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Northern tourism circuit gets Covid-19 testing machines

By Guardian Reporter

TWO Covid-19 testing machines have been dispatched to the Arusha and Serengeti national parks which are currently serving tourists.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro (pictured), Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, said yesterday that the move is part of precautions being taken in the tourism sector, to sort out testing and Covid-19 certification issues on arrival.

This is part of deliberate efforts aimed at removing inconveniences faced by tourists visiting the country's tourist attractions, he stated, urging tourism stakeholders to continue working together to strengthen the sector during this difficult pandemic period.

Addressing a press conference, the minister said the ministry was collaborating with the Ministry of Health to bring Covid-19 testing kits closer to those needing the service.

Tourists visiting Serengeti National Park will be receiving Covid-19 test and be allowed to proceed with their sightseeing waiting for test results, the minister specified, noting that earlier the visitors were tested in Dar es Salaam and waited for test results before

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Multiparty politics future: Mbowe seeks Samia's word

By Guardian Reporters



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience with her host, Uganda President Yoweri Museveni, at Entebbe State House shortly after jetting in for a one-day official visit yesterday. Photo: State House

FREEMAN Mbowe, national chairman of the opposition Chadema, has said he has written President Samia Suluhu Hassan seeking a platform at which to discuss the modalities of getting out of what he saw as a malfunctioning multiparty system.

At a press conference he called in Dar es Salaam yesterday, he made a wide-ranging evaluation of former president John Magufuli, commending him for his "unparalleled diligence" but expressing reservations over his handling of opposition parties.

Mbowe also took time to detail misfortunes in his own business activities, notably the closure of his company and personal accounts from December 2018.

He said president Magufuli was by no means a lazy person but worked day and night while insisting that people should work.

"President Magufuli lived and practised a philosophy to which our own Chadema subscribes, including that whoever doesn't work shouldn't eat," said the Chadema leader, adding: "I am not discussing his personal life but I am looking at a former president of this country."

He noted further: "But in order to get a good tomorrow that is safer and better than previous days, we have no option but to think openly about where we are coming from, where we are and where we wish to go or we ought to go. The main enemy of human

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EA oil pipeline final protocols endorsed

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday witnessed the signing of a tripartite deal that kicks off the construction of a crude oil pipeline—East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) from northwest Uganda to the seaport of Tanga.

The signing at State House Entebbe involved the Ugandan authorities, international oil firms Total E&P of France as well as CNOOC of China, witnessed by Total SA chief executive Patrick Pouyanne.

The agreements include two separate Host Government Agreement (HGA) signed between Total E&P and the governments of Uganda and Tanzania. Host Energy minister Gorette Kitutu signed on behalf of Uganda while the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation Acting CEO signed for Tanzania along with Total E&P vice president for Africa on the other hand.

Speaking at the occasion, President Samia said: "The signing of East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) is a historic and an important occasion not only for the nations of Uganda and Tanzania but for the entire East African Community."

She added that the project will have an impact on the social-economic development

of the East African community "as it will provide long and short-term employment opportunities to various citizens."

Samia called on the East African Community to continue its efforts to strengthen the infrastructure of roads, railways, ports and airports to support such investments as well as other investments aimed at strengthening the economy and improving people's lives.

President Samia assured her counterpart (Ugandan President) that the Tanzanian government will further develop and enhance its cooperation and relations with Uganda as well as the establishment of new areas of cooperation.

While President Museveni said: "The crude oil pipeline project can be a core of other similar pipeline operations in the region."

Construction of the 1,445-kilometer oil pipeline from the oil wells in Hoima, western Uganda to Tanzania's Indian Ocean Port of Tanga is scheduled to start soon, with operations expected to start in 2025.

Uganda suspended the launch of the

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By Francis Kajubi

CRDB Bank is set to establish an Islamic banking window in two months time, it has been learned.

The managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said this in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when handing over assorted food items and other groceries worth 10m/- to orphanage centers as part of the financial institution to mark the beginning of Ramadan.

It is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting observed by practically all followers of one of the world's greatest religions.

CRDB set for Islamic banking by mid year

...putting a smile on these children's faces who lost their parents

CRDB is finalizing the process of establishing an Islamic banking window that will enable bank clients to access services and loans as per the rules of money trading in that religion, he said.

He said as Muslims in the country join other believers worldwide to start

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CRDB Bank Plc managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela and members of his family (R) serve food to children during the handing-over of iftar worth 10m/- to ten orphanages in Dar es Salaam at the weekend as part of assistance for the impending Holy month of Ramadhan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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prosperity is to shield the truth from being known."

"It is the duty of all of us as a nation first to contemplate what we have learned, both good and bad, and secondly deliberate intently on what we should uphold and what we should condemn - and this without hypocrisy or blindness due to our political persuasions and religious, tribal or regional loyalties," declared Mbowe.

