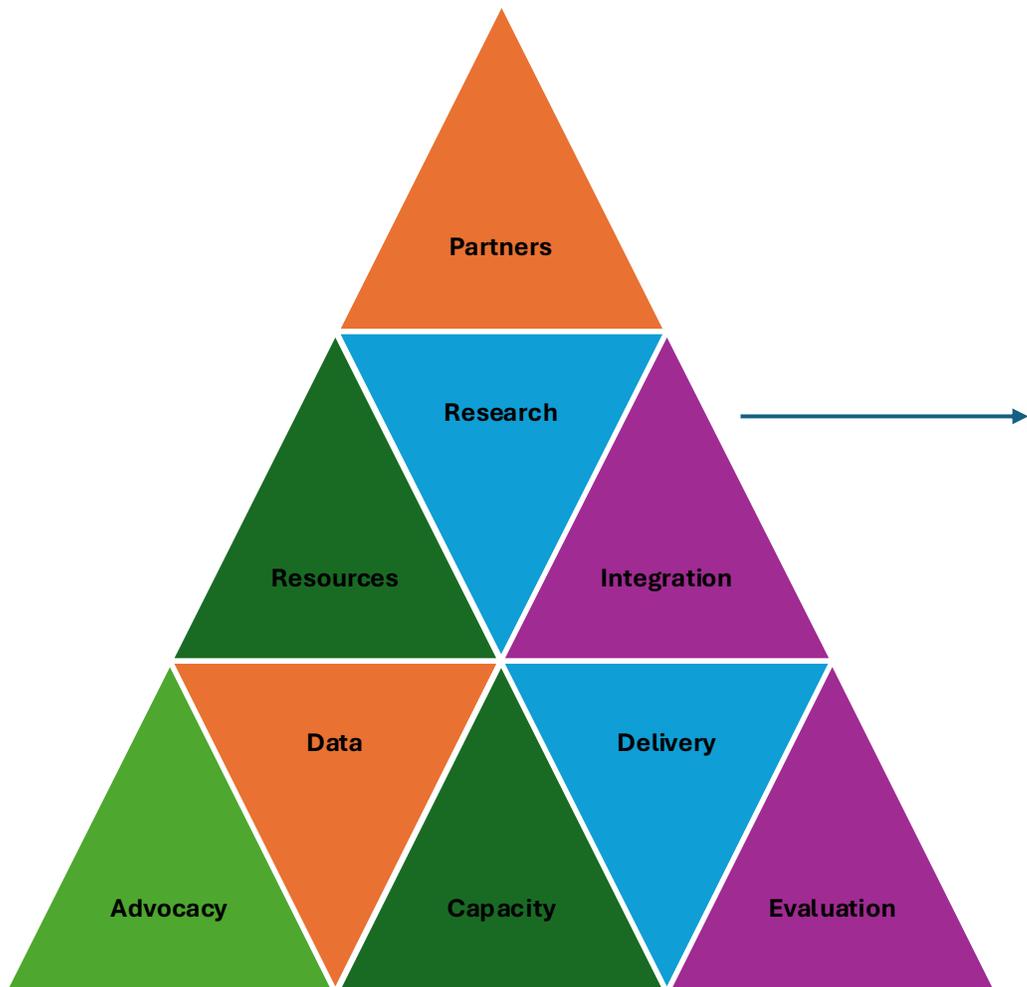
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Cameroon	Bhutan**	Eswatini	Burundi	Eswatini***	Gambia, The
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*India	Nigeria	Uganda	Nigeria	Guinea	Uganda
Kenya	Sri Lanka	Sierra Leone	Sri Lanka	Indonesia	Zimbabwe
Malawi	Uganda	Zambia	Zimbabwe	Sri Lanka***	
Nigeria		Zimbabwe		Zimbabwe	
Rwanda					
*Tanzania					
8 Country Teams	5 Country Teams	6 Country Teams	5 Country Teams + 2 Regional Advisors	6 Country Teams + 2 Regional Advisors	4 Country Teams + 2 Regional Advisors + 2 Mentors

