



## **INTERNET ARTICLE**

### **Blood drive campaign**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), together with South African National Blood Services (SANBS), embarked on a blood-donation drive campaign on 12 February 2018 at Spruite Boardroom, Bloemfontein Provincial Office.

SANBS makes a call to all South Africans to donate blood each year for various reasons. Other people get involved in accidents and lose a lot of blood and in the end require blood. This is where the blood that you have donated comes in handy and can save a life. Accidents are not the only time that blood is required.

There are different cases and scenarios that require blood daily in different health institutions countrywide. The blood bank decreases drastically and the demand however keeps on increasing, hence the need for blood drive campaign.

Ms Ngcobo from Institutional Establishment, said "It always makes me feel happy at the end of the day to know that I will be able to save life by donating blood".

Ms Kumalo from Office of the Provincial Head explained her excitement with a broad smile, "I'm excited about the gift I got but the one I gave is the most important one because it can save a life".

Ms Manoto from Corporate Management said "I would like to encourage most officials to donate blood as it is a good thing to do".

The officials from SANBS gave the donors some hampers as a token of appreciation but the message is to encourage people to donate blood as the blood bank decreases. The attendees were wished a happy Valentine's Day in advance. The campaign is run throughout the year to avoid the decrease in blood from storage.

Anyone who is healthy can donate blood, as a way of giving. One day you or your family member will be in dire need of the services and it is better to take action now than to be sorry. Let us all do the right thing and donate blood and save lives.

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