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Dr. Zipporah Ali is the National Coordinator of Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA). She is a Board Member of APCA (African Palliative Care Association). She was among several others who received the APCA Award for her contribution to palliative care in Africa and her work on the inaugural board of APCA. She is also a board member of Kenya

Cancer Association, has recently been elected as a board member to IAHPC (International Association for Hospices and Palliative Care).

Dr. Ali first became involved in hospice work as a volunteer in 1994 at the Nairobi Hospice. During this time, she developed an interest in palliative care and underwent short courses on palliative care both in Nairobi and the UK. She joined the Nairobi Hospice as a full time employee in 1996 as the Medical Officer and was later promoted to the post of Senior Medical Officer. She decided to go full time as a Palliative Care doctor and pursued a Higher Diploma Course in Palliative Care offered by Oxford Brookes University in conjunction with Nairobi Hospice. At this time, she was the only and first Kenyan doctor practicing palliative care on a full time basis. Dr. Ali plays a big role in education and training of health care professionals in palliative care and is part of the teaching team with the Oxford Brookes University-Nairobi Hospice. She also lectures to medical students at the University of Nairobi. Dr. Ali is also involved in advocacy and creating awareness on palliative care in Kenya.

Dr. Ali also holds an MD from Ege University, Izmir, Turkey, a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Nairobi and a Higher Diploma in palliative care from Oxford Brookes University. She is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Palliative Care with the University of Dundee through the Commonwealth Scholarships.