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CHILD HEALTH DAYS AND AFRICAN VACCINATION WEEK (AVW)

The Ministry of Health informs the public that the month of May has been designated to promote child health High Impact Interventions such as use of Oral Rehydration Therapy (Low Osmolarity ORS and Zinc), complementary feeding, Exclusive Breastfeeding in the first six months, promotion of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets, promotion of Early Care seeking behavior and promotion of hand washing.

For this reason, parents and guardians of children under the age of five (5) years are urged to take their children to the nearest health facility to receive Vitamin A supplementation and also check if children have received their immunizations as per the national immunization schedule.

Furthermore, Botswana is observing the African Vaccination Week (AVW) from 25th - 29th of April 2016. During the AVW week the public will be informed about the importance of immunizations so as to increase demand on immunization services and other High Impact Interventions.

For Further information please call the Ministry of Health Toll free number 0800 600 740 or 3632766.

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