He reiterated the point highlighted recently by President Samia after swearing in permanent secretaries and their deputies, assigning tasks to the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation ministry that "we have damaged our relationships internationally by calling people imperialists".

"We call people imperialists while we depend on them for HIV infection-alleviation drugs. We call them imperialists because of the wish to please the president. Hypocrisy is a very bad habit," he declared.

Mbowe was emphatic that if leaders turn hypocritical and are not honest they will not help President Samia, "and if those in Chadema are hypocritical to me, they will not help the party. Let us build a nation which respects the truth; the truth will set us free."

"Hypocrisy, ignorance, poverty and cowardice has brought us here as a nation," he added.

Meanwhile, the Controllor and Auditor General's (CAG) report for financial year 2019/2020 has brought an extensive reaction from opposition ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe.

He has issued an analysis saying that the report was a balance sheet for the government for the five years beginning late 2015.

He said his party has previously shown weaknesses in the performance of the government, elaborating: "We also decided to go through CAG's reports for financial years 2015/2016 to 2018/2019...the analysis unearthed one truth: we had five years of incompetence."

According to Zitto Kabwe, the recently tabled report unsettles previous reports of improved tax collection during the period, insisting that that "facts don't lie and they tell a different story

based on the CAG's reports."

He said that going by the tax collection to GDP ratio, in the first financial year of the fifth phase, 2015/16, the collection stood at 13.68 per cent and in 2019/20, it was just 12.1 per cent - far below the 20 per cent target that was set in the five-year national development plan 2015/2016 to 2020/2021.

As to the ratio for other financial years: 2017/2018 ratio was 12.30 per cent, 2018/2019 had 11.60 per cent and 2019/2020 inched up to 12.10 per cent, he said.

The ACT-Wazalendo reaction also focused on the debt pile up from unpaid contractors and suppliers, saying it dwarfs growth due to having strained amounts of money in circulation.

"Accumulated liabilities for 2019/2020 stood at 3.1trn/-, up from 2.7trn/- in 2018/2019. Contractors' debt increased by 15 per cent," the analysis affirmed.

This compared with liabilities for other years where in 2017/2018 the debt stood at 3trn/-, in 2018/2019 it had come down to 2.7trn/- and in 2019/2020 it climbed again to 3.1trn/-, he pointed out.

"We advise the government to pay all contractors at once so as to stimulate economic growth by increasing money in circulation," the party leader intoned.

"Also, the government should put in place a mechanism for prompt payment of suppliers to enable them to expand their businesses, create more employment opportunities, thus reducing poverty and spurring growth," he further affirmed.

The ACT-Wazalendo leader said the habit of the spending government money that has not passed through the national Treasury was a lamentable weakness.

During fiscal 2019/2020 the government spent 2.16trn/-, up from 1.7trn/- used in 2018/2019, on the basis of CAG's reports on monies that were mainly loans from abroad, underlining that spending money that has not passed through the national treasury was a means of avoiding scrutiny since the CAG cannot audit it, he asserted.

"This is done in violation of section 135(1) of the constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania," he added.



Ugandan Foreign Affairs minister Sam Kutesa (R) welcomes President Samia Suluhu Hassan on her arrival at Entebbe International Airport yesterday for a one-day official visit. Photo: State House

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proceeding to tourist attractions.

The ministry has dispatched to Arusha the second testing machine for Covid-19 to enable all tourists to get tested upon arrival, for dispatching to various national parks.

The minister hailed the decision by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to set up a team of experts to find out how the government can handle the COVID-19 challenge during the peak tourism season.

Steps were being taken to further advertise the country's tourist attractions, with 15 tourists arriving from Israel lately, while next month the ministry expects to receive a bigger batch of tourists from Israel, he stated.

"We work day and night to advertise our tourist attractions in various foreign countries in order to woo many more tourists," he said, noting that Tanzania was somewhat relieved from the COVID-19 threat. That means it is likely to continue receiving big numbers of tourists, the minister affirmed.

He castigated members of the public who are cultivating the habit of posting online any death as COVID-19 related.

This situation was damaging the country's position as it shows we have many more Covid-19 related deaths and that is not at all true, he added.

Women told: Take lead in war on GBV

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FEMALE leaders have been called upon to act as stimulus in transforming the leadership positions they hold in order to fight gender based violence (GBV) including beatings, rape and sex corruption.

The call was made at the weekend by Flora Mlowezi, the chairperson of information and knowledge centres that were established and facilitated by Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) on how to be better leaders and fight for the interests of fellow women at Iwalanje village in Ijombe ward.

She said among issues that ought to be screamed at was the gender based violence and the patriarchy system that contributes to women's failure in fighting for various leadership positions.

