

FDA INTENSIFIES PMS ACTIVITIES IN ACCRA MARKETS

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), with the assistance of the Ghana Police Service, has conducted simultaneous Post Market Surveillance (PMS) activities at the Kwame Nkrumah Interchange and Nima market to deal with the peddling of medicines. The exercise which took place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, is a follow up to the earlier PMS activities at some markets in the city.

This is in fulfilment of the FDA's mandate to ensure public health and safety. This illegal activity of the medicine peddlers contribute to the distribution and sale of counterfeit and unwholesome medicines to unsuspecting consumers, which compromises public health and safety.

No arrests were made, however, huge quantities of medicines being peddled were seized.



The FDA would want to reiterate that medicines are not to be peddled or sold anywhere apart from approved premises such as pharmacies, over the counter medicine sellers, hospitals, clinics, maternity homes and other approved health facilities.

Some of the dangers in patronising peddled medicines are that, the peddlers are untrained to sell medicines and can therefore sell wrong medicines, which may lead to health and safety concerns. The consumer also cannot ascertain the genuineness of

the products being sold, as to whether the medicines are counterfeits, falsified or substandard which poses health risk to the consumer.

Additionally, the consumer cannot be assured of how the medicines were stored, which could compromise their quality, efficacy and safety; and in case there is any problem with the medication, it would be difficult to trace its source.



The general public is therefore, as a matter of urgency advised to desist from peddling medicines or selling medicines at unapproved places. Consumers should patronise medicines sold at licensed premises.

The FDA would continue to fight the menace of medicine peddling with all the power within its jurisdiction.