



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Quality Palliative care for all in Kenya

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Executive Director's Remarks

David Musyoki



As we reflect on another year of growth and significant progress in advancing palliative care in Kenya, I extend my sincere appreciation to all palliative care providers and healthcare professionals providing essential care to patients and families facing life-threatening illnesses, the KEHPCA Board of Directors, the dedicated secretariat staff members, member institutions, Friends of KEHPCA, development partners, volunteers, county governments, and the Ministry of Health for your unwavering collaboration and support. Your commitment and dedication have been instrumental in driving the continued growth and impact of palliative care in Kenya.

Throughout the year, KEHPCA implemented its activities guided by the Strategic Plan (2022–2026), anchored on four key pillars: Member Revitalization and Development; Information, Education and Awareness; Palliative Care Advancement; and KEHPCA Strengthening. Significant milestones were realized across all these strategic areas as highlighted in this report.

The achievements realized in 2025 were made possible through the dedication and commitment of the KEHPCA team and partners who consistently demonstrated faith in the association and compassion for patients and families facing serious health-related suffering. I sincerely appreciate every individual and institution that contributed to this journey.

To wrap up the year, KEHPCA was actively engaged in preparations for the 7th National Palliative Care Conference, planned and co-hosted with the Ministry of Health in Mombasa under the theme, “Universal Access to Compassionate and Comprehensive Palliative Care in Kenya.” Further updates and highlights from the conference preparations and outcomes will be featured in the 2026 Annual Report. Stay tuned as KEHPCA continues to champion equitable access to quality palliative care for all.

As we look ahead, KEHPCA remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring equitable access to quality palliative care services in Kenya. We will continue strengthening partnerships, advancing policy implementation, building healthcare worker capacity, supporting research and innovation, and advocating for patient-centred care within the broader Universal Health Coverage agenda. Together, we will continue working to ensure that every person experiencing serious health-related suffering receives compassionate, dignified, and holistic care — truly reflecting the spirit of “KEHPCA Cares.”

God Bless KEHPCA!

David Musyoki
Executive Director
Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA)

Board Chair's Remarks

Dr. Asaph Kinyanjui



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA) Annual Report 2025.

As the national umbrella body for palliative care providers in Kenya, KEHPCA continues to play a critical role in advancing access to quality palliative care services and advocating for the needs of patients and families facing serious health-related suffering. Guided by our Strategic Plan 2022–2026, the Association remained steadfast in its commitment to strengthening palliative care systems. KEHPCA has continued to promote collaboration, and supporting the integration of palliative care within Kenya's health sector.

The Board is encouraged by the continued recognition of palliative care as an essential component of Universal Health Coverage and the growing commitment by national and county governments to strengthen services across the continuum of care. During the year, KEHPCA continued to contribute to policy dialogue, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring that every Kenyan who requires palliative care can access it regardless of age, diagnosis, or location.

We call upon all our stakeholders to strengthen integration of palliative care in line with Kenya's Universal Health Coverage strategy, especially on; Healthcare Financing by expanding the insurance coverage and packages, mainstreaming services within the Primary Health Care to ensure services are closer to where patients live, empowering the Human Resources for Health to provide palliative care services, strengthening Health Commodity Security to avoid shortages of critical palliative care supplies like morphine and incorporating Palliative care into the Integrated Health Information Systems.

As a Board, we remained focused on providing strategic oversight, strengthening governance, and ensuring that the organization remains accountable, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of its members and the communities that we serve. We are proud of the progress made in strengthening partnerships, enhancing institutional capacity, and positioning KEHPCA as a trusted leader and voice for palliative care in Kenya.

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our members; the hospices and palliative care units. We appreciate our development partners, and key stakeholders who have supported many palliative care initiatives in Kenya.

I would also like to acknowledge and appreciate my fellow Board members for their commitment, guidance, and stewardship throughout the year. Special appreciation goes to Mr. Ben Mandi for his dedicated service to KEHPCA as a Board Member and Honorary Treasurer. His contribution to the growth and governance of the Association has been invaluable.

Together, we can build a Kenya where every person facing serious illness receives the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in advancing the palliative care agenda in Kenya.

Dr. Asaph Kinyanjui
Chair
KEHPCA Board

PILLAR 1: MEMBER REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

As the national coordinating body for palliative care in Kenya, KEHPCA continues to anchor its work in the belief that a strong, connected membership is the foundation of lasting impact. This pillar reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to cultivating a dynamic and inclusive membership ecosystem, one where healthcare providers, institutions, and communities are not only participants, but partners in driving change.

