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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(National AIDS Control Organization)

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To,

Project Directors /Director SBTC
All States

Subject: Holding of mass blood donation camps in the states -reg

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the above mentioned subject. As you are aware that a well organized Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) is a vital Component of any health care delivery system. It is important to optimize donor screening by pre donation counseling to ensure collection from Healthy donors.

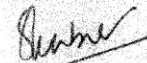
The National blood policy says that, the main component of an integrated strategy include collection of blood only from voluntary, on-remunerated blood donors, screening for all transfusion transmitted infections and reduction of unnecessary transfusion. However because of mega blood donations drive the aim of National blood policy is getting dejected.

Kindly direct the SBTC to disallow mega blood donation camps. The camps may be given permission if they adhere with certain norms as below:

- a) Blood donation camp consists collection of 500 blood units per day.
- b) Maximum 2000 units may be collected in four days time. In such camps at least 3-4 blood bank teams may participate and all norms laid down in Drug and cosmetic Act, adhere to, for holding such camps.
- c) Each blood bank participating in the camp should have at least one counselor for the pre donation and post donation counseling.
- d) To ensure that mass blood donations camps do not take place extensive awareness programmes for donor, information, education, motivation, recruitment and retention should take place in order to ensure adequate availability of safe blood.

You are requested to implement the above guidelines in your respective states with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,



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