LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH PARTNERS WILL VACCINATE 6.2 MILLION CHILDREN IN KENYA

Kenya is one of the beneficiaries of this programme and in collaboration with the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Health and other partners; the Lions of Kenya will have the privilege to participate in a Nationwide Campaign to vaccinate Children against this deadly disease.

Lions Clubs International Foundation have partnered with the Bill & Malinda Gates Foundation to raise funds for the Measles Vaccination in susceptible countries. The Lions intends to address 41 million children worldwide with their “One Shot, One Life, One Dollar” Campaign.

The Nationwide Measles Campaign week was launched in Nairobi by Minister of Health, Hon. Beth Mugo on Friday 2nd November for the Campaign to start on the 3rd till the 7th November 2012. During the campaign, 6.2 Million Children under the age of 5 years are expected to be vaccinated in over 240 Districts in Kenya.

Lions and other partners are assisting the Ministry of Public Health & Sanitation to carry this major and challenging campaign with all the Lions Clubs getting involved.

Ministry of Health has provided Government health facilities to be the vaccination centres along with Private Medical Centres and Schools.

There are over 800 Government and Private Facilities that will be used at the Coast Province and over One Million Children will be vaccinated.

Over the weekend, through the good offices of Dr. Anisa A. Omar - Provincial Director Public Health & Sanitation, Coast and her team, Lions Club of Mombasa Mvita vaccinated Children in Kwale District with the assistance of Dr. Fatima Mohammed Haji - DMO Kwale and her entire team. They reported that even one case of Polio or Measles is considered an outbreak and the Ministry does not take this lightly.

The venue chosen was the newly renovated AMANI TIWI BEACH RESORT hosted by Lions Club of Mombasa Mvita last Sunday at the resort immunizing against Measles & issuing Vitamin “A” supplement to the community children. Lions and the Staff of the Resort were busy helping the doctors and medical staff to immunize the Community Children who were brought by their parents.

In conjunction with Lions all over the district, Ministry of Health through the PMO’s office reported that the Campaign has been a great success with over 600,000 administered the Polio Vaccine and close to 500,000 children were vaccinated for the Measles Vaccination in this short time to children from 9 months to 5 years.

Looking on whilst Club President of Lions Club of Mombasa Mvita Tahera Biondi administering Vitamin “A” dosage to a child during the ongoing Measles Campaign are Mustafa Lekishon Front Office Manager, Diana - Animator, Lion Kamaljeet and Lion Mahindra Maru, Hawa and Murtaza Dungarwalla Multiple Council Chairperson for Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda and Seychelles.