

**URGENT MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER RE FOLLOWING OUR VISION: 19 Nov 19**

The key to meeting our vision in the future, which is “Palliative care for all in need in Africa” is education based on a true African palliative care services, adaptable to culture and economies.

This work has had to slow down due to the lack of scholarships for palliative care academic programmes from the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa (IHPCA) and the Initiators programmer run by International Programmes.

Palliative care funds from external donors have reduced all over the world. The impact of the reduction is greatest felt in the Low and Middle Income countries where only the rich can access treatment for cancer. Here in Uganda more than 98% do not reach cancer treatment. 1/3 of countries in Africa do not have a radiotherapy machine. The suffering among the poor and vulnerable is increasing as donors reduce their support to this cause.

We are urgently asking for scholarships for degrees and for the Initiators courses to enable training in palliative care for frontline health workers at every level including the grassroots so that they can provide the much needed cancer and palliative care services.



*Francophone Initiators group 2019, there were 18 people from 9 countries*



*Degree graduates with some of their tutors at 2014 graduation*

Degrees and post graduate diplomas are ongoing and the costs in dollars are as follows:

<b>Courses run in affiliation with Makerere University</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Per year</b>	<b>Full scholarship</b>
Diploma in Palliative care	1 year	1,500	4,500
Bachelors Degree	3 years	1,800	5,400
PG Diploma	1 year	1,800	1,800
Masters degree	2 years	1,800	3,600
<b>Qualification with HAU and IP</b>			
Initiators course Certificate of good practice	5 weeks full time with 2 weeks bedside clinical training in the community	2,500	2,500

Please help us extend our vision year by year by assisting either with direct debits or with a donation towards a programme, for one course or for many.

The degrees and Diplomas are ongoing. The Initiators courses are twice a year at present.

Extending to Portuguese Speaking countries:

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International programmes runs the initiator's course twice a year, One in French and one in English. In 2020 we will have our first training for Portuguese speaking countries by training bilingual doctors and health professionals, in English at a course in January. They will return and teach in their own country. I enclose the adverts for this next programme. You will note that there are only a few Portuguese speaking countries and we will be getting assistance from Portuguese countries for translations of our Blue book (Palliative Medicine, A pocket book for health professionals) and teaching materials etc.

**HOSPICE AFRICA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES**  
**Palliative Care Initiators' Course**  
**CALLING ON LUSOPHONE AND ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES:**  
 Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe and  
 Equatorial Guinea AND ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

Would you like to initiate or improve palliative care in your own country?  
 Become an advocate, a teacher and a compassionate carer?

We are proposing to run a Palliative Care Initiators' Course, in English, for English and bilingual English/Portuguese speakers from Lusophone countries: January 2020

International Programmes Department of Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) will be hosting the 5 week course for Health Workers wishing to initiate or improve a Palliative Care Service in their Anglophone & Portuguese African country.

<p><b>Aims</b>                  The course is designed to support health care professionals to initiate or expand, an affordable and culturally acceptable Palliative Care Service in Anglophone or Lusophone Africa.</p> <p><b>Course content</b>                  The course is facilitated by experts. It is adapted to your needs and includes:                  - Palliative care concepts and philosophy                  - Pain and symptoms: Affordable assessment &amp; management                  - Public health approach to meeting needs                  Shared experiences and challenges with other African countries                  - Clinical placement                  - Training of trainers</p>	<p><b>Certificate of participation</b>                  will be awarded for regular attendance, your active participation, and examination success.</p> <p><b>Certificate of competence:</b>                  will be awarded later upon evidence of practical PC achievements in your own country.</p> <p><b>Eligible applicants</b>                  - Medical Doctors                  - Registered Nurses/Midwives                  - Pharmacists/Dispensers                  - Social workers</p> <p><b>Applicants please note:</b>                  1. All participants must be fluent in oral and written English but we encourage bilingual speakers of English and Portuguese to attend to initiate African palliative care in Portuguese speaking countries.</p>	<p>2. Applicants must have the funds to cover the course.</p> <p>3. Recommendations are required from two referees, one of which must be the current supervisor.</p> <p>4. Participants must have organisational support (government, hospital or NGO) to implement palliative care services within his/her program area.</p> <p>3. Note: the course can only take place with at least 12 fully funded or sponsored applicants. Please apply early.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> HAU is currently short of funding and sadly will not be able to support any participants this year. But you are encouraged to apply for scholarships from other donors.</p>
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<p><b>Course dates</b>                  27th Jan - 28th Feb 2020</p> <p><b>Venue:</b>                  HOSPICE AFRICA UGANDA</p>	<p><b>Application deadline</b>                  14th Jan 2020</p> <p><b>Course fees</b>                  US\$ 2,500 per participant                  Full board Travel and visa fees are excluded</p>	<p><b>Contacts</b>                  For more information about the course, contact any of the following persons:                  Bernadette Basemera:                  bbasemera@hospiceafrica.or.ug                  Mobile: +256772862627                  Basirika Dlamah:                  dbasirika@hospiceafrica.or.ug                  Mob: +25674714947</p>
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