



**PROGRAMME SUMMARY  
REPORT**

**Episode 32**

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**Discussion: International Women's Day; Role of NGOs in Breast and Cervical Cancer prevention**

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**PREMISE**

Save a Life Cancer Awareness and Support Network (SALCASUN) is an NGO that engages in creating awareness especially for women on cancer and also give support to vulnerable cancer patients targeting early support stage.

**ISSUES**

There is an existing Cancer Trust Fund set up in partnership Community Health and Research Initiative (CHR) to support women and children with cancer. SALCASUN embarks on grassroots and also urban outreach along with Doctors for testing and women are discovered with the diseases at various stages. This affects their marriage eventually.

**MORE ISSUES...**

Cancer treatment and surgery (in case of it) involves various levels, steps and approaches from basic to advanced hence the importance of early detection through screening in order to prevent deterioration to the advanced stage of treatment/surgery. Available resources/equipment for cancer care in Kano are inadequate compared to current population.

**...MORE ISSUES.**

A woman's health is her childrens health because if she knows how to look out for her health she would know how to look out for her childrens health, a win win for the husband.

Kano State Govt is trying its best in this regard by giving women access to free cancer screening through KETfund and Muhammadu Buhari Hospital every October of each year spanning four years so far.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Women should be self-reliant because of the financial implication of cancer treatment

Education and awareness are also instrumental to achieving this

Women should go for screening in order to detect early-stage cancer

Stakeholders, philanthropists should endeavor to support the Cancer cause as govt cannot do it alone.

NGOs working in the Cancer area should remain steadfast and more can come up to help the fight against cancer.

Hospitals should be well equipped with all the necessary equipment to take care of cancer matters and more radiotherapy centers should be built.

A coalition of cancer NGO workers is required to tackle the challenge stronger

The male gender, especially parents and husbands should support their women in the fight against cancer.

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