

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING INITIATIVE (GETI)



WHAT IS GETI?

The Global Education and Training Initiative (GETI) develops capacity, particularly in developing countries, to effectively address the cancer crisis.

Through targeted fellowships, workshops and training the programme helps develop future leaders in cancer control and influence healthcare policy and practice across each of UICC's priority programmes.

We focus on highlighting best practices and work with our members and partners to share these skills effectively.

We draw attention to the critical lack of oncology healthcare workers and aim to compel decision-makers in governments and in the private sector to invest in health systems.

WHY GETI IS SO IMPORTANT

GETI aims to address the critical shortage of skilled personnel which is one of the greatest challenges facing the management of cancer today. A total of 57 countries, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa but also including Bangladesh, India and Indonesia, face crippling healthcare workforce shortages. A shortage of oncology workforce is also expected to become a challenge in high-income countries.

There are multiple causes behind the global shortages. Public healthcare systems do not train and recruit sufficient workers. The pool of skilled workers is unevenly distributed, with high concentrations in urban areas and many working in the private sector rather than in public healthcare. Due to the pressure of poor working conditions and low salaries, healthcare workers tend to resign or migrate.

KEY ACTIVITIES

FELLOWSHIPS

UICC has a 50-year history of providing fellowship schemes in cancer control. Over 6,000 cancer professionals have benefited from UICC fellowships since its inception. By giving the opportunity to travel to other parts of the world to learn new skills to take back to their own country, the programme has strengthened ties between cancer organisations worldwide and increased the capacity of countless institutions.

Fellowships have generated numerous joint scientific publications, international collaborations and networks, and have also advanced the careers of scientists, directors of international cancer organisations and even Nobel Prize winners.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops lead to capacity building in low- and middle-income countries in key topics related to UICC priority areas and World Cancer Declaration targets. Projects are evaluated based on their anticipated impact on cancer control activities at local or regional levels as well as on the career path and professional development of the participants.

The large demand for UICC workshops prove their huge need at country level.

ADVOCACY

Whilst there is a known global shortage of more than 7 million skilled health professionals, the current deficit of oncology healthcare workers is unknown and must be estimated.

We work with countries to integrate training and education into national cancer control plans, and to ensure that the training and retention of healthcare workers is a priority on global, regional and national agendas.

We aim to encourage more healthcare students to enter the field of oncology by improving access to training and career opportunities and to improve the knowledge of those already working in the field.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Fellowships: Funds are needed to maintain the historical UICC fellowship programme at the highest standard with the greatest impact.

Workshops: Funds are needed to meet the growing demand for this type of training, particularly in low-income countries.

Expansion of activities: Funds are needed to support the delivery of new targeted training that builds the capacity of the healthcare workforce to better address the issues relating to cancer control reflected in the World Cancer Declaration.

WORLD CANCER DECLARATION TARGET(S)

Education and training being a cross-cutting programme responds to all World Cancer Declaration targets, in particular 1 and 9.

This initiative responds to the following World Cancer Declaration targets:



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