Childhood Cancer Profile

Burden of Childhood Cancer

- 2.2% of all childhood cancer cases in the LAC region
- 2% of all childhood cancer deaths in the LAC region
- 11.8% of all deaths among children and adolescents (1-19 years) are due to Cancer
- 527 new cases/year
- 171 cancer deaths among people <20 years, each year


- Male: -1.44%
- Female: -0.52%

Proportion of Prioritized Cancers

- ALL (27.7%)
- Burkitt (0.8%)
- Hodgkin (2.4%)
- RB (2.8%)
- Wilms (4.1%)
- LGG (6.7%)

Cancer Registration and Survival

- 93.8% of the population covered by population-based cancer registries (PBCR)
- 32 die of the disease each year

Mortality/Incidence Ratio

- For every 100 children diagnosed with cancer
- Net Survival
  - All cancers: 45%
  - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: 50-89%

Health System Response

- 46% of the WHO essential medicines to treat children with cancer are included in the EML of the countries in the region
- 1 center/365,000 children and adolescents
- 13 centers to deliver specialized care for pediatric cancer
- 72 Universal Health Care Index for Service Coverage

Palliative Care

- 17% / 17%

Percentage of countries with Early Detection Programme or Guideline/Defined Referral System

Data not available