

The Africa Cancer Registries Network

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African Cancer Registry Network (AFCRN)

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The AFCRN was officially inaugurated in 2012, and since then, on behalf of IARC, AFCRN provides the activities of a Regional Hub role with respect to cancer registry support in sub-Saharan Africa.

Target:
all countries of sub
Saharan Africa
(almost same as
WHO/AFRO)

35 members in 25 countries. Inc. English, French and Portuguese speaking countries.



AFCRN established in 2012. Further expansion. With 21 members.

Coordination centre based in University of Oxford Activities implemented by member registries

2010-2011 Expansion - formal Programme - East African Registry Network. With 7 members: Uganda (Kampala), Kenya (Nairobi), Malawi (Blantyre), Zimbabwe (Harare), Rwanda (Kigali), Ethiopia (Addis Ababa), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam)

2009 -2010 Active support for registries in countries with INCTR programmes - Uganda and Kenya

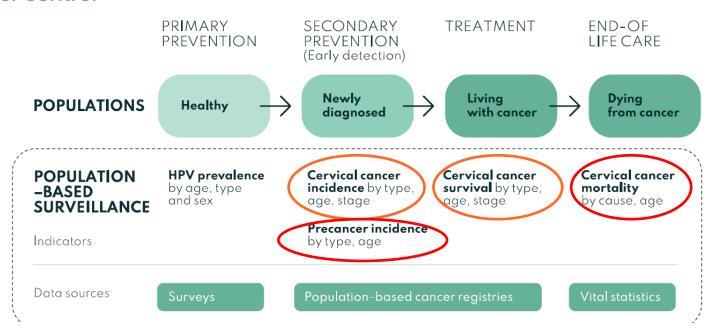
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Relevant studies

- SurvCan-3 database update (IARC-Freddie Bray) Survival data from more cancer sites than published previously (22 registries) utilizing most recent update of population-level cancer survival in SSA
- Time trends and Survival studies: Stage/survival from cancer
- E-learning project, Establishment of IARC-GICR Collaborating Centres, funded by the Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative to strengthen capacity for PBCR
- 1. Record linkage of PBCR with screening registries, HPV vaccine registers (Bloomberg Data for Health Initiative)
- 2. Data linkage study To quantify the risk of cancer in PLHIV in selected SSA countries by linking HIV database with cancer registry databases (not funded)

The monitoring tools

Critical interlinked components of surveillance and monitoring for cervical cancer control



Forge collaborations for data driven monitoring

- A successful HPV vaccination program will eventually reduce the incidence and mortality from cervical cancer (and other HPV-associated diseases).
- PBCRs will demonstrate the burden and impact of cervical cancer incidence, mortality, social and economic impact
- Coverage and quality of data from PBCRs is therefore important for a Data-driven monitoring of cervical cancer elimination in sub-Saharan Africa
- Strong collaboration, partnerships to achieve success