Notes:

- \*2 teams in the first year were not MOH-led/coordinated
- \*\*Bhutan did not complete the full year
- \*\*\*Transition from Participant to Mentor team
- Pipeline for country teams comes from country requests, ICCP Technical Assistance Working Group & Partners, UN Agency Partners, Country-Level Experts
- 7 out of 18 are multi-year teams [Eswatini 5yrs; Sri Lanka 4 yrs; Nigeria 3yrs; Zimbabwe 3 yrs; Uganda 3 yrs; Gambia 2 yrs; Guinea 2yrs]
- Countries return for a number of reasons:  
 Continued interest; learning; new team members for training; new phase of implementation or evaluation for next plan, etc.



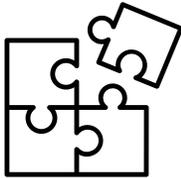
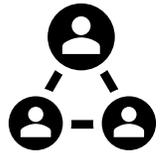
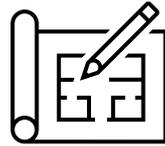
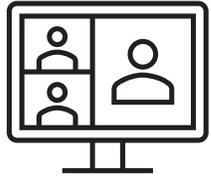
# National Cancer Control Plan Implementation Strategies\*



## Content of monthly sessions March - November

- Coordination of cancer control efforts and partners for implementation, policy, and advocacy
- Creating, using, and implementing a NCCP implementation plan, including priority setting
- Use of data for decision-making (surveillance and policy development)
- Supporting research through NCCP implementation
- Monitoring and evaluation of a NCCP (including developing/using an evaluation strategy/framework)
- Key factors in costing, prioritizing, financing, and allocating resources for NCCPs
- Increasing capacity of and mobilizing the healthcare workforce
- Improving cancer-related services, including through system changes and integrating cancer efforts with other health programs
- Sustaining NCCP efforts

# ICCP ECHO Program Structure



## Monthly sessions

- Experts, case presentations, panel discussions

## Country Team collaboration

- Pre-session questions to discuss and share answers during sessions
- Self-led team discussions to work on priorities identified

## ICCP Portal, iECHO

- Access ICCP resources on the portal
- Use iECHO to join sessions, ask questions, share ideas, connect with each other

## ICCP Technical Assistance

- 1:1 discussion; Office hours at the midpoint
- Request assistance as needed

## ICCP ECHO evaluation

- Focus group discussions, surveys, polls



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## 2025 ICCP ECHO

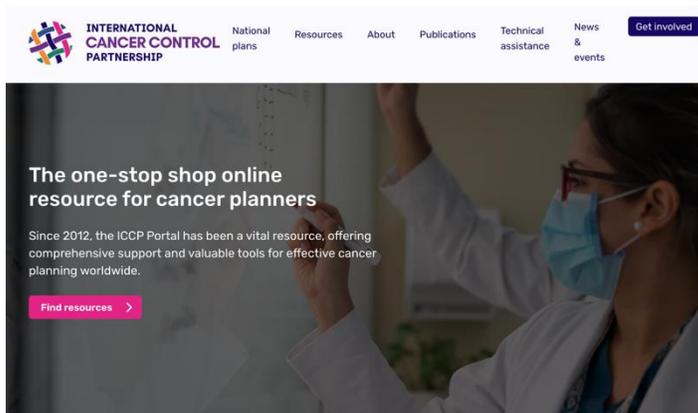
Every month on 3rd Wednesday from 19 Feb 2025 to

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### Sessions

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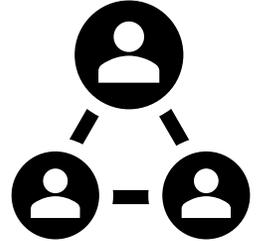


<https://www.iccp-portal.org/technical-assistance/iccp-project-echo-program-materials>



# ICCP ECHO Expectations: All teach, all learn

Help us build a virtual community of practice that excels at NCCCP implementation:



- Actively participate in sessions – ask questions, answer questions, share challenges and successes, provide case presentations, serve as a panelist, offer advice to other countries
- Work together as a team between sessions – discuss pre-session questions, work on NCCCP priorities, participate in an ICCP ECHO office hour session
- Provide input to guide session content
- Help evaluate the ICCP ECHO
- Help ICCP build the knowledge base of what works to implement NCCPs

# ICCP ECHO Evaluation

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# Overview of ICCP ECHO Evaluation

Goal: to evaluate the utility of the ECHO model as a virtual learning environment that fosters knowledge exchange and builds capacity among country teams implementing their NCCP.

