

Mr. Wolfgang Gross Executive Director Humedica International Goldstrasse 8 D-87600 Kaufbeuren GERMANY

Dear Mr. Gross:

It is with great sadness that we express our sympathy to Humedica International for the loss of your colleague, Dr. Nyabuga Polycarp Onsongo, in Khartoum, Sudan. Please accept our sincerest condolences on behalf of the entire USAID/DCHA staff.

Humedica International continues to perform heroic work in Sudan, providing life-saving humanitarian assistance in very difficult and dangerous circumstances. USAID/DCHA recognizes the dangers that your staff faces daily and strongly appreciates the courage and dedication shown by your staff members and their colleagues throughout Sudan and the world.

Words will not heal the pain of Dr. Polycarp's family, but they should be comforted knowing that he died in the service of those most severely affected by the ongoing conflict in South Darfur and throughout Sudan. That is indeed a noble and honorable way to live one's life, and he will be remembered for his work. USAID/DCHA staff who worked with Dr. Polycarp in Chad and Sudan recall fond memories of a dear man and a fine doctor. Please extend our condolences to Dr. Polycarp's family as well as to your staff in Sudan.

With deepest sympathy,

Jon Brause

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