The African Palliative Care Association exists to offer technical support to African countries working towards the implementation of World Health Assembly Resolution 67.19 for the “strengthening of palliative care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course”. Our technical expertise covers the domains set out below in line with the WHA resolution.

### Palliative care policies, guidelines and strategies

We provide technical support for the inclusion of palliative care in national health policies, HIV/AIDS policies, and national cancer control programmes and strategies. We support the development of standalone policies on palliative care, in addition to supporting its integration into existing policies.

### Basic support to communities

We provide technical assistance towards integrating palliative care into national health systems and budgets, as well as mobilising technical and financial support from development partners and establishing partnerships with big businesses across Africa.

### Service delivery

We provide technical support in monitoring and evaluation, to ensure quality palliative care services are delivered to patients and caregivers. We also provide technical support in order to increase public awareness around palliative care issues, thereby supporting both the supply and demand mechanisms for these services.

### Education and training

We provide education and training resources, curricula and other tools for implementation of national palliative care education programmes and research initiatives. We also support specialist training through bursaries; we coordinate study visits for policy makers and health care providers, and also facilitate hands-on training for doctors and nurses in pain management.
Pain management, essential medicines

We support the review of supply chain mechanisms, and the evaluation of national opioids control policies in order to identify regulatory impediments and take action to improve the availability of opioid analgesics.

WHO Model List of Essential Medicines

We provide legislative guidance and tools on the use of opioids, as well as education and training, to support practical steps being taken towards ensuring pain-relieving medications are made available to patients in need.

Partnerships between governments

We facilitate partnerships among multidisciplinary stakeholders to ensure that opportunities are maximised for palliative care to be integrated into public health services.

WHO’s global action plan

We support countries in the development of frameworks towards achieving the goals set out in the WHO’s global action plan for 2013–2020 for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. These goals include national strategic plans, communication strategies, implementation plans and actual implementation support, as well as support in the development of proposals for funding mechanisms.

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