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Cancer Country Profile 2020

BURDEN OF CANCER

Total population (2019)

2,347,696

Total # cancer cases (2018)	Total # cancer deaths (2018)
705	610

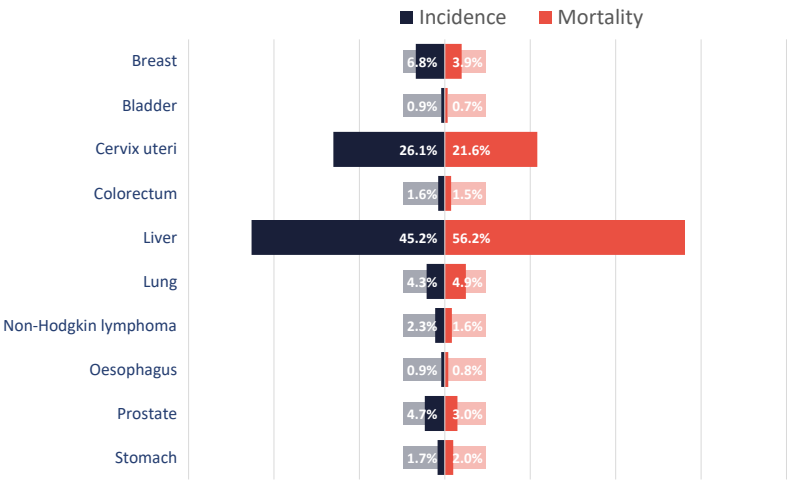
Premature deaths from NCDs (2016)

2,140

Cancer as % of NCD premature deaths (2016)

15.1%

Most common cancer cases (2018)



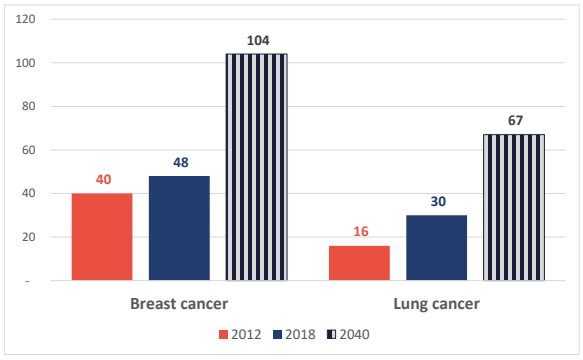
PAFs (population attributable fractions)

Tobacco (2017)[a]	Alcohol (2016)[a]	Infections (2012)[b]	Obesity (2012)[b]	UV (2012)[c]	Occupational risk (2017)[a]
n/a	6.6%	51.3%	0.6%	n/a	0.6%

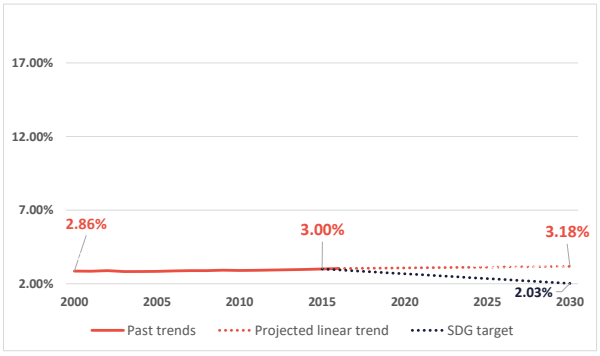
[a] *PAF, cancer deaths* [b] *PAF, cancer cases* [c] *PAF, melanoma cases*

TRENDS

Estimated past and future trends in total cases per year (breast and lung)



Probability of premature death from cancer per year

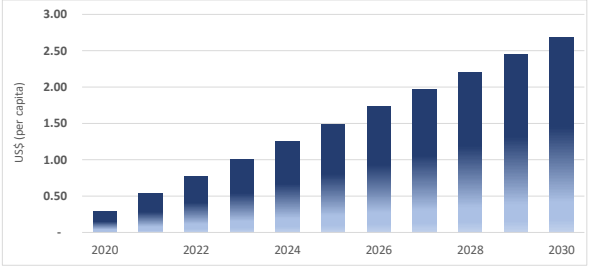


INVESTMENT CASE (2019)

