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Health-Sierra Leone - Strong woman and CEO of Sickle Cell Carers Awareness (SCCAN), Madam Sia Evelyn Nyandemo, is poised to revive the return of Mobile Clinics to Sierra Leone after 20 years. On the 16 to 31 July 2011, Sickle Cell Carers Awareness (SCCAN) led by Madam Nyandemo and her team will be leaving UK to bring a Mobile Clinic to Kono district in eastern Sierra Leone. The Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) of Switzerland is facilitating this trip. AEMRN members strive to contribute to the physical, mental, social, educational and every sound well-being of people irrespective of race, creed, beliefs and social affiliation. Their presence with SCCAN in Kono from Kangama Ngorama, Jaiama Nimikor through to Sandor to give free medical services is bound to have positive effects on various communities.

SCCAN, founded in 2008 by Mrs. Nyandemo and her family in remembrance of her two beautiful daughters lost to sickle cell in the 70s, is to seek after the well being of sickle cell patients in Sierra Leone as lack of knowledge of how to care for such patients led to the loss of those children. Awareness gained in the UK has given Mrs. Nyandemo the inspiration to build SCCAN to offer a variety of services to meet carers, individuals, family and the community needs and to empower them to effectively manage the disease.

SCCAN's mobile clinic visit to Kono is also answering to the call of His Excellency President Ernest Bai Koroma to promote free health care services for infants, the old and vulnerable in the country. SCCAN henceforth invites the Ministry of Health and other organisations to assist in making this trip a success.

The bigger challenge is the purchase of an Electrophoresis machine to facilitate screening of people with the disease. Once diagnosed, with proper education and management, sufferers can go on to lead active lives. Infant and child mortality can be significantly reduced and maternal survival increased. Be a part of it.

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