"We still have the task to mobilise women to emerge and fight for various leadership positions in order to attain the 50/50 ratio, as now there is still a big gap to cover," she said.

Mlowezi said the community is

supposed to recognize the contribution of the women from family to national level due to the hard good work in the upkeep of the families.

Touching on girls' upkeep, she advised Information and Knowledge Centres to mobilise for the creation of clubs in primary and secondary schools in Mbeya District to empower them on how to fight gender based violence.

She said some of these schools already have such clubs that fight gender based violence but many are yet to do the same, hence the Information and Knowledge Centres have the task to mobilise for their creation in order to eradicate of GBV and child abuse.

Iwalanje Village Chairman, Geoffrey Mwanje said among issues contributing to women's humiliation include overdrinking and commit shameful acts when drunk.

She called upon the women to respect their own selves to escape finger pointing when they vie for various leadership positions,



Tanzania Private Sector Foundation chairperson Angelina Ngalula addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday to congratulate President Samia Suluhu Hassan on her support to the private sector. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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the Ramadan fasting period; the bank's leadership was sticking to a tradition of assisting the less fortunate in the community.

"It has been a tradition for CRDB to provide humanitarian aid to the needy in the community during the month of Ramadan," he said, noting that this drive was both a bank decision and a family wish to extend assistance to orphanages taking care of less

fortunate children.

The commodities will be supplied to ten orphanage centers in Dar es Salaam, with five centers receiving 1m/- each in cash while the rest were given foodstuffs and other groceries.

Orphanage centers which received foodstuffs and other groceries are Ali bin Atalip of Chanika, Amani Foundation of Kigamboni, Irshaad Islamic of Kimara, Hiyari Orphanage center of Temera and Tarbis center of

Kijitonyama.

Speaking at the event, Sheikh Issa Othman who is chief imam of Maamur mosque, said that those who bring relief to the needy especially during the month of Ramadhan receive more blessings.

He praised CRDB as a bank providing Ramadan offerings as its head has shown the way, expressing the hope that other financial institutions will do the same, "putting a smile on these

children's faces who lost their parents."

Speaking for the beneficiaries, Hajjaty Abdallah, who runs the Amani Foundation for Orphanages Kigamboni centre called on the public to visit and support orphanages.

Most orphanages face serious shortages of essentials such as beds and mattresses but also lack clean water and often struggle to pay utility bills, he added.

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East African Crude Oil Pipeline project on March 25 to mourn the death of President John Pombe Magufuli.

The late Magufuli was due in Kampala on March 22 for the three-way signing of the crude oil export pipeline deal between the governments of Uganda and Tanzania and French oil giant Total, as the lead investor.

Total SA is the parent company of Total E&P, licensed to operate in Uganda, alongside CNOOC. It ventured into Uganda after acquiring a 66.66 percent stake from Anglo-Irish Tullow Oil plc, which recently sold off its entire stake, and is currently winding up its operations.

The signing marks the launch of the Ugandan oil project to get the black gold out of the ground, 14 years since the country announced the discovery of commercial oil reserves in mid-western Uganda.

The HGA, which was first initialled at a signing ceremony in September last year, details vertical issues on the pipeline such as governmental obligations, investor duties, environmental controls and other relevant standards, liabilities and project closure arrangements eventually.

Other signed accords include the Shareholders Agreement (SHA) between the four shareholders in the EACOP holding company, to be signed by the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) chief executive Proscovia

Nabbanja, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) CEO Dr James Mataragio, the Total E&P Vice President for Africa, and the CNOOC president.

UNOC is the statutory body mandated to manage the state's role in Uganda's oil sector, including marketing its share of the oil proceeds, managing the state's 15 percent equity stake in the EACOP.

French Total E&P owns a majority 72 percent shareholding in the EACOP, followed by UNOC with 15 percent, CNOOC with eight percent, and TPDC with five percent. However, officials described Tanzania's shareholding through its national oil corporation, TPDC, as tentative.

Uganda's 15 percent stake is in sync with the 15 percent stake in the production licenses for each of the oil fields operated by Total E&P and CNOOC, officials noted.

Also to be signed was the Tariff and Transportation Agreement (TTA) between the pipeline company and the shippers of Uganda's crude oil through the pipeline. The Total VP was slated to sign on behalf of the pipeline company, minister Kitutu on behalf of UNOC, plus CNOOC and Total E&P.

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Deogratius Ndejemi, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) addresses beneficiaries of Tanzania Social Action Fund (Tasaf) assistance at Nkala in Momba District, Songwe Region, at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Grab opportunities in SGR project for your own economic good - govt

By Guardian Reporter

WORKS and Transport deputy minister Mwitwa Waitara has called on residents in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region to ensure they grab the opportunities from the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) for their own economic wellbeing.

