

The Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy

(PACT) assists low and middle income countries to assess their cancer burden, support the establishment of partnerships necessary for effective cancer control programmes and mobilize additional resources to ensure that investments in radiation medicine are maximized. **PACT** promotes the development of comprehensive national cancer control plans following WHO guidelines, and works to synchronize the efforts of the IAEA, WHO and other partners that support cancer care and control around the world.

Through **PACT**, the IAEA offers its Member States a growing number of services:

- **imPACT Reviews** (integrated missions of **PACT**). imPACT Reviews assess a country's cancer control capacity and needs.
- **VUCCnet** (Virtual University for Cancer Control). VUCCnet is an online eLearning platform for health professionals to study in their own country. Students access the online cancer control training courses to enhance their professional knowledge and skills.
- **AGaRT** (Advisory Group on increasing access to Radiotherapy Technology in low and middle income countries). AGaRT explores innovative ways to provide affordable, effective and quality radiotherapy solutions for low resource settings.
- **Advocacy and resource mobilisation PACT** supports IAEA Member States in mobilizing resources and raising awareness of the increasing cancer burden. **PACT** actively contributes to high level discussions to ensure that equitable access to cancer therapy is prioritised on the global health agenda.
- **Partnerships PACT** facilitates access to a broad base of partners and technical support opportunities at country level.



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PACT partners include:

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
- US National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- Institut National du Cancer (INCa, France)
- Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
- Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon Initiative
- The OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)
- Roche Africa Foundation
- Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Science (KIRAMS)
- International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR)
- Organization for International Economic Relations (OIER)
- IAEA Staff Association
- UN Women's Guild
- United Nations Federal Credit Union



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imPACT: Integrated missions of PACT reviews

The IAEA, WHO and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) offer joint cancer control capacity and needs assessments, known as imPACT reviews. They provide IAEA Member States with a comprehensive situation analysis and recommendations for further strengthening of national cancer control programmes. Subsequent follow-up support is offered in close coordination with **PACT** partners. To date, more than 70 countries have benefited from an imPACT review.

VUCCnet: The Virtual University for Cancer Control

VUCCnet is a high quality web-based cancer control learning platform which enables health professionals to study materials that have been specifically tailored to the local context. The online training courses are created to be easily accessible for students. With **PACT** support, over 500 students across four African countries have participated in VUCCnet courses to date, with growing interest from other Member States.

AGaRT: The Advisory Group on increasing access to Radiotherapy Technology in low and middle income countries

AGaRT brings together the private sector, regional experts and international organizations to explore innovative ways to provide affordable, effective and quality radiotherapy solutions for low resource settings. The aim is to develop guidelines and tools to improve access to radiotherapy technology. **PACT** established AGaRT with the technical support of the IAEA's Division of Human Health (NAHU) and the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety (NSRW).

Advocacy and resource mobilisation

PACT supports Member States to address their cancer priorities in three ways: direct mobilization of funds from partners, support in developing funding proposals and building Member States capacities in resource mobilization.

PACT advocates for equitable access to cancer therapy as an integral part of comprehensive cancer control efforts. It raises awareness of the need to address the growing cancer epidemic as part of the global health and development agendas through active participation in policy making discussions, and far reaching visibility activities.