In 2025, KEHPCA pursued set of initiatives aimed at deepening member engagement, widening the reach of palliative care services, and reinforcing a culture of collaboration and shared purpose across the sector.

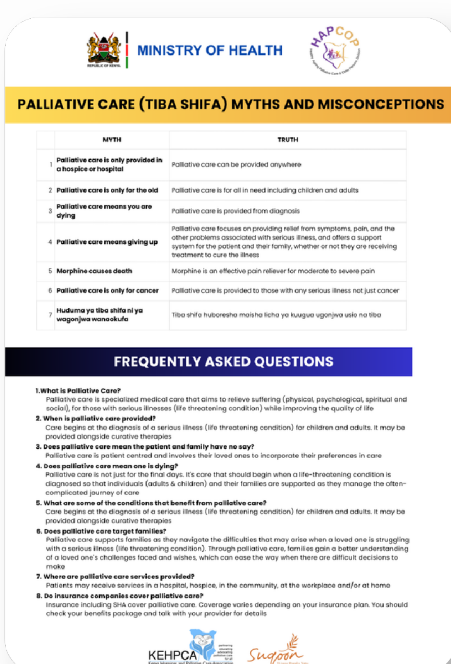


Figure 1: A sample of one of the posters developed by KEHPCA

i. Digital Outreach and Visibility

KEHPCA continued to build on its growing digital footprint, using online communication to bring palliative care into wider public awareness. Across Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube, the organization maintained a consistent presence, sharing member stories, programme milestones, educational content, and advocacy messages that reached frontline healthcare workers, policymakers, and the general public.

Beyond sharing information, the digital strategy in 2025 centred on meaningful engagement: sparking conversations, amplifying community voices, and humanizing the palliative care experience. This approach helped more people across Kenya understand, access, and appreciate palliative care.

ii. Educational Webinars

From January to November 2025, KEHPCA brought together members, palliative care practitioners, and the wider public through a rich programme of educational webinars, creating space for honest conversation, shared learning, and professional growth.

The topics spanned the full breadth of palliative care practice, reflecting both longstanding priorities and emerging areas of focus. Sessions explored Transformational Leadership and Governance in Palliative Care, Geriatrics in Palliative Care, Mental Health in Palliative Care, Pain Management and Opioid Use, Pain Management in Geriatric Palliative Care, Conference Abstract Submission, Intimacy and Sexuality in Palliative Care, Neonatal Palliative Care, and Paediatric Comfort at End of Life for Children and Families.

These sessions fostered meaningful dialogue and continuous learning among practitioners, contributing to stronger, more compassionate palliative care delivery across Kenya.

Figure 2: A poster of one of the educational webinars hosted by KEHPCA



iii. World Hospice and Palliative Care Week

Under the theme "Achieving the Promise: Universal Access to Palliative Care," KEHPCA joined the global community in commemorating World Hospice and Palliative Care Week from 6th to 11th October 2025, with the 11th marked as World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. This annual commemoration, observed for the past 20 years, sought to raise awareness and advocate for the integration of palliative care into health systems worldwide.

The national commemoration was held at Embu Level 5 Hospital, bringing together community members, persons with lived experience, Community Health Promoters, healthcare workers, development partners, and policymakers from the Ministry of Health and Embu County Government.

The day began with an awareness walk through Embu town, before culminating in a stakeholder forum and the distribution of palliative care materials to Community Health Promoters across the county.



KEHPCA partnered with the Ministry of Health, Embu Hospice, Suqoon, and Hamat Healthcare to develop the Kenya WHPC Week Toolkit, a set of pictorials shared widely across social media by stakeholders nationwide.

The commemoration was a powerful reminder that the work of advocating for palliative care is far from over. With one accord, stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to raising their voices, each in their own context, to send a clear and urgent message: there is no Universal Health Coverage without palliative care.



Figure 3: The WHPCD 2025 commemoration in Embu Town

iv. KEHPCA Membership 2025

2025 was a year of steady, meaningful growth for KEHPCA's membership. Institutional membership reached 70 paid-up members, while the Friends of KEHPCA network grew to 95 individual supporters, bringing the total membership community to 165.

