

## Surgery, therapies,

Pre-operative Assessment	11 250	18,57	
Surgery	300 000	495,13	
Chemotherapy	360 000	594,16	
Management of side effects	1 000 000	1 650,44	
Radiotherapy (25 sessions)	3 000 000	4 951,31	It is free in Burkina Faso but breakdowns are frequent. A single device for 22,000,000 inhabitants.
Cost of stay in neighboring countries for radiotherapy	1 000 000	1 650,44	
Subtotal orientation assessment for therapeutic choice (Support for early diagnosis)	5 671 250	9 360,04	

## Follow-ups

Follow-up by scanner over 5 years	400 000	660,17	
Follow-up by blood test	6 000	9,90	
Follow-up by abdominal ultrasound	75 000	123,78	
Hormonal medications (follow-up)	2 700 000	4 456,18	
Monitoring and psychological support	200 000	330,09	Generates costs and difficult to assess (home visit, testimony, physical presence alongside affected women).
Subtotal for Follow-ups	3 381 000	5 580,13	
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b>9 506 250</b>	<b>15 689,47</b>	



# « Cancer: my fight, your fight, Together we will get there »

**ADVOCACY INTEGRATING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO REDUCE POVERTY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN BURKINA FASO**

## WHAT WOMEN SAY?



*“As soon as my husband knew that I had cancer, he abandoned me and even confiscated the children”*

*“The real problem is not to accept being screened but it's when you are screened positive for cancer: you have to pay for examination and treatment fees which are not within your reach”*

*“If women are certain that after being screened positive to cancer, they will have support, they will not hesitate to massively join screening campaigns”*



## Background and rationale

I. The Ministry of Health of Burkina Faso has made cancer a public health problem, especially that of the breast and cervix. For good reason, the incidence of breast cancer is 12.3% and 21% for cervical cancer.

Several situations have led us to commit to the fight against female cancers. We list some of them which are:

- Generally speaking, the economic situation of women in Burkina is not good. The monthly income of a woman in Burkina Faso is 57,176 FCFA or 94.36 dollars;
- However, cancer treatment averages Nine million five hundred six thousand two hundred and fifty (9,506,250) FCFA or \$15,689 for breast cancer. It practically appears that based on her monthly income, it is impossible for a woman to provide care for her breast cancer. This situation leads to abandonments due to lack of resources and additional costs for managing side effects.

- Apart from radiotherapy, which is free in Burkina Faso, the rest of the care is borne by the woman and to a lesser extent by her family.

- Total population\*: 20,505,155 inhabitants 20.9 M including 51.7% women

- Economic data\*: Annual GDP 731.2 US dollars/year in 2018 and GDP growth in 2018 was 6.8%.

- The breast cancer diagnostic pathway includes many costly tests and treatment is expensive.

\* 2019 General Population Census

- Epidemiological data:

11643 cases of cancer in 2018, 9221 deaths in 2018, 2517 cases of cervical cancer (21.6% and 33.5% of female cancers), 1436 cases of breast cancer (12.3% and 19.1% of female cancers).

The table below summarizes the costs of breast cancer treatment in Burkina Faso:

**Hence the plea for a financial and psychological support for women screened positive to female cancers.**

### KEY-MESSAGES

- 1- For the assessment to guide the therapeutic decision I offer 749,3\$
- 2- 25 sessions of radiotherapy costing 4 951,31\$ in a neighboring country in the event of a breakdown of the device (the only device for 22, 000, 000 inhabitants.
- 3- For the assessment to guide the therapeutic decision I offer 749,3\$
- 4- For chemotherapy I commit to offering 594,16\$
- 5- I commit to offering 495,13\$ for the surgery

## Summary table of the costs of services for the care of a woman with breast cancer in Burkina Faso over 5 years

Services	Cost in CFA Francs	Cost in dollars	Observations
<b>Guidance assessment for therapeutic choice (Support for early diagnosis)</b>			
Consultation	4 000	6,60	
Ultrasound-Mammography	35 000	57,77	
Anatomy-pathology	20 000	33,01	
Biopsy	50 000	82,52	
Blood tests	50 000	82,52	
Scanner	80 000	132,03	
MRI	150 000	247,57	
Abdominal ultrasound	15 000	24,76	
Search for tumor markers	50 000	82,52	
Subtotal orientation assessment for therapeutic choice (Support for early diagnosis)	454 000	749,30	