City Cancer Challenge: City-Focused Collective Action
Improving cancer care in cities around the world

OUR MISSION
To create a global community of cities and partners working together to design, plan, and implement cancer solutions to save lives.

OUR VISION
A world where cities deliver quality and equitable cancer care for all.

Cities as Laboratories for Innovation
City Cancer Challenge is changing the way public and private sector stakeholders collaborate around a shared vision of improving access to equitable, quality cancer treatment and care. Through City Cancer Challenge, a unique network of local, regional, and global partners work hand in hand to bring technical assistance and complementary resources and competencies to cities to enable sustainable cancer care solutions.

The C/Can model targets cities that demonstrate a strong need and readiness for improved cancer care, with committed local leaders able to drive the process from the ground up. A multi-sectoral executive committee in each city prioritizes specific needs, identifies partners for capacity building, establishes sustainable financing models, and monitors results which can be shared with other cities around the world.

C/Can is currently operating in 4 Key Learning Cities and 3 Challenge Cities.
Due Diligence: Using the Challenge City Checklist as a guide, we evaluate cities that have applied to C/Can to determine whether or not they are ready and able to “take the challenge.” Factors such as population, strength of facilities, the presence of civil society, and political will are predictors of success with our model, so we carefully screen cities before beginning the engagement process.

Stakeholder Engagement: Once a city is chosen, we identify and convene local leaders across sectors (government; civil society; UN agencies; bilateral and multilateral agencies; academia and research centers; healthcare facilities, professionals, and professional societies; and private sector).

Needs Assessment: Guided by local insights and expertise, the City Executive Committee undertakes a comprehensive, city-wide, data-driven needs assessment to identify current gaps and priorities.

Action Planning: Development of an activity plan based on the needs assessment, including identification of relevant partners and institutions at the city level who will implement activities.

Technical Analysis: Identify appropriate channels for technical assistance, partnerships, and collaboration, both locally and internationally. Engage the City Health Financing Lab to provide economic consultation on sustainable financing solutions required to implement the action plan.

Implementation: Led by the City Manager and City Executive Committee, begin implementing the action plan and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning framework.

City-to-City Sharing: Over time, share data sets, case studies, and best practices with the growing global network of C/Can cities, so that local progress leads to global impact.