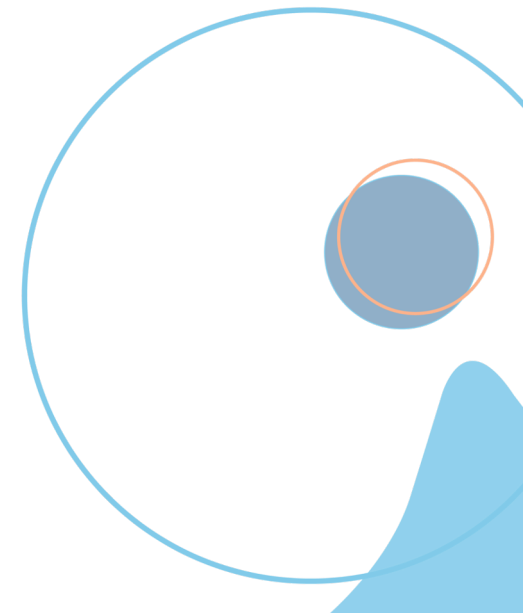


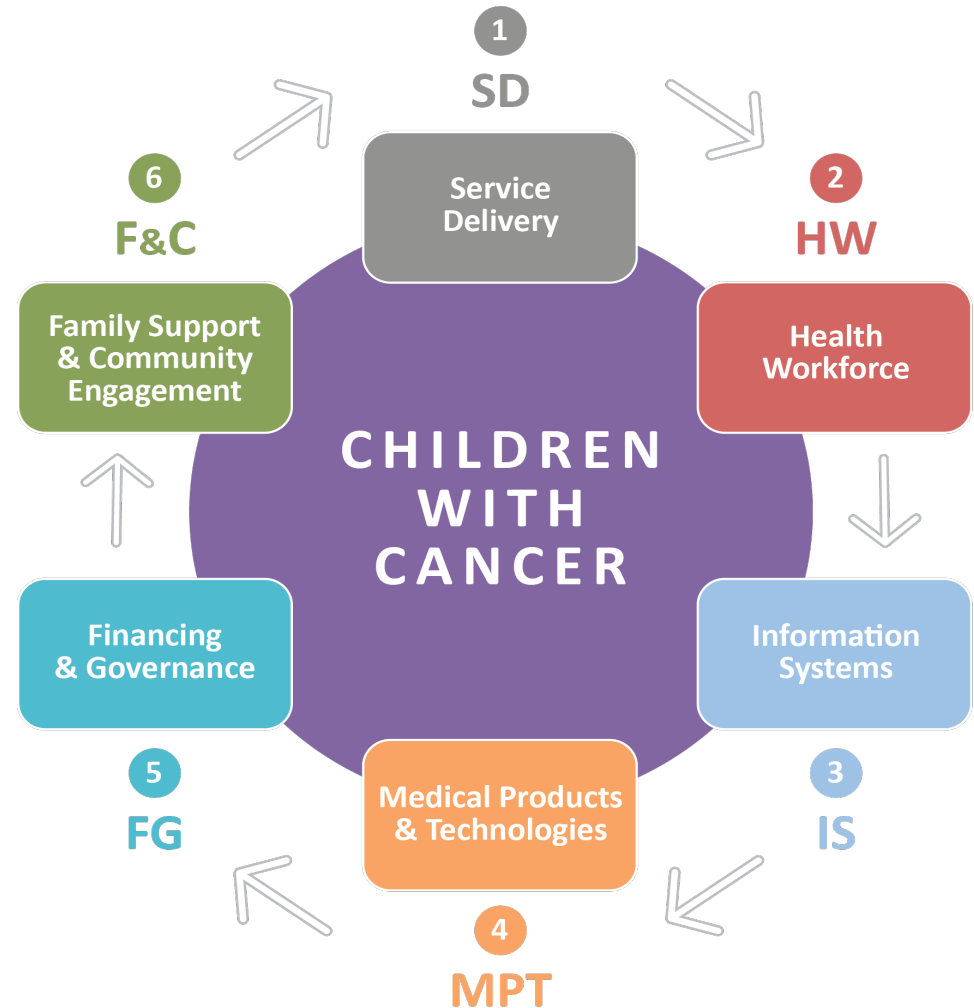
Partnering to Implement the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer in the Americas: Prioritizing Systems Strengthening

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Overview of Article

- Cancer is a **leading cause of death** in children and adolescents; each year, 29 000+ children will develop cancer in Latin America and the Caribbean; at current health systems capacity, 10 000 will die from this disease
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (SJCRH) as WHO CC for Childhood Cancer has partnered with PAHO/WHO to prioritize childhood cancer in the context of **systems strengthening**
- Article summarizes collaborative work to apply **C5 (Country Collaboration for Childhood Cancer Control)** tool to define and implement priority actions regionally, strengthening Ministry programs for childhood cancer, while implementing the **Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer**

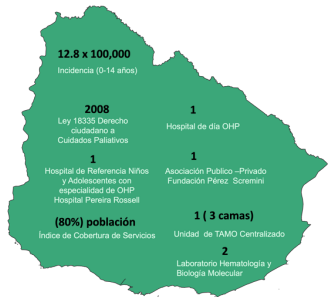


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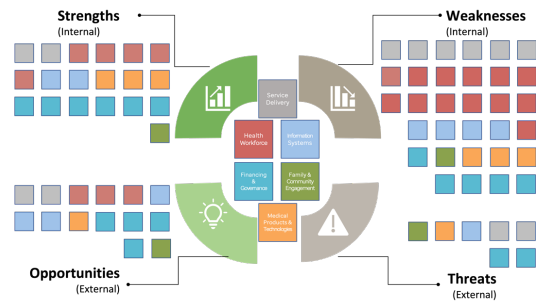


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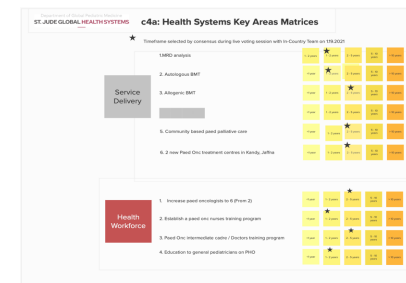
- Using C5, SJCRH and PAHO/WHO co-hosted regional & national workshops engaging authorities, clinicians and other stakeholders across countries to map health systems needs and prioritize strategic activities



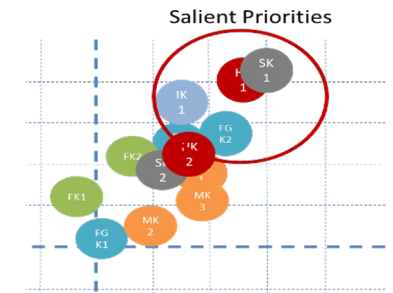
c2: Mapping Institutions, Organizations and Roles



c3: National Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats



c4: Health Systems Key Areas Matrices



c5: Priority Collaborative Portfolios



Clarifying context + actors + internal/external factors beyond the clinic impacting children with cancer

Prioritizing activities for action considering time, values, political will and resources



How does this activity support the Organization's goals and mandates?

- Results across 10 countries applied to inform country-specific and regional **action plans**
- National workshops analyses have been incorporated into **cancer control planning** activities and **collaborative work** regionally
- **Implementation success factors** identified, including engaging actors beyond the clinic, enabling flexibility, and focusing on co-design with stakeholders
- Joint implementation of C5 catalyzed prioritization and accelerated strategic activities to improve **policies, capacity, and quality of care** for children in the Americas, supporting Ministries to integrate childhood cancer interventions as part of systems strengthening

