



SPARK

Sickle Cell Partnership
for Advocacy,
Research, and
Knowledge

The Human Cost of Injustice

In Kisumu, Kenya, medication injustice for **Sickle Cell Disease** (SCD) has a tangible human cost: a heavy burden of fragmented care, low awareness, and persistent stigma. ***This is the reality on the ground we refuse to accept.***

Our Mission

To partner in advancing **support** for individuals and families affected by SCD in Kisumu, Kenya, through **advocacy, community-driven research, and accessible knowledge**—centering lived experiences to shape compassionate, **lasting care.**

Our Approach: The SPARK Initiative

SPARK is a **long-term, community-rooted** initiative designed to holistically improve SCD outcomes by strengthening systems, generating evidence, and amplifying local voices. Anchored in **equity, sensitivity, and local ownership**, SPARK relies on key partnerships across various sectors including local governments, hospitals, schools, and communities to drive sustainable change.

The Three Pillars of SPARK

Advocacy

- Reduce stigma
- Drive policy engagement
- Mobilize communities

Research

- Conduct needs assessments
- Use community-based and participatory methods
- Build data-driven monitoring & evaluation

Knowledge

- Train healthcare providers
- Educate students and families
- Translate insights into action

Through SPARK We Aim To Achieve

- **25% reduction** in reported stigma.
- Reach **50,000+ community members.**
- Embed SCD in a county health strategy.

- Baseline assessment with **200+ community members.**
- Train **5+ local researchers.**

- Train **150+ healthcare providers.**
- **50% increase** in screening coverage.
- Distribute materials to **20+ institutions.**

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