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2015 Important Statistics

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– up from **110** in 2014.

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- up from **33,895** patients treated in 2014.

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Up from **3,042** in 2014.

1,039 number of counselling sessions.
Up from **949** in 2014

2,639 number of children scanned for
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Message from Chairman Board of Directors

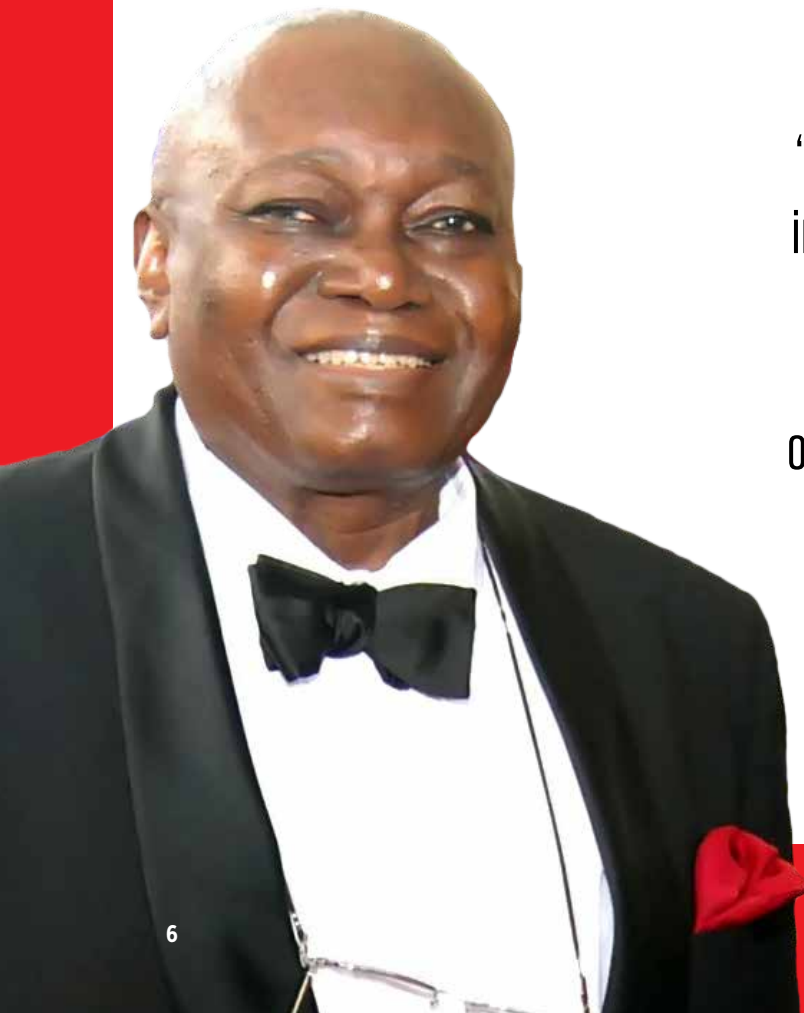
Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria

I thank all our staff for appreciating the need to work hard towards attaining and maintaining world standards, under conditions that often reflect our under-funded and non-commercial status. Our sponsors deserve eternal gratitude for largely maintaining our present services. However, we require better funding, to sustain our services well into the future, to enable important research work and for the success of our current effort to develop the first sickle

cell curative stem cell Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit in sub-Saharan Africa. Endowment with landed property would be most welcome towards ensuring our sustainability, as we look forward to transforming sickle cell disorder into a condition that would, sooner or later, be compatible with normal life qualities and expectancies. Happy reading!

Professor Olu Akinyanju OON

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National Director's Report

The year 2015 was quite challenging for us at the Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria (SCFN) and indeed for all of Nigeria. Yet, we recorded significant achievements working with tools developed with support from our long term partner, Accenture. These include our Strategic Plan and our Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework. The year also saw our Foundation embrace Social Media as a vital means of doing business and as a major vehicle for moving our agenda forward—raising awareness about the Foundation and its activities. Working with another partner (the IT firm – Bytesize), we secured remarkable presence on various social media platforms.

We did not stop there; the SCFN website was revamped just in time for the 2015 World Sickle Cell Day celebrations in June and by the end of the year, the number of “HITS” recorded was 400% higher than prior; this is a strong indicator of increased interaction with the public through the website and its links to our email and other platforms. Inquiries and patronage of our various services have since increased significantly.

In our effort to raise awareness about the SCFN and its services, we did not leave out the mainstream media. As part of our meaningful engagement with the media, we signed an MOU with Ray Power Network and featured every quarter on “Good Health” a popular, live phone-in programme; the summary of the discussions were then disseminated to all other media houses in our database. The media houses have hailed this initiative and are delighted that the Foundation is carrying them along, keeping them abreast of events and news in the sickle cell community.



We also recorded a number of other achievements in 2015 including:

1. Launching of the SCFN Endowment Fund with the firm—Meristem as trustees
2. Launching of “Friends of the Foundation USA”
3. Partnership with Cookie Jar confectionary for raising awareness and funds for SCFN
4. The Surgical Hip Joint Replacement Project: We raised twenty seven million naira (N27,000,000) to assist indigent sickle cell patients who needed funding for surgical replacement of hip joint bones, damaged by a non-traumatic process known as, avascular necrosis (AVN). A dozen metallic hip replacement prostheses were also donated towards this project. Sixteen patients benefited from this intervention by having their AVN hips surgically replaced during the year.
5. Investiture of His Excellency Mr. Akinwunmi

“Going forward, SCFN will continue to be mindful of those values that we have pledged to uphold as an organization: integrity, industry, commitment, resilience, empathy, team work, pride in our workplace environment and a culture of continuous improvement.”

Ambode, the Governor of Lagos State as Patron of the Sickle Cell Club Lagos Nigeria.

Of course, there’s still a lot of work ahead. We shall build upon the achievements of the past year as we forge ahead with the work plan for 2016. We shall push utilization of ALL social media platforms to another level, with a view to imprinting SCFN on global consciousness.

Worthy of note is what we have at the top of the agenda for the coming year: that is—the vitally important issue of Sustainable Funding for the Foundation. While carrying on with, and improving current revenue generation strategies, the SCFN will register with FundsforNGOs - an online initiative that assists NGOs to achieve sustainability by providing them with access to donors, grants, resources and skills. The prospects are exciting.

Still thinking “sustainability” and also “global” in the post-MDGs world, SCFN will, in 2016, key into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – a set of goals and targets that will frame global and national policies over the next 15 years. To this end, SCFN will be engaging with the Federal and State governments of Nigeria and with the UN.

Going forward, SCFN will continue to be mindful of those values that we have pledged to uphold as an organization: integrity, industry, commitment, resilience, empathy, team work, pride in our workplace environment and a culture of continuous improvement.

Dr Annette Akinsete, MBBS, DTM&H, MPH, FMCPH
National Director/CEO,
Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria

DEPARTMENTAL/ SERVICES REPORTS

Departmental/Services Reports

1. Dedicated Sickle Cell Clinics

In order to improve the standard of health care for persons with sickle cell disorder (SCD), the SCFN, with support from the MTN Foundation, supervises 6 dedicated Sickle Cell Clinics in Delta, Edo, Kano and Lagos States. We supply essential drugs and the occasional furniture and medical equipment and we visit the Clinics outside Lagos periodically, to monitor their progress and impact on the health of their patients.

In 2015, a total of 34,843 patients were seen and treated in all the Clinics—up from 33,895 patients treated in 2014.

The goal of this intervention is to demonstrate to the host State Governments and other stakeholders, the positive impact of dedicated Sickle Cell Clinics on the health and longevity of SCD affected persons and hopefully, encourage them to expand the coverage of these Clinics within their States.

Impact: These clinics continue to improve the quality and longevity of lives of affected persons. Going forward, the plan is to expand these facilities to all States in Nigeria.

2. Pre-Natal Diagnosis (PND) & the MTN DNA Laboratory

PND enables couples who have the possibility of bearing children with SCD to find out—early in pregnancy—the haemoglobin (Hb) genotypes of their unborn children (fetuses). We achieve this by collecting, in our minor theatre, with ultrasound guidance, a sample of chorionic villi from the developing placenta in the mother's womb. These fetal samples then undergo analytical DNA diagnosis in a specialized

laboratory, which our MTN DNA Laboratory is positioned to provide.

The total number of PND conducted in 2015 was 126 – up from 110 in 2014.

Impact: When both parents are healthy carriers with HbAS, the child is mostly unaffected (has a 75% chance of being Hb AS or Hb AA) and their anxiety over its birth is thus allayed. Where the child is affected (Hb SS), timely decisions, including discontinuation of the pregnancy or receiving appropriate health education and early health care for the affected newborn can be made by the parents. Considering that ours is the only Centre offering PND in Nigeria, the patronage of this service is low because of its unaffordability by the majority of Nigerians. To this end, we look forward to funding support that will enable wider patronage.

3. The Reference Haemoglobin Laboratory

The Reference Haemoglobin Laboratory (RHL) offers accurate and reliable world standard haematological and Hb genotype diagnoses, including percentages of Hb fractions, such as Hb A, Hb F, Hb S, Hb C and Hb A1C etc in the blood circulation. The lab is open to the public and is invaluable in verifying doubtful Hb genotype results.

In 2015, a total of 3,296 laboratory tests were carried out, up from 3,042 in 2014.

Impact: Our RHL continues to serve as a reference laboratory for accurate results and is prepared to undertake update training of laboratory personnel from Nigeria and beyond.

4. Genetic Counselling

Genetic counselling with appropriate health education, is crucial to the management of SCD. This is delivered on Mondays to Fridays at the National Sickle Cell Centre by a trained and experienced team consisting of one full time and two part-time genetic counsellors under the supervision of Mrs Ayo Otaigbe.

In 2015, there were 1,039 counselling sessions, up from 949 in 2014

Impact: The knowledge, understanding, self-esteem, behaviour and practices of more and more SCD affected persons and families have continued to improve, contributing to a significant reduction of illness and of premature deaths.

5. Trans Cranial Doppler (TCD) Scanning for Stroke Risk Determination

Unlike the situation in the general population, in whom strokes are commoner in elderly persons; strokes in the SCD population, especially in those with sickle cell anaemia (HbSS), are commoner in young children. Fortunately, trans-cranial Doppler (TCD) ultrasound scanning can detect the children at high risk of developing strokes, thus enabling their identification for receiving stroke prevention treatment. With initial support from the Heineken Africa Foundation (HAF), the SCFN established this procedure in 2011. Children with SCD aged from 2 years to 16 years are TCD scanned on week days at our Sickle Cell Centre. A recent RSNA grant involved the SCFN in the training of personnel from all the six geo-political zones of Nigeria in TCD scanning in an effort to eventually make the procedure accessible to children

with SCD all over the country. A total number of 2,639 children were scanned for risk of stroke at our centre – up from 1,792 in 2014.

Impact: Preventing strokes in these children ensures that their mobility and intellectual ability are not impaired. Our Centre is the only facility nationwide that offers this service. We would like to extend the service across the country as soon as we attract new sponsoring partners.

6. Leg Ulcer Treatment

About 6% of adolescent and adult patients with SCD develop above ankle leg ulcers. This painful and debilitating complication can remain unhealed for years and frequently recurs after healing. Hence our leg ulcer treatment Unit has been involved in the trial of a new herbal ulcer healing solution and we are seeking research grants to enable the trial of a promising platelet gel for prompt and permanent healing of leg ulcers.

In 2015, a total of 207 patients accessed this service with a total of 2,760 wound dressings. These numbers are up from 179 and 1,811 respectively in 2014. And while in 2015, 11 patients were completely healed of their leg ulcers, only 5 were healed on 2014.

IMPACT: Most affected persons are indigent and cannot afford treatment and transportation for daily wound dressing, but they can access this service at our centre at minimal cost. We have successfully tried a new ulcer dressing herbal solution which appears to delay or prevent ulcer recurrence.

Summary table for above services (comparing 2015 with previous year – 2014)

S/N	Service	Numbers (Clients/services)	
		2014	2015
1.	Sickle Cell Clinics (Lagos)	33,895 patients	34,843 patients
2.	Pre Natal Diagnosis	110 tests	126 tests
3.	Reference Haemoglobin Lab	3,042 tests	3,296 tests
4.	Genetic Counseling	949 clients	1,039 clients
5.	Transcranial Doppler (TCD) Scan for Stroke Risk Determination	1,792 clients	2,639 clients
6.	Leg Ulcer Treatment	179 patients 1,811 wound dressings	207 patients 2,760 wound dressings

7. Exchange Blood Transfusion (EBT)

SCFN started offering this life-saving procedure to patients with serious complications of SCD in December 2015. The service has been made possible through the donation of an Apheresis machine by the Terumo BCT in collaboration with the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation on World Sickle Cell Day, 19th June, 2014.

Impact: The Apheresis machine, in trained hands, greatly simplifies and shortens the EBT procedure to less than one hour. We envisage that in the coming years, many affected persons with acute chest syndrome and other severe complications of SCD will derive much live-saving benefit from its use.

8. The Stanbic IBTC e-Library

This electronic (e)-library provides access to current print and digital resources on SCD. The service, which is highly interactive, is open weekdays to health care professionals as well as to the general public who desire reliable and accurate information on the disorder. Membership of the library is available to the public for a small annual fee; for now, most members are doctors from the neighbouring Lagos University Teaching Hospital. Interested professionals from all over Nigeria and beyond, should be informed that they are welcome to join and use the e-library from distant locations.

Impact: Ours is the only known e-Library dedicated to SCD in the country and probably beyond. We hope that it will be useful to researchers from within and outside the country.

9. Proposed Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Unit

Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) is the only known cure for sickle cell disorder but unfortunately, it is only regularly available abroad. SCFN is proud to have assisted 47 Nigerian children with sickle cell anaemia access this cure through our collaboration with the IME Foundation in Rome, Italy.

As part of a technology transfer programme and tripartite agreement with IME Rome and the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), two doctors and two nurses from LUTH have been trained in Rome on BMT.

LUTH and SCFN are only across the road from each other and both institutions are working on establishing a BMT Unit in LUTH to provide local and wider access to this procedure. The challenge is funding and the Foundation continues to reach out to Nigerians –individual and corporate–for funding support.

Dr. Adetola Kassim of the Vanderbilt University BMT Service, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A, has accepted to serve as our Visiting Consultant on the BMT project. He visited SCFN and the proposed BMT site in LUTH

in October 2015 and offered expert advice on the way forward.

10. Training & Capacity Building

The goal of our capacity building is–inter alia–that every affected person in any part of Nigeria should have ready access to accurate diagnosis and standard care. Training programmes for capacity building in different cadres of health care workers and other stakeholders include:

- a. Genetic Counselling Training Courses.
- b. Update Seminars on the management and treatment of SCD.
- c. Seminars for school children on Understanding Sickle Cell.
- d. Practical Training on Prenatal Diagnosis
- e. Practical Training on Laboratory Diagnosis

Unfortunately, in 2015, we were unable to hold our usual bi-annual Genetic Counselling Training Courses because our partner for the programme – MTN Foundation – was unable to provide the required funding.

The Update Seminar for doctors and nurses on the management of SCD also did not hold for another year running due to lack of funding.

Impact: As inappropriate treatment of patients with SCD results in preventable deaths, the need for medical practitioners to be adequately informed on modern management and treatment of SCD, cannot be overemphasized. We therefore hope that funding will be available for the various training programmes in the coming years.

11. Research

As Nigeria is the country with the largest burden of SCD world-wide, we need to be in the forefront of research which is central to progress with SCD. Consequently, the SCFN is keen to coordinate research into key areas of SCD. We need to know more precisely the causation of specific complications

of SCD and thus discover better remedies for their prevention, amelioration and cure.

To this end, below are SCFN’s current SCD research areas of interest:

- a. Cord blood platelet gel (CBPG) trials for faster and firmer healing of chronic leg ulceration.
- b. Priapism.
- c. Sickle Cell Disorder Haemoglobin Analysis study,
- d. Better stroke risk detection and prevention in children
- e. Non-invasive Pre Natal Diagnosis of SCD.
- f. Detection of the actual cause of bone pain crises, which should guide the use of appropriate remedies for crisis prevention and resolution.

Funding for SCD research in Nigeria is very poor and the situation requires better understanding and support by national and international funding agencies.

12. The Nigerian Sickle Cell Expert Advisory Committee (NISEAC)

This committee of the Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria was set up to examine all matters related to sickle cell disorder and the standards of service to be delivered to save as well as improve the quality of lives of those affected. The Committee has about 30 members at present spread across Nigeria.

The committee was unable to meet in 2015 due to lack of funds. Partnership support to meet the cost of the committee’s work would be of immense value.

Below are the committee’s recommendations:

- i. The Federal and State Governments as well as the organised private sector in Nigeria and the International Aid Agencies should urgently allocate funds annually for financing appropriate training, service, and research programmes to seriously address sickle cell disorder.
- ii. The Federal and State Governments should

introduce newborn or infant screening for the early diagnosis of sickle cell disorder in Nigeria.

