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## PM alerts on development projects mode of purchasing

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) has appealed on the proper use of development funds, as the government has provided a lot of funds for various development projects countrywide.

Inspecting the construction of Kitandi Secondary School in Likunja Ward, Ruangwa District in Lindi Region yesterday, he directed that chairmen of building committees in educational and health sector projects be persons hailing from the villages where the projects are being implemented, so as to raise the level of stakeholder concern in supervising the projects.

The premier is on a working visit to inspect development projects in the region, especially the more recent education sector and health projects, urging people sitting in committees supervising the projects to exercise trust for the welfare of the communities whose future depends on their proper implementation.

They must ensure they control thefts of property at project sites, the premier emphasized, noting that what President

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Samia Suluhu Hassan wants is to make sure Tanzanians receive the required services like health, water, electricity and use of improved roads to boost their ability to engage in gainful economic activities.

Members of building committees should be involved in all construction stages as well as in the procurement of building materials, he specified, while the school project secretary, Arafah Msuya said the new boarding secondary school shall be coeducational from Form I to VI. It will reduce challenges for students having to walk long distances to the school, especially girls, she stated.

Ruangwa District Council received 1bn/- from the government via Education Programme for Results (EP4R) project for the school to be built. It will include a total of 16 buildings, including an administration block and five others to accommodate 13 classrooms.

Other infrastructures will be two dormitories for girls and two others for boys, teachers’ houses for two families each, a dining hall, 30 pit latrines and a kitchen, she added.

# Samia: Stable investment environment here to stay

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has assured investors that Tanzania has a stable business environment, urging them to come and invest in opportunities available in various sectors.

The president gave this assurance here yesterday when officiating at the opening of a recently built five-star hotel, the multi-million-dollar Gran Melia which started operations in late 2019.

She said Tanzania has put in place improved investment policies that are friendly to investors, while uplifting the physical infrastructure of roads, railways, airports, seaports and lake ports for investors to smoothly operate in any sector of their choice.

“That’s why we’re encouraging investors to come and invest in various sectors including the tourism and hospitality industry. Tanzania has all what is needed by investors to confidently invest,” she stated.

She described tourism as a vital sector to the country’s economy, as in 2019 the country received 1.5m tourists, generating more than \$2.6bn dollars, implying upwards of 20 percent of total export earnings, creating 1.6m direct and indirect jobs.

Launching the five star hotel continues to market Tanzania economically especially in the tourism sector, she asserted, underlining that its presence will market Tanzania’s tourism even more.

“We have witnessed how our national parks



Commander-in-chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured yesterday decorating Second Lieutenant Asnat Rashid Akbar, one of 56 Tanzania People’s Defence Forces officers who had just graduated from the Tanzania Military Academy at Monduli in Arusha Region. Photo: State House

## Female cadets shine at army graduation event

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Monduli

President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Commander-in-chief of the armed forces, has awarded the best performing officer cadets at the Tanzania Military Academy (TMA) at Monduli, Arusha Region.

Gracing the commissioning ceremony for graduating second lieutenant officer cadets that she was presiding over for the first time, President Samia presented special aviator badges to the best army pilot trainees commissioned in the second intake of 2018.

Brig Gen Jackson Mwaseba, the TMA commander, said that among the 118 officer

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cadets commissioned, 56 officers trained at the military flying school as fighter pilots, airframe engineers and army transport pilots.

2nd Lt Emmanuel Maimu passed with flying colors as the best fighter pilot trainee while 2nd Lt. Judy Maghembe was the best female pilot trainee.

Around 19 female cadets were enrolled in the intake but they shone brightly, with 2nd Lt Asnat Rashid Akbar emerging as best army transport pilot trainee.

2nd Lt Ibrahim Mamboli was the best fighter pilot trainee, with overall top performing officer cadet named as 2nd

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## EU missions set to kick off 16 days’ anti-GBV activism

By Felister Peter

MISSIONS of the European Union in Tanzania have come together in support

of 16 days of activism against gender based violence (GBV), an annual international drive that kicks off on Thursday this week. Ambassador Manfredo Fanti, head of

the European Union delegation, said at a press conference at the Alliance Française in Dar es Salaam yesterday that joint

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are doing well at the global level. All these investments help to boost tourism and the economy a large,” she affirmed.

Reverting to the COVID-19 threat, President Samia said the government has received vaccines and it continues to encourage the public including incoming tourists to vaccinate, to be assured of considerable levels of immunity.

She urged potential foreign visitors to visit tourist attractions, expressing assurance that the country is safe for local people and incoming visitors.

“At first, the COVID-19 pandemic brought a number of challenges in various sectors including the tourism sector which witnessed a sharp decline in tourist arrivals,” she explained, noting that after the vaccination campaign started abroad and then locally things have changed.

Safety has been strengthened and tourists are welcomed to visit our attractions, and those coming as investors can initiate the projects they want, the president declared.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, said that from January to October this year collections in the tourism sector rose by 69 percent compared to the same period last year.

The increase in revenue collection was contributed by government efforts like encouraging people to vaccinate, improvement of air transport and revamped

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efforts are needed to end violence against women and girls as there is no country with zero cases of such violence.

Present at the event were ambassadors Nabil Hajlaoui (France), Mary O'Neil (Ireland), Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandet (Denmark), Dr Katrin Bornemann (head of cooperation for Germany), Jacqueline Mahon (UNFPA representative), Hodan Addou (UN Women country representative) and Job Runhaar (deputy ambassador for the Netherlands).

At the meeting convened to present the programme for this year's of this global activism in Tanzania, Ambassador Hajlaoui said that since each of the countries has incidences of GBV, there is a need to learn from one another on how to solve the problem.

"We still have GBV cases in our society; when you listen to radios you will always hear reports of violence. We need to learn from others who have registered success in that area," he said.

Despite efforts by governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), more needs to be done to vastly reduce cases of gender violence; as such occurrences affect the health of victims and ruin their economic prospects. France will continue to cooperate with the government in the fight against GBV, he declared.

Ambassador O'Neill said the community must decide on what kind of a society it wants to live in regardless of what other countries across the world do, as GBV is a global matter.

"GBV is a problem in all countries, causing deaths of hundreds of women every day, with about 98 per cent of GBV being men against women. We need to ensure justice for women and girls," she declared, underlining that no country is in a situation of reporting zero GBV.

The media and other stakeholders including religious leaders, civil society and community groups need to train the light and break situations

of silence to make changes happen at all levels, she emphasized.

Dr Bornemann commended Tanzania for its efforts in fighting GBV, as the country had come up with a national plan of action to end violence against women and children.

Ambassador Addou said that for Tanzania, the 16 days of activism will be geared at galvanizing public attention and engage stakeholders to call upon the society to eliminate violence against children and women.

"Since there is no vaccine for GBV, countries must come up with a comprehensive approach to protect women and girls," the representative underlined, elaborating on the need to formulate laws and ensure enhanced assistance to victims when such incidents occur.

During this year's 16 days of activism, embassies of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the EU delegation in collaboration with national stakeholders and UNFPA will hold public events in the commercial capital from November 25th to December 10th.

The key message for this year is appealing to everyone to end gender based violence right away while the global theme is 'Orange the world: End violence against women now'.

Some of the events include GBV combat champion award ceremony and a fundraising concert, anti-GBV caravans to be held in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Dodoma, Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya regions

There is also a national research symposium on ending violence against women and children on December 1st and a regional forum and dialogue to address chances and challenges on advancing the fight against GBV at national and regional level. It will be hosted by the German Embassy, GIZ (T) and the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat.

The 16 days of activism run from November 25th to December 10th, intended to coincide with the World Human Rights Day, officials noted.



Manfredo Fanti (3rd-R), the European Union's Head of Delegation in Tanzania, speaks at a joint press conference held in Dar es Salaam yesterday alongside representatives of EU member states. The event included the tabling of the programme for this year's commemoration of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in Tanzania. To his left is the French Ambassador to Tanzania, Nabil Hajlaoui. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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infrastructures in national parks, he explained.

President Samia had also issued 90.2bn/- to revive the tourism sector, to sort out bottlenecks arising from the impacts of the travel curbs and loss of income in tourism related businesses, he stated.

Ali Albwardy, chairman of Albwardy Investment firm operating the hotel, commended the government for overseeing a conducive environment attracting investors to initiate major projects.

He said the investment group operates 350 hotels in more than

40 countries around the world, adding that in the 40 countries the group has nine hotels altogether. In Tanzania, in association with local hotel groups, the group operates six flagship hotels and lodges in the Mainland and in Zanzibar.

The newly fangled five-floor hotel has 171 sleeping rooms of different grades, including a presidential suite and eight VIP suites, with the rest being regular rooms.

It sits on the ground of the once famous Saba Saba Hotel, constructed in 1978 to host delegates attending the Group of 77 global conference in 1979.

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Lt. Peter Musoma.

The best officer cadet in field training was 2nd Lt Vivian Muchunguzi, with 2nd Lt. Fransisco Kasongo emerging the best in academic performance, the commander noted, naming 2nd Lt. Yasinta Joseph as the best female

officer cadet in the intake

The commissioning ceremony was also attended by Defence and National Service minister Dr Stergomena Tax, Chief of Defence Forces Gen Venance Mabeyo, retired chiefs of the defence forces, several other cabinet ministers and top officials in the defence and security establishment.

## Minister calls for helping people with drug addiction

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

DEPUTY minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Godwin Mollé has urged authorities in Tanga region to think on ways to support economically all people who have stopped taking drugs and graduated from methadone treatment.

Dr Mollé said that the leaders can arrange the support which includes giving them loans so as to enable them to initiate income generating activities.

Dr Mollé issued the advice during stakeholders meeting held here on anti-substance use campaign in Tanga City and Muheza District organised by Casa Famiglia Rosetta, an Italian based NGO dealing with drug abuse prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation.

He said the victims of drug abuse who have already completed their treatment journey should be supported financially by even being integrated into ten percent councils' loans for groups.

He said integrating them into the loans will not only boost them economically, but also move them from the risk of re-engaging into drug abuse that leads to evil matters.

The deputy minister also issued one week ultimatum to Regional Medical Officer in collaboration with District Medical Officers in Muheza and Korogwe to establishing satellite methadone clinics in their areas so as to help drug addicts who are currently forced to travel long distances to get methadone treatment in Bombo Referral Hospital methadone clinic in Tanga.

He said the government's intention through his ministry in collaboration with Drug Control Enforcement Authority (DCEA) is to see drug abuse use are highly prohibited thus why last year disbursed 763m/- in Tanga for construction of methadone clinic treatment building at Bombo hospital premises.

"From today RMO and Korogwe and Muheza DMOs make sure within a week methadone satellite

clinics are being established so as to minimize fare burden to these people who are daily coming from their districts to Bombo for treatment," he explained.

For his part, Tanga Regional Medical Officer (RMO) Dr Jonathan Budemu said since the methadone clinic treatment started to be issued in Bombo, a total of 320 clients have been registered and their health improvements were doing well.

Tanga District Commissioner, Hashim Mgandilwa said his office in collaboration with security organs would make sure import and uses of drug addicts are highly prohibited.

Casa Famiglia Rosetta Manager, Dr Irene Almas said despite the project being handed over, the organisation will continue to collaborate with the government to provide the support whenever needed.

Casa Famiglia Rosetta which conducts its work Tanzania in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has an objective in improving the capacity of the network of drug use disorder treatment services and provide ethical, evidence-based and human treatment to persons with drug use disorder in Tanga.



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SPH Co Ltd managing director Salim Mbarouk Salim (C) and Hani El Tannir (R), head of business with UAE-based Al Masaood Bergum WLL, with the latter firm's business development officer, Ghias Ur Rehman (L), shortly after the signing of a cooperation agreement at the just-ended Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference held in Abu Dhabi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Research institute comes up with new high quality tobacco seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

TOBACCO Research Institute of Tanzania (TORITA) has discovered three new types of tobacco seeds that have the capability to can yield two tonnes of the crop per hectare.

This was revealed here at the weekend by TAROTA board chairman, Prof Gratian Rwegasira addressing a meeting of Chunya district tobacco farmers at Mtanila village the area that would be producing the seeds.

He mentioned the seed types as K.326, GR. 17 and TRD 17 which

he said have already started being produced and will be distributed to tobacco farmers countrywide for planting in the coming season.

He said the seeds have been researched on and found to be of high quality than the others that have been used as they are able to withstand various plant diseases including the effects of climate change.

"Our researchers have done a great job on researching for seeds, and now I beseech you to set yourselves to plant them during this season, there are also other seed types that will come up after our

researches are complete," said Prof. Rwegasira.

For his part, TORITA director, DR Jacob Lisuma said the government has allocated 300m/- for development of the Mtanila tobacco research centre to assist tobacco farmers.

He said the aim of the government is to make sure the tobacco crop is developed and cultivated in a modern way as among crops that earn the country much foreign currency.

He said they also intend to expand the centre to make it produce seeds that would satisfy farmers' needs

countrywide as well as to research for more quality tobacco seeds.

Some Mtanila village tobacco farmers appealed to the government to assist them to find reliable tobacco buyers, saying some buyers have not been trustful.

Uswege Kyamba, one of the farmers said the farmers have the capability to produce much more of the crop but are hampered by the markets challenges.

He called on the government that as it assists them to improve the tobacco crop, it should also do so in regard to the accessibility of the markets.





Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) managing director Frank Nyabundege (C) in a group photo with his Minjingu Mines and Fertilisers Ltd (MMFL) counterpart, Pardeep Singh Hans (3rd-L), TADB acting director of credit and business Afia Sigge (3rd-R), MMFL general manager Anup Modha (2nd-L), TADB chief of staff Colleta Ndunguru (L), TADB central zone manager Yodas Mwanakatwe (2nd-R), and TADB agency fund manager Asha Tarimo. The TADB delegation was on a business tour of the Arusha-based firm yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## ESRF embarks on comprehensive approach to COVID-19 pandemic

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) has embarked on a project to help address the COVID-19 recession and recovery with a focus on the interface between macroeconomic policies and economic, social and environmental outcomes.

Dubbed, "Shaping the micro-economy in response to COVID-19: A responsible economic stimulus, a stable financial sector and a revival in export" is aimed at informing policies to address challenges brought about by the pandemic.

Speaking during a validation workshop here, ESRF's Head-Commissioned Research Department, Vivian Kazi said the project through support of Overseas Development Institute (ODI) International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is implemented in five countries of Tanzania, Bangladesh, Peru, Kenya and Sri Lanka.

The meeting brought together directors and representatives from the ministry, department and agencies, development partners, research institutions, higher education, private sector and civil society organization.

She noted that the project focuses on macro-economic performance in greater details five countries in three continents, from Jan to Dec 2021.

Overall objective was to inform policies in selected developing countries to address the COVID-19 recession and recovery, with a focus on the interface between macroeconomic policies and economic, social, including gender and environmental outcomes.

"The approach used in this project was on desk review where number of government policies and other key players' reports on the subject matter were reviewed including BOT reports, World Bank reports."

Speaking while officiating at the opening of the meeting, Assistant Commissioner of Micro Policy at the ministry of Finance and Planning, Samson Mapunda, that ESRF for the efforts in conducting many researches that help shape national policies.

"The research work on discussion today is one of the many activities ESRF undertakes, helping the governing come up with good policies aimed at changing lives of Tanzanians" he said.

He also expressed appreciations to ODI

and IDRC for accepting to fund the research aimed at helping quick recovery of economy following effects of COVID-19.

In his presentation of the country paper on the project, ESRF's M&E Coordinator, Zakayo Zakaria observed that Tanzania policy changes witnessed progressive improvement in the lives of people and livelihoods with life expectancy increasing from 44 years in 1961 to 67 years in 2020, high GDP growth rate of 6-7 percent sustained over the past one and half decade to 2019

"The advent of COVID-19 in March 2020 appears to derail the good macroeconomic trajectory achieved in the past two decades," he said.

He noted that the government immediately took actions to limit the spread of the pandemic by urging all people to take precautionary measures, built test facilities, prohibited public meetings and restricted international travel and temporarily closed all educational institutions.

However, all economic activities were allowed to continue while observing the precautionary measures.

Zakayo explained that performance of economic growth was exhibiting sustained growth towards planned target of 10 percent by 2025 but the pandemic slowed the growth to 4.8 percent in 2020 compared with 7.0 percent in 2019.

However, in 2020 the economy real GDP slowed down to 4.8 percent and is projected by BoT to bounce back to 5.6 percent in 2021

He cited short-term fiscal policy options as redouble public health measures to equip health facilities with adequate testing kits, isolating and treating cases, increasing hospital beds, access to oxygen, equipment and protective gear for health workers

Others are urgently implement social protection and social safety nets measures to avert millions of Tanzanians from falling back onto poverty.

Medium and long-term fiscal policy options, he said are building back better through industrialization and infrastructure investments, strengthening climate change and early warning systems.

The rest are policy options to continue addressing climate change, gender-sensitive building back better recovery and policy options to continue supporting ender and inclusiveness.

## President Samia to grace World Aids Day

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to grace the commemoration of World Aids Day to be held at the national level in Mbeya on December 1.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said when he was addressing reporters on preparations for the event saying the commemoration will be launched on November 24, this year.

He said the commemoration will kick off with a charity walk that will be led by Deputy Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson with the aim of raising funds for the fight against HIV/Aids.

Homera added that the walk will begin at Kabwe commuter bus stand to CCM grounds at Ruanda, Nzovwe and that participants will wear special T-shirts which they will be available for sale.

He added that the charity walk will be followed a debate by middle level college

students in Mbeya Region including a similar debate for clerics on how best to fight HIV/Aids.

"On December 1, the event's apex will be graced by President Samia hence I call on Mbeya residents and those from neighbouring countries to participate," said RC Homera.

He said on the eve of the event, Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Labour, employment, Parliament, Youth and people with Disabilities) will launch the youth village.

The director of HIV/Aids Commission (TACAIDS), Dr Leonard Maboko said preparations for the event have been finalized and that they have already invited various stakeholder and institutions who have confirmed participation.

He said during the event, various health services will be provided to the people including testing for various diseases

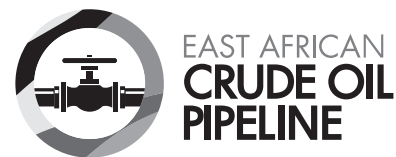
including Tuberculosis (TB).

"We thank the Mbeya regional government for the cooperation extended to us in the preparations for the event, what now remains is for the people to turn in big numbers for this memorable day in Mbeya Region," said Dr Maboko.

For his part, the representative from the National Council of People Living with HIV (NACOPHA), Joceline Mtono, who is also the chairman of the forum of women living with HIV, said they will use the event to mobilise Tanzanians to examine their health status.

She thanked the government for continuing to provide free ARVs to people suffering from HIV/Aids.

Mbeya region is mentioned as the third nationally in statistics of HIV/Aids infection prevalence showing that it has 9.3 per cent prevalence, according to research done in 2016/17, with the leading region being Njombe, followed by Iringa.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR EACOP LTD. REF: 10007237

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V., on behalf of EACOP Ltd. Invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in Treasury Management System in Tanzania.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, and 27 administrative district councils and 231 Villages.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The Company wishes to acquire and implement a Treasury management System Software as a Service Cloud multi-tenant solution to manage securely all its treasury activities with one single viable platform: Bank connectivity between EACOP's banks and its ERP to ensure seamless transfer of payments instructions files from ERP to banks and daily retrieval of the bank statements under various protocols and formats; the connectivity should ensure highest levels of security and fraud detection Debt management, including monitoring and validation flows of all debt instruments' components Cash management, with detailed cash forecast for all types of entries, reconciliation functionalities Risk management, covering FX and interest rates hedging capabilities Reporting, flexible and comprehensive tool with multi axis analysis along with accounting entries to the ERP.

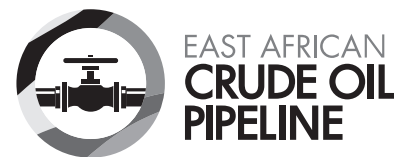
#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
  - Description of technology, client database, experience, and capacity to deliver the required Software & integration services
  - Technical ability and certification to work with the future EACOP ERP solution
  - Full certification with SWIFT Service Bureau
  - Compliance with local content regulations 2017 and local company definition
  - Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17h00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **7th December 2021**.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF PAYROLL SERVICES FOR THE EACOP PROJECT IN TANZANIA. REFERENCE: 0010007291

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company will require for its operations the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide Payroll Services. The CONTRACTOR will be tasked with, but not limited to, collection of variables, preparation of payroll, calculation of payroll, issuance of payslips and to achieve all post-payroll activities.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

The EACOP Project is preparing to recruit candidates for a number of positions in the Company and is in need of certain HR support activities for these personnel. EACOP requires the services of a payroll service provider to act as a third party to support the Company to administer payroll and tax obligations. The selected payroll service provider will prepare payroll on a monthly basis, collect variables, calculate payroll and issue payslips while ensuring a high level of confidentiality and achieve all post-payroll activities. The selected service provider will process payroll tax statements and year end taxes. Accordingly, the selected service provider should be experienced in: Required payroll software, Tanzanian Tax regime, in compliance with national law, international performance standards, and the Tanzanian Labour Laws. The scope will require the contractor(s) to have an understanding of the Oil and Gas, understanding of the EACOP organisation and project.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to document their:
  - At least 10 years' experience in delivering tasks outlined above on a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards.
  - Sufficient and suitable qualified and experienced personnel in the above areas.
  - Adequate Financial Capacity to undertake the eventual contract.
  - Experience implementing relevant QHSE policies, procedure and process for the tendered Service in compliance with applicable Industry and National standards.
  - Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
  - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition and National and International laws and oil and gas international standards.
  - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
  - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending the above documents to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **7th December 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007291**

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR RESEARCH CONSULTANCY ON STATE OF DISABILITY INCLUSION IN FORMAL EMPLOYMENT IN TANZANIA

### INTRODUCTION

Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) is an independent Tanzanian Not-For-Profit Development Organization that provides grants and capacity building services to Tanzania based Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). FCS was registered as a legal entity in September 2002 and started its operation in January 2003; it is currently one of the biggest and main sources of funding for Tanzanian CSOs.

Since her inception, FCS has contributed immensely to the capacity strengthening of the civil society sector in Tanzania thereby directly and indirectly enabling CSOs and citizens to become key driving forces for positively influencing democratic governance processes in Tanzania and better quality of life for all, through capacity building, research and provision of grants

### BACKGROUND OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The convention on the Rights of persons with Disabilities (2006) adopted by the Tanzania government emphasizes the importance of mainstreaming disabilities issues as an integral part of relevant sustainable development strategies. The convention highlights that the majority of PWDs live in deeper roots of poverty and thus disability can both be a cause or an effect of poverty. The convention further emphasizes the critical need for plans and programs to address poverty among people with disabilities.

While the above shows Tanzania's great desire to address poverty, this desire has not translated to desired results. While the population of people with disability aged 7 years and above in Tanzania Mainland reached 5.8 million from the 2014 Integrated Labor Force Survey. The total population for the year 2021 stands at 59.4 million for United Republic of Tanzania, 57.7 million for Tanzania Mainland and 1.7 million for Zanzibar Island. It is only 3.1% of them had stable income from the formal sources. Households headed by individuals who are disabled made up a lopsided number of the poorest households in the 2012 Household Budget Survey.

Despite developments reached in recent years in the implementation of the Disability Act no 9 of 2010. Tanzania has endorsed a number of strategies to enhance Disability Inclusion such as, Inclusive Education Strategy of 2018, Inclusion of PWDs in the LGA Empowerment schemes (Finance Act 2018); Recognition of the Sign Language as the medium of communication and signing of the Marrakesh treaty 2021. Human development among the Disability is still an issue of concern and all the developments cannot be well defined as how it has impacted the lives of PWDs.