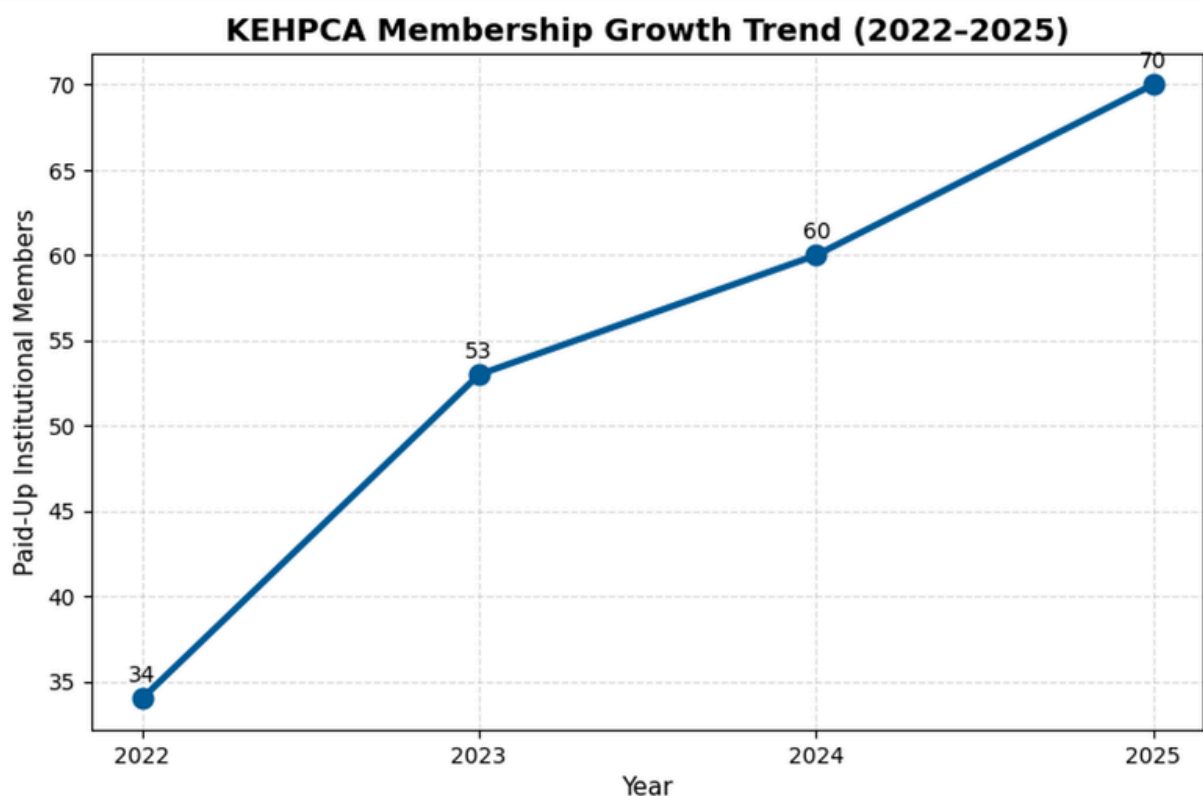
From 34 paid-up institutions in 2022, to 53 in 2023, 60 in 2024, and now reaching an inspiring 70 paid-up institutional members in 2025, this growth demonstrates the increasing strength, trust, and visibility of the KEHPCA network across the country.

This progress is more than a numerical achievement. It represents hospitals, hospices, faith-based organizations, community initiatives, and healthcare institutions choosing to stand together in advancing compassionate, patient-centered care.

The continued expansion of membership reflects:

- Stronger regional engagement across counties
- Increased awareness and appreciation of palliative care
- Deeper collaboration among institutions
- Shared ownership of the national palliative care movement
- Continued confidence in KEHPCA's leadership and vision

This achievement directly aligns with Strategic Pillar I: Member Revitalization and Development, which focuses on building a vibrant, inclusive, and empowered membership network through engagement, collaboration, learning, and sustainability.



Celebrating Friends of KEHPCA

The Friends of KEHPCA community continued to flourish beautifully in 2025, celebrating 95 Friends of KEHPCA individuals whose generosity, kindness, advocacy, and unwavering encouragement continue to strengthen the heart of the movement. The Friends of KEHPCA are more than supporters. They are ambassadors of compassion, champions of dignity, and powerful reminders that palliative care is a shared human responsibility. Their support continues to inspire hope and connection within the KEHPCA family and across the communities we serve.

To every Friend of KEHPCA:

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for walking beside us. Thank you for helping us build a more compassionate Kenya.

Membership Contribution Summary – 2025

Membership Category	Number of Members	Annual Fee (KES)	Total Contribution (KES)
Institutional Members	70	10,000	700,000
Friends of KEHPCA	95	1,000	95,000
Total	165		795,000

PILLAR 2: INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

The Information, Education and Awareness pillar continues to be a key driver of KEHPCA's mission to advance palliative care in Kenya. Its focus is on equipping healthcare providers, communities, and policymakers with accurate and context-sensitive knowledge through trainings, CPD opportunities, workshops, webinars, and educational resources.

