

International Cancer Control Partnership ECHO Program

May 17, 2023 Session: **Mid-point Progress Update - Country Team Sharing of Progress on Implementation Priorities**

- Select one team member to present
- Each team will have 5 minutes
- Maximum of 2 slides per team

QUESTIONS TO ADDRESS:

What is one of the priorities you identified at the beginning of the ECHO, that you have been able to work on the most?

What progress have you been able to make on that priority?

What challenges have you had in working on the priority?

What, if any, tools or expertise do you need to help continue your work on that priority?

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Priority and Progress

- **One priority identified at the beginning of the ICCP EHCO:** Improve capacity building/training for childhood cancer
- **Progress so far:** The senior Health Management Team, 80 Nurse Managers from all the 4 regions and 18 cancer focal nurses were capacitated on childhood cancer. We still need to roll out the training to nurses and community health care workers
- A pediatric Oncologist from South Africa trained 13 Medical officers, 2 pharmacists, 1 lab technologist and 4 regional cancer coordinators (Training of Trainers) on childhood cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care. These trainers are currently conducting in-service trainings for other medical officers and health care workers at level 3-5 facilities
- A referral guide was developed and adopted by medical officers to strengthen timely referral, diagnosis and treatment of children
- 4 nurses went for job shadowing at Chris Hani Baragwaneth Hospital in South Africa for pediatric oncology
- Psychosocial support services (peer support groups) for children living with cancer have been formed in the Manzini region
- The NCCP has managed to commemorate childhood cancer day in all the regions in September 2022 where 33 cancer children and their caregivers were celebrated. Childhood cancer awareness was also created in communities, radio, television and facebook.

Challenges and Needs

- **Challenges encountered implementing this priority:**
- Transport for executing the capacitation : sometimes the Government depot runs out of fuel
- Funds for rolling out capacitation for childhood cancer to the community and hard to reach areas

- **Tools and/or expertise needed:**
- A pediatric oncology unit in the country
- Specialized personnel in childhood cancer
- Financial support for further capacity building of Nurses and Community health workers on the early warning signs of childhood cancer

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SIERRA LEONE



Priority and Progress

One priority identified at the beginning of the ICCP ECHO:

- Finalize the NCCP
- **Progress so far:**
- Zero draft (2023 – 2028) NCCP developed by an international consultant
- A national consultant was hired to consolidate the draft version of the NCCP

Priority and Progress

- 1st draft (2023 -2028) submitted by the national consultant
- Same forwarded to IAEA, WHO, and IARC Technical Office for review to ensure alignment with international guidelines.

Priority and Progress

- The International Cancer Control Partnership reviewed the zero draft plan and submitted their comments and inputs

- The International Cancer Control Partnership report on the zero draft was forwarded to the national consultant for consideration and action

Challenges and Needs

- **Challenges encountered in implementing this priority:**
- Costing of the NCCCP
- **Tools and/or expertise needed:**
- The WHO Tools for Costing,
- International consultant needed to support **MOHS to cost the plan**

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SRI LANKA



Priority and Progress

One priority identified at the beginning of the ICCP EHCO:

Early Detection of Cancers

Progress so far:

Already at Primary Care – Well Women Clinic (Cervical & Breast cancer), Dental clinics (Oral Cancer), Healthy Life Style Centres (Breast, Oral)

- Cancer Early Detection Centres – 4 established up to now (Colombo, Jaffna, Matara, Rathnapura (Phased manner at least 1 centre per district)
- Breast Clinics - 25 clinics already established. 5 more (DGH Negombo, BH Panadura, BH Horana, TH Kuliypitiya, TH Kalutara) to be commenced soon

Challenges and Needs

Challenges encountered implementing this priority:

Human resource – limitations of having designated Medical Officer & Nursing Officer for Cancer Early Detection Centre (CEDC)

Not having adequate physical resources – mammography, colposcopy, colonoscopy facilities

Tools and/or expertise needed:

- Training opportunities for Cancer Early Detection Centre (CEDC) & breast clinic staff
- Education materials for health care staff/ general public

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Priority and Progress

- One priority identified at the beginning of the ICCP EHCO:
 - Finalization of the Review of the National Cancer Control Plan
- Progress so far:
 - The NCCP was finalized by the technical team made up of clinicians, MoHCC NCD Dept personnel, WHO, IAEA technical experts and others
 - Final NCCP Draft Document submitted to the Policy & Planning Dept to align with the National Health Strategy, NDS & government policy
 - Next Step – Signing off of Final Draft then it can be adopted and disseminated (projected timeline: end of May)

Challenges and Needs

- Challenges encountered implementing this priority:
 - Competing priorities in the Policy & Planning Dept; other major policy reviews for other health programs being done simultaneously; engagements have been done to prioritize NCCP (work in progress)
- Tools and/or expertise needed:
 - Costing of the NCCP
 - Implementation Strategy for NCCP
 - Mobilizing resources for NCCP implementation
 - Cancer Action Plan for Two Radiotherapy Centers
 - Capacity Building for cancer services