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BELhospice Center for Palliative Care and Palliative Medicine

Communication on Engagement with the United Nation's Global Compact

Description of actions

With a population of 2 million in Belgrade and a growing and ageing population, it is estimated that 200 inpatient hospice beds are needed in the capital.

Against this worrying backdrop, palliative care is at an early stage of development in Serbia and health services are unable to meet demand for suitable end of life care.

BELhospice primary goal for 2018 has been safeguarding the dignity of terminally ill cancer patients and supporting their families by providing Hospice Home Care Services. Following the opening of Phase 1 of our new Hospice Center in Mali Mokri Lug, we have recently introduced a new service – a Day Care unit. We are now focusing on introducing a new outpatient department at the Centre.

We provided palliative care training to 230 medical professionals and other groups and lobbied for hospice care to be officially recognised within the health care system in Serbia and we enabled sustainability of Home Care and Day Care services through fundraising activities.

Opening of the new hospice Day Care Center was our major project for the 2018. The project was funded by Hospices of Hope UK, the Delegation of the European Union (through a grant scheme in partnership with the Ministry of work, employment, veteran and social affairs and the Ministry of Finance) and the generosity of many individual and corporate donors.

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The centre can provide psychosocial support for twenty patients a day including free transport and a free meal. Staff for the Hospice Day Care Centre have been recruited and trained by local and international trainers from the UK supported by the Hospices of Hope UK.

Our multidisciplinary team increased to ten members, including doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists and spiritual coordinators. This team is supported by an active and dedicated group of volunteers.

The services we offer combine social work, health care (with a team orientated approach to expert pain management), emotional and spiritual support. All services are tailored to the needs of our patients and their families and are free of charge.

We have also established close partnerships with local and national authorities, strengthened links with national and international funders and empowered people to support a local cause that is close to their hearts. New BELhospice Sustainability Club was introduced to promote engagement with socially responsible companies in Serbia.

We trained an additional 37 volunteers who take an active part in community projects and are valuable advocates for palliative care in Serbia.

Best regards,

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