In 2025, KEHPCA rolled out strategic initiatives under this pillar to build national capacity, increase public awareness, and embed palliative care into health systems and community structures. These actions reinforced sustainable growth and strengthened recognition of palliative care as an essential component of quality healthcare in Kenya.

A) Program-Supported Capacity Building

i. Hospice Care Kenya

With support from Hospice Care Kenya, KEHPCA facilitated a series of governance capacity-building workshops for hospices in 2025. Sessions were held at Coast Hospice (10 November 2025), Nyahururu Hospice (25 November 2025), and concluded with Nakuru Hospice (26 November 2025). These trainings came at a critical time, as many hospice boards were undergoing transitions. The workshops provided essential guidance, strengthening governance structures and reinforcing the foundations for sustainable leadership.



Together with partners, KEHPCA remains committed to building stronger hospices that deliver compassionate, quality care.



ii. Sexual and Reproductive Health — AmplifyChange Programme

The year 2025 was a milestone one for the Accessible, Equitable, Sexual Reproductive Health, Whenever, Wherever Project, supported by AmplifyChange. The project, which seeks to integrate Sexual and Reproductive Health into palliative care provision, a dimension too often overlooked yet deeply significant to patients' quality of life, continued to gain momentum, deepen its reach, and leave a tangible mark on the lives of patients and healthcare workers.

Led by KEHPCA and implemented through Laikipia Palliative Care Centre, Nairobi Hospice, VINES Kenya, and Coast Hospice, the project expanded its footprint in 2025, reaching more patients and extending its influence to neighbouring facilities including Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital and Kilifi County Hospital, Nyeri Hospice and Malindi Sub-County Hospital. These collaborations strengthened referral linkages and brought comprehensive SRH services closer to those who needed them most.



Capacity building remained a cornerstone of the project's approach. A webinar on Sexuality and Intimacy in Palliative Care drew 171 participants, healthcare workers, patients, and partners, creating a shared space to build understanding, reduce stigma, and grow confidence in addressing SRH concerns with compassion and professionalism.

The project also achieved a significant policy milestone in 2025 with the inclusion of SRH in the National Palliative Care Guidelines, a recognition that holistic care must address the whole person.

Collectively, the implementing partners assessed 601 patients with palliative care needs for SRH, provided 335 direct interventions, and referred 117 clients for specialized SRH services. These numbers reflect more than statistics, they represent patients who felt heard, healthcare workers who grew in confidence, and facilities that were better connected to serve those in their care.

Five supportive supervision visits were conducted during the year, allowing KEHPCA to walk alongside partners, review progress, and engage county leadership in strengthening collaboration. These visits informed service quality improvements and helped lay the groundwork for long-term sustainability.



To advance policy advocacy, KEHPCA partnered with African Family Health to build the capacity of implementing partners in policy monitoring and accountability. This work culminated in a Policy Accountability Workshop that brought together policymakers, development partners, healthcare providers, and persons with lived experience to sharpen advocacy priorities and refine engagement strategies.

Safeguarding was equally prioritized. KEHPCA engaged Steps Ahead consultancy to support each implementing partner in developing customized safeguarding policies, strengthening accountability and ensuring safer, more ethical care environments for patients, families, and staff.

Throughout the year, partnerships remained central to progress. KEHPCA worked closely with the Ministry of Health and civil society organizations including NCDAK, KENCO, Faraja Cancer Support Trust and the Community Voices Network to reinforce referral systems and embed SRH into routine palliative care.



Figure 4: The Policy Monitoring and Accountability Workshop delegates posing for a photo



As the project approaches the end of its three-year implementation, KEHPCA looks forward to deepening its impact, reaching more healthcare workers and persons with palliative care needs, and scaling the integration of SRH into palliative care across more facilities in Kenya.

Figure 5: Site visit at Coast Hospice

iii. HI- FIVE THET Project

In partnership with the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance and the Lake Region Economic Bloc secretariat, KEHPCA implemented the “Increasing Palliative Care Workforce in Kenya through the Hi-Five Approach” project, supported by Global Health Partnerships (formerly THET). The initiative was rolled out across five counties in the LREB region: Kisumu, Vihiga, Trans Nzoia, Kisii, and Homabay.

As part of the project, KEHPCA conducted a 2.5-day Palliative Care Trainer of Trainers workshop in Kisumu County, bringing together 15 healthcare workers from diverse cadres and facility levels. The training successfully enhanced participants’ skills in palliative care and empowered them to cascade knowledge to colleagues across the region.

