



Friday 09
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Dear (insert name),

Hats On for CPC, which this year falls on Friday 9th October, marks a special annual day for raising awareness of children's palliative care and celebrating the amazing work of children's palliative care services worldwide. We want to celebrate how far we have come in developing palliative care for children, but also to raise awareness of the many gaps that we still need to address. We would like to take this opportunity to request your support for children living, and dying, with life-limiting conditions in our community. These children need access to quality palliative care services to enable them to live as well as possible, with good pain and symptom management and essential support provided for their families.

We are working with the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) to call for better care for these seriously ill children and their families as part of a global campaign Close the Gap: Palliative Care for Children, Everywhere. We ask for your support to make this a reality for children living in (insert name of country/region, city etc).

Palliative care is vital if children with life-limiting conditions are to have quality of life and freedom from pain. According to research by the ICPCN, it is estimated that more than 21 million children need palliative care annually across the globe, yet only 5-10% of children who need this essential service are able to access it. There is a lack of awareness and funding for children's palliative care, leading to inadequate services and a lack of trained staff in palliative care, particularly in low and middle-income countries. As a result, millions of children have poor quality of life and suffer from physical, emotional, and physiological pain.

(Insert paragraph about the situation of paediatric palliative care in your country)

How you can help

Please add your voice to our campaign on social media, using the hashtags #HatsOn4CPC and #CloseTheGap

We ask (name of government/Ministry) to:

- Include children's palliative care in health policies and systems.
- Invest in training and the palliative care workforce.
- Ensure access to essential medicines for pain relief.
- Support families to know and exercise their rights.
- Add in anything specific in your country that is needed

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact (enter your details here)

Yours sincerely,