Further, COVID pandemic and its effects on the general population has not made PWDs exceptional, their situations have been prominent and felt outmost among the community due to lack of information and poverty which crippled their access to personal protective gears, affecting their daily struggles to empowerment making them more vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic.

As a country, the Disability Community in Tanzania still faces challenges that they once felt and experienced before the policy changes and practices.

FCS in collaboration with the Government, National Bureau of Statistics, Association of Tanzania Employers and SHIVYAWATA would like to engage a consultant/firm who will conduct research to establish the state of Disability inclusion in formal employment in Tanzania.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Analyze the State of Disability Inclusion in formal employment in Tanzania. The study seeks to identify the state of PWDs in the country in Formal Employment focusing on Education, Health, Industry, Sports and Information, Communication & Technology (ICT) sectors both in Public, Private and Civil Society Organization (CSO) sectors.

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

1. Find out the status of formal employment of People with Disabilities in the mentioned sectors in the last five years.
2. Determine accessibility and friendliness of systems and structures in providing information's to decision makers for inclusive planning processes.
3. Examine how ICT is inclusive in employment to among people leaving with Disability; specifically assess accessibilities and opportunity and barriers in workplace.
4. Determine the status of implementation of the PWDs Act (2010) in the mentioned sectors specifically article 30-34.

This consultancy intends to answer the following questions;

1. a) What is the status of PWDs who graduated from Universities, Colleges and Vocational Training centers versus their employment status in the last 5 years?  
b) What is the ratio of Inclusive Employments between Public and Private institutes and CSOs?
2. a) How effective and efficient are the structures and systems available to support Disability Employment in Tanzania?  
b) What are the barriers and opportunities to inclusive employment in Tanzania?  
c) Identify the best practice for better coordination and collaboration among government, private sectors and CSOs?
3. How best can People with Disability engage in Information Communication and Technology sector; What are the challenges and opportunities?
4. a) What is the level/ status of understanding of disability inclusions among key employers and their institutions in Tanzania?  
b) Which sector has complied to the law (both in term of sectorial choices & employers)

### THE SCOPE OF WORK

By Geographical coverage: Respondents will be drawn from the selected region of Tanzania mainland without leaving Regions of Dar es Salaam, Pwani and Dodoma. Specific focus of regions selection will be \* Industrial Regions \* Areas with high population of People with Disability \*.

By Sectorial: The research will include the following sectors \* Education sector \* Health \* Industries and Information, Communication and Technology.

By Nature of employer: Public Sectors, Private Sector and Civil Society Organizations

### METHODOLOGY

FCS is inviting proposals with a detailed methodological approach to conduct / facilitate the assignment. As a guiding principle, the methodological approach suggested must demonstrate how the consultant/consulting firm will undertake the contract assignment

- a) The consultant will work in close collaboration with the FCS, SHIVYAWATA and NBS.
- b) The consultant will undertake collection of all the required/information from various sources, including Government Ministries, Departments, private sector, ministries and relevant sources
- c) Consultants are required to find work permits from NBS and other relevant bodies as guided by the National laws.

### REQUIRED EXPERTISE/QUALIFICATIONS

The potential candidate must possess the following;

- A team leader with at least Masters in Monitoring and Evaluation/Statistics/Project planning/Public policy/Sociology/Social work or any related field.
- A team leader with at least 10 years' experience in designing and executing surveys and evaluations, performance monitoring, organizational development, change management, and performance improvement, especially in helping private-sector/not for profit institutions in clarifying mission and strategic direction;
- In-depth knowledge of civil society sector and the Disability spectrum is a must.
- Excellent facilitation and interpersonal skills
- Excellent English writing skills
- Ability to communicate in Kiswahili is a must for at least one of the core team members
- Ability to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Research assistant must have two years of experience in both qualitative and quantitative approaches and at least with a diploma in statistics/ project management/Sociology/Community development or any related field, bachelor degree will be an added advantage.

### DELIVERABLES

The consultant will provide regular updates/reports to FCS as required and produce deliverables in accordance with the requirements and timeframes outlined in these terms of reference.

Consultants or consulting firms interested in this assignment shall submit

1. Technical and Financial Proposal indicating the number of billable days within the allowed timeframe. Along with the methodology, a proposed work plan for this assignment and contacts of at least 3 referees.
2. Inception Report providing details of how assignment will be carried out including sampling frame and possible data sources to inform each of objectives and research questions
3. Be available to present findings to joint task force team that involved FCS, Government, NBS, ATE and SHIVYAWATA before finalization of the study report.
4. Well designed and edited Report of the Study

### TIMEFRAME AND BUDGET

The duration of contract shall be for a maximum of 60 days from the date of contracting. Maximum contractual amount for this work is TZS 85,000,000.

### SUBMISSION:

Proposals should be submitted as Word or PDF file to the

Chairperson – FCS Procurement Committee,

P.O. Box 7192, Dar es Salaam by 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 or through email: [procurement@thefoundation.or.tz](mailto:procurement@thefoundation.or.tz)

## Minister calls for speedy implementation of antimicrobial resistance national action plan

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

HEALTH, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister, Dr. Dorothy Gwajima has directed leaders at all levels in the agriculture, livestock, environment and health sectors to implement the national action plan on antimicrobial resistance of 2017-2021.

Dr Gwajima made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the commemoration of the world antimicrobials awareness.

She also directed the medical and pharmacy councils to supervise prescription and handling control regulation of 2021.

She said it is the duty and responsibility of the leaders to mobilize resources and find means of overcoming the problem which is affecting the nation and the economy.

"I direct scientists in the areas

of human health, livestock, environment, agriculture and the media to commemorate the world antimicrobials awareness week by educating and raising awareness to the general public," she said.

She warned traders and businessmen conducting pharmaceutical stores and shops to adhere to the national laws and principles. She asked them to make sure that the pharmaceuticals and drugs being sold are the right ones and are only those allowed to be sold.

Speaking on behalf of WHO representative to Tanzania Dr. Tiget Mengestu, the Organization's Essential medicines focal person Rose Shija said according to this year's theme which says spread awareness, stop resistance, calls for all stakeholders of one health approach, decision and policy makers and the general public to be the champions.

"WHO has announced antimicrobial as one of the ten threats of community health. We therefore need collaborative efforts by all stakeholders to address the problem of infection, prevention and control," she said.

Dr. Elibariki Mwakapije from FAO Tanzania explained that there are series of awareness creation activities going on across the country such as Dodoma, Morogoro and Zanzibar. He called on the media and the general public to continue educating the people to smoke out the problem.

Speaking on behalf of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Dr. Gibbor Kayuni from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries cautioned sectors of agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to be very careful and seek professional advice before using the medicines because it has huge effect to the economy.



Ijala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija (4th-R) pictured at the weekend receiving from WaterAid Tanzania projects officer Rebecca Stanley (4th-L, in glasses) a donation of items for use in environmental cleanliness operations at Buguruni and Chanika-Nguvukazi health centres in marking World Toilet Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Formalise business to access bank loans'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has urged small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs) to formalise their business to be formally recognised and access loans from banks and financial institutions.

Deputy Minister for Water, Maryprisca Mahundi made this appeal over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the Women In Action 2021 conference, organised by PURPLET Planet.

The event was in line with the launch of Smart Generation Tanzania—a programme aimed at empowering youth and women in business and investment.

Mahundi noted that once their businesses are formalised it would enable the government to set strategies on how to support them, as it takes initiatives to support women, like establishing the women development bank and youth development fund.

The government will continue to increase community awareness on the importance of formalizing businesses, to enable small entrepreneurs to utilise available

opportunities.

"I call on small entrepreneurs to utilise opportunities of getting the knowledge and eventually formalise their business to the responsible authority, the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA)," she said.

Mahundi said the government is working to ensure a good investment climate as well as improving performance at its agencies and institutions as well as reducing red tape at government offices.

She said the government has already launched the one stop centre aimed at improving the business environment urging entrepreneurs to use the centre.

PURPLET Planet Founder, Hilda Kasoka said the Smart Generation Tanzania programme plans to reach women in Dar es Salaam, Coast, Northern zone regions, Lake, Central zone and Zanzibar.

Kasoka said plans are also to assist 1,000 entrepreneurs to formalise their businesses.

"Through the programme, we will provide capacity building training to women in business and investment and eventually have their businesses

registered at BRELA," she said, adding that from 2017 to date, the programme has reached 10,000 women and some of them have graduated.

She however urged them to look for other opportunities availed through the National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC).

The Smart Generation Tanzania programme is implemented by PURPLET Planet in collaboration with village cooperative banks (VICOBAs) and institutions dealing with land issues.

She said the programme launched will benefit 1000 women directly by ensuring it empowers them and later their businesses are formalised.

PURPLET Planet deals with advocating for women rights, carrying out women economic empowerment programmes and cross-cutting issues for women. The primary target is marginalized women and girls.

It focuses on women and entrepreneurship development, women and environmental justice; women and extractive industries development and women and socio-cultural development.

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

## CCM directs NFRA to speed up maize purchase process

at a fair price.

"These warehouses and storage sheds should bring positive outcomes to farmers, it will be meaningless having these facilities here and the farmers still complain where to sell their produce," he said.

Katavi Regional Commissioner Mwanamvua Mrindoko said the project is set to be completed in March, next year so as to start receiving maize from farmers.

According to Mrindoko, the six storage facilities project with a storage capacity to store 3,300 tonnes each, commenced construction on January 14, 2019

and is expected to be completed on March 31, 2022.

She said the initiative would help Katavi farmers to easily sell their produce to NFRA as the agency will be much closer to them.

Mrindoko said production of maize and other crops in Katavi is high and that the Region is rapidly growing commercially and economically.

Speaking on behalf of the NFRA manager, Eng. Mussa Chiyanda said the 14bn/- project has reached 95 percent of construction for storage sheds and 80 percent for infrastructure construction.





Jean-Francois Schoepp (L), Marketing Tanzania Limited's managing director, checks a customer's car in Dares Salaam yesterday free of charge as the firm's Customer Service Week (Nov 22 to 26) got under way. By his side is the driver of the car, Glorious Kilato. The week will see members of the firm's management team extending specialised services to customers visiting the firm's filling stations across the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# TFS to work on President Samia's orders on water sources security

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) has vowed to work with district and regional commissioners to identify all forest invaders and those conducting illegal activities such as pastoralists, illegal settlements to make sure that they are removed.

The move is part of executing directives made by President Samia Suluhu recently to all local leaders to protect water sources saying it has received with greater ambition.

In an interview, TFS Chief Executive Officer Prof. Dos Santos Silayo said: "As TFS responsible for the forest management are going to work with the regional commissioner to identify all forest invaders and those conducting illegal activities such as pastoralists, illegal settlements to make sure that they are removed."

"We have urged by the President to take care of water sources, be it rivers, dams. Water sources encompass forests which have, among other things, the national parks and game reserves. It is our role to make sure that these areas are well protected," he said.

He said that no one is permitted to go in and conduct any activities which are not permitted by law or against conservation principles, be it agriculture, settlement or pastoralists," he stressed.

He further said: "If we shall be able to protect the areas properly as we wish to do and the way we are doing now, then we will be able to ensure this country have a sustainable forest that will ensure a microclimate to attract rainfall and make these

forests support mitigation options in the country."

There will be carbon sink and reduce temperatures, there will be good sources for the forests products such as timbers, there will be house for fauna diversity and reduce human-wildlife conflicts because these wildlife will live peacefully and avoid interaction with local communities.

"By so doing, without inducing conflicts between human and wildlife, we will be able to make forests produce ecological services like water for domestic use, agriculture and animal use, he said.

He said TFS has taken the directive by the president with greater ambition adding that if TFS works together with regional commissioners as per the President's directive, it is will be easier to protect the forests in many ecosystems.



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By Guardian Reporter

## Dr Mwinyi commends Efatha Church for supporting govt in health sector

ZANZIBAR President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi has praised the readiness of the Efatha ministries church leadership to support his government's efforts in developing the country including the strengthening of the social services sector.

President Mwinyi issued the praise yesterday when he met with and had discussions with the church's leadership at headquarters at Mwenge, Dar es Salaam lead by apostle and Prophet Josephat Mwingira.

Dr Mwinyi said the church has been doing a good job in strengthening the Zanzibar's health sector. He said various projects by the church in Zanzibar has to a great extent assisted in strengthening the health sector whose results are clearly discernible.

He also told the church leaders that more efforts were needed to

educate the people on the issue of Covid-19 vaccination as well as the fight against HIV/Aids.

On his part, the managing director of AMREF Health Africa in Tanzania Dr. Florence Temu told Dr. Mwinyi about the activities of their institutions especially in strengthening the health sector.

Dr Temu said as development

partners his institution provides social services in Zanzibar, saying they have various projects under implementation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and its institutions.

In addition, Dr. Temu praised President Mwinyi's one-year period as Zanzibar President and presented him with a present.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES SUPPORTING PROJECT CONSTRUCTION. 10007254

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing cultural heritage and archaeological services supporting the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) construction.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, and 27 administrative district councils and 231 Villages.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY implemented an archaeological watching brief, surface and subsurface surveys, during geological, geophysical and geotechnical baseline surveys along the Project pipeline corridor and is currently undertaking archaeological surface and sub-surface investigations for future Main Camps and Pipe Yards (MCPY) Priority Areas. The Project is seeking a qualified, experienced Tanzanian partner organization with the ability and capacity to implement an archaeological watching brief during:

1. Early Civil Work site preparation and construction activities at a number of camp sites
2. During pipeline and other facilities construction and to undertake salvage excavation for any unplanned and chance archaeological finds uncovered. All Project construction activities comply with the Tanzanian legal framework and International Financing Standards (IFS) supporting Cultural Heritage management.

The scope requires sufficient suitably qualified and experienced senior archaeologists and all required equipment and materials to implement Cultural Heritage and Archaeological services concurrently at multiple locations engaging with Project and Government Representatives (i.e., Department of Antiquities) as required. The Cultural Heritage Management services include implement a Watching Brief during construction excavation activities, the identification, providing guidance on Chance Finds management, training and awareness raising, documentation and completion of salvage excavation for sites of cultural significance, monitoring, verification and reporting responsibilities to document compliance within the Tanzanian legal framework, IFS requirements and Company Cultural Heritage requirements. The scope may require engagement with Communities regarding Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage elements. The Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Services scope requires field-based resources and may require remote support and coordination for artefact attribute analysis and storage, report preparation, and meetings.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
  - Qualification and certification for cultural heritage and archaeological services.
  - Curriculum Vitae for cultural heritage specialists and archaeologists.
  - Examples of recent and relevant project experience within the last 10 years.
  - Experience in:
    - o Delivering archaeological and cultural heritage management services.
    - o Undertaking sub-surface and salvage excavation.
    - o Construction site work experience and management of chance finds.
  - Cultural Heritage/ archaeology training package development and training delivery.
  - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
  - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

The management Scope may be divided into regional or technical work packages and COMPANY will allow TENDERERS to submit a proposal for one, several or all packages.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Email subject should be 10007254.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: BANKING SERVICES FOR EACOP LTD IN TANZANIA REF: 10007186

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing banking services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project in Tanzania.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania traversing eight (8) regions, comprising Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, and 27 administrative district councils and 231 Villages. Early Civil Works will be focused on sites in four villages.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company wishes to open bank accounts in two banks in Tanzania. The accounts will solely be used to process all its domestic payments via electronic transfers. Payments will be made in USD or in TZS, in favour of third-party vendors, local administrations and employees. The services exclude cross-border payment, petty cash, overdraft, loan, deposit, and other financial instruments.

In addition to the global pricing, consideration will be given to local content, number of branches, competitive FX, commercial assistance, technical support, cut-off and turnaround time, ability to meet requested value date, and bank rating. And, last but not least, the willingness of the bank to participate in the intended EACOP corporate's external debt financing.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
  - Brief description of experience and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
  - Compliance with local content regulations 2017 and local company definition.
  - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.

Interested organizations which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest in English language by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17h00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Email subject should be 10007186

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## Network on GBV helping communities to access rights on Pemba Island

By Guardian Reporter, Pemba

A Network of people fighting against gender-based violence (GBV) in Pemba has helped communities to get their rights to address such abuses in society.

Network members unveiled this over the weekend here when speaking during the meeting to present the annual report on the implementation of the network's activities organized by the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA, Zanzibar).

The meeting is part of the project to use the media platform to end GBV, which is being implemented TAMWA, Zanzibar with funding from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

Haji Shoka, one of the network members from Mkoani District in Pemba, said: "Through education, the community has been empowered with better understanding on how to deal with GBV cases in their localities."

"Since we started, we've reached out to many community members and educated them on how to identify and monitor cases at various levels," Shoka said.

According to him, "In 2021 in the provision of education through meetings, we reached 8,043 people in various groups in villages of Mkoani District, where we held the meetings in various places including schools and madrasas."

Through those meetings, he said that it has helped to strengthen the network and community members especially the GBV victims, and facilitated the community to report such cases when they occur.

He said: "As a result of these activities we have been doing it has brought us closer to the community especially the GBV victims as they

have grown to trust us and provide close cooperation when there is an incident of abuse in the community."

Shoka further added that delays in investigating GBV cases are still a barrier to such cases and lead to victims losing their rights in a timely manner.

He said: "The delay in investigating cases of abuse is still a challenge and this is leading many victims and community members to despair of continuing to pursue such cases."

Regarding follow-up, he said: "In case-tracking, we tracked a total of 32 cases, whereby 4 cases were of abandonment, 17 rapes, 6 cases homosexuality, and 5 cases were of early pregnancies."

For her part, Siti Faki Ali from Wete District said the network in the district identified 48 cases of various types while out of those cases, 6 have concluded.

She explained that despite the great efforts that the network has been taking to tackle GBV, they have identified the challenge of shortage of interpreters for cases involving special needs.

She said, "In carrying out our responsibilities, the Wete District network members realized that there was still a problem with interpreting for cases of special needs which led to delays in their cases."

TAMWA Pemba coordinator, Fathiya Mussa Said called on people to step up their efforts in providing evidence education to build a community of understanding of the procedures for giving evidence with a view to facilitating access to justice.

She said: "We should now continue to focus more on empowering witnesses to go and give evidence in court so that we can reduce this issue in most cases dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence."



Workers Compensation Funds director general Dr John Mduma speaks at a one-day workshop on occupational safety and health in Morogoro municipality yesterday. Others are WCF's director of health services and evaluation, Dr Abdulsalaam Omar (C), and Juma Mabrouk (L), principal human resources officer with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

Police in Tanga have issued a seven-day ultimatum to all individuals in possession of illegal firearms to surrender them or risk being arrested and prosecuted.

Regional Police Commander (RPC) Safia Jongo issued the deadline when speaking with journalists here; saying the exercise also involve private security companies.

The RPC wanted all people who illegally possess the firearms to immediately surrender them so as to allow the Police Force to inspect them, saying those who would like to own them have to follow the legal process.

"The force has issued 18 days

## Police give 7-day ultimatum on surrendering of firearms

from November 12 to 30 for all people to surrender the tools, this announcement is all including private security guards companies," she said. She added: "For the part of security guards companies which intend to continue possessing them should follow the procedures as per the country's laws."

Safia Jongo, is the newly Tanga Regional Commander brought to the Region from Tabora after RPC's mini reshuffle made by the Inspector

General of Police Simon Sirro.

Within her short time in Tanga, Jongo has succeeded in reducing criminal actions which for a long time have been threatening residents' lives especially during the night.

Some of the dangerous groups which the RPC has managed to control include the threatening evil teenage gangs in the who for a long time have brought fear and affected people by practicing theft and

robbery actions.

Tanga District Commissioner, Hashim Mgandilwa directed the Police Force to put more efforts in combating drug abuse which still stands as among major challenges affecting youth lives in the city.

"The number of drug addicts in Tanga is still high, in this area the Police Force should put extra efforts to prevent transportation, sale and usage of the products in the city," he added.

## Public service officials called on to understand compensation issues

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

PUBLIC service officials countrywide have been called on to build up relationship among their offices and employees to safeguard their rights including understanding issues of compensation in case a worker is injured or falls ill while on duty.

The remarks were given here yesterday by the Director General of Workers Compensation Fund (WCF), Der John Mduma at a training seminar for public service official under the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government on the issue of security on health at work places as provided

by WCF.

He said a total of 100 participants from Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Iringa, Singida and Dodoma regions, who apart from understanding issues of safety and health at work places, they have also learned on how to apply for compensation following death, illness or death while on duty. "The main aim of the training seminar is to provide the understanding of health security issues at work places, services provided by the Fund and steps to be followed when applying for compensation via the Online Notification System (ONS) accessed portal.wcf.go.tz," elaborated Dr Mduma.

Earlier, the Fund's Director of Cure and Evaluation, Dr Abdulsalaam Omary said the training is the first one for a group of public service officials from the Ministry of the Regional Administration and Local Government who are personnel officers.

Speaking on the training seminar, a participant from Mafia District Khamisi Khatib, the Acting Mafia District Administrative Officer said it has assisted them on what steps to follow in the event a worker gets injured or falls ill while on duty.

The seminar participants also learned about the types of compensation provided by WCF to a worker who is injured or falls ill.



Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) president Paul Koyi (5th-R) and Indian-Tanzania Trade Council president Atul Kumar Saxena (4th-R) display a copy of an MoU they signed in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on the strengthening of trade and economic relations between the two agencies. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

HelpAge  
International

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST- CONSULTANT

HelpAge International - HelpAge International is a global network of organisations working towards a fairer world for older people so they can live safe, healthy and dignified lives. In addition to working with more than 150 network members in 56 countries, a key element of the HelpAge International Global Strategy 2030 is to transition our country programmes to be locally led and managed by 2024.

HelpAge International is looking for a consultant to support the development of Tanzania HelpAge Country office localisation plan.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the consultancy is to work with the Tanzania country team in preparation of a localisation plan which provides a detailed assessment of the local context, environment, stakeholder views and capacities, legal and institutional frameworks, opportunities and constraints, which will provide rigorous evidence to guide decision making on the direction for localisation in the country and the plans in place to transition to locally-led development in the country.

#### Objectives

Undertake a consultation with internal and external stakeholders to assess/ validate the context, priorities, capacities and appetites of local actors for localisation and advancement of the ageing agenda in country. Together with the country team complete a narrative localisation plan (template provided) with annexes which will reflect findings of the consultation in-country and will guide the process of localisation over the coming period.

#### Scope

- The consultation will engage partners, network members, government agencies, donors and local civil society.
- The consultant will clarify the legal frameworks and timelines for the different localisation models and the implications of status change on institutional arrangements and human resources.
- The consultant will support the team to identify/ validate and analyse the external and internal risks of localisation in the context of Tanzania.
- The consultant will facilitate a country level stakeholders' workshop to identify the circumstances, pathways and possible localisation model that is anchored in and aligned with the Tanzania context and in-country Theory of Change.

#### Qualifications and Experience Required

- Degree in Social Sciences, Statistics, Communication, and related field.
- Minimum of 10 years' relevant professional experience in social sciences, Organizational transformation, organizational development and research.
- Strong background and experience in change management, data collection and analysis.
- Technical expertise in evaluating Transforming organisations, pathway models, advocacy, and rights programmes; and ability to draw strong and valid conclusions.
- Understanding of regulations governing NGO sector in Tanzania, donor trends and key regulations governing international and local organizations in Tanzania.
- Researchers conversant in English and Swahili
- Excellent facilitation, communication and report writing skills.
- Consultant based in Tanzania will be a preferred option.
- Previous experience in change management processes is essential.
- engaging with organizations working with and for older people will be an added advantage
- Awareness of aging issues in Tanzania will be an added advantage.