Monitoring and Evaluation also involved visiting all the project facilities, to assess the progress, impact, challenges and opportunities of the project. KEHPCA thus conducted site visits at Kisii County and Referral Hospital, Vihiga County Hospital, Homabay County Referral Hospital, Kisumu County Hospital, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching & Referral Hospital (JOOTRH), Suba South Subcounty Hospital, Rachuonyo SubCounty Hospital, Gucha SubCounty Hospital.



Figure 6: KEHPCA conducting, HI-FIVE project M&E visit



Later in the year, KEHPCA hosted a project close-out workshop and graduation ceremony at Sarova Imperial Hotel, Kisumu, celebrating 30 healthcare workers who had completed an introductory palliative care course. The event also served as a platform for preliminary evaluations, sharing lessons and best practices, and mapping future strategies for scalability and sustainability of palliative care services.



iv. Pain Free Hospital Initiative

The second phase of Pain-Free Hospital Initiative (PFHI) training for healthcare workers, supported by the American Cancer Society - Treat the Pain project, at Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital was successfully carried out.

This vital training has equipped 118 healthcare workers from various cadres with the knowledge and skills to effectively assess and manage acute and chronic pain in patients with palliative care needs.



v. Wana Watunzwe – My Child Matters

35 dedicated healthcare workers from various regions enhanced their skills in pediatric palliative care after completing an online course by GlobalHOPE, in a 5-day workshop held in Eldoret. This capacity-building initiative is a key component of the Wana Watunzwe project under the My Child Matters program, supported by Foundation S and St. Jude Children's Hospital, aimed at improving access to quality Children's Palliative Care in Kenya.



B) Institution – Supported Capacity Building

i. AIC Kijabe Hospital

KEHPCA partnered with AIC Kijabe Hospital to deliver a comprehensive palliative care training program. The collaboration began with a five-day Introduction to Palliative Care workshop, certifying 27 healthcare workers. This was followed by a 2.5-day Training of Trainers course, which produced 13 new certified trainers.

The initiative reflects AIC Kijabe Hospital's commitment to building sustainable, in-house training capacity. By certifying trainers drawn from multiple departments, the program strengthened multidisciplinary collaboration and ensured that palliative care knowledge will continue to be cascaded across the institution, enhancing compassionate and holistic care delivery.



ii. Mfangano Island – Ekialo Kiona Center

KEHPCA, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Suba West Sub-County, conducted a five-day Introductory Palliative Care training at the Ekialo Kiona Centre, Mfangano Island, supported by the University of Minnesota through Dr. Chas Salmen. This landmark initiative marked the first-ever palliative care training across the island's four communities, certifying healthcare workers, community health promoters, and leaders.

As part of community engagement, KEHPCA also reached residents through EK FM radio, raising awareness on the importance of palliative care across Mfangano and surrounding areas.



iii. Pope Benedict Level IV Hospital

KEHPCA conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session on the Concept of Palliative Care at Pope Benedict XVI Level IV Hospital in Nyahururu. The training engaged 26 healthcare professionals from diverse cadres, most of whom had no prior exposure to palliative care.

This initiative followed a June courtesy visit where the hospital highlighted the need for capacity building to support the pilot phase of its newly established 10-bed palliative care unit, ensuring readiness to deliver quality services.



C) Palliative Care Information and Awareness

In 2025, KEHPCA advanced public information and awareness on palliative care through the development and dissemination of educational materials. These resources not only informed communities but also provided policymakers with insights into the status of palliative care in Kenya, highlighting achievements, ongoing challenges, and opportunities for partnership.

i. Children's Palliative Care Policy Gap Analysis Report

KEHPCA launched and disseminated the Children's Palliative Care Policy Gap Analysis Report at Gracehouse Resort, developed under the Wana Watunzwe CPC Program with support from My Child Matters – FoundationS and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The report highlights key policy and implementation gaps in pediatric palliative care and provides actionable recommendations to improve access, availability, and quality of services for children.