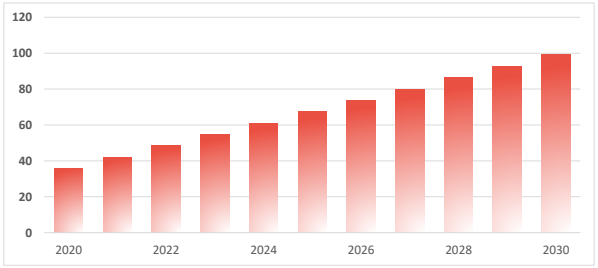
**Low income*

At this income level, investing in a package of essential services and scaling-up coverage will:

Costs per year



Projected lives saved per year



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HEALTH SYSTEM CAPACITY

[a] per 10,000 cancer patients

Availability of population-based cancer registry (PBCR)**	2019	PBCR
Quality of mortality registration***	2007-2016	No coverage
# of external beam radiotherapy (photon,electron)[a]	2019	0.0
# of mammographs[a]	2020	14.2
# of CT scanners[a]	2020	28.4
# of MRI scanners[a]	2020	14.2
# of PET or PET/CT scanners[a]	2020	0.0

WORKFORCE

[a] per 10,000 cancer patients

Available staff in Ministry of Health who dedicates significant proportion of their time to cancer	2019	yes
# of radiation oncologist[a]	2019	n/a
# of medical physicist[a]	2019	n/a
# of surgeons[a]	2011	141.8
# of radiologist[a]	2019	0.0
# of nuclear medicine physician[a]	2019	0.0
# of medical & pathology lab scientists[a]	2015	156.0

FORMULATING RESPONSE

Integrated NCD plan	2019	not in effect
NCCP (including cancer types)	2019	under development
MPOWER measures fully implemented and achieved	2018	2
Cancer management guidelines	2019	no
Palliative care included in their operational, integrated NCD plan	2019	no
# of treatment services (surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)	2019	0
Breast cancer screening program	2019	no
Breast cancer screening program: Starting age, target population	2019	n/a

# Public cancer centres per 10,000 cancer patients	2019	14.2
Early detection programme/ guidelines for 4 cancers (breast, cervix, colon, childhood)	2019	0 cancer(s)
Pathology services	2019	generally not available
Bone marrow transplantation capacity	2019	generally not available
Palliative care availability: community/home-based care	2019	generally not available
Availability of opioids* for pain management	2015-2017	0

Defined daily doses for statistical purposes (S-DDD) per million inhabitants per day

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

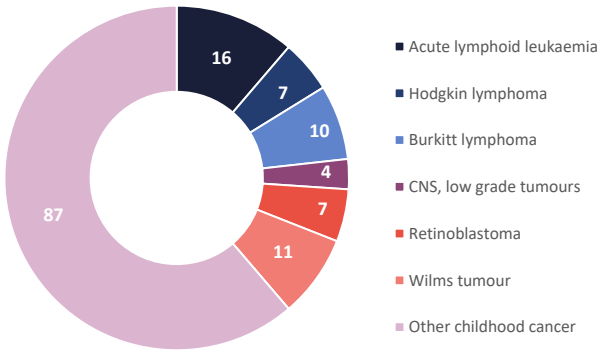
Elimination of Cervical Cancer

HPV vaccination programme coverage	2018	n/a
Cervical cancer screening	2019	no
Screening programme type	2019	n/a
Screening programme method	2019	n/a
Screening participation rates	2019	n/a
Early detection programme/guidelines	2019	no
Defined referral system	2019	no

Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

Annual cancer cases (0-14 years old)	2020	142
Early detection programme/guidelines	2019	no
Defined referral system	2019	no

Annual cancer cases (0-14 years old)



***The mortality estimates for this country have a high degree of uncertainty because they are not based on any national NCD mortality data