

Access to Transplantation

>> Improving the situation of patients in low- and middle-income countries

Many patients living in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) face **major challenges when it comes to gaining access to transplantation**. In many of these countries, the life-saving treatment is unavailable, due to a **lack of medical infrastructure, trained healthcare professionals, and financial resources**.

To help removing these socio-economic and infrastructural obstacles, we set up our international support program Access to Transplantation (ATT). Together with our partners, we are committed to **providing stem cell transplantations to patients with life-threatening blood diseases who have limited access** to the treatment. To achieve this, we are always looking for new ways and opportunities for further development.

Sparing no effort: Our approaches to improve access to transplantation



DKMS Free HLA Typing Program

With this program we support patients in their search for a matching donor within their family. If no suitable donor is found, we also support unrelated donor searches.



DKMS Patient Funding Program

To help patients overcome financial challenges, we work closely with other non-profit organizations and transplant centers. We cover part of the cost of a stem cell transplantation for patients who would otherwise not receive adequate treatment.



DKMS Capacity Building Program

Through infrastructural support and knowledge sharing, we aim to advance treatment in countries with limited medical infrastructure. This includes providing financial assistance and training of medical staff to improve the level of care.

Together, we improve the situation of patients in LMICs

For example ...

...with our **DKMS Scholarship Program**, we intend to make a sustainable contribution to the training of professionals by offering a scholarship for medical and non-medical personnel in the field of hematology and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT).

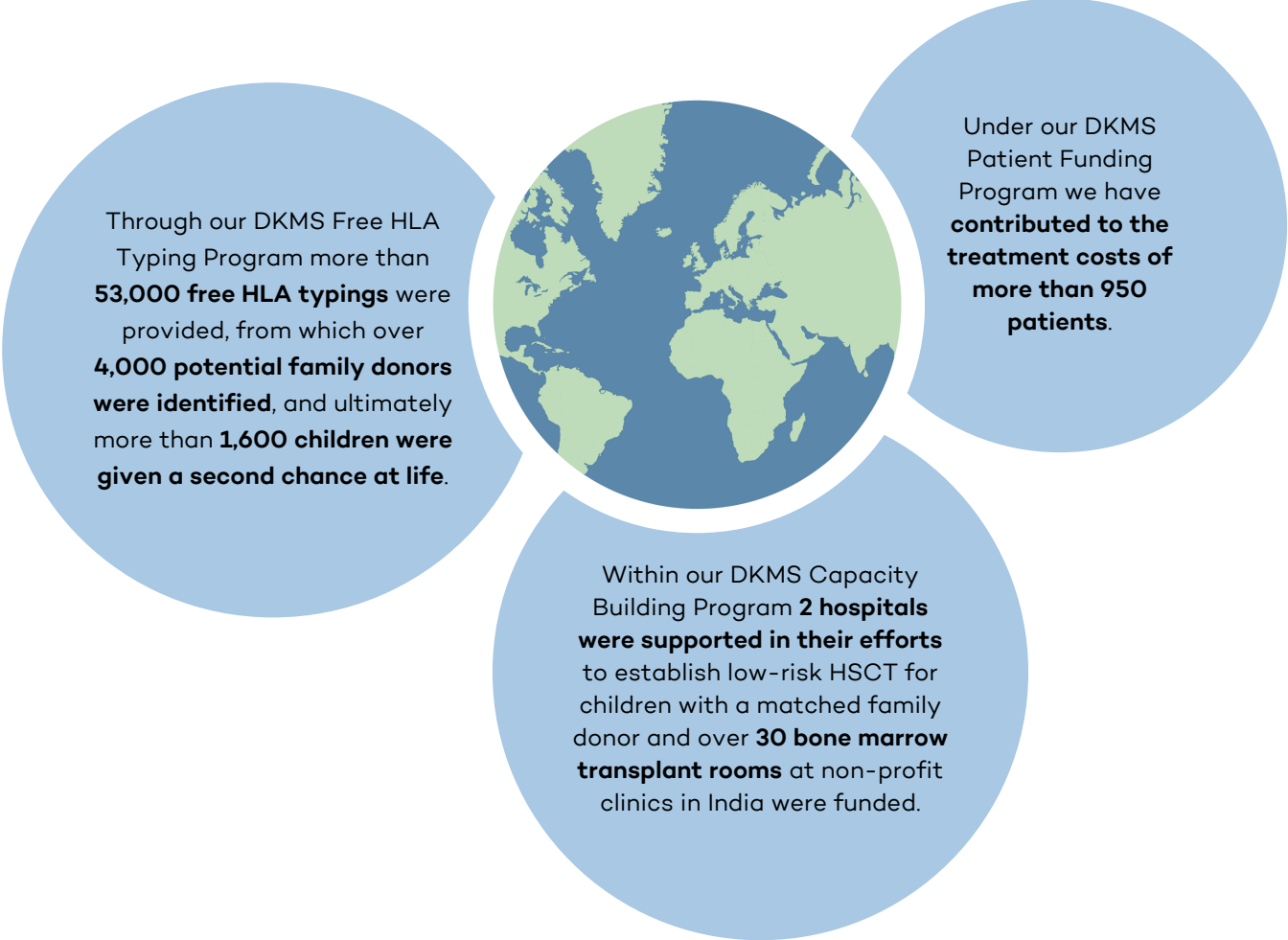
...with our **DKMS Patient Funding Program India**, we contribute to the treatment costs of patients who meet the program criteria.

...with our **BMT Start-up Program**, we enable partners to offer safe and effective low-risk HSCT locally with a matched family donor for children suffering from severe thalassemia or sickle cell disease.

...with our **DKMS Thalassemia Program India**, together with our partners we help thalassemia patients in India to find their matching family donor.

Some insights into our ATT activities

until December 2024



Through our DKMS Free HLA Typing Program more than **53,000 free HLA typings** were provided, from which over **4,000 potential family donors were identified**, and ultimately more than **1,600 children were given a second chance at life**.

Under our DKMS Patient Funding Program we have **contributed to the treatment costs of more than 950 patients**.

Within our DKMS Capacity Building Program **2 hospitals were supported in their efforts** to establish low-risk HSCT for children with a matched family donor and over **30 bone marrow transplant rooms** at non-profit clinics in India were funded.



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Our organization is dedicated to the fight against blood cancer and blood disorders by:

- creating **awareness** for the topic,
- **recruiting** hematopoietic stem cell donors to provide **a second chance at life**,
- **raising funds** to match donor registration costs, and
- supporting the **improvement** of blood cancer therapies **via our own research**.

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