The event brought together the Ministry of Health, county governments, civil society organizations, healthcare providers, and persons with lived experiences, reflecting strong multi-sectoral commitment to strengthening children's palliative care in Kenya.



ii. Launch of the Lung Cancer Toolkit

KEHPCA, in partnership with NCD Alliance Kenya and with support from Charities Aid Foundation, implemented the ILCC Project to strengthen advocacy and improve lung cancer awareness, prevention, and patient care. A comprehensive toolkit for health providers, caregivers, and patients was developed and launched at the project closeout ceremony. Dissemination included print copies distributed to all palliative care and hospice units nationwide, with a soft copy available on the KEHPCA website.



iii. IEC materials Dissemination

In partnership with the Ministry of Health and other organizations, KEHPCA designed and disseminated IEC materials to raise public awareness on palliative care. Resources were shared widely in both print and digital formats. Additional posters, pamphlets, and booklets on adult and pediatric pain management, care for children with palliative care needs, palliative care myths and misconception posters and essential palliative care medicines were distributed to all palliative care facilities and through the Intercounty Palliative Care Providers Whatsapp Group.



PILLAR 3: PALLIATIVE CARE ADVANCEMENT

The Strategic Pillar on Palliative Care Advancement continued to focus on strengthening policy integration, professional development, service delivery, evidence generation, and advocacy for equitable access to palliative care across Kenya. Throughout 2025, KEHPCA worked closely with the Ministry of Health, county governments, academic institutions, development partners, and member organizations to advance the national palliative care agenda. Additionally, KEHPCA renewed the CPD provider accreditation for Doctors through the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists' Board, and received the first authorization for providing CPD points to Clinical Officers through the approval of the Clinical Officers' Council. KEHPCA also initiated conversations with the Nursing Council of Kenya towards a similar outcome for the Nurses, who form the largest part of not only Kenya's health workforce, but also palliative care providers.

i. Access to Essential Palliative Care Medicines

KEHPCA continued to advocate for sustainable access to oral morphine and other essential palliative care medicines through active participation in the national technical working group, the Palliative Care Technical Working Group and other stakeholder engagements. Collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), and other partners focused on addressing supply chain challenges and advancing long-term solutions for uninterrupted access to pain relief medication. These efforts reinforced the importance of palliative care medicines as a critical component of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

ii. Supportive Supervision and Health Systems Strengthening

KEHPCA conducted supportive supervision and technical assistance visits across multiple counties, including Nairobi, Kisii, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kisumu, Homabay, Vihiga, Laikipia, Kiambu, Nyeri, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, Bomet, Kericho, among others, to strengthen palliative care integration within health facilities and county health systems. The visits provided opportunities for mentorship, monitoring progress, engagement with county leadership, and identification of emerging gaps in service delivery. Continued collaboration with county governments contributed to the expansion and strengthening of palliative care units, improved referral pathways, and enhanced visibility of palliative care within county health priorities.



Figure 7: KEHPCA during a facility visit at Iten Hospital



Figure 8: KEHPCA visiting Kisii County Hospital team

iii. Professional Development, Research and Evidence

Recognizing the importance of evidence-informed practice, KEHPCA facilitated a series of professional development initiatives, including webinars and knowledge-sharing platforms focused on research, innovation, and quality improvement in palliative care. The Association promoted the generation and dissemination of local evidence to support policy development and service improvement. In 2025.

KEHPCA also participated in evidence generation for palliative care in Africa by having 6 abstracts presented at the APCA conference in Botswana, an abstract presented at the SIOP conference, and preparations for the 7th National Palliative Care Conference, through encouraging submission of abstracts and stakeholder participation to showcase innovations, research findings, and best practices in palliative care. The conference theme, “Universal Access to Compassionate and Comprehensive Palliative Care in Kenya,” reflects the sector's continued commitment to equitable access for all.



Figure 10: KEHPCA team among other Kenyan delegates at the 8th International APCA Conference in Botswana



Figure 9: Dr. Beryl Okose, KEHPCA Project Officer at the SIOP Conference held in Amsterdam, Netherlands

iv. Advocacy and Policy Engagement

Advocacy remained central to KEHPCA's work during the year. The Association engaged professional councils, policymakers, and health sector stakeholders to advance recognition of palliative care professionals and strengthen workforce development.

KEHPCA continued participating in the national palliative care technical working group as well as the national morphine technical working group, policy review processes, advocating for the integration of palliative care within national health priorities, cancer control, healthy ageing, mental health, and UHC implementation frameworks. During the year KEHPCA also supported internal review of the National Palliative Care Guideline through the Healthy Ageing, Palliative Care and Older Persons Division, Ministry of Health.

PILLAR 4: KEHPCA STRENGTHENING

In 2025, Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association continued to strengthen its institutional capacity through enhanced governance systems, policy implementation, accountability mechanisms, and strategic organizational development. Guided by the KEHPCA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, and aligned with its policies, the organization focused on improving operational efficiency, transparency, and sustainability to support quality palliative care services across Kenya.

a) Strengthening Governance and Accountability

During the year, KEHPCA enhanced its governance and management structures through regular Board, management meetings and strategic planning reviews. The Board Directors conducted quarterly board meetings guided by the annual board calendar and the importance of organizational progress oversight.