Speaking after inspecting the railway line along the 422km Makutupora-Morogoro stretch, Waitara said their trust in the construction work would provide

them opportunities to get employed after the completion of the project.

"This is a historic project and you have been employed here, use the opportunity well in order to be certain of employment after the project's completion," he said.

Waitara also called on the contractors to ensure they abide by the quality standards spelled out in the contract, adding that any challenges that arise should be reported in time to the right authorities.

For his part Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) director General Masanja Kadogosa said up to now the Makutupora-Dodoma section was more than 55 per cent complete and assured the Deputy Minister they will abide by the approved quality standards as per contract.

Kadogosa said so far the issue of workers has abided by the contract a 88 per cent of workers were Tanzanians, and the rest foreigners.

TRC Project Manager for

Makutupora-Morogoro section mateshi Tito said apart from frequent challenges that arise including rains, construction work was progressing well and TRC has mobilized itself to deal with any challenges that come up.

The 1,912km Dar es Salaam to Mwanza SGR project is being implemented in five phases: Dar es Salaam - Morogoro (300km), Morogoro - Makutupora (422km), Makutupora - Tabora (371km), Tabora - Isaka (162km) and Isaka - Mwanza (349km).

Private sector applauds Samia on tax directive

By Guardian Reporter

PRIVATE sector stakeholders have hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives to relevant authorities to be professional in tax collections.

Speaking at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday, representatives of the Tanzania Private sector foundation (TPSF) said the order by the head of state for expansion of tax base is the way to go.

Chairperson of TPSF Angelina Ngalula called for comprehensive review of tax, levies and other government revenues collecting systems in the country for elimination of setbacks in tax collecting exercises. Also there must be harmonizing of tax collecting bodies and authorities to avoid conflicts which she said delay the process.

"It is encouraging to lean that the president insists on putting in efforts towards a robust the private sector; what is needed is transformation of tax collection systems and formalizing the informal sector which hosts more than 70 per cent of private sector players," she said.

Speaking last Tuesday, President Samia directed the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to urgently resolve tax wrangles with foreign investors insisting oppressive tax regimes are uncalled for.

The head of state also told the authority's new Commissioner General Alphayo Kidata to ensure fairness in discharging tax laws. The president said: "tax collection must be conducted effectively and will not allow oppressive tax systems that are forcing business to be shut down. we need taxes but we don't want oppressive approaches."

Ngalula said that TRA should expand its range of expertise in

amongst employed tax officers and expand its research and development department for scientifically driven decisions in deciding taxes.

"We advise that for effectiveness and efficiency in tax collecting, TRA must strengthen research activities in different sectors of the economy. This will inform on how and where and when to tax a certain amount."

The chairperson advised that the tax officers in the country including should include those with expertise strategic sectors like agriculture, oil and gas and minerals. Also expertise must include use of ICTs and data analytics for making decisions.

TPSF chairman said that it was the high time that system is put in place to formalize business hence over 70 per cent of the private sector players lays in informal settings.

"We urge the government to put in place incentive to attract formalization of an informal sector. Apart from expanding tax base, the formalized informal sector will make it easy for business to have definable address and be reached out for coaching and tax collection," she hinted.

General Secretary of Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), Dr Goodwill Wanga called for Tanzanians to educate themselves and pay tax for the country's development.

He said media outlets must help and united us to educate the general public and ensure that in any business and services conducted we pay taxes which are vital for our own development."

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Stakeholders push for policy review to support NDC war

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

HEALTH stakeholders have urged the government to review and amend laws and policies so as to strengthen the fight against the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the country.

Reports show that NCDs claim about 50 per cent of all deaths in the country, something which needs more serious measures to address.

Speaking during a capacity building session to members of Parliamentary Committee on Social Services and Community Development during the weekend, the stakeholders called on the government to come up with an immediate action to rescue the nation from the burden.

Prof Luthghard Kagaruki from the Tanzania NCDs Alliance (TANCD) said the rapid increase in prevalence of NCDs is attributed to the demographic

change with longer life span and to changes in lifestyle specifically concerning diet, level of physical activity, alcohol and tobacco usage which are common risk factors shared by several NCDs. She said that most laws are outdated for example the Liquors Act of 1968, Tobacco Products Act 2003 as well as the Food and Nutrition Policy of 1992 something which thwarts efforts to fight NCDs.

"We are calling on the government to enact a Tobacco control law that complies with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; enact an effective alcohol control law and develop a Physical activity Policy for people of all ages and backgrounds with supportive environments so as to ensure that people live a healthy life," she said.

Develop an effective policy addressing nutrition on the life cycle with emphasis on NCDs and their risk factors.

NCDs are mostly caused by unhealthy diets, excessive use of alcohol, tobacco

She also said that it was high time now for the government to come up with a Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Act so as to strengthen the fight of diseases

including NCDs.

