Nigeria was the beacon of the fight against sickle cell disease in Africa from 31 October - 2 November 2019 with over 350 delegates from 18 Countries convening in Lagos for the 1st African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD) organized by Dr. SickleCell - Center for Sickle Cell Disease.

Held under the High Patronage of His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo and under the theme of ‘Overcoming Sickle Cell Disease - Power of the Collective Voice’, the Congress addressed critical issues such as prevention and screening, diagnosis and treatment, equality and accessibility, and sickle cell control systems through a series plenary sessions, panel discussions and dedicated symposia.
The organizers would like to thank all the participants for their engaging and invaluable contributions at the Congress. All of the >350 participants played a valuable role, ranging from speakers and panelists to exhibit presenters, and the many moderators, rapporteurs and participants of the sessions. We wish to acknowledge the support of the World Health Organization - Regional Office for Africa, National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match, and other sponsors of the Congress, without whom this event would not have been possible.


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I would like to present the following summary report of the first African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD), which took place in the city of Lagos, Nigeria, from 31 October to 2 November 2019. Dr. SickleCell - Center for Sickle Cell Disease organized the event in collaboration with the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation; it was hosted by the state of Lagos and the Federal Ministry of Health Nigeria. With the overall theme ‘Overcoming Sickle Cell Disease - Power of the Collective Voice’, the aim of the Congress was to facilitate active exchange of information among scientists, researchers, policy makers and other key stakeholders to highlight challenges and identify opportunities for action.

Despite the fact that it is primarily countries’ responsibility to meet the SDG targets, implementation does not specifically occur at national level. The implementation of the SDGs and the promotion of lifelong learning is better served by cities. Local governments (being the closest level of government to people) are in the best position to link the targets to local communities. Localizing the SDGs for cities is therefore an important step in adapting the global goals to the context of urban communities. Lifelong learning can support this process and help promote sustainable cities and human settlements.

Over the course of the three-day Congress, participants from 18 countries deliberated on the burden posed by sickle cell disease in the region and identified opportunities for actions which can be implemented to help communities overcome sickle cell, how integrated governance and multi-stakeholder partnership can promote sustainable solutions, and successful ways of measuring the impact of local actions towards sickle cell control.

The Congress made clear that, by working collectively towards the eradication of sickle cell disease in the region, affected communities around Africa and the world have enormous potential to discover and implement evidence based sustainable solutions, ensure inclusive and equitable quality care, and enhance the lives of people living with sickle cell disease.

The Congress also held in parallel the Women Overcoming Sickle Cell Symposium. A platform dedicated to exploring the effect on sickle cell disease on women and celebrate women luminaries working to overcome sickle cell disease worldwide.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude to the Grand Patron of the African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR, for his immense advisory and support towards the Congress and the sickle cell community at large.

I also would like to express my appreciation to the City of Lagos for its hospitality and excellent support; to the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation; and to the visionary team at Dr. SickleCell, who, together, organized this successful Congress.

I am grateful to Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa for supporting the event. I would also like to express my gratitude to Prof. Jean-Marie Dangou, Coordinating Director, NCD Primary Prevention at WHO Africa, for his participation at the Congress on behalf of the Regional Director. Special thanks go to Dr. Ibijoke
Sanwo-Olu, First Lady of Lagos State; Hajiya Maryam Tambuwal, First Lady of Sokoto State; Mrs. Nkechi Ikpeanzu, First Lady of Abia State for their generous engagements in supporting this outstanding three-day event.

Special thanks also go to the Federal Ministry of Health Nigeria and the Lagos State Ministry of Health for their support and contribution to the success of the Congress.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge the people behind the scenes who contributed to the success of this important event. Special thanks also go to the rapporteurs, the speakers and moderators, and the management & staff of Landmark Center and the many volunteers at the Congress. The generous support of sponsors and partners also contributed to the high success of the Congress. I hope you enjoy reading this report, which aims to capture the highlights, achievements and outputs of the Congress.

