



CureAll Framework: WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

Increasing access, advancing quality, saving lives



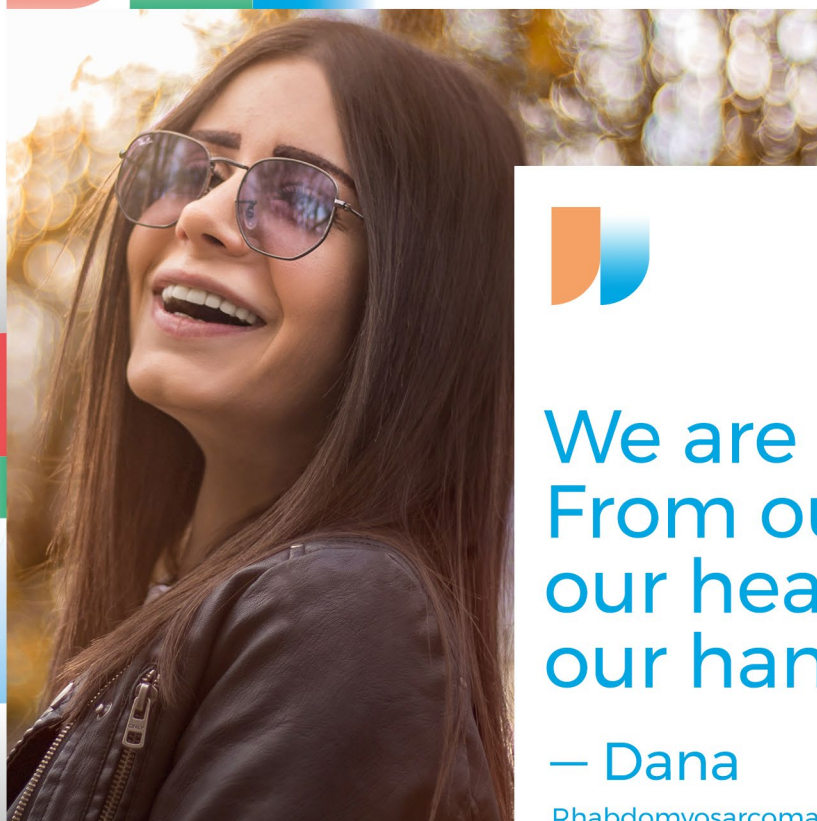
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Organization



Children with
cancer can't fight
alone, together we
can fight it and win.

— Prince

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia survivor



We are born strong.
From our heads to
our hearts through
our hands.

— Dana

Rhabdomyosarcoma survivor

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Approximately **400 000** children are estimated to develop cancer every year

>80%

of children with cancer
will survive
IN HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES

<30%

of children with cancer
will survive
IN MANY LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES



The Goal

To achieve at least **60% survival** and to reduce suffering for all children with cancer by 2030

Pathways to Childhood Cancer Care



Not preventable -
focus on early
detection



Successful treatment relies on
child- and family-centred care
including psychosocial services



Consider special needs
of adolescents and
young adults



Highly curable, requiring
multidisciplinary teams
including supportive care
and nutrition

