

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS, SCREENING & BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



Introduction

- In a proactive effort to combat cervical cancer and promote community health, St. Joseph University College of Health and Allied Sciences (SJCHAS) successfully hosted a Cervical Cancer Awareness, Screening, and Blood Donation event on February 1, 2025.
- The initiative, organized in collaboration with Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Tanzania Medical Students Association and Mbweni St. Joseph Hospital, aimed to educate the public, provide free cancer screening, and encourage life-saving blood donations.

Project Overview

The event was held at SJCHAS grounds and saw participation from students, faculty, and local community members. The project had three main objectives:

- Health Education – Providing information on cervical, breast, and prostate cancer, covering risk factors, symptoms, prevention, and the importance of early detection.
- Free Cancer Screening – Conducting Pap smears for cervical cancer, PSA tests for prostate cancer, and breast exams with the support of medical experts from Ocean Road Cancer Institute.
- Blood Donation – Encouraging eligible individuals to donate blood, primarily to support pregnant women and cancer patients in need of transfusions.



Health education



Impact & Statistics

- 120 individuals received health education.
- 25 women underwent free cancer screening.
- 30 units of blood were collected to aid medical treatments.
- Over 170 participants, including students, staff, and local residents, took part in the event.



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Special thanks to SJCHAS, Ocean Road Cancer Institute, Mbweni St. Joseph Hospital, Kinondoni Municipal Council, and TAMSAs for their invaluable contributions. The project was executed in alignment with medical ethics and supervised by professionals, ensuring safety and effectiveness.

This initiative marks a significant step towards raising awareness, promoting early detection, and fostering a culture of health consciousness in the community.