- iii. Prophylactic anti-infective measures against pneumococcal, meningococcal and other prevalent bacteria and malaria, should be freely provided to infants and children with sickle cell anaemia in order to reduce the high death and illness rates caused by these infections.
- iv. Adequate safe blood for transfusion should be provided in all States in Nigeria to save and support lives.
- v. The training and recognition of a cadre of Sickle Cell Nurse Specialists should be introduced in order to improve our capacity to deliver better health care and education to affected individuals and families all over the country.
- vi. The committee is seriously concerned that numerous drugs are marketed in Nigeria with unproven claims of curative or palliative properties in the treatment of sickle cell disorder, to the detriment of many affected families who spend scarce resources on their purchase.

13. Administration & Management

- i. **Board Meetings:** Three meetings of the Board of the Foundation and an AGM were convened in 2015 (The members of the Board of Directors are listed in the annex to this report)
- ii. **Appointment:** A Programme Officer/ Communications was employed in 2015 to push our media agenda forward – particularly social media.

14. Advocacy, Information, Education & Communication

Through advocacy, SCFN works with Federal and State governments urging them to make appropriate policies and allocate commensurate resources to facilitate world standard care for persons with sickle cell.

SCFN also organises programmes that create awareness and provide information and education through talks and presentations delivered at public fora or broadcast on radio and television and published in the printed media. These are in addition to information dissemination through the distribution of educational leaflets and audio-visual materials – all of which can be supported by partners.

- i. **Visit to the His Excellency, The Governor of Lagos State:** The Chairman and some members of the board of directors of the SCFN paid a visit to the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode in November 2015. The Governor was formally designated Patron of the Sickle Cell Club Lagos Nigeria in an investiture ceremony and he assured SCFN of his support for the Foundation and commitment to the sickle cell cause including the upcoming BMT Unit.
- ii. **Commemoration of 2015 World Sickle Cell Day (WSCD) June 19:** SCFN joined the rest of the world in commemorating the 2015 WSCD June 19, with the theme “Sickle Cell Disorder: LIFE SAVING MEASURES”, drawing attention to available life-saving treatments and services for SCD, many of which are available at our centre, as well as some other health care facilities across the country.
 - a. **Social Media Campaign:** From May through June 2015, SCFN took to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms with the innovative #FeelMyPain and #GoWhiteForSickleCell challenges; these were aimed at mobilising the public participate actively in the 2015 WSCD celebrations and to empathise with persons affected by SCD. The campaigns drew attention to SCFN and its activities and kept us in public consciousness.

b. Media Workshop on Sickle Cell Reporting for Awareness and Advocacy:

The Workshop, organized with support from Pfizer, was held on June 11 2015. It gathered media practitioners from both the print and electronic media. This was part of our strategy of meaningful engagement with the media as a means of creating awareness and driving advocacy for SCD in Nigeria and for the SCFN. A major focus of the workshop was helping ensure accurate reporting of SCD information by the media.

c. Community Outreach and Awareness Programme at Epe LGA:

Epe Local Government Area of Lagos State was chosen for the Community Outreach and Awareness Programme held to mark the 2015 WSCD. Community awareness programmes are in line with our goal of raising awareness at the grassroots level. The main activity of the day was the free Hb genotype testing for 300 children as well as free consultation and provision of drugs. Staff of SCFN and a member of the board were actively involved.

Over 600 people were present, including the representatives of the Lagos State Commissioner for Health, the Chairman of Epe LGA, the Vicar of the St. Michael Anglican Church Epe, the Coordinator of the Sickle Cell Area Club of Epe and some community leaders.

- d. **Schools Quiz Competition:** A Quiz Competition was organized for 10 public Senior Secondary Schools drawn from 4 Education Districts in Lagos State. It was aimed at enhancing the knowledge of SCD among young people and through them—as change agents—the public at

large. The quiz competition was jointly sponsored by Food Concepts Ltd (of Chicken Republic outlets).