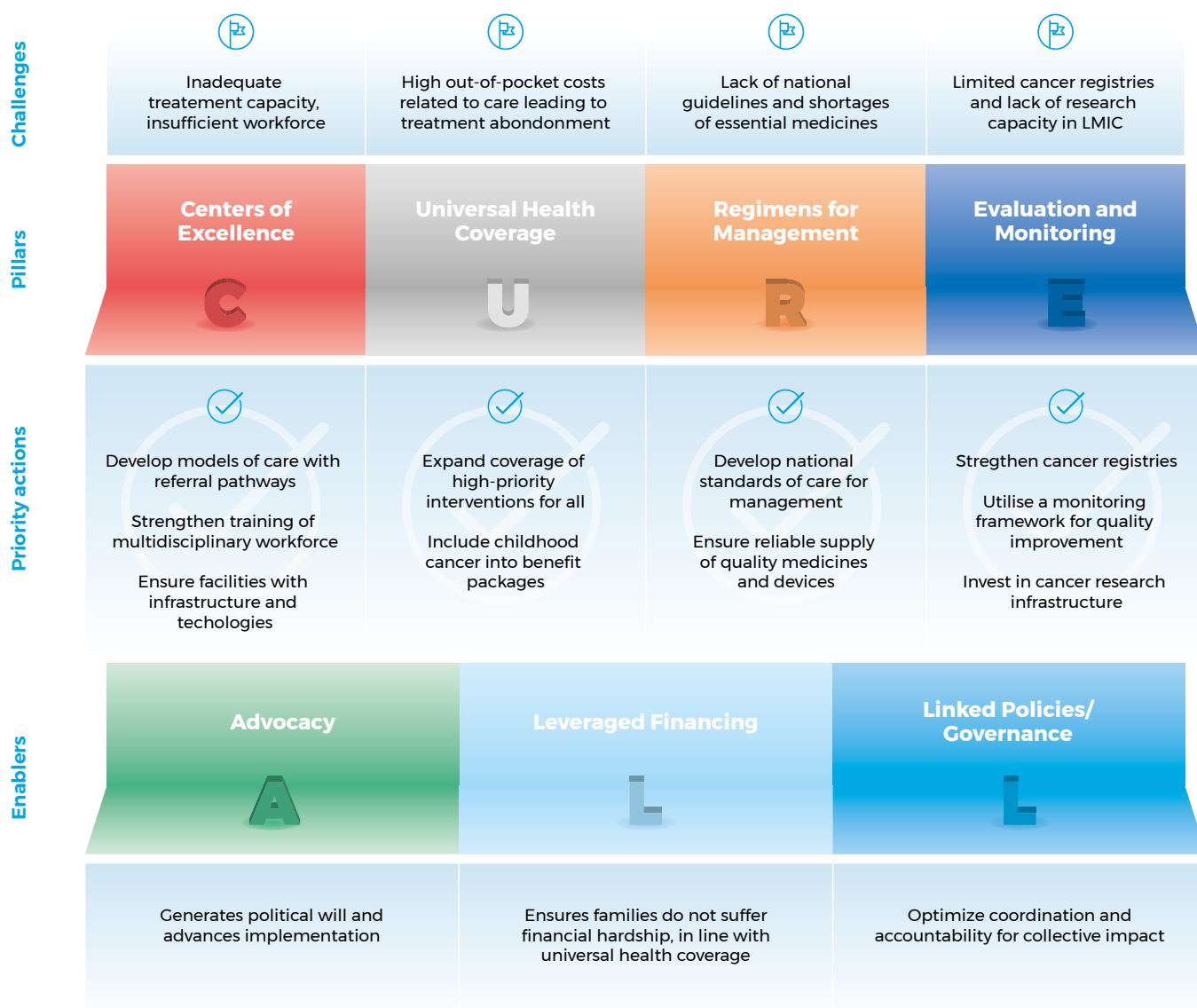


Palliative care should be
offered to all children

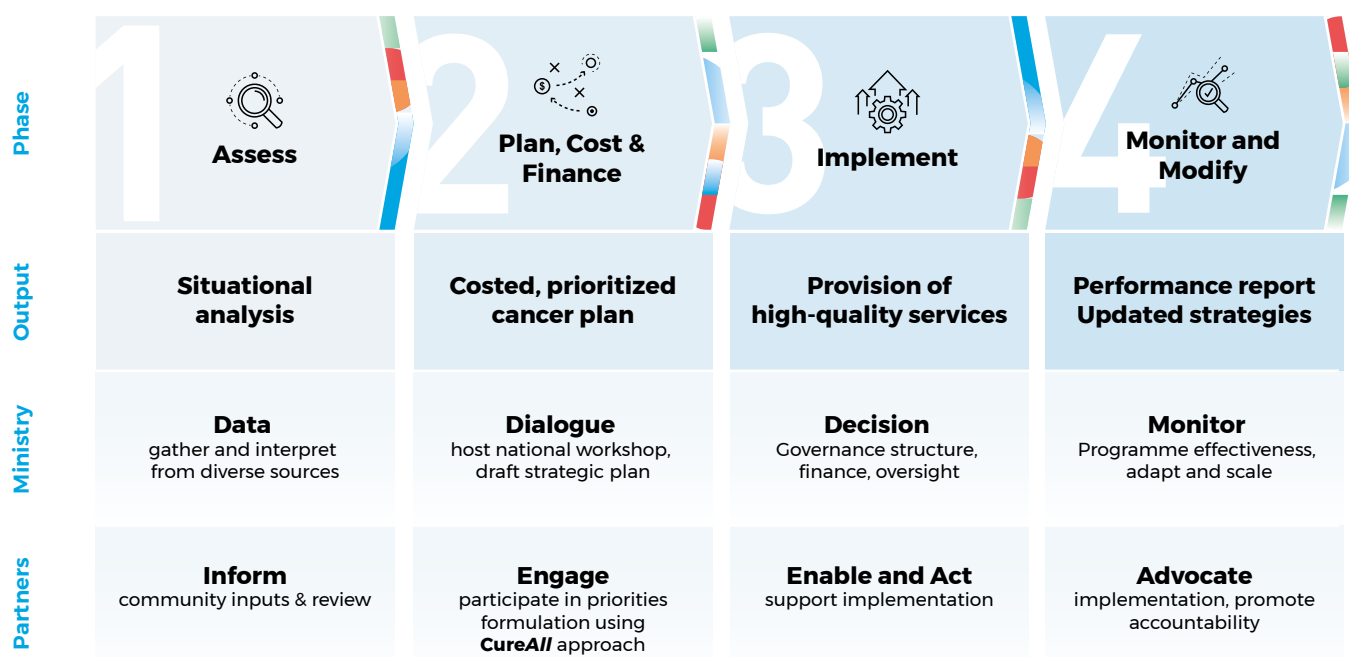


Follow-up of cancer
survivors into adulthood
required

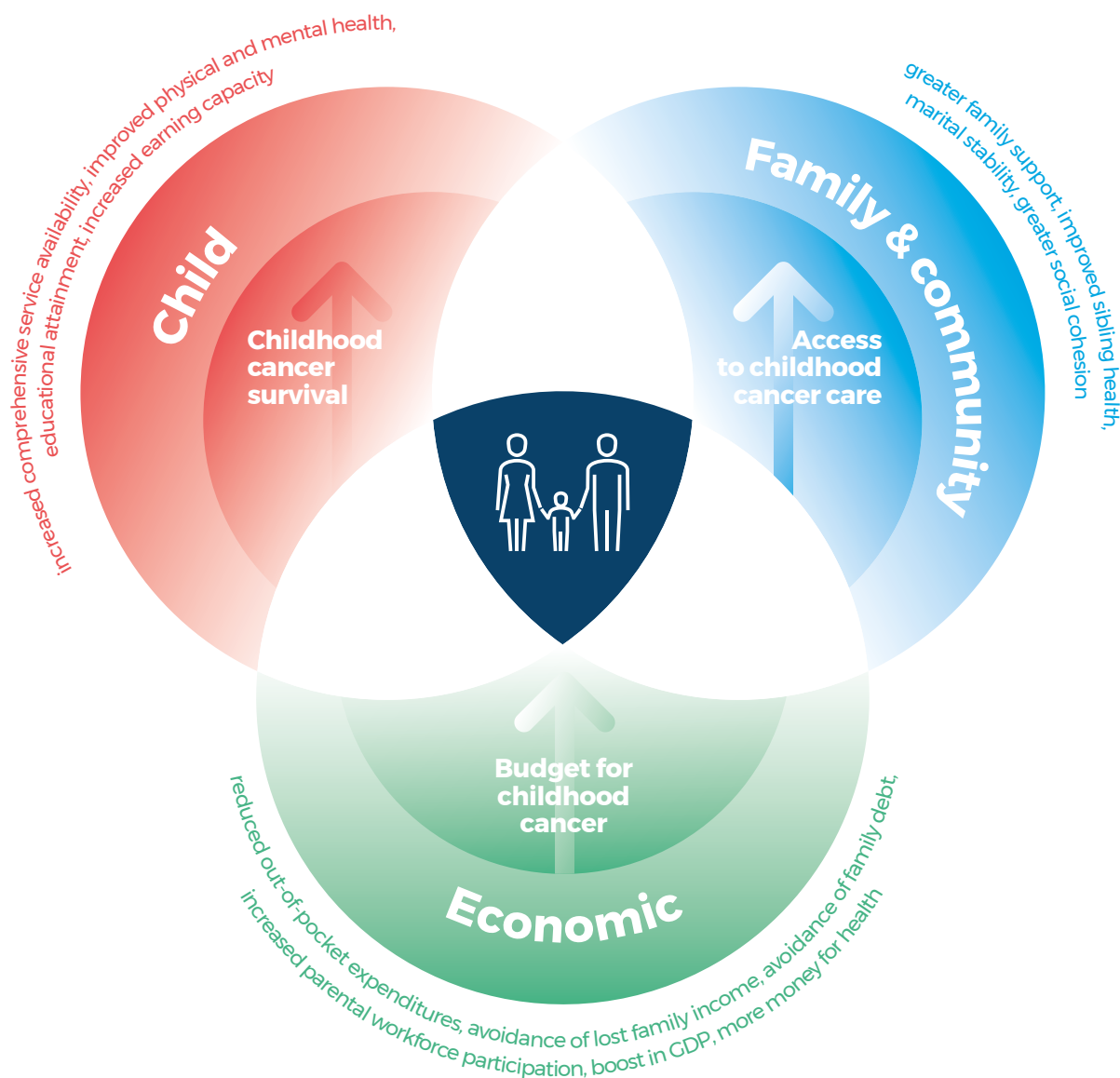
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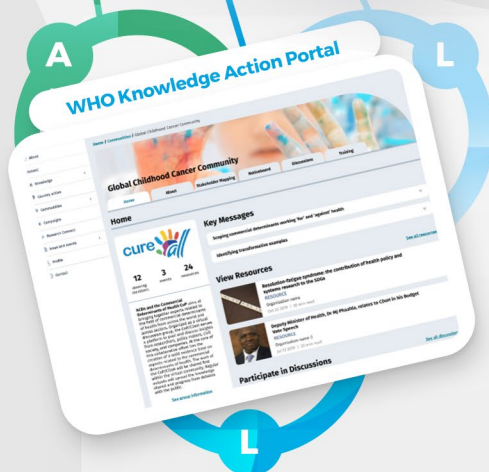


Implementation Approach



Social and economic value of investing in childhood cancer







EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year, an estimated 400 000 children (aged 0–19 years) develop cancer globally. The vast majority of these children live in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where treatment is often unavailable or unaffordable.

As a result, approximately 15–45% of children with cancer in LMICs survive, compared to more than 80% in high-income countries. This profound inequity is a threat to the attainment of universal health coverage and the realization of political commitments in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The inclusion of childhood cancer as a public health priority is feasible, effective and sustainable – it offers an important opportunity to catalyse progress in cancer control, to save lives and reduce suffering, and to demonstrate success in the noncommunicable disease agenda. Investing in children and strengthening childhood cancer programmes are strategic priorities for governments with the capacity to save hundreds of thousands of lives each year at a low per capita cost (estimated at US\$ 0.03 – 0.15 for LMIC). Beyond the economic justification, childhood cancer warrants emphasis as a matter of equity, human rights and social justice.

Recognizing the need for action, the World Health Organization (WHO), alongside St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and global partners, launched the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (referred to as the Initiative) at the United Nations General Assembly during the Third High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases in September 2018. The Initiative brings together stakeholders across sectors towards a shared goal of improving the health and well-being for children with cancer using the **CureAll** framework as a shared operational approach. By 2030, the Initiative aims to achieve at least 60% survival for childhood cancer globally and reduce suffering for all.

