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SAFETY ALERT: SALE AND USE OF NKOYO AND NNOMPE NNOMPE TABLETS

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), with the assistance of the Police, has arrested some peddlers of unregistered medicines known as Nkoyo and Nnompe Nnompe Tablets. These products, which are not registered by the FDA, are sold as herbal preparations and claim to treat pain and inflammatory diseases.

Laboratory analysis has shown that each container has a steroid tablet and an anti-inflammatory tablet. These unregistered drugs contain active ingredients classified as prescription only medicines in unknown quantities. These products may also contain other unknown substances. The continuous use of these products without proper prescriptions and guidance can lead to serious adverse health effects such as headaches, stomach pains, vomiting, diarrhoea, dizziness, depression, high blood pressure, indigestion, restlessness, black or tarry stool and insomnia among others.

The public is therefore warned to desist from buying and using these products since the FDA cannot guarantee the health and safety of users of these unregistered products. The FDA seized large quantities of the products and safely disposed of them. The FDA is also assisting the security agencies in their investigations to ensure that all those involved are apprehended and dealt with appropriately.

The Authority is by this statement warning the public to be cautious of the operations of peddlers of drugs in the open market and other unapproved means and rather deal with only licensed pharmacies for all their prescription and over-the-counter medicines to avoid incidences of substandard and falsified medicines.

The public is assured that the FDA will continue its surveillance activities and collaborate with relevant agencies to combat the operations of those dealing with these unregistered.

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