- e. **Symposium:** On June 19, 2015, the WSCD, we held a Symposium on the theme: “Sickle Cell Disorder: Life-Saving Measures”. The interactive event was chaired by the Chief Medical Director of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital who was represented by Prof. Femi Fasanmade. Also present were Dr. Eniola Erinosh, Director Lagos State Ministry of Health, representing the Permanent Secretary, some members of our board and the current beauty queen of Models on the Island beauty pageant. About 300 people were in attendance.

f. Free Screening of the movie “Dazzling Mirage”:

In 2015, we did something different in marking WSCD; we collaborated with Mainframe Productions, Silverbird Group and Channels Television for the free screening of the epic movie—“Dazzling Mirage”. It was a creative way of conveying the sickle cell message through story telling. The movie, produced and directed by Mr. Tunde Kelani, the ace film maker—is an adaptation of a novel of the same name by Olayinka Abimbola Egbokhare. It weaves the story of a young lady with SCD around the various medical, social and emotional challenges with which she was faced, anchored on a message of hope.

There were three screenings of the movie in Lagos and Abuja, all of which were well attended with the venues filled to capacity. The screenings presented opportunities for interaction of stakeholders.

- g. Media Engagement as part of WSCD celebrations:** In addition to social media, WSCD was also carried to the mainstream media; the Chairman, the CEO, some directors, facilitators at the various events, persons with SCD and family members interacted with the media on the field as well as in-studio throughout the month of June. There were appearances on radio and TV shows and prime time news. All the WSCD activities were also covered by print and electronic media.
- h. Meaningful Engagement with the Media:** 2015 saw SCFN continue to

engage meaningfully with the media with the goal of sustainable media partnerships beyond WSCD celebrations. To this end, we partnered with some media houses to implement structured, quarterly, live, phone-in programmes that featured specific topics on SCD. Experts on various aspects of SCD were on hand to address the topics and persons with SCD also shared their experiences. These media houses are:

- a. Ray Power FM
- b. Cool FM
- c. Cool TV
- d. ChannelsTV

PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING

Partnerships & Funding

- i. **SCFN Website:** Our website was completely revamped in 2015, putting in place an effective Online Donation Platform. This is in line with the current trend of deploying technology for fundraising.
- ii. **Partnership with the Tolulope Akinduro Foundation (TAF):** Our partnership with TAF which commenced in July 2014, aims to provide funds for our welfare programme – helping indigent persons with sickle cell disorder. TAF renewed their commitment in 2015 for another 12 months by donating their designated annual amount of N2,000,000.00 (two million Naira) on 3rd September, 2015. This was set aside for treatment of Leg ulcers and for the procedure that helps us determine stroke risk–Transcranial Doppler Scan (TCD).
- iii. **Give-Me-Five Campaign:** The idea of this campaign launched in 2014, is to establish a large pool of small, regular donors. A total of N358,000: 00 was realized from the campaign in the year. We continue to seek ways of boosting the scheme.
- iv. **Partnership with Arik Airline:** We went into an agreement with ARIK Air in October 2014 for an In-Flight Donation fundraising strategy. While the strategy worked well in 2014, for the first three months of in 2015, donations were coming in from the airline in trickles until they ceased completely by April.
- v. **Endowment Fund and Partnership with Meristem Trustees:** In our efforts to increase

revenue for SCFN, we established an Endowment Fund in partnership with Meristem Trustees. This Fund was formally launched on August 9th 2015 with a total of N250,000 from corporate and individual donors.

- vi. **Partnership with MTN Foundation:** MTNF continued to support us in running the 5 dedicated sickle cell clinics across the country. However, they were unable to continue funding our bi-annual Genetic Counseling Training Courses as well as the DNA laboratory.
- vii. **Collaboration with the Temitayo Awosika Help Foundation (TAHF):** In July 2015, SCFN and TAHF, began to engage with a view to collaborating formally for the sickle cell cause in areas of research, advocacy & IEC and training. TAHF, also a Sickle Cell NGO, was established in year 2000 by Dr. Olubayode and Dr. (Mrs) Dere Awosika.
- viii. **Cookie Jar/SCFN Partnership:** This initiative was facilitated by Bytesize, the IT firm supporting SCFN to manage its social media platforms. The initiative is a partnership with Cookie Jar, a forward-looking and unique confectionary company located in Lekki–Lagos, to make “special cupcakes for sickle cell” as a creative means of raising awareness and funds in support of the Foundation. For every cupcake sold, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Foundation. In addition, the 29th of every month was designated “SCFN/Cookie Jar Partnership Day” to further create awareness of SCD and SCFN, with 30% of the proceeds going to the Foundation.

