

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

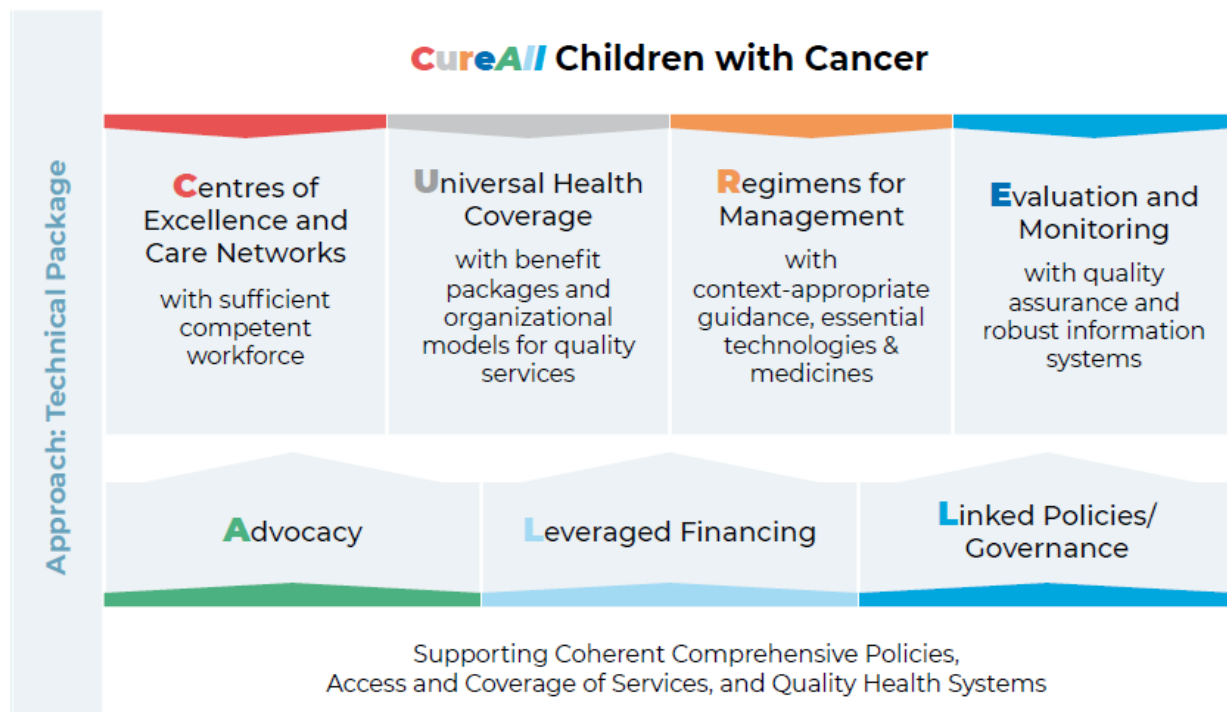
Advancing the implementation of WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer in the WHO/EMR

I. Introduction

In September 2018, WHO announced a new Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer – aiming at achieving at least 60% survival for children with cancer by 2030, thereby saving an additional one million lives. Since then fourteen countries in all WHO Regions have been implementing one or more pillars of this initiative. Actions have been developed, new coalitions have formed and significant progress has been reported.

CureAll is an acronym used to identify the four key pillars and three enablers of the Global Initiative. The CureAll technical package, launched on the 15th, February 2021, outlines an approach to assess a country or region's current situation, develop an action plan, implement and monitor progress. The technical package includes tools, standards and support to guide Member States in better planning and integrating childhood cancer programs at national level for effective childhood cancer control.

CureAll children with Cancer



Ten core projects have been defined, in line with the four pillars and three enablers, to support country-led implementation. These CureAll core projects include:

- Analysis of cancer health system
- National Cancer Control strategy development/implementation
- Implementation of cancer workforce training packages
- National network and referral pathway strengthening
- Defining national standards and guidelines for index cancers

- Essential medicines and technologies strengthening, including via UN
- Economic analysis and benefit packages review of cancer
- Strengthening & linking cancer registries (population- & hospital-based)
- Country dashboard for childhood cancer monitoring
- Local/regional advocacy portfolios: case studies, awareness campaigns

II. Project proposal and vision

A. Context

As a key step in the roll out of GICC, the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) organized the “Regional virtual consultation meeting on the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)” on 25 and 26 January 2021. The meeting brought together over 100 participants from ministries of health (of 19 out of the 22 Member states), pediatric oncologists, representatives of global and regional pediatric oncology associations, as well as the three levels of WHO, to discuss models for successful implementation of the initiative in the EMR.

Moving forward from the regional consultation meeting and the launch of the *CureAll* technical package, WHO/EMRO is advancing the implementation of GICC in the Region by encouraging all Member States to take action for childhood cancer and providing an equal opportunity for all to use available funds based on regional priorities and to set priorities for other potential financiers to support national priorities. WHO/EMRO is therefore seeking proposals for projects that will address the barriers of childhood cancer care in the Member States and the Region.

Project proposals may address any of the priority areas identified at the meeting in line with the *CureAll* framework. Preferred projects should align with national priorities and consistent with available and/or existing technical support in the countries/region.

B. Eligibility

All 22 countries in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office are eligible for this grant.

The grant should be submitted by Ministry of Health via WHO Country Offices.

Proposals should seek to build on existing national government strategies/policies/action plans, in collaboration with relevant national partner/alliance active in the country.

In countries where childhood cancer agenda has not yet been established, the proposal may come from non-state actors (such as academic institutions, professional associations) in consultation with and written support from the Ministry of Health.

C. Project scope and principles

Each project must have the following features;

- Be in line with GICC and *CureAll* technical package and tools;
- Should draw on the priority areas identified in the GICC regional webinar;
- Be linked with the country national cancer agenda as applicable;

- Have the ability to show concrete impact;

III. Project review and implementation

A. Review process:

All proposals will be reviewed by WHO EMRO with the support of experts selected by WHO to contribute to the peer review of proposals. Defined evaluation criteria (as referenced above in Section II.C. Project scope and principles) will be used to assess eligibility and candidacy of proposals.

If non-state actors are involved in any accepted proposal, they will be subjected to a due diligence process and be required to sign an agreement with WHO should the project proposal be selected for funding

B. Funding:

The initial funding available is \$USD 30,000. Funding will be administered through WHO Country Offices.

C. Timelines

Call for proposals sent to MS	15th April 2021
Deadline for submission of Applications	31st May 2021
Contact of successful applicants:	30th June 2021
Implementation Time frame:	July 2021 – May 2022

This survey is comprised of 14 sections. Each of the sections must be completed to advance to the next.

In addition, there are 2 templates attached to your emails to be downloaded, filled and uploaded into the application form. You will be prompted to upload a document whenever required. If incomplete, you can save a draft and resume the application at a later date until the submission deadline.

In case you run into any issues in submitting your proposals, contact us on the following emails: emrgoncp@who.int, akulloa@who.int, hanafyr@who.int

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