"The nation has to also develop a comprehensive school feeding/nutrition management program so as to ensure that children take nutritional food while in school instead of taking canned and packaged foods," she added.

Prof Kagaruki further said that the government should also develop pre-health tax reforms on Tobacco, alcohol, processed foods and surgery drinks curb intake and generate revenue to finance health.

"There is also a need to incorporate NCDs and risk factors in the school curriculum starting from primary schools, the government should also develop a Food Consumer Protection Agency," she said.

Prof Kaushik Ramaiya, chairman of TANCD said that NCDs are the most death causing diseases but unfortunately the area is underfunded. Globally, 60 percent of all deaths are caused by NCDs.

He said Tanzania now faces a double burden of disease that includes continuing infectious diseases epidemics and increasing burden of NCDs.

"Despite the challenge, the budget for NCDs is still low. Legislators then have a big role to advocate for the increase of budget so as to fight the burden," he said.

He said that the fight against NCDs requires a multi-sectoral response and support from all health stakeholders including MPs.

He also called for coordinated efforts between the government, private sector, CSOs and international organizations so as to fight the vice.

"We should focus more on promotive activities focusing on increasing awareness of NCDs and associated risk factors, promoting healthy lifestyles and community involvement and the individual taking responsibility for own health," he said.

Stanslaus Nyongo, the committee's chairman in order to support the fight against NCDs, they are going to form a special MPs alliance so as to educate and advocate for the review of laws and policies.

He said that strategic measures are needed to fight the NCDs and these focus on preventive measures and then cure.



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5bn/- to revamp education sector in Dodoma this year

By Correspondent Michael Sikaundwa,

Dodoma

DODOMA city council has allocated over 5bn/- for improvement of the education sector which includes construction of four new secondary schools, laboratories, teachers' houses and pit latrines.

City Mayor, Prof David Mwamfupe told this paper over the weekend that decisions to increase funding for the education sector follows an increased population.

"We have resolved to construct more secondary schools to meet the demand which is fuelled with increased city population," he said.

Prof Mwamfupe added that authorities have also increased funding for development projects to 83 percent from the previous

60 percent. He said the increase is in line with requirements provided by the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government).

"We are focusing on improving academic performances for both primary and secondary schools. The performance of students in last year's Form Four national examinations increased to 91.4 percent compared to 85 percent in the previous year," said the city mayor noting students are expected to also perform better in the coming years.

He said apart from allocating funds for construction of new schools, the city council has also set aside 5bn/- to support the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Dodoma Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA).

He said monies to be given to DUWASA would help to improve

water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services which are an essential part of preventing and protecting human health during infectious disease outbreaks.

"Funding to the rural road agency will help it repair the roads especially during and after the rains," he added.

Dodoma city secondary school educational officer, Upendo Rweyemamu, said that 595m/- will be on maintenance of schools, 365m/- for construction of laboratories and 690m/- for maintenance of schools' administration blocks.

She said they will spend 166m/- to construct pit latrines and another 140m/- to purchase desks.

She said plans are underway for construction of dormitories to save students from walking for long distances to and from schools whereas the city council has allocated 300m/- for the

projects.

"Projects for construction of classrooms, laboratories, pit toilets and administration blocks will be implemented in three wards namely Nzuguni, Mpunguzi and Hombolo," said Rweyemamu.

Miyuji secondary school head teacher, Liberatus Ntilema commended the government's efforts in improving students' learning environment. He said reducing congestion in classes will improve student's academic performance in national

examinations.

On November 27, 2015 the Tanzanian government issued Circular 5 to implement the Education and Training Policy 2014 and immediately, directed public bodies to ensure that primary and secondary education is free for all children. This included the removal of all forms of fees and contributions.

The implementation of free education in Tanzania has seen a three-fold increase in the numbers of children attending

schools almost all over the country, according to government data.

Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) David Silinde told the National Assembly recently that the government spent a total of 1.26trn/- to finance the provision of free basic education in the past five years.

According to him, the funds are the ones disbursed from December 2015 to February 2021.



Downtown Mbeya city children carry firewood, still in widespread use in many parts of Tanzania as a source of energy - though it is slowly but surely being replaced with more environmentally options, including gas. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

By Guardian Reporter

THRDC calls for amendment of contested media freedom laws

TANZANIA Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) has called on the government to look into the possibility of amending some of the laws that suppress press freedom.

The laws in question include the 2016 Media Services Act, and the 2015 Cybercrimes Act with the aim of improving the country's press freedom.

THRDC statement to the public issued at the weekend by THRDC's coordinator Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa said in addition to good intention by president Samia Suluhu Hassan in her recent directives to lift the ban on media outlets that had been suspended, there was still the problem within the laws to enable media outlets to be free to perform their duties.

"We appeal to the government

to amend the suppressive media laws as well as to create better environment for the outlets and journalists, as well as to implement decision reached by various national and international courts," part of the THRDC statement said.

