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Total Foundation, an Employee Initiative Programme of Total Upstream Companies in Nigeria (TUCN), recently donated an Auto-Haematology Analyser to St. Kizito Clinic in Lagos.

The Auto-Haematology Analyser is said to be capable of using one blood sample to achieve different results. 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.

Operated by an independent not-for-profit organisation, Loving Gaze, St. Kizito Clinic, has provided basic health care for the most unprivileged in Lagos for the last 25 years in Jakande, Lekki; Idi-Araba, Mushin and Oreta, Ikorodu.

The clinics provide maternal care, ante and postnatal services; immunisation, pharmacy dispensing and run two malnutrition centres for children. They also offer daily consultation and treatments of common diseases like malaria, diarrhoea, pneumonia, measles, skin infections, eye problems, non-communicable diseases, HIV and TB.

Speaking while 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 personally 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 Auto Haematology Analyser will support the medical care of the most vulnerable patients: children, pregnant women, HIV/AIDS and TB patients.

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

"It is also very useful in order to monitor the collateral effects of some drugs like antiretroviral drugs for HIV/AIDS, antibiotics etc, thereby enabling the doctors in the evaluation of the prescribed drugs. The amount of time used for blood analysis and the accuracy of the results are also greatly improved by using this equipment", Pepoli noted.