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IT'S TIME FOR MALEZI BORA

A letter from Religious Leaders to all Kenyans

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We all play important roles assigned to us by God.

As parents, one of the responsibilities we have is raising our children. God in His infinite Grace and Mercy has blessed us with these beautiful gifts. Children are our most valuable treasures that we have been entrusted with to love and protect. They are the future of our nation and humanity. Our primary duty is to ensure their well-being.

What better way to prepare them for their future than by nurturing them well to ensure they grow into healthy adults who can contribute to the development of our nation? A healthy start is the foundation for a healthy future. Maybe you and I would not be alive today had our parents and guardians not done their best to safeguard our health and nurture us.

To support parents in ensuring children get the best start in life, the Ministry of Health and its partners have developed a set of services called Malezi Bora. These services include immunization, provision of Vitamin A supplement for children under five years, protection against malaria, advise on breastfeeding and nutrition for families, deworming, weight monitoring for children, care for expectant mothers and advise on hygiene and sanitation to avoid diarrheal diseases. All these services are available at all Government medical health facilities countrywide.

Religious leaders have partnered with the Ministry of Health to appeal to all parents and guardians, especially those with children under five years old, to take their children to health facilities to receive the Malezi Bora services. Parents and guardians will receive crucial information and advice on the health of their children, how to ensure good nutrition for their families, prevent common illnesses in the family and also treatment for those requiring it. At the ante-natal clinics, prospective parents will learn how to care for and protect their unborn children.

The Most High rewards everything you do for your children. Many years later, your children will be all grown up, strong and healthy with their own families. Then, you will fully appreciate the full beauty of creation. All it takes is a simple step. Go to a health facility and demand these services for yourself and your child.

And may the Almighty God Bless You!

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