



Medicine Support for Children with Cancer and their Parents



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1. General Information

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Paid Staff 52 Volunteers Average 20/month but number varies

4. A Copy of license attached

5. The general goal/mission of TAPCCO is to increase the rate of curability of pediatrics cancer through parents' involvement and improving the quality of services in the treatment, diagnostic, and follow-up works.

6. Brief description including results of the work the organization has done previously undertaken specifically identifying project and initiatives promote the sustainability of your organization or its beneficiaries.

- TAPCCO since it is established have assisted more than 1000 children and parents. The major achievement is the advocacy work it did with the Ministry of Health to put childhood cancer in its agenda. As a result we see improvement in the supply of cancer medicine which before we started there was a great challenge in accessing medicine. In some cases no medicines were available and parents has to buy smuggled drugs or has to ask connection overseas to send the medicines.
- TAPCCO was able to renovate the pediatric oncology ward in Tikur Anbessa which was not in a good condition and had a lot of risk of infection. As a result other wards have been renovated.
- We have served in accommodation for low-income parents and patients coming from regions. This has enabled parents to allow their children to continue treatment and get positive results. The provision of nutrition has helped the children to respond well to the treatment. We have hundreds of survivors as a result of the continued and adherence to the treatment.

7. Copies of annual overall budget of the organization as well as financial statement and auditor's report for the past two years.

2. List of other donors supporting us

1. Aslan Projects (USA)
2. VOKK Parents Group – (Netherlands)
3. American Childhood Cancer Organization (ACCO)
4. HYAT AID (Turkey)
5. Moyee Coffee (Ethiopia)
6. Mulmul Bakery (Ethiopia)
7. Ethiopian Insurance Company (Ethiopia)
8. MUSTAQEBLE Charity Society (Ethiopia)
9. Dejochesh Ayezegu (Ethiopia)
10. International Clinical Laboratory (Ethiopia)
11. Wudassie Diagnostics (Ethiopia)
12. Pioneers Diagnostics (Ethiopia)
13. Bayush Kolfe (Ethiopia)
14. Individuals and different offices

3. Proposed Project Details

3.1. Description of the activity being proposed, including the title of the project location, target beneficiaries, number of beneficiaries, and expected result through this proposal.

3.1.1 Title of The Project: Medicine Support for Children With Cancer in Ethiopia

3.1.2 Description of the Activity Proposed

The activity proposed is medicine support to the children during treatment. Cancer medicine and related supportive medicine are key to the treatment and good outcome of children with cancer. In Ethiopia on average around 6,000 -10,000 children is estimated to get cancer each year. We have five government hospitals in the country that specialized in treating children with cancer. These are Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital, St. Paul Millennium Hospital, Jimma University Hospital, Ayder Specialized Hospital (Mekele) and Gondar University Hospital. Total numbers of children that reach these hospitals are estimated to be 1,000 - 2,000 per year. To effectively treat children with cancer timely availability of medicine, affordable and quality medicine is the core for the cure from

childhood cancer. Cancer medicine however, is very expensive all over the world. In case of Ethiopia despite the government effort in availing affordable cancer medicine often there is sever cancer medicine and supportive drugs. Currently due to nationwide shortage of medicine, the children with cancer in treatment are facing a lot of challenges in accessing most essential medicines, antibiotics, antifungal, accessories such as syringes, gloves, alcohol, bandage and the list go on. TAPCCO support around 600 children with cancer in treatment and we often buy medicine not found in the hospital from private pharmacies. The medicines sold in the private pharmacy are very expensive and at the moment since most medicine are not available our expense has increased by 67% and it is expected to increase more. Thus, we are looking for support both in-kind and financial to keep the children in treatment and subsequently cure for the children.

3.2. Target Beneficiaries

The target population is children with cancer and parents being served by our organization. These are children following treatment at the four hospitals. Some are taking chemo, radiation, or are recovering from surgery, some have completed treatment but are going through regular check-ups. The children age ranges from new born to 16 years old as this is the age limit of pediatrics in the hospital but in the accommodation there are children that have grown up to year 18 and above. The children come from all over Ethiopia.

3.3 Number of Target Beneficiaries

Total number under TAPCCO are 200 children that are being treated for cancer in the hospitals.

3.4 The Expected Results through this Proposal

3.4.1 The general objective

To improve treatment outcome and cure the children from cancer.

3.4.2. Results of the project

Results for objective 1

- The children will improve in their condition from timely administration of the medicine.
- They will get well from the disease.

3.4.3 Timeline for the Project

Two month support could be feasible time frame. November 2023-December 2023.

List of Medicine needed to treat children with cancer in Ethiopia

No.	Medicine Name for Childhood Cancer Treatment	Remarks
1	Meropenem	
2	Allopurinol	
3	Allopurinol	
4	Amphotericin B	
5	Ampicillin + Sulbactam	
6	Asparaginase	
7	Azithromycin	
8	Belomycin	
9	Calcium Folate	
10	Carboplatin	
11	Cefepim	
12	Ceftriaxone	
13	Chlorambucil	
14	Ciprofloxacin	
15	Cyclophosphamide	
16	Cytarabine IV	
17	Cytarabine	
18	Dacarbazine	
19	Daunorubicin	
20	Dexamethasone	
21	Docetaxel	
22	Dactinomycin	
23	Doxorubicin	
24	Etoposide	
25	Fluconazole	
26	Fluorouracil	
27	Fligrastrim	
28	G-CSF	
29	Hydrocortisone IV	
30	Hydrocortisone	
31	Hydroxycarbamide	
32	Ifosfamide	
33	Mercaptopurine	
34	Mesna	
35	Methotrexate	
36	Methylprednisolone	
37	Metronidazole	
38	Nystatin IV	
39	Omeprazole IV	
40	Ondansetron	

No.	Medicine Name for Childhood Cancer Treatment	Remarks
41	Paclitaxel	
42	Piperacillin + Tazobactma	
43	Prednisoione	
44	Procarbazine	
45	Tamoxifen	
46	Thioguanine	
47	Vancomacin	
48	Veloconazol	
49	Vinblastine	
50	Vincristine	

4. Budget Needed to Purchase Medicine for the Children with Cancer in Ethiopia

The total need for purchasing medicine for the 200 patients under TAPCCO is 2,000 USD for one Year. The budget will be used to buy any of the above medicine during when it is not available in the government pharmacies.

5. Reporting

TAPCCO will submit a report on the purchase and list of patients benefited from the support at the end of the project time. Donor can monitor the process and TAPCCO is happy to avail any document related to the expenditure of the fund – such as receipts, reports and patients testimony.