

Message to the Kenya Diaspora in Sweden and the Nordic Region

My dear Kenyan brothers and sisters,

Peace be with you all!

I say peace because we are all experiencing serious and unprecedented turmoil, caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In the last couple of weeks, the Kenyan community here in Sweden and in Norway has been deeply affected by this terrible disease. Sadly, we have recently lost some Kenyans. Our heartfelt condolences, prayers and thoughts are to their families and loved ones. May the souls of the departed rest in eternal peace. For those who are undergoing treatment for the Covid-19, we wish them a quick and complete recovery.

During this difficult time, we need each other. We accept that social distancing is strongly recommended and hence we can only support by reaching out and supporting each other through phones calls and other technological virtual spaces. With time we shall overcome this crisis!

During the International Women's day celebration organized by the Chairlady of Kenyan Women in Scandinavia, I shared with those present that the Embassy would organize a wholesome Madaraka day event for Kenyans this coming June to enable us meet and interact. This will now not be possible due the current situation. We will however organize events for the Kenya Diaspora in Sweden and other Nordic countries when the crisis is over.

In the meantime, let us all keep safe and watch over each other. I remain available to those who may wish to engage with me virtually and the Embassy is ready to facilitate and offer support to members of the Diaspora, however possible and within our means.

God bless you all and keep you safe!

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