



*As we transition back to our regular newsletter from Global Partners in Care, we will continue to include COVID-19 information along with other updates from our partners and programs. Let us know if there is specific content or resources you would like to see in **Focus on Compassion** - email info@globalpartnersincare.org*

The Spread of COVID-19 in Africa

The pandemic in Africa is somewhat enigmatic. High numbers of deaths were expected due to fragile health systems, lack of access to preventive measures, barriers to testing, and potentially vulnerable populations. On May 22, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) noted that Africa reached 100,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. It took the continent 14 weeks to reach this milestone since the first recorded case in February. The continent's average case fatality has been one of the lowest in the world at 2.7% (5,486 total deaths). On May 22, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, warns, "For now, COVID-19 has made a soft landfall in Africa, and the continent has been spared the high numbers of deaths which have devastated other regions of the world ... but we must not be lulled into complacency as our health systems are fragile and are less able to cope with a sudden increase in cases."

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COVID-19 Resources

[Africa CDC](#)

[WHO Africa](#)

[WHPCA](#) and [IAHPC](#) both have comprehensive resource pages

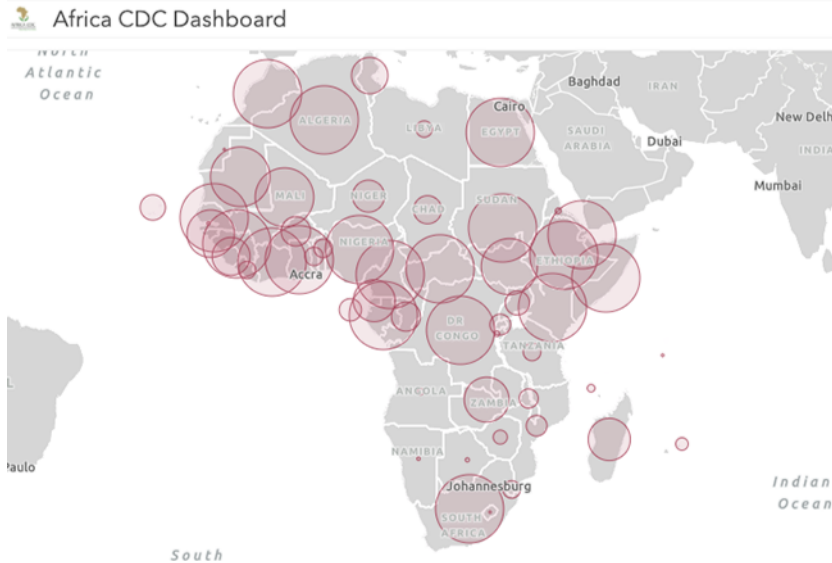
[ICPCN](#) - Coronavirus and children's palliative care

[African Palliative Care Association](#) COVID-19 resource page

THANK YOU!

So many of you have contributed to our COVID-19 Response Fund. Thank you!

Your donations are directly helping palliative care workers safely continue to care for their patients by providing PPE and other



essential supplies to protect against COVID-19.

Your support has also helped address food insecurity for palliative care patients and their families who are especially struggling during government lockdowns.

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Donor Funding Opportunities and Strategies During COVID-19 and Beyond

The African Palliative Care Association (APCA) recently hosted a [webinar](#) with Dermott McDonald and Rachel Haynes.

The valuable discussion included important steps that organizations can take right now:

- Network and look for opportunities to collaborate
- Know your niche and stick to it – do not be tempted by opportunism
- Stay informed and agile
- Clearly understand how COVID-19 is affecting your work and communicate this to donors
- Prepare your case for support now
- Support donor advocacy with information

If you missed this webinar, you can view the recording [here](#) or find it on APCA's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

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