

## Country Insights



**1** total hospitals with dedicated unit for children with cancer



**100** new children with cancer diagnosed each year (ages 0 – 18)



**7** pediatric hematologists/oncologists

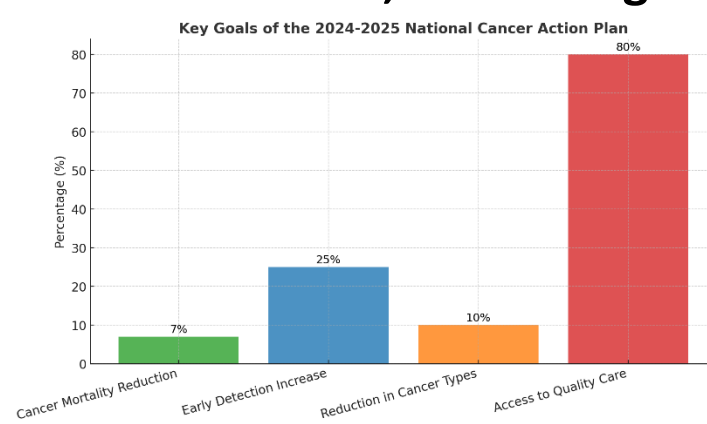


Operational NCCP (2016-2025): **Yes**  
Specific goals on childhood cancer: **Yes**

## CureAll Deliverables



**Government Approves 2024-2025 Action Plan to Reduce Cancer Mortality, Enhance Patient Care, and Strengthen Cancer Control**

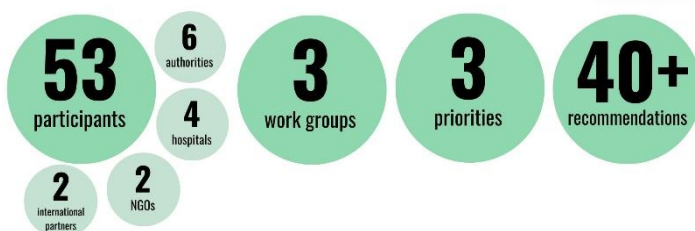


The plan aims to reduce cancer mortality by 7%, improve quality of life for patients, and achieve a 10% reduction in several cancer types by 2025. The plan includes a 25% increase in early detection rates, ensures access to quality care for 80% of patients, including refugees and migrants, and focuses on the development of palliative and rehabilitation services. Additionally, the National Cancer Registry will be reinforced, and medical staff will receive training in cancer diagnosis and treatment.

2024/04



**National Workshop Highlighting Pediatric Cancer Top Priorities in Moldova**



**Priority I:** Enhance diagnostic capabilities to provide better options for advanced cancer treatments abroad for children from Moldova.

**Priority II:** Improve critical care (ICU) and palliative care services for children with cancer.

**Priority III:** Ensure access to quality medications for the treatment of children with cancer.

The resolution of the "National Context on Childhood Cancer in the Republic of Moldova" workshop held on April 23, 2024, provides over 40 recommendations to tackle the top 3 priorities in the field of pediatric cancer service delivery in Moldova.

