

Focus on. Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Extending Our Global Reach

You may be familiar with the history of Global Partners in Care and that much of our work is in collaboration with partners in Africa since that is where we started and built a strong base. As reflected in our name, we are also committed to expanding our reach to other parts of the globe. Our commitment to building a strong, collaborative foundation for partnership means this takes time; a few years ago, we began exploring a collaboration with Hospices of Hope (HoH), an organization committed to increasing access to hospice care in southeast Europe. They work in with partners in Romania, Serbia, Albania and The Republic of Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. Located between Romania and Ukraine, Moldova has seen much political, economic and social instability. The country's health service is drastically underfunded, and in rural areas, even basic services are few and far between. Palliative care was not a well-known concept until recently and is now only available in a few Moldovan cities.

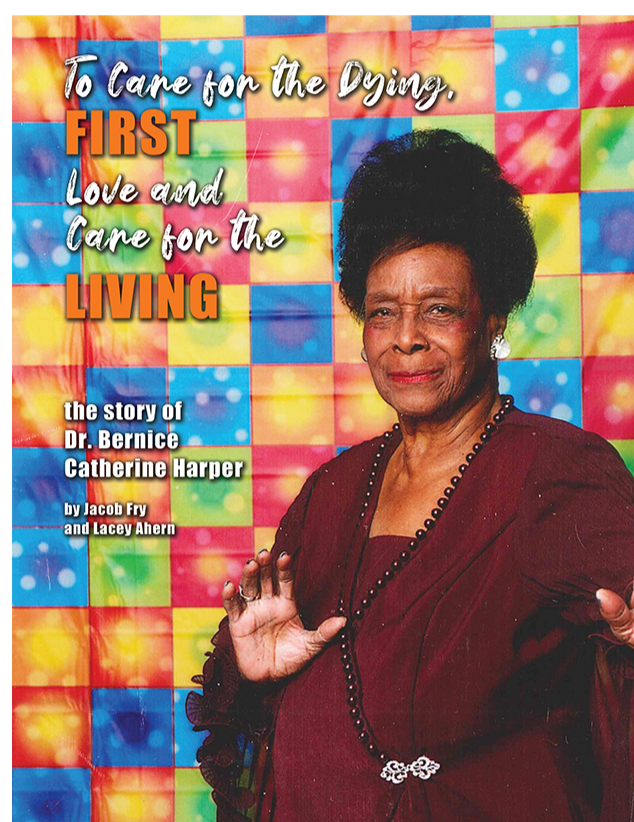
[Hospices of Hope Moldova](#) envisions a world where "...all patients suffering from terminal or life-limiting illness receive specialist hospice care so that they can live and die with dignity and without pain." Given our shared mission, we are committed to working more closely with HoH Moldova, with the goal of finding them a US partner organization, thus bringing them fully into the GPIC Partnership program.



Earlier this year, we learned how HoH Moldova is working with Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war in their country.

[Click here to read more](#)

To Care for the Dying, First Love and Care for the Living



Did you read our story on Dr. Bernice Catherine Harper in February's *Focus on Compassion*? Don't miss learning more about her incredible journey from childhood to becoming one of the most influential women of the US hospice movement – and how this passion for hospice reached Africa and helped found FHSSA/GPIC in 1999.

If you know somebody who would be interested in learning more about the history of GPIC and Dr. Harper's life, please forward this story to them!

[Read her story here](#)

Welcome to the GPIC Advisory Council, Dr. Paul Mmbando

Paul Z. Mmbando, MD, MPH
Programs Director, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)

Dr. Mmbando is a health programs director at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). As a palliative care physician, he also heads the ELCT Palliative Care Program – which is the largest palliative care program in Tanzania with about 25 active hospital-based palliative care teams, seven of whom are part of GPIC's partnership program.



[Read Dr. Mmbando's full profile](#)

Join us at the 7th International African Palliative Care Conference

Co-hosted by African Palliative Care Association and Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance, the [7th International African Palliative Care Conference](#), "Palliative Care in a Pandemic" will take place 24 – 26 August 2022. We encourage all of our partners and collaborators to join this conference – whether in person or virtually. This is the first time there will be a virtual option for participation and offers you a unique opportunity to learn more from the comfort of your own home!

[Register now!](#)



Cross-Country Comparison on Expert Assessments of the Quality of Death and Dying 2021

Early this year, the [Lien Centre for Palliative Care at Duke-NUS Medical School](#) published a cross-country comparison of the quality of death and dying. This effort systematically ranks and grades 79 countries (as well as Hong Kong and Taiwan), which represent 81% of the world's population. The comparison ranks the quality of end-of-life care based on input from experts within each of the included countries. Uganda is the highest ranked low-income country at 31. The US ranks 43.

[Read the entire study](#)

GPIC Brand Book

To help GPIC partners become more familiar with our branding, we recently published a brand book which provides guidelines on how to talk about and represent GPIC in publications and on websites.



[View the Brand Book](#)

Disaster Response Fund

Help Hospices of Hope Moldova support refugees from Ukraine!

Be sure to enter 'Hospices of Hope Moldova' in the 'Designate partner to receive fund' box and GPIC will match donations up to the first \$2,500.

You may also give a general donation to the Disaster Response Fund and we will allocate it to the area of greatest need.



[Support the Disaster Response Fund](#)

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