The initiative was formally launched on 29th August 2015, at the Cookie Jar outlet in Lekki, Lagos.

- ix. **Support by Citi Bank:** On 27th August 2015, Citi Bank, through their Managing Director, presented SCFN with a cheque of N500,000 support of our work.
- x. **Collaboration for Avascular Necrosis (AVN) Joint Replacement Project:** With support from a number of companies and individuals, we raised a total of N27,000,000.00 (Twenty Seven million Naira) for Hip Replacement Surgery for indigent persons with SCD who have the painful/crippling degeneration of the hip joint, known as – Avascular Necrosis (AVN). By the end of 2015, the number of persons on the shortlist to benefit from this fund had grown to 55. The N27m came from the following individual and corporate donors:

Caverton Group	N10,000,000.00
Linkup Nig Ltd.	N2,000,000.00
Mr. Fola Adeola	N1,000,000.00
Chief Chris Ogunbanjo	N2,000,000.00
Mrs. Titi Adegun	N100,000.00
JAR Foundation	N2,000,000.00
Ecobank	N6,000,000.00
Access Bank	N4,000,000.00

In addition, Johnson and Johnson kindly donated 12 hip replacement prostheses

The National Orthopedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos was the major collaborating centre for the surgeries

- xi. **Partnership with HOTELS:** Some hotels such as Wheatbaker Hotel Ikoyi and Regent Hotel GRA, Ikeja partnered with the Foundation by placing our donation boxes in their lobbies and encouraging their customers to make donations. Going forward, we would be seeking a more structured

and coherent partnership with hotels.

- xii. **Partnership with MULTICHOICE:** In 2015, Multichoice continued with placement of our donation boxes in several of their outlets across the country, collecting donations on behalf of the Foundation.
- xiii. **Friends of the Foundation USA:** Launched in 2015 via Facebook as part of WSCD activities, Friends of the Foundation USA is coordinated by a medical student in the US – Emeka Nwanneri. They plan to mobilize support and online donations from the US.
- xiv. **EXPLORING Partnerships with Foundations and Major Companies:** Throughout 2015, we continued to seek lasting partnerships with corporate organizations and foundations. For instance, we reached out to Dangote Foundation to adopt Sickle Cell Disorder as their area of public health focus–similar to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s focus on Malaria. We have also contacted Ford Foundation and UBA Foundation.

In addition, in August 2015, we organized a “Hope for Sickle Cell Luncheon” which was kindly sponsored by Megavons West Africa Limited, in collaboration with Meristem Trustees.

The focus of the luncheon was to initiate long-lasting partnerships with individuals and corporate bodies–to adopt sickle cell as their charity of choice and Sickle Cell Foundation Nigeria as a partner.

One of the highlights of the day was the promise by the President of NIMN, to support SCFN in developing a National Marketing Plan that should position the Foundation for sustainable funding.

PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING

LONG TERM STRATEGIES: Going forward, we shall be building on the achievements of 2015. Particularly, we shall aggressively utilize social media to project the Foundation, its work and to raise funds. The major challenge of the Foundation remains inadequate funding. We shall be looking into more creative

ways of raising funds including registration with FundsForNGOs – an online platform that should link us with local and international donors. We shall also explore keying into the SDGs.

So we do look forward to 2016!

ANNEX

Chair & Members of the Board

Professor O. O. Akinyanju , OON	Chairman
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Mr Chidi Ofong	Member
Mr Tony Epelle	Member
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The Chief Medical Director, LUTH	Member

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Financial Statement

Summary Of 2015 Financial Report (Comparing with 2014)

The Foundation recorded a deficit of ₦24,291,594 for the year ended 31 December, 2015. As at the year end, the Foundation had net current liabilities of ₦10,111,746 and accumulated fund of ₦93,538,345. This is indicative of the URGENT NEED FOR FUNDING – which for SCFN, comes largely from donations.