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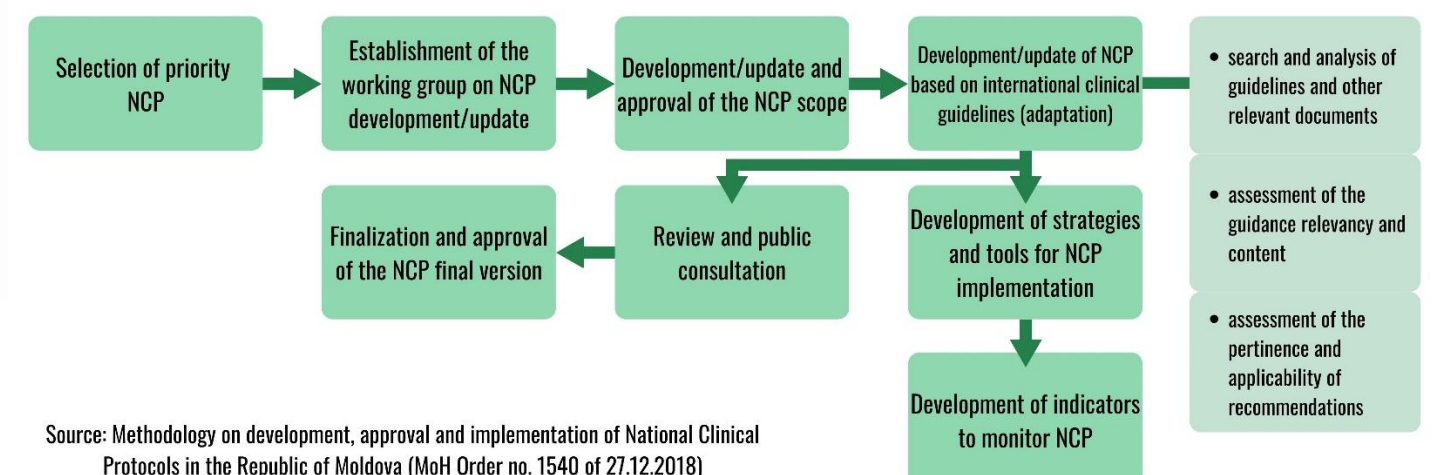
**Improving referral pathways for deteriorating pediatric cancer patients in need of critical care (transfer to the pediatric ICU of the Mother and Child Institute)**

**80 children in the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology ward of the Institute of Oncology, received timely and appropriate care in the Pediatric ICU.**

2024/09



**Updating National Clinical Protocol on Pediatric Nephroblastoma (Wilms' Tumor)**



Nephroblastoma, also known as Wilms' tumor, is one of the six primary index cancers identified by *CureAll*. The National Clinical Protocol (NCP) was successfully updated to align with the standards set by COG, NCCN, SIOP, and SIPOE following the last update in 2011. This revision adhered to the new Ministry of Health Methodology established in 2018.

2024/10

## Pending Deliverables

- Implement a Pediatric Cancer Registry as part of the National Cancer Registry.
- Develop training programs for nurses who provide support to children with cancer.
- Establish international partnerships with clinics abroad to improve access to services not available in Moldova.
- Strengthen the pediatric cancer control component in the new National Cancer Control Program for 2026-2030, based on the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer.

## Lessons Learned


- 1** Advocacy plays a major role in advancing childhood cancer as a public health priority through involvement and open calls to action.
- 2** International collaboration for small countries like Moldova is crucial to fill the gaps in pediatric cancer control services based on the extensive experience and expertise of larger countries
- 3** Strengthening local interinstitutional collaboration can accelerate and significantly improve service delivery in limited resources settings

## Country Core CureAll Projects


1. Analysis of cancer health system
2. National Cancer Control Strategy Development/implementation
3. Implementation of cancer workforce training packages
4. National network and referral pathway strengthening
5. Defining national standards and guidelines for index cancers
6. Essential medicines and technologies strengthening, including via UN
7. Economic analysis and benefit packages review of cancer
8. Strengthening & linking cancer registries (population & hospital based)
9. Country dashboard for childhood cancer monitoring
10. Local/regional advocacy portfolios: case studies, awareness campaigns

Total # Children  
impacted across  
CureAll Projects:  
**300**


## CureAll Metrics Towards 2030

 **Patient Impacts by Dec 2024**


- Impact #1: **100** children with cancer aged 0-18 have access to improved services in **1** specialized pediatric oncology ward.

 **Provider Impacts by Dec 2024**

- Impact #1: **Financing** for pediatric oncology activities increased for **1 hospital** with dedicated unit for children with cancer based on **NCCP** budgeting

 **Institutional Impacts by Dec 2024**

- Impact #1: **National Clinic Protocols** updated for **2 pediatric cancers**, of which **1** is an index cancer

 **National Impacts by Dec 2024**

- Impact #1: **National Cancer Registry** regulatory framework approved, including **Pediatric Cancer Registry** as mandatory component

### Most Meaningful Impact Envisioned by 2030

- Sufficient and trained workforce** providing treatment and supportive care to **300 patients per year**
- Up-to-date facilities provided in **1** pediatric Hematology-Oncology ward with **45 beds**

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