

Sandoz expands partnership with World Child Cancer, to help children access treatment in four developing countries

- *Expanded partnership to help “even the odds” of survival for children with cancer in the Philippines, Myanmar, Mexico and Ghana*
- *In developed countries, the survival rate for childhood cancer is 80%, while in developing countries it can be as low as 10%*
- *Sandoz is committed to working with key stakeholders to pioneer novel ways of expanding access to healthcare*

Holzkirchen, July 24, 2017 – Sandoz today announces the expansion of a pilot project with leading charity World Child Cancer, aimed at improving access to treatment and optimizing survival outcomes for children suffering from cancer in four developing countries.

Jon Rosser, Chief Executive of World Child Cancer, said: “It is just unacceptable that children’s odds of surviving cancer depend so much on geography. In developed countries, 80% now survive, but in developing countries it’s still only about 10%. World Child Cancer is changing this – in our projects we can raise that survival rate to around 60%.”

He added: “We are very excited at this growing partnership with Sandoz, which will enable us to prevent so many children dying without even a diagnosis and without effective pain relief. We believe that all children, regardless of where they live, deserve better.”

The agreement builds on an existing partnership with World Child Cancer in the Philippines, where Sandoz is funding staff training needs and helping children to access diagnosis and subsequent treatment. It expands the partnership to cover three additional countries across three continents: Ghana, Mexico and Myanmar.

These particular projects were chosen because of the gravity of the situation in the four countries concerned: across all four, an estimated 6000 children develop cancer each year, but only 19.2% even receive a diagnosis, let alone effective treatment.

Peter Stenico, Sandoz Head of Oncology, said: “These projects will take simple, pragmatic measures to attack cancer where it is most vulnerable: among children suffering from forms of cancer that are often absolutely treatable. Together with World Child Cancer, we believe we can make a real difference by enhancing the standard of care for children in these countries and, ultimately, improving childhood cancer survival rates.”

The expanded partnership highlights Sandoz’s commitment to work together with key stakeholders worldwide to expand access to healthcare. As a targeted philanthropy project, our work with World Child Cancer complements our broader Novartis Corporate Responsibility efforts across a number of lower income countries.

About Sandoz

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About World Child Cancer

World Child Cancer helps children with cancer access diagnosis, treatment and support in developing countries where the chances of survival can be as low as 10% compared with 80% in the developed world.

World Child Cancer does this by building partnerships between doctors and nurses at hospitals in the developed world who provide training and mentoring for doctors in developing countries. It also helps with transport, food and accommodation costs to meet the wider needs of families who have a child with cancer.

World Child Cancer programs run in some of the poorest places in the world. Last year it helped over 5,500 children but, with an estimated 200,000 unnecessary deaths each year, there is so much more that needs to be done.

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