The organization promoted adherence to internal policies, safeguarding standards, financial management procedures, and donor compliance requirements to ensure accountability and prudent utilization of resources.

KEHPCA Board Members 2025

1	Dr. Asaph Kinyanjui	Chair
2	Mr. Titus Boit	Vice Chair
3	Mr. Bernard Mandi	Honorary Treasurer
4	Ms. Stella Mwari	Honorary Secretary
5	Dr. Zipporah Ali	Member
6	Mrs. Linet John	Member
7	Ms. Catherine Wachira	Member
8	Dr. Aabid Ahmed	Member

KEHPCA Staff Members 2025

1	David Musyoki	Executive Director
2	Miriam Igobwa	Finance Manager
3	Rose Wandaka	Finance Officer
4	Roselyne Omolo	Director of Programs
5	Dr. Beryl Okose	Programs Officer
6	Emily Macharia	Liaison Officer
7	Paul Kutto	ICT Officer
8	Josephine Muya	Administrative Officer
9	Matthew Ndote	Support Staff

B) Policy Implementation and Institutional Compliance

In 2025, KEHPCA supported the implementation and monitoring of the National Palliative Care Policy 2021–2030 through collaboration with the Ministry of Health, county governments, hospices and palliative care units, including community facilities. The organization participated in key technical working groups and discussions with all stakeholders advocating for palliative care mainstreaming and integration.

The organization further reinforced compliance with national and donor reporting requirements through improved documentation, monitoring systems, and reporting processes.

C) Organizational Development and Sustainability

KEHPCA continued to invest in institutional growth and sustainability by strengthening partnerships, mobilizing resources, and expanding stakeholder engagement. KEHPCA's team-building retreat in Watamu facilitated the development of key governance policies while also providing a valuable opportunity for staff bonding and professional growth.

During the year, KEHPCA strengthened its governance and accountability framework through the development and ratification of key institutional policies, including the Conflict of interest policy, Whistle Blowing, Anti-Fraud, Anti-bribery and Anti- corruption Policies. These policies were established to promote transparency, ethical conduct, accountability, and effective risk management within the organization. Their ratification marked an important milestone in reinforcing KEHPCA's commitment to good governance, safeguarding organizational resources, and ensuring compliance with institutional and donor requirements.

D) Transitions and Changes

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Ben Mandi, who served as a nominated Board member and Honorary Treasurer, retired during the Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2025. KEHPCA expresses sincere appreciation for his dedicated service, leadership, and invaluable contribution in financial oversight in his tenure. KEHPCA also strengthened its finance and administration function through strategic staff transitions and succession planning. Ms. Rose Wandaka was appointed as Finance Officer in preparation for the retirement of the long-serving Finance Manager, Ms. Miriam Igobwa. This transition was undertaken to ensure continuity, effective financial management, and sustained institutional accountability within the organization.

E) Member Engagement and Coordination

As the national umbrella body for hospices and palliative care providers in Kenya, KEHPCA strengthened engagement with member institutions through regular communication, technical support, networking opportunities, and collaborative learning platforms. The organization continued to promote multisectoral collaboration and coordinated approaches to palliative care development at national and county levels.

Looking Ahead

KEHPCA remains committed to strengthening governance, institutional sustainability, and accountability systems to ensure effective implementation of its strategic priorities. The organization will continue to enhance compliance mechanisms, build strategic partnerships, and strengthen organizational capacity to support equitable access to quality palliative care services in Kenya.

7TH NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE 2026

The 7th National Palliative Care Conference convened from 25–27 February 2026 at Pridelnn Shanzu, Mombasa, bringing together over 330 delegates from Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, and the United States under the theme Universal Access to Comprehensive and Compassionate Palliative Care. Co-hosted by KEHPCA and the Ministry of Health's Healthy Ageing, Palliative Care and Older Persons Division, the conference featured expert-led plenary sessions and workshops spanning pain and symptom management, child-centred palliative care, sexual and reproductive health in life-limiting illness, overlooked dimensions including mental health and healthy ageing, improving outcomes in NCDs through palliative care, and advancing evidence-based research, education, and practice. Delegates also presented across six thematic tracks, generating cross-country peer exchange and dialogue on advancing equitable palliative care systems.

