

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

World Blood Donor Day was commemorated in the Dominican Republic by the signing of a collaborative agreement between the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council (COPRESIDA) and the National Blood Bank Network, in order to strengthen the capacity of the latter to respond to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.

The agreement will also establish supply and information systems for the network of laboratories and blood banks, enabling them to meet the needs of those people who need their services.

During the ceremony, testimonies were heard from people, particularly children, whose lives had been saved thanks to the generosity of citizens who had donated their blood voluntarily. Regular donors were presented with plaques of recognition.

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Public whom attended the blood donor celebration. June of 2006



Opening ceremony World Blood Donor Day celebration. June 2006

From left to right: Dr. Socrates Sosa, Director National Blood Program; Dr. Gustavo Rojas, Director of the Commission for the Reform of the Health Sector; Ms. Maria Villa, Under Secretary of Health; Dr. Bautista Ant Rojas Gomez, Secretary, Public Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Cristina Nogueira, PAHO/ WHO Representative and partially hidden, Major General Dr. Hugo A. Pérez Compres, Director of the Armed Forces Central Hospital