#### Submitting Expressions of Interest

All Expressions of Interest should include:

- Technical proposal (maximum 3 pages) including:** brief explanation about the consultant/s with emphasis on previous experience in this kind of work; profile of the consultant to be involved in undertaking the consultancy, understanding of the TOR, the study methodology, key contacts from similar work carried out.
- Financial proposal:** The financial proposal should provide cost estimates for services rendered including professional fees (daily rates x number of days) and any other costs to carry out the assignment.
- All interested individuals are requested to express interest by email to: [syone.simon@helpage.org](mailto:syone.simon@helpage.org). The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is by the end of **Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**.

Consultant who is interested should send an email requesting for the full TOR to: [syone.simon@helpage.org](mailto:syone.simon@helpage.org)



## Uncontrolled purchases of antibiotics put health at big risk - WAP report

By Francis Kajubi

SELF-prescription and uncontrolled purchase of antibiotics from street drug vendors for treating domestic animals is a worrying trend that puts people's health at risk, according to the World Animal Protection (WAP)'s new report.

The report states that the unscrupulous business that incorporates inappropriate use of antimicrobials in animals is growing a global concern of looking into the matter with proper laws and policies at national levels.

Dr Victor Yamo, WAP farming campaigns manager, said in a statement that although levels of knowledge on antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) were relatively evident, improper practices were evident in all study categories.

According to the study conducted between November and December 2020 targeting street vendors, veterinary drug stores (Agrovets), pharmacies, farmers, and the public across 19 counties in Kenya to determine the knowledge and practices on antimicrobial resistance, 1,142 participants across 19 counties were interviewed on the matter. "The main objective of this study was to explore the levels of antimicrobial resistance knowledge and prescribing practices among veterinary and human drug vendors, farmers, and the public.

Knowledge and practices related to antibiotics among respondents showed significant gaps and need an urgent effort to mitigate such practices. Antibiotics were the commonly sold product in human and veterinary stores. This contrasts with the low sales of vaccines and other biosecurity measures," said Dr Yamo.

He asserted that self-prescription; failure to complete prescribed dose and sharing of antibiotics was reported. Every time an antibiotic is given to an animal or consumed by a human, basically it is an opportunity for those bacteria present to get used to that antibiotic and possibly mutate to be resistant.

The study showed that antibiotics were the most sold product in 58 percent of Agrovets and 43 percent of pharmacies interviewed. Antibiotic sales contributed significantly to total revenue in stores, 38.8 percent in Pharmacies and 30 percent in Agrovets.

Dairy (49.6 percent) and poultry (38.9 percent) farmers were reported as the most frequent consumers of antibiotics. These two species are associated with intensive farming systems that are associated with overuse and misuse of antibiotics to mask poor welfare practices.

"A concerted effort is urgently needed to sensitize the need for responsible use of antibiotics in human and animal health. For instance, farmers need to shift from low welfare practices in which antibiotics are misused to cover up poor welfare, and adopt higher animal welfare standards that ensure animals live a healthy life " he added.

## Clerics call on Tanzanians to build culture of transparency

By Guardian Reporter

RELIGIOUS leaders have called on Tanzanians to build a culture of transparency to promote effectiveness and hold leaders accountable on the use of public resources.

Rev. Bishop Augustine Shao from the Diocese of Zanzibar Interfaith Standing Committee made the call when speaking at the just-ended International Transparency and Accountability Conference (ITAC) 2021 in Arusha Region.

Themed, "Transformation into a culture of total transparency and accountability," the conference was jointly organized by the Norwegian Church Aid and Wajibu Institute of Public Accountability.

Bishop Shao raised concerns over poor participation of citizens in implementing, monitoring and reporting the use of public funds because they do not have the culture of questioning. He said a transparency culture should be built at grassroots levels.

He said transparency happens when people are more informed, but most of them have limited knowledge on the matter.

"We need to rethink and change; let us build a culture of openness, dialogue and questioning our leaders to make them accountable and responsible. To succeed, this has to begin at the grassroots level by allowing children to question parents," Shao said.

Rev Andrew Munis, Secretary of Stewardship and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) project at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Northern diocese suggested the need to have a topic on accountability and transparency to secondary school curriculum.

Munis urged that teachers should be trained on accountability and transparency to help pass the knowledge to students.

Chimuka Nachibanga from Transparency International in Zambia said citizens' participation and engagement is important as it helps to foster good governance, transparency and promote accountability in the use of public resources.

Nachibanga added that public input may offer innovative solutions that would not have emerged from traditional modes of decision making.

"The purposes of citizen participation include communicating information, developing relationships, developing the capacity to act, and preserving or changing conditions," he said.

He suggested a collaborative environment between community and government to create improved public engagement.

The conference was aimed at giving participants a high-level overview of the global trend and practices in transparency and accountability in the use of public funds, project resources and in the provision of timely, high quality cost effective service delivery for citizens thereby holding those in public office accountable for their actions and misuse of power.



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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Washington State University - Global Animal Health Tanzania

Global Animal Health Tanzania (GAHT), a legally registered NGO that is supported by Washington State University and collaborating partners in Tanzania, serves to manage a broad range of public and animal health research projects in Tanzania. GAHT has the following openings:

#### 1. Project Manager

**Position: Project Manager (1 Position)**

**Contract duration: Twelve (12) months (full-time engagement), with possibility of renewal**

**Reports To: Country Administrative Manager**

**Location: Mara, Tanzania**

**Position Description: The Project Manager will support the implementation of research programs, performing the following activities;**

#### Duties and responsibilities:

- Direct project activities, specifically on the Eliminating Human Rabies – impacts of enhanced vaccination coverage project (hereafter called 'project').
- Supervise all project staff
- Establish and direct all project staff activities for the benefit and smooth running of the project
- Support surveillance officers in collecting and reporting surveillance data through the designated GAHT surveillance data system;
- Support data analysis;
- Prepare progress reports in line with funding agency requirements, and the distribution to relevant stakeholders;
- Contribute to strengthening monitoring & evaluation capability;
- Participate in relevant events and meetings organized by governmental, academic and other partners;
- Work with the GAHT Operations Team to ensure project related equipment and/or electronics are purchased, stored and maintained appropriately;
- Liaise with the PIs and other researchers on respective research programs to determine field activity requirements and to collect research data;
- Carry out data collection activities as described by the PI and other senior researchers identified by the PI. These will include household surveys, biological sample collection, vaccination coverage surveys etc.;
- Maintain safe storage and distribution (to the PI) of data collected;
- Be responsible for GAHT vehicles, ensuring that they are operated solely for project activities and maintained in good order. This will include:
  - Maintaining vehicle log book where mileage is recorded before commencing and completing each field trip;
  - Close communication with Program Coordinator ensuring vehicle maintenance is done in a timely manner;
  - Report to the Program Coordinator of any serious mechanical problems that needs immediate resolution;
  - Send a copy of vehicle log book each month to the Program Coordinator;
- Manage and account for project cash advances;
- Represent GAHT at necessary meetings.
- Miscellaneous other duties as requested

#### Essential qualifications and experience:

- A Diploma in Veterinary Medicine
- Post-Graduate degree (PhD) in a relevant subject
- Experience leading large scale rabies elimination campaigns
- Experience leading large scale rabies related research programs
- Experience working with digital data collection systems, such as facial recognition technology
- Knowledge of R (programming environment)

#### Beneficial skills and experience:

- Demonstrated experience in planning and monitoring and evaluation, and report writing
- Computer literate - comfortable with email, and proficient in the use of MS Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Excellent English language writing skills
- Experience collecting and managing data sets and using mapping software a bonus
- A keen interest in developing a career in field research
- Ability to speak KiSwahili, KiMaasai, and other languages and advantage
- An understanding of the social and political landscape at regional and national levels under which sustainable outcomes must be delivered
- Good communication, facilitation and diplomacy skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, national environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.
- Valid clean driving license and preferably experience of driving 4-wheel drive vehicles

#### 2. Field Officer

**Position: Field Officer**

**Contract duration: Twelve (12) months (full-time engagement), with possibility of renewal**

**Reports To: Country Administrative Manager**

**Location: Mara, Tanzania**

**Position Description: The primary responsibility of the Field Officer (FO) will be to work in the field and to carry out data collection activities for research projects being implemented by Global Animal Health Tanzania (GAHT).**

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Liaise with the Project Coordinator (PC) and other researchers to determine field activities required to collect research data;
- Carry out data collection activities as described by the PC and other senior

researchers identified by the PC. These will include household surveys, biological sample collection, vaccination coverage surveys etc.

- Maintain the safe storage and distribution (to the PC) of data collected;
- Drive and manage project vehicles;
- Be responsible for ensuring the GAHT vehicle is operated solely for project activities and that it is maintained in good order that includes;
  - o Maintaining vehicle log book where mileage is recorded before commencing and completing each field trip;
  - o Close communication with Program Coordinator ensuring vehicle maintenance is done in a timely manner;
  - o Report to the Program Coordinator of any serious mechanical problems that needs immediate resolution;
  - o Send a copy of vehicle log book each month to the Program Coordinator;
- Assist with project logistics as requested by Program Coordinator.
- Receive and securely manage project funds and provide timely and accurate accounts of said funds. These will include travel advances and any other cash advances provided for field activities.
- Miscellaneous other duties as requested

#### Qualifications:

- An animal health qualification (certificate or diploma level)

#### Beneficial skills and experience:

- Experience working in the field on research programs, especially those involving the handling of animals, particularly domestic dogs
- Experience as a leader overseeing field teams collecting biological samples and other data collection activities
- Fluent in Swahili and English
- Ability to speak Maa and other tribal languages
- Written English must be of a high standard
- Computer literate - comfortable with email, and proficient in the use of MS Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Valid clean driving license and preferably experience of driving 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Knowledge and experience of vehicle maintenance and mechanics is a bonus
- Good communication, facilitation and diplomacy skills
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural, national environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity.

#### 3. Office Assistant

**Position: Office Assistant (1 Position)**

**Contract duration: Twelve (12) months (full-time engagement), with possibility of renewal**

**Reports To: Country Administrative Manager**

**Location: Arusha, Tanzania**

**Position Description: This job post need a proactive Office Assistant to join our team at the country office in Arusha. The Office Assistant in in-charge in welcoming all guests arriving at the office, and determining the reason for their visit. This position support our staff with clerical duties, including answering phones, making copies, and organizing files. When necessary, the incumbent will also input information into our database to ensure our electronic files are updated. We prefer candidates who have some administrative support experience.**

#### Office Assistant Job Duties and Responsibilities;

- Welcome and greet clients and office guests
- Support office staff and executives with clerical tasks
- Plan and schedule meetings, presentations, other office-related events, and travel arrangements; send reminders regarding upcoming appointments
- Answer phones in a professional manner and direct calls to appropriate persons or take detailed messages
- Type out paper and electronic correspondence and prepare outgoing mail and office packages
- Help prepare presentation materials when necessary
- Monitor and maintain office equipment and supplies; request repair or restocking when necessary
- Ensure office is kept clean and organized at all time
- Managing relationships with vendors, service providers, landlords, ensuring all items are invoiced correctly.
- Maintain effective administrative files and records such as staff medical insurance control sheets, staff leave control sheet, staff personal details, vehicles log sheet summary templates, etc
- Facilitate travel arrangements for international and domestic researchers including other staff
- Work with the insurance company by making sure that all staff have been insured and keep a record of when the cover renewal is needed.
- Assist international and domestic researchers on obtaining different government entry passes and permits as needed.

#### Office Assistant Requirements and Qualifications;

- Diploma in Business Management, Secretarial, or Public administration
- 1+ years of experience as an office assistant a plus
- Proficient with Microsoft and common office equipment
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Self-starter who works well independently

#### How to Apply:

Please submit your detailed resume, a cover letter and relevant certificates to [g.kassanga@wsu.edu](mailto:g.kassanga@wsu.edu) cc [sarah.mollel@wsu.edu](mailto:sarah.mollel@wsu.edu) on or before **November 28 2021**. Please indicate specific job title on the subject line of your email. In your resume please indicate the contacts of your previous 3 referees. Late applications will not be considered.



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## Insurance cover may not be a basic need, but it is crucial

**S**TAKEHOLDERS in the insurance industry in the country have oftentimes scratched their heads to figure out how to enhance enrolment in insurance products, among other useful products in financial industry services as a whole. As it is the case in other modes of financing, the take up of products in the financial is stratified, and thus insurance comes after basic needs and a few other matters besides. Even for those higher up in the consumer hierarchy to afford cars, often they have third party insurance rather than comprehensive insurance, and indeed not many have life insurance either, which should go together.

Those whom the usual term 'the man in the street' refers, insurance is another man's territory, scarcely coming up in day to day discussion or 'musings,' as to when one shall have an insurance card for this or that belonging. One kind of insurance is however more or less compulsory, namely fire insurance by having kits for dowsing flames if such an accident comes up, but actual fire insurance is a different matter. Yet any house owner, whether rented or privately occupied, needs to think of such a facility.

That means there is space for education in relation to taking up insurance products, as there is a stratum in society that ought to have insurance and aren't doing do, and often regret when things like a fire outbreak come about, not to speak of motor vehicle accidents. As a matter of fact all of

us need insurance products of one way or another, as most accidents or drawbacks which can pull us backwards in life are preventable in a way, in the sense that we know they can happen. For instance social security is compulsory for any properly employed person as if such person lacks insurance it is problematic to make a transition in life.

Admittedly basic needs are vital and come first in how people spend their hard earned cash, but quite often stashing something by the corner saves one from a rainy day, but it isn't always in our outlook to do so. Instead of calling for more education, let us see how this can be done via small groups as in women's uplifting in earlier periods before there were any banks, and they do so even at present. Maybe there is a gender problem, that while women are easily brought together to think about the future and participate in small savings and credit groups, which are disguised insurance products, men are harder to motivate.

That is why some banks and insurance firms are coming up with sweeteners to literally lure more people, especially men, to deposits with that orientation. Not much can be said as of now as most people play that kind of game with expectations of quick earning, which reaffirms the problem where it stood at first. But when women take up more of those products, the children will at least be protected; that is good enough.



## How higher education can increase GDP

By Juvani Rühl

**G**OVERNMENT has subsidised higher education institutions in Namibia over the years. As government could not keep up, as with donor funding too, higher education institutions have been increasing the cost to students in financing their operations.

Creating a supportive financing model, higher education institutions in Namibia have been revising their sources of income continuously. These institutions have increased their presence countrywide, creating more qualifications (including short courses), while also admitting more tuition-paying students. While one or two institutions have set up commercial entities that can generate revenue for them, some new institutions, or new departments were set up in cooperation with ministries or corporate entities to train incumbent or future employees. These smart partnerships create skills, while at the same time generating income for these institutions. Increasing admission of international students paying higher for tuition also adds to revenue.

The above financing methods seem functional, as former rectors, vice chancellors and other institutional heads have implemented them. The biggest issue remains though, that it is unsustainable for institutions in Namibia going forward. This problem will persist as long as these institutions do not realize their pivotal role in the Namibian economy, and their required contribution to the GDP. Before ambitious transformational plans to become knowledge hubs and technological innovators, these institutions first need to realise the stagnation they as HE institutions caused since independence. A short background follows underneath which coincides with the culture of "get a degree, get a job, work hard, save more, and enjoy your pension afterwards". Namibians are accustomed to believing a degree equals a job. Furious graduate youth find it difficult to enter the labour market where their elder grade 12 holding counterparts first need to reach 60. Namibians are generally not aware that their savings and pensions have been invested abroad where thousands of jobs were created with these monies and only interest and dividends are paid back. Namibians are also not knowledgeable on the fact that local performing companies are tapping into the local economy only with no output that generates foreign derived income from their services. If a local telecommunications



company raises N\$1 billion locally to increase its infrastructure, this debt is paid back through revenue generated from unemployed, indebted, and just local customers with middle or lower income. If the same company raises funds internationally, the same 1 billion will escalate in time when the loan needs to be paid back to foreign investors. Revenue to pay off this debt still comes from an indebted Namibian economy. It is not as if this company provides services outside Namibia. It should become clear now that Namibia is to produce more than what it consumes. The surplus needs to be traded internationally. His Excellency needs not only to train knowledge that is job needy but set up the business itself as an entity that attracts foreign students, as a business that produces and manufactures for the local and international market. Paid jobs, applications, interviews, selection of the best candidate need to become something of the past. Higher education institutions can also help tens of thousands of Namibians become self-starters and therefore address the issue in which Namibia is not self-sufficient. Any high earning professor or head of higher education institution in Namibia need to re-conceptualise. Failure is part of progress. They are the most important actors in accelerating this shift.

Namibia, listed within the top 10 internationally having the most unemployed people, is also referenced within the top five countries internationally, together with war torn countries that would be economically inactive. A deeper understanding as to 'why' is not yet publicly known.

The estimated dollar total of imports is more than the estimated dollar total of goods exported by Namibia. Thus, meaning Namibia is in a trade deficit. With trade deficits come certain economic conditions like Namibia's need for credit (with the debt to GDP standing at 69.60% in 2020 according to

tradingeconomics.com), need for foreign aid, a weaker currency, inflation and ultimately slower or declined economic growth, even at a rate lower than inflation.

The above background makes it easier to understand how scenarios, which follow underneath, have led institutions in Namibia to produce knowledge at cost. It also looks at how these institutions produced commercial products at cost to the economy, how highly qualified foreign recruited staff are an asset to the institution, but a liability to the economy. It also looks at trained subjects at home which further increases household debt.

Look at a communication professor earning a basic salary of N\$60 000 per month, which pays tax to Inland Revenue in Namibia. Some foreign lecturers also need to report and pay tax to their countries of origin at the same time. Sending a proportion of his/her earnings home for domestic use, while also spending minimal amounts of his/her earnings on local Namibian produced products comes second and third as consumers normally stick to brands known and used from childhood. That brand might just be the imported products to Namibia. The knowledge transferred (calculating output of the professor and institution) to a class of communication students directly benefits only 5% of students who lands a position with a corporate company or in government after studies.

These graduates earning N\$16 000 per month salary pays tax and repay their student loans to NSFAP or commercial banks. These newbies work for the government, which is already overseeing a trade deficit. The rest work for Namibian companies, which compete only in the domestic market, therefore generating profits from already indebted customers working in an indebted economy. The narrative is different if one communication graduate works for Meatco or Desert Fruit who generate good

profits from international buyers. To be critical, how many Namibian companies primarily produce, or manufacture products meant for exports. These two industries are key for higher exports, more local jobs and achieving a trade surplus. Agriculture, marine science, geology, and logistics to mention but a few in Namibia are those academic disciplines finding relevance within performing sectors in Namibia. These sectors are not big enough. This leads to the question: What contribution to GDP and how significant is the contribution from higher education institutions through a faculty of humanities and a degree programme like communication or English, together with its foreign staff.

The N\$60 000 basic salary per month to compensate the communication professor comes from a blend of income to the institution. The income is namely from government subsidy, tuition fees (loans, grants, cash), donor funding and limited commercial revenue. From the government subsidy, NSFAP loans and grants come the majority of income to institutions. Bear in mind government's position of overseeing a trade deficit and having such high debt to GDP. When these institutions channel funds to commercialise their locally produced products, they might make a profit, but they still compete within the rest of the economy who still consume more than they produce. Hence, any profits made, tax paid to Inland Revenue would not bring about a positive change in the trade deficit of the economy. Lastly, with bank loans to fund tuition, and with graduates at home still being seen, household lending will still increase. This lending only increases profits paid out to parent companies as so many financial institutions in Namibia are from abroad. These are the same financial institutions, which are downsizing their workforce in Namibia, further increasing unemployment. Teachers in Namibia would find themselves in this scenario too. At a cost to government in employing teachers and housing learners, a basic education teacher has an output that equals zero to GDP currently, as no learner is to work nor produce a product to be sold. The opposite scenario would be beneficial if an agricultural science professor fielded to work at a commercial farm of the university to co-creates a dairy product, which is sold to the local market and the rest of SADC for an income to the institution. This is can be done during daylight while lecturing is in progress in the evening.

## World Television Day toasts democracy around the world

**C**HRONICLERS say that in recognition of the increasing impact television has on decision-making by bringing world attention to conflicts, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day in 1996. Member states took into account the way threats to peace and security are put to the light of day by television and its role in sharpening the focus on major issues facing the world at any moment. Leaders of various countries could no longer say what they want as the world could see.

There are substantial economic and social issues tied to this realization, that through television the whole world witnesses what happens in a particular country or city at any time of the day, when that issue is strong enough to attract attention of major news channels. A good number of leaders were known to be irritated by this turn of events, where they can't hide what's going on in the streets of their countries and especially in the capital. That is where the fate of a country is played out if and when instability arises.

In December 1996 the UN proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day to mark the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in that year. It was also the time when cable television was making its appearance, prolonged years later into its internet and eventually mobile phone expression as Youtube, and other applications of late. All this is part of the tele-vision (seeing from

afar) fraternity, which together helps or contributes to making the world a sort of global village. It translated this aphorism into reality, as visual conversation is possible by such means, and world television shows it all.

Chroniclers say that this resolution met with critics, and 11 countries abstained to the vote on the resolution; asserting that the other information related world days were adequate, like the World Press Freedom Day, the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, and the World Development Information Day. If one looks closely at these other world days, they are more about conceptualising information and what countries tell the world they want to do. World Television Day is different, as it is about the right of viewers around the world to see what someone on the ground shows, not governments.

Television isn't just one means of information - and an information medium to which a considerable majority of the world population has no access, as they attempted to say but by far the most direct and to that extent truthful and vivid source of taking a deep breath of reality. That is why democrats rejected the idea that World Television Day is but a rich man's day, as digital television is making all sorts of TV channels available by the hundred. Authoritarian regimes love radios, as sound there is larger than life, but on TV leaders become humanised, frail or unconvincing, etc. We have direct experience of this here.



# How 'Double Eleven' of 20 years ago benefits the world

SHANGHAI

PEOPLE who witnessed China's accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) 20 years ago would have never expected the "Double Eleven" today would be a totally different sight in this country.

On Nov. 11, 2001, Shi Guangsheng, then Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, signed the protocol on China's accession to the WTO in Doha, and a month later, China formally became a WTO member -- a landmark event in the country's opening-up and development and the world's multilateral trading system.

Twenty years later, Chinese netizens are gearing up for another "Double Eleven," the annual consumption spree which started in 2009.

In the pre-order session that started two weeks ago, washing machines and dryers, household appliances, and a wide range of cosmetics belonging to various foreign brands are among the popular choices.

Economists believe that the two "Double Eleven" are closely linked and are the result of China's reform and opening-up policy that brings massive benefits to both the country and the world.

## TRANSFORMATION AFTER WTO ACCESSION

In 1984, the U.S.-based 3M founded its China branch in Shanghai as the first wholly foreign-owned enterprise established outside the four special economic zones since China's reform and opening up. In 2001, the company officially launched its first particulate respirators tailored for Chinese customers and manufactured in the country.

Now 3M is one of the key multinational enterprises to have participated in the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai for four consecutive years. With products ranging from masks, noise-reducing earplugs to water purifiers and acne pimple patches, the brand has won growing popularity among Chinese consumers.

It is also ready for the upcoming

"Double Eleven" shopping extravaganza. Over the past two decades, China's continuous efforts in widening opening-up have injected new vitality into the country's development and world economy.

During the period, China's economic size has grown from the 6th to the 2nd largest in the world, trade in goods from the 6th to the 1st, and trade in services from the 11th to the 2nd.

China has led developing countries in utilized foreign investment, and its outbound direct investment has risen from the 26th to the 1st.

China has contributed an annual average of nearly 30 percent to the growth of the world's economy.

