DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Cancer Country Profile 2020

BURDEN OF CANCER

Total population (2019)

10,738,957

Total # cancer cases (2018)	Total # cancer deaths (2018)
17,988	10,896

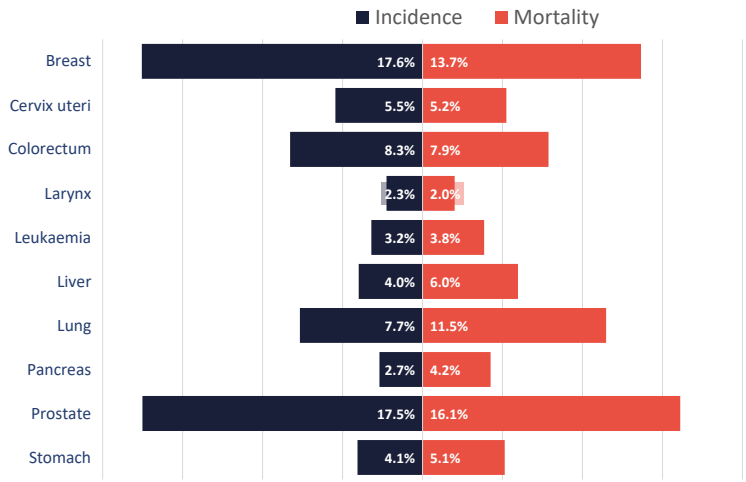
Premature deaths from NCDs (2016)

19,362

Cancer as % of NCD premature deaths (2016)

24.5%

Most common cancer cases (2018)



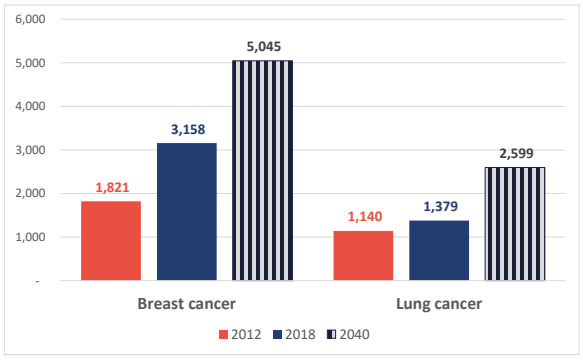
PAFs (population attributable fractions)

Tobacco (2017)[a]	Alcohol (2016)[a]	Infections (2012)[b]	Obesity (2012)[b]	UV (2012)[c]	Occupational risk (2017)[a]
18.7%	5.0%	19.4%	2.2%	0.0%	1.2%

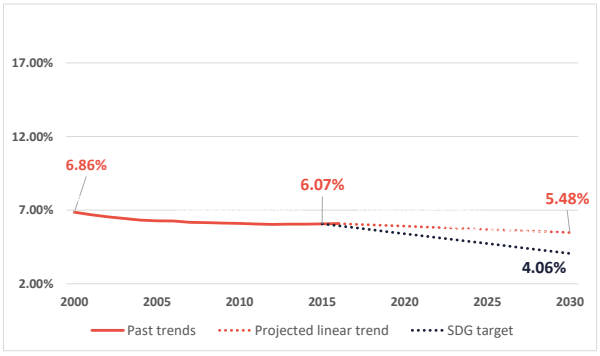
[a] *PAF, cancer deaths* [b] *PAF, cancer cases* [c] *PAF, melanoma cases*

TRENDS

Estimated past and future trends in total cases per year (breast and lung)



Probability of premature death from cancer per year

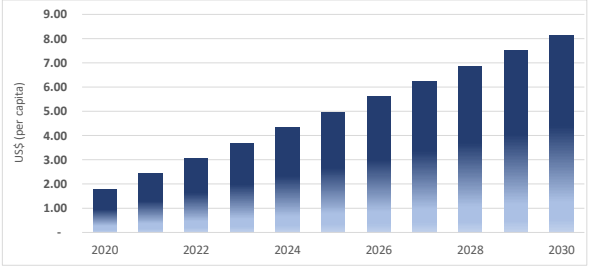


INVESTMENT CASE (2019)

