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The American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. The American Cancer Society (ACS) focuses on applying known interventions such as reducing tobacco use and increasing screening and vaccination rates to save lives. ACS collaborates with organizations such as the UICC, the WHO, the UN, and the NCD Alliance to elevate cancer and NCDs on the global health and development agenda.



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About ACS

The **American Cancer Society** is the largest community-based, voluntary health organisation in the United States. ACS is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. ACS has six geographically defined regions encompassing all states with more than 3,400 regional and local offices. The driving force behind the work is engagement with more than 3 million volunteers and approximately 6,000 community-based staff. Nationally, ACS seeks to fulfill its mission through community-based programs aimed at reducing the risk of cancer, early detection, ensuring proper treatment, and empowering people facing cancer to cope with the disease and maintain the highest possible quality of life from the point of diagnosis through the end of life. In addition, our Global Headquarters supports world-class intramural and extramural research programs, the development of prevention, early detection, and survivorship recommendations and guidelines targeted to clinicians, policy makers, and the public, and long-term policy initiatives focused on cancer control.

The American Cancer Society's global cancer control work focuses on working across the full cancer care continuum

in lower and middle-income countries. ACS's global program aims to eliminate cancer as a major health problem worldwide through programs that support local cancer organizations, hospitals and government ministries in their efforts to increase awareness about cancer prevention, international cancer advocacy and tobacco control.

We with regional partners to convene and foster collaborations that mobilize a global grassroots network of cancer volunteers, experts and advocates in Sub-Saharan Africa, India, and Latin America to advance cancer control policy and awareness, including the African Organization for Research and Training, African First Ladies, and regional partnerships that focus on women's cancers in India and Latin America.

ACS priority initiatives

ACS has harnessed this momentum by implementing a comprehensive plan, called the Cancer Control Blueprint (Blueprint). The Blueprint identifies and prioritises cancer prevention and screening, early detection, treatment, advocacy and research strategies for the top 20 causes of cancer related deaths. In 2018, the key priority is to increase the delivery of evidence-based programs in HPV vaccination, CRC screening and breast health equity.

ACS will also roll-out other mission priority initiatives focused on elimination of combustible tobacco use, lung cancer screening, obesity and cancer and liver cancer and viral hepatitis.

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