



Empowering Lions' Service in the Childhood Cancer Global Cause

September 17, 2020



Learning objectives

- Learn how Lions currently serve around the Childhood Cancer global cause and discover aligned LCI resources available online
- Gain a better understanding of LCIF grants that support service around this cause
- Explore the LCIF/Global Hope partnership and learn about African Lions supporting role

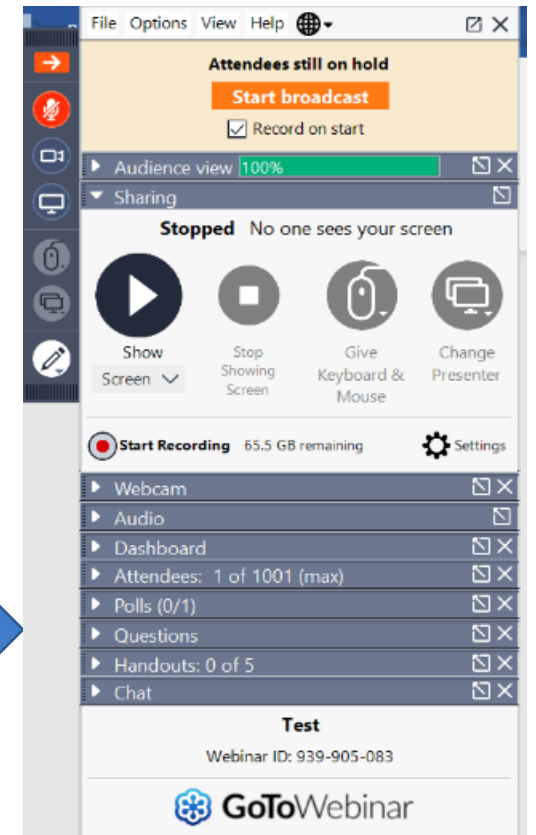


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Celebrating FY2019-2020 Childhood Cancer Service



Current Childhood Cancer Service Project Types

Activity Type	Activities July 1 – August 27, 2020
Service Activities	1,344
Donations	421
Fundraisers	81
Meetings	45
Total Activities	1,891



Current Childhood Cancer Service Project Types

Project Type	People Served July 1 – August 27, 2020
Other Childhood Cancer Service Activity (ex. wig donations, blood drives, etc.)	216,360
Childhood Cancer Awareness, Education and Advocacy	151,744
Patient Support Services	52,279
Parent and Family Support Services	24,753
Total People Served	445,136



Current Childhood Resources

- ▶ Service Idea List
- ▶ Service Project Planners
 - ▶ Childhood Cancer Support Group
 - ▶ Half-Day Family Camp
 - ▶ Survivor Network Event



A screenshot of the Lions International website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Our Story', 'Our Impact', 'Your Service', 'Your Foundation', 'For Members', and 'Our Response', along with 'Join' and 'Donate' buttons. The main content area features a large image of a smiling child wearing a blue headband. To the left of the image, the text reads: 'DISCOVER We Have a Plan. The family is a nucleus around which most communities are built. The next generation's ability to thrive is closely tied to the supports of the local community. Lions and Lads have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families, and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support. Our Strategic Objective: Help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.' Below this, a dark blue section titled 'Act' contains the text: 'Explore Service Project Planners and other resources designed to help you and your club get involved with childhood cancer efforts in your community.' This section features three cards: 'Survivor Network Event' with a photo of a smiling child, 'Half-Day Family Camp' with a photo of a woman holding a child, and 'Childhood Cancer' with a photo of a child's hand in a medical setting. Each card has a 'Learn More' button. At the bottom of the dark blue section is a 'See More Resources' button.

Childhood Cancer Strategy Development

- ▶ Service Reporting Data Analysis
- ▶ Childhood Cancer Chairperson Survey
- ▶ Global Childhood Cancer Focus Groups



Coming Soon: New Childhood Cancer Resources!

