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the question

Assalamu alaikem Is it permissible to donate blood to Blood Bank in the USA since most of the usage will be for non muslim? Also is it permissible to receive blood from Blood Bank knowing that it is mostly from non-muslim? Sheikh, I read your book. Jazak Allah khair.

We here love you in Allah. May Allah reward you.

Salam

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

wa 'alaikum us-salaamu wa-rahmat ullaahi wa-barakaatuh

al-hamdu lillah

It is permissible to receive blood from the Blood Bank even if the donor was a kaafir. Likewise, it is also permissible to donate blood to non-Muslims as long as they are not fighters of Islam. A fighter of Islam would be defined as one who fights Muslims with weapons or finances such fighting with his wealth, or helps such fighting. If one is not able to know for sure, then it suffices to act according to ghalabat ul-zann (one's best estimate or what is most likely and probable).

ahabbak allaah ul-ladhi ahbabtani fih.

(May Allaah love you as you have loved me for His sake.)