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Global Colon Cancer Association's 2025 CRC Health Equity Grants Awardees Announced

Washington, D.C.: The Global Colon Cancer Association (GCCA) announced the 12 recipients of the 2025 CRC Health Equity Grants.

Background

The GCCA CRC Health Equity Grants program seeks to provide financial assistance to fill specific unmet needs in underserved communities around the world. To date, GCCA has awarded more than \$150K through the program. Priority is given to members in low-and middle-income countries (LMIC) that build an evidence-based impact, design and test solutions, or interventions. Other examples of funded projects may include—but are not limited to—exploring local needs, validating feasibility of activities, and testing initial ideas. Areas of focus include equity driven screening programs, educational opportunities, patient support, and policy initiatives to increase equitable access to screening, testing, and treatment. In 2025, GCCA received grant applications from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. After extensive review, GCCA has selected 12 grant awardees in 8 countries whose projects work towards health equity in their respective communities.

Awardees and Projects

Bhutan Cancer Society has been awarded a grant to increase colorectal cancer awareness and provide screening to a community of Buddhist monks who are particularly vulnerable to CRC.

Cancer Alliance has been awarded a grant to support their One Voice campaign, an initiative aimed at mobilizing communities to demand equitable cancer care in South Africa, where 86% of the population relies on public healthcare services in which cancer care disparities are most severe.

David Omenukor Foundation has been awarded a grant to provide colorectal cancer screening and raise CRC awareness in a high-risk population in rural Southeastern Nigeria.

FUTEJE has been awarded a grant to provide FIT colorectal cancer screening, facilitate follow-up colonoscopies as indicated, and hold prevention and early detection workshops in Mexico.

Kenya Ostomy Association has been awarded a grant to enhance early colorectal cancer detection, improve access to diagnostic services, and advocate for implementation of national CRC screening guidelines.



Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute has been awarded a grant for their project in Northern Tanzania to explore CRC awareness and stigma associated with colostomy and to improve patient-healthcare provider communication and patient quality of life.

Onco Intelligence has been awarded a grant to implement a free colorectal cancer screening program in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, public awareness sessions, as well as healthcare provider focused training on early CRC recognition and management.

Project Pink Blue Health & Psychological Trust Centre Nigeria has been awarded a grant to equip healthcare providers in Nigeria with targeted educational materials to bridge gaps in awareness, diagnosis, and treatment.

SAID NGO has been awarded a grant to provide stoma care education and supplies to underserved colorectal cancer patients in Lebanon.

The **South African Society of Stomates** has been awarded a grant to support a World Ostomy Day multi-stakeholder conference with educational and advocacy-driven sessions on stoma care, colorectal cancer early detection and screening, and professional training and capacity building.

St. Cyril Cancer Treatment Foundation has been awarded a grant to strengthen colorectal cancer awareness, provide CRC screening, and improve referrals and continuity of care in Lagos State and Ogun State, Nigeria.

Zav Menia has been awarded a grant to strengthen public knowledge of colorectal cancer screening tests, as well as increase awareness of their organization's support services among the Arabic-speaking populations of Israel.

Sponsorship

GCCA would like to thank the 2025 sponsors of the CRC Health Equity Grants program, Bristol Myers Squibb, Bayer, and Exelixis. For information on sponsoring this program, please contact nicole@globalcca.org.

About GCCA

The Global Colon Cancer Association (GCCA) advocates for equitable access to quality colorectal cancer screenings, testing, treatments, and care, because where you live should not determine whether you can prevent or survive colorectal cancer. As both a membership-based umbrella organization and a direct patient advocacy organization, GCCA works toward this goal by amplifying and supporting the efforts of our member organizations, by developing adaptable advocacy and educational materials for our members, and by conducting our own advocacy, education, and initiatives that ensure patients are



at the heart of all policy discussions. For more information about the Global Colon Cancer Association, please visit www.globalcca.org.

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