The huge changes can be more clearly seen in a group of comparison figures: 20 years ago, China imported and exported 11.56 billion yuan (about 1.81 billion U.S. dollars) of goods a day, and now it only takes about three hours; Chinese people spent 480 million yuan an hour then, and now it takes about six minutes.

China has fully delivered on its accession commitments. Its overall tariff rate has been cut from 15.3 percent to 7.4 percent, lower than the 9.8 percent accession commitment. The central government has reviewed and revised over 2,300 laws and regulations, and local governments over 190,000, which all helped unleash market and social vitality.

"WTO accession has proved to be one of the most important economic events in the history of China and the modern world, which has created a win-win outcome for China and the world," said Yi Xiaozhun, WTO's former deputy director-general.

As Chinese consumers keep filling their shopping carts, the country's shopping list from the rest of the world is also getting longer with more variety.

The annual "Double Eleven" festival, which falls on Thursday, was first started by Alibaba's e-commerce platform on Nov. 11, 2009, and quickly grew into a major shopping event. On Alibaba's Tmall platform, the "Double Eleven" festival sees a record



People visit the 3M booth during the second China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, east China, on Nov. 7, 2019. File photo

290,000 brands participating and discounts for more than 14 million types of commodities.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FROM HIGH-STANDARD OPENING-UP

As China marks the 20th anniversary of its accession to the WTO this year, the country is pushing high-standard opening-up, which will further benefit its over 1.4 billion people and the world.

In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the fourth CIIE on Nov. 4, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed that China will firmly safeguard true multilateralism. It will also firmly share market opportunities with the rest of the world, promote high-standard opening-up, and uphold the common interest of the world.

Among the new opening-up moves, China will lay more emphasis on expanding import, open more demonstration zones for creative promotion of import

trade, and optimize the catalogue of retail imports via cross-border e-commerce.

The country will also further shorten the negative list for foreign investment, and expand the opening of telecommunication, healthcare and other services in an orderly fashion.

Through the establishment of free trade zones and the Hainan free trade port, the relaxation of restrictions on foreign investment, the hosting of the CIIE and the China International Consumer Products Expo, as well as the domestic ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, China has accelerated its overall opening-up, bringing real and remarkable benefits to people and enterprises both at home and abroad.

In the first three quarters of 2021, China's imports totaled nearly two trillion U.S. dollars, up 32.6 percent year on year and a record high.

According to the latest WTO data, in the first half of the year, China's international market share of imports increased by 0.7 percentage points year on year to 12 percent, contributing 15 percent of the global import increment.

Abikunda Samuel, the commercial counselor at the Embassy of Rwanda in China, said that previous participation in the CIIE has helped Chinese consumers learn more about Rwanda's famous products, such as chili oil and coffee.

Some Rwandan brands have caught up with China's e-commerce trend in collaboration with well-known live-streaming hosts. "Once, we sold some 3,000 packs of coffee within one second, and we hadn't even prepared that much stock," he recalled.

"That was a huge surprise." Long-term business ties established between China and Rwanda through the CIIE have created many job op-

portunities for Rwandan farmers, and thus benefited the country's economy as a whole, said Samuel.

China announced at the first CIIE in 2018 that its imported goods and services were estimated to exceed 30 trillion dollars and 10 trillion dollars, respectively, in the next 15 years. As the fourth CIIE concluded Wednesday with 70.72 billion dollars worth of tentative deals reached, many of the participating companies will join the "Double Eleven" festival.

"The CIIE is a bridge that connects China with the rest of the world, and that's exactly what Cargill has been doing for the past 50 years," said Jerry Liu, president of Cargill in China.

"Inspired by the exciting new opportunities that the CIIE has unlocked for us, we will embrace the next 50 years with even greater hope and ambition as we continue to grow together with our partners and customers in China," Liu said.

# The 'Pandora Papers': Effective use of open-source data can be a treasure trove to curb potential for corruption in South Africa

By Karen Allen

On 3 October the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists released the 'Pandora Papers' -- a treasure trove of documents exposing attempts by wealthy elites to hide their assets and cash in offshore tax havens.

Thirty-five current and former heads of state were named after 2.9 terabytes of leaked data that were processed, picked over, packaged and published by a global team of hundreds of journalists. It's a potent reminder of the power of data and its ability to expose illicit cash flows and dubious business deals that deprive the fiscus of much-needed tax revenues.

In Africa, where many of the pillars of democracy remain fragile, including a free media, the use of data to force accountability is one of the transformative properties of emerging tech. While caution is needed in an era of fake news and deliberate mis/disinformation campaigns, the power of data to achieve greater accountability of those elected or appointed to serve the public cannot be underestimated.

The Pandora Papers and its 2016 predecessor, the Panama Papers, were based on leaked data. But the development of investigative databases to hold public bodies such as municipal authorities or police departments to account, and open-source investigation tools (OSINT), make it easier for investigators to follow the electronic clues.

This is what the experts often call the 'digital exhaust' that follows our



The author argues that having leaked data in the public domain is essential, as it provides law enforcement access to investigate illicit flows, corruption, and other financial crimes.

every interaction online. Machine learning and powerful algorithms have enabled huge troves of data to be organised methodically and processed at speed in a way that wasn't previously possible. The data can be packaged and contextualised in a timely manner that demands action.

It is important to distinguish between leaked data such as the Pandora and Panama Papers, and open-source data, which anyone can access on the internet through OSINT tools.

These include applications such as Google Dork, which allow search operators to identify specific details of a person/company or other entity

buried in websites.

In contrast, leaked data isn't always made public. Some may be redacted by journalists or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) before the details are released into the public domain. They are essentially 'gatekeepers', and one of their key functions is to give the leaked material context.

Having leaked data in the public domain is essential because it also gives law enforcement access to investigate illicit flows, corruption, and other financial crimes. This is an ethical issue insofar as journalists and NGOs consider themselves as conveyors of information, but not cyber sleuths or intelligence operatives

acting on behalf of the state.

Civil society organisations in South Africa are using open-source data tools to encourage citizens to hold government agencies to account. "While we haven't the skills and resources to use forensic technology," argues David Lewis, Executive Director of Corruption Watch, "we are using contemporary tech to assist us on the ground."

At the beginning of 2021, Corruption Watch launched the Veza Tool to make the police service more accountable. Veza, which means to 'expose' or 'reveal' in isiZulu, aims to combat corruption and "break the cycle of impunity in the police ser-

vice."

The app enables citizens to access details of police resources, locations and personnel across the country using heat maps. They can then compare these with lived experiences.

Lewis sees enormous potential in developing data tools to force more responsibility in South Africa. "We are trying to build up a best practice on procurement, but if the country had a database that listed every single contract, it would make accountability so much easier."

ISS Today understands research is underway to develop a tool that would match the allocation of South African government tenders against a database of government officials, to expose patronage networks.

The World Bank recently hosted a symposium on using data tools to detect and measure corruption and assess the effectiveness of policies designed to combat it.

Among the analytics being run largely in Europe -- which could be replicated in Africa with sufficient funding support -- are European Public Accountability Mechanisms. These examine political financing and public procurement. Another, Opentender, analyses tender data mainly from European jurisdictions.

Using open-source research techniques by organisations such as Bellingcat has enabled researchers to access free online tools. These include programmes or applications to track shipping and aircraft movements and geolocate individuals or objects such as military hardware. It also provides reverse engineering technology for verification and accessing phone and email databases.

Bellingcat's methodologies are frequently made public, and their findings have exposed alleged human rights abuses in Africa, including in Cameroon and Burundi, which became a catalyst for legal investigations.

They've also been used to uncover information campaigns regarding the notorious Gupta family in South Africa and shed light on Russia's shadowy Wagner Group's operations in Africa.

Access to alternative data is a powerful bulwark against attempts to erode the democratic space, especially when newspapers are silenced and social media sites switched off in numerous African countries. Arguably, the monopoly of information enjoyed by many states for years is rapidly being eroded.

For those African governments committed to consolidating their democracies, this is an opportunity for state prosecutors, investigators and other government officials to arm themselves with new data tools.

They should embrace the power of big data to facilitate accountability and efficiency, tackle criminality and improve service delivery, thereby setting a standard for other African states to follow.

African policymakers and their partners should consider working with academic institutions and the private sector to develop similar databases to the accountability tools being rolled out across Europe. DMThese would arm citizens with information to confront transgressions and offer investigators leads to gather further evidence to mount prosecutions. **DM**



# It's time to find solutions to gendered consequences of Covid-19 pandemic

WASHINGTON

THE COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects across the globe, but the data and evidence show that women have borne the brunt of the crisis. While inequalities in health, economic power, and other areas existed long before the pandemic began, the pandemic has widened these gaps.

Women have suffered greater economic losses than men during the pandemic. They've lost their jobs at greater rates than men and were more likely to see decreases in their income. For example, women comprised 60 percent of job losses between February and April 2020 in South Africa, a study in Chad estimated more women will lose wages as a result of COVID-19 than men (61 percent vs. 57 percent), and a study of 29 countries found that a larger percentage of women lost employment during COVID-19 than men (42 percent vs. 31 percent).

Women business owners also suffered disproportionate losses during the pandemic. Studies found that women-owned businesses were more vulnerable to profit loss and closure during the pandemic. Across South Asia for example, women's businesses closed at a rate of about 50 percent compared to

men's at 39 percent.

Women's greater economic losses are in part driven by their role as primary caregivers. The pandemic brought on school closures around the globe which in effect, increased the childcare burdens of women (more than men) and inhibited their ability to engage in paid work.

On the one hand, work from home can allow women to spend more time with children and more easily combine paid work and unpaid care, but on the other hand, it can hinder work-life balance and negatively impact job performance.

Further, very few women workers around the world have the types of jobs that can be done from home, which means that these increased childcare burdens are putting economic empowerment further out of reach for many women.

During the course of the pandemic, research has also revealed a spike in gender-based violence in many places around the world - as lockdowns forced people to stay at home with abusive partners. For example a study from Peru found that both young men and young women experienced an increase in physical domestic violence during lockdown, and that those who had previously experienced violence were more likely to experience it again.



In Zimbabwe, a qualitative study of informal women workers also documents increased instances of gender-based violence due to staying home with abusive spouses. In Bangladesh, a study on intimate partner violence finds that, overall, 45 percent of women surveyed had experienced intimate partner violence during COVID-19, and that women in arranged marriages, from rural areas, and with lower levels of education were more likely to experience violence.

It's clear that women's health and economic standing have been disproportionately hurt by the COVID-19

pandemic. But while extensive research and data has begun to paint the picture of just how devastating the pandemic has been for women, there has been very little research to date on what policies or interventions have been effective in addressing and reversing these new and growing inequalities.

Where limited evidence does exist, it suggests that policy measures to respond to the pandemic have not equally reached and benefited women. As world leaders work to pursue a gender-equal recovery, they must ensure that COVID-19 recovery policies in all areas

consider the impact on women and are designed to reach and benefit women. They must not only look at problems - but also fund and implement evidence-based solutions, including those aimed at getting cash into the hands of women who have lost employment and income, addressing their disproportionate unpaid care burdens, and preventing gender-based violence. **IPS**

# APEC can play bigger role for brighter shared future

BEIJING

AS leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members are meeting via video link during the 2021 APEC Economic Leaders' Week, they are facing a torrent of pressing challenges like the raging pandemic, a continued unbalanced global economic recovery and a warming planet.

There is a number of reasons to have faith in a more united and resilient APEC.

For more than once, by acting in solidarity, members of the bloc have played a key role in anchoring regional and global stability at critical moments like the 1997 financial crisis, the 2003 SARS outbreak, and the 2008 global financial crisis.

The task this time is even more challenging, and APEC members can and should play a more important role. Containing the still raging COVID-19 pandemic remains the first imperative.

While many countries have been pressing ahead with vaccinating their nationals, the number of infections and deaths from this deadly disease is still multiplying.

Unfair distribution of vaccines, cunning virus variants, and vaccine hesitancy have all added to the uncertainty looming over the global fight against COVID-19.

To clinch the final victory in this life-and-death battle, APEC members must stick to greater solidarity and closer cooperation, work to ensure the vaccines are fairly accessible and affordable especially in underdeveloped countries, and step up cooperation in areas such as testing methods, medical treatment and related research, development, production and mu-

tual recognition of vaccines to truly create synergy against COVID-19. Strengthening the opening-up and economic integration of the region is another priority.

Over the past decades, based on mutual trust, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, the Asia-Pacific region has succeeded in sustaining fast development for a fairly long period of time.

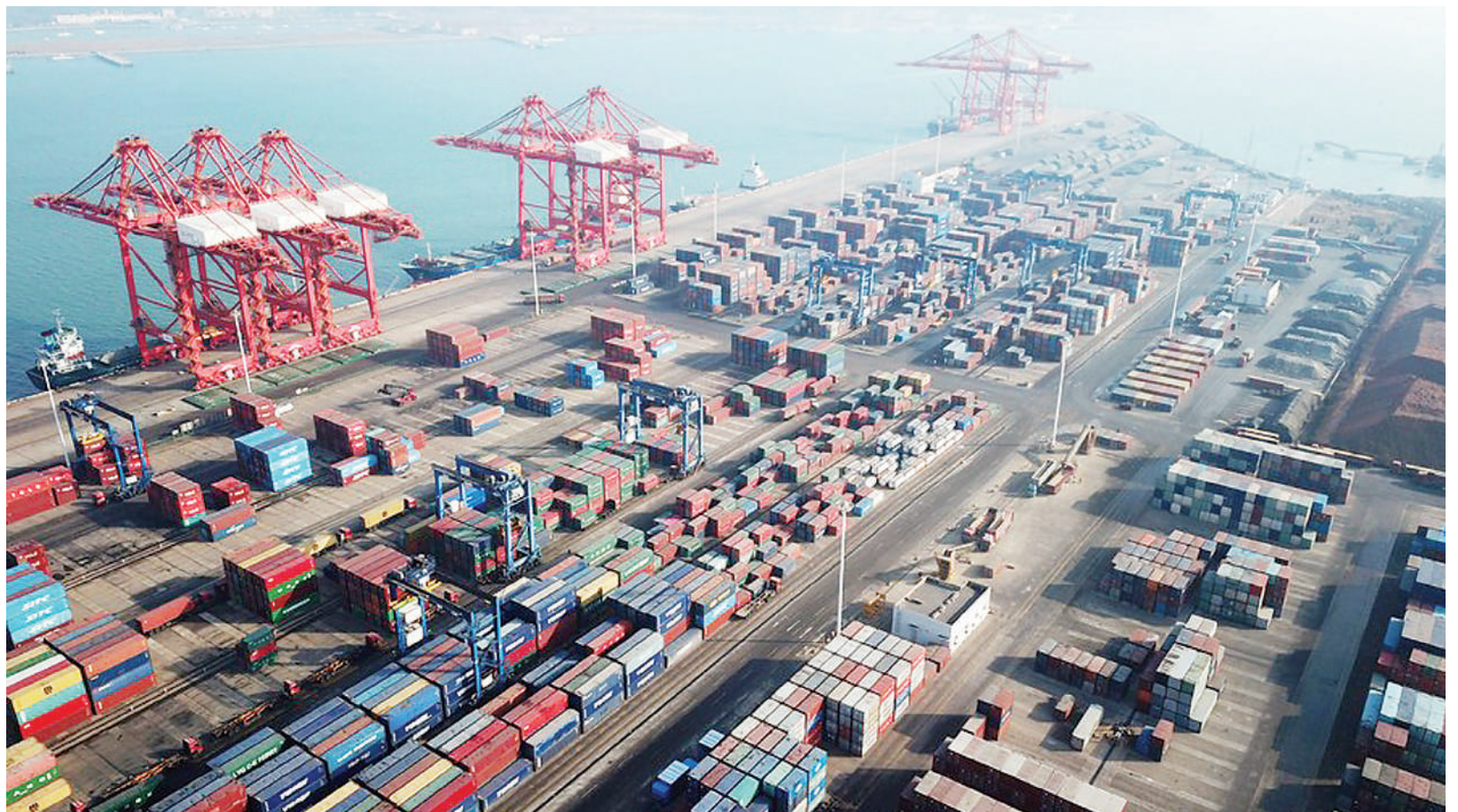
To ensure resilience in the region, APEC members should promote the liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment, keep industrial and supply chains stable and functioning, and promote the orderly flow of resources and inputs to boost economic recovery and achieve interconnected development.

Recently, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement has crossed the ratification threshold to enter into force in January 2022.

That is a hard-won triumph for multilateralism and regional integration in this age of rising protectionism and economic nationalism. China in recent days has applied to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement, demonstrating Beijing's determination to push forward the economic integration of the region.

It is worth noticing that while most APEC members are committed to bringing the region closer together, and putting aside differences to jointly meet common challenges, some narrow-minded members of the bloc are still bent on retaining barriers and forming political cliques in pursuit of selfish interests.

Those moves risk squandering APEC's decades of efforts to promote



Aerial photo taken on Jan. 14, 2021 shows the container terminal of the Lianyungang Port in Lianyungang City, east China's Jiangsu Province. Xinhua

regional integration.

If history is any indication, attempts to draw ideological lines or form small political circles on geopolitical grounds are bound to fail.

The Asia-Pacific region cannot and should not relapse into the confrontation and division of the Cold War era. Promoting green and innovative development should also be ranked high on the agenda. The COVID-19 pandemic stands as a stark reminder that all people, whether rich or poor, socialist or capitalist, share one same home planet, and no country can emerge unscathed from common

challenges like climate change.

Only by uniting to follow a green development path, can humanity achieve sustainable development. Innovation is an important force driving human progress.

APEC members need to speed up scientific and technological innovation and institutional innovation, promote the commercialization of scientific and technological advances, and foster new drivers of growth so that innovation will boost both economic development and green transition.

As APEC has grown to become a

dynamic engine of the global economy and one of the most important regional forums in the Asia-Pacific, China has played an increasingly relevant and significant role since its accession to the regional agreement in 1991.

Over the past three decades, China, as an active APEC member, has made tremendous contributions to promoting economic integration in the region, and played a pioneering role in supporting multilateralism and boosting sustainable development.

At the moment, it is still unclear

when the world can vanquish the ongoing pandemic, and the road to a more solid global economic recovery looks arduous.

Yet the global community has no other option than to embark on these missions. The Asia-Pacific has all along been an important engine driving the global economy.

Along the bumpy and foggy road ahead, China is ready to work closely with other members of the region and wider world in guiding the global community out of the woods and building a brighter shared future.

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# JK: Women shouldn't be dying in childbirth

By Correspondent Kenneth Simbaya

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete has challenged reproductive maternal newborn child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) stakeholders to understand that women dying from childbirth and pregnancy related complication is a violation of their rights and totally unfair, since pregnancy is not sickness.

"Our colleagues overseas celebrate pregnancy by doing baby shower, why? Because it is a joyous and exciting to become pregnant," Dr Kikwete said, adding that chances of dying from pregnancy and childbirth related complications in developed countries are very minimal, unlike in our countries where even announcing whether the expected child is a girl or boy is considered bad omen.

Dr Kikwete who also served as a co-chair of the United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health and now the Chairman Man of Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation, posed the challenge on Wednesday last week, when giving key note address at the official opening of National Reproductive Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition 2021(RMNCAH+N) Conference recently in Dar es Salaam.

The well attended conference was themed: 'Accelerating Actions Towards Reduction of Maternal, Newborn and Child Deaths in Tanzania.'

Dr Kikwete, said Tanzania has made great strides in reducing maternal, newborn and under five children deaths, however more efforts are needed if Tanzania is to meet Sustainable Development health goal of reducing maternal death to less than 70 per every 100,000 live birth and ending all preventable deaths for newborns, infants, and under five children by 2030. Currently, between 1,600 and 1,800 maternal deaths are reported per year in Tanzania.

According to the retired president, maternal death is a saddening thing, Tanzania has been battling with it, when Benjamin Mkapa who was the third phase president took the office, Tanzania had almost 700 maternal deaths per every 100,000 live births.

"Mkapa did his best. By the time he left office there were 578 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births," Dr Kikwete said, adding that when he assumed the presidency from Mkapa, there were 578 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, he battled with the challenge, by the time he left the office he left 432 maternal deaths per every 100,000 live births. Far behind



Former President Jakaya Kikwete speaks at the National Reproductive Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition 2021 Conference in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Correspondent Kenneth Simbaya

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target, that required the country to reduce maternal deaths by three quarter by 2015.

Dr Kikwete however pointed out that Tanzania did well on MDG goal 4: Reduce child mortality, and specifically on target 4 A: Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate. According to Dr Kikwete, Tanzania achieved this target one year before the deadline.

"SDGs demands us to reduce maternal deaths up 70 deaths per 100,000 live births. The challenge is big, hence calls for all responsible people and institutions working on reproductive health to seat together, brainstorm hatch viable solutions," called the retired President.

Adding that among the reasons of establishing JMKF to continue giving contribution to this unfinished business of improving re-

productive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescents health in the country.

Opening the conference, Prime Minister, Kasim Majaliwa said maternal and child health (MCH) are critical services within the health sector.

"That is why the Parliament of Tanzania, election manifestos, political campaigns and people's opinion give it (MCH), prominence and always have questions regard-

ing reproductive, maternal child and young people's health."

According to the PM, between 2007 - 2017 Tanzania has undertaken measure to geared towards improvement of primary health-care that saw increased health centers, the aim being having health centers in each ward.

"By 2020 a total number of 487 health centers, 102 district hospitals were built or facelifted so that they can provide primary health-care including caesarian services," announced the PM, adding that, "these a huge achievements."

Most important is following up maternal and newborn and child deaths, between 2018 - 2020 follow up and maternal, newborn and child death reporting momentum has been upped, between 1,600 - 1,800 maternal deaths are reported per year. "These are women we know where their deaths occurred, cause of their deaths, and no doubt we can also tell where they were buried," he said.

According to the PM, available report show that more than 90% of deaths reported occurred in health facilities.

Regarding newborn health, according to the PM, available data show that almost 10,000 - 12,000 newborn deaths are reported per year.

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition remains to be a global Priority. Tanzania is committed to implement the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which aim to create a better, fairer, world by 2030.

# Labourers in EA to reap more from technical working group

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African workers and laborers are set to benefit through prompt intervention of challenges affecting labor mobility and employment, following a commitment to operationalize a regional technical working group.

This follows extensive deliberations between the East African Community (EAC) and the East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC) on strengthening the labour, employment and migration agenda, held today at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

The two organizations committed to operationalise a Technical Working group, that will address matters and challenges affecting labour mobility in the region and implementation of the Joint Programme for the exchange of young workers amongst the EAC Partner States.

The move follows a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) set to guide the process, endorsed by the 5th Forum of EAC Ministers responsible for Labour and Employment meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, held on 29th October 2021.

The MoU is set to be presented to the upcoming 41st Council of Ministers for consideration. The EAC committed to highlighting the need for intervention around labour, employment and migration in the upcoming Heads of State Retreat on Common Market Protocol and push for the free movement of labour and right of establishment in the future scorecards.

Speaking over the weekend during the meeting, EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki called on EATUC to proactively drive the finalization and implementation of the draft EAC

Labour Migration Policy. "Once finalised, the policy will guide national laws, policies, and regulations on labour migration within and outside the region," he said.

The Secretary General added that a meeting of Directors in charge of labour will be held in February 2022 to scrutinise the draft policy in readiness for adoption by the EAC Council of Ministers.

"We urge EATUC to also contribute to fast-tracking the finalization and operationalization of the Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) for professionals to move freely within

the region," he said. East African Trade Union Confederation (EATUC) chairperson, Peter Werikhe, called on the EAC to establish a Sectoral Council of Ministers responsible for Labour and Migration and increase the frequency of meetings to address critical issues on labour, employment and migration.

