The future of palliative care: a donor perspective

“Sharing the care”
Palliative care is accepted as an essential part of, and integrated into, the care and treatment of people with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.
Sub-objectives

- Education and training
- Scale-up
- Regional organisation
- Evidence base
- More donors
Recent focus

- Education and training
- Research
- Children’s palliative care
- Creation of a sustainable legacy
Our commitment

By the end of 2012 we will have spent more than £15m in the Palliative Care Initiative

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Work in Kenya

Service Delivery: Maua, Chogoria and Meru

Education:

• Nairobi Hospice for Distance Learning Diploma
• KEHPCA for work integrating palliative care into pre-qualification curricula
• Research: University of Nairobi and Coast Hospice partners in major research

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Can Palliative Care survive?

Yes but we need to revisit our strategies:

• Integrate
• Innovate
• Adapt
• Document

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Palliative care needs to be part of the everyday response to people living with chronic and life-limiting diseases.
Innovate

Embrace the new!

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Adapt

Staying as we are is not an option

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We need to prove palliative care works
Strategy

Need to consider:

• The environment, current and future
• Alliances with stakeholders
• Advocacy
• Delivery
• Organisational capacity

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The environment

- Recession
- Donor focus on PMTCT and maternal and child health
- Changing nature of the disease burden
- Factors particular to Kenya
- Gender focus
Advocacy and alliances

• We need to sell palliative care
• Alliances make us stronger
PULL!

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Delivery

- The workforce and family
- The role of women
- Children
- Efficiency and effectiveness

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Organisational Capacity

Are we fit for purpose?

- Do we make the best use of the human resources?
- Are the administrative systems efficient?
Have we got it right?

Are we:
• reaching the right people?
• providing the best care?
• providing enough and the right training?
• collecting data?
• well-networked?
In twenty years.....

- Palliative care in government’s health policies
- All health professionals have training pre-qualification in palliative care
- No patient is suffering unnecessarily and their families are well-supported.
- Death with dignity
- Specialist palliative care centres
- Palliative Care improves general healthcare
- Thriving palliative care research
Thank you

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