### **Blood Transfusion**

#### Overview

Blood Transfusion Services (BTS) is a national programme that aims to support the recruitment and retention of blood donors. The donated blood is used to save lives.

### Who is eligible?

- Healthy individuals aged between 16 and 65 years.
- Weighing more than 50 kilograms (kg).

A healthy person means any individual without an ailment that could be passed on to another person through blood transfusion.

# How do I get this service?

- Visit one of the donation centres and go through the screening process (hemoglobin, blood pressure & weight) and counselling.
- Participate during the National Blood Donation campaigns.

### What supporting documents are required?

- National identity card (Omang).
- Passport for non-citizens.

# How long will this service take?

**Immediate** 

#### How much does it cost?

No cost

#### Where can I obtain this service?

- Blood Donation Centre Francistown host at Barclay Plaza, Tel No: (+267) 2402234/30.
- Gaborone National Blood Transfusion Centre, Old Government Gazette Building, Main Mall, Tel: (+267) 3686700/3901134.
- Molepolole, Scottish Livingstone Hospital.
- Mahalapye, Mahalapye District Hospital.
- Serowe, Sekgoma Memorial Hospital.
- Maun, Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital.

# Where can I get more information on this Service

Ministry of Health and Wellness

Department of Health Services Management

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