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TOTAL Foundation, an employee initiative programme of Total Upstream Companies in Nigeria (TUCN), has donated an Auto-Haematology Analyser to St. Kizito Clinic in Lagos. St. Kizito Clinic is operated by an independent not-for-profit organisation, Loving Gaze.

The medical equipment is said to be capable of using one blood sample to achieve different result. This means it is a critical improvement to the service rendered to the patients by the clinic as it allows complete screening of data sets of blood cells, both qualitative and quantitative.

St. Kizito Clinic, has provided basic health care for the most unprivileged in Lagos over the last 25 years in Jakande, Lekki; Idi-Araba, Mushin and Oreta, Ikorodu areas. The clinics provides maternal care, ante and postnatal services, immunisation, pharmacy dispensing. It also runs two malnutrition centres for children, in addition to daily consultation and treatments of common diseases like malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, measles, skin infections, eye problems, as well as non- communicable diseases-HIV and TB

Speaking at the handing over the equipment to the hospital, the TUCN, Project Head of Communications, Silvia Polski, said: "Total as a group and TUCN in particular, have a long tradition in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Via its Foundation, Total enables its employees to commit themselves towards non-profitable associations. It is an honour, undoubtedly, to be able to contribute to the help given to less-privileged people in the country we are working in."

Responding, Loving Gaze General Manager, Barbara Pepoli said: "We are grateful to Total because the beneficiaries of this equipment for the first year will be roughly 60,000 patients as against our initial 10,000 patients ", adding that the device would support the medical care of the most vulnerable patients: children, pregnant women, HIV/AIDS and TB patients.

The machine, she further noted, will also allow diagnosing in a complete and detailed way which particular anaemia or infections the patient is suffering from.