By compiling this overview of the deliberations by the Congress participants, we shed light on the opportunities available for a collective and concerted effort to push back on sickle cell disease. This, in turn, can motivate you, your communities and your organizations in your work towards overcoming sickle cell disease.

**Dane Medussa**  
Steering Committee  
African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease
The First African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD) convened at the Landmark Center in Victoria Island from Thursday 31st October to Saturday 2nd November, 2019. The overall goal of the conference was to facilitate active exchange of information among scientists, researchers, policy makers and other key stakeholders, to highlight challenges and opportunities, and enhance strategies to further sickle cell control.

More than 350 participants from over 16 countries met for 3 days in Lagos, Nigeria, to exchange ideas and good practices, foster collaborations, reflect on ongoing challenges faced and progress made under the theme ‘Overcoming Sickle Cell Disease - Power of the collective voice’. The Congress was convened by Dr. SickleCell in collaboration with the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation with the support of the Federal Ministry of Health Nigeria and the World Health Organization (AFRO). The Congress held under the High Patronage of Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR and was hosted by the State of Lagos.

Congress participants included high level officials from ministries of health, WHO, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, experts from the fields of sickle cell disease and non-communicable diseases as well as representatives from the private sector, government, academia, civil society and media.

The Congress was a platform for exchange and networking, built on the understanding that active partnerships and cross-border collaborations is key to discovering and establishing sustainable solutions towards overcoming sickle cell in Africa, and that a more concerted effort on all front is crucial in placing sickle cell on the global health agenda. Discussions centered on the challenges posed by sickle cell and the opportunities for actions that can be taken to overcoming sickle cell disease at local level, with the various sessions featuring presentations from international experts as well as leaders from the African region.

Alongside the main conference sessions, a dedicated symposium for women overcoming sickle cell enriched the program. Participants had the opportunity to hear from women luminaries working to overcome sickle cell disease. It was a first of its kind on any stage or platform, and a major touch-point among the participants.
Following the Congress discussions and deliberations, the views and recommendations drawn by Participants at the First African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD) under the theme ‘Overcoming Sickle Cell Disease - Power of the collective voice’, to advance Sickle cell control in Africa are as follows:

Participants:

endorsed the African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease as a much needed platform for the convening of the sickle community in Africa and the world towards a collective goal of overcoming sickle cell disease in the region;

expressed faith in attainment of placing sickle cell at the top of the global health agenda;

appreciated the immense support of the World Health Organization in catalyzing multi-sectoral collaborations towards achieving adequate sickle cell control;

further appreciated the World Health Organization for supporting the first ACSCD aimed at raising regional awareness and strengthening cross-boarder collaborations for sickle cell control;

desirous of continued support for the ACSCD to attain and sustain impact, gains in the years ahead;

noted:

- With great concern the growing burden of sickle cell disease in Africa and it’s damaging effect on communities, nations and the entire region;
- The rising tide of innovative practices across the world aimed at addressing early detection and quality care in sickle cell disease;
- That inadequate political will and commitment, policy inertia and incoherence, lack of adequate human resources and scarcity of funding are major challenges impacting the sickle cell community in Africa.
- That inadequate investments in the infrastructure for prevention, early detection and treatment resulting in high prevalence rate, morbidity and very appalling survival rate.
- That poor healthcare systems compounded with lack of adequately trained healthcare professionals are factors contributing to the lack of quality care faced by sickle cell communities in the region;
- That countries in the region present similar challenges posed by sickle cell, therefore validating the requirement for a collaborative effort toward creating cross-boarder and intra-country initiatives for sickle cell control;
- The important opportunities and success stories demonstrating goals of overcoming sickle cell disease at the local level can be achieved, if challenges can be overcome.

