

PRESS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER IS SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

FoSCel Calls for Greater Awareness, Understanding and Support for Warriors

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The Focus on Sickle Cell Foundation (FoSCel) joins the global community in marking **September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month**, with a call for increased public education, genotype awareness, understanding and support for people living with Sickle Cell Disease.

Sickle Cell Disease affects individuals and families in many ways, yet misconceptions and stigma continue to surround the condition. Many sickle cell warriors face challenges including recurrent pain, hospital visits, financial difficulties, discrimination and a lack of understanding in their schools, workplaces and communities.

As part of this year's awareness activities, FoSCel is encouraging Ghanaians, particularly young people, to **know their genotype and understand Sickle Cell Disease**. Genotype awareness should not only become a consideration when people are preparing for marriage, but an important part of health education and informed decision-making.

FoSCel is also calling for society to **listen to the voices and experiences of sickle cell warriors**. Behind every statistic is a human being with dreams, responsibilities and aspirations who deserves dignity, inclusion and support.



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Throughout September, FoSCel will engage the public through **media discussions, educational activities and advocacy engagements** aimed at promoting accurate information about Sickle Cell Disease, addressing misconceptions and highlighting the realities of living with the condition.

FoSCel appreciates the media houses that have opened their platforms to support public education on Sickle Cell Disease and encourages other media organizations, institutions, corporate bodies, schools, religious organizations and community leaders to join the awareness campaign.

This September, let us move beyond awareness to understanding and action.

Know Your Genotype. Understand Sickle Cell Disease. Support Warriors.

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