"We also call on EAC to involve all relevant stakeholders, on EAC recovery plans and strategies post Covid-19, to ensure that the decent work agenda is enshrined," he noted.

For his part, Central Organization of Trade Unions, Kenya

(COTU-K), Secretary General, Dr Francis Atwoli called on EAC to coordinate and involve social partners to develop regional position at the International Labour Conference (ILC), Ordinary Session of the Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Social Development, Labour and Employment (STC-SDLE), AUC and AfCFTA levels.

"We need to strengthen the voice and agenda of EAC, by strategically developing structures to influence opportunities that can benefit East Africans," Dr Atwoli said, calling for the establishment of a desk at the EAC Secretariat, that will

seek to address regional labour issues at the Secretariat.

Other issues discussed include; the finalization of the draft Council Directive on the coordination of Social Security Benefits.

This instrument is set to facilitate the portability of social benefits from migrant workers in the region. Fast tracking of the EAC Common Market Protocol provisions related to Labour and Employment and strengthening areas of cooperation and implementation of the revised EAC-International Labour Organization (ILO) MoU.

# Domestic workers - unsung heroes in need of empathy

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

NYAMBURI (not her real name) is a 16-year-old girl from Nansio, Ukerewe, in Tanzania's Mwanza Region. Hers is the sad ordeal of a former Domestic Worker and a survivor of sexual and psychological violence from her employer.

Things were so tough for her until July 2020 when a neighbour came around her ordeal and decided to report to a local NGO in Mwanza where she was not only rescued, but also provided with shelter, medical care as well as psychosocial support and legal aid.

The NGO did not end there, as while waiting for the fate of her case in court, the latter enrolled her to their vocational training to learn tailoring. Her Good Samaritan is none other than WoteSawa, a local NGO based in Mwanza whose main goal is to emancipate domestic workers whose rights are violated such as her.

During her stay at a WoteSawa shelter, her teachers noticed that Nyamburi was ambitious, self-determined and focused.

She was also eager to acquire life skills, and excel in helping others. Fate was on her good side as her attributes won hearts to her teachers where Nyamburi won herself a scholarship through a sisterhood programme between WoteSawa and The Merze Tate Explorers, based in the US.

Thanks to the support, she is now attending training in tailoring at a Vocational Education and Training Authority college (VETA) in Mwanza.

During the interview Nyamburi could not mince her words but to admit that she was indeed very lucky to have found Good Samaritans to rescue her from her miseries.

"I always dreamt of becoming a cloth designer but had no idea on how I would do so. Fortunately, WoteSawa and friends from the US came to my rescue and granted me hope and I can now see that there is always light at the end of the tunnel," says Nyamburi, one of the many girls who has been rescued by WoteSawa.

According to Angella Benedicto the Executive Director, her NGO works to reach, identify, recruit, train, rescue and shelter domestic workers who are victims and survivors of abuse and exploitation, including human trafficking.

"WoteSawa empower survivors economically and legally while at the same conducting different awareness raising sessions to beneficiaries, stakeholders and the community at large," says Angella, once a domestic worker herself.

Angella mentions one of the achievements within the 10 years of WoteSawa as the establishment and running of WoteSawa Safe House for survivors of Violence Against Women and Children in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region, as well as WoteSawa temporary shelter in Mwanza.

WoteSawa has managed to rescue, shelter and reintegrate 961 female victims of violence against children and gender-based violence generally back to their respective families," she says.



WoteSawa executive director Angella Benedicto (L) briefs the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright, and the envoy's wife, Kathy, on the agency's activities.

The NGO's good work has attracted several dignitaries where in November 2021, WoteSawa received a delegation from the US Embassy in Tanzania led by the US Ambassador, Donald Wright accompanied by his wife, Kathy.

While there, and his delegation the envoy managed to visit activities conducted by the NGO where he paid an accolade to WoteSawa for its tremendous work to rescue young girls from abusive domestic work and to re-enroll them to

school or vocational training.

Under Tanzanian laws, domestic workers and their rights fall under the Employment and Labour Relations Act, 2004 and Regulation of Wages and Terms of Employment Order, 2010.

However, experience has shown that many domestic workers' employers do not accord most of the labour law rights to employees.

Research has shown that this is due to poverty. Often employers of domestic workers receive mini-

mum wages and therefore cannot afford to provide minimum wages to their own domestic workers.

Another reason is because some employers of domestic workers are ignorant of the law. Additionally, however, some domestic workers themselves are not aware of their employment rights, and cannot therefore enforce these rights in the workplace, reads part of the law in part.

Laws have been in place since time immemorial but we all must

admit that community members have a major role to play to ensure our girls do not fall prey to abuse.

The role to protect girls and women lies not solely to the government and CSOs, but to the community. Domestic workers are humans and deserve humane treatment and respect.

Girls who work as domestic workers are there to earn a living and not miseries. Domestic workers are not sexual workers and they should never be used as a toy for someone to fulfill selfish and devious bodily needs by anyone.

We need to be vigilant and to report about any human rights violations committed to domestic workers in our vicinity. Let us break the silence to rescue this very important group for the betterment of the nation.

As we commemorate 16 days of activism, let us resolve to work hard to rescue daughters of this nation who suffer simply because their ultimate sin has been to serve our homes.

We all need domestic workers for us to move on with our daily lives. Let us join hands with NGOs such as WoteSawa.

Let us prove to the world that ours is a nation that treats its women and girls well for the betterment of our good nation.

At the end of the day, domestic workers are the unsung heroes of this nation as they are the reason we go to work comfortably knowing that there is someone at home to take care of all the details inclusive of our little ones who these days have turned to be troublesome brats.

Let us all play our part, let us treat our domestic workers with love, compassion and respect and let them go in case we believe we cannot cope with them rather than mistreat them.



# Four scenarios and the funeral(s): Ethiopian powder keg is ready to explode in tragic ways

By Greg Mills

**T**HE war is marching closer to Addis at a fair lick. Just 10 days earlier, with the fall of the city of Dessie, the front was 300km from Addis. There is little evidence of a government plan to stop the advance by the rebel Tigray Defense Forces.

Sarching for Sergio  
“Give a small man a big gun,” said the ambassador, “and he will prove he is a small man”.

I was reminded of this aphorism in navigating 11 checkpoints on the 145km northwest from Addis Ababa to the civil war's front just beyond the Amharic city of Debre Berhan. At each one we were stopped by a man with a gun, sometimes Oromia or Amhara militia, depending on whose territory the section of road criss-crossed, sometimes local or federal police, and a couple of times, by a mixed group of Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) soldiers and plainclothes intelligence officers.

It was the latter, just outside the town of Debre Sina, that gave us the hardest time.

The war is marching closer to Addis at a fair lick. Just 10 days earlier, with the fall of the city of Dessie, the front was 300km from Addis. There was little evidence from our route of a

government plan to stop the advance by the rebel Tigray Defense Forces (TDF). All the signs are, so far, that – surprise, surprise – the TDF has simply gone around most ENDF positions and continued virtually unabated on its mission to unseat the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

Addis abounds with stories about Turkish and Iranian drones, and Israeli and Chinese weapons. There is talk about new arms imports which are going to turn the tide in the favour of the government.

But the only technology seen on our road-trip was the AK-47, a hotch-potch variety of generally badly fitting uniforms, the ubiquitous Toyota Land Cruiser (Africa's war technology of choice) with young men hanging manically on to RPD machine guns propped on their roofs, and a new development: the mud-smeared white pickup, the latest in washable camouflage patterning. No heavy weaponry, no helicopters, no artillery, no prepared emplacements beyond ropes across the highway, not even on the run-up to Debre Sina, 10km from the latest fighting, and the most likely defensive position before the run into Addis itself.

At every checkpoint, we were asked for our identity documents, and the reason for our travel. My two companions had recently done the route several times in consular support of their



Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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It made for slow going, the 280km round trip taking 7½ hours, including one checkpoint on entry to Addis where we queued for 90 minutes, only to shuffle on to the last one where we experienced, again, the full treatment: out of the car, frisked and all bags searched. (I did consider offering a copy of my latest book to boost sales, but then thought better of it.)

Abiy's plan, if there is one, is to continue his belligerent rhetoric imploring sacrifice (of others) in the name of an uncertain vision which seems to be based around not returning the country to the type of rule of former Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, a Tigrayan, who died in 2012 after nearly 20 years in charge, during which time the TPLF gained a disproportionate share of political power and economic opportunities.

Addis' analysts are also agog at how quickly the ENDF has collapsed. Like the Taliban advance towards Kabul, the TDF has, just as it did 30 years ago in ending the rule of Mengistu Haile Mariam in 1991, outperformed Abiy's troops on the battlefield and, especially, in the media.

### The ENDF is seemingly a spent force.

It is surprising that Abiy, a former military officer, does not have a particularly workable plan for war. Muddy camouflage won't wash it. But then again, the prime minister is famous for his self-belief.

This may also help to explain why, for all of the help and willingness of outsiders from the African Union to conflict resolution experts, Abiy lacks a plan for peace. Never mind that he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018. He is not the first mistake the Nobel committee has made and probably, on that committee's seeming inability for self-reflection, won't be the last.

Abiy first totally pissed off the Tigrayans in rolling back to the Meles years, a fall-out which he might have survived given that they amount to just 6% of the population, had he not done the same to the Oromia (over a third of the population) and then upped the stakes by siding with Amharic nationalists, who are essentially against nearly everyone else. He also managed to upset the Sudanese and Egypt over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, and then trumped it all by relying on arch-enemy Eritrea to slap the Tigrayans down militarily in November last year. He then rubbed salt into ethnic wounds by

dispossessing and detaining Tigrayans in a bout of ethnic business-cleansing in Addis, and in locking up the Oromia leadership.

In fact, if anything, Dr Abiy (he, remarkably, has a doctorate from the Institute for Peace and Security Studies in Addis) has stepped into all the imaginable potholes present in a peace-making process – holding unrealistic objectives, resorting to belligerent rhetoric, running interference to ensure a staccato rather than a constant peace process, mediation “shopping”, working against rather than with the grain of international actors, and openly failing to see his opponent's position, strengths and weaknesses and acting on them. All of this is fine, of course, if the objective is to buy time; which is useful only if there is time to buy for a winnable war-fighting strategy.

At Debre Sina, the single-lane A2 climbs to over 3,000m through several small tunnels, to an escarpment that looks over the town of Shewa Robit, where fighting had erupted the morning of our journey. A larger concentration of military and militia barred our further progress, and despite our protestations, we were ordered to turn around. Once we had done so, we were immediately stopped again for questioning by a member of the National Intelligence Service and told to follow him and a hapless policeman to Debre Berhan where we were detained for further interrogation. My colleagues explained that we were searching for one of their citizens, “Sergio”, working for an international NGO, who had gone missing.

Eventually they tired of us – there was a war to fight after all – and having snapped all our IDs on their phones, and openly wondering what the hell a South African was doing among this lot, let us go back to Addis. They were, at best, a little twitchy.

### Four scenarios are now possible.

In the first, the international community gets behind an African peace deal, enabled by Abiy taking immediate symbolic de-escalatory steps, including opening humanitarian access to Tigray, turning back on telecoms, banking and electricity services to the province, and speaking out publicly against Eritrean occupation.

This might, in a long shot, halt the war, but it is unlikely to save Abiy. It is difficult to negotiate from a position of weakness.

In the second scenario, suddenly bolstered by fresh international weaponry, the ENDF performs a miracle, and holds on, stopping the TDF and its allies from coming into Addis, the stalemate being followed up, in a positive outcome, by a peace process and a final settlement through a national dialogue.

More likely such a stalemate links to a third scenario, in which the Eritreans distract the TDF's advance by re-invading Tigray, forcing the TDF's retreat back up the road to defend their homeland to Ethiopia's north. This TDF reaction is not certain, however. Rather Asmara's further involvement might cause them to launch an all-out no holds barred offensive on Addis, perhaps expedited by closer collaboration with the Oromo Liberation Army.

Any further Eritrean intervention, whatever the short-term military consequences, will almost certainly lead to greater longer-term inter-communal violence and possibly even the dissolution of today's modern version of the Ethiopian state.

### If the Eritreans step in, what happens?

There is evidence to suggest that its president, Isaias Afwerki, has good reason to fear the reaction of his own generals to what will be an inevitably brutally bloody and possibly politically fatal struggle as much as the increasing international opprobrium that would surely result. This leads to a fourth, final scenario, that Addis falls, and probably sooner rather than later.

The question is, what then? The Tigrayans will, if they are as smart as they profess to be, not seek to return to the past, save taking back their businesses, but will set about creating a national dialogue that will enable power-sharing with legitimate Oromia and other leadership, and a fairer distribution of resources. Any failure to take this mature approach can only seed yet another conflict.

The ball is still in Abiy's court, but only just.

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**WORD-FIT**

3 LETTERS: ICE, LAY, BOY  
4 LETTERS: FINE, EASE, NEST, ABEL, TACO, AGED  
5 LETTERS: MEANT, EASEL, EMBED, DIENE  
6 LETTERS: ADRIFT, YEMENI, EUNUCH, MEAGRE, MEKONG, MILAN,  
7 LETTERS: PENGUIN  
8 LETTERS: LIBERALS  
10 LETTERS: FREE LOADER

**CROSSWORD**

**CLUES: Across**

- profession of being a journalist
- Chief city of Togo
- present food to someone
- make suitable for a new use
- place in a particular position
- Paris is her Capital city
- be absolutely sure about something
- milk and milk products collectively
- physically dependent on a particular substance
- a chair
- work requiring little skill and lacking prestige

**Down:**

- named after Julius Caesar
- the whole community of Muslims
- a yearly court of record held by the lords of certain manors
- appreciate to the full
- Garden of Adam and Eve
- distribute over a wide area
- small bomb thrown by hand
- a traditional Japanese inn
- the color of milk
- a sphere of activity
- say something in order to obtain an answer
- a barrier constructed to hold back water

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## JICA-funded horticulture project benefits hundreds of farmers in northern Tanzania

By Francis Kajubi

**F**IFTY-six farmers' groups in northern Tanzania have benefited from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) funded horticultural project.

The four year District Agricultural Development Plan (DADP) project has made smallholder horticultural growers in Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Tanga regions adopt new approach that has improved production per acreage.

This came after implementing the Tanzania Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (TANSHEP), an approach that realizes market oriented smallholder agriculture and converts farmers mind from 'grow and sell' perspectives to grow to sell.

So far, 56 farmers' groups have benefited from the four-year DADP project that has been in place since January 2019 through December 2023. It is being executed in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG).

Maisha Bora Farmers Group chairman from Bumbuli District in Tanga Region, Ayubu Ally Kihio described the new approach as a 'redeemer'.

"It takes us to the next level as the 'grow and sell' approach, give time for us to do a market survey before production. Through this approach we decide what to produce, how, and when, according to the market needs," Kihio said.

"We are benefiting from the training of the project, acquiring knowledge mostly on market survey, record keep-



A horticulture farm

ing and action planning. Now we consider agriculture as a total business that a participant needs to dedicate him to. Being in groups we have enough time to discuss how to carry out profitable agriculture in a strategic manner by ourselves," he added.

However, he said the training gives courage and confidence to expand farmers' cultivation areas from one acre to 3.5 acres.

"I personally purchase agriculture inputs instead of just waiting for the project's inputs and have changed the tomato variety from local to hybrid variety which is more productive and profitable. In turn these approaches have increased my income, and I managed to renovate my shop and buy a motorcycle," he explained.

Another success story is that the farmers from Migombani, Migungani and Tujitegeme farmers groups in Karatu districts of Arusha region used to cultivate onions all the time. After receiving the training, they realized that watermelon is much more profitable than onion and has high demand on the market.

Although it is a challenge to change people's mind, JICA continue to disseminate the TANSHEP approach in Tanzania and encourage farmer's mind set with the project's slogan of "Anzia Sokoni, Malizia Shambani, Kwa Kipato Zaidi" meaning Start from market and complete at farm for more income on the ground.

## Stamico seal pact with NMB to equip artisanal miners with affordable loans

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National micro-finance Bank (NMB) to equip small-scale miners with affordable loans to enable them to improve their business.

This comes a few days after the Corporation also signed a MoU with KCB bank to extend the same support to the artisanal miners in the country.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, STAMICO acting managing director Dr Venance Mwase said the initiative complements the Corporation's long term master plan to equip small scale miners financially for them to grow.

He said the signing of the MoU came after the discussion with NMB especially after seeing the importance of supporting the group.

Dr Mwase said lack of funds is one of the big challenges facing many small scale miners in the country as a result it has led the sector to contribute less to the nation's economy.

He said up to date STAMICO has registered 34,000 small scale miners adding the support from the bank

will help them to get equipment, technology and funds.

"We have signed the MoU to ensure our small scale miners get access to finance, equipment and technology so as to contribute to the nation's economic development. Our target is to ensure a win-win-win situation among stakeholders-STAMICO, NMB and small scale miners," he added.

According to him, STAMICO has procured five drilling machines, a move aimed at supporting the small-scale miners, adding that the corporation will be procuring two drilling machines every year.

He highlighted shortage of drilling machines as one of the big challenges that small scale miner's encounter when performing their duties in the country.

Dr Mwase reiterated the Corporation's commitment to continue supporting the group calling them to adhere to the regulations and laws governing mining processing.

He said according to the agreement, STAMICO will be responsible for offering indicative technology in areas of geology, mining and processing small scale miners that need to be financed and later submitted to the bank.

NMB chief of credit, Daniel Mbotto said that since June



this year, the bank had established a mining club in all mines in the country to support small artisanal miners.

Mbotto said the bank has set aside 133bn/- to support small scale miners, noting that up to date, the bank had disbursed 20bn/- to support the particular group.

"After the signing, our duty is to issue loans to small-scale miners who have been approved by STAMICO. I call on them to use the opportunity," he said.

Last week, STAMICO signed a MoU with KCB bank to support the small-scale miners in the country and became the first bank in the country to support the particular group.

## Total Energies launches annual customer week

By Smart Money Reporter

TOTAL Energies Marketing Tanzania Limited has launched its customer week for the year 2021, carrying the theme: 'imagining tomorrow together'.

This is the third round of TotalEnergies customer week since it started in 2019. The company continues to show its commitment to Tanzania by welcoming its customers to share their vision of the future in relation to its services in the country.

Speaking during the event, firm's managing director, Jean-Francois Schoepp said that the energy company is determined at bringing its services closer to its customers in line with the father of nation the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's ideology that if real development is to take place, the people have to be involved.

"We also believe that if TotalEnergies is to continue developing further, it can only happen by involving our customers and developing along with our customer's vision of us, their future prosperous demands and for us to ensure that we are ready and able to fully satisfy that demand," said Schoepp.

He was speaking yesterday at TotalEnergies East Oysterbay where he had an opportunity to hear forth customer's feedback, strengthen relationships with their customers to bridge any gaps that may be existing and imagine the future of TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited together.

Furthermore, customers had a chance to play a fortune wheel at the station and stood a chance to win several gifts including T-shirts, water bottles, caps, car care products such as coolants and air freshener, and a gift voucher to shop from the cafe bonjour.

"Indeed, TotalEnergies has rebranded and continues to lead innovation, this is fully reflected in our commitment to offer high quality products and services everywhere in Tanzania," he added.

TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited is Energies marketing and service company, incorporated in Tanzania since 1969. The company's business focuses on the marketing, supply and service of various energies including petroleum products, HFO and Lubricants, and now venturing into renewable energies.

It is extending its expertise in offering reliable, secured and convenient service through its use of the TotalEnergies Card system for the purchase of lubricants, Excellium fuels and car service at its service station.

As part of its diversification, TotalEnergies Tanzania Ltd through the TotalEnergies Access to Solar (TATS) project supports the distribution of solar lamps to Tanzanian communities. Through the acquisition of Gapco Tanzania Ltd and the launch of the Lubricant blending plant has expanded the Group's footprint in Tanzania.



Timoth Kihombo, GGML's Senior Training Officer (Safety & Services), Timoth Kihombo receives a leadership award from the Director General of the East and Southern African Leadership College (ESAMI), Prof Bonard Mwape(R). Kihombo is one of nine GGML employees who graduated with an MBA from the college, sponsored by the firm. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



# Smuggling makes L. Tanganyika contribute less to country's GDP



Fishermen at work in Lake Tanganyika

By Correspondent Adela Madyane, Kigoma

**S**MUGGLING of Lake Tanganyika's fish products has been cited as one of the significant reasons for little contribution of the fisheries sector to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Zonal Officer In charge (ZOI) of Fisheries Resource Protection-Lake Tanganyika, Juma Makongoro revealed this over the weekend during the commemoration of the World Fisheries Day marked annually on November 21.

Makongoro described smuggling of lake fisheries products to different areas inside and outside the country as a challenge thwarting fishing industry in the deepest water body in Africa.

He however suggested the need to have proper records and management of data to measure the lake's fisheries sector contribution to the regional and the country.

"We must address the loopholes as well as protecting our sea products, but we also must use legal fishing gears advised by the government, to avoid loss. For example, selling one basin of unwanted size of fish 'Kuhe', a trader can get 100,000/- while waiting for the same one basin of Kuhe to grow into wanted size will result in 5 tonnes which is extra more profitable" explained Makongoro.

Makongoro requested the local government authorities from the suburbs to collaborate with BMU's in protection and management of the beaches, and insisted

political leaders to not interfere with professionals by allowing traders to sell unwanted sizes of fish for the better tomorrow.

Kigoma District Commissioner (DC) Ester Mahawe cited different reasons as contributing factors to the less economic inputs in GDP saying that there can be a loophole somewhere that leads to the low contribution.

She noted that along the fish and seafood valuable chain, there are significant employment to 200,000 fishermen in Kigoma Region and economic benefits to local communities living along the lake shores, and more than 10,000,000 million people benefiting from Lake Tanganyika products.

She said Kigoma district and the municipal council have received an income report from the fisheries department of 300,000/- from each area and wondered why little contribution.

"One sack of 100kg small fish turns 3,500,000/- each kg to be sold at 35,000k, how come I receive the report of 300,000/- generated income? There must be a problem somewhere that needs to be clarified," said Mahawe.

Mahawe said there is a need for each Beach Management Unit (BMU) to not only manage the

beaches from environmental destruction but also oversee revenue collections.

Lukindo Hiza, program manager from Tuungane project said, to protect the lake food products they have equipped patrol knowledge to the BMU members to make sure they protect the fish from being stolen.

"Proper management of fishes and other seafood must be adhered as per law, we have bought boats and other gears to BMU to make sure that they don't lose a single fish into waste, they should also manage revenues to make sure we increase and reach the standard on contribution to GDP," he said.

It is estimated that fishing in Lake Tanganyika currently benefits over 200,000 fishermen in direct employment in Kigoma Region.

Reports show that despite being one of the sectors that provide employment and income to the majority, the fisheries sector unfortunately contributes only 1.7 percent to the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) economy in the country.

The total seafood products in Tanzania are 2,803,000 tonnes, in Lake Victoria 2,210,000 tonnes and in Lake Tanganyika 295,000 tonnes. Annually a person consumes 8.5kg out of 22.8kg fish, which is still low.

# Shanta Gold's New Luika mine life extended to 2026 after successful exploration drilling

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

**E**AST Africa focused gold producer Shanta Gold has announced extension of the Life of Mine (LOM) for its flagship New Luika Gold Mine, located in the Songwe District, South Western Tanzania to 2026.

The news comes after the company's successful exploration drilling geared towards extending the mine's life following drilling conducted in Quarter III, 2021

According to the Exploration Drilling Update issued by the Shanta Gold Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Zurrin, the company is committed to continue investing in exploration programmes aimed at extending the project's mine life, with recent discoveries at the Porcupine South deposit adding further life to New Luika once incorporated into the mine plan.

