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JOINT COVID-19 VACCINE SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE-SAFETY MONITORING

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The FDA's Joint COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Review Committee (JCVSRC) has worked tirelessly over the period to review all safety reports received from the vaccinations in Ghana and are assured that vaccines being deployed to combat the COVID -19 pandemic in Ghana have proven to be safe without any major safety concerns.

As at 3rd January 2022, about 9 million doses administered of five vaccines have been administered in Ghana to combat the pandemic. The cumulative doses of the five vaccines consist of 6,046,958 doses of Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, 1,305,944 of Pfizer vaccine, 941,070 of Moderna vaccine, 560,299 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine and 17,982 doses of Sputnik V.

Side effects reported to date from the robust safety monitoring system of the FDA showed that the side effects were generally those expected and mild ones from vaccinations such as headache, fever, chills, pain at injection site and body pains. These usually resolved within a day or two.

The Joint COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Review Committee at its 13th meeting held on 23rd December 2021, reviewed safety reports received from the vaccinations in Ghana and also from other countries using the same vaccines.

The Committee concluded that extensive safety monitoring in Ghana and worldwide has proven that the COVID-19 vaccines deployed in Ghana are safe and effective, and therefore advises all Ghanaians who are eligible for the vaccination to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

The FDA wishes you all the best in 2022 and assures you of its commitment to its mandate of ensuring only safe and effective medical products including COVID-19 vaccines are deployed for use in Ghana.

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