

Dear BIPAI Network,

I'm deeply saddened to announce that this morning, Tuesday, August 11, 2020 we lost one of our founding family members, Dr. Peter Nicholas Kazembe.

Dr. Peter Kazembe, often considered the "grandfather of pediatrics" in Malawi, made monumental contributions to the health of children and families in Malawi and beyond over his decades long career. His legacy includes pioneering Malawi's pediatric HIV/AIDS care, treatment and prevention programming; developing the country's first HIV treatment guidelines; providing mentorship and education to countless health professionals; and collaboration with pediatricians and child health advocates all over the world. Under his leadership, Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation-Malawi in a public private partnership with the Government of Malawi and Abbott Fund, built and operated the first stand-alone pediatric HIV clinic in Malawi and was the first non-government organization to provide antiretroviral therapy for children in Malawi, fast becoming the country's largest provider of pediatric HIV care.

Dr. Kazembe's contributions span clinical care, research, advocacy, policy, and education – and cross pediatric HIV, TB, malaria, neonatology, maternal and child health. Throughout his career, he developed long-lasting partnerships and deep friendships around the world that have blossomed and prospered and will continue to benefit the people of Malawi. He was a dedicated husband, father, leader, advocate, mentor, clinician educator, teacher and friend.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a note to the Kazembe family, you may email Phoebe Nyasulu, Baylor-Malawi executive director at [pnyasulu@baylor-malawi.org](mailto:pnyasulu@baylor-malawi.org)

May he rest in eternal peace.

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