"We're pleased to announce an exploration update for our New Luika Gold Mine. Exploration drilling and mine life extension are core value drivers for Shanta. The current reserve life at New Luika has been extended to 2026, and we are continuing to invest in exploration programmes aimed at extending the mine life," the statement said.

Zurrin said the drilling campaigns at Porcupine South will continue to the end of November 2021 with a focus on defining the geometry of the mineralised structures and better defining the constraints of the potential open pit resources at Porcupine South.

He noted that as the company transitions to a 100,000 ounce gold producer in 2023, ongoing exploration will play a critical role in sustainably extending and adding to

Shanta's production profiles over time, maximizing the social impact of the company's assets on the ground and returns for shareholders.

Shanta Gold earlier this month announced that construction of its much-awaited Singida Gold Mining Project in Central Tanzania remains on track to commence production in early 2023.

The project seeks to add a second revenue stream across its portfolio and further strengthen the diversified portfolio of the company's assets in East Africa.

Zurrin said the Singida project will transform Shanta from a single asset producer to a near-term 100,000 ounces per annum producer with a diversified revenue stream across two operations.

He noted that encouraging results of the grade control drilling at Singida reinforces the company's confidence in the strength of the production profile, especially for the first 18 - 24 months of production.

Shanta Gold started construction of its Singida project in October last year with an average annual Life Of Mine (LOM) gold production of 32,000 ounces at an all-in sustaining cost (AISC) of \$869 per ounce.

According to the company, the total capital investment for the Singida project will be \$26 million over a 24-month construction period, excluding pre-stripping, funded from internally generated cash flow.

The Singida mining project will have a major positive impact on the Ikungi region through the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program that focuses on improving economic livelihoods, education, health and water for the communities surrounding the mine.



# KCB loses lenders row over Mumias takeover

NAIROBI

**K**CB Group has lost full control of running troubled Mumias Sugar Company after the High Court directed it to involve other creditors in the operations and planned leasing of the ailing miller.

Justice Alfred Mabeya directed the KCB appointed receiver manager – Pongangipalli Venkata Ramana Rao – to involve and seek the nod of other creditors, including Ecobank Kenya and French development finance institution Proparco on the miller's operations.

Rao has been running Mumias under the direction of KCB since the miller was placed under receivership in September 2019 to protect its assets and maintain operations.

Other creditors protested KCB's sole right over the miller and joined a suit seeking a say in Mumias operations, arguing that the receiver manager was running the plant without their input.

Now, Mr Rao will be answerable to all the parties owed by Mumias Sugar through a creditors committee. The millers' loans stood at Sh12.5 billion at the end of June 2018.

Apart from KCB's Sh545 million, it also owes Ecobank Kenya (Sh2 billion), Proparco (Sh1.9 billion), which financed the construction of the power plant at Mumias and Commercial Bank of Africa (Sh401 million).

"The interim administrator owes the duty of care to account to all other creditors under the Act," Justice Mabeya said.

Rao, he added, will have to file a report on Mumias Sugar operations, including financial dealings, every six months.

The court ruling will affect the planned leasing of Mumias Sugar, which must now receive the backing of the top creditors.

The receiver is seeking to lease the firm in the latest revival bid and has received bids from a number of investors, including businessman Julius Mwale, steel tycoon Narendra Raval and billionaire Rai family.

Under the initial leasing deal, the successful firm will run the plant on behalf of KCB for up to 25 years and

pay the lender monthly leasing fees.

Mr Mwale placed the highest bid of Sh27.6 billion for the leasing of Mumias Sugar.

Raval, through his Devki Group, offered Sh8.4 billion while Rai, under his West Kenya Sugar, offered Sh3.5 billion.

According to the receiver-manager, a total of eight bidders submitted their bids to lease the troubled sugar factory.

Unlike the other State-owned sugar firms where the bidding was through public tendering, the receiver-manager said the Mumias issue was handled through a private treaty between the investor and the bidders.

"Receiver was of the opinion that a private treaty is a much better option instead of public tendering. In addition, the private treaty will be less expensive, much faster and the receiver would be able to conclude the technical and financial assessments of the bidders in the shortest period," said Mr Rao.

The lender has been barred from auctioning the plant to secure assets used as security for other loans, prompting it to turn to the lease option.

Mumias, which used to be Kenya's leading producer at more than 250,000 tonnes a year, was beset by poor management, heavy debts and years of mounting losses, prompting its closure.

Its shares were suspended from the Nairobi bourse after being placed under receivership by KCB Group, and the leasing deal will be keenly watched by shareholders, including the State with a 20 percent stake, and creditors who are owed over Sh12 billion.

Mwale has unveiled a multi-billion shilling package that will lead to the upgrade of the rundown production plant and attract farmers back to cane production.

The Devki Group owner was planning to inject Sh5 billion to bring the once giant miller into production.

In his quest for the sugar market, the steel tycoon was preparing for battle with billionaire Jaswant Rai whose family controls half of the commodity's sales in Kenya.



Mumias sugar company

# Ten companies penalised over competition offences

NAIROBI

**M**ORE than 10 companies have been penalised by the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) in less than two years for various offences.

Nairobi's Ruaraka-based PZ Cussons is the latest firm to be penalised Sh595,000 for inappropriately labelling its products.

CAK in the gazette notice said it received the payment from the consumer goods firm after it opted to enter into a settlement agreement with the authority as outlined in the law.

CAK says the firm was put under investigation after the authority established that it did not provide the correct information when it was labelling its products.

The authority said the company needed to indicate the date of manufacture on the labelling of its Cussons baby perfume jelly, Imperial Leather body lotion, Japanese Spa and Venus Skin Care smoothing body lotion.

PZ Cussons owns personal care brands like Imperial Leather brands, Carex, Cussons Baby, Flamingo, Venus as well as home care range that include Morning Fresh.

"The company settled the matter by payment of Sh595,000 and the company gave a written undertaking vide the settlement agreement to in future refrain from engaging in any conduct that is in contravention of the Act," said CAK director-general Wang'ombe Kariuki in the notice.

Several other Kenyan firms have been penalised by the authority in recent months, turning the spotlight on how firms have been duping consumers by providing fake details on labels in their products.

A random check by Business Daily showed that CAK has penalised firms like Carrefour, Moringa School, Trade Winds International Ltd, Masherbrum Contractors Ltd and Sums Decorators Ltd.

Others are juice maker Del Monte Kenya and paints manufacturer Basco Products and microlender Getbucks Kenya as well as Thika-based Capwell Industries. The competition watchdog in June fined the miller of the Soko maize flour Sh600,000 for misrepresenting the quality and ingredients of the brand to consumers.

CAK said the Thika-based Capwell Industries opted to enter into a settlement agreement after a sector-wide investigation found it was not compliant with relevant "consumer information standards and labelling requirements".



# African nations mend and make do as China tightens Belt and Road



A giraffe walks near an elevated railway line that allows movement of animals below the Standard Gauge Railway line linking Nairobi and Naivasha, inside the Nairobi National Park.

## NAIROBI

DEEP in Kenya's Great Rift Valley, members of the National Youth Service tirelessly swing machetes to clear dense shrubs obscuring railway tracks more than a century old.

It's a distinctly low-tech phase for China's Belt and Road drive in Africa to create the trade highways of the future.

There's not enough money left to complete the new 1,000-km super-fast rail link from the port of Mombasa to Uganda. It ends abruptly in the countryside, 468 km short of the border, and now Kenya is resorting to finishing the route by revamping the 19th-century colonial British-built tracks that once passed that way.

China has lent African countries hundreds of billions of dollars as part of President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which envisaged Chinese institutions financing the bulk of the infrastructure in mainly developing nations. Yet the credit has dried up in recent years.

On top of the damage wrought to both China and its creditors by COVID-19, analysts and academics attribute the slowdown to factors such as a waning

appetite in Beijing for large foreign investments, a commodity price crash that has complicated African debt servicing, plus some borrowers' reluctance to enter lending deals backed by their natural resources.

"We are not in the go-go period anymore," Adam Tooze, a Columbia University historian, said about China's overseas investment projects. "There is definitely a rebalancing from the China side," said Tooze, whose new book *Shutdown* examines how COVID-19 affected the world economy, adding that Beijing's current account surplus was "dwindling somewhat".

Chinese investments in the 138 countries targeted by BRI slid 54% from 2019 to \$47 billion last year, the lowest amount since the BRI was unveiled in 2013, according to Green BRI, a China-based think-tank that focuses on analysing the initiative.

In Africa, home to 40 of those BRI nations, Chinese bank financing for infrastructure projects fell from \$11 billion in 2017 to \$3.3 billion in 2020, according to a report by international law firm Baker McKenzie.

This is a blow for governments who were anticipating securing Chinese loans to build highways and rail lines linking landlocked countries to sea ports and trade routes to Asia and Europe. The continent is facing an estimated annual infrastructure investment deficit of around \$100 billion, according to the African Development Bank.

"The pandemic has actually made things worse. Those numbers will go up," said Akinwumi Adesina, the president of the bank, citing the need for additional infrastructure to support health services.

Hold-ups have hit some other BRI projects across the continent, such as a \$3 billion Nigerian rail project and a \$450 million highway in Cameroon.

China's ministry of foreign affairs did not respond to a request for comment.

Beijing officials have said that the two sides have a mutually beneficial and cooperative relationship and that lending is done openly and transparently.

"When providing interest-free loans and concessional loans, we fully consider the debt situation and repayment capacity of the recipient countries in Africa, and work in accordance with the law," Zhou Lijun, vice chairman of China International Development Cooperation Agency told reporters in late October.

Another Chinese official, who declined to be named as they are not authorised to speak to the media, said Beijing always intended to implement BRI gradually to manage debt default risks by countries or projects.

## 'RAILWAY WILL BE BUILT'

Officials in Kenya said its rail route were long-term projects that would be seen through over time, without giving any specific timeframe. The COVID-19 has presented the world with unforeseen and unprecedented challenges, they added.

"Eventually, this standard gauge railway will still be complete because it is part of what we call the Belt and Road Initiative," said James Macharia, Kenya's transport minister.

The government has already spent about \$5 billion on its new rail link, and can't currently afford

the additional \$37 billion needed to finish it. The last station hooked up is only accessible by dirt roads.

Hence engineers in the Rift Valley are no longer building new infrastructure, but rather shoring up colonial-era viaducts and bridges in an operation that the government estimates will cost about 10 billion shillings (\$91 million).

There are knock-on effects and, over the border in Uganda, construction on a modern railway line has been delayed because it's supposed to link to the Kenyan one.

That has been one factor in the hold-up in a \$2.2 billion loan from the Export-Import Bank of China (Exim Bank), David Mugabe, spokesperson for Uganda's Standard Gauge Railway project, told Reuters.

In Nigeria, the government turned to London-headquartered Standard Chartered Bank (STAN.L) this year to finance the \$3 billion railway project initially slated to receive Chinese backing. Standard Chartered declined to comment on the deal, citing confidentiality agreements.

In Cameroon, the \$450 million highway linking the capital Yaounde and the economic hub of Douala, whose funding was secured from China's Exim Bank in 2012, stalled in 2019 as the bank stopped disbursing further tranches of the loan.

Exim Bank did not respond to a request for comment on its loans to Uganda and Cameroon.

## MALAYSIA TO BOLIVIA

Zhou Yuyuan, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for West Asian and African Studies at the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, said the COVID-19 crisis had strained Chinese lending institutions and African finances alike.

In future, he added, Beijing was likely to encourage more corporate Chinese investment in the continent, to fill the role of state-backed financing. "Once the pandemic is over, Africa's economy is likely to recover," he said. "That could drive China's corporate investment."

The pandemic has added to the obstacles facing President Xi's self-described "project of the century". After peaking at \$125.25 billion in 2015, Chinese investments into BRI nations have dropped every year, apart from 2018, when they edged up 6.7%, the Green BRI data showed.

In 2018, Pakistan balked at the cost and the financing terms of building a railway. The previous year, there were signs of growing problems for BRI, after China's push in Sri Lanka sparked protests.

AidData, a research lab at the College of William and Mary in the United States, said in a study at the end of September that \$11.58 billion in projects in Malaysia had been cancelled over 2013-2021, with nearly \$1.5 billion cancelled in Kazakhstan and more than a \$1 billion in Bolivia.

"A growing number of policymakers in low and middle-income countries are mothballing high-profile BRI projects because of overpricing, corruption and debt sustainability concerns," said Brad Parks, one of the study's authors.

China's foreign ministry said in response to the AidData report that "not all debts are unsustainable", adding that since its launch the BRI had "consistently upheld principles of shared consultation, shared contributions and shared benefits".

## 'RESOURCES ARE FINITE'

A key problem is debt sustainability.

Copper producer Zambia became Africa's first pandemic-era sovereign default last year after failing to keep up with payments on more than \$12 billion of international debt, for example. A recent study suggested more than half of that burden is owed to Chinese public and private lenders, read more

In late 2018, Beijing agreed to restructure billions of dollars in debt owed by Ethiopia.

Some African governments are also growing more reluctant to take out loans backed commodities such as oil and metals.

"We can't mortgage our oil," Uganda's works and transport minister Katumba Wamala told Reuters, confirming the country had refused to pledge untapped oil in fields in the west to secure the railway loan.

The finance squeeze means African governments must make more strategic investment decisions in terms of debt sustainability, said Yvette Babb, a Netherlands-based fixed income portfolio manager at William Blair.

"There is no infinite amount of capital," she said.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

# Farming out expertise yields rich catch in Africa

## HUNAN, China

HE Wang, a fisheries expert from Central China's Hunan province, has spent most of the past 18 years in Ethiopia passing on the best methods for farming freshwater fish.

That has meant getting out and about in an unfamiliar country and, sometimes, ending up closer to the wildlife-including wild boars-than she would have liked.

"I had an African dream 20 years ago to see the mysterious continent and do something for its fishery industry," says He, a senior researcher in fishery sciences from the Hunan Fisheries Science Institute in Changsha.

But before that could happen, He spent more than two years improving her English in order to be selected as an expert for a Sino-Ethiopian agricultural cooperation program. She set foot on African soil for the first time in 2003.

Life in a foreign country was not easy for He: unfamiliar food and the frightening wildlife-not just the boars-surrounding her dorm. Then there was the lack of electricity and clean water, and many other challenges she had to conquer.

At first she was assigned to the Holeta ATVET College, an agricultural vocational school in the town of that name in central Ethiopia. In 2013, she started work at Alage ATVET College, in the south of the country, when she was assigned there by the Chinese agricultural ministry.

Her perseverance has paid off: over the past 18 years He has trained around 3,500 people in the intricacies of fish farming. Her classes have been made up of regular students as well as teachers, agricultural experts and technicians, farmers and entrepreneurs.

She also helped to establish an integrated fish farm for teaching and research at the Alage ATVET College-the first of its kind in the college. And she was kept busy compiling technical guides and promoting fish farming in partnership with local organizations.

## 'Industry pillars'

"When I see that many of my students have become pillars of the fishery industry in Ethiopia, and locals can now eat raised fish instead of having to catch fish, I feel all my efforts have paid off and this is the best reward for me," He says. "I love African people, and I hope to see their life become better and better with advanced fishing farm technology."

Like He, many Chinese experts have played an essential role in the nation's agricultural cooperation with Africa over the past decades. She is proud that these efforts have greatly benefited the people.

In the agricultural vocational training program in which He participated, 485 trips had been made by Chinese experts to the country as of July last year since the program started in 2000. Nearly 60,000 teachers, students and agricultural technicians have been trained for Ethiopia's benefit, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

"Agriculture has always been an important part of Sino-Africa cooperation, which started from China providing assistance in building farms and agricultural enterprises in Africa, and evolved into other forms such as encouraging trade and investment," says Tang Lixia, a professor in global agriculture at China Agricultural University in Beijing.

Chinese assistance has greatly boosted the development of agriculture in many African countries including Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia and helped alleviated hunger in these countries, she says.



Burkina Faso students learn how to grow crops at an experimental farm in Hebei province in July last year.

Boosted by the Belt and Road Initiative, Sino-African agricultural cooperation has gained momentum in recent years, resulting in encouraging progress.

In Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, new technologies developed by Chinese experts resulted in a 20 percent increase in the yield of potatoes at the Mozambique-China Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center in August last year. The technology is expected to be promoted in suitable areas across the country to benefit more farmers, according to China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

## Bearing fruit

Also in Mozambique, a joint agricultural cooperation program invested by the China-Africa Development Fund resulted in a significant increase in the yield of rice-from 1.5 metric tons per hectare to 7 metric tons. Guidance from Chinese technicians helped make the difference. With the promotion of high-quality rice, more Ethiopians are turning to rice as a staple instead of tapioca, according to the fund.

In the Sino-Africa Joint Research Center in Nairobi, collaboration between Chinese and Kenyan scientists over the past nine years has borne fruit.

They have promoted improved techniques among farmers, discovered seven new plant and animal species, and published dozens of international research papers. The research center is in the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

China's advanced technology and research have helped to solve some major challenges facing farmers in the country, according to Robert Gituru, director of the Chinese-aided center. These include improving yields in areas where rain is scarce and introducing suitable crops such as grapes that are not traditionally cultivated in the country, he says.

"Our biggest pride is the fact that we are able to train new scientists and by collaborating with China, we get the opportunity to expose them to advanced technologies and methodologies," Gituru says. "We believe that without nurturing new talent and training new scientists, the future of research in this country is very bleak."

All students sent to study in China have to return to Kenya to do research before going back to complete their studies. That ensures their skills can be used to solve local problems, which guards against a brain drain, Gituru says.



## WORLD

## Political declaration inked in Sudan after month-long crisis

KHARTOUM

NEARLY a month after a political crisis erupted in Sudan, General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan and removed Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok signed on Sunday a political declaration, which included reappointing Hamdok as prime minister. Sudan has been suffering from a political crisis after Al-Burhan declared a state of emergency on Oct 25 and dissolved the Sovereign Council and cabinet. On Nov 11, Al-Burhan issued a constitutional decree ordering the formation of a transitional Sovereign Council, and named himself as chairman of the council.

Since then, the capital Khartoum and other cities have witnessed mass demonstrations rejecting the measures by the army commander.

The declaration stipulated that the

constitutional document would be the main reference for the transitional period. It also ensured broad political participation, except for the dissolved National Congress Party of ousted President Omar al-Bashir.

The declaration reiterated that the partnership between the civilian and military components is the guarantor of Sudan's stability and security, assigning the Sovereign Council to the task of supervising the transitional period without interfering in the executive work of the government.

It also promised to investigate the killing and injuring of civilians and military personnel during the recent demonstrations and to complete the transitional institutions, including the legislative council and the judicial bodies.

According to the declaration, the committee for dismantling al-Bashir's regime



In this photo provided by the Sudan Transitional Sovereign Council, Sudan's top general Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, center left, and Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, who was deposed in a military takeover last month, in Khartoum, Sudan, on Sunday. AP

since 1989 will be brought back to work and its performance in the previous period will be reviewed. It also promised to release all political detainees and work to build a unified national army.

At the signing ceremony of the declaration aired live by Sudan's official TV, Hamdok said the signing of the declaration opens the door wide on all issues of the transition.

"There are great challenges facing the political reality, but we have the ability to work together," he said.

The deal offers the opportunity to maintain the gains achieved in the past two years, and fortifies the civilian demo-

cratic transition through expanding the transition base, the prime minister added. Al-Burhan, for his part, said the declaration "lays the correct foundations for the transitional period in a consensual manner."

The army has no intention to exclude any party in Sudan, he noted, vowing to work to complete the course of transition and reach free and fair elections.

A civilian-military transitional authority was established in Sudan following the ouster of the government of al-Bashir on April 11, 2019.

Xinhua

## College degree no longer needed to apply for Japan space programme

BY BLOOMBERG

JAPAN'S space agency, opening its doors for the first time in 13 years to new recruits, is changing up its hiring process in a bid to attract a more diverse pool of candidates.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, will no longer require college degrees for wannabe space travelers and while a minimum of three years' work experience is necessary to apply for entry into the program, it no longer has to be in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, according to a statement Friday.

JAXA has also relaxed its height requirements from at least 158cms so a more "diverse" pool of candidates can apply, it said.

It's hoped any newly recruited astronaut trainees will one day work on the Lunar Gateway project, a development that includes four of the International Space Station partner agencies - NASA,



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) astronaut Akihiko Hoshide reacts to a comment after being helped out of the SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour spacecraft onboard the SpaceX GO Navigator recovery ship after he and NASA astronauts Shane Kimbrough and Megan McArthur, and European Space Agency astronaut Thomas Pesquet landed in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Pensacola, Florida on Nov 8, 2021. AP

the European Space Agency, JAXA and the Canadian Space Agency.

The Lunar Gateway is a yet-to-be-built small space station to further the study of things like planetary science and astrophysics.

It in turn is part of NASA's Artemis program, which seeks to land the first female and first person of color on the moon.

According to JAXA, Japan doesn't have any female astronauts while only 16 of NASA's 44 astronauts are women. Of the European Space Agency's seven astronauts, one is a woman, JAXA said.

Japan has been slow to promote women to positions of power, with the nation ranking 120th out of 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's 2021 Global Gender Gap Report.

The Global Gender Gap Index was first introduced by the WEF in 2006 to benchmark progress toward gender parity and compare countries' gender gaps across economic opportunities, education, health and political leadership.

JAXA also said last week it plans to launch a public relations campaign to encourage more women to consider a career involving space.

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## UN warns of 'colossal' collapse of Afghan banking system

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations yesterday pushed for urgent action to prop up Afghanistan's banks, warning that a spike in people unable to repay loans, lower deposits and a cash liquidity crunch could cause the financial system to collapse within months.

In a three-page report on Afghanistan's banking and financial system seen by Reuters, the UN Development Program said the economic cost of a banking system collapse - and consequent negative social impact - "would be colossal."

An abrupt withdrawal of most foreign development support after the Taliban took power on Aug 15 has sent the economy into freefall, putting a severe strain on the banking system which set weekly withdrawal limits to stop a run on deposits.

"Afghanistan's financial and bank payment systems are in

disarray. The bank-run problem must be resolved quickly to improve Afghanistan's limited production capacity and prevent the banking system from collapsing," the UNDP report said.

"We are in such a dire situation that we need to think of all possible options and we have to think outside the box," Abdallah al Dardari, head of UNDP in Afghanistan, said. "What used to be three months ago unthinkable has to become thinkable now."

Afghanistan's banking system was already vulnerable before the Taliban came to power. But since then development aid has dried up, billions of dollars in Afghan assets have been frozen abroad, and the United Nations and aid groups are now struggling to get enough cash into the country.

"Under the mattress"

The UNDP's proposals to



In this file photo taken on Sept 20, 2021, people sit outside a bank as they wait to withdraw money in Kandahar, Afghanistan. AFP

save the banking system include a deposit insurance scheme, measures to ensure adequate liquidity for short- and medium-term needs, as well as credit guarantees and loan repayment delay options.

"Coordination with the International Financial Institutions, with their extensive experience of the Afghan financial system, would be critical to this process," UNDP said in its report, referring to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

The United Nations has repeatedly warned since the Taliban took over that Afghanistan's economy is on the brink of a collapse that would likely further fuel a refugee crisis. UNDP said that if the banking system fails, it could

take decades to rebuild.

The UNDP report said that with current trends and withdrawal restrictions, about 40 percent of Afghanistan's deposit base will be lost by the end of the year. It said banks have stopped extending new credit, and that non-performing loans had almost doubled to 57 percent in September from the end of 2020.

"If this rate continues of non-performing loans, the banks may not have a chance to survive in the next six months. And I am being optimistic," al Dardari said.

