Cancer

Oloan Gultom from Jakarta, Indonesia was diagnosed with lung cancer in June 2011 at the age of 40. Before the illness, he worked as a tyre fitter, earning around US$ 4 a day. Oloan is married and has a young son. The family is now struggling to make ends meet.

"I started smoking in school when I was 15 years old. There was a lot of pressure to smoke back then. When my five-year-old son grows up, I do not want him to smoke."

FACTS

- Cancer kills an estimated 1.2 million people in the Region each year.
- About 30% of cancer cases occur due to lifestyle risk factors: tobacco use, alcohol use, obesity, low fruit and vegetable intake and lack of physical activity.
- Premature deaths due to cancer can be reduced if cases are detected and treated early.