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**Message of Support by the Deputy President of South Africa, Kgalema Motlanthe, During the Launch of Brothers for Life Campaign**

It is appropriate that Brothers for Life - a new national campaign that responds to the call for partnership against HIV and which also seeks to contribute to the rebuilding of the moral fabric of our society, is taking place during Women's Month.

Government supports all initiatives meant to minimise HIV infections, strengthen family values and contribute to the rebuilding of the moral fabric of society.

As government we also appreciate the partnership between government and civil society to address our common challenges as South Africans.

Brothers for Life builds upon and strengthens these existing efforts of government and civil society.

As the basic unit of society that underlines social stability, the family is an indispensable institution and all efforts aimed at strengthening it are much appreciated.

We are all familiar with the many social ills that daily stare us in the face, such as substance abuse.

Efforts such as these will help address this social malaise so that we regenerate the values that sustain us as a nation.

In this regard, we reiterate government's ABC strategy in combating HIV: Abstain, Be Faithful and Condomise.

In addition, our key approach to dealing with HIV challenges remains prevention, treatment, care and support, which further requires invigorated social partnerships.

As government we believe that working together we can do more to eradicate social ills, create conditions for HIV-free generation, and encourage values that contribute to the healthy lifestyles of our people.

In this regard, let me take this opportunity to express my unreserved support for this campaign by Brothers for Life as part of the SANAC Men's Sector to mobilise men across the country.

  
**KGALEMA MOTLANTHE**

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