

# Cancer Control Plans

A national cancer control plan is the foundation for an effective and efficient national cancer response.

## Target 1



**Strengthen health systems for effective cancer control**



The [Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs](#) calls on countries to develop and implement a national multisectoral NCD policy and plan.

In 2011, the World Economic Forum reported that the global cost of inaction on NCDs could total USD 47 trillion over the next 20 years, with almost half of that economic burden, USD 21 trillion, affecting low- and middle-income countries<sup>1</sup>.

National cancer control plans are a vital first step for countries to implement the most impactful and cost effective interventions. They make a public commitment to action and can serve as a tool to engage international support and civil society engagement in order to reduce the national cancer burden and improve patient outcomes.

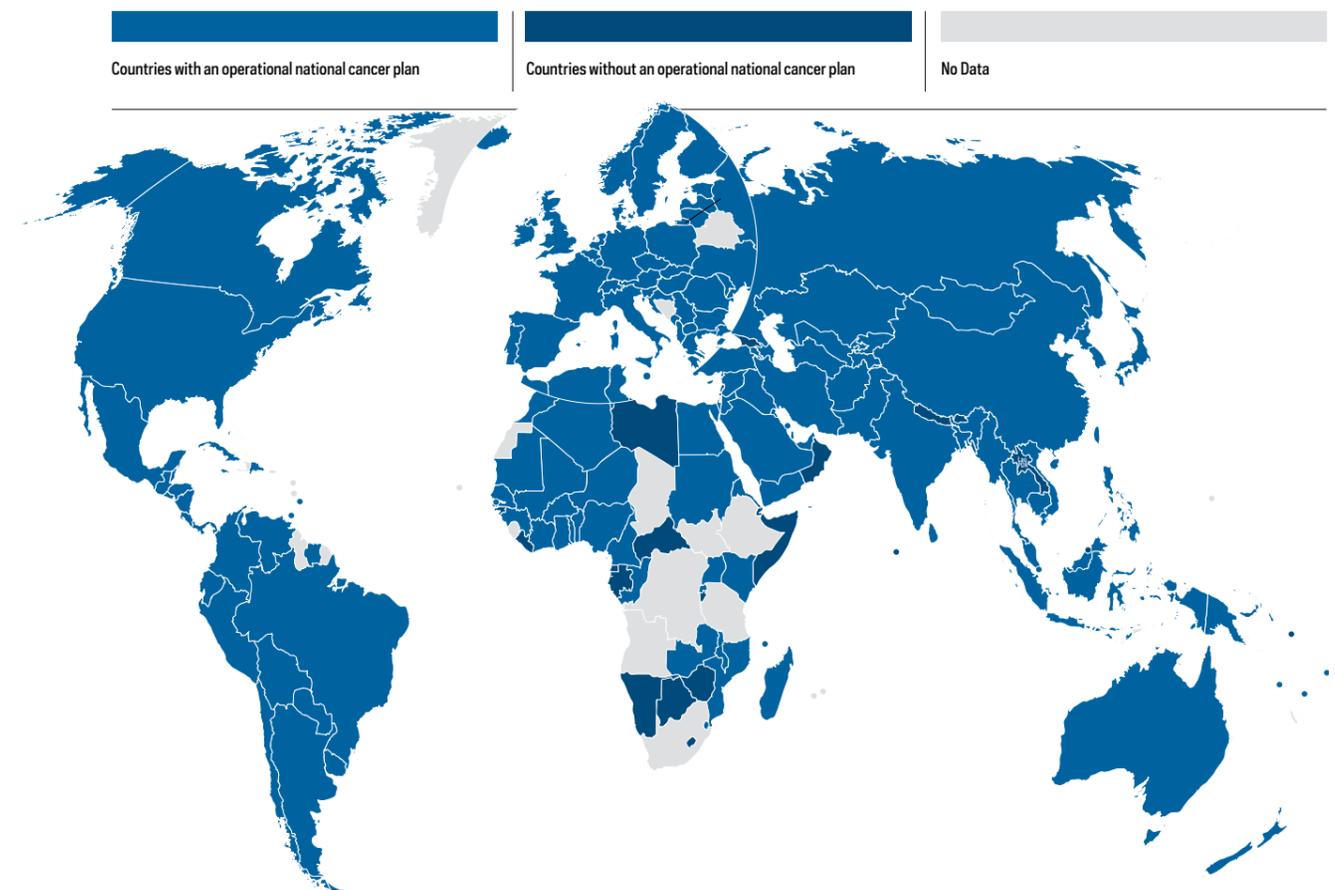
In 2015, 71% of countries had an operational NCD plan addressing cancer, up from 50% in 2010<sup>2</sup>. The greatest progress has been seen across Africa and the Americas - however significant work remains to translate many of these plans into effective national programmes. By contrast, 52 countries have publically available cancer control plans<sup>3</sup>.



*“Evidence-based cancer plans are the foundation of effective cancer control. The Partnership brings together a diverse group of international organisations dedicated to achieving equitable, evidence-based strategies for each and every country, and the ICCP portal offers users a unique opportunity to draw on global experiences and resources to develop these”.*

**Edward Trimble, Director, National Cancer Institute, US - an ICCP partner organisation**

## Operational National Cancer Control Plans, 2013



### Getting involved: International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) Portal

The [ICCP Portal](#) offers:

- A one-stop shop for learning and sharing best practices about how to develop and implement national cancer control plans
- Access to more than 160 cancer and NCD plans in multiple languages
- Open online resources that can support national cancer control efforts from early detection and treatment to costing tools.

<sup>1</sup> World Economic Forum, The Global Economic Burden of Non-communicable Diseases [www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_Harvard\\_HE\\_GlobalEconomicBurdenNonCommunicableDiseases\\_2011.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Harvard_HE_GlobalEconomicBurdenNonCommunicableDiseases_2011.pdf) [Accessed 19.08.16]

<sup>2</sup> WHO, Assessing National Capacity for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (2015) <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/246223/1/9789241565363-eng.pdf?ua=1> [Accessed 19.08.16]

<sup>3</sup> ICCP Portal Resources [www.iccp-portal.org/resources-search](http://www.iccp-portal.org/resources-search)