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## A holistic approach to Pediatric Cancer advocacy

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Treating children with cancer involves more than just administering medicine and hospitalization. Specifically, in impoverished communities, it is important to look at all factors that can impede or enhance treatment. Ghana currently does not provide any government assistance to pediatric cancer patients, which results in a large number of pediatric cancer diagnosis going untreated. Research illustrates that in Ghana, it is important to look at the cancer treatment, particularly for children holistically. The NGO assisting the families must understand the culture and how that will impact the family's decision to seek treatment or to abandon treatment. Typically, in African culture, illness and disease are often kept secret. It is important for NGO's in

Africa to understand how culture plays a role in the healing of children from cancer. This paper will look at necessity to look at the treatment of pediatric cancer holistic in Africa to ensure that the patients are getting the healing they need mentally and physically.

### Speaker Biography

Grace El Mahmoud Marabe is the Founder and Director of Emofra Africa, a registered 501c3 in the United States and registered NGO in Ghana. She is also active with other organizations that support the treatment, awareness and eradication of Pediatric cancer. She organized the premier Cancer in Africa, Prevention, Treatment and Cure conference in Ghana. This conference brought together the leading figures in cancer in Ghana and West Africa to discuss on a national level how to alleviate cancer in Ghana and the continent.

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