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UICC's Role in Cervical Cancer Elimination

HPV Vaccination Programs: From Pre-Introduction Planning to
Restoration and Sustainability
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For over 9 decades, the Union for International Cancer Control has worked to increase cancer awareness and accelerate cancer control across the world.

The Union for International Cancer Control's (UICC) rapidly increasing membership base of over **1200 organisations in 172 countries**, represents the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health and patient groups and includes influential policy makers, researchers and experts in cancer prevention and control. UICC also boasts more than 50 strategic partners.

The organisation is dedicated to taking the lead in **convening, capacity building and advocacy initiatives** that unite and support the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity, and to ensure cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda.

The UICC was formed in 1933 and is headquartered in Geneva (Switzerland), where it be hosting the World Cancer Congress between 18 – 20 October 2022.



The UICC published a report in April 2022 that provides insights into the current situation of cervical cancer in Africa and proposes levers to achieve the WHO Cervical Elimination Targets.

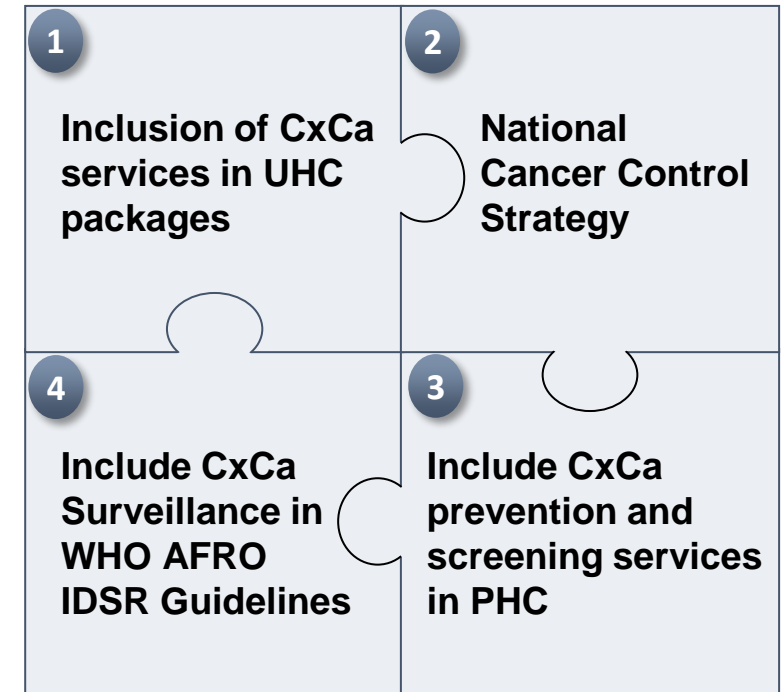
Cervical cancer (CxCa) is one of the most highly preventable and, if diagnosed early, one of the most treatable forms of cancer. This reality demands that nations must seize the opportunity to save millions of lives as we have the tools, the know-how and a path to follow to eliminate cervical cancer on the African continent.

Meeting the cervical cancer elimination target of four cases or less per 100,000 women per year across the continent by 2030 demands support from heads of governments, local leaders, international agencies, civil society and relevant private sector organisations.

The UICC is committed to helping to accelerate cervical cancer control on the continent by partnering with institutions in public and private sectors to advocate for policy and practical transformations as detailed in the recommendations detailed in **Cervical cancer elimination in Africa: where are we now and where to we need to be?**

National programmes on the continent assures us that cervical control is within reach with concerted effort from us all.

Key Recommendations



In Nigeria, Medicaid Cancer Foundation is working to accelerate universal access to HPV vaccination for adolescent girls.

Medicaid Cancer Foundation (MCF) was conceived out of the need to facilitate the creation of much needed support systems for patients, families, and caregivers affected by cancer in Nigeria.

The Foundation is dedicated to improving access to CxCa services:

- Piloted school-based HPV vaccination campaigns in Kebbi State. The findings of the pilot will help shape the national vaccination programme when launched. Learnings from the pilot are published in BMC Public Health in an article titled: **Challenges and lessons from a school-based human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program for adolescent girls in a rural Nigerian community.**
- Facilitating healthcare worker training to increase access to community-based cervical cancer awareness messaging, screening, and diagnostic services through Nigeria's extensive network of primary healthcare centres.
- We continue to advocate for the inclusion of HPV vaccination in the national routine immunization schedule for adolescent girls in Nigeria.



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