Ivan & Joan Foundation

"Where Love Meets Lifesaving Care"

ABOUT US:

Ivan and Joan Foundation Tanzania is a registered NGO founded by Winlady Boniface as a response to a need for information and psychosocial support programs for families and caregivers of children diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia and other blood disorders. Having had two children diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia who passed away to the age of 10 and 7 years and nowhere to turn to for information and support as they went through this ordeal led to the idea and registration of Ivan and Joan Foundation.

VISION:

All patients and caregivers affected by Fanconi anemia and other blood disorders will have access to essential medical care, reliable information and support needed for their wellbeing.

MISSION:

Ivan & Joan Foundation Tanzania is committed to improving the lives of people affected by Fanconi Anemia and other blood disorders along with their caregivers by creating awareness, providing education and information,medical care and psychosocial support.

WHAT WE DO:

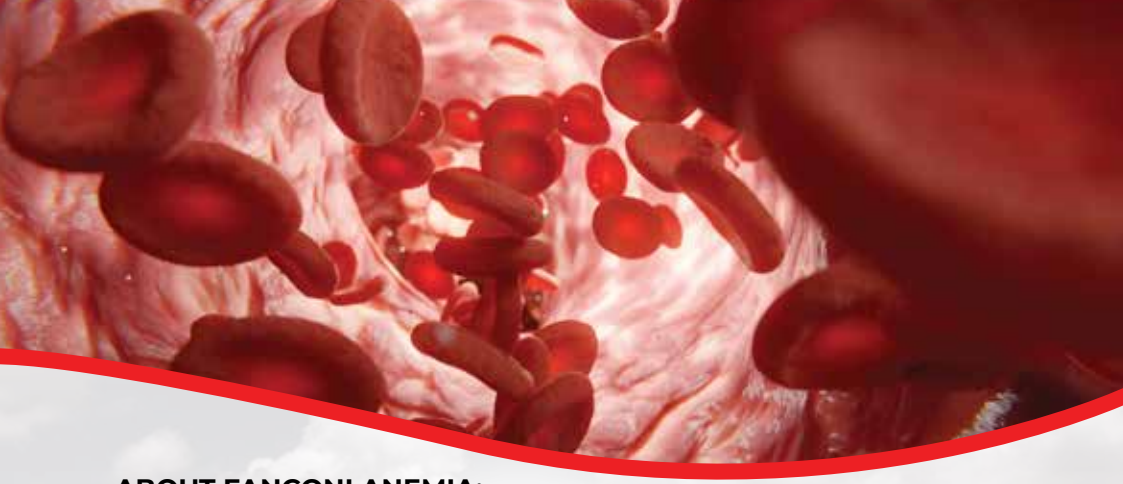
We create awareness and advocate for the needs of children living with Fanconi Anemia and other blood disorders.

We formulate a family support group to get the adequate help needed for them to live their lives to the fullest; like Fanconi anemia education, where you can access medical services and psychosocial support.

Increasing knowledge of FA to the medical providers and community to help patients to receive quality medical management.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- Education sessions through family support network
- Counselling and psychosocial support sessions for families
- Trainings, orientations and mentorship for clinicians through FARF specialists
- Information and resources
- Fundraising for medical support because the financial burden carried by a family
- when a child is diagnosed with a life-threatening condition is often too much for families to bear.



ABOUT FANCONI ANEMIA:

A rare genetic disease that causes bone marrow failure. It's characterized by physical abnormalities, a higher risk of cancer, and a gradual loss of blood-forming stem cells.

What are some of the symptoms of Fanconi Anemia?

At Birth:

- Growth deficiency
- Abnormalities in skeletal formation.
- Heart and kidney abnormalities.
- Small eyes, small head

In childhood and young adulthood::

- Fatigue
- Nasal bleeding
- Easy bruising
- Tumors
- Leukemia

NB: Not necessarily for patients to present with all the symptoms

What to do if you are worried that your child has Fanconi Anemia?
Visit a doctor. They will ask you questions, perform tests and if necessary, refer you to a Hematologists/ Oncologists

How best can I care for someone with Fanconi Anemia?
A person with Fanconi Anemia requires constant monitoring throughout their life.
It is recommended that they have annual check-ups and regular test as the doctor recommends.

My child has Fanconi Anemia, is there any network of support here in Tanzania?
Yes,The Ivan and Joan Foundation. They support families affected by Fanconi Anemia.
You can reach them on +255 754 302 613.

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