Recommend:

- Intensifying wider public awareness through involvement of all stakeholders particularly traditional, religious and community leaders as well as civil society organizations and media;
- Improving evidence base through implementation & strengthening of national sickle cell registries and utilization of outcomes for planning, policy development and implementation of interventions for sickle cell control;
- Investing in human resource development for sickle cell to create competent sickle cell workforce by taking advantage of experience sharing, knowledge transfer, networking, and by using available technologies;
- Mobilizing and allocating resources for sickle cell control and management to as much level as the depth and magnitude sickle cell deserves.
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- Advocating for African Governments to further fund and implement the national sickle cell control programs as advocated by WHO
- Sharing lessons from successful programs, dialogue on common challenges and collaborating to scale up regional efforts in the fight against sickle cell disease;
- Using all available platforms to speak loudly and clearly with one voice on the significant role of prevention while also working to expand access to treatment and care for those living with sickle cell disease;
- Exploring and promoting use of innovative technologies to advance sickle cell screening, diagnosis and treatment with a particular focus on prevention;
- Prioritizing Non-Communicable Diseases including sickle cell disease in every national, regional, global health agenda;
- That stakeholders support the government in funding sickle cell related programs and treatment centers due to inadequate funding existing in the health sector.

We express our deep appreciation to the authorities and city of Lagos for their hospitality, support and leadership in hosting the first ACSCD, and we note with appreciation Lagos’ continued dedication to good health and wellbeing, and sickle cell advocacy.

Lagos, 2 November 2019
SESSIONS
The first African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD) was officially declared open by the CMD of Dr. SickleCell & ACSCD Co-chair, Dr. David Ajaere on 31 October 2019 and had in attendance:

- **H.E Chief Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR**, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ACSCD Grand Patron

- **HRH Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II**
  Kabaka of Buganda, Uganda
  (delivering statement on behalf of the King — **Dr. Prosperous Nankindu**, Minister of State for Health, Buganda);

- **Dr. Matshidiso Moeti**, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa (represented by **Prof. Jean-Marie Dangou**, Coordinator, NCD Primary Prevention at WHO Africa);

- **Dr. Osagie Ehanire**, Honorable Minister of Health, Nigeria (represented by **Dr. Alayo Sopekan**, National Desk Officer, Sickle Cell Disease Program at the Ministry of Health, Nigeria)

- **Prof. Akin Abayomi**, Commissioner for Health, Lagos State (represented by **Mr. Olorunkemi Kadiku**, Coordinating Director, Lagos State Traditional Medicine Board, LSTMB)

- **Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu**, First Lady of Lagos State (represented by Dr. Mobolaji Johnson);

- **Hajiya Maryam Aminu Tambuwal**, The First Lady of Sokoto State;

- **Mrs. Nkechi Ikeazu**, The First Lady of Abia State,

all of whom took the floor to welcome participants at the event. All speakers applauded the Congress for its success and stressed that active partnerships and cross-border collaborations are prerequisites for furthering sickle cell control in the region. Political will was also identified as a key foundation necessary to enable policy and programs implementation for sickle cell control. These leading political and civil rights personalities along with experts in the field contributed to an inspiring Congress.

Welcoming delegates to the Congress, **Dr. David Ajaere** applauded the success of the event amidst initial logistical differences and explained how Africa and affected regions have the capability to mobilize its resources to effectively overcome sickle cell disease on a foundation of strong collaborations. The first ACSCD, he said, is a major opportunity to advance the thinking and actions of the stakeholders working on sickle cell control and a milestone in the battle against sickle cell in the region. Dr. Ajaere finished by saying there is much to be done to overcome sickle cell disease in Africa and globally, and he called on all those present to increase their efforts in this regard.

The Kabaka of Buganda, Uganda, **His Royal Highness Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II** in his address, welcomed participants to the Congress and expressed delight at the success of the first African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease. He highlighted the burden of Sickle cell disease on the African continent and the urgent need for improved awareness, prevention and early detection. He further charged fellow leaders to prioritize improved healthcare for the people which is important for the development of the communities in Africa. He also charged participants to come up with innovative ways of addressing the sickle cell burden, stating his belief that Africans own big stakes in solving these challenges.
The Minister of Health Nigeria, Dr. Osagie Ehanire emphasized that partnerships and collaboration will be key to overcoming sickle cell disease in the region, including between industry, government and donor agencies. He also thanked Dr. SickleCell and the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation for organizing the Congress and bringing together delegates from all over the region and the world.