Liquidity has also been a problem. Afghan banks heavily relied on physical shipments of US dollars, which have stopped. When it comes to the local afghani currency, al Dardari said that while there is about \$4 billion worth of afghani in the economy, only about \$500,000 worth is in circulation.

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## Russian diplomats and Syrian president discuss humanitarian assistance

MOSCOW

SYRIAN President Bashar al-Assad, Russia's Special Presidential Envoy for Syria Alexander Lavrentyev, and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin, during a meeting, addressed the state of affairs in the republic with a focus on mobilizing comprehensive humanitarian assistance.

"[The sides] discussed in detail the current situation in and around Syria focusing on mobilizing comprehensive humanitarian aid to those in need without discrimination and politicization in line with the norms of the international humanitarian law," the Russian foreign ministry stated yesterday.

"In this regard, [the meeting] confirmed the importance to maintain the stability and implement practical steps to restore the sovereignty and control of Damascus over the national territory as stipulated by the resolutions of the Security Council and the UN General Assembly."

Lavrentyev and Vershinin arrived in Syria as part of the Russian delegation, which also included the Defense Ministry's representatives. The talks took place on November 20, 2021.

## Sino-Africa development architecture leads to Africa's prosperity - expert

NAIROBI

THE Sino-Africa architecture of development, featured by FOCAC and BRI helps lead to prosperity in the African continent, a Kenyan expert said on Sunday.

Peter Kagwanja, CEO of Africa Policy Institute said in a commentary published in the Sunday Nation, a Kenya-based newspaper that the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) form the twin-engine of the China-Africa development architecture.

"FOCAC is the engine of policy debates and formulation while BRI is its engine of funding and implementation," Kagwanja said. He observed that through the architecture, China has supported projects such as the construction of roads, railways and ports that cut across and connect African countries.

According to the expert, China has aligned its interests with Africa's Agenda 2063, the continent's blueprint to boost economic growth as well as the visions of specific African countries.

Kagwanja said that conceptually, the FOCAC-BRI architecture is an inextricable part of the story of 'Africa Rising'.

Kagwanja noted that at the dawn of the new millennium, Africa's traditional partners in the West rolled back their investments in the continent, but China ignored Africa's doomsayers and chose a different path.

"Its strategists saw a continent of great untapped potential: natural resources, one of the world's fastest-growing middle classes and a large and youthful market," he said.

Kagwanja revealed that China has become Africa's leading trade partner and the major source of foreign direct investment and development assistance. "China is also Africa's main source of affordable technology," he added.

Xinhua

## Indian farmers hold mass rally, keep pressure on Modi

NEW DELHI

FLUSHED with victory after Prime Minister Narendra Modi caved into demands for agricultural reform laws to be repealed, Indian farmers held a mass rally yesterday to demand minimum support prices be extended to all produce, not just rice and wheat.

The protest movement launched by farmers more than a year ago became the most serious political challenge to the Hindu nationalist government, and resulted in Modi making a surprise commitment on Friday to roll back the reforms.

Thousands gathered for the latest rally in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, where Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party will seek to hold onto power in state elections due early next year.

Since late 2020, thousands of farmers have camped on the outskirts of New Delhi as part of a mass agitation to pressure Modi into rolling back the reforms.

His climbdown sparked celebrations by farmers, but their leaders immediately warned that the protests would continue until the government promised to introduce a law that would guarantee minimum prices for all crops.

Currently, the government mainly buys rice and wheat at Minimum Support Prices or guaranteed prices, but the safety net benefits barely 6 percent of India's millions of farmers.

In a letter addressed to Modi one Sunday, the main farmers' body said: "Minimum Support Price, based on the comprehensive cost of production, should be made a legal entitlement of all farmers (and) for all agricultural produce."

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## The CPC and Chinese people will achieve greater glories and victories on new journey in new era

THE sixth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was held in Beijing from November 8 to 11, 2021.

The session heard and discussed a work report delivered by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, on behalf of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and reviewed and adopted the Resolution on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century and the Resolution on the Convocation of the 20th National Congress of the CPC.

This year marks the centenary

of the CPC and also an important historical moment when the CPC and the Chinese people realized the country's First Centenary Goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and embarked on a new journey toward the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a modern socialist country in all respects.

At the important historical juncture, a comprehensive review of the Party's major achievements and historical experience over the past century bears great current and historical significance for forging greater unity among all Party members in terms of thinking, political resolve,

and action and the Party's uniting and leading the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in securing new great success for socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

The solemn historic and strategic decision of the CPC Central Committee to convene the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee in a bid to comprehensively review the CPC's major achievements and historical experience over the past century has fully demonstrated the Party's strong will and firm resolve to stay true to its original aspiration and founding mission and forever preserve its vitality, its historical initiative, courage and sense

of mission in accurately grasping the laws of history and always advancing undertakings of the Party and the state, as well as the Party's foresight to focus on the present and prepare for the future and attach great importance to reviewing and applying its historical experience.

The Resolution on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century adopted at the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee adheres to the methodology of dialectical and historical materialism, adopts a rational outlook on the Party's history and a macro historical perspective, focuses on review-

ing the CPC's major achievements and historical experience over the past century, highlights the key point of upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, lays emphasis on linking evaluation of major events, important conferences, and important figures with existing conclusions reached by the CPC Central Committee, and manifests the CPC Central Committee's new understanding of the Party's journey over the past century.

The resolution is a brilliant Marxist guiding document, the CPC members' political declaration of remaining true to the Party's origi-

nal aspiration and founding mission and upholding and developing socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, as well as guidelines for learning from history and forging ahead for a better future on the way forward for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Seeking truth from facts and respecting history is the most distinctive feature of the resolution, which reflects the mission that the Party has worked hard for during the past 100 years, is consistent with the Party's previous two resolutions, and keeps up with the times.

People's Daily



## Russia to get Internet from space in 2024 – Roscosmos CEO

MOSCOW

THE Sphere program will make it possible for Russia to get the Internet from space, Dmitry Rogozin, the CEO of Russia's state-run space corporation Roscosmos, told TASS.

"If the progress is as we plan, then the country will get the Internet from space in 2024," Rogozin said.

The state-run corporation has already received first funds under the program for research and technical efforts, the top manager said. Seven billion rubles (\$95.1 mln) will be allocated for the Sphere program in the next year.

"These funds will be spent to develop two flying spacecraft prototypes – Skif (the Internet) and Marathon (the Internet of Things). One of them will be launched in 2022 and the other one in 2023," Rogozin said.

The second tranche will be used to purchase carrier vehicles for to bring Express-RV communication satellites into space in 2024, the top manager said.

## Israel's plan of moving govt offices to Jerusalem undermines two-state solution – Palestinian analysts

RAMALLAH

ISRAEL'S decision to move its ministries and official establishments to Jerusalem will undermine the chance of the two-state solution, the best hope for lasting peace in Palestine and Israel, said Palestinian analysts.

Last week, the Israeli government approved a decision to transfer its departments and offices to Jerusalem and decided to impose sanctions on government offices that do not move.

Palestinian Presidential Spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said that "Israel's decision to transfer its ministries and government institutions to East Jerusalem is a rejected, condemned, and illegitimate move, and we will not allow it to happen," adding that "Israel is playing with fire."

Analysts in Palestine said Israel's plan comes in line with its goal of establishing a "Greater Jerusalem," which includes the western and eastern parts of the city.

By moving government offices to Jerusalem, Israel tries to "settle down" the battle for sovereignty over East Jerusalem, which the Palestinians claim to be their territory according to international law.

They said such a move will further undermine the chance of the two-state solution, which allows Palestinians to establish an independent state on the 1976 borders with East Jerusalem as the capital.

Ziad Hammouri, director of Jerusalem Center for Social and Economic Rights, said that "the Israeli government's decision to move its ministries and institutions to Jerusalem is a step to impose full Israeli sovereignty over the city of Jerusalem."

The Israeli government's move "contradicts the international law" and "the whole world" rejects the annexation of Jerusalem, said Hammouri.

Samir Abdullah, an associate professor and senior research fellow at the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute, said that the Israeli move "is consistent with its plan to destroy any chance of a two-state solution," and try to shape a fait accompli for its benefits.

Israel is "determined to end the Palestinian presence in Jerusalem," said Abdullah, adding that Israel is proceeding with its project and policies against the Palestinians "without receiving a repressive response from the international community."

Abdullah said that "the next step, after transferring the government's ministries, is that Israel will reduce the Palestinian presence in the holy city and increase the number of (Israeli) settlers."

In January 2020, former U.S. President Donald Trump announced a plan for peace in the Middle East, calling for the recognition of Jerusalem as the "undivided capital" of Israel, which sparked widespread controversy.

Hatem Abdel Qader, an official from the Palestinian Authority, said that "Jerusalem, according to international law, is an occupied city, and everything that takes place in it is vain and will not establish a truth."

Abdel Qader also called for the United States to respond to the Israeli government's decision "by reopening its consulate in East Jerusalem." After U.S. President Joe Biden entered the White House, he made several moves to improve relations with the Palestinians.

One of the steps was the decision to re-open the consulate in Jerusalem for Palestinians. But the decision was met with fiery objection from the Israeli side, which claimed that "there is no room for another consulate in Jerusalem." **Xinhua**

## Rwanda lowers COVID-19 vaccination age to between 12 and 18

KIGALI

RWANDA will start administering COVID-19 vaccine to adolescents aged between 12 and 18, the Rwandan health ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

In order to intensify preventive measures against COVID-19 in Rwanda, the government will on Tuesday start vaccinating adolescents aged between 12 and 18 years of age, said the statement.

The vaccination exercise will begin in the capital city Kigali and later expand to other areas country-wide, it added. Legal consent for vaccination of the adolescents will be signed by their parents or guardians, according to the statement.

"The expansion of vaccination to this age group will strengthen our fight against COVID-19 in our country," Rwandan State Minister in charge of Primary Healthcare,

Tharcisse Mpunga told Xinhua in a telephone interview on Sunday. He added that all adolescents in this age group are encouraged to go for vaccination. **Xinhua**

## COVID-19 caution picks up in US amid mandate standoffs

NEW YORK

WHILE COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide in the United States, debates over the Joe Biden administration's vaccination mandate continue, painting a bleak picture as the Americans prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week.

The seven-day average of confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States stood at 92,580 nationwide on Saturday, up by 29 percent compared with that of 14 days ago. As of Sunday, the country reported a total of 47,701,533 COVID-19 cases, while the national tally of deaths topped 770,800, figures from the Johns Hopkins University showed.

This puts the pandemic-long total at more than twice the 385,343 COVID-19 deaths recorded last year, according to the most recent death certificate data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

STANDOFFS

U.S. small-business owners face challenges preparing for the vaccination mandate, with some saying efforts to comply are exacerbating hiring problems and stoking tensions among workers, reported The Wall Street Journal on Saturday. The vaccine mandate drew mixed reactions from executives, with some saying they welcomed the federal rules because they took the burden off companies to impose their own. Others said the mandate thrusts employers into a contentious issue in which any stance risks inflaming staffing challenges.

Under the new rules, employers with 100 or more workers must ensure employees get fully vaccinated or test negative for COVID-19 at least weekly and wear a mask at work.

Implementation of the rules was temporarily blocked by a federal appeals court in response to legal challenges.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration also agreed not to begin enforcement, pending a court decision about the mandate slated to take full effect Jan. 4, but maintained that it has the authority to mandate vaccination for workers in an effort to stop the spread of the COVID-19.

U.S. President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser Anthony Fauci said on Thursday night on MSNBC that all those 18 years old and older should get a booster shot for added protection against COVID-19.

Fauci believed "for some time now" that boosters are effective and should be recommended for all adults in the United States who received their vaccine at least six months ago.

As of Sunday morning, 229,837,421 people have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, making up 69.2 percent of the entire U.S. population; fully vaccinated people stood at 196,128,496, accounting for 59.1 percent of the total.



People wait at a mobile COVID-19 vaccination site in the Brooklyn borough of New York, the United States on Friday. Xinhua

A total of 34,503,462 people, or 17.6 percent of the fully vaccinated group, have received booster shots, according to the CDC data.

SETBACKS

Disney has put on pause a vaccination mandate for employees of its Florida theme park, after the State Legislature and the governor made it illegal for employers to require all workers get the shots, the New York Times quoted a company spokesperson as saying on Saturday.

Walt Disney World could have been facing fines under the policy now on hold, "illustrating how even one of the most iconic tourism brands in the state has to deal with the headwinds of political debate over the pandemic response," said the report.

The Republican-controlled Florida Legislature delivered the bill blocking COVID-19 vaccine mandates on Wednesday and Governor Ron DeSantis signed it into law on Thursday, casting it as an effort to protect workers who could lose their jobs for lack of compliance.

In another setback, up to 10,000 active-duty U.S. Marines will not be fully vaccinated when their deadline arrives in the coming days, "a trajectory expected to yield the U.S. military's worst immunization rate," reported The Washington Post on Sunday.

While 94 percent of Marine Corps personnel have met the vaccination requirement or are on a path to do so, it is too late for the remainder to begin a regimen and complete it by the service's Nov. 28 deadline.

BLEAK PICTURE

Breakthrough cases of COVID-19 are hitting older people and those with underlying health conditions. "In particular, people with diabetes, chronic lung disease, kidney disease and compromised immune systems were at risk of serious outcomes from breakthrough cases," said the Journal on Sunday.

Tracking breakthroughs is an important part of protecting vulnerable people as the nation shifts to managing COVID-19 for the long term, public-health officials were quoted by the report as saying. The

effort includes stepping up boosters and improving overall vaccination uptake, they added.

Some U.S. doctors "had expected vaccinations and precautionary measures like social distancing and scaled-down public events to curb the spread of infections and minimize severe cases" this year, wrote the Journal.

However, the fast spread of the highly contagious Delta variant and low vaccination rates in some communities have worsened the situation, the report said.

The picture is bleak "as the number COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations move higher again in places such as New England and the upper Midwest, with the seven-day average for new cases recently closer to 90,000 a day after it neared 70,000 last month," the report said. **Xinhua**

## Villages around Mount Fanjing in SW China find green paths to prosperity

By taking advantage of local ecological resources, villages around Fanjingshan (Mount Fanjing) National Nature Reserve in southwest China's Guizhou province have found their roads to prosperity.

At the monitoring center of the management bureau of the nature reserve, several white light spots, which seemed to be moving, suddenly appeared on the fire alarm system of a large screen supported by infrared thermal imaging technology.

"It doesn't signify a fire," said Lei Xiaoping, deputy head of the management bureau, who realized immediately that a group of gray snub-nosed monkeys entered the monitoring range of the system.

Mount Fanjing, situated in Tongren city of Guizhou, has preserved a mid-subtropical island mountain ecosystem and is rich in biodiversity.

In 2018, Mount Fanjing was added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage List, and the Fanjingshan scenic spot was granted a 5A rating, the topmost level of the country's tourist attraction rating system.

Mount Fanjing is a gene pool of flora and fauna. It is home to over 7,000 wild animal and plant species.

To maintain the authenticity and integrity of the natural ecosystems of Mount Fanjing, the municipal government of Tongren issued regulations on the protection and management of the mountain in 2018.

To put under comprehensive protection the animals and plants at the Fanjingshan National Nature Reserve, which covers a large area, the management bureau of the nature reserve has set up a team of over 100 rangers and installed infrared cameras and surveillance devices to realize integrated management for work including ecological investigations, fire prevention and protection, fight against unlawfully felling trees and poaching as well as the approval of construction activities, according to Lei.

Zhaishadong village at the foot of Mount Fanjing was once a typical poverty-stricken mountainous village. In 2010, the per capita net income of residents in the village was less than 2,000 yuan (\$313.4).

To alleviate poverty, the local government decided to explore eco-tourism



Photo shows Fanjingshan (Mount Fanjing) National Nature Reserve in southwest China's Guizhou province.

to stimulate economic development while protecting ecological resources.

While relocating all residents in the core areas of the nature reserve, the local government began to develop rural tourism moderately at some experimental zones of the nature reserve, creating more income sources for villagers nearby.

Since 2011, taking advantage of the unique geographical gifts and cultural tourism resources of Zhaishadong village, the local government has gradually changed the village into a pristine eco-tourism destination that combines folk culture, B&B, catering services, and live performances.

After being added to the UNESCO World Heritage List, Mount Fanjing has won increasing fame and attracted more tourists from across the country.

"Many tourists come to Zhaishadong village after their tour of Mount Fanjing. They live in B&Bs, enjoy local food, and take part in bonfire parties of the Dong ethnic group," said Xia Yongfa, a resident of the village who has transformed his old house for agritainment business.

"During holidays, tourists usually need to make a reservation for a room at our B&Bs half a month in advance," Xia noted, adding that the agritainment business brought him an annual income of several hundred thousand yuan the year it was opened.

The successful experience of

Zhaishadong village has effectively inspired and driven the development of its neighboring villages.

At present, more than 1,200 villagers living near the Fanjingshan scenic spot engage directly in tourism services such as catering, accommodation and performance. And more than 10,000 residents see their income increased and become better-off by being indirectly employed in the tourism industry.

Besides developing eco-tourism, Tongren has explored deep processing of special agricultural products according to local conditions, blazing a new path to prosperity for local people.

The city has a long history of tea planting and has been a famous production base of the Tongren tea since ancient times.

In May 2017, GuiTea, a Guizhou-based tea company, decided to build an industrial park in Jiangkou county, Tongren city. Merely several years passed and it has grown into a well-known matcha enterprise.

In addition to matcha drinks, the company has also created a series of highly processed products, including matcha coffee, cakes, noodles, and facial cleansers, which not only sell well across China, but are exported to over 10 foreign countries and regions.

Mount Fanjing has an extremely high forest coverage rate and is inhabited by over 100 improved varieties of wild edible fungus.

People's Daily

## Najib's party weighs early Malaysia vote

By Bloomberg

MALAYSIA'S ruling United Malays National Organization is considering bringing forward a general election that's due only in 2023, after former premier Najib Razak led the pro-Malay party and its allies to a resounding victory in local polls over the weekend.

UMNO deputy president Mohamad Hasan said that he spoke with the prime minister on considering an earlier election, to capitalize on the current pro-government sentiments, Bernama reported on Sunday.

The party won 18 of the 28 seats in the Malacca polls Saturday, while its allies in the Barisan National coalition won three, clinching a super majority in the state.

An early election in Malaysia would benefit Najib and UMNO party president Zahid Hamidi the most.

Zahid would control the list of party candidates to field in an early election, and Najib would likely become the next premier, said Wong Chin Huat, a professor of political science at the Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development at Sunway University in Malaysia. Both are on trial for corruption, and neither hold any positions in the current government led by their party colleague Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

"Last night, I slept soundly," Najib said in a video shared to Facebook Sunday morning. "To me, this huge win means that the people have placed their trust and confidence in the Barisan Nasional government."

Najib was Malaysia's prime minister from 2009 until the multibillion ringgit corruption scandal involving state fund IMDB cost his party the 2018 election.

He has since been rehabilitating his image through social media, gaining traction among followers with his jibes against the two governments that succeeded his. A strong win in Malacca would now galvanize him politically.

Still, Prime Minister Ismail may resist calls for an early election as it would likely spell the end of his leadership, Wong said.

A memorandum of understanding he brokered with the opposition states that the government won't hold an election before July next year. "Ismail Sabri now has a stronger incentive to make the MOU work," Wong added.

The opposition may not share the same sentiments, after its huge loss in the local polls Saturday. "We will look deep and hard on what went wrong with Election Commission SOP, coalition and internal party dynamics. The MOU will be one of them," said opposition lawmaker Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad of Parti Keadilan Rakyat, or People's Justice Party.

The Pakatan Harapan alliance won just five of the 28 seats it contested on Saturday, prompting UMNO's Mohamad to question the future of the MOU.

"It's unsure whether they will withdraw because anything can happen in politics," Mohamad said in the Bernama report, referring to the opposition. "The dynamics change every day and are not static. As such, it's up to BN and UMNO to conduct a review." **Agencies**





# SPORT



Union SC's Hasnain Damji (R) receives Flashnet Player of the Match prize from Mohammed Shareef of ABC Emporio Tanzania Limited once the former's outfit faced Malabar Cricket Club (MCC) in this season's Balakrishna Foundation Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-MCC T20 Cup fixture at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam recently. The experienced cricketer scored 46 runs not out from 42 balls in the clash, catapulting Union SC to six-wicket victory over MCC. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## Twaha Kassim drops in national boxing rankings

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN boxer, Twaha Kassim, has dropped in quality rankings in the country after Boxrec, a network that keeps records of professional boxers from around the world, published the latest standards.

Kassim, who participates in the Super Middleweight division, has slipped from fifth to eighth place in the pound-for-pound ranking.

Super Welterweight boxer, Hassan Mwakinyo, has continued to hold on to first place in his division and he as well holds way in the pound-for-pound ranking in Tanzania.

Kassim, the number one boxer in the Super Middleweight division in Tanzania, who has ever dreamed of fighting Mwakinyo has collapsed for three more places, with a continuous decline since last year.

The Morogoro-based boxer last year was initially named by Boxrec as number two behind Mwakinyo before falling to third place.

The boxer then dropped to the fifth position and he is now positioned eighth with 1561 points and two stars, surpassed by 20 points by Mwakinyo that has 22.21 points and four stars.

Ibrahim Mgendera is still the number one boxer in the Super Featherweight division's ranking, the pugilist further ranks second in the pound-for-pound ranking with 6.972 points and three stars.

Fadhili Majiha is the number one boxer in the Super-Bantamweight division with 2.781 points.

The other top 10 finishers are Salim 'Mtango' Jengo, Tony Rashid, Innocent Evarist, Hamisi Maya, Kassim, Loren Japhet, and Mukhsin Swalehe 'Mastik the Don'.

Other boxers named in the categories and positions held in parentheses are Abdallah Pazi 'Dulla Mbabe' (18th), Nasibu Ramadhan (14th), Francis Miyeyusho (17th).

Cosmas Cheka (17th) Allan Kamote (24th), Suleiman Kidunda (35th), Mfaume Ahmed (40th), Said Mbelwa (80th), Kanda Kabongo (99th), Japhet Kaseba (111th), Awadh Tamim (163th), and the country's up-and-coming pugilist, Abubakar Temihanga (534th).



Twaha Kassim

## SPORTS

## East Africa's big three come unstuck in 2022 World Cup qualifiers

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IT is a sad but all too painful reality. Despite their best efforts, our national team, Taifa Stars, has failed to progress to the playoffs stage of the 2022 World Cup qualifiers. Meaning, of course, that we have come up critically short yet again.

As we reflect on our unsuccessful campaign, a few quarters have waxed lyrically about the admittedly admirable fact that the Taifa Stars remained unbeaten away from home throughout the World Cup qualifiers.

This may be all well and good but one question sticks out like a sore thumb, which is why on earth was our defense so distinctly leaky when playing at home?

It is said that misery loves company and joining us in this same boat of unfulfilled ambitions and dashed hopes are Uganda and Kenya, whose World Cup hopes also went up in smoke.

This then means that East African football's 'Big Three' countries all fell by the wayside in their attempts to clinch a ticket to the World Cup next year.

Perhaps, the query on everyone's lips must be what then does this tell us?

Well, it reveals to us one undeniable fact that the troika of East African football, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya, will have to massively redouble and step up their efforts if they are indeed serious about earning a berth at future World Cups.

Let us now turn our attention to domestic women's netball, which is experiencing a revival of sorts as is evidenced by the participation of the national netball team, the Taifa Queens, in the Africa Netball Cup.

Indeed, the fact that the Taifa Queens featured in the Africa Netball Cup was a gargantuan stride forward especially considering that the national netball team has been conspicuous by its absence from international tournaments for many years now.