The special needs of children, including consideration of growth and development, socio-economic issues of their families and their participation in care, have to be considered when a child is diagnosed with cancer. Providing these services requires a special workforce, complex multi-disciplinary teams and advocacy. In particular, attention must be brought to children's nutrition, psychosocial well-being, neurocognitive health, growth and long-term outcomes along their life course.

Section 1 provides a background to childhood cancer, including disease burden, recent progress in childhood cancer care, the causes of inequities related to childhood cancer mortality and an economic justification for the need to address childhood cancer care.

Section 2 presents the **CureAll** approach of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, focusing on the four pillars and three enablers. Together, they relay evidence-based strategies, programmes and policies that will increase the capacity of countries to provide quality services for children with cancer.

Section 3 is an explanatory guide to implementing the **CureAll** approach. The context for each pillar and enabler are provided, and priority actions are detailed.

The justifications for action are strong, guidance for priority actions is based on evidence, and stakeholder commitments to implementation are robust and unwavering. If we act together, today, we can save the lives of one million children over the next decade.



September 2018,
launching of GICC

Too many children have their lives cut short by cancer, and survival rates in poor countries are scandalously lower than those in wealthy countries.”



— Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
WHO Director-General



Through collaboration and creativity, the extraordinary can be achieved and the most ambitious dreams realized. Working together, we will define the path to discovery and translate findings into cures for children around the globe.”



— Dr James R. Downing,
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
President and Chief Executive Officer



As children, we are not only the future, but also the present of this world. Our future depends on the adults of today.



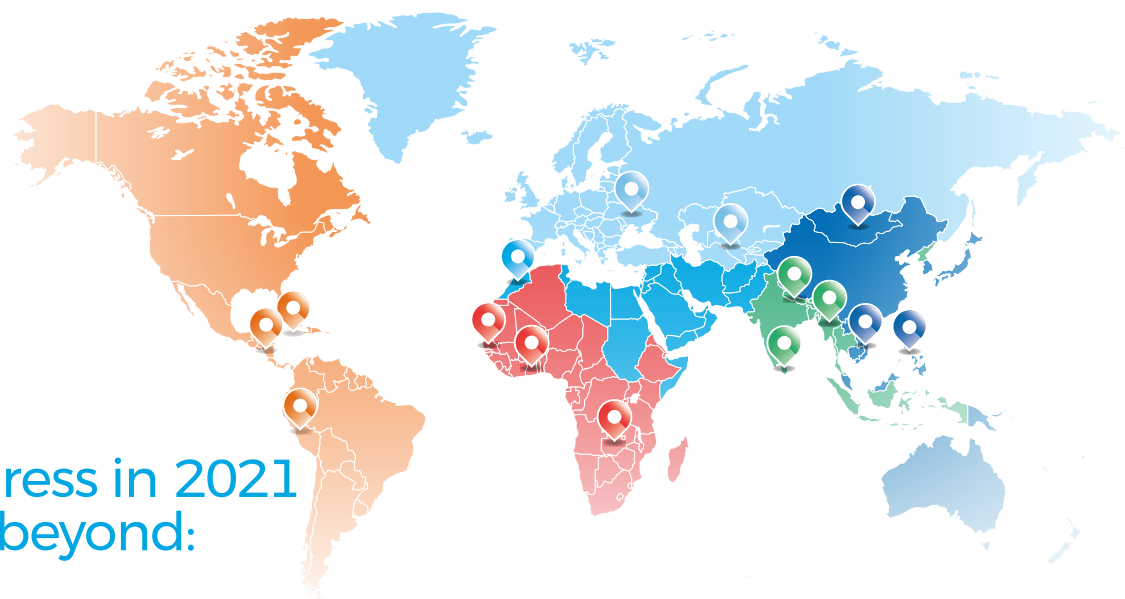
— Gabriel "Gabo" Alessandro Mayorga,
childhood cancer survivor



More than **110**
participating
global
organizations
working
together

All Hands in To **CureAll** children with Cancer

Progress in 2021
and beyond:



15 focus
countries



4 regional
networks



1 global community
of practice

for accelerated implementation