- ▶ Revised Childhood Cancer Service Idea List
- ▶ New Childhood Cancer Service Project Planner
- ▶ New Childhood Cancer Program Materials



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New & Emerging Initiatives

CHILDHOOD CANCER PILOT GRANT PROGRAM

*Enable Lions projects that
provide familial support and
improve the quality of life for
children receiving cancer
treatment and their families*



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

GENERAL CRITERIA

- Grants available US\$10,000-150,000
- Districts and Multiple Districts eligible to apply
- Matching funds required: 50% in developed countries; 25% less developed countries
- Grants approved by LCIF Board of Trustees in January, May and August



GENERAL CRITERIA



DOES FUND

- Construction, expansion, or renovation of waiting rooms
- Construction, expansion, or renovation of rooms or houses where families can stay while their child receives treatment
- Projects that improve transportation to and from medical appointments



DOES NOT FUND

- Scientific Research
- Medical equipment
- Individual treatment costs

GRANT EXAMPLES

District 318-E

- US\$32,025 // India
- Construct a children's library, children's conference hall, and mini theater at a government-run cancer center

District 27-E2

- US\$10,485 // USA
- Construct a child-friendly waiting room at a clinic that provides cancer treatment to children

District 300-A3

- US\$150,000 // MD300 Taiwan
- Construct a child-friendly area at a cancer center, including a playground, reading space, and multimedia space



GLOBAL HOPE PARTNERSHIP

Improve prognosis for children with cancer
Uganda, Botswana, Malawi

2-year strategic partnership between LCIF and Global HOPE (Hematology-Oncology Pediatric Excellence) building long-term capacity in Africa to treat and dramatically improve the prognosis for children with cancer and blood disorders in Sub-Saharan Africa

The partnership includes three components:

1. \$2 Million Support for Infrastructure Development
2. Engagement of local Lions
3. Joint fundraising