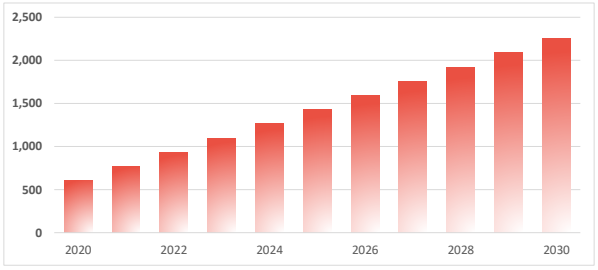
**Upper middle income*

At this income level, investing in a package of essential services and scaling-up coverage will:

Costs per year



Projected lives saved per year



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HEALTH SYSTEM CAPACITY

[a] per 10,000 cancer patients

Availability of population-based cancer registry (PBCR)**	2019	Registration activity
Quality of mortality registration***	2007-2016	Low
# of external beam radiotherapy (photon,electron)[a]	2019	11.7
# of mammographs[a]	2020	97.8
# of CT scanners[a]	2020	78.4
# of MRI scanners[a]	2020	n/a
# of PET or PET/CT scanners[a]	2020	2.8

WORKFORCE

[a] per 10,000 cancer patients

Available staff in Ministry of Health who dedicates significant proportion of their time to cancer	2019	yes
# of radiation oncologist[a]	2019	n/a
# of medical physicist[a]	2019	5.6
# of surgeons[a]	n/a	n/a
# of radiologist[a]	2019	77.8
# of nuclear medicine physician[a]	2019	7.2
# of medical & pathology lab scientists[a]	n/a	n/a

FORMULATING RESPONSE

Integrated NCD plan	2019	operational
NCCP (including cancer types)	2019	n/a
MPOWER measures fully implemented and achieved	2018	0
Cancer management guidelines	2019	yes
Palliative care included in their operational, integrated NCD plan	2019	no
# of treatment services (surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)	2019	3
Breast cancer screening program	2019	yes
Breast cancer screening program: Starting age, target population	2019	35

# Public cancer centres per 10,000 cancer patients	2019	0.6
Early detection programme/ guidelines for 4 cancers (breast, cervix, colon, childhood)	2019	2 cancer(s)
Pathology services	2019	generally available
Bone marrow transplantation capacity	2019	generally not available
Palliative care availability: community/home-based care	2019	generally not available
Availability of opioids* for pain management	2015-2017	71

*Defined daily doses for statistical purposes (S-DDD) per million inhabitants per day

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

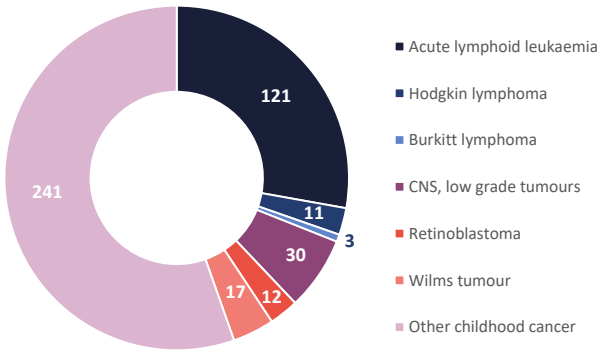
Elimination of Cervical Cancer

HPV vaccination programme coverage	2018	5.7
Cervical cancer screening	2019	yes
Screening programme type	2019	opportunistic
Screening programme method	2019	PAP smear
Screening participation rates	2019	70% or more
Early detection programme/guidelines	2019	yes
Defined referral system	2019	yes

Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

Annual cancer cases (0-14 years old)	2020	435
Early detection programme/guidelines	2019	no
Defined referral system	2019	no

Annual cancer cases (0-14 years old)



**The incidence estimates for this country have a high degree of uncertainty because they are not based on population based cancer registry
***The mortality estimates for this country have a high degree of uncertainty because they are not based on any national NCD mortality data

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