LSTMB’s Mr. Olorunkemi Kadiku while representing the Commissioner for Health Lagos expressed his gratitude for the work done to date in relation to tackling sickle cell disease in the state, strengthening advocacy and promoting prevention. He expressed the state’s commitment to ensuring that recommendations from the Congress are applied to further sickle cell control.

The First Lady of Lagos, Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu expressed her regret for missing the ground-breaking event in her statement delivered to delegates. She stressed that the Congress is an important milestone in ongoing work to overcoming sickle cell disease in the region especially in Nigeria and reiterated the State’s commitment to good health and wellbeing.

Hajiya Maryam Aminu Tambuwal, the First Lady of Sokoto State expressed her passion for tackling the challenges posed by sickle cell disease and shared some of the progresses achieved in Sokoto State where free genotype testing, counseling and education on the disease are being implemented at the State level. She talked about trauma faced by patients as a result of stigmatization and drug abuse and how the State is working tirelessly to combat the rising issue. She also highlighted the need for more political will to enable policies and health infrastructure and called for more research into treatment remedies from herbs sourced from the region stating that Africa has a rich supply of herbal resource.

An inspiring and stimulating speech was given by His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, who reflected on treatment research, prevention, education and equality. Sickle cell is a race-determined disease, therefore the solution should come from us, he told participants, before highlighting the need for further research, collaboration, cooperation and more educational awareness on the disease. He charged participants to do more research into treatment availability especially from herbs. "If western medicines came from herbs then why are we not doing more research into herbal remedies to solve our health needs and cure ourselves" he said. Finally, His Excellency called attention to the importance of working together as a collective towards seeking solutions to the burden of sickle cell disease.

"There is a call for synergy between governments on the African continent to reduce the prevalence of sickle cell disease "

Nkechi Ikpeanzu, First Lady of Abia State
The Congress proceeded in fourteen plenaries, panels and special sessions featuring plenary speakers from vast and varied backgrounds who shared latest researches, statistics and insights with a view to showing how these learnings and experiences can be applied successfully towards sickle cell control. Among them, Dr. Stephen Boateng, Director of Research at Sickle Cell 101, spoke on the topic ‘A Call to Action on Sickle Cell Trait’ where he identified sickle cell trait as ‘the missing piece to a universal cure for sickle cell disease’ stating that sickle cell trait and sickle cell disease are not mutually exclusive. “SCT can be leveraged to decrease disease burden as we move along for a universal cure” he said. He challenged African leaders, government and religious institutions to set up standards promoting timely screening and education.

Dr. Alayo Sopekan, National Desk Officer for SCD at the Ministry of Health Nigeria also delivered a rousing presentation during a panel discussion on ‘Policy and Action for Sickle Cell Control: The African Perspective’, offering his inside knowledge on how to effectively engage with government to foster better collaborations and sustainable solutions for sickle cell at the local level. Also participating in the panel were Hon. Dr. Prosperous Nankindu, Minister of Health, Buganda, Uganda; Pascazia Mazeze, Sickle Cell Warriors, Tanzania; Samuel Mbunya, AMPATH Haematology & Oncology, Kenya; and Dr. Enam Bankas, Sickle Life Ghana.

Prof. Bazuaye Nosakhare, a renowned haematologist at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, highlighted that Africa faces the challenge of low blood supply for transfusion therapy due to shortage of voluntary blood donors. Speaking on ‘Treatment options for sickle cell disease in Africa: What are we investing in?’, he noted that Nigeria can now perform Automated Total Red Cell Exchange since its first successful case in 2014 while also highlighting a noticeable increase in general survival rate of sickle cell disease in the region. He however lamented that of the 1.5million stem cell transplantation done in the world in 2017, only 2% was done in Africa and called to the government and partners to invest in the much needed healthcare infrastructure.