Apart from these two laws other laws that have been the subject of complaints and are also to be amended is the 2010 Electronic Media Communication Act and its 2020 regulations.

Addressing the nation after swearing in Permanent Secretaries of various ministries, President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed for the lifting of the ban on media outlets that had been

suspended, adding that they should abide by the laws.

The speech was happily received by media practitioners and other stakeholders as they viewed it was a new hope for the freedom of the press in the country.

For his part the Information, Culture, Arts and Sports minister for Innocent Bashungwa announced that the president directives were for suspended online TV and called to his office owners of newspapers that had been suspended for discussion.

Newspapers that were banned included Mwanahalis and Mawio while the licence for Tanzania Daima was withdrawn.

Chief of Technology & Digital Transformation

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Request for Proposal

RFQ Title: **Consultancy Oprotrunity**

RFQ number: 2020-K02-04

Date of Solicitation: 12th April 2021

Closing Date: Friday 23rd April 2021

Submission Date and time: 23rd April 2021, 11:00am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Questions and Clarifications Due by 20th April 2021

Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: 30th June 2021.

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Pact is working in partnership with Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), Ifakara Health Institute (IHI), and Railway Children of Africa (RCA) to implement a USAID Kizazi Kipya is a five-year project (July 2016 to December 2021) funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project aims to enable one million Tanzanian Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC), adolescents, and young people affected by HIV/AIDS to utilize age-appropriate HIV/AIDS-related and other services for improved care, health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, and psycho-social well-being.

The goal of the project is to improve the health and social wellbeing of OVC, young people and their families through strategic service delivery and support. Under Result area 3 Kizazi Kipya project strives to ensure high-quality services are available to HIV infected and vulnerable children and adolescents. To realize the outcome under this result area, the project designed the A/CLHIV service model to address the needs for HIV infected and deliver child-centered case management for these populations.

The overall objective of the assignment is to develop a film documentary and high-resolution photos about the success stories and lessons learnt that provide a clear, in-depth, and compelling narrative on the efforts of USAID Kizazi Kipya project.

- Interested candidates should request for the full Terms of Reference through email to procurementTZ@pactworld.org by 16th April 2021.

Eligibility

To be considered for this award, Vendors must be currently legally operating in Tanzania and the quotation must show:

- The ability to meet or exceed the Requirements/Technical Specifications outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR);
- Ability to deliver the items/services within the time frame specified in the TOR.

Interested, eligible candidate should deliver their proposal to:

The Tender Committee

Pact Tanzania

74 Uporoto Street, Victoria

P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

Or email procurementTZ@pactworld.org

All proposals must be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The following information is required in your proposal. The deadline is 11am EAT **Friday 23rd April 2021**.

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| 2 | Validity period of offer (Offer should be valid for at least 45 days). |
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| 4 | Indicate of delivery duration in weeks to complete the task after PO issue. |
| 5 | Your quotation must be on official letter head with authorized signature and stamp. |
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- Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.



Hanang district commissioner Ghaibu Lingo (3rd-R, foreground) explains something to Works and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya (to his left) at the weekend during the inspection of the 68.35-km Mugitu-Haydom road - which is lined up for tarmacking. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

Arusha

CRDB's 'Mtoto Day Out' helps in banking, insuring children

REMEMBER the popular movie of the 1990s, a toddler-based comedy known as 'Baby's Day Out'? Tanzania has 'Mtoto's Day Out' but this time to help the juvenile population being banked and insured.

Well, CRDB Bank Plc has just organised a special children concert which was dubbed 'Mtoto's Day Out' with the event being held in Arumeru District, Arusha Region over the weekend.

"In modern days when life gets hectic, it is now always that parents get time to play with their children and this maiden event is meant to change that and cement the traditional family cohesion," stated the CRDB Bank's northern zone manager of commerce, David Peter.

Hundreds of people, mostly families attended the 'Tamasha la Mtoto's Day Out,' where children enjoyed sporting activities and other forms of entertainment that brought them together with their parents.

According to the CRDB Business manager, the 'Mtoto Day Out' is also going to serve as a platform to encourage parents to open special accounts for children (pupils and students) as well as ensuring they ensure their offspring.

"The Junior Jumbo Account enables children to invest money that can later be used to settle school fees, pay for educational materials and trips as well as creating foundation for future savings," said Peter.

One of the parents, Neema Njau, said in the past, they used to be very worried, dispatching their children to school with cash money, as they risked being robbed or kidnapped for ransom.

As for the insurance package, CRDB Bank has hatched the 'Edu Care' the hybrid package that offers both life insurance and a saving window all in one box, this is said to be mostly suitable for college students. Already the firm

has nearly 50 personnel handling insurance services across 300 bank branches mapped across the nation.

