WORLD HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE DAY 2022

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The 2022 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPCD) was a special one having missed the physical gathering in the last two years due to COVID-19.

Hence Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA) published the theme for the year 2022 as; **Every Country Can and Must Strengthen Palliative Care: Integration as a Priority to Universal Health Coverage: "Breathing Love, Healing Communities and Transforming Society"**

Despite relaxing to lockdowns of patients, caregivers and families that have been affected by the pandemic, we still have a lot of challenges in the families and communities. All stakeholders in Uganda have put in place various

initiatives to advance the interests of the indigent patients. These initiatives contribute to the achievement of the theme.

Since Nov. 8th October, we held activities to advocate, educate, raise awareness, bring many together to network palliative care. PCAU mentioned in various districts held Health walk in Kampala and Jinja, Mbale, Mbarara, Gulu, Arua, Lira, Kabale, Fort Portal, Kasese, Soroti, Masaka, Kayunga and Kamuli. Together we raised a banner against health related suffering in Uganda.

This is a highlight of the events and the aims. Please keep the banner high and support efforts to ensure that everyone can access the appropriate palliative care for all. Your support is a contribution to the achievement of the theme.

On behalf of PCAU I thank the staff of the Division of Palliative Care of the Ministry of Health and the Uganda Parliamentary Football Team for their partnership. I appreciate all the patients and organizations for their participation.

We are indebted to the National Medical Stores (NMS), UAP Old Mutual Insurance, Fairway Hotel & Spa, Mild Orchard and Bulungi Natural Wellness Hospital for their tremendous sponsorship towards the events.

Mark Donald Mawanga, Country Director - PCAU

Organizations that Participated.

Nine-one a total of 191 organizations took part in the awareness campaign and the delivery of the palliative care messages to the communities. The organizations included; Ministry of Health Palliative Care Department, Uganda Parliamentary Football Team, Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda Heart Institute, Uganda Women Cancer Association, Uganda Cancer Survivors Association, Uganda Prostate Cancer Support Organization, Uganda Breast Cancer Foundation, Uganda Kaposi Sarcoma Association, Uganda Sickle Cell Foundation, Uganda Diabetes Association, Uganda Hypertension Association, Uganda Obesity Prevention Association, Uganda Epilepsy Association, Uganda Mental Health Users Network, Uganda Mental Health Association, Uganda Mental Health Users Network, Uganda Mental Health Association, Uganda Mental Health Users Network, Uganda Mental Health