Childhood Cancer Profile | El Salvador

Burden of Childhood Cancer

- 0.9% of all childhood cancer cases in the LAC region
- 1.2% of all childhood cancer deaths in the LAC region
- 258 new cases/year
- 125 cancer deaths among people <20 years, each year

Proportion of Prioritized Cancers

- ALL (28.3%)
- Burkitt (0.8%)
- Hodgkin (2.4%)
- RB (2.8%)
- Wilms (3.6%)
- LGG (7.2%)

Cancer Registration and Survival

- 1 active PBCR
- 1 specialized pediatric PBCR
- 28% of the population covered by population-based cancer registries (PBCR)
- Mortality/Incidence Ratio: For every 100 children diagnosed with cancer, 48 die of the disease each year
- Net Survival: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, 40-49%

Health System Response

- 74% of the WHO essential medicines to treat children with cancer are included in the country's EML
- 1 center/2,313,000 children and adolescents
- 76 Universal Health Care Index for Service Coverage

Palliative Care

- Yes/Yes: Early Detection Programme or Guideline/Defined Referral System
- 1 Pediatric Palliative Care Team
- 0.2 Teams/million of children < 15 years