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**I**t was a pathetic and emotional scene at Iyana Ipaja, when two minors helplessly watched their mother, Owojaiye Bukky, 42, collapse and die on the road after she was allegedly rejected from a private hospital in Lagos.

For several minutes, the grieving and hapless children, Toyin Ojo, a girl, 15, and Ezekiel Ojo, her brother, 11, wept uncontrollably calling on their unconscious mother to wake up. Although the details of the health history of the deceased could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report, it learnt that the woman collapsed inside tri-cycle, popularly known as Keke-NAPEP, after she was

allegedly refused treatment from an unknown private hospital in the area.

As the children, Toyin and Ezekiel wailed over their lifeless mother on the road, passersby, pedestrians and street traders around moved closer to them to know what was happening. A phone call was eventually put through to the Lagos State Ambulance Service, LASAMBUS before the children and their lifeless mother were moved away from the scene.

Speaking with *Sunday Telegraph*, an official of the LASAMBUS, who craved anonymity, said that the agency was alerted around 10:35am, saying that the woman had already given up before they reached the scene.

The source said: "At 10:35am the Agege crew were notified of someone in need of medical attention at Iyana-Ipaja roundabout and on getting there, they met these two children: Toyin Ojo (female) 15, and Ezekiel

Ojo (male) 11, beside their mother's lifeless body, who was said to have collapsed inside Keke-NAPEP after being refused treatment from an unknown private hospital".

The source, who confirmed the deceased's name, said that the lifeless body and the children were moved into the ambulance. The corpse was taken to LASUTH Medical Emergency for certification after which it was later handed over to SEHMu officials at 5:30 pm.

"Also, medical screening was done on the two children at LASUTH's social welfare unit. They were later taken down to Alausa accompanied by their neighbour, identified as Mrs. Omowunmi Stephen,

who resides at Irifin, Synagogue Road, Ikotun.

Meanwhile, the children have been handed over to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation and Youths and Social Development, Alausa.

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pointing out that his party has been engaged in campaigns for long now without