

Accompaniment in Cancer Care in Haiti and Rwanda

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Our Mission

PIH delivers high-quality health care in some of the **world's poorest communities.**

By pushing the boundaries of what's possible in health care, PIH has a **global impact.**

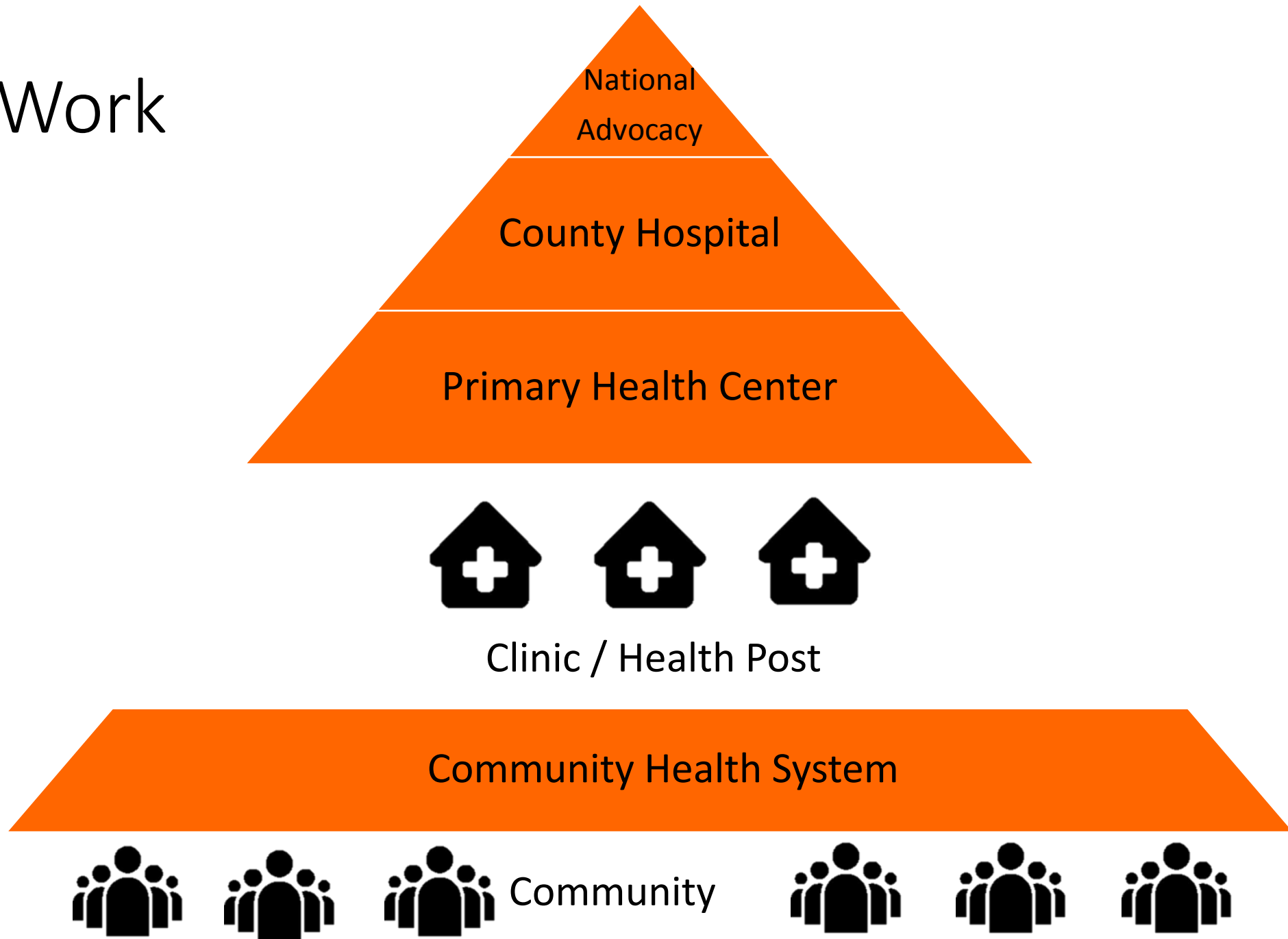


PIH Community Health worker Lucrecia M. Sherman visits the home of HIV patient Lucy Farr in Harper, Liberia on Sept. 24, 2015. Farr fell critically ill when her HIV treatment became unavailable during the Ebola epidemic. She is now under the care of PIH and her health is returning day by day.
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Where We Work



Our Work



Accompaniment

To accompany someone is to go somewhere with him or her, to break bread together, to be present on a journey with a beginning and an end.

