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## **Funding programme “CANCER-IMPACT” on the socioeconomic impact of cancer on patients and those close to them**

A cancer diagnosis affects far more than the health of those diagnosed. It often leads to financial hardship, job loss, and reduced capacity to work.

Despite these significant challenges, there is very little data or research in Switzerland on who is particularly affected, when such difficulties arise and how they could be effectively addressed.

To help close this knowledge gap, the **Swiss Cancer League** is launching a funding programme with a total budget of **1.5 million Swiss francs**. Over a three-year period, the “CANCER-IMPACT” programme will fund research projects into the socioeconomic impact of cancer in Switzerland.

The aim of the funding programme is to gain a better understanding of the socioeconomic consequences of cancer at an individual level and to strengthen targeted support to those affected.

In particular, research projects addressing the following areas are eligible for submission:

- 1) **Employment and work**
  - a. *Employment of those affected*: How many individuals lose their jobs due to cancer and treatment? Who is required to reduce their working hours? How do the careers of those affected compare with those of people without a diagnosis? Which groups are particularly affected by unemployment or underemployment?
  - b. *Incapacity for work*: How many people receive long-term disability insurance (IV) benefits following a cancer diagnosis, and for what reasons? How many take early retirement, compared to individuals without a cancer diagnosis?
  - c. *Unpaid work*: What impact does cancer have on unpaid work, caregiving responsibilities and voluntary activities?
- 2) **Financial implications**: How much money do households have available in the short and long-term following a cancer diagnosis, compared to before the diagnosis and to similar households without a cancer diagnosis? What role do healthcare costs play? Which groups are at increased risk of poverty?
- 3) **Impact on people close to the patient**: What socioeconomic consequences does a cancer diagnosis have for relatives and household members? Do they need to adjust their working hours? How does a family member’s cancer diagnosis affect their professional career?

Further information on project submissions, eligibility criteria, and the deadline for submissions will be available on this website from autumn 2026.