

# Annual Report 2019

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**20**  
YEARS OF PALLIATIVE CARE  
ADVOCACY IN UGANDA



1999 - 2019



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**PCAUVision:** *Palliative Care for all in need in Uganda*

## Forward for PCAU Annual Report 2019:



Dr Henry Ddungu  
President and  
Chair of the Board



Mark Donald  
Mwesiga  
Country Director

### Dear PCAU members, friends and partners

The year 2019 was special for PCAU when we marked 20 years since formation in 1999. We therefore, took stock of our journey and achievements. The details are in the PCAU Annual Bulletin 2019, which is available on the website. We also had a leadership transition from the PCAU Founding Country Director Ms. Rose Kiwanuka to Mr. Mark Donald Mwesiga.

Under the focus area of Capacity Building, PCAU offered 28 scholarships to the pioneer students of the Advanced Diploma in Palliative Care Nursing at

Mulago School of Nursing and Midwifery. We scaled up the Pain Free Hospital Initiative to three more hospitals and held members' update meetings at national and district levels.

On advocacy, we maintained the appeal for the passing of the National Palliative Care Policy and ensuring access to controlled pain medicines. We also held sensitization meetings for media personalities, spiritual leaders and pharmacists from public hospitals.

In partnership with the Uganda Cancer Institute, we hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care. We also scaled up the PCAU mHealth program to reach 30 health facilities to support data collection on palliative care.

In the same year, PCAU graduated from the American Cancer Society program on Strengthening Organizations for a United Response to the Cancer Epidemic (SOURCE) with a distinction. Through the Global Partners in Care on exchange visit, we hosted 6 staff from PCAU's partner, Center for Hospice Care in USA. We ended the year with a grand dinner to mark 20 years of PCAU where we hosted the Vice President of the Republic Uganda, Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi.

Globally, there was continued reduction of funding for palliative care, which is a challenge to our work too. Nearly all PCAU member organizations faced budget cuts and a scale down of operations. There is urgent need for government to improve palliative care specific funding to ensure the sustainability of gains made. Palliative Care, which is a core component of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), should be fully integrated into the public health system.

We extend our appreciation to the Ministry of Health and all PCAU donors; the Center for Hospice Care, USA (CHC), the American Cancer Society (ACS), the Open Society Foundation (OSF), and the Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA). We thank all individuals that contributed generously to support palliative care work in 2019. However, we appeal for more.

Dr. Henry Ddungu  
**President and Chair of the Board**

Mark Donald Mwesiga  
**Country Director**



*PCAU Founding Country Director Ms. Rose Kiwanuka (2<sup>nd</sup> left) receives a certificate of appreciation for her long term service to and achievements for PCAU from H. E. Edward Ssekandi, the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda. Extreme left is Rt. Rev. Serverus Jjumba the Bishop of Masaka Diocese while extreme right is Dr. Anne Merriman the Founder Hospice Africa Uganda.*

In 2019, PCAU made 20 years since establishment. This was therefore a year of taking stock of achievements and celebrating the successes registered.

## Brief information about PCAU

The Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) is the National Association for Palliative Care providers in Uganda.



### The Vision of PCAU:

*Palliative Care for all in need in Uganda*

### The Mission of PCAU

To accelerate the integration of palliative care in the Uganda health care system through capacity building, advocacy, research and resources mobilization

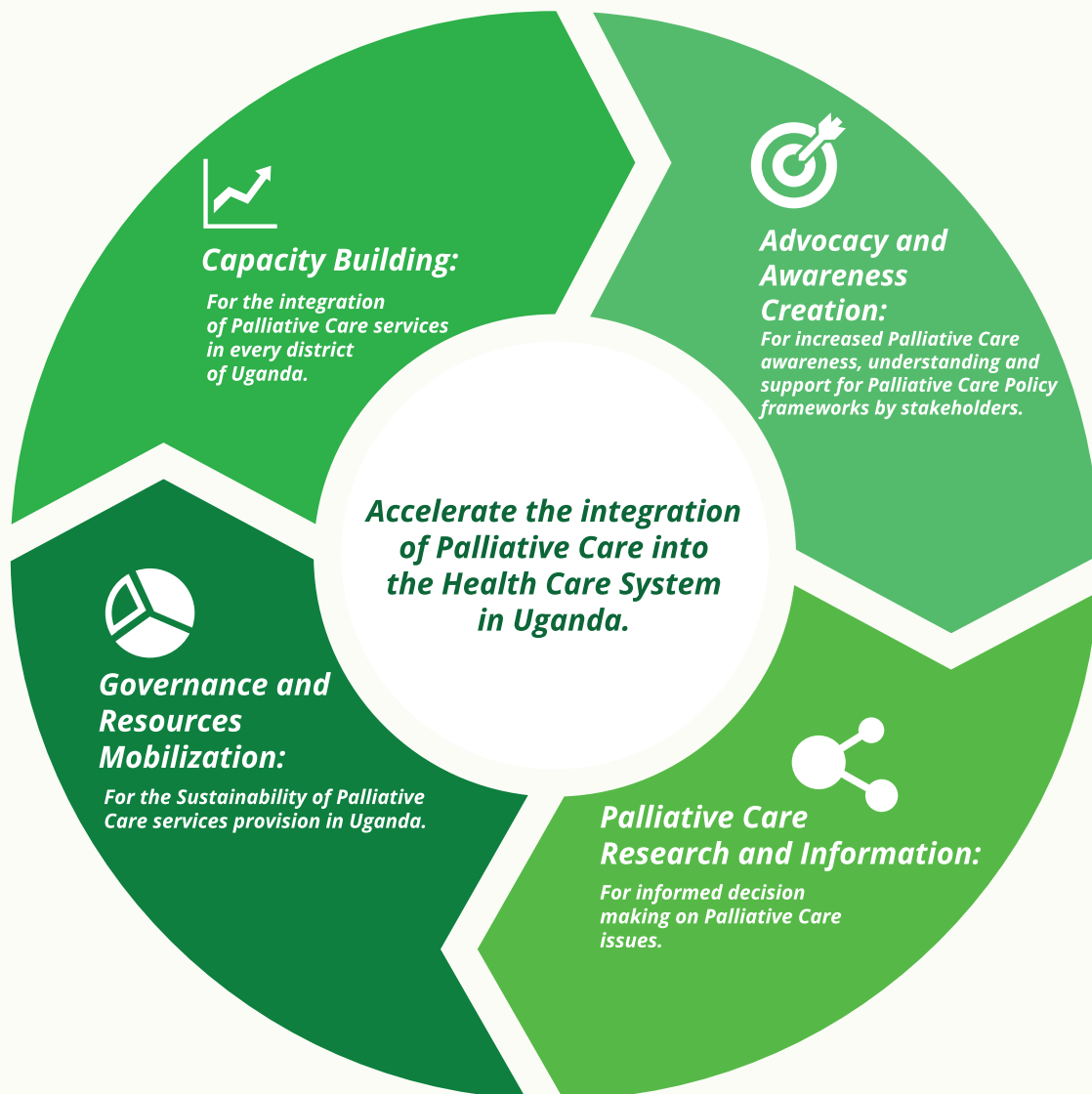
### The Goal of PCAU

*To increase access to culturally appropriate palliative care through strengthening health care systems in Uganda in collaboration with partners.*

### The Core Values of PCAU

- **Service Provider Focus:** We are committed to the development and empowerment of Palliative Care providers in Uganda to their full professional potential.
  - **Collaboration and Networking:** We seek to utilize limited resources by pursuing partnerships and harnessing their potential for the common good.
  - **Integrity:** We seek to be responsible, honest and accountable to all stakeholders including donors, government, members as well as patients and their families.
  - **Volunteerism:** We recognize the support and commitment of volunteers as an essential element in scaling-up of Palliative Care work and empowering service providers.
- Professionalism:** We observe ethical and professional quality standards in providing training, mentorship, supervision and support.

## KEY FOCUS AREAS



**Key focus area 1: Capacity Building:** *Integrating palliative care services in every district of Uganda by 2021 through a system of focused training, mentorship and support supervision.*

### The Pain free Hospital Initiative

Since 2015, PCAU has been implementing The Pain-Free Hospital Initiative (PFHI) cumulatively in selected teaching hospitals. The PFHI is a one-year hospital-wide quality improvement initiative to integrate pain treatment into routine hospital care.

## Objectives of the PFHI

- 1 **Motivate** clinicians to evaluate and treat pain.
- 2 **Supply** appropriate drugs to treat pain
- 3 **Engage** hospital staff to create awareness about pain
- 4 **Equip** clinicians with the skills and tools to effectively treat pain
- 5 **Measure** initiative impact by documenting patient pain scores

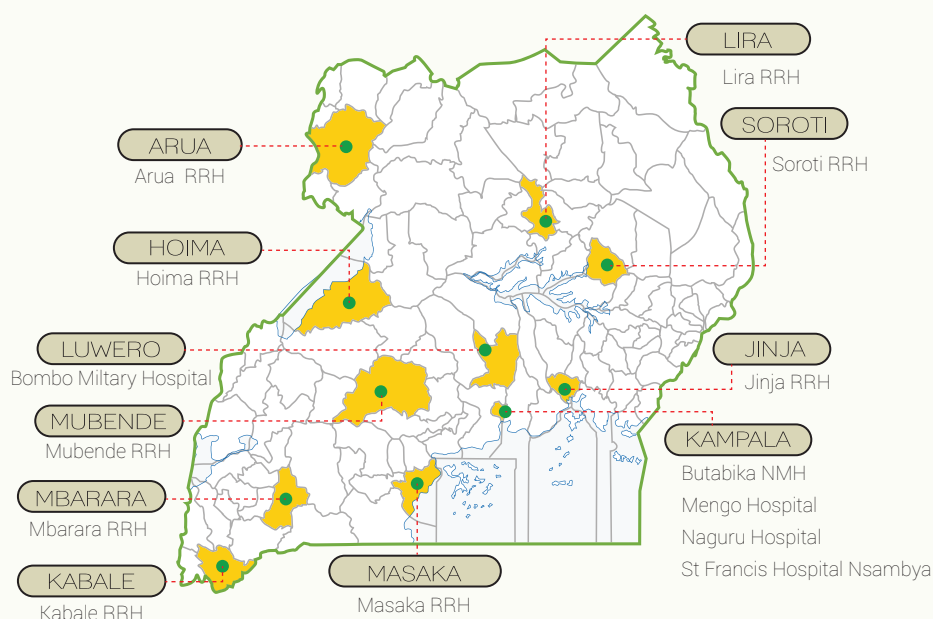


*A Pain Free Hospital Initiative introductory session at St. Francis Hospital Nsambya*

*In 2019, the PFHI was implemented at three Hospitals in Kampala*

HOSPITAL	Total number of staff trained
St. Francis Hospital Nsambya	280
China Uganda Friendship Hospital Naguru	134
Mengo Hospital	194

## Map Showing Hospitals Implementing PFHI



### Highlights on Achievements for PFHI

- Motivated Health workers to evaluate and treat pain.
- Improved availability of analgesics including oral liquid morphine with no reported stock outs in implementing hospitals.
- Improved knowledge and positive attitude towards use of controlled medicine.
- Improved patients' pain based on the baseline pain score of each hospital.
- Improved documentation and capturing of pain score data.
- Some hospitals have accomplished integrating pain assessment on their vital observation charts for patients' general examination and assessment.

### What health workers in PFHI Implementing hospitals say?

*"Post Caesarian section mothers would sometimes complain and I always thought they were seeking attention. After PFHI trainings I together with the team started conducting regular pain assessments for the patients on the ward. There is a lot of improvement and majority of patients' pain is usually well controlled."*

*"Before PFHI, I always associated morphine to addiction and the dying. Now, we are using oral liquid morphine solution effectively to treat severe pain among pediatric patients with burns and sickle cell crisis. The PFHI program has improved pain management at this hospital."*



Joyce Zalwango, the PCAU Capacity Building Officer, conducting a PFHI session at Nsambya Hospital.

## Scholarships for Palliative Care Studies

In 2019, PCAU offered 28 scholarships to the Advanced Diploma in Palliative Care Nursing (ADPCN) and Diploma in Clinical Palliative Care (DCPC). Of these, 26 were at Mulago School of Nursing and Midwifery while 2 were at the Institute of Hospice and Palliative care in Africa (IHPCA). In addition, PCAU offered 15 laptops and 1 LCD projector to Mulago School of Nursing to support e-Learning.



Group Photo after induction of ADPCN pioneer students



Handover, of laptops and projector to ADCPN pioneer students at Mulago School of Nursing and Midwifery

## PCAU Scholarship recipients for the year 2019

### January 2019 intake

Full Name	Carder	Current Work Place	DISTRICT
Loyce Tumuranzye	Comprehensive Nurse	Bwanza HC IV	Kisoro
Ester Yangi	Psychiatric Nurse	Bugobero HC IV	Manafa
Veronica Kisakye	Nursing officer	Nsambya Police HC II	Mukono
Rose Namukasa	Nursing officer	Nagoje HC III	Mukono
Violet Ayesiza	Psychiatric Nurse	Kasangati Health Centre IV	Wakiso
Shivan Ashaba	Nursing officer	Nakasero Hospital	Mukono
Namara Kezia Rachael	Comprehensive Nurse	Mpigi HC IV	Mpigi
Violet Nanteza M	Nursing Officer	Mulago National Referral Hospital	Kampala
Fatumah Nantume	Nursing officer	Bundibugyo Hospital	Bundibugyo
Sylvia Atuhairwe	Comprehensive Nurse	Nakasero Hospital	Hoima
Jonathan R. Bukenya	Nursing officer	Rakai Hospital	Rakai
Eunice Kiconco	Nursing Officer	Life Link Hospital	Wakiso
Irene Namudiba	Nursing officer	Bowa HC II	Luwero
Friday Mugulusi	Nursing officer	Mengo Hospital	Kamuli

### July 2019 intake

Alice Akite	Nursing Officer	Hospice Africa Uganda	Lira
AnaboAnnmaria	Nursing officer	Soroti RRH	Soroti
Ainebyona Emmy	Nursing officer	Tumwebaze Medical clinic	Wakiso
Asimwe Moses	Nursing officer	Ashock health clinic Mulago	Kampala
Tumwine Ivan	Nursing officer	Kisizi Hospital	Rukungiri
Ajenga Iren	Nursing Officer	Rite medic clinic kitante	Kampala
Nanziri Sarah	Nursing officer	Kapeka Health centre III	Kapeeka
Asoka Yaledi	Nursing officer	Fellowship Medical centre	Wakiso
Najjemba B .Alice	Nursing Officer	Najjembe Health centre III	Buikwe
Nakate Noureen	Nursing Officer	Ngeribyala Health Centre III	Gomba
Babirye Elizabeth	Nursing officer	St. Francis Nsambya Hospital	Kampala
Nyinomuhangi Gloria	Nursing Officer	Le Memorial Medical Services Hospital	Wakiso

### Field Placement for Students Undertaking the Advanced Diploma in Palliative Care Nursing (ADPCN)

PCAU supported the ADPCN pioneer students to undertake Clinical Placement at Kawempe Home Care, Hospice Africa Uganda and Makerere Palliative Care Unit. As part of the course, the students are required to do 2 clinical placements at the different palliative care implementing health facilities to improve their skills as they get exposed to the various situations in palliative care.



*PCAU Capacity Building Officer meeting some of the students at Kawempe Home Care during the placement evaluation.*

### PCAU National & Branch Update Meetings

Quarterly, PCAU Members and policy makers gather both at the National Secretariat and at Regional/Branch level for update meetings. The update meetings which are likened to the founding



of PCAU are held on well selected topical subjects. They are intended for Continuous Professional Education. In 2019, a total of 4 update meetings were held at national level while 18 were held at PCAU Branch level. PCAU has 10 regional branches; Elgon, Hoima, Busoga, Arua, Buddu, UPDF Bombo, Kibaale, Mbarara, Kasese and Mityana.

*Rev. Capt. Ronald Lutwama, the Chaplain of Mildmay Uganda, giving a presentation at the PCAU National update meeting in November 2019.*

## Mentorship and Support Supervision to Palliative Care Providers in Districts

Quarterly, PCAU conducts mentorship and support supervision visits to health facilities in selected regions. The visits are done in conjunction with the Ministry of Health. In 2019, support supervision visits at the health facilities in South Western Region, Central Region, Eastern Region and Northern Region were conducted. In total 72 health facilities including Regional Referral Hospitals, District Hospitals, Standalone hospices and Health Centre IV were visited.

### Key highlights on findings by Support Supervision teams:

- Over 50% of the public hospitals visited did not have designated palliative care units.
- The Palliative care trained health workers in facilities without designated palliative care units had been assigned other roles.
- Public health facilities without designated palliative care units were not ordering or stocking morphine.
- Public Hospitals and Health Centre IV facilities did not provide home care services.
- Only one public health facility had a specific budget for palliative care (for public awareness under community outreach).
- Rampant staff turnover of palliative care trained health workers was reported.



*Dr. Fred Sebisubi (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Assistant Commissioner in Ministry of Health Pharmacy Division interacting with staff of Nakivale Health Centre IV during a Support Supervision visit to Isingiro District. Extreme left is Mark Donald Mwesiga, the PCAU Country Director.*

## Key Focus Area 2: Advocacy and Awareness Creation: *Increasing the awareness and understanding of Palliative Care issues among stakeholders and thus leading to a supportive environment for the providers and the services.*

### Advocacy for access to Controlled Pain Medicine in Uganda

On access to controlled pain medicine PCAU does the following:

- *Advocates and supports the overall strategy of improving access to pain relief medicines in Uganda.*
- *Builds strategic partnerships with production and warehouses for oral morphine liquid solution in Uganda.*
- *Advocates for and supports approaches to improve the collection and standardization of the data on access to pain relief medicine.*
- *Builds capacity for the key stakeholders in the medicines supply chain to improve availability and access.*

Advocacy for the availability of controlled-pain medicine is core to the work of PCAU. In 2019, PCAU supported the work of a committee, established by the Ministry of Health, to review the drug law in Uganda and provide a report. The committee, which commenced work in 2018, was composed of Key stakeholders. These included the Ministry of Health, National Drug Authority, National Medical Stores, Uganda Police –Anti Narcotic Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs and civil society organizations engaged in drug and Human Rights work.

