ZAMBIA

Pediatric Oncology Overview SIOP Factsheet

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Overview					
Income group	Lower-middle income (2020) 1	Population	18,383,955 (2020) ²		
Total deaths	12 deaths/1,000 population (2018 est.) ³	% Population <15 years	45.4% (2020) ⁴		
Life expectancy at birth	males 60 (2017) ⁵ females 66 (2017) ⁶	Under 5 mortality rate	59.50/1,000 live births (2018) ⁷		

Cancer Plans, Monitoring and Surveillance				
Has an operational cancer policy/strategy/action plan	Yes			
Has a cancer registry	Yes (est. 1977)			

Cancer Treatment	Cancer Diseases Hospital (Lusaka)	
Number of children treated each year	~165	
Number of trained paediatric oncologists	1	
Number of nurses spending >75% of time in paediatric oncology	14	
Level of paediatric surgery service available in hospital	General Surgeon, limited pediatric experience	
Radiotherapy available in hospital	Yes	
Number of radiotherapy centres	1	
Number of radiation oncologists	7	
Availability of chemotherapy (medicines not specified)	Continually (most of the time)	
Access to Palliative care team	Yes	
Pathology services	Microscope, H&E staining, CSF cytology	
Hemato-pathology services	Microscope, H&E staining, CSF cytology	

NGOs Supporting Childhood Cancer in Zambia							
Tweende learning centre	Sam Damalis trust fund	Kayula childhood cancer foundation	Women in action	Zambia childhood cancer foundation			

Methodology

Information provided from data collected in the SIOP Global Mapping Survey⁸, correlated with data from regional and specialist centre health care professionals.

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¹ https://data.worldbank.org/country/zambia

² https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/population-by-country/

³ https://www.indexmundi.com/zambia/death_rate.html

⁴ https://demographicdividend.org/country_highlights/zambia/

⁵ https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.DYN.LE00.MA.IN?display=graph&locations=%5C

 $^{^6\,}https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.DYN.LE00.FE.IN?display=graph\&locations=\%5C$

⁷ https://knoema.com/atlas/Zambia/topics/Demographics/Mortality/Under-5-mortality-rate

⁸ https://siop-online.org/globalmapping/