A defining highlight was the launch of the National Palliative Care Guidelines (2025 Edition), a landmark policy document that will guide the national provision of palliative care in Kenya, alongside the establishment of the Palliative Care Nurses Association of Kenya (PANUSK). The opening ceremony drew attention to a stark national gap: of the approximately 800,000 Kenyans requiring palliative care annually, only an estimated 4% are currently reached. Testimonies from persons with lived experience and their caregivers added a vital human dimension, affirming dignity, individualized care, and patient involvement as central to compassionate care delivery.



Figure 11: Highlights of the conference



Figure 12: Launch of the National PC guidelines

Gala Dinner and Stakeholder Recognition

The conference Gala Dinner, held at Shaza Beach Hotel, provided a valuable opportunity for stakeholder recognition, strategic networking, and delegate wellbeing. The evening afforded participants a moment of relaxation and camaraderie, a fitting acknowledgment of the dedication of those working at the forefront of palliative care in the region.



Figure 13: Highlights of the gala dinner

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, KEHPCA experienced a decline in income, reducing from approximately 50 million in 2024 to 41.6 million in 2025—a decrease of about 8.4 million. This was accompanied by a decrease in program activities by 12 million and a rise of 4 million in personnel costs, following the engagement of one additional staff member.

Throughout the financial year, KEHPCA continued to receive generous support for its ongoing programs from our valued partners: Segal Family Foundation, Tropical Health Educational Trust (THET), now Global Health Partnerships (GHP), Foundation Sanofi, St. Jude, Amplify Change, Hospice Care Kenya, Charity Aid Foundation, as well as through membership subscriptions.

We sincerely thank all our financial partners for their trust and unwavering support, which enables KEHPCA to pursue its mission and achieve its goals.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024
Income	KES		KES
Grants and Donations Receipts	36,708,865		44,476,583
Other Income	4,952,827		5,677,178
Total Income	41,661,692		50,153,761
Expenditure			
Administration Costs	2,725,068		3,374,440
Personnel Costs	20,745,537		16,704,173
Program Costs	18,238,300		30,273,255
Total Expenditure	41,708,905		50,351,868
Deficit for the year	-47,213		-198,107

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - 31 DECEMBER 2025			
Assets	2025		2024
Non-current Assets	KES		KES
Property and Equipment	22,275,804		23,663,034
Intangible Assets	238,770		431,786
Investments in Equity	150,255		90,365
Total Non-current Assets	22,664,829		24,185,185
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	1,255,327		924,127
Cash and Cash Equivalents	26,166,139		40,497,890
Total Current Assets	27,421,466		41,422,017
Less: Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	596,817		592,447
Deferred Income	21,274,880		35,172,698
Total Current Liabilities	21,871,697		35,765,145
Net Current Assets	5,549,769		5,656,872
Total Assets	28,214,598		29,842,057
Represented By:			
General Fund	5,700,024		5,747,237
Capital Fund	22,514,574		24,094,820
Total Fund Balances	28,214,598		29,842,057

WHY INSTITUTIONS JOIN KEHPCA

Becoming a KEHPCA institutional member is more than formal affiliation, it is joining a nationwide movement dedicated to advancing quality, compassionate palliative care in Kenya.

KEHPCA members become part of a vibrant and growing network of professionals and institutions working collaboratively to strengthen services, influence policy, build capacity, and improve patient outcomes across the country.

Institutional membership offers both practical and strategic value, including:

- ♦ National Recognition – Visibility through KEHPCA communications, publications, and stakeholder engagements.
- ♦ Training & Capacity Building – Access to continuous professional development opportunities for staff and teams.
- ♦ Networking & Knowledge Exchange – Peer learning and collaboration across counties and healthcare sectors.
- ♦ Policy Influence – Collective advocacy in shaping national and county-level palliative care priorities.
- ♦ Early Access to Opportunities – Timely updates on grants, conferences, trainings, and sector opportunities.
- ♦ Member-Only Engagements – Participation in KEHPCA Annual General Meetings and member forums.
- ♦ Conference Benefits – Reduced registration rates for KEHPCA biennial palliative care conferences.

 Interested in joining? Download the Institutional Membership Form here: [KEHPCA Membership Form](#)

Appreciation Message to Members

To our members, partners, and Friends of KEHPCA:

Your support gives life to this movement.

Every renewal, every partnership, every act of encouragement, and every shared effort contributes to a future where no patient or family walks alone.

Thank you for standing with KEHPCA.

Thank you for believing in compassionate care.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Together, we continue to transform lives with dignity, hope, and compassion.



PARTNERSHIPS

KEHPCA could not have achieved her remarkable milestones without the support of our partners and palliative care providers.



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