Still focused on children, the bank also has the 'Hodari' account specifically meant for 'Baby Sitters' and other domestic workers. This interest free slot enables parents to pay their household helpers salaries and bonuses through the formal banking system so that the beneficiaries can have peace of mind while taking care of toddlers at homes.

The Arumeru District Commissioner, Jerry Muro who graced the occasion, pointed out that the Edu-Care package which the CRDB Bank offers to pupils and students was the best way to cushion the youth that travel far from homes to seek further education.

"Bank Savings are what make the future bright, in addition to helping driving the economy," stated DC Muro.

Health stakeholders highlight important measures to manage asthma prevalence

By Guardian Reporter

MEDICAL doctors, physicians and pulmonary specialists expressed their concerns and highlighted important measures that must be taken to manage asthma prevalence in Tanzania.

Held in Dar es Salaam last week themed "Discussing the insights in the management of asthma in Tanzania", the workshop comes at a time when various studies and findings are tabled for discussions about asthma prevalence in Tanzania.

The professionals discussed the challenges to the adherence of obstructive airway diseases (OAD) such as asthma where participants exchanged ideas on OAD medications, usage, the proliferation of new state of the art devices on the market and their effectiveness towards asthma treatment.

Dr Mandela Makakala, consultant physician (internal medicine) Agha Khan hospital said there are a lot of undiagnosed cases of asthma in Tanzania simply because there isn't enough responsiveness on the disease: but also in cases where diagnosis has been made, many challenges still exist, including the lack of access to medication.

"The other challenges are stigma/myths around the disease and poor inhaler usage techniques. All these cause redundancies in the effective management of asthma and in the long run result in prolonged treatment, severe damage and fatality of many patients." Said Dr Mandela adding,

"We also recognize that studies show up to 67 percent of health workers admitting to not knowing how to effectively use the asthma treatment devices. So, we urge government and other concerned stakeholders to put emphasis on creating awareness on the treatment and management of asthma for all ages"

According to him, there is no perfect inhaler so it is a responsibility of medical professionals to study patients, identify their limitations, study available medicine and treat each patient according to their specific diagnosis.

Dr. Khuboja Sulende, consultant pediatrician at Muhimbili National Hospital said significant insights should be brought to light concerning effects of pulmonary diseases that if not detected early or properly managed could be acute and cause high mortality rates in children of all ages.

"Asthma affects about 300 million people globally; among those are 60 percent patients in Tanzania who are children. I thereby recommend that when treating and managing asthma, children should not be handled as adults;

"I encourage doctors to educate their patients on proper medicine use and to also offer several lessons on how to effectively administer these devices to achieve potent results," he advised.

He urged people to take asthma seriously and educate themselves, or visit a health care facility if suspecting asthma and follow proper diagnosis and treatment as prescribed by the physicians.

The workshop was supported by Cipla, a top global lung leader and pharmaceutical company making innovative products in the area of respiratory health in its endeavor to ensure equitable access to life-saving medication and technology.



