

Introducing the Walking Blood Bank Kit

*A field-ready solution,
empowering UN missions
to provide safe, timely
blood when it matters
most.*



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Why the *Walking Blood Bank Kit* is essential

Blood Saves Lives

In emergencies, timely access to blood is critical.

- UN missions operate in remote, hard-to-reach locations where supply can be delayed or insufficient.
- The supply chain is a long one, and given the short shelf-life of blood, this can sometimes be problematic.
- Quantities supplied could be insufficient for mass casualty events.

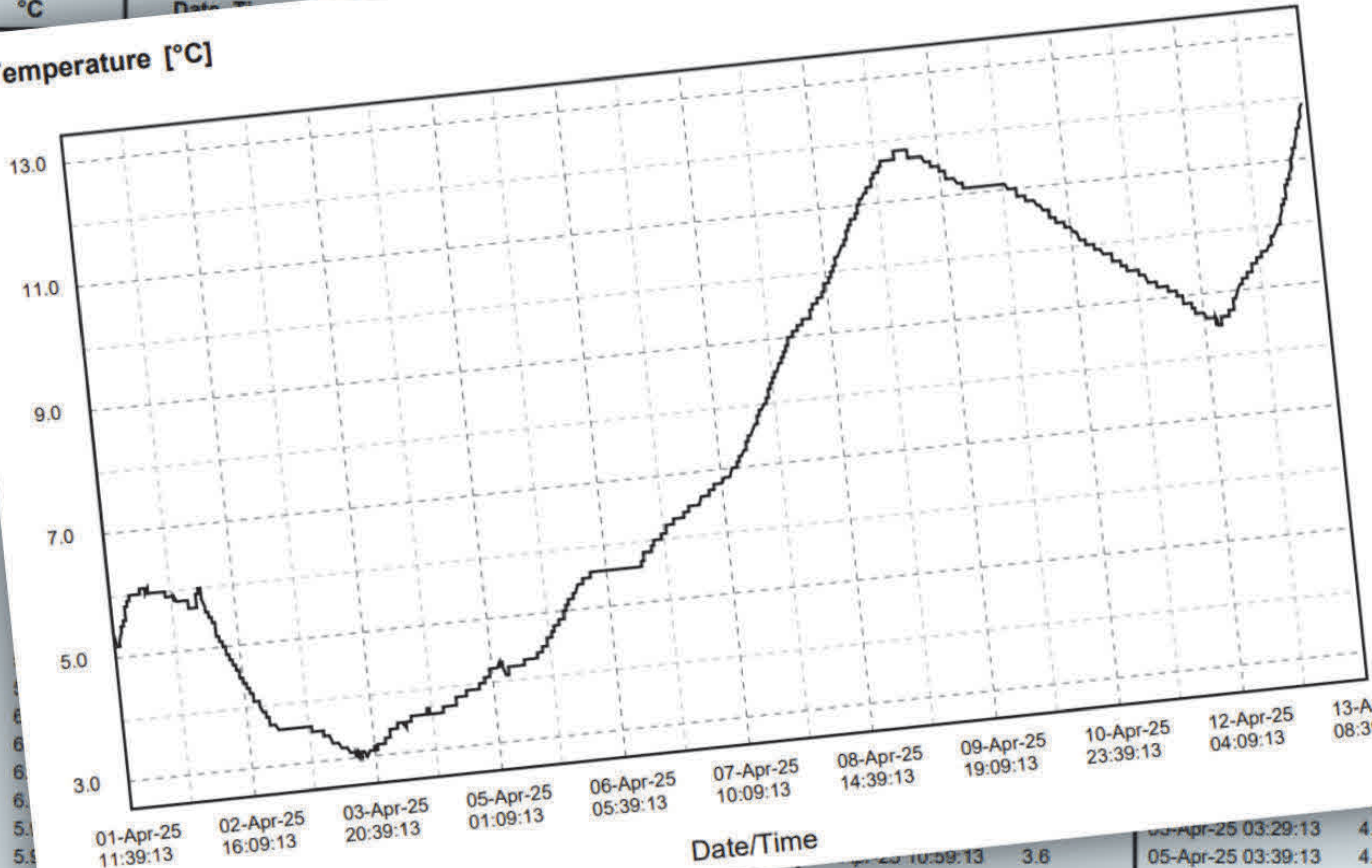


The Challenge

Supply Continuity

- Reliance on a single centralized source makes access precarious.
- While peacekeepers and staff are willing to donate blood, a standardized system is not in place.
- In conflict zones, it could be difficult to maintain the cold chain.
- Unpredictable demand coupled with rapid response further complicates timely availability.

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The Solution

Walking Blood Bank Kit

A standardized, portable, ready-to-use Kit that empowers missions to collect fresh blood from their own personnel and transfuse when needed.

- Pre-screened donors are called upon in emergencies.
- Collection, transport and transfusion follows strict UN haemovigilance standards.
- Guidance, e-learning courses, and practical hands-on training build proficiency.



What's Included?

- A kit of essential items with detailed technical specifications, quantities, and critical alerts.
- Pre-approved vendors and contracts enabling swift access and streamlined procurement.
- On-the-job aids for safe collection, transport storage, and transfusion.
- An interactive e-learning platform designed to complement the haemotherapy course.
- Dedicated support, as needed.





Building Capacity

Empowerment through training

- “Train-the-trainer” approach for continuity, despite staff turnover.
- Practical, hands-on training with scenario-based exercises to reinforce real-life application.
- Blended classroom and e-learning, promoting flexibility and accessibility for all learners.
- Standardization and alignment with WHO and UN policies ensure consistent implementation.



Why implement the *Walking Blood Bank*?

- Save lives in your mission.
- Ensure fresh blood is available when needed.
- Reduce waste and delays.
- Strengthen resilience in emergencies.
- Align with UN standards and best practices.

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How to implement the *Walking Blood Bank* in your Mission

1

Ensure relevant medical personnel complete the UN Haemotherapy Course.

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Ensure timely procurement and staging of all required materials and equipment for a functioning Walking Blood Bank.

5

Prepare all procedural documentation to enable immediate activation when needed.

2

Adhere to UN-issued specifications for **Walking Blood Bank Kit** composition.

4

Establish and maintain a registry of pre-screened donors, in accordance with UN standards.

6

Maintain readiness and preparedness, through quarterly review and keeping training, equipment, and donor registry updated.



This is more than logistics - it's a lifeline

*Join the Walking Blood Bank
initiative and make your
mission safer, and more capable
and ready to respond.*

Contact us now!

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