

# Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital believes no child should die in the dawn of life. **That means every child, everywhere.**

Lack of access to safe and effective medicines is a barrier to cancer care worldwide. Many hospitals struggle to find sustained access to **affordable, high-quality childhood cancer medications.**



**71% of low-income countries report general shortages in cancer medicines.**

At the 70<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly, global health leaders adopted a new resolution. It called for better **access to essential medicines and other measures for all with cancer.**

## THE CHALLENGE

### Availability

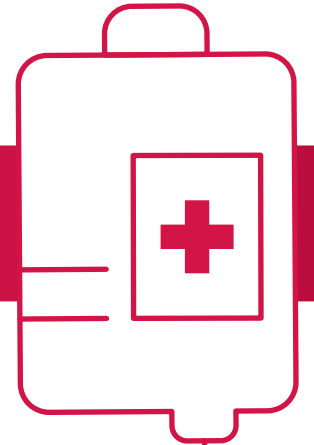
of essential cancer medicines around the globe is inconsistent due to supply and demand issues and complicated regulations.

### Quality

of medicines is threatened when governments and administrations favor lowest-cost bids.

### Cost

of childhood cancer medicines is often excluded from budgets, creating financial hardship for families in low- and middle-income countries.



# Introducing the Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines.



The Global Platform for Access to Childhood Cancer Medicines offers a new approach to give children with cancer worldwide access to life-saving treatment.



## THE SOLUTION

St. Jude and World Health Organization (WHO) are creating the platform to provide children with cancer with an **uninterrupted supply of quality cancer medicines.**

The platform will bring St. Jude, WHO, governments, the pharmaceutical industry, non-governmental organizations and the nonprofit sector together to ensure quality and effective medicines are available to treat childhood cancer. **This effort will increase global visibility and predictability of the market for childhood cancer medicines.**

In 6 years, **approximately 120,000 children in low- and middle- income countries could benefit.**