## Engagement

Attendance records

Post-program survey

## Satisfaction

Post-session Zoom polls

Post-program survey

Focus group discussions

## Knowledge

Pre/Post-Session Zoom polls

# Utilization of Evaluation Results

## Adjustments

- Lengthened case presentations
- Began offering individual technical support
- Incorporate panel presentations

## Accountability

- Ensure sticking to our goals
- Report findings back to participants

## Dissemination

- Report findings to community
- Identify best practices

## Implementation and evaluation of a Project ECHO for national cancer control plan implementation in low- and middle-income countries

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) ECHO uses a technology-enabled learning model for knowledge exchange on National Cancer Control Plans (NCCP) implementation strategies for low- and middle-income countries. We evaluated the use of this platform to bring together Ministry of Health-led, transdisciplinary teams in monthly, one-hour sessions with experts and peer presentations between 2020 and 2023.

**Methods:** A pre-post mixed-methods design was used. Baseline and endpoint surveys (41/90, 46 %) measured changes in self-reported knowledge and confidence related to 12 strategies for NCCP implementation based on a four-point Likert scale. Comparisons were done using a paired T-test. Seven post-focus group discussions (FGDs) (6/12 countries, 50 %) captured the perceived utility of ECHO for implementing NCCP priorities. FGDs were audio-recorded, transcribed, double-coded, and underwent thematic analysis.

**Results:** Respondents reported high satisfaction with the curriculum, presentations, and format of the program; however, internet connectivity was a challenge, and duration was identified as an area for improvement. Average self-reported knowledge of and confidence using all 12 strategies increased significantly between pre- and post-surveys ( $p < 0.0001$ ). Along with expert presentation, the peer-to-peer learning through case-based discussion enhanced their learning experience and ensured that the content was relevant. Some participants recommended incorporating additional one-on-one technical assistance during the program.

**Conclusion:** Study findings suggest this interactive, bidirectional knowledge exchange approach can be effective for improving knowledge and capacity for non-clinical, system-focused areas such as cancer control planning and policy implementation. Further study is warranted to understand how cancer planners utilize their learnings.

### 1. Introduction

Cancer is a rising global health problem that affects all countries; however, the burden falls disproportionately on low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where an estimated 70 % of cancer-related mortality occurs [1]. The growing burden underscores the need for cancer research and control policies to be included in national policy agendas, and to ensure health systems are adequately equipped to control it. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends member states establish cancer control priorities and develop and implement

national cancer control plans (NCCPs) [2]. An NCCP is a strategic framework typically developed under the leadership of a country's Ministry of Health, often with multi-sector involvement, to enable a coordinated approach to prevent and control cancer based on an individual country's disease burden and context [3,4]. Countries vary in experience, capacity, resources, and technical assistance needs for developing and implementing their NCCPs.

The International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) [5] conducts a periodic review of NCCPs [3,4] to map the current state of plans globally, and uses the findings along with direct input from countries to

# Country Team Introductions and Priority Sharing

Country Teams will each have approximately 5 minutes



- The Gambia
- Guinea
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

# 2026 Country Priorities

## The Gambia

Cancer early detection: focus on cervical, breast and prostate cancer

Cancer registry: Working to reactive the cancer registry

## Guinea

Cervical cancer screening scale up

Health worker workforce and integration of services

## Uganda

Advocacy for plan approval by the government of Uganda

Dissemination of the plan among implementation stakeholders

## Zimbabwe

Working on the Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy

Improving case detection for Lung Cancer