

REPORT ON GENERAL MEDICAL SCREENING-2025

The Environmental Health and Sanitation Unit of The Bosomtwe District Assembly conducted the annual medical screening exercise for food vendors within the district. The exercise was carried out from September, 2025 to December, 2025.

AIM

The main aim is to screen food vendors to know their health status before certifying them as fit to sell food to the general public.

OBJECTIVES

- To educate food vendors on the importance of medical screening
- To educate food vendors on how to improved food hygiene and food safety
- To get data base on all food vendors
- To examine food vendors in order to prevent the spread of food borne diseases such as typhoid, hepatitis A and B

SENSITIZATION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Food vendors were sensitized and educated throughout the district. This is to create awareness and prepare towards the yearly screening exercise. A period of one month duration was used for sensitization within the district employing information dissemination through information centers, community engagement, churches, schools etc. The sensitization took place from 7th July to 31st July, 2024 and the main screening started in September and ended in December 2025.

SERVICE PROVIDER

The 2025 screening exercise was undertaken solely by INCAS DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE LTD

RECORDED RESULT OF SCREENED VENDORS BY SERVICE PROVIDER

	VENDORS SCREENED	TYPHOID CASES	HEPITITIS B CASES
TOTAL	698	0	15

All affected vendors were referred to undergo profiling at health facility for treatment and management. With this they were not issued certificate until declared medically fit.

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CHALLENGES

1. Some food vendors refuse to partake in the medical screening exercise because they think that the medical screening is not mandated by law but rather optional.
2. Food vendors feel frightened when they are approached with their medical report.
3. Difficulty in transporting officers during the period of carrying out the exercise leading to delay in starting time and low turnout of vendors.

RECOMMENDATION

Regular workshop programs should be organized for food vendors to know the importance of the medical screening and food safety.

CONCLUSION

Overall, 98% of vendors screened were medically fit, indicating a positive reflection of the general status of food handlers in the district. However, the detection of typhoid and hepatitis B cases highlights the need for continuous surveillance and public health education.

PICTURES FROM THE SCREENING EXERCISE

