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TAKING SUSTAINABLE, HIGH IMPACT ACTION TO BEAT CANCER

By 2030 around 75 per cent of all cancer deaths will occur in low- and middle-income countries, with one in eight people expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. This is set to increase as populations grow and economic progress raises life expectancy.

## But together, we can beat cancer

Because we know that many lives can be saved or improved if countries have the radiotherapy and medical imaging facilities and trained personnel that they need.

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Anchor Centres will provide lasting impact through enhancing sustainability. They will work with the IAEA to improve educational and research infrastructure and Quality Assurance. This collaborative work will provide access to radiation medicine and support cancer care in their region.

Anchor Centres are institutions working in cancer care and research that have shown themselves to be resilient through the decades and capable of becoming knowledge hubs for their respective regions.

They are regional leaders, supporting others in their field of expertise. Their experts in radiation oncology, radiology, nuclear medicine and medical physics support IAEA activities and take part in field missions, lectures and training courses to build capacities among their neighbours. The centres will help in creating learning material and opportunities for regional, sub-regional and inter-regional advancement.



## **OFFERING RAYS OF HOPE**

The IAEA's Rays of Hope initiative will help Anchor Centres deliver high impact, cost effective and sustainable interventions, upscaling access to quality radiation medicine.

Through Rays of Hope, the IAEA will provide its expertise to:

- advance technical projects
- support innovative research
- ensure radiation safety infrastructure
- enable sustainable quality control
- create guidance documents
- develop new educational interventions
- provide a platform for capacity building and networking