

# SOME FACTS ABOUT BREAST CANCER

## Short Communication

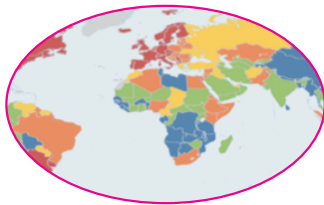
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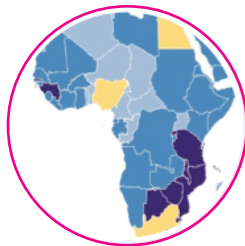
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- Cancer is one of the world's leading causes of morbidity and mortality
- It is estimated that by 2030 cancer will kill one million Africans each year.
- Breast and cervical cancer are the most common malignancies and cause of cancer-related death among women
- 1 in 8 WOMEN will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer in their lifetime



### GLOBAL SCALE

Globally the majority of new breast cancer diagnoses and deaths occur in developing countries as opposed to Western countries. The higher number of cases in developing countries is partly due to their larger portion of the world's population.



### BREAST CANCER BURDEN IN AFRICA

In Africa, breast cancer is responsible for 28% of all cancers and 20% all cancer deaths in women. The average age of diagnosis of breast cancer among African women tends to be women 50 years or younger.



### BREAST CANCER IN ZAMBIA

Specific data has indicated that breast cancer incidence in Zambia has been rising over the years. Between 1990 and 2009 the most reported cancers in females were cervical cancer (48.5%) and breast cancer (11.4%). Breast cancer in Zambia in 2012 had over 20% incidence and 10% mortality.

## Controlling Cancer In Zambia

The Cancer Diseases Hospital (CDH) in Lusaka is the first and only cancer treatment center offering radiation therapy in this country of over 14 million people. The CDH is mandated to ensure that all Zambians have equity of access to not only radiotherapy treatment for Cancer, but all modalities of cancer treatment including chemotherapy and surgery.

Breast cancer can be stopped from spreading if identified in time!

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