Childhood Cancer Profile | South America

**Burden of Childhood Cancer**

- 63.6% of all childhood cancer cases in the LAC region
- 61.5% of all childhood cancer deaths in the LAC region
- 8.6% of all deaths among children and adolescents (1-19 years) are due to Cancer
- 18,475 new cases/year
- 6,191 cancer deaths among people <20 years, each year

**Proportion of Prioritized Cancers**

- ALL (26.3%)
- Burkitt (1.7%)
- Hodgkin (3.5%)
- RB (3.9%)
- Wilms (4.0%)
- LGG (6.9%)

**Cancer Registration and Survival**

- 67 active PBCR
- 2 specialized pediatric PBCR
- 24.2% of the population covered by population-based cancer registries (PBCR)

- Mortality/Incidence Ratio:
  - For every 100 children diagnosed with cancer, 33 die of the disease each year

- Net Survival:
  - All cancers: 60%
  - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: 30-89%

**Health System Response**

- 72% of the WHO essential medicines to treat children with cancer are included in the EML of the countries in the region
- 1 center/554,000 children and adolescents
- 236 centers to deliver specialized care for pediatric cancer
- 76 Universal Health Care Index for Service Coverage

**Palliative Care**

- 60% / 80% Percentage of countries with Early Detection Programme or Guideline/Defined Referral System
- 107 Pediatric Palliative Care Teams
- 1.1 Teams/million of children <15 years