---Paul Farmer, PIH



Breast cancer survivor Elisabeth Nyiramana* is visited at her home by Laurence Mukantaganda (right), her social worker in Burera Rwanda on Sept. 16, 2016.

*name has been changed

(Photo by Cecille Joan Avila / Partners In health)

Community

- Social Support
- Food Security Program
- Transportation Assistance
- Support Groups



Daphroza Nyiranzoga feeds a cow, provided to her by Partners In Health's food security program, in Burera, Rwanda on Sept. 15, 2016.

(Photo by Cecille Joan Avila / Partners In health)

Home Visits



Oncology program coordinator Jean Bosco Bigirimana and social worker Laurence Mukantaganda carry a food support package to the home of a breast cancer survivor in Burera District. Rwanda on Sept. 16, 2016.

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Clinician Accompaniment

- Weekly Team calls
 - Oncologists
 - Oncology Nurse Specialists
 - Site Teams
- Site Clinical Visits
- Pathology Consultation



Dr. Cyprien Shyaryarambere talks with Vestine Nyiraburima after her son's follow-up appointment at Butaro District Hospital Photo by Cecille Joan Avila / Partners In Health)

Nursing Accompaniment

- Nurse Fellowship Program
- Twelve Nurse Fellows working from 3-18 month duration
 - Program Development
 - In clinic mentorship
 - Inter-professional practice modeling



Oncology Nurse Educator Clemence Muhayimana mixes chemotherapy at the Butaro Ambulatory Cancer Care Center in Burera District, Rwanda

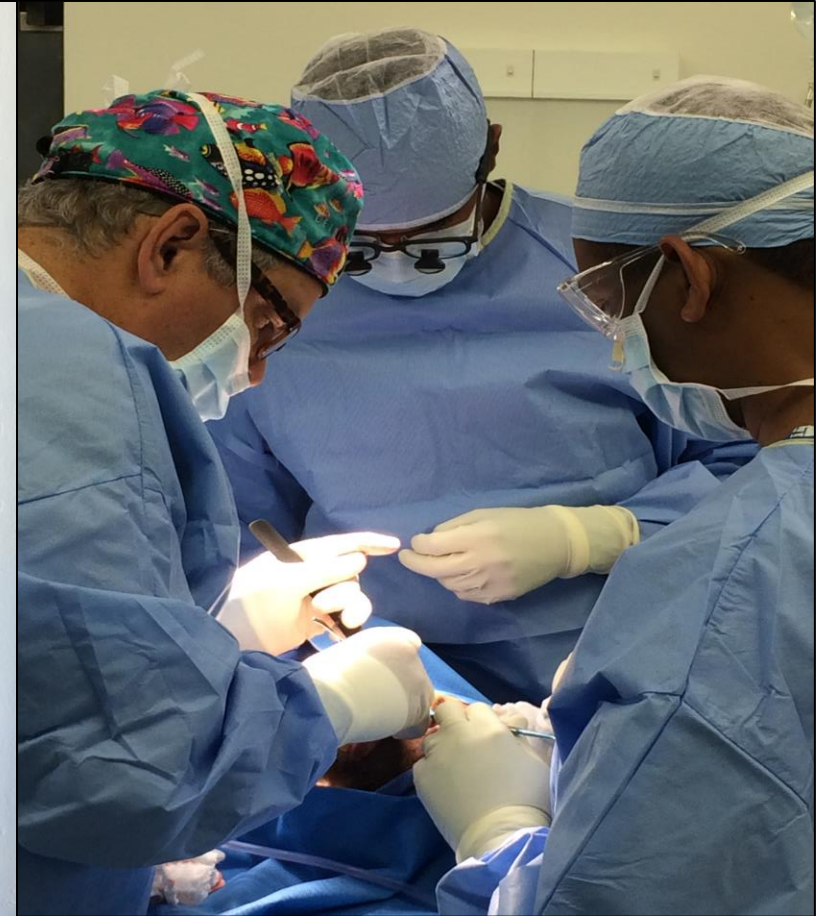
Ministries of Health

- Assist with development of National Strategic Plans
- National Training courses and clinical preceptors
- Masters specialization in Oncology nursing



Surgical Oncology

- Six OR's at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais
- Over 500 Mastectomies preformed since 2013
- Reconstructive surgery – collaborations with visiting plastic surgeons
- Capacity for CT guided biopsies(lung, liver, etc.)



Key Lessons

- Building/strengthening capacity requires an interdisciplinary team.
- Like-minded long-term partnerships are critical to success.
- Long-term commitment to sites is essential.

