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Executive Director, African Palliative Care Association

Dr. Luyirika has been the Executive Director of the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) since August 2012. He spent 9 years running an HIV programme at Mildmay International where holistic care and prevention for HIV and related conditions was emphasized. His role at Mildmay involved clinical care of patients and their families, organizational management, in-service training of health workers from across the continent, developing education programmes and research. He has been actively involved in palliative care development both in Uganda and across Africa.

Before returning to Uganda Dr. Luyirika worked for the Department of Health in Limpopo Province in South Africa for nine years and was involved in care delivery as well as lecturing in Family Medicine at MEDUNSA. He did his undergraduate degree in medicine at Makerere University in Uganda, postgraduate degree in Family Medicine at Medical University of Southern Africa and Public Administration at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

He has been involved in several research studies and also served on several Data Safety Monitoring Boards and Steering Committees of studies in Africa run by MRC and CDC. He is also the president-elect for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Hospital in Uganda (CoRSU) a charitable service focusing on children with disability due to orthopedic, plastic and other acquired or congenital disability.

Dr. Luyirika has also published on a number of aspects of HIV care and treatment and palliative care in Africa. He has special interest in the interplay between palliative care and disease prevention efforts for communicable and non-communicable diseases at the household level as well as a family approach to care and integration of palliative care into existing health systems for sustainability.