

Every 2 minutes,
a child is diagnosed
with cancer¹

Childhood Cancer

RESTORING A HOSPITAL AND HOPE



For nearly 60 years, young cancer patients have received treatment at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, a beacon of hope as one of only four specialty

children's hospitals on the African Continent. Over time, the hospital's Childhood Cancer and Haematology Unit degraded, leaving 250,000 patients and families served annually to endure their darkest hours in less than optimum conditions.

With a US\$14,500 Matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) doubling their own contributions, Lions facilitated the unit's first upgrade since 2005, transforming a single outdated

consulting room into two modern family patient consulting spaces dedicated to the steadily rising number of critically ill youngsters. An estimated 16,000 children will benefit from the good made possible by Lions and LCIF over the next five years.

A US\$14,500 LCIF grant doubled Lions' financial contributions and impact on young cancer patients.

"Learning of children with life-threatening conditions is gut-wrenching," said Past District Governor Clive Fox, who managed the project, "but seeing children playing and smiling in the unit is heart-warming."



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The True Story May Not be Known

It is difficult to have a comprehensive picture of childhood cancer, as cancer registries are generally not available in most low- and middle-income countries². Additionally, many cases of childhood cancer go undiagnosed and thus undocumented. This is what is known:

**100,000
CHILDREN+**
in Sub-Saharan Africa
develop cancer annually



90% of these
children die³

**BURKITT
LYMPHOMA**
occurs most frequently
in equatorial Africa

one of the
rarest childhood
cancers

where exposure to Epstein-Barr
virus and malaria are prevalent⁴

**ALMOST NO
PEDIATRIC**

haematology-oncology
specialists practice
in Africa⁵

**LOWER
SURVIVAL RATES**
in low- and middle-income countries

can be attributed to inability to obtain
accurate diagnosis, and lack of access
to essential medicine and technology⁶

THAT'S AFRICA. GLOBALLY, CHILDHOOD CANCER LOOKS LIKE THIS:



As many as **57%** of childhood
cancer cases go undiagnosed
in parts of the world⁷

**CHILDHOOD
CANCER
SURVIVAL
RATES⁸**

80%
developed
countries

10%
lesser
developed
countries



80+% of children with cancer
can be cured, in most cases with
inexpensive, generic medication⁹

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Global occurrence of childhood cancer is greater than previously thought¹⁰. LCIF, funding global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANTS
support projects easing
familial burden

**US\$10,000 -
US\$150,000**

**MATCHING
GRANTS**

fund construction and
equipment costs to meet
large-scale needs

**US\$10,000 -
US\$100,000**

**DISTRICT AND
CLUB COMMUNITY
IMPACT GRANTS**
apply to local district
and club projects

**GRANT
AMOUNT VARIES**

lcif.org/childhoodcancer

SOURCES/NOTE: ^{1,2,6,7}World Health Organization; ³Texas Children's Hospital; ^{4,10}American Childhood Cancer Organization; ⁵Global Hope; ⁸United Nations; grant limits subject to change



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Childhood cancer is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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