Prof. Jean-Marie Dangou, Coordinator, NCDs Primary Prevention Programme at WHO Africa emphasized that “scaling up sickle cell disease prevention is essential for achieving universal health coverage” while delivering a compelling keynote on “Setting Priorities For National, Regional and Global SCD Prevention and Control Programs.”
A clear Congress highlight was the introduction of the Women Overcoming Sickle Cell Symposium, a unique platform for women luminaries working to overcome sickle cell and women with sickle cell to share moving stories and experiences living with sickle cell as a woman, challenges, opportunities, achievements and successes in overcoming sickle cell disease at different aspects of their lives.

Giving a keynote talk on ‘Self Care and Self Hurt... Managing Chronic Care in a Stressful Environment’ at the symposium, Toyin Adesola, Executive Director, Sickle Cell Advocacy & Management Initiative and renowned SCD advocate, charged women living with sickle cell disease to step up their self-care and never give up. “There is always a way and warriors must always move forward,” she said, adding that “Warriors must always accept the condition, which does not mean giving up. Don’t give up, don’t worry but rather find solutions”. Yasmine Ponle, CEO of Sickle Strong Warrior Foundation, and a fierce advocate for improved care and equality, shared her personal story as a sickle cell survivor highlighting the impact SCD has on caregivers, relationships and pregnancies.

“The National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match harnessed the first African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease as an opportunity to showcase the vision of their organization, to help people lead ‘longer, healthier, happier lives,’ and the work they have been undertaking under the Be The Match program.

In addition to being early sponsors of the Congress, the Chief Executive Officer of NMDP/Be The Match, Dr. Randal Mills gave a special session presentation on the topic “A Cure for Sickle Cell Disease Exists: A Partnership model to promote Equitable Access to Curative Bone Marrow Transplantation”.

“Sickle cell disease cannot be overcome by any one individual or organization alone, it will require a holistic approach through partnerships and collaborations, the type that the ACSCD seeks to foster”.

Dr. David Ajaere, Chief Medical Director, Dr. SickleCell - Center For Sickle Cell Disease

“Scaling up sickle cell disease prevention is essential for achieving universal health coverage”.

Prof. Jean-Marie Dangou, Coordinator, NCDs Primary Prevention Programme, WHO
16 SESSIONS PRESENTED BY 42 SPEAKERS

76% of delegates were from Africa, seeing the region well represented as the host region. Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Kenya and Tanzania were most represented.

384 PARTICIPANTS FROM AFRICA, NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE & SOUTH ASIA

GENDER BREAKDOWN

FEMALE 55%
MALE 45%

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tweets on the Congress reached 1.2 million unique Twitter accounts and generated 4.8 million Twitter impressions

The Congress post generated 3,741 likes, comments and shares on Facebook and Instagram
IN THE MEDIA:

- Nigeria Successfully Hosts The 1st African Congress On Sickle Cell Disease > Africa.com
- Nigeria: People Living With Sickle Cell Need Empathy, Not Sympathy - Obasanjo > AllAfrica.com
- African Congress On Sickle Cell Disease (ACSCD) Invites Dr Pradeep Mahajan To Conduct A Session in Nigeria > MumbaiNewsExpress.com
- Obasanjo, others seek support for people living with sickle cell disease > The Guardian

ATTENDEES’ COMMENTS:

- “It was a great honor and privilege to participate at the first ACSCD Congress, big thanks to the organizers for this wonderful conference”
- “It was overwhelming to get an opportunity to speak for people researching on regenerative medicine and how widely Stem Cells can be used to treat.” - Dr. Pradeep Mahajan, Chairman, StemRX Solutions
- “At the Congress, it was very clear to see different people with the same interest from different countries, come together. The power of the collective voice is very important in the fight against sickle cell.”
- “It was really nice getting to meet a lot of passionate people at the Congress trying to tackle the issues of Sickle cell Disease globally”
- “I applaud the ACSCD Team for taking the plunge and doing this despite challenges. It was a memorable event, made new connections and left with a lot of take-home lessons on the future of sickle cell in Africa and the world at large.”
- “It’s been an awesome journey so far. The African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease created an avenue to interact, network and learn.”
- “I am very grateful to the ACSCD for inviting me as a featured speaker in Lagos, Nigeria. My experience at this meeting has even inspired me more to continue my research on sickle cell trait and highlight how we can leverage sickle cell trait testing and education on the road to finding a universal cure for sickle cell disease.” - Dr. Stephen Boateng, Sickle Cell 101
- “Despite the little challenges, the Congress was a huge success and if this is its first edition then I can only imagine how much bigger the next will be.”
- “History was made in organizing the first African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease. ACSCD 2019 was indeed a great success to reckon in Africa and the world.”
- “I’m glad to have participated at the ACSCD 2019. With the power of collective voice, we can make a lot better”
Company presentations also took center stage at the Congress, with leading health tech companies such as RR Mechatronics and Terumo BCT sharing their companies' stories and showcasing their latest advancements in health technologies.

The Congress also offered an avenue for participants to exhibit their sickle cell projects, wider initiatives and product demonstrations. The exhibitions were also popular and gained international interest, with 15 booths from organizations and companies based in seven countries worldwide.
This report is the first step to planning the next Congress. It has compiled valuable feedbacks, inspired new ideas, and reaffirmed key understandings. We believe the African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease will evolve to meet the needs of our community as we widen our agenda. Here are some features we are exploring for 2020:

1. More structured networking opportunities. More than 60% of attendees come to conferences to network. We are exploring platforms that can let attendees digitally meet beforehand, schedule meetings during the Congress, and continue to meet afterwards. Attendees also wanted more opportunities to network with specific target audiences such as donors or high-level delegates. We will look into setting up some structured events that give attendees access to key influencers and decision makers.

2. Better use of technology:
   a. We received a number of inquiries on whether the Congress could be accessed by way of virtual conferences or live streaming. We will be experimenting with this format while building the online audience before and after the Congress in the years ahead.
   b. For Congresses ahead, we are looking into investing in a mobile app that will allow attendees to view speaker bios; access, build and save personalized schedules, communicate with other attendees, and receive push notifications of timely announcements.
   c. Attendees were scrambling to plug in their electronic devices all over the Congress venue. By not recognizing the speed of smartphone and tablet uptake, we mis-allocated technology needs. The 2020 African Congress on Sickle Cell Disease will offer dedicated charging stations.
   d. Finally, we need to explore how to make the sessions more interactive so that attendees can participate beyond a short Q&A. Technology can provide the tools to co-create the Congress experience.

3. Travels support: Despite initial plans to provide travel support for young speakers and attendees from low and low-middle income countries for the 2019 ACSCD, this was derailed due to a lack of adequate funding. Recognizing this, the Congress will intensify its requests for grants from donors to ensure provision of travel support for ACSCD exclusively.

4. Pre-orientation: We will explore how to prepare attendees for the Congress in order to maximize the investment of their time and resources.

5. Continued improvement of program: In order to spark knowledge-sharing, we will be identifying new programs and approaches that will expand the experiences of participants at the Congress.

6. Masterclasses for skill-building: Along with the pre-orientation, we are looking to experiment with providing digital master classes on topics and particular proficiencies.

7. Integration into a larger advocacy movement: Gone are the days of conferences as a single moment in time. Now, they must be part of a larger movement to be impactful. At the ACSCD 2020, we will introduce the community to the Unified Sickle Cell Advocacy campaign, a strategic advocacy movement to consolidate and further efforts in the region under a unified voice, creating impact that will carry on for years to come.
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

2019 ACSCD
Photo Highlights

Access full photo gallery at www.acscd.org/2019-acscd-photos/
APPENDIX 1:
Partners, Donors And Supporters

An event of this magnitude is not possible without the generous support of partners and donors. The Congress is grateful for the contributions—both monetary and advisory—of our many partners.