	2015	2014
	₦	₦
Revenue	93,740,713	74,386,260
Operating Expenses	(118,288,483)	(113,744,651)
Deficit for the year	(24,547,770)	(39,358,391)
Accumulated fund at 1 January,	117,829,939	157,188,330
Accumulated fund at 31 December,	93,538,345	117,829,939

Revenue

	2015	2014
	₦	₦
Donations (3a)	53,695,619	22,851,393
Hall Rental Income	19,583,100	33,005,476
Counselling and tests	11,508,360	15,275,745
Guest Chalet	4,125,000	-
Other Income	4,644,634	3,253,646
	93,556,713	74,386,260

Donations	₦	₦
In-Flight envelope Donation Scheme	3,060,920	4,549,930
Cash Donations	52,036,249	18,268,963
Net loss from World Sickle Cell Day/Fund raising (3d)	(1,401,550)	32,500
	53,695,619	22,851,393
World Sickle Cell Day		
Income Realised	1,161,590	-
Expenses incurred	(2,158,150)	-
Net loss	(996,560)	-
Fund raising dinner		
Income realized	57,510	240,000
Expenses incurred	(462,500)	(238,200)
Net Income/(loss)	(404,990)	1,800
Net loss from World Sickle Cell Day/Fund raising dinner		
Net Income from World Sickle Cell Programme	(996,560)	-
Net Income from Walkathon-IFC/SCFN	-	30,700
Multi-choice Funds Raising	(404,990)	1,800
Net loss from World Sickle Cell Day/Fund raising	(1,401,550)	32,500

Personnel cost

Employees cost during the year amounted to:

	2015	2014
	₦	₦
Salaries & Wages	27,583,016	31,381,908
Staff Welfare	60,800	72,800
Medical Expenses	496,150	433,320
Other wages	8,000	-
	28,147,966	31,888,028

- Personnel cost includes salaries, wages and pension fund contribution.
- The average number of full time persons employed by the Foundation during the year was as follows:

	2015	2014
Management Staff	2	2
Senior Staff	10	4
Assistant Staff	17	22
	29	28

Depreciation and amortisation expenses

	2015	2014
	₦	₦
Depreciation	27,503,394	44,313,341

General and administrative expenses

	₦	₦
Professional Expenses	209,250	165,125
Other Operating Expenses i	61,949,012	36,519,937
Bank Charges	294,861	458,220
Auditor's Remuneration	400,000	400,000
	62,853,123	37,543,282

Other operating expenses

	2015 ₦	2014 ₦
Website & Internet Access Expenses	1,289,790	1,213,980
Office Expenses	978,200	1,463,000
Hall Expenses	563,840	456,770
Postage and Telephone Expenses	1,766,992	815,957
Counselling Expenses	2,858,000	2,052,200
Electricity & Water Utilities	985,213	1,529,028
Motor Running / Repairs Expenses	1,584,990	2,612,139
Security Expenses	3,649,203	3,600,000
NSCC Maintenance Expenses	5,309,151	1,195,782
Printing & Stationery	1,791,350	789,355
Travelling & Transport Expenses	2,309,890	1,643,050
Newspaper & Periodicals	247,100	141,400
Entertainment/Accommodation	1,171,505	591,740
Computer Repairs & Maintenance	370,100	401,400
Oil, Fuel & Lubricants	6,445,623	4,959,245
Generator Repairs	815,452	533,371
Publicity & Advert	491,000	270,100
Training Expenses	-	345,900
Insurance	1,112,299	995,383
Cleaning & Waste Disposal Expenses	972,810	1,056,980
Workshop/Meeting Expenses	140,000	1,319,810
Counselling training expenses (CTC)	-	1,003,830
Exchange Gain or Loss	213,378	-
Bad Debt/Acc. Written off	711,160	-
Operations and treatment expenses	26,171,966	7,529,517
	61,949,012	36,519,937

Operations and treatment expenses

	₦	₦
SCFN Welfare Funds Expense	744,800	-
Purchase of Hydroxyurea Capsule	2,545,080	2,142,948
Leg Ulcer Dressing Expenses	37,000	322,100
HIP Replacement Surgery Expenses	18,181,419	-
Laboratory Services Expenses	4,211,541	4,057,260
Library Expenses	358,000	738,000
BMT Expenses	94,126	269,209
	26,171,966	7,529,517

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Sickle cell clinic



Genetic counselling in session at the centre



Transcranial Doppler unit for stroke risk detection at the centre



Bone marrow transplantation



Bone marrow transplantation (before)



Bone marrow transplantation (after)



Chorionic villus sampling for pre natal diagnosis in the minor theatre at the centre



The haemoglobin reference laboratory at the centre



Exchange blood transfusion unit at the centre



Community outreach programme Epe, Lagos



Training of genetic counsellors



The DNA laboratory at the centre



Training session at the Union Bank hall at the centre

Notes



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