



National Society
for Change for
Childhood Cancer
in India



CHANGE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER IN INDIA

Building a nation where every child with
cancer has the opportunity not only to
survive, but to thrive.



100%
ACCESS TO CARE

Every child reaches timely
diagnosis and quality treatment.



100%
FINANCIAL PROTECTION

No family should face poverty
because their child has cancer.

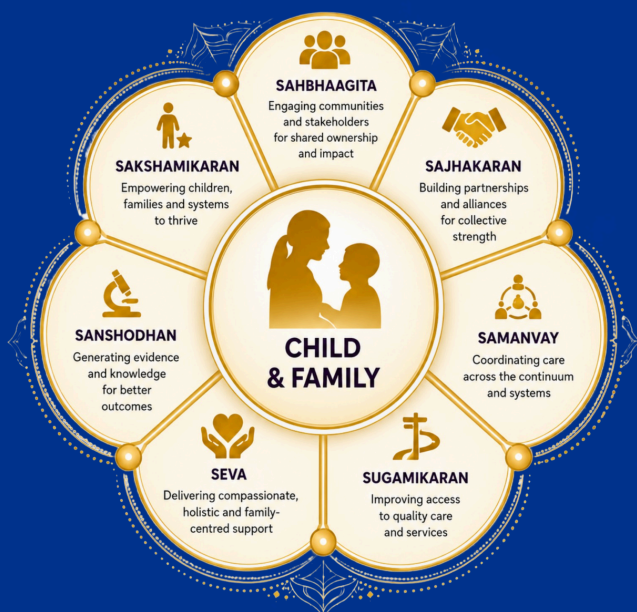


60%
SURVIVAL BY 2030

Every child has an equitable
chance to survive and live well.

THE MANDALA OF CARE

A child and family-centred ecosystem
of holistic care and support.



Care that surrounds. Support that
sustains. Hope that transforms.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE



ACCESS TO CARE: 62% ESTIMATED NATIONAL ACCESS TO
CHILDHOOD CANCER TREATMENT (MARCH 2026)



CHILDREN SUPPORTED: 166,000+ SINCE INCEPTION 26,000+
SUPPORTED DURING FY 2025-26



FUNDS INVESTED: USD 6.35 MILLION (INR 59.05 CRORE) INVESTED
DURING FY 2025-26



NATIONAL NETWORK: 143 HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIPS, 600+
HOSPITAL NETWORK ACROSS 22 STATES & UTS



GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS: 10 STATE GOVERNMENT MOUS. 16
CHILDHOOD CANCER STATE PROJECTS



TEAM CANKIDS: 500+ EMPLOYEES, 7,500+ TEAM CANKIDS INCLUDING
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENT LEADERS,
SURVIVORS AND COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Time.

About CanKids

CanKids KidsCan is India's national NGO dedicated exclusively to Change for Childhood Cancer in India, working to ensure that every child with cancer has the opportunity not only to survive, but to thrive.

It has been recognized as the leading non-profit organization in India addressing the needs of children with cancer (0– 19 years) and their families. It is the only organization in India working at all levels—grassroots, district, state, and national—and partnering with and supporting hospitals, health authorities, and healthcare professionals for the last **22 years** to improve the quality and standards of treatment, care, and holistic support services.

Over the past **22 years**, CanKids has become India's leading childhood cancer organization, working across the entire continuum of care—from awareness, early diagnosis and referral to treatment, holistic care, survivorship, palliative care, research, advocacy, and health systems strengthening for children with cancer, their families, and childhood cancer survivors

THE CANKIDS 7 S FRAMEWORK MANDALA OF CARE.

A patient- and family-centred framework that recognizes that survival depends not only on medicines and hospitals, but also on coordinated medical, psychosocial, educational, financial, and community support throughout the child's cancer journey.

Sahbhagita – Patient & Family Participation

Samanvay – Governance, Partnerships & Care Coordination

Sajhakaran – Shared Care

Sugamikaran – Financial Protection

Seva (YANA) – Holistic Support Services

Sakshamikaran – Capacity Building

Sanshodhan – Research, Knowledge & Innovation

Together these enable CanKids to build sustainable childhood cancer systems that will help us achieve our 2030 GOALS **100% Access to Care, 100% Financial Protection, ≥60% Survival.**

while securing every child's Right to Health, Education, Childhood, Pain-free & Palliative Care and the Right to be Heard.

CanKids is the only organization in India working simultaneously at the grassroots, district, state, and national levels, partnering with governments, hospitals, healthcare professionals, researchers, civil society, and communities to improve outcomes for children with cancer.

1. ACCESS TO CARE

Provides equitable access to holistic treatment, care, and support for children with cancer and their families through its CanKids Hospital Support Unit (CHSU) partnership projects. CanKids partners with 143 hospitals across 61 cities and 22 States/UTs, reaching over 80% of children who access childhood cancer treatment in India. By March 2026, 62% of children with cancer in India are reaching treatment centres

2. HOLISTIC CARE

Delivers holistic family-centred care through YANA (You Are Not Alone), its comprehensive social support programme, together with Home Away From Homes, CanShala for Life education programmes, Subhita paediatric palliative care centres, Passport2Life survivorship clinics, and digital CanNurture, CanNourish, and CanShala services, providing trained social support teams to hospitals and care centres, including social workers, dietitians, psycho-oncologists, teachers, patient navigators, care coordinators, and dedicated nurses.

3. FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Advances Sugamikaran (Financial Protection) by facilitating access to over 61 Central and State Government health insurance and welfare schemes and providing direct support, thereby reducing out-of-pocket expenditure and ensuring that no child is denied treatment because of financial hardship. CanKids' YANA holistic support services include financial support for drugs, diagnostics and therapies, emergency medical assistance, nutrition management, supplementation and rations, accommodation and transport, blood support, hygiene and infection control, psychological support, education and scholarships, patient navigation, care coordination plans, and continuity of care services for survivorship and palliative care. Over its 22-year journey, 92% of the families supported have been from lower or upper-lower socio-economic groups, reinforcing CanKids' commitment to financial protection, reducing out- of-pocket expenditure, and advancing towards 100% Universal Health Coverage by **2030**

4. CARE COORDINATION & SHARED CARE

Enables Samanvay and Sajhakaran (Care Coordination and Shared Care) through regional and state coordination centres, government partnerships, and referral networks. Its Access2Care and Sajhakaran stakeholder engagement models, operating through regional and state Care Coordination Samanvay Kendras, enable early detection, diagnosis, referral, timely treatment, shared care, and continuity of care, thereby improving access. CanKids has MoUs with Ten State Governments as Knowledge and Technical Partner for Childhood Cancer—Punjab, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar —and implements 16 State Projects to achieve 100% Access2Care by 2030.

As of March 2026, 54% of children with cancer are estimated to access treatment at a cancer centre, against an estimated 76,800 new childhood cancer cases annually.

5. PATIENT & FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Promotes Sahbhagita (Patient and Family Participation) through patient education, parent engagement, and survivor leadership. To drive patient-centred care, CanKids actively promotes patient participation, family engagement, and survivor empowerment, involving, educating, and empowering child patients, parents, and survivors to strengthen the Patient Voice and secure the five rights of the health-impaired child and family: Health, Education, Childhood, Pain-free and Palliative Care, and the Right to be Heard.

Currently, its two large patient groups—P3SG for parents and KCK for survivors—have over 6,500 members. Parents are empowered to become patient navigators, while survivors serve as patient advocates and ambassadors.

6. HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

Strengthens childhood cancer systems through Suddridh, improving quality of care, workforce capacity, and survival outcomes to 60% by 2030, as mandated by the 2018 WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer.

CanKids has eight One Cancer at a Time (OCAT) disease-focused projects, including Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Retinoblastoma, ALL, Bone & Soft Tissue Sarcoma, APML, Low Grade Glioma, Wilms' Tumour, and Burkitt Lymphoma. It has also conducted 436 paediatric oncology capacity-building programmes for healthcare professionals (doctors and nurses) and healthcare workers, including social workers, patient navigators, psychologists, dietitians, teachers, and grassroots ASHA and Anganwadi workers.

7. CAPACITY BUILDING & ADVOCACY

Builds awareness and strengthens capacity through Sakshamikaran, disseminating knowledge on all aspects of childhood cancer care as a knowledge and technical expert across communities, civil society, and all tiers of the healthcare system, while advocating for childhood cancer to become a child and public health priority at local, regional, state, national, and international levels.

Training is provided to healthcare professionals—doctors and nurses—in partnership with IAP PHO and iPHONA, as well as to healthcare workers, including ASHA, RBSK, community workers, and CanKids' own social support teams.

8. RESEARCH & EVIDENCE GENERATION

Advances Sanshodhan (Research and Evidence Generation) through its Pediatric Cancer Research Institute, certified by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology, as a SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation). The Institute promotes, sponsors, supports, and conducts childhood cancer and patient-led research to improve outcomes and strengthen evidence-based advocacy. As of 31 March 2026, it has engaged in over 80 research studies/projects, including collaborations with InPHOG, AIIMS New Delhi, and the Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai.

9. PARTNERSHIPS

Works with, partners with, and is a member of national and international organizations, including InPHOG, APAR Health, IAP PHO, St. Jude Global, ALSAC, Childhood Cancer International, UICC, World Patients Alliance, WHO India, WHO SEARO, and WHO.

Together, the Mandala of Care and the 7 S Framework provide CanKids with a unique systems-based approach that combines direct patient support with sustainable health system strengthening, enabling India to move towards equitable childhood cancer care for every child.

In FY 2025–26, CanKids invested INR 59.05 crore (USD 6.35 million) to improve access, financial protection, survival, and quality of life for children with cancer across India. The Board-approved budget for FY 2026–27 is INR 75.88 crore (USD 7.90 million). Investment in Institutional Strengthening and Operations represented 13% of total expenditure, building the leadership, governance, systems, technology, monitoring and evaluation, and organisational capacity needed to deliver sustainable, scalable, and measurable impact for children with cancer across India.

Founded in 2004 under the Indian Cancer Society by Poonam Bagai, a cancer survivor, Sonal Sharma, parent of a childhood cancer survivor, Neena Manchanda a caregiver and Mukul Marwah a senior Govt of India administrator, CanKids became an independent Society in 2012. It is registered as a National Society under the Societies Registration Act and has certifications under Sections 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, NITI Aayog Darpan, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for CSR, and the Ministry of Home Affairs for FCRA.

Together

We can Change

From Privilege to Purpose

A story of Becoming
Ritu & Chandan



Join a growing movement of individuals, families, foundations, corporations and governments working together to ensure that every child with cancer has the opportunity not only to survive, but to thrive.

WAYS TO PARTNER



BECOME A CHAMPION for Childhood Cancer

Make an annual gift
that transforms lives
and sustains systems.



CREATE A NAMED OR LEGACY FUND

Honour a loved one.
Leave a lasting legacy
that saves and
changes lives.



SUPPORT A STATE OR HOSPITAL PROJECT

Strengthen childhood
cancer care where
the need is greatest.



PARTNER THROUGH CSR OR PHILANTHROPY

Collaborate with us to build
sustainable, scalable and
measurable impact.



Every partnership helps build stronger systems, improves survival, protects families from financial hardship, and creates a future where no child is left behind.



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