



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



Annual Report: 20 Years of Global Impact

When our organization began in 1999, it was in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic sweeping through Sub-Saharan Africa. Little did we imagine when we began preparing our 2019 annual report that we would be faced with another pandemic.

Compassion and collaboration have fueled both responses. We hope this report will serve as a reminder of what can be done to support palliative care in low-resource settings when a group of dedicated people come together to make a difference.

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

ZOOM USERS

- For meetings that do not have either a Passcode or Waiting Room enabled by September 27, Zoom will automatically enable a Waiting Room for you.

- You can [customize the Waiting Room](#) experience with an approved list of domains that can bypass the Waiting Room and directly

The 20th anniversary report was created by GPIC team members working remotely. We used technology like Zoom to meet and plan the contents. Like many of you, we were sometimes frustrated by the software that made our lives easier... until it didn't. We battled Zoom fatigue and commemorated some of our past partner visits with virtual backgrounds from Uganda, Malawi and other partner countries.

You can find our report on the [About page](#) of our website – we hope you enjoy it.



Staying in Touch – Virtually

We have resumed country calls for US partners to share and brainstorm ideas. Our first country call, for US organizations with partners in Tanzania, was held earlier this month via Zoom. Our participating US partners included Gilchrist Hospice, HopeWest, Hospice Services, Inc. and VITAS Innovative Healthcare Connecticut.

Fostering sustainability – both for the African partners and the partnerships themselves – was the driving force for the two topics that garnered the greatest amount of discussion: fundraising and using technology to foster regular communication between partners.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted both domestic and international fundraising and partners discussed ways they've been able to retool their existing fundraising initiatives and brainstormed other approaches.

We are committed to working with our partners to solve these challenges and are working on some new resources that we will soon share. If you have ideas for successful fundraising and communication virtually, please share your input with us!

join the meeting.

- You can find meetings that are scheduled without a Passcode by [pulling the following report](#).

For more details, including a comprehensive FAQ document, please visit the [Zoom support page](#). If you are using a Zoom license from GPIC and have any questions about your account, [contact GPIC](#).

THANK YOU!

So many of you have generously 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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