



World Cancer

Declaration

Progress Report 2016

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Our journey to 2025**



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Haiti

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WHO cancer country profile 2014		Link to profile			
Mortality (male)	Mortality (female)	Cancer plan	Cancer registry	HBV vaccination	HPV vaccination
2,900	3,100	No data	No data	68%	No data
Breast screening		Cervical screening	Radiotherapy	Chemotherapy	Oral morphine
No data		No data	No data	No data	No data

WHO NCD progress monitor 2015		Link to monitor							
Risk factor survey	NCD action plan	Tobacco taxation	Smoke-free policies	Tobacco health warnings	Alcohol availability regulations	Alcohol advertising bans	Alcohol pricing policies	Public awareness on diet/physical activity	NCD management guidelines
○	○	No data	○	○	No data	No data	No data	○	○



Progress against the World Cancer Declaration targets

Haiti has made significant progress towards the World Cancer Declaration targets including:

- Expansion of chemotherapy services
- Development of new pathology and immunohistochemistry laboratories
- Training of health professionals in cancer treatment
- The provision of health education to journalists to enable them to report on cancer prevention and care, alongside events to raise awareness with patients, partners and the government
- A grass-roots campaign to raise awareness of women's cancers.

Key successes

Across Haiti, the leading successes have been:

- Establishing a national chemotherapy network at five public hospitals. Whilst it has only treated a small number of patients to date, all patients are currently within a three-hour drive of a chemotherapy centre
- Training of 20 doctors and 32 nurses to administer chemotherapy and treat breast cancer

Footnotes:

1. <http://www.innovatinghealthinternational.org/>
2. www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqmEcyo6oaA
3. www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV2wKWKTimk
4. www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulOFDhUyTKM
5. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgcekOoxAwk
6. www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbvWUtn5Twe



- Ongoing work to establish a national cervical cancer prevention programme, based on VIA and HPV testing. Each departmental hospital will have VIA/ cryotherapy as a minimum, and larger units will also have colposcopy/LEEP services. These pathology improvements will be large steps forward for Haiti and for cancer care nationally.

Key challenges

The greatest challenge in achieving universal cancer care coverage in Haiti will be the creation of effective screening programmes, and ensuring awareness of the availability and effectiveness of treatment. Services have been available for some time, but the associated travel, costs, power differentials for women, and other factors have limited their uptake. Violence and discrimination against women in Haiti will continue to be a significant barrier to treatment uptake in the future.

Financing for healthcare through governmental mechanisms is severely lacking in Haiti. As such, long-term sustainability of programmes that rely on government funding will be dependent on individuals to champion them and locate resources.

Author's achievements

Innovating Health International¹ (IHI) has treated more than 300 women with breast cancer since July 2013. Since 2015, IHI has worked with the Haitian government to expand the availability of chemotherapy nationally to five public hospitals, which represents a huge step forward for a small and under-resourced country. For francophone countries, IHI has developed a series of chemotherapy training videos for doctors and nurses^{2,3,4,5,6}.



IHI is also working with local partners to launch a national women's cancer awareness programme. The awareness and engagement toolkit will be specific to Haiti, but the community-based participatory research and human-centred design aspect will be replicable in other countries. A pilot programme for breast reconstruction for women with breast cancer has been launched alongside a national cervical cancer prevention programme that delivers VIA and HPV screening. This programme involves 12 partners including Qiagen who have made the CareHPV test widely available through this network.

Furthermore, a new pathology laboratory is due to open shortly in the north of the country and it is the first outside of the capital, Port-au-Prince. It will increase access to pathology services for the entire northern half of the country. In addition, the telepathology programme will allow pathologists outside of Haiti to interpret results, provide second opinions, and teach local pathology residents. Finally, IHI are opening an immunohistochemistry laboratory at the National Laboratory. This will be the first lab in Haiti to perform immunohistochemistry, including for the oestrogen receptor for breast cancers.