Cancer affects our world

Non-communicable diseases, including cancer, is one of the World Health Organization’s “Ten threats to global health.”

Every year, 9.6 million people die from cancer every year. There’s a lot we can do. Because genetic mutations play a role in 5-10% of cancers. Whereas, 27% of cancers relate to tobacco and alcohol use.

Progress is possible. What can you do to reduce your cancer risk?

3.7 million people can be saved each year if we act. Choose healthy foods. Move more. Quit smoking. Cut down on alcohol. Be sunsmart & stay away from solariums. Avoid pollutants and chemicals (including asbestos, pesticides and containers containing BPA). Get vaccinated. Know the signs & symptoms.

Good health drives stability and economic growth. Inequities in accessing life saving cancer services exist for: rural and remote populations. Women. Children. Lower socio-economic populations. Let’s give everyone a better chance with equal access to cancer care for all.

Our target: To reduce premature cancer deaths and deaths from non-communicable diseases by 25% by 2025.

How do we get there?

Join us on 4 February. Learn more at worldcancerday.org.