



THE DAKAR MANIFESTO

A COMMITMENT TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER IN LOW-AND MIDDLE- INCOME COUNTRIES

THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH CANCER IS A SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BARRIER IN MANY COUNTRIES.

- > EVERY 3 MINUTES A CHILD SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. EIGHT OUT OF TEN OF THOSE CHILDREN WILL BE IN LOW-AND-MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES.
- > EVERY 6 MINUTES A FAMILY COPING WITH CHILDHOOD CANCER WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THEIR CHILD'S DEATH.

THE DAKAR MANIFESTO IS A CALL TO ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THIS UNACCEPTABLE SITUATION. THE MEANS FOR IMPROVED AWARENESS, EARLY DIAGNOSIS, ACCESS TO CARE AND TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AND IF IMPLEMENTED GLOBALLY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING THE TARGETS OF THE WORLD CANCER DECLARATION BY 2020. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MORE EASILY IMPLEMENT THE PRIORITY ACTIONS TO SLOW AND ULTIMATELY REVERSE THE GROWTH OF DEATHS FROM CANCER.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE DETERMINED THAT

- > CHILDREN WITH CANCER WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THIS WORLD HAVE ACCESS TO PROMPT AND APPROPRIATE CARE
- > DISPARITIES IN PROGNOSIS BETWEEN CHILDREN IN HIGH- AND LOW- INCOME COUNTRIES WILL BE REDUCED AND ELIMINATED
- > FAMILIES ARE CONSIDERED WITH DIGNITY AND SUPPORTED APPROPRIATELY TO DEAL WITH THE EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THEY FACE
- > HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE TRAINING TO RECOGNIZE SYMPTOMS, REFER RAPIDLY AND TREAT CHILDREN OPTIMALLY
- > RELIEF OF TREATMENT SIDE EFFECTS, PAIN MANAGEMENT AND PALLIATIVE CARE IS BOTH IMMEDIATE AND APPROPRIATE
- > CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED ARE APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENTED AND MONITORED IN A CANCER REGISTRY
- > CANCER IN GENERAL, AND CHILDHOOD CANCER SPECIFICALLY, BE ADDRESSED WITHIN ALL HEALTH SYSTEMS AS PART OF A NATIONAL CANCER PLAN.

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, WILL

- > INCREASE OUR INVESTMENT IN INITIATIVES TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER
- > ENCOURAGE CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE AND SHARE INNOVATIVE AND SYNERGETIC APPROACHES TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CHILDHOOD CANCER
- > IDENTIFY BENCH-MARKS TO MAP PROGRESS IN CHILDHOOD CANCER, STIMULATE ACTION AND ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE
- > WORK TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CANCER REGISTRIES AND OUTREACH AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS AS WELL AS RENEWED RESEARCH IN CHILDHOOD CANCER.

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THE DAKAR MANIFESTO BUILDS ON THE UICC WORLD CANCER DECLARATION, WHICH IS A CALL TO ACTION FROM THE GLOBAL CANCER COMMUNITY TO GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY.