

Hope Worldwide, APCA Conduct Palliative Care Sensitization Workshop in Abidjan

Twinning Center partners at Hope Worldwide in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and the African Palliative Care Association in Kampala, Uganda, conducted a sensitization workshop March 5-6 in Abidjan.



Partners conducted a parenting workshop for PLHA about disclosure of their positive status and planning for their children's future.

Hope Worldwide staff and volunteers, members of the Ministry of Health's Technical Working Group, and representatives of area NGOs, teaching hospitals, and PLWH groups attended the event, which was funded by PEPFAR and CDC.

In addition to providing an overview of partnership objectives, the workshop also featured discussions on key concepts of palliative care and its current status in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as the importance of integrating palliative care into Hope Worldwide's existing programs.

Jean Claude Ouéllé, president of a local PLWH association, admits that talking about death during counseling has always been taboo. "After what we learned about palliative care, though, I am convinced of the importance of equipping our members with skills to help deal with death and mourning," he says.

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