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C/Can Cancer Patient Navigator, Kigali

Partner: City Cancer Challenge (C/Can)

Country: Rwanda

Website: <https://citycancerchallenge.org>

Duration: Dec'22-Dec'23

Activity:

Patient Care

Disease focus:

Oncology

Other Stakeholders:

Allm Inc., Rwanda Biomedical Centre

Financial: Roche, MSD, Pfizer

Project Overview:

Strengthening Cancer Navigator role in Kigali

Implement a digitally enabled cancer patient navigation programme to improve the care coordination for women with breast or cervical cancer in Rwanda's five main cancer centres.

Reach achieved

The programme trained 5 patient navigators who were deployed in each hospital to aid the flow of patients in the care pathway, in addition to a new digital platform.

103 healthcare providers were trained on principles of multidisciplinary care and patient navigation principles. Using the data on the platform, they were able to access patient information across institutions, discuss cases for multidisciplinary care, and implement appropriate treatment.

Outcomes Achieved:

NCD Services and support are easily accessible to patients

The patient navigation programme supported more than 1,354 patients who benefited from timely diagnosis and prompt treatment, consistent continuation of treatments, and psychosocial support from patient navigators

The programme significantly decreased delays in treatment initiation. The quantitative data revealed that the mean duration to treatment initiation was reduced from 82 days before implementation to about 28 days after implementation of the patient navigation programme.

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