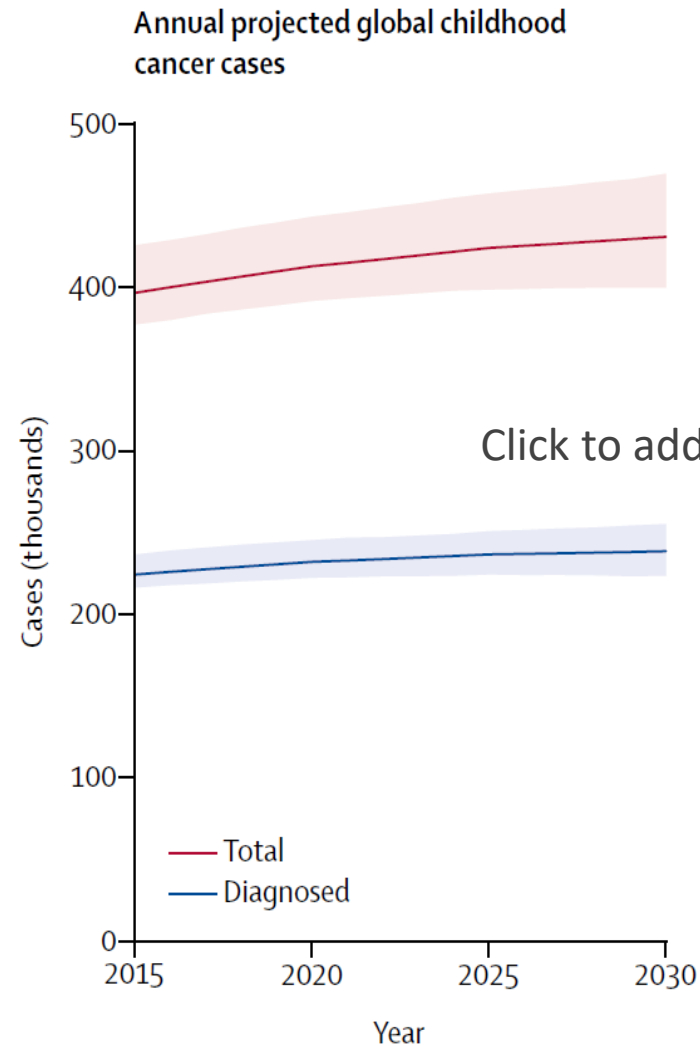
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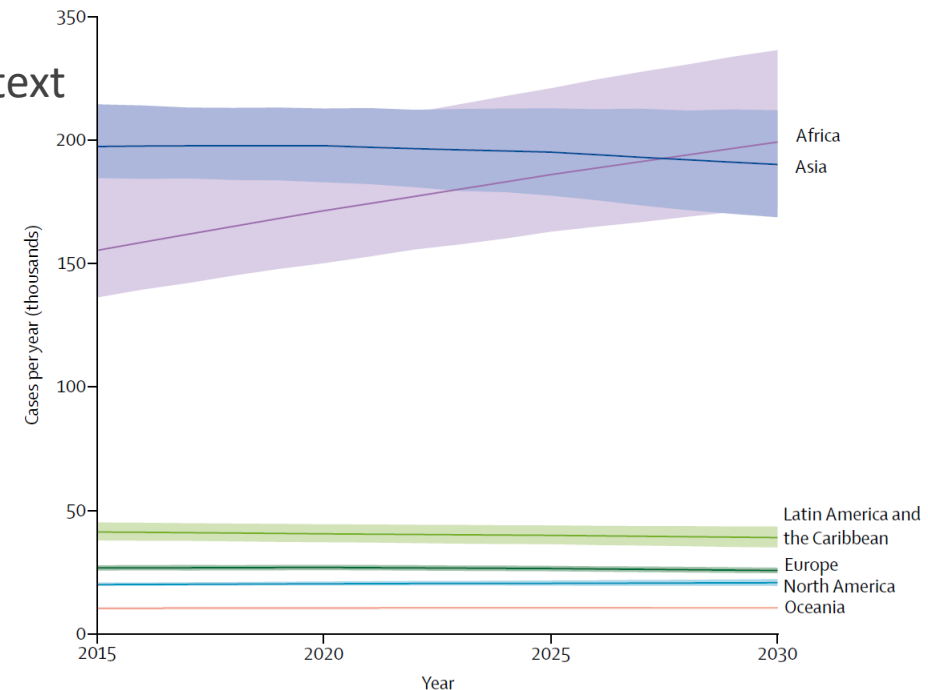
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The Challenge



- Africa has a very high burden of childhood cancer
- Half of children with cancer around the world are not even diagnosed



Global HOPE



- Diagnosing and treating children with cancer and blood disorders in Botswana, Malawi and Uganda
- Over 8,000 children treated in last four years



- Providing training to build local capacity at each site
- Over 3,200 health care workers trained in the last four years

Addressing the Shortage of Specialists



- Many countries in Africa do not have even one dedicated physician caring for children with cancer and blood disorders




- Through a multi-stakeholder training program in Uganda, Global HOPE has trained 14 new pediatric hematologist-oncologists from three countries

Addressing the Shortage of Medications

- Drug shortages lead to incomplete treatment which decreases a child's chance for survival
- Global HOPE is partnering with Direct Relief and Teva Pharmaceuticals to get crucial medications to children at Global HOPE sites



DISASTERS WORK NEWS ABOUT GET INVOLVED 

NEWS > CANCER

Children's Cancer Drugs Are Scarce in Uganda. A New Partnership Is Changing That.

Even as Covid-19 shutdowns made it harder than ever to get pediatric cancer drugs in Uganda, new shipments are filling vital gaps.

