



# Community Acceptance and Awareness in Sickle Cell Trait Carrier Detection Programmes: Southern African Tribal Areas Context in Gabon

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## Abstract

In southern African tribal areas, including Gabon, Sickle Cell Trait (SCT) carrier detection programmes are essential for managing inherited blood disorders. A qualitative approach was employed through focus group discussions and interviews with local healthcare providers, community leaders, and individuals affected by Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). Despite challenges, there is potential for improved SCT carrier detection programmes through culturally sensitive awareness campaigns and community engagement initiatives. Develop tailored educational materials reflecting local cultures, involve traditional healers in outreach efforts, and establish partnerships between healthcare providers and tribal leaders.

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