

MRA collects 1816 pints of blood

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), remitted 1816 pints of blood to the Blood Transfusion Service during the MRA Blood Donation 2024.



The MRA Blood Donation was officially launched by Dr. Poonam Gungadin, Director Health Services, Ministry Of Health and Wellness on Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, in the presence of Mr. Dhanraj Ramdin, Acting Director-General of MRA, MRA Board members, MRA Management Team, Senior Officials from the Ministry, MRA personnel and blood donors.

For this year's Blood Donation, 1140 pints were collected on Wednesday, July 17th, 2024, at three MRA locations in Port-Louis, the Custom House, Mer Rouge, Eham Court, and Belfort Tower.

On Friday, July 19th, 2024, 676 pints were collected at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC), Le Chaland, Plaine Magnien and the SSR International Airport, Plaisance.



Dr. Gungadin, the chief guest, delivered a keynote address in which she extended her gratitude to MRA, one of the best blood donation organizers, for its sustained commitment to hosting the annual event. She praised MRA's tireless efforts in facilitating blood donations, which she deemed essential to maintaining the stability of blood stock levels at the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS).

According to Dr. Gungadin, these donations play a vital role in providing support to patients suffering from life-threatening illnesses, and facing medical emergencies in hospitals. For instance, donated blood helps patients who require transfusions during surgery.



Service to Man is Service to God. Mr. Dhanraj Ramdin, the Acting Director-General at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), highlighted this noble saying in his address. He emphasized that MRA's dedication to corporate social responsibility has been a hallmark of its operations, with a strong focus on giving back to the community.

In recognition of this commitment, Mr. Ramdin highlighted MRA's journey in blood donation, which began in 2007. Since then, MRA has organized numerous blood donation drives, resulting in a total of over 15,000 pints of blood collected.



These donations have been helpful in saving countless lives, as they have been used in hospitals to treat patients in need. Mr. Ramdin stressed that this achievement is a testimony to the organization's compassion and empathy for those in need, as well as its willingness to go beyond its traditional duties as a revenue authority.



The organization of the MRA Blood Donation event required weeks of preparation and collaboration between MRA and the Ministry of Health through the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS). The Taxpayer Education and Communication Department (TECD) of the MRA promoted the event through various Radio/TV campaigns with local media outlets and canvassing. A dedicated team of MRA Officers spearheaded the project, with external stakeholders actively participating in this noble endeavor.

On this score, Mr. Ramdin praised the MRA team for their efforts in organizing these blood donation drives, which have not only brought together employees from various departments but also engaged with local communities and stakeholders. The success of these initiatives has not only contributed to the well-being of patients but has also promoted a sense of social responsibility within the organization.

Environmental sustainability

In addition to its blood donation efforts, MRA has also prioritized environmental sustainability and promotion of a Green Mauritius. Since 2007, the organization has distributed over 20,000 plants to encourage a greener environment. Mr. Ramdin announced that MRA received the 2nd Runner-up award for Environmental Awards 2024 in the Public Sector Category, a testament to the hard work and dedication of every member of the MRA team.



Mr. Amick Teeluckdharry, Assistant Director at the Taxpayer Education and Communication Department (TECD), welcomed attendees and emphasized MRA's three-fold activities: revenue collection, implementation of Financial Assistance Schemes, and organising social activity like Blood Donation aimed at intervening in the pressing needs of Mauritian citizens. He concluded by highlighting MRA's unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of citizens in the Republic of Mauritius.



MRA extends its appreciation to all the volunteers, donors, and partners who play a vital role in making this annual event a success. Their dedication and support have not only saved lives but also inspired many people to join the cause and become regular blood donors.