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Omer is a physician who was born in Ouidah, Republic of Benin. He graduated from the University of Denis Diderot Paris (France) in 2007 with PhD degree in Physiology of Development, and the same year he graduated with University Degree in Social Protection after attended the faculty of medicine in Cotonou, Republic of Benin in 1999. His thesis was financed by the World Health Organization.



In 2008 Omer accepted a position as research associated at Glendon Campus in Toronto Canada.

In 2009 he also accepted a position as research associated volunteer at Sick kid's hospital in Toronto Canada.

He was one of the founding members of the Action Vitale Organization in collaboration with Novartis France laboratory that fights against malaria and educate people who live with diabetes and sickle cell disease in Porto-Novo Republic of Benin and currently he serves as its president.

Omer has spent 10 years working with people dealing with sickle cell disease both in Paris and Republic of Benin.

His noteworthy service has been widely recognized and some of his award of medicine include:

- Health Award 2014 in Benin
- Robin Award of Medicine, Paris Denis Diderot University Sorbonne, France in 2009
- Gabriel Lasker Human Biology Award, USA in 2008
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- International Atomic Energy Agency Award, AIEA United Nations in 2007

From 2003 to 2007 he founded and worked for “Solidarite Education Sante” Association based in Paris that helps people living with HIV and AIDS as chair president.

Doctor Omer is the author of one of the famous book on sickle cell disease entitled “Genes Modificateurs de l'Expression Phenotypique de la Drepanocytose” edited by European edition.

Furthermore, Omer always had a passion for human rights and helping others. He has been inspired to get more involved in the promotion and protection of human rights.

As Executive Director of CHRIO Mission Republic of Benin, Dr Omer aims to not only help Beninese and around the world who have experienced human rights violations but also to promote and lobby humans rights issues and projects.

He is extremely pleased to be part of the CHRIO family and looks forward to working with his fellow CHRIO staff to help the organization grow.