That being said, our lack of exposure proved to be a significantly huge impediment to our ability to produce the goods



Senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' defender, Dickson Job (L), dribbles past Democratic Republic of Congo's fullback, Nathan Fasika, when the squads met in African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup's Group J match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

at the Africa Netball Cup.

Despite this setback, though, it is still hoped that the Taifa Queens will be able to participate in more international tournaments going forward as this will undoubtedly lead to the improvement of our national netball team.

Returning to the 'people's game', local juggernauts, Simba SC, caused a stir late last week when they unveiled a brand-new coach in Pablo Franco.

Franco, who is from Spain, replaces the Gallic tactician Didier Gomes, who parted ways with the club after failing to steer the Msimbazi Street giants to the group stage of the CAF Champions League. As ever, any incoming Simba SC coach must be able to deal with the gigantic pressure that comes naturally with the territory of being at the helm of one of our country's biggest clubs.

Indeed, it is clear then that Franco has his work cut out for him as he tries to shepherd his new charges back to winning ways on all fronts.

Good luck then to Senor Pablo Franco. Judging from the magnitude of his task, it is near-certain that Franco will need more than a slice of good luck.

## Championship more competitive than NBC Premier League - Katwila

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

IHEFU FC head coach, Zubeir Katwila, has admitted that the Championship, which was previously known as First Division League, is more competitive than the NBC Premier League due to the demand for all teams to be promoted to the top flight.

Katwila joined Ihefu FC last season from Mtitwa Sugar to save the Mbeya club from relegation but his efforts hit a snag as the team was relegated after just tasting their debut in Premier League.

The tactician noted the second tier's competition is now huge and especially considering every team is fighting for promotion to the Premier League so every game is treated as a final.

Katwila said: "I always talk to my players and I want them to fight to make sure they get good results in every game so that they can be sure of gaining promotion ahead of final games of the league."

"With good results even in the future we will not have any pressure at all because we have got guaranteed to get promoted to Premier League if we collect early points, but the competition is fierce and the league is tough," Katwila revealed.

He said his goals are to ensure the team returns to the domestic top-flight which also has a competitive battle to remain in the league if they get promoted.

After seven games of this season's Championship, Ihefu FC sits beneath Pamba FC which has 14 points.

The Mbeya-based team though has

collected 13 points from four wins, two losses, and one draw.

Championship leader, DTB FC, which went for a transfer signing spree of quality players, lead the league with 17 points from seven games, and two draws, the side is unbeaten in the fixtures.

DTB FC is largely made up of experienced players, who played in the Mainland Premier League.

The Dar es Salaam club has as a result made sure it dominates the 16-team league.

Once the Championship concludes, two teams will automatically advance to the Premier League.

The third-placed and fourth-placed sides will take part in promotion/relegation play-offs against 13th-placed and 14th-placed clubs in NBC Premier League.



IHEFU FC head coach, Zubeir Katwila



## Five candidates to replace Solskjaer as manager of Manchester United

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer's time as Manchester United manager finally ran out on Sunday as the Norwegian was sacked following a humiliating 4-1 defeat at Watford.

Solskjaer failed to win a trophy in nearly three years in charge at Old Trafford and tangible signs of progress after finishing second in the Premier League last season have been blown away amid a run of five defeats in their last seven league games.

United are already 12 points off the pace at the top of the table and the club have announced their intention to appoint an interim manager until the end of the season before making a permanent appointment.

Here, AFP Sport looks at five of the leading candidates to be Solskjaer's successor:

### \*Zinedine Zidane

Expectations were high for United to challenge for major trophies this season after the signings of serial winners Cristiano Ronaldo and Raphael Varane, along with £73 million (\$100 million) winger Jadon Sancho.

Three of Ronaldo and Varane's Champions League titles came under Zidane at Real Madrid and the Frenchman is also a free agent having ended his second spell with the Spanish giants in May.

Zidane proved himself a master of moulding a star-studded squad into a team at Madrid, where he also won two La Liga titles.

That is exactly what United need and his global profile fits the brand-building exercise the English giants have gone down in recent years, at times to the detriment of a well-functioning team on the field.

According to reports, he is the favoured candidate of the club's American owners, the Glazer family.

### \*Brendan Rodgers

The outstanding option on the domestic market for United is Leicester boss Brendan Rodgers.

The Northern Irishman's past as a Liverpool manager may rule him out for many United fans, but he has rebuilt his reputation since a rollercoaster three years at Anfield between 2012 and 2015.

Rodgers proved himself capable of handling the demands of winning every week in three years at Celtic, where he won a clean sweep of seven domestic trophies before returning to the Premier League with Leicester.

The Foxes have narrowly missed out on the Champions League for the past two seasons to Chelsea

despite far inferior resources and beat the European champions to win the FA Cup for the first time in the club's history last season.

However, Leicester have also struggled of late with just two wins in their last nine league games.

### \*Erik ten Hag

The Dutchman is responsible for one of the form teams in Europe right now with Ajax already into the Champions League last 16.

Ten Hag was linked with a number of top jobs after leading the four-time European champions to the semi-finals of the Champions League for the first time since 1997 two years ago.

But unlike many of his players from that run, he is yet to be poached by one of Europe's top clubs.

The former Bayern Munich youth team coach would fit the attacking style demanded of a United manager.

### \*Luis Enrique

The Spain coach is another with plenty of experience in getting the best out of a collection of talented individuals.

He won the treble in his first season at Barcelona and added another La Liga title with a front three of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar.

Fluent in English, Luis Enrique has never hidden his desire to one day coach in the Premier League.

His success with Spain this year at Euro 2020 and the Nations League finals shows he is also capable of producing an exciting side without the same quality of stars he had on offer at the Camp Nou.

### \*Mauricio Pochettino

The Argentine is the one that got away for many United fans as the Red Devils kept faith with Solskjaer while Pochettino was a free agent for over a year following his sacking by Tottenham in 2019.

Now in charge of Paris Saint-Germain, Pochettino is unlikely to jump ship mid-season with a 12-point lead at the top of Ligue 1 and another chance to win the club's first ever Champions League.

However, Pochettino's time in the French capital has not been plain sailing, particularly in his dealings with PSG's sporting director Leonardo.

By waiting until the end of the season to make a permanent appointment, United are opening the door to another shot at luring Pochettino to Old Trafford.

AFP

## Solskjaer speaks on exit: It's time for me to go

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer has said it was time to "step aside" in a tearful farewell interview after Manchester United announced his departure as manager.

Solskjaer lost his job as manager on Sunday following Saturday's 4-1 defeat at Watford. Manchester United are on a run of five defeats in seven league matches and are six points off the qualification places for the Champions League.

Pressure on the manager increased after a 5-0 humiliation at the hands of Liverpool that was followed by a one-sided 2-0 defeat to Manchester City.

"This club means everything to me and together we're a good match, but unfortunately I couldn't get the results we needed and it's time for me to step aside," Solskjaer told MUTV.

"You know what this club means to me and what I wanted to achieve here. For the club, for the fans, for the players, for the staff. I wanted us to take the next step to challenge for the league, to win trophies and I only think it's right that it comes from the horse's mouth. I don't want to answer all ... there's going to be journalists asking me about interviews but no, I'm not going to do any interviews.

"I want to get it out there, I'm going to leave by the front door, because I

think everyone knows I've given everything for this club."

Solskjaer joined United initially on an interim basis in December 2018 when the club sacked Jose Mourinho. He was then made permanent manager in March 2019 and signed a contract extension in July of this year. But following a downturn in results, his departure was announced following an emergency board meeting on Saturday evening.

He said: "I want to thank the board and the owners for giving me the opportunity because it's not for everyone and I've had the opportunity.

"I'm so honoured and privileged to have been trusted to take the club forward, and I really hope that I leave it in a better state than when I came."

Pressure increased on Solskjaer to deliver a title challenge this season following the arrivals of Cristiano Ronaldo, Jadon Sancho and Raphael Varane. But the Norwegian departs with the club still awaiting their first trophy since Mourinho lifted the Europa League trophy in 2017.

"Well, as I've said many times in interviews, I've been backed," he said. "The board and the owners have backed me in [terms of] bringing good people in, good players in and I think, or I know I leave this club with a better squad. The environment is fantastic, it's an environment I'm proud of leaving because you have to enjoy coming in here working."

# Why Solskjaer's Manchester United tenure fell apart

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

IN an alternate universe, Mauricio Pochettino's Manchester United have just cruised past Watford to keep pace with the Premier League leaders, and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is preparing his Molde team for a trip to Brann.

Instead, the reality is that Solskjaer, who was meant to hand over the reins to the Argentine more than two years ago, is only now just saying his goodbyes. When Jose Mourinho was sacked in December 2018, the plan was for Solskjaer to steady the ship as caretaker manager until the end of the season and let United prepare their approach to Tottenham for Pochettino.

United's executive vice chairman Ed Woodward still insists there was no defining moment that prompted the club to veer away from what had been decided, although beating Pochettino's Spurs 1-0 at Wembley in January 2019 did Solskjaer no harm at all.

The Norwegian won his first eight games in charge, but Woodward was also impressed by the way he handled back-to-back defeats to Arsenal and Wolves in March. Woodward particularly liked that Solskjaer had the courage to call the 2-1 defeat at Molineux the worst performance of his tenure.

Woodward remains adamant that United's initial form under Solskjaer – 14 wins from his first 17 games – did not "force his hand" to appoint him permanently in March 2019, but sources have told ESPN that people around the executive vice chairman believe he was seduced by their friendly working relationship, a stark contrast to the stress of dealing with Mourinho's constant demands.

Solskjaer was initially brought in to put "smiles back on people's faces," and the grin was there until the bitter end. When the camera wouldn't work for his video news conference following the 4-1 defeat to Watford on Saturday, he could be heard joking behind the black screen: "I don't think they'll want to see me anyway."

"Popular, but he had no edge

Solskjaer was popular with the staff, and when United were knocked out of the Europa League by Sevilla in August 2020, the travel department were nervous to tell him they were struggling to organise a plane to fly to the team back from Cologne on such short notice. He told them not to worry and that the players would just have to stay in Germany for another night. When the hotel in Bern for the Champions League match with Young Boys in September was not up to the club's usual standards, Solskjaer just laughed it off. "Jose would have gone ballistic if he had still been in charge," one source told ESPN.

Visitors to Solskjaer's office at Carrington were often surprised that he was the one making the tea or coffee, while he also insisted on sitting with his players at meal times rather than at the designated coaches table.

There were always concerns that Solskjaer would not be able to compete with elite coaches like Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp (the talk around Molde in December 2018 was whether he had done enough to earn a new contract), but Woodward told close colleagues he "played the part" of United manager very well.

It started on his first day as caretaker boss when Solskjaer insisted on ending a whirlwind 24 hours by visiting the staff Christmas party. He gave a short speech and got on the dance floor, even making sure he was dressed appropriately by wearing the club suit left behind by Daley Blind, who had been allowed to join Ajax in the summer.

In the end, though, there was a feeling among some players that he was too desperate to be liked and that the angry streak that flared occasionally was not enough. Squad players would regularly leave meetings believing they were set for a run of games in the team only to find themselves back on the bench at the weekend.

"Too much delegation and too many broken promises

After returning from a successful loan spell at Roma, defender Chris Smalling was told he was part of Solskjaer's plans for the coming season only to then be informed on deadline day he had actually been part of deal discussions all along. Smalling eventually



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

secured a permanent move to Roma, but it almost collapsed because his representatives had been given so little time to sort it out. "There were too many broken promises," one source added.

One player, meanwhile, was surprised to get a call from United's chief negotiator Matt Judge to discuss whether to have an operation to correct an ongoing injury. Asked why Solskjaer was not the one making the call, Judge said it had been delegated because it might be a "difficult conversation."

Delegation became a key part of Solskjaer's blueprint, with the 48-year-old insisting he was "a manager, not a coach."

A number of players became frustrated at the influence wielded by assistant first-team coach Kieran McKenna despite his limited experience in senior football. He played a significant role in training and team selection, and often gave team talks instead of Solskjaer on the evening before games. One former United defender was convinced he wasn't being picked simply because "McKenna doesn't like me."

Solskjaer backed his staff right up until the end, telling owner Joel Glazer after the 5-0 defeat to Liverpool they were "world-class," while sources told ESPN that he rejected the offer to hire another proven coach. There were favourite players, too, and his reluctance to rotate became an issue in the dressing room. Some players complained at the end of the 2019-20 season that the campaign had ended in lacklustre semifinal defeats to Chelsea (FA Cup) and Sevilla (Europa League) because they had been overused.

Some of the squad, meanwhile, believed Paul Pogba was afforded preferential treatment. Solskjaer tried to get Pogba to understand his defensive duties in central midfield but, when that didn't work, moved the France international out to the left rather than

stressing the need to improve if he wanted to keep his place. The regular griping from Pogba's agent, Mino Raiola, about his contract situation (it expires in 2022) also went unpunished.

"Image issues

The club tried to help Solskjaer rid himself of an image that, at times, they felt bordered on "bumbling." Noticing that he occasionally landed himself in hot water by tripping over his words during early-morning news conferences, United moved them to the later time of 1 p.m. on a Friday to give him time to acclimatise back into English after speaking Norwegian with his family at home each evening.

Solskjaer didn't like the image, either, and was annoyed when veteran goalkeeper Lee Grant gave a radio interview in which he suggested it was only Cristiano Ronaldo's return that stopped the team eating as much dessert as they wanted on the night before games.

The jokes, though, eventually seeped into the dressing room, and the squad laughed that Solskjaer was the man to go to for Netflix recommendations because of his habit of watching replays on an iPad in the dugout during matches rather than venturing out onto the touchline.

He still had some senior players on-side after the heavy defeat to Liverpool and received messages of support on the Monday afterward, but that evaporated after they were toyed with by Manchester City in 2-0 loss at Old Trafford two weeks later.

"The right time to go?

Sources have told ESPN that Solskjaer, who signed a new three-year contract in July, began to fear for his job after the 4-2 defeat to Leicester City on Oct. 16. He locked the players in the dressing room at the King Power Stadium for 45 minutes after the final whistle, demanding a response against Atalanta in the Champions League group stages four days later.

Despite the reprimand, United were 2-0 down inside 30 minutes before rescuing the game with three goals in the second half to seal a 3-2 win.

Sources have told ESPN that even after humiliation at the hands of Liverpool and Manchester City, the club believed Solskjaer deserved time to turn things around – only for the defeat at Watford on Saturday to "make it clear" that the situation could not be salvaged.

Solskjaer, meanwhile, believes his attempts to make United a more attacking team are what proved his undoing. After a number of impressive results – particularly against Guardiola's Manchester City – secured by playing on the break, he told players over the summer he would be implementing a style aimed to dominate more games.

Ultimately, it didn't work, and in the past seven games United have conceded 19 goals.

Solskjaer also believes that had centre-back Raphael Varane – in his eyes the most important summer signing ahead of Ronaldo and Jadon Sancho – been fit, United would have been challenging at the top of the table.

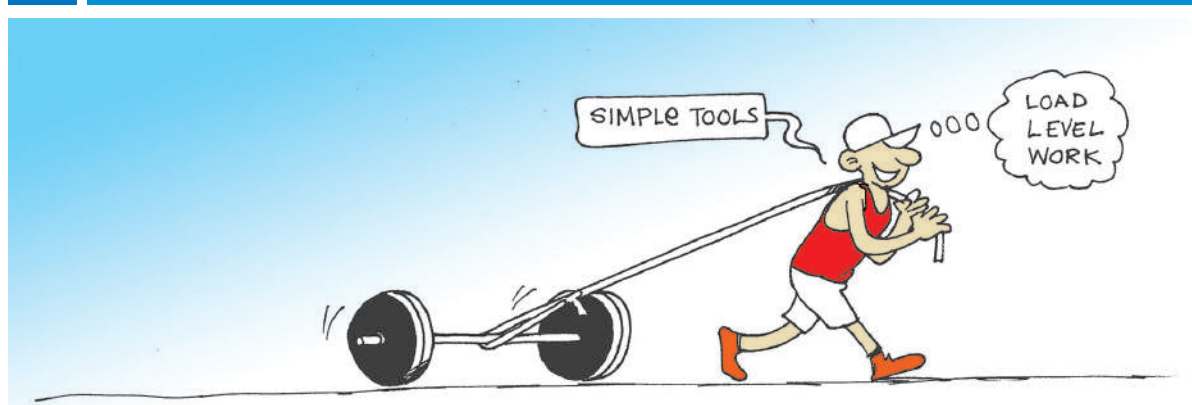
If nothing else, Solskjaer leaves United in a better position than when he took over, and it's possible to believe both that he did a good job and that it was time to go.

He didn't win a trophy but secured back-to-back top-three finishes for the first time since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013 and oversaw an English-record run of 29 away games unbeaten between January 2020 and October 2021.

In 168 games under Solskjaer, United scored five or more goals on 10 occasions, compared to twice in 302 games under David Moyes, Louis van Gaal and Jose Mourinho.

In the end, Solskjaer achieved what he was brought in to do nearly three years ago. But with the foundation built, the next step proved one too f

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Some of the footballers that took part in a recent national amputee football league in action in one of the fixtures played in Dar es Salaam.

## National beach soccer side concedes defeat to Mozambique in 2021 COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship final

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

PRE-tournament favourites, Mozambique, have claimed the 2021 COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship title following a 3-1 victory over East African guest nation, Tanzania, in the final at Durban's South Beach on Sunday.

The match brought to an end a thrilling competition that was both hugely entertaining but also showcased the incredible skills in the region, with Mozambique claiming the crown.

They add to the silver medal they won at the 2021 CAF Beach Soccer Cup of Nations which earned them a place at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Russia earlier this year.

Mozambique took the lead in the decider with a goal from Helio Mahota, but Abdulkadir Tabib equalized for Tanzania.

Rachide Smith netted his fifth goal of the competition to restore the Mozambique advantage before Julio Manjate added a third with a spectacular bicycle-kick from distance. It was a frenetic final played at a terrific pace with end-to-end action.

The Golden Boot and Player of the Tournament went to Mozambique star Nelson Manuel, who was a worthy winner in having played a huge role in seeing his side to the title.

His teammate Manuel Domingo won the Golden Glove as the best goalkeeper.

In all there were 75 goals scored in the 10 matches at the competition, providing three days of superb action.

Mozambique is the second team to lift the COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship after Madagascar won the inaugural event in Seychelles in 2015.

Recently COSAFA signed a three-year partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government and the City of eThekweni to host several annual tournaments in Durban, including the beach soccer competition.

The agreement runs from August 2021 to December 2023 and provides the COSAFA Cup, COSAFA Women's Champions League, and COSAFA Beach Soccer Championship with certainty over the hosting of the trio of annual events in what are the most uncertain of times.

The three tournaments will be staged in the coastal city each year over that period, making use of the world-class football facilities on offer and the excellent all-around infrastructure in travel, transport, and communications.

Meanwhile, the City of eThekweni made sure there were more winners on the day when they hosted a sandcastle sculpture competition.

Lindo Zungu (R10,000), Lucas Mahlangu (R5,000), and Jabulani Ndlanzi (R2,500) were the three prize-winners on the day.

## Azam FC rejects supporters' demand to fire head coach



Azam FC winger Iddi Selemani (R) races past Kinondoni Municipal Council FC fullback, Ally Ramadhan, in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League tie which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AZAM FC's Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Nurdin, has rejected a demand by a section of the team's supporters that the club should fire its George Lwandamina-led technical panel.

The Dar es Salaam club, which is deemed to have assembled one of the best squads on the domestic scene this season, got its campaign off to a shaky start in NBC Premier League.

In the outfit's six games, the club has so far won two games against Geita Gold FC and Namungo FC.

Azam FC settled for a draw with Tanga's Coastal Union and lost to Polisi Tanzania, Yanga, and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

The team was also booted out of this season's CAF Confederation Cup's second preliminary round by Pyramids FC of Egypt.

After the Sunday 2-1 defeat to KMC FC in the NBC Premier League clash at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, some Azam FC supporters were heard chanting and singing that the club should fire its Zambian tactician Lwandamina.

But reacting to this development yesterday, Nurdin who is better known as 'Popat', said he acknowl-

edge the pain his club supporters are going through.

The official was adamant Azam FC does not operate by listening to the demands of supporters, instead, the club management makes decisions.

"We feel the pain our supporters are going through, it is a very difficult situation, but at Azam FC we do not operate in that way, the club owners make final decisions."

"It is like what happened to Manchester United, they have not been recording good results in many games, but on Sunday the owners of the club thought it wise to part ways with manager Ole Solskjaer."

"Club owners always make decisions, in our case, I'm sure this shall pass and we will start recording good results," he said.

"Popat" also said since the NBC Premier League started, it was the KMC FC match that witnessed Azam FC enjoy ball possession.

"Since the start of this season, Azam FC has played six Premier League games, but it was on Sunday that we enjoyed possession."

"We played well only that we did not score, in other games which we won, we did not enjoy

the possession like yesterday. I think it is not fair to blame the coach on the results," he said.

In a post-match interview, Azam FC assistant coach, Vivier Bahati, assured his team supporters that the squad will bounce back to its winning ways.

"We understand that our supporters are not happy with our current results in the Premier League, but they must exercise patience during this period."

"I'm sure as the team we will bounce back and start winning the games, they must also understand that this season is one of the toughest, there are no walk-overs," he said.

The Sunday win was the first for KMC FC this season and the outfit's assistant coach, Habibu Kondo, hailed his side for executing their game plan well and said they have now started the league.

He said the two-week international recess helped them train well ahead of the coming NBC Premier League games.

"I must hail my players for playing well, they did exactly what we told them we are now looking forward to our next game which will be an away encounter with Mbeya City FC," he said.

## Angola squad jets in for World Cup qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ANGOLA's national amputee football team arrives in Dar es Salaam today afternoon for the 2021 Amputee African Nations Cup, which gets underway on Saturday at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) Chairman, Patrick Sarungi, said all teams are expected in the country starting from Thursday but Angola will arrive today to acclimatize with the local weather.

"We have been informed that Angola team made up of 20 people will be the first team to arrive in the country, they will arrive tomorrow... it will be at their expense. We will take care of them from Thursday," he said.

Sarungi said all preparations for the continental showdown are going on very well and he thanked the government and other stakeholders for supporting TAFF to host the event.

The official stated: "Preparations for the Amputee African Nations Cup are going on very well, we appreciate the support which we are getting from the government and other stakeholders."

"For now, the Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, has confirmed that he will watch the opening game, we will soon name a government official who will be the guest of honour at the event," he said.

The hosts have been placed in Group A alongside Uganda, Morocco, and Sierra Leone, while Group B has Angola, Kenya, Rwanda, and Zanzibar. Teams in Group C are Liberia, Cameroon, Gambia, and Ethiopia, whereas Nigeria, Ghana, and Egypt are in Group D.

The hosts' squad, known as 'Tembo Warriors', will kick start the tournament with a game against Morocco, thereafter face Sierra Leone and finish with Uganda.

Sarungi said the team is ready for the tournament and it has prepared well so that the trophy will hopefully remain in the country.

Sixteen referees will officiate the one-week tournament. Mainland Tanzania has presented 10 officials, two come from Zanzibar, while Angola, Kenya, Nigeria, and Rwanda have one referee each.

As part of preparations for the competition, 'Tembo Warriors' had played two friendly matches against Zanzibar's amputee team and notched a victory.

"We have 14 players who are undergoing intensive preparations under the tutelage of head coach Salvatory Edward, they are ready for the showpiece as we aim to emerge as Amputee African Nations Cup champions," he said.

The tournament will serve as qualifiers for next year's World Amputee Football Cup which will be held in Turkey.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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