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STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TShs'000 | 2019 TShs'000 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Gross Premium Written | 54,173,234 | 54,958,985 |
| Insurance premium revenue | 54,775,324 | 52,585,468 |
| Insurance premium ceded to reinsurers | (39,957,668) | (37,113,448) |
| Net insurance premium revenue | 14,817,656 | 15,472,020 |
| Investment income | 2,391,482 | 2,457,567 |
| Commission earned | 6,419,599 | 6,579,725 |
| Fair value gain | 83,597 | 32,427 |
| Other income | 51,493 | 156,413 |
| Net income | 23,763,827 | 24,698,152 |
| Insurance claims | (6,761,711) | (18,761,148) |
| Insurance claims recovered from reinsurers | 1,340,787 | 13,006,145 |
| Net insurance claims | (5,420,924) | (5,755,003) |
| Operating expenses | (9,103,298) | (7,923,644) |
| Commission expense | (7,663,712) | (7,559,990) |
| Profit from operations | 1,575,893 | 3,459,515 |
| Finance cost | (29,110) | (44,725) |
| Profit before income tax | 1,546,783 | 3,414,790 |
| Income tax expense | (679,668) | (1,228,961) |
| Profit for the year | 867,115 | 2,185,829 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 867,115 | 2,185,829 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | Share Capital TShs'000 | Contingency reserve TShs'000 | Retained earnings TShs'000 | Total TShs'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Year ended 31 December 2020 | | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2020 | 8,000,000 | 7,228,498 | (297,074) | 14,931,424 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | - | 867,115 | 867,115 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | 867,115 | 867,115 |
| Other comprehensive income net of tax: | - | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | - | 867,115 | 867,115 |
| Transfer to contingency reserve | - | 469,518 | (469,518) | - |
| Transactions with owners: | | | | |
| Payment of dividend | - | - | - | - |
| Total transactions with owners | - | 469,518 | (469,518) | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2020 | 8,000,000 | 7,698,016 | 100,523 | 15,798,539 |
| Year ended 31 December 2019 | | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2019 | 8,000,000 | 6,791,332 | 954,263 | 15,745,595 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | - | 2,185,829 | 2,185,829 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | 2,185,829 | 2,185,829 |
| Other comprehensive income net of tax: | - | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | - | 2,185,829 | 2,185,829 |
| Transfer to contingency reserve | - | 437,166 | (437,166) | - |
| Transactions with owners: | | | | |
| Payment of dividend for 2018 | - | - | (3,000,000) | (3,000,000) |
| Total transactions with owners | - | 437,166 | (3,437,166) | (3,000,000) |
| Balance at 31 December 2019 | 8,000,000 | 7,228,498 | (297,074) | 14,931,424 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TShs'000 | 2019 TShs'000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Motor vehicle and equipment | 713,681 | 1,061,988 |
| Intangible assets | 398,906 | 497,697 |
| Equity investment at fair value through profit or loss (unquoted) | 1,036,807 | 917,941 |
| Deferred tax asset | 778,199 | 924,599 |
| Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangements | 3,137,035 | 4,444,790 |
| Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities | 16,236,656 | 26,034,505 |
| Deferred acquisition cost | 2,051,648 | 1,937,742 |
| Income tax recoverable | 968,630 | 529,061 |
| Other receivables | 1,330,227 | 1,520,920 |
| Government securities at fair value through profit or loss | 3,924,960 | 3,947,893 |
| Corporate bonds at fair value through profit or loss | 153,101 | 148,270 |
| Deposits with financial institutions | 28,280,044 | 30,051,505 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,034,106 | 1,911,040 |
| Total assets | 61,044,000 | 73,927,951 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Insurance contract liabilities | 10,315,531 | 19,880,572 |
| Unearned premiums | 14,837,616 | 15,439,704 |
| Lease Liabilities | 431,197 | 692,137 |
| Creditors arising from direct insurance | 333,393 | 81,534 |
| Payables arising from reinsurance arrangements | 7,923,703 | 11,024,009 |
| Deferred acquisition income | 1,636,726 | 1,578,787 |
| Other payables | 9,767,295 | 10,299,784 |
| Total liabilities | 45,245,461 | 58,996,527 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Share capital | 8,000,000 | 8,000,000 |
| Contingency reserve | 7,698,016 | 7,228,498 |
| Retained earnings | 100,523 | (297,074) |
| Total equity | 15,798,539 | 14,931,424 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 61,044,000 | 73,927,951 |

The financial statements on pages 17 to 69 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

YOGESH M. MANEK
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GODFREY KIOI
DIRECTOR

GILLIARD MARDAI
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TShs'000 | 2019 TShs'000 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Cash generated from operations | (2,643,588) | 5,738,450 |
| Dividend received | 18,285 | 24,771 |
| Interest received | 2,356,030 | 2,434,963 |
| Tax paid | (972,837) | (1,700,296) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (1,242,110) | 6,497,888 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of items of motor vehicles and equipment | (91,562) | (85,630) |
| Purchase of items of intangible assets | (18,565) | (222,418) |
| Proceeds from disposal of items of motor vehicles and equipment | 7,415 | 76,435 |
| Purchase of investments | (21,832,722) | (5,499,967) |
| Proceeds from matured investments | 18,670,102 | 9,298,720 |
| Proceeds from sale of bonds | - | 175,146 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (3,265,332) | 3,742,286 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Payment of lease liabilities | (303,573) | (303,521) |
| Dividends paid | - | (3,000,000) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (303,573) | (3,303,521) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (4,811,015) | 6,936,653 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 20,581,142 | 13,644,489 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | 15,770,127 | 20,581,142 |

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Taking A New Look
At The News
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Lands Acts of 1999 not helping in conservation, propelling industry

PLENTY of soul searching was noted among MPs in relation to what they said was low investment in agriculture, railing against what they said was poor commitment of government towards the sector. They warned that the trend could affect the national industrialization drive, in the sense of not having sufficient raw materials for industrial processing, where the typical example is imported cooking (or edible) oil. MPs don't appear to have taken strong note of implications of the maize export ban to Kenya, or the maize glut in the maize belt in the southern highlands, as neighbouring markets still offer some comfort.

The debate showed that there is a persistent belief among MPs that what is needed is for the government to take effective measures to improve the sector, hit by a number of challenges with the government failing to show its commitment to address the setbacks.

An MP said the government should invest heavily in modern irrigation schemes so as to lure more Tanzanians to engage in farming. With commercial agriculture having taken root in many areas in the country, chiefly with high yielding seeds, the phenomenon of a glut is already being experienced in