



Tumaini La Maisha

CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH
CANCER IN TANZANIA



TLM Highlights

PAST

STARTED WITH:

- 1 ward - 17 beds
- 120 children annually
- 1 doctor and 3 nurses
- Survival was less than 10%
- Chemo reliably available for one condition

PRESENT

WITH TLM'S EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO CHILDREN WITH CANCER:

- A Tanzanian National Children's Cancer Network (NCCN) of 15 collaborative treatment sites.
 - TLM supports these sites by providing access to free chemotherapy for all; central cancer diagnostics; patient and sample rapid transport; remote paediatric oncology expert advice weekly and on demand; funding for national childhood health insurance to all enrolled
- In addition, TLM has worked with Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) to provide improved paediatric oncology facilities in the national Hub in MNH, Dar es Salaam including:
 - A custom built Paediatric Oncology ward with 71 beds at Muhimbili National Hospital
 - A 22 bed home away from home, Ujasiri (Bravery) House
 - Two Intensive Care Units: Paediatric (PICU) and Neonatal (NICU)
 - Support for hi-tech rapid (leukaemia flow and pathology immunohistochemistry) cancer diagnostic services
 - Intensive nutritional support & clean fresh drinking water plant at the paediatric and maternity block
 - Comprehensive psychosocial support including school, play-therapy, parent education, social work support
- TLM also supports participation in collaborative research trials across the NCCN.

RESULTS SO FAR

- Over 10 years these efforts have:
 - Supported the treatment of over 7000 children with cancer across the network.
 - Increased overall survival from less than 30% to approximately 50%
 - The number of children treated annually has more than doubled in 10 years
 - Access to care has grown from 1 site at MNH to 15 sites (and growing) nationwide
- All these achievements have been funded by the many wonderful charitable donations TLM received.

FUTURE

TLM'S EFFORTS ARE NOW SET ON THE FOLLOWING:

(Please note no other country in the entire continent is aiming for such an ambitious collaborative and comprehensive children's cancer plan)

- Reach and treat every child with cancer in Tanzania. (2000 plus annually)
- Cure rates approaching those found in resource rich countries (80% +)
- Expand our National Network of clinical sites for Paediatric Oncology to more than 30 sites. This will ensure no child is more than 4 hours journey from care.
- Support a secure reliable national transport network for patients, samples, medications and cold chain items.
- Improving the support we offer at each site to include all services mentioned above plus: a hostel, nutrition, psychosocial programme, education, chemotherapy, staff, protective equipment and consumables.
- Finalize the development of our revolutionary CleverCancerCare App. We hope to share this App across the continent of Africa and beyond- wherever there is need. There's nothing like it in the world!
- Continued participation in International collaborative research including Multicentre Randomised Controlled Trials (RCT)
- Build and grow our donor base and in particular our regular monthly / annual donors to support the quality curative treatment for every child with cancer in Tanzania into the future. THEIR LIVES MATTER!



Curing kids cancer in Tanzania - together we can!

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