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- AfriCure Pharmaceuticals
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- Aglow Sickle Cell - Abeokuta
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- Arrive Alive Diagnostics
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- Assene-Laborex Limited,
- Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Nigeria
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- Federal Medical Center Ogun State
- Federal Ministry of Health Nigeria
- Fit Consult Ltd
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- Gail Sickle Initiative
- Gemstone Sickle Cell Aid
- Genotype Foundation
- Global Blood Therapeutics (GBT)
- Hartrica Designs Nigeria
- Healing Stripes Hospital
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- Hemex Health
- Hemocue
- IAmNotMySCD
- Ibadan Sickle Cell Foundation
- Ignite Sickle Cell Foundation
- Impact Sickle Cell Anaemia Foundation
- Info Resources Center
- JHPIEGO
- Joy2Endure Foundation, Cameroun
- Kafatan Television
- Kathy Life Foundation
- Katty Life Builder Foundation
- Kebbi Sickle Cell Association
- Lagos State Blood Transfusion Services
- Lagos State Ministry of Health
- Lagos State University Teaching Hospital
- Landmark Magazine
- Lifelink Hospital
- Lifesavers International
- MMAWT Legacy Initiative
- MWAN-PAS Kano
- Maidunama Sickle Cell Foundation
- Manipal Hospital India
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) France
- Meridian Hospitals, Port-Harcourt
- Ministry of Health Buganda, Uganda
- Mopson Pharmaceuticals Limited
APPENDIX 2:
Organizations Represented At The Congress

- Muson Centre
- NAUPAN PAS
- National Hospital Abuja
- National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match
- Nigerian Medical Association Lagos
- Novartis
- Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital
- Ogun State Hospital Management Board
- Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation
- Omega-cares Foundation,
- Opinion Times
- PACFaH@Scale
- Pan African Sickle Cell Foundation
- Patviv Health
- Pearl Sickle Cell Foundation
- Pep Communications
- Pierre Fabre Fondation
- Pro-Health International
- RR Mechatronics
- Rich Gold Travels and Tours
- SAI Phytoceuticals Pvt. Ltd
- SDC & Tranchisor Ltd
- Sickle Cell 101
- Sickle Cell Advocacy & Management Initiative(SAMI)
- Sickle Cell Aid Foundation
- Sickle Cell Awareness and Health Foundation, Port Harcourt
- Sickle Cell Club Calabar
- Sickle Cell Club Kano
- Sickle Cell Foundation of Nigeria
- Sickle Cell Health Promotion Center
- Sickle Cell Herbal Solution
- Sickle Cell Hope Alive Foundation
- Sickle Cell Interactive and Management
- Sickle Cell Media Resources
- Sickle Cell Uhuru Trust, Kenya
- Sickle Cell Unit Kaduna
- Sickle Cell Well Africa
- Sickle Cell and Young Stroke Survivors
- Sickle Life Ghana
- Silver Pebbles Concept
- Simbi Interactions
- Sir Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa Memorial Hospital
- Star Diamond Global Health
- State Hospital Ede Osun State
- StemRX Pharmaceuticals India
- Sudabelt Medical C. Ltd
- Tanzania Sickle Cell Warrior Organization (TASIWA)
- TenderLife Hospital
- Terumo BCT
- The Africa Youth Intellectual Entrepreneurship and Leadership Emancipation Initiative
- The Vine Studio
- Tony May Sickle Cell Foundation
- University College Hospital, Ibadan
- University of Benin Teaching Hospital
- University of Lagos.
- University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital
- Vicar Hope Foundation
- Voice of Adesua
- Wamiri Sickle Cell Foundation
- Warrior Story Initiative
- Warrior Support Group
- Warriors Support Foundation
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