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TANZANIA CANCER HOSPITAL

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CANCER HOSPITAL

The Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Dar-es-Salaam is Tanzania's only specialized cancer treatment and radiotherapy centre. (6.20)

HOSPITAL STREET SIGN

Many patients travel long distances from poor, rural areas of this country of nearly 37 million. (6)

FRANK KAMINDU WITH HIS SON

Frank Kamindu traveled nearly 1000 kilometers by bus with his two-year old son, Given, who has Retinoblastoma, a cancer of the retina. (8)

PAEDIATRIC WARD WITH
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

More than 80% of childhood cancers occur in low-income countries. Sadly, the cure rate is well under 50%, usually because the cancer is diagnosed too late. (10)

YOUNG BOY PATIENT AND
MOTHER

Up to 20% of Ocean Road's patients are children. The most common childhood cancers in Tanzania are Burkitt's Lymphoma and cancers of the head and neck. (10)

YOUNG GIRL PATIENT WEARING WHITE BANDANA	Children here are usually treated with radiotherapy or a combination of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. (5.25)
GIVEN & FATHER	When Given arrived at Ocean Road, doctors found the cancer had spread to tissue surrounding his left eye. (6)
GIVEN RECEIVES RADIOTHERAPY TREATMENT	The eye had to be surgically removed and the little boy is now undergoing two cycles of radiotherapy to destroy any remaining cancer cells. (8)
WAITING ROOM	Cancer rates are increasing in Tanzania. The International Atomic Energy Agency has provided the Ocean Road Cancer Institute with two radiotherapy machines, each capable of handling 1000 patients a year. (11)
RADIOTHERAPY MACHINE/MONITOR DEVICE	Staff and machinery work overtime but the hospital meets only a small percentage of Tanzania's radiotherapy requirements. (6)
COMPUTER SCREEN	From IAEA's Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, Dr. Eduardo Zubizarreta. (5)
EDUARDO H. ZUBIZARETTA, IAEA, APLIED RADIOBIOLOGY & RADIOTHERAPY, ON CAMERA	<u>EDUARDO ZUBIZARETTA</u> (English) : M <i>"In Tanzania there are 35,000 new cancer cases per year, of which 26,000 will need radiotherapy. In the Ocean Road Cancer Institute they are treating each year 3,000 cases."</i> (17)

NARRATION

GIVEN AFTER THERAPY

The good news is that Given is responding well to treatment. He has a good appetite and is growing fast. (6.25)

GIVEN AND FATHER LEAVE
HOSPITAL

For both father and son, the long journey was worth all of the hardships. (5)

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