

FDA DONATES BLOOD TO THE BLOOD BANK

In line with the Food and Drugs Authority's (FDA) mandate of protecting Public Health and Safety, the FDA has organized its third Blood Donation Drive on the 7th of June, 2019 as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility programme to complement the stock levels of blood in our National Blood banks. This time, the Blood Donation Drive was held nationally with all the Regional offices of the FDA participating simultaneously.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), every second of everyday, someone needs blood transfusion to survive and in most developing countries those requiring blood transfusions still depend on paid donors or family members.

The FDA also used the exercise to create awareness on the need to regulate blood as a medicinal product; create awareness on the need to report adverse reactions or events following blood donation and or transfusion and enable appropriate regulatory interventions to be made. Awareness was also created on the need to use only regulated medical devices in the blood industry. Furthermore, the event also created awareness on the availability, safety and appropriate use of blood and blood components and products.

Overall, the FDA Head Office, together with Seven (7) of its Regional Offices were able to contribute 504 pints of blood to the Blood Bank. The rest of the Regional offices postponed their Blood Donations to this week because of the Ramadan Celebrations.