### Recommendations to the Ministry of Health in response to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act, 2016

- *Ensure that the Act regulations reflect the principle of dual balance and streamline conflicting provisions to balance the control and use of opioids for medical and scientific purposes.*
- *Spell out measures for continuous professional education for key stakeholders such as law enforcers on the need to respect the principle of dual balance.*
- *Ensure that the Act regulations specify that specially trained nurses and clinical officers can prescribe certain narcotic analgesic drugs as provided in the Statutory Instrument No 24 of 2004.*



### Supporting the Morphine Supply Chain in Uganda

PCAU plays a central role in supporting the Morphine Supply Chain in Uganda. Bi-monthly, PCAU brings together key stakeholders: the manufacturer, distributor, regulator and some large facility consumers of oral morphine liquid solution. The bi-monthly morphine partners' meetings discuss and ensure the implementation of measures intended to streamline/improve the supply chain. In 2019, a total of 6 meetings attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, National Drug Authority, National Medical Stores, Joint Medical Stores, Mulago National Referral Hospital, Uganda Cancer Institute and PCAU were held.

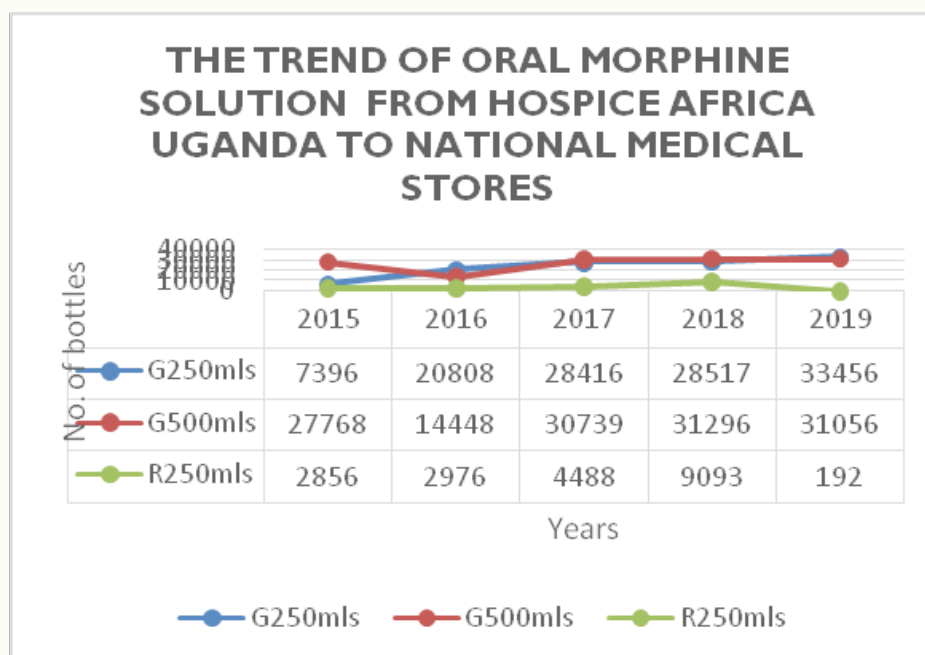
## 2019 achievements on supporting the Morphine supply Chain

- 6 Morphine Partners Meetings
- 5 Health facilities accredited to stock Morphine
- 14 Pharmacists from Regional Referral Hospitals sensitized on palliative care



A team of staff from Ministry of Health (MoH), PCAU and Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) interact with Dr. Edson Tumushere, the District Health Officer for Isingiro District in September 2019. This was during a visit to accredit facilities in the district.

**By December 2019, Uganda had 242 Health Facilities that were accredited in 104 districts out of 135 districts. PCAU works with the Ministry of Health during accreditation of Health facilities to order, stock and prescribe Oral Liquid Morphine in Uganda.**



Trends of oral morphine solution produced by Hospice Africa Uganda and dispatched to National Medical Stores over a period of 5 years.

## Work with Uganda National Association of the Deaf

In 2019, PCAU continued to advocate and champion palliative care services for People with Disabilities in Uganda (PWDs). PCAU produced a deaf awareness module for training health workers. In 2019, PCAU conducted a three days deaf awareness training for 19 health workers attached to Palliative Care Teams in South Western Uganda. The deaf awareness sessions include learning basic sign language for health workers. Sign language is still a big need among majority of health workers.



Health workers attached to Palliative Care teams in South Western Uganda after training in deaf awareness at Mobile Hospice Mbarara in July 2019.

## Palliative Care Country Team Meetings

PCAU coordinates the quarterly Palliative Care Country Team meetings. The meetings ensure the overall national palliative care policy and strategies for implementation of services in the country. In 2019, 3 meetings were held. A key deliverable for the Team was the costing for the draft National Palliative Care Policy which was accomplished in December 2019.



## Media Engagement to create awareness on Palliative Care in 2019

- Sensitized 50 journalists and media editors on palliative Care
- Held 10 radio talk shows
- Held 5 TV talk shows
- Run 1 month radio adverts on 2 radio stations
- Published 1 newspaper supplement
- Had 26 newspaper stories published



*Joyce Zalwango of PCAU (middle), Allana Kembabazi (Right) and moderator on Spectrum which is one of the KFM Radio popular programs*

## Advocacy of inclusion of Palliative Care in the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill 2019

PCAU partnered with other organizations to petition Parliament on inclusion of Palliative Care in the proposed bill.



### **Memorandum on the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill 2019 written by Organizations working on the promotion and provision of Palliative Care services in Uganda.**

**Submitted to the Committee on Health Parliament of Uganda on 20/11/2019.**

#### **Contact Person for this Memorandum:**

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### **Recommendations of PCAU on the National Health Insurance Bill 2019**

- The Scheme should include Hospice/Palliative Care organizations in the context of the interpretation of what a “Health Facility” means.
- Representation of palliative care specialists and health care consumers’ associations/bodies should be considered on committees proposed in the bill.
- The Scheme should cover home based care for palliative care patients and their families.
- The scheme should cover the essential package for Palliative Care: which entails Interventions, Medicines, Equipment, Human Resources, and Intersectoral Supports as highlighted in the memorandum.

### **Supporting interventions to enhance Spiritual Care for Patients and their families**

PCAU conducts capacity building and sensitization sessions on spiritual care for palliative care teams as well as spiritual leaders. In 2019, sessions on spiritual care were conducted during update meetings as well as sensitization workshops for spiritual leaders.

