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SAVE THE CHILDREN WITH CANCER ZIMBABWE PRODDGET

2018 Began with a Bang for Kidzcan, with our theme being **Be Bolder Plan Big and Raise More- more in awareness and funding.** With our new Executive Director, Daniel Mckenzie, Kidzcan has a new lease of life in re-engaging its partners, both new and old. Kidzcan has had great publicity from the media in recognition of its work in the fight against childhood cancer in Zimbabwe.

To the family of Kidzcan Globally, 2018 has been and is a year for growth and success. Your donations, prayers and support make Kidzcan Zimbabwe fulfil its mandate. Kidzcan envisions a compassionate world where children with cancer are given the chance to lead healthy and fulfilling lives through increasing the survival rate and ensuring the utmost quality of life of children with cancer in a loving and caring environment.

Your support enables us to ensure that children with cancer in Zimbabwe are given the right to fight to survive.

This is the video that ZB Bank did for Orange Week this 2018.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yc6xn8nmDo>

Ambassador Harry Thomas's tweet of Lauren Moyo

- <https://twitter.com/harrykthomasjr1/status/963381116181901312>

263 Chat on the Fight against Cancer

- <https://263chat.com/cancer-organization-relieved-of-financial-challenges/>

National Blood Services Zimbabwe tweets during the orange week launch

- <https://twitter.com/NBSZbloodbank>

Facebook videos for the Orange Week Launch

- https://www.facebook.com/kidzcan.kidzcan.1/media_set?set=vb.100024467259155&type=2

Mr Mckenzie giving a speech

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-uLGSBOP9Q>

The Herald articles

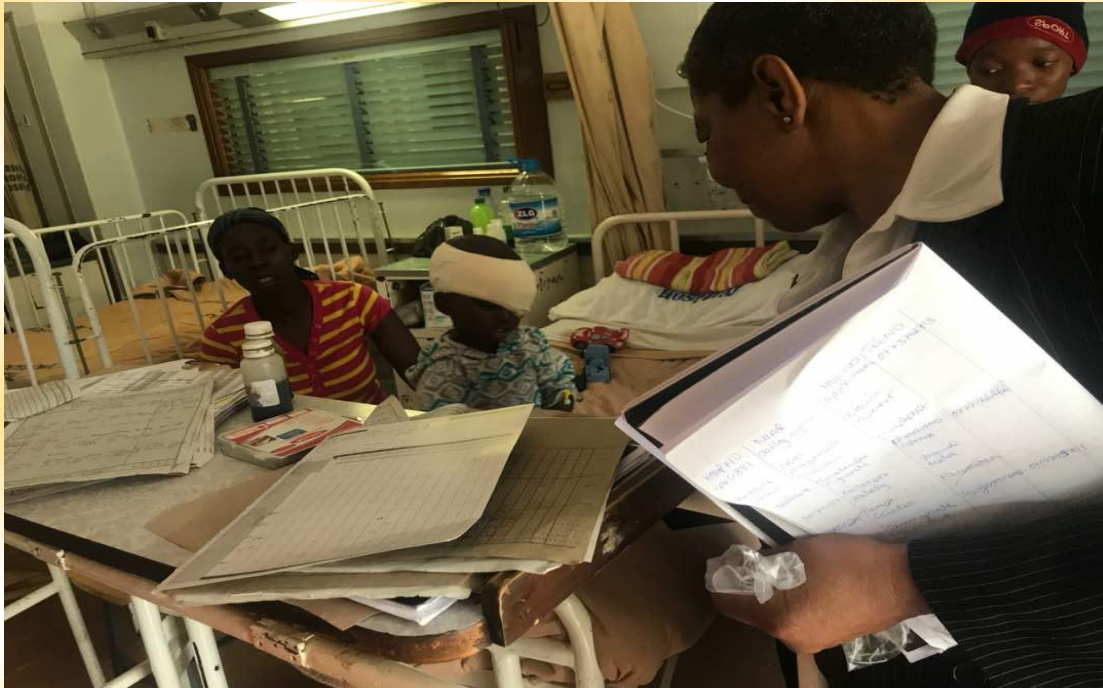
- <https://www.herald.co.zw/boost-for-children-with-cancer/>
- <https://www.herald.co.zw/kidzcan-rolls-out-child-cancer-awareness-campaign/>

ZBC Online

- <http://healthtimes.co.zw/category/health-news/child-health/>

Kidzcan's new protocol

Kidzcan continues to support vulnerable children suffering from Cancer within the Health delivery system by supplying Chemotherapy drugs. In February 2018 Professor Bhakta from St Jude's Children Cancer Research Hospital visited Parirenyatwa Hospital and recommended high doses of the drug Cytarabine. This special new protocol as recommended by St Jude was commenced in March 2018. From the recommendation two children with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (a boy and a girl) were selected to undergo this treatment. The children are now on their 4th cycle (this the fourth time they have had these medications intravenously in high doses constituting a cycle) and so far they are responding positively. They have their bad days, but soon recover after two to three days of receiving the drug. (This is very expensive at a cost of \$900 per child per dosage). We are very pleased that they are both responding well to the new treatment and wish them a full recovery.



Kidzcan Cancer awareness campaign 2018

This Kidzcan's cancer campaign, is on raising awareness and early detection of childhood cancer, focusing on retinoblastoma and Wilms tumour. A total of 50 clinics will be targeted. The campaign seeks to raise the awareness and knowledge for professional health practitioners on how to detect childhood cancer in its early stages and refer the affected children to appropriate health centres for diagnosis and treatment.

The main strategies that are to be employed in the campaign are training on types, signs and symptoms of retinoblastoma and wilms tumour and the referral system, provision of supportive learning materials to trained health practitioners. It will also improve the environment in which the affected children live while getting treatment. One hundred professional nurses from fifty clinics will be trained in the pilot phase from Harare. The trained medical staff will target patients coming for daily treatment and children coming to the baby clinic. Since every child in Zimbabwe has a vaccination card, a cancer diagnosis card will then be attached to it. This will ensure that every child who comes to the clinic will be screened for cancer and those suspected will be referred to the A4 Ward Special that looks after children with cancer and is sponsored by Kidzcan. This will prevent children presenting late in years to come and hopefully increasing the survival rate of children with these two types of cancer in Zimbabwe.

Know that every contribution you make is gratefully appreciated. Your support is giving hope to children who would not have this real chance to survive.