



Cancer knows no geographical borders.

For more than a century, the American Cancer Society has been a leader in efforts to free the world from the pain and suffering of cancer. We're saving lives at home and around the globe.

Giving **HOPE** a **HOME** in Kenya

The Current Reality for Cancer Patients in Kenya

For Kenya's 45 million people, cancer is the third leading cause of death. Approximately 40,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed, and an estimated 28,500 Kenyans die of cancer every year.

With the country's only public comprehensive cancer treatment center based at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, patients must travel from all corners of the country for treatment. While some accommodations exist, for many patients, paying even the \$4-\$5 USD per night for lodging while receiving treatment in Nairobi

is simply unrealistic. Many patients in active cancer treatment sleep in the hospital's corridors or outside. The well-being of these patients – and their hope for survival – is compromised because they are exposed to the elements, without a place to bathe or prepare a proper meal.

A recent survey revealed that half of cancer patients at Kenyatta National Hospital had missed or delayed appointments because they couldn't afford to travel.

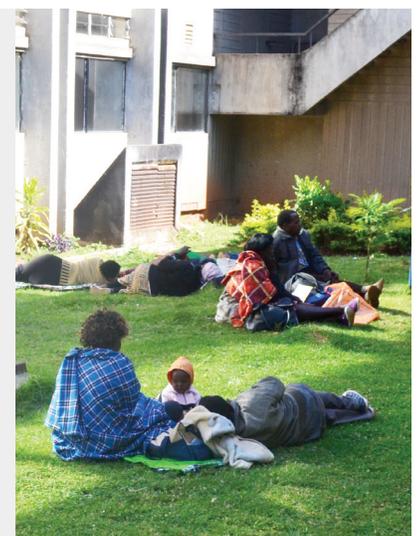
Some patients traveled as far as 
500 miles
for treatment.



indicated that finding a place to stay was a **significant challenge**.



had missed or delayed appointments because they had nowhere to stay while in Nairobi.



Building Hope for Kenya's Cancer Patients

The American Cancer Society is partnering with Kenyatta National Hospital to build a 62-bed Hope Hostel, with plans to break ground in 2017.

Since the 1970s, the American Cancer Society has built and managed more than 30 Hope Lodge® facilities across the US and Puerto Rico to provide free accommodations for cancer patients and their caregivers during treatment.

More than a place to stay, a Hope Lodge facility is a home away from home, offering a comfortable and supportive environment for encouragement and healing.

The Hope Hostel facility will...

- Serve more than **1,000 cancer patients** annually
- Provide **free temporary housing and integrated hospital services**, such as palliative care and stoma management
- House an **on-site resource center** to connect patients and caregivers with cancer information and local resources
- Offer a **day respite area** where patients can prepare a cup of tea or rest during treatment



Your investment will save lives and reduce the global threat of cancer.

A campaign of **\$2 million USD** will guarantee construction (\$1.5 million USD) and two years of operating costs for the Hope Hostel facility. In the United States, a project of this magnitude could cost more than \$20 million.



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My family and village raised resources for transportation to Nairobi and for my treatment, but I had no money left for food or accommodation.

- Simon, traveling from Kirinyaga



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