

PAL care- International Hospice Day in Egypt  
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WHO celebrates every year the International Day of Palliative Care. COVID-19 Pandemic highlighted the importance of the palliative care on all levels and specially at home for terminally-ill patients. As a WHO representative, I would like to mention Hospice Egypt organization, as a civil society and a charitable society and the large number of care providers who provide palliative care especially palliative care at home, as an essential right for all.

According to WHO, an estimated 40 million patients are in need for palliative care on the global level where 20 million need direct palliative care before the end of life and 18 million don't receive any kind of palliative care and die in pain and suffering.

WHO underlines the necessity of adopting policies for palliative care specially for terminally-ill patients.

As a WHO representative, I would like to highlight the role of charitable organizations and civil society and specially of Hospice Egypt. We know that in Egypt, there is around 250000 patients at the end of life who are in need for palliative care. That's why, the partnership between all parties; the civil society, the individuals and families, to alleviate the pain and the suffering is very necessary. It's also very important to add palliative care medicines to the essential medicines list.

WHO celebrates 2021 as the International Year of Health and Care Workers. For this occasion, we would like to thank care workers at the forefront, and specially for those who provides care to those who are at the end of life. Thanks for all the efforts done by Hospice Egypt health care providers.

Respectfully and sincerely.

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