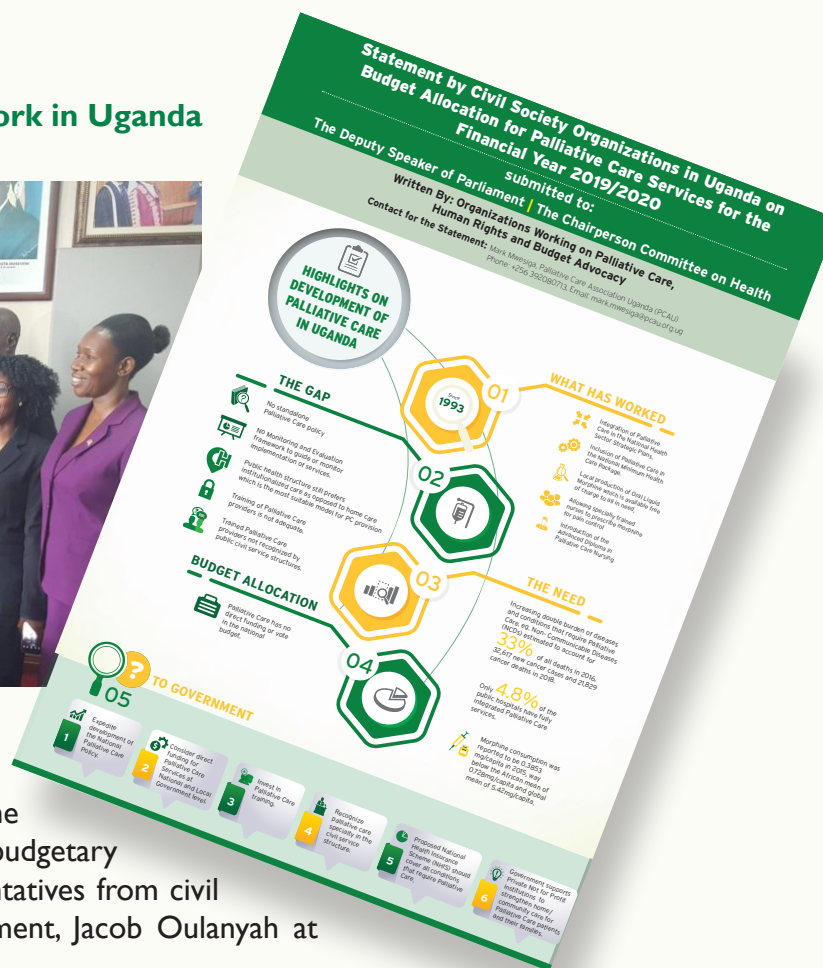


*Leaders of Diocesan programs and churches in Mukono Diocese of Church of Uganda with a team from PCAU after a sensitization workshop on Palliative Care*

## Budget Advocacy for Palliative Care work in Uganda



In May 2019, PCAU led other Civil Society organizations that work around Palliative Care and Human Rights to petition the Parliament of Uganda about the Low budgetary allocation to palliative care work. Representatives from civil society met the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Jacob Oulanyah at Parliament and submitted a statement.



## District Advocacy Meetings

In 2019, PCAU conducted two district advocacy meetings in Kabarole and Sheema. The District advocacy meetings were attended by both the technical and political leaders in both districts. Advocacy at the district level was focused on budget allocation of resources for palliative care work and recognition of palliative care trained health workers in the districts.



Leaders of Kabarole District with staff from PCAU and Ministry of Health who facilitated the District Advocacy Meeting at Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital.



Hon. Sylvia Rwabwogo, the Kabarole Woman MP, speaking at the District Advocacy Meeting of Kabarole Leaders

**Focus Area 3. Palliative Care Research and Information; *PCAU will become a hub of Palliative Care research and information, by undertaking PC research and/or hosting relevant research and leading the collection, storing, analysis of data and by regularly disseminating information to improve PC services.***



In September 2019, the 2nd Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care was held in Kampala, Uganda under the theme: *Towards Universal Coverage*. The conference was co-hosted by the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU) and Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI). The Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda was chief guest. The Minister of Health Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng officiated at the conference opening ceremony. Read more about the conference publication: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6946418/>

- 2 days conference
- 350 delegates attended
- 8 Countries represented
- 63 plenary & Breakaway session presentations
- 25 poster presentations
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner for PCAU



Conference participants



The Prime Minister Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda welcomed at the Conference



Conference Dinner



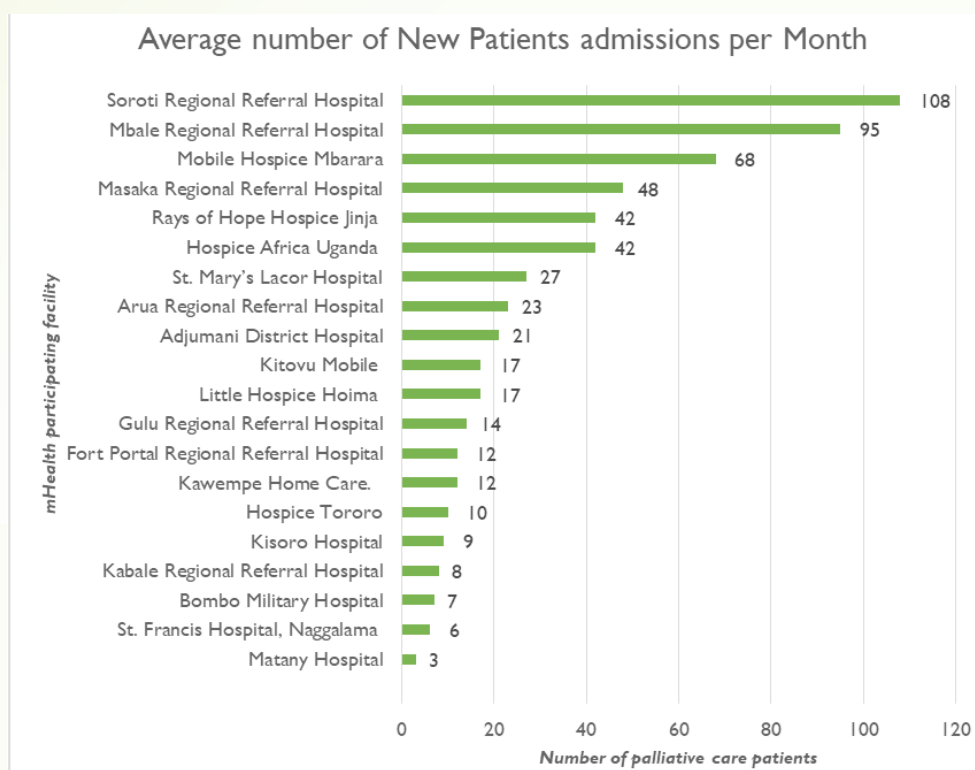
Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja receives an award for the best poster presenter.

