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Give someone a lifeline. Donate blood. Donate plasma.

Western Cape - 20 October 2023. The Western Cape Blood Service (WCBS) is appealing to the public to donate blood as the blood supply is under severe pressure. Over the past month, WCBS struggled to maintain the required O blood group stock levels. These blood groups are still under the required 5-days supply, as we only have a 2-day blood supply left in these respective groups. “We are appealing to all donors to find their closest blood donation clinic to support the many patients who need blood”, says Marike Carli, Public Relations Manager at WCBS.

The South African National Blood Service (SANBS) will be experiencing a downtime period as they migrate to a new system on Sunday, 5 November and Monday, 6 November. To assist SANBS with this transition and to increase blood collection, the following blood donation clinics in the Western Cape will operate until 19:00 during the week for the next two weeks, starting Monday, 23 October, till Friday, 3 November - Blue Route Mall, Kenilworth Centre, N1 City Mall and Capegate Shopping Centre.

If you are between 16 and 75, weigh 50kg or more, are in good general health, and lead a safe sexual lifestyle, you should be able to donate. For more information or to find your closest blood donation clinic, please visit www.wcbs.org.za, download the WCBS App, or send a WhatsApp to 060 549 7244.

Give someone a lifeline. Do something remarkable, donate blood.

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