

Palliative Care Phase II

Project Summary

Area/Type: HR/L&D; Incubator
Sponsor/Support: *MSF UK/ MSF Italy & OCP*
Length/Project Status: 12 months; **ONGOING**



TRANSFORMATIONAL
INVESTMENT
CAPACITY

Problem

An estimated 40,000 patients die in MSF facilities every year, of whom 75% are children. MSF does not consistently provide high-quality, respectful end of life care which is tailored to patients' and families' needs and wishes. Insights in Phase 1 have confirmed a need to introduce best practices around palliative care, including the non-exclusivity between active and palliative care and the importance of multidisciplinary work.

Proposed Solution

The ultimate goal of this multi-phase project is to ensure that **holistic palliative care** is provided in all MSF projects, **improving quality of care at the end of life** for patients, families and medical teams caring for dying people. Following successful development of a decision-making algorithm in Phase I, Phase II will **further develop a broad intervention package** including: the algorithm, medical, socio cultural, training and resource components to help integrate and implement tailored holistic palliative care in MSF programmes. The package will be delivered in at least four projects across two OCs.



Potential Impact

- Further develops an approach to **address quality of death that is dignified, holistic and respectful** for the estimated 60,000 MSF patients dying across in-and out-patient settings every year, of whom **75% are children**.

Viability

- **Engages multiple stakeholders:** MSF UK (sponsor) with the support of OCA, OCP, MSF Italy and the Anthropology unit, East Africa.
- Collaborates with **internal MSF operational portfolios** as well as an **external network** of international palliative care associations.

Risk Mitigation

- Mitigates access and adoption risks through **existing working relationships with 4 project teams** across 2 OCs.
- Includes technical support for creation of digital tool
- Uses the **telemedicine platform** for specialist support, and **networked approach** already tested during Phase I

Scalability

- Creates a **flexible package** which can be applied in decentralised, diverse, and specialised projects.
- Creates documentation, research and film **to market, disseminate and increase uptake** of the approach.