## Advocacy for and supporting the improvement of Palliative Care data and information

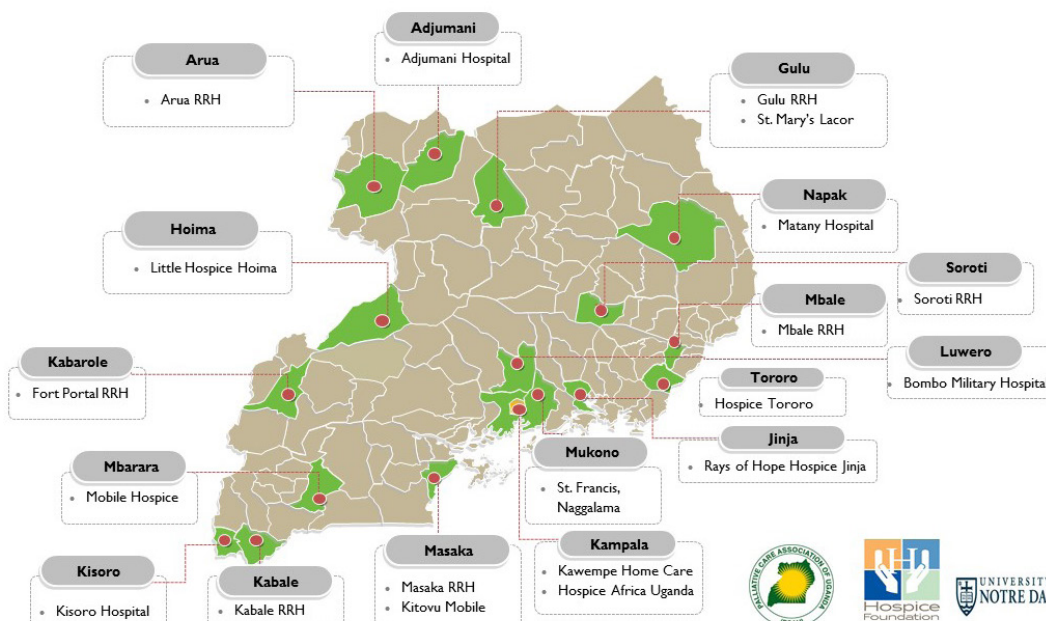
### PCAU mHealth Program

In partnership with the Ministry of Health, PCAU scaled up the mHealth program to reach 20 health facilities in Uganda. The PCAU mHealth program intends to improve data collection, storage, analysis and reporting for palliative care.

