

**LABORATORY SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF FDA SUCCESSFULLY RENEWS  
ISO/IEC 17025:2005 ACCREDITATION**

The Laboratory Service Department(LSD) of the Food and Drugs Authority(FDA) has successfully renewed their accreditation in accordance with the recognized international standards ISO/IEC 17025:2005 for the fourth consecutive year by demonstrating technical competence in the fields of testing after assessment by the ANSI-ASQ(American National Standards Institute-American Society of Quality)National Accreditation Board.

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board, an underwriter for International Accreditation Forum and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, is a US-based non-governmental standards organization known for providing ISO accreditations services to manufacturers, laboratories and other public and privately held organizations and companies.

This accreditation demonstrates technical competence in 34 defined scope of analysis and operations of the laboratory quality management system of the FDA. It provides confidence for customers globally in the systems and accuracy of the analysis conducted by the FDA laboratory.

The policy of the laboratory service of the FDA is to maintain good professional laboratory practices that meets international standards of testing with the highest achievable accuracy and so the reaccreditation is extremely important to the Authority.

The laboratory was first accredited in 2014 with 8 defined scopes and has successfully scaled up gradually to 34 different scope of analysis as of 2018, the highest in the African sub region.