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GAPRI PROGRAMME UPDATE

In late 2009, David Hill, then Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) President, initiated the Global Access to Pain Relief Initiative (GAPRI) in response to the World Cancer Declaration Target 8: *'to make essential pain medicines universally available'* by 2020.

Taken forward as a joint initiative between UICC and the American Cancer Society (ACS), GAPRI and its Treat the Pain campaign have achieved much in the four years since its creation:

- GAPRI has advocated for and supported significant progress within the Vienna-based international drug regulatory bodies – the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and the International Narcotics Control Board – and worked to ensure that palliative care has been included in the UN / WHO non-communicable disease agenda.
- Treat the Pain is implementing projects in Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, India, and Haiti that are providing 2.8 million additional days of pain treatment.

To continue to maintain this momentum towards universal access to pain relief, UICC and ACS have decided to streamline the administration of the initiative by each taking on a more specialised portfolio of work. ACS is leading the Treat the Pain campaign, which provides direct technical assistance and implements projects in low- and middle-income countries. GAPRI's founding Director, Dr Meg O'Brien, directs Treat the Pain at ACS.

UICC focuses on GAPRI's work at the international policy level on a global policy and advocacy strategy, led by the UICC Advocacy Team.

Existing projects continue unchanged: those in GAPRI partner countries - through ACS, and global policy and advocacy projects - through UICC. The only visible impact of the change is a more responsive and nimble administration of our projects and grants.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to future collaboration.

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