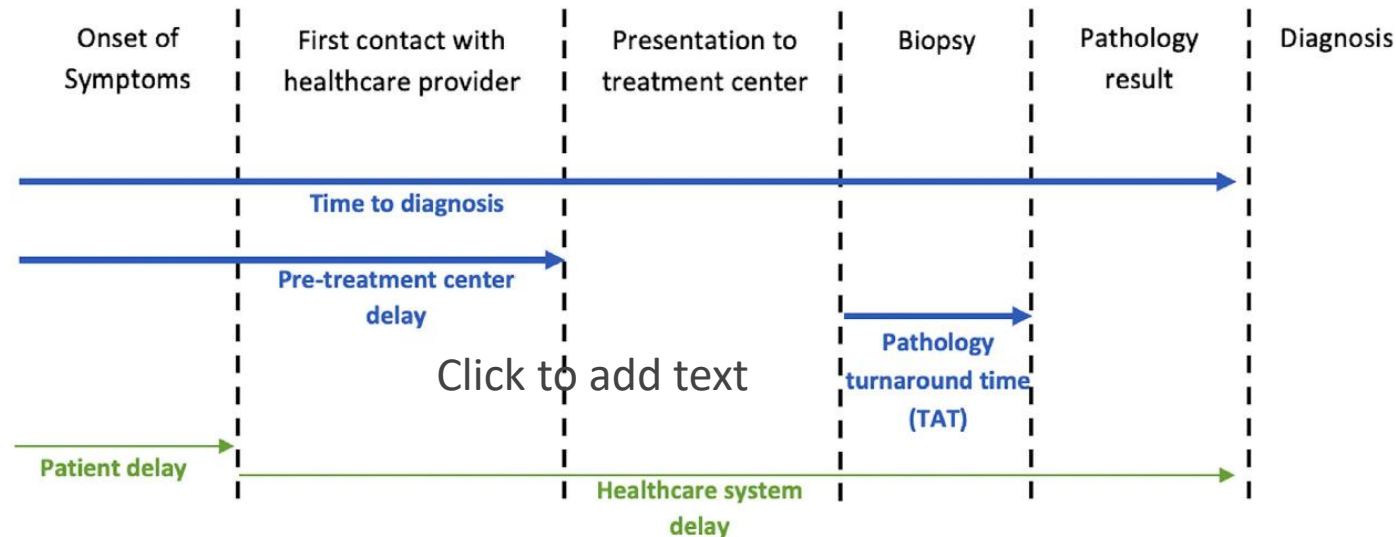


Addressing Diagnosis of Cancer

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- Half of children with cancer are not diagnosed
- Many children diagnosed present in very late stages which lowers their probability of survival
- In Botswana, children have symptoms for almost 11 weeks on average before they present to Global HOPE

Facing COVID-19 Challenges

Implications

- Delayed referral due to disruptions in the health system
- Shortages in essential chemotherapy human capacity deficits
- Travel restrictions
- Closure of formal and informal business sectors
- Decrease in the available blood product supply
- Additional psychosocial strain on families



Commentary

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Facing COVID-19 Challenges

Opportunities

- Improved infection control measures
- De-centralization of care
- Health care worker capacity
- Health care funding
- Availability of personal protective equipment for chemotherapy
- Supply chain management



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Partnership with Lions Clubs

- Lions Clubs in Botswana have been partnered with Global HOPE for three years
- Raising awareness of childhood cancer
- Trainings, health fairs, “Bell of Bravery”



Partnership with Lions Clubs



Global HOPE Site Visits

**Dr. Naresh Aggarwal IPP and LCIF
Chairman visits Botswana April 2019**



**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President
visits Botswana November 2019**



**Brian Sheehan International Second Vice
President visits Malawi September 2019**



Pharmacy Development

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What most of us think pharmacies are



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What we have done to ensure children get their treatment



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What we are working towards to provide the best care for patients



Global HOPE and LCIF: Moving Forward

- Train physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals
- Improve diagnosis and treatment
- Improve drug access
- Develop needed medical infrastructure
- Improve survival rates
- Provide support for our young patients and their families



Our Motivation

Botswana Survivor Event 2019



Next Steps: For Lions who are new to serving around the Childhood Cancer cause, what are some simple steps they can take to get started?





Thank You!