### PCAU mHealth Program average number of Patients seen per month in participating health facilities in 2019

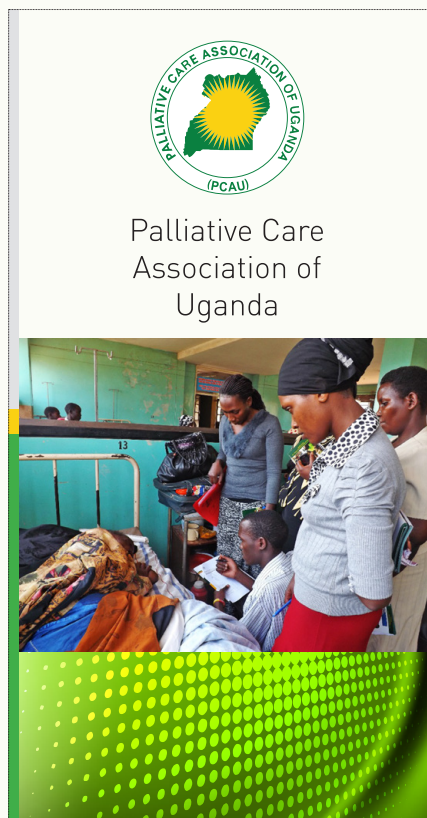


### Map of Uganda showing Location of PCAU mHealth implementing Health Facilities 2015-2019

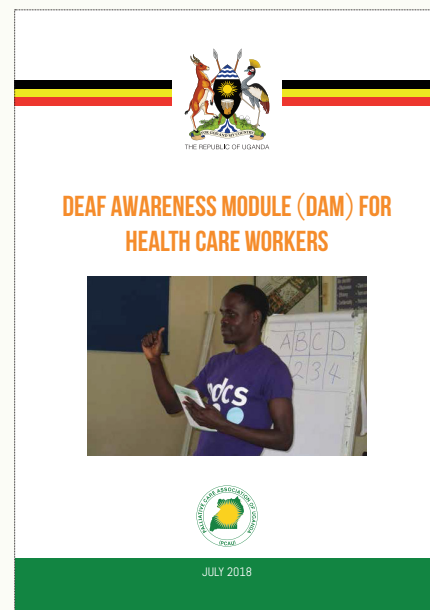


## Development and Dissemination of Information, Education and Communication materials

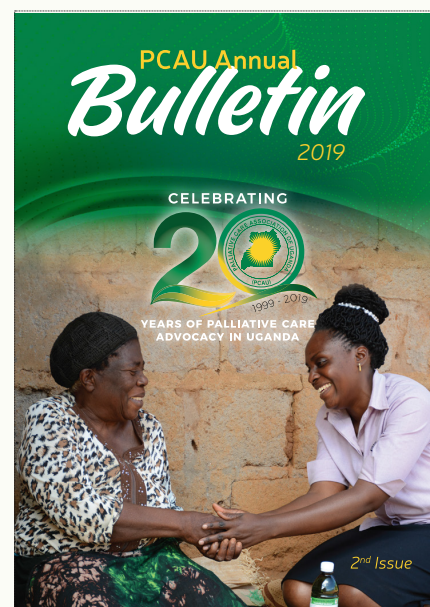
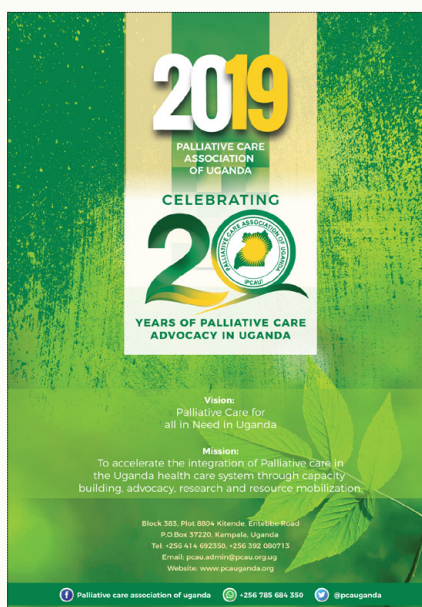
- PCAU bulletin 2019
- Abstract Book
- PCAU Brochures
- Civil Society Statement on budget allocation for palliative care
- Deaf awareness manual
- PFHI posters
- PFHI desk calendar
- PCAU 2019 calendar



This poster is titled 'The Pain-Free Hospital Initiative (PFHI)'. It features logos for the Ministry of Health, American Cancer Society, and PCAU. The text states: 'PFHI is aimed at training and motivating health workers to improve pain assessment and treatment in hospitals'. It lists the goal as 'Sustainable pain management in all hospitals in Uganda' and outlines five objectives: 1. Motivate clinicians to evaluate and treat pain, 2. Supply appropriate drugs to treat pain, 3. Engage hospital staff to create awareness about pain, 4. Equip clinicians with the skills and tools to effectively treat pain, and 5. Measure initiative impact by documenting patient pain scores.



This document is a 'Memorandum on the National Health Insurance Scheme Bill 2019' written by organizations working on the promotion and provision of Palliative Care services in Uganda. It was submitted to the Committee on Health Parliament of Uganda on 20/11/2019. The contact person is Mark David Mwesiga, Country Director, Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU). The document includes a brief overview of palliative care, defining it as an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and thorough assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual. It also mentions the WHO and the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA) in the Global Atlas of Palliative Care at the End of Life, identifying the diseases that require palliative care for adults and children to include cancer, cardiovascular/heart, HIV/AIDS and liver and kidney diseases, among others. The majority of adults in need of palliative care have chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases (38.5%), cancer (34%), chronic respiratory diseases (10.3%), AIDS (5.7%) and diabetes (4.6%).



## Focus Area 4: Governance and Financial Resource Mobilization for Palliative Care: *Strong Governance and resource mobilization for the sustainability of Palliative Care Services in Uganda.*

Over all, reduced palliative care donor specific funding globally is affecting palliative care delivery in developing countries like Uganda. Most PCAU member organizations continued to face budget cuts and scale down of operations in 2019. There is urgent need for government to improve palliative care specific funding for the sustainability of Palliative Care Services in Uganda.

### Key Highlights on activities aimed at sustainability of Palliative Care Services in Uganda 2019

#### Key governance development at Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health established a Division of Palliative Care under its structures. The Division which will be headed by an Assistant Commissioner will have other key staff such as Principal Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officer and others. PCAU has been advocating for streamlining of the governance structures at the Ministry of health and therefore commends leadership at the Ministry for the positive steps.

#### Organization Capacity Development for PCAU

In 2019, PCAU graduated with a distinction in the American Cancer Society (ACS) initiative, Strengthening Organizations for a United Response to the Cancer Epidemic (SOURCE) Program. The program focused on key domains of **Governance, Operations and Administration, Human Resources Management, Financial Management, Financial Sustainability, Program Management and External Relations and Partnerships**. To graduate, PCAU demonstrated an increase in the total number of measures, from 80% at the third assessment to 98% at the final assessment.



PCAU Staff and Members of the Board upon receipt of the SOURCE Program Certificate from the US Ambassador to Uganda, Deborah Malac.

## PCAU Annual Dinner 2019

In Partnership with Kitovu Mobile, PCAU held the 4<sup>th</sup> annual dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The dinner was themed to commemorate 20 years of PCAU since establishment in 1999. PCAU Merit Awards were received by various individuals and organizations for their contribution towards the work of PCAU. A total of UGX 35M was raised.



## PCAU membership appeal

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, PCAU had registered a total of 23 member organizations and 1036 individual members. Less than 100 members paid their annual subscription in 2019. Use the following details below to sign up as a PCAU new member or renew your membership or contact the PCAU Secretariat.

## PCAU Regional Committees

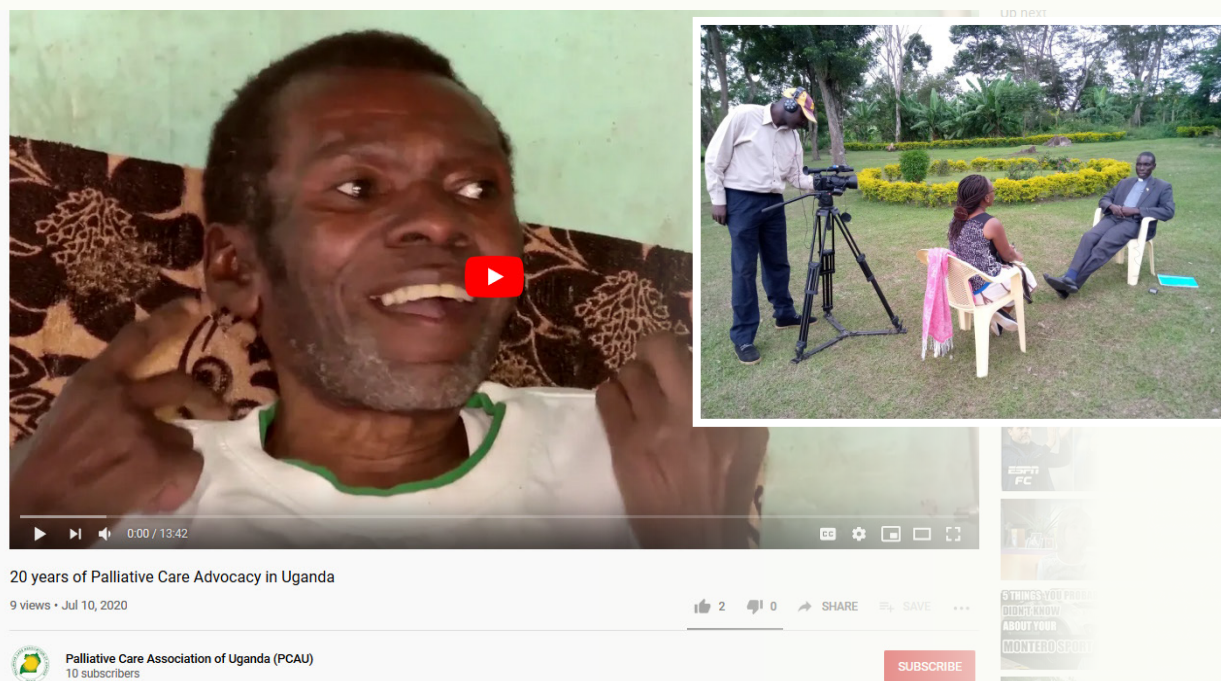
Would you like to take part in PCAU activities in your region or district? Please contact the PCAU District Branch Chairperson in your area.

No.	Branch	Contact Person	Telephone Contact
1.	Greater Kibaale	Robert Senteza	0772393017
2.	Rwenzori Regions - Kasese	Biira Yayeeri	0701099231
3.	Albertain Region - Hoima	Stephen Abitegeka	0772903571
4.	Busoga Region – Jinja	John Chrisostom	0772541066
5.	West Nile Region - Arua	Lucy AgaboruSebi	0772901212
6.	Buddu Region – Masaka	Barbra Nakitto	0772485031
7.	Elgon Region – Mbale	Taaka Ester	0772968831
8.	South Western Region – Mbarara, Kabale	Martha Rwabwoni	0701568112
		Caxton Bahemurwaki	0782572874
9.	Mityana	Dr. Mugambe Paul	0772308657
10.	Bombo / UPDF	Tinkamanyire Henry	0782311322

## Documentary to Commemorate 20 Years of PCAU

To commemorate the 20 years of the work of PCAU, we produced a short video that provides a glimpse into the history, journey and achievements.

The documentary is available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqpTrImGKm8>



## Highlights of Challenges that affected our work in 2019

- Lack of a National Palliative Care Policy to guide governance and implementation of Palliative Care work in the Country.
- Access to Palliative Care was still limited. A total of 28 Districts in Uganda did not have any accredited health facility to offer Palliative Care Services.
- Direct funding for Palliative Care remained low.
- There was lack of a National level monitoring and evaluation framework for palliative care in the country. The health information systems did not capture adequate data to inform decision making.
- There was a general challenge of access to palliative care for people with disabilities and the older persons because of lack of affirmative action for these special groups.
- The Palliative Care trained specialists especially the nurses and clinical officers were not yet recognized in the public civil service structure.

## PCAU made the following recommendations to Government to expedite the National Palliative Care Policy:

- To improve Palliative Care specific funding at National, District and Health facility Levels.
- To resource and empower the Division of Palliative Care at Ministry of Health.
- To recognize Palliative Care trained specialists among the public service structures.
- To improve Information Management System for Palliative Care.
- To support Hospices with resources to fill the gap of Home Care services.

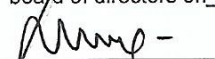
# PCAU 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT


Palliative Care Association of Uganda  
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December, 2019

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		As at 31 December	
	Notes	2019 Shs	2018 Shs
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Accumulated funds		962,356,111	1,099,109,220
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property and equipment	7	358,752,768	394,273,897
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Receivables and prepayments	8.	6,536,958	31,512,414
Other current assets	9	545,060,175	447,014,651
Cash and cash equivalents	10	219,242,495	377,738,508
		770,839,628	856,265,573
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables and accruals	11	34,391,000	16,978,500
Deferred income	12	132,845,285	134,451,749
		167,236,285	151,430,249
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)</b>		603,603,343	704,835,324
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		962,356,111	1,099,109,221

The financial statements on pages 9 to 12 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

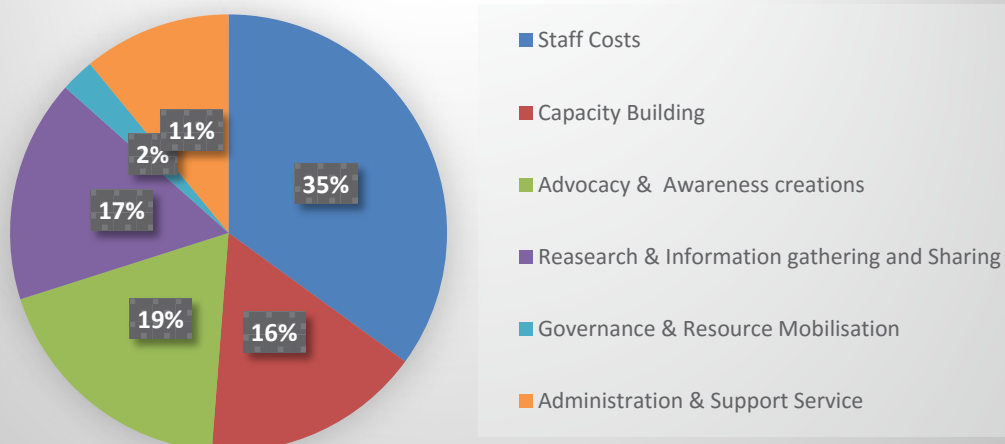
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The notes on pages 13 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Report of the independent auditor - pages 6 to 8.

## PCAU EXPENDITURE LINES FOR THE 2019



## APPRECIATION

We would like to appreciate all our partners and donors who supported our work in the year 2019 including Ministry of Health, African Palliative Care Association, Uganda Cancer Institute, Global Partners in Care, Center for Hospice Care, Open Society Initiative for East Africa, Open Society Foundations, American cancer society.

We would also like to appreciate the PCAU member organizations and individuals as well as Management and staff for their commitment towards the PCAU vision and mission.

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