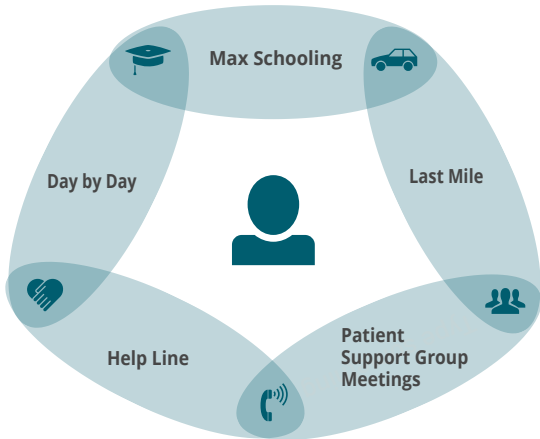




Improving access to treatment and health outcomes for people living with cancer and rare diseases in low-resource countries is about more than availability of medicine. Numerous studies suggest that Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life, significantly influence, between 30-55% of health outcomes.¹ Recognizing the importance of addressing these barriers, The Max Foundation implements diverse SDoH programs across cultures and geographies to help ensure patients achieve the best possible outcome of treatment.



Five programs have been expressly designed to address the social needs of our patients.



Max Schooling

Educational assistance for patients' children

Initiation of cancer treatment can strain a family's income and overall financial state. For some patients, leaving the workforce or related medical expenses can impact their children's ability to continue their education due to loss of income. Max Schooling addresses education as a crucial Social Determinant of Health through the provision of education grants for patients' children, aiming to accelerate health equity by relieving a major financial strain for patients facing cancer: their children's education.



Malaysia
Philippines
India

• 312 students supported across 3 countries since 2021



Last Mile Services

Transportation assistance

A patient's treatment plan often involves clinical visits, testing, and the collection of medication at a pharmacy – for many patients, the financial burden of traveling to numerous appointments is a major factor contributing to missing treatment. For patients who require long-term treatment and live far from a clinic, the financial burden is even greater. Last Mile Services helps to address the gap in the "last mile" of the access journey by providing monetary grants to cover the cost of transportation to and/or from a hospital visit.

Latin America

Argentina Paraguay
Guatemala Peru
Mexico Venezuela

Asia Pacific

Malaysia Thailand
Philippines Cambodia



Africa

Ethiopia Nigeria
Kenya Mozambique

South Asia

India

• 878 patients supported since 2018



Patient Support Group Meetings

Adherence and psychosocial support

Patient Support Group Meetings (PSGM) are a crucial element of psychosocial support and community for patients facing cancer in South Asia and Asia Pacific. Patients, caregivers, physicians and volunteers come together through in-person and virtual events on a regular basis, with each meeting convening attendees from a specific region and/or country. PSGM provide support to patients across several diagnoses through disease education and Q&A sessions with medical experts, geared toward relevant topics including compliance, side effects, diet and nutrition, diagnostics, and COVID-19. PSGM reach thousands of patients across several countries each year.



Bangladesh
India
Nepal
Sri Lanka
Malaysia

• PSGM have convened 40,404 patients, caregivers, physicians and volunteers since 2002



Help Line

Patient navigation, informational referrals, advocacy actions

While our team regularly provides support and resources to patients enrolled in the Max Access Solutions program, requests for assistance are continually received from other patients. Through the Help Line, our dedicated team provides services such as patient navigation, informational referrals, and advocacy actions for these patients facing critical illnesses.



Bangladesh Pakistan
India Sri Lanka
Nepal United States

• An average of 34 help requests are received per month in the South Asia region



Day by Day

Adherence and disease education

Our Day by Day Adherence Program in Latin America teaches patients and family members the daily habits and longitudinal behaviors that can make an appreciable difference when living with a chronic illness. In addition to disease-focused information and resources for patients, our team provides personalized analysis of and coaching through any obstacles which may be influencing treatment outcomes.



Chile
Dominican Republic
Mexico
Paraguay

• Day by Day programming in Dominican Republic also includes access to PCR testing