Childhood Cancer Profile

Burden of Childhood Cancer

- 34.2% of all childhood cancer cases in the LAC region
- 36.5% of all childhood cancer deaths in the LAC region
- 3,675 cancer deaths among people <20 years, each year
- 9,927 new cases/year

Proportion of Prioritized Cancers

- ALL (28.0%)
- Burkitt (0.7%)
- Hodgkin (2.5%)
- RB (2.7%)
- Wilms (3.9%)
- LGG (7.0%)

Cancer Registration and Survival

- 19.6% of the population covered by population-based cancer registries (PBCR)
- 37 die of the disease each year
- 45% Net Survival: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

Health System Response

- 73% of the WHO essential medicines to treat children with cancer are included in the EML of the countries in the region
- 146 centers to deliver specialized care for pediatric cancer
- 73 Universal Health Care Index for Service Coverage

Palliative Care

- 16 Pediatric Palliative Care Teams
- 0.3 Teams/million of children <15 years