



# C/CAN

Over the last three years, the two organizations have worked hand in hand to improve access to quality cancer care – no matter where someone lives in the world.

## HOW ACCESS ACCELERATED AND C/CAN'S STRATEGIC GOALS ALIGN:

	ACCESS ACCELERATED GOALS	C/CAN GOALS
1	Impactfully inform local and global priority health policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving the quality of cancer care infrastructure</li><li>• Informing data-driven solutions</li></ul>
2	Accelerate public and private investment in NCD prevention treatment and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enhancing the capacity of health professionals</li><li>• Developing sustainable financing mechanisms</li></ul>
3	Optimise engagement and set a gold standard for impact and rigor in public-private partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connecting and activating stakeholders</li></ul>

## OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS:





## FOCUS ON:

# KUMASI, GHANA

With a population of 4.7 million, Kumasi is Ghana's second-largest city and the capital of the Ashanti Region. Kumasi was officially announced as the first African C/Can Key Learning City in 2017, followed by the launch of an Inaugural Executive Committee in 2018, composed of the Minister of Health, Director General of the Ghana Health Service, and leading cancer care experts and advocates from across sectors.

Following C/Can's data-driven and evidence-based model, 250 professionals from more than 30 institutions took part in a comprehensive assessment of cancer needs, covering over 1,100 data points on clinical services, management, quality and access to cancer care services across the city.

### PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED:

- Cancer registry
- Quality cancer care
- Pathology
- Radiotherapy
- Management of oncology services
- Community access
- Human Resources
- Palliative care
- Surgery
- Imaging
- Medical oncology
- IT Platform



“With the arrival of C/Can, we’ve been able to step up education to such an extent that now we have families supporting patients.”

**HON. OSEI ASSIBEY ANTWI**

Mayor of Kumasi, Ghana

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

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PROJECTS UNDERWAY THAT ALIGN WITH WHO HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING (HSS) BUILDING BLOCKS

- Service Delivery
- Health Workforce
- Health Information
- Technologies
- Health Financing
- Leadership and Governance

Early achievements include the allocation of a dedicated office and meeting space for the cancer registry, supported by City Hall, and the creation of:

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MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY CANCER CARE FOCUS GROUPS FOR:

BREAST

CERVICAL

RADIOTHERAPY

# C/CAN'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of building resilient and adaptable health systems. By fixing the fundamentals, countries can be ready for the next crisis, while addressing ongoing health needs and building stronger and healthier communities that thrive.



## OBJECTIVES:

When the pandemic hit, C/Can had four objectives to ensure they could continue supporting those who needed them.

1

ENSURING BUSINESS CONTINUITY

2

INCREASING COORDINATION WITH PARTNERS

3

SUPPORTING CITIES WITH THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

4

UNDERSTANDING TRENDS AND LEARNING FROM THE CRISIS TO BUILD HEALTH SYSTEM RESILIENCE FOR THE FUTURE

## C/CAN AND ACCESS ACCELERATED WORKING TOGETHER:

- During the crisis, it's important that cities still have access to best practices in managing cancer care. C/Can launched a series of webinars where experts from around the world shared practical information and lessons learned from cancer treatment during the crisis.
- In Tbilisi, Georgia, the C/Can City Manager worked on the application for USAID rapid response funding to help the city cope with COVID-19. C/Can bought together a range of resources to support cancer patients, their families, and caregivers.
- In Porto Alegre, Brazil, the City Executive Committee Chair led the creation of a COVID-19 and Cancer Task Force.

**1,300 PEOPLE**

from over 66 countries  
registered for the events

**5.8M REACHED**

through social media  
engagement

## MOVING FORWARD:

The COVID-19 pandemic is demanding unprecedented resources, adaptability and innovation from health care systems around the world. Access Accelerated and C/Can believe these new approaches have the potential to transform the landscape for cancer diagnosis and treatment. We are working to identify and prioritize policies which will support the delivery of quality care now, but that also help build resilient health systems for tomorrow – ensuring cancer patients get the right care at the right time.