Background
- Hospice Africa Uganda developed a community volunteer worker (CVW) programme training local villagers to identify patients with palliative care needs.
- CVW programme aims to provide practical, culturally appropriate, emotional, physical & spiritual support to people in their own homes.
- The volunteers refer patients to the hospice & provide basic care & support for patients & families.
- At the time of the research, 2011 there were 85 volunteers practicing out of the hospice in Kampala (40) & Hoima (45).

Aim: To explore personal impact of being a palliative care community volunteer worker.

Methodology
- Semi-structured individual & group interviews. Purposive sample of 32 volunteers in 2 sites (Hoima & Kampala).
- Data were analysed for emerging themes using thematic analysis.

Results
All volunteers reported;
- the role was of great value to them.
- the pride of being a volunteer & how they felt when they put on their uniform.
- the respect their received through their role.

Conclusion
This model of volunteering is clearly having an impact on the volunteers, both personally & also in terms of how they are treated in their communities.

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