Study of blood donors and their perceptions at fixed and mobile blood collection sessions conducted by National Blood Transfusion Centre.

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This study analyses blood donor characteristics and perceptions at fixed and mobile blood collection sites conducted by the National Blood Transfusion Centre of Sri Lanka. The sample consisted of 400 blood donors divided among the fixed and mobile sites at a ratio of 1:3. Data collection was done using a self administered questionnaire distributed among the donors at the time of blood donation. Overall, many of the donors were young (50.25 percent within 18 - 27 years), 78 percent of the donors were male, many were well educated. 75.75 percent have donated previously, but, of them, less than 50 percent were regular donors. Religious reasons and altruism were the commonest reasons for initiating blood donation. There was a statistically significant difference (p0.05) between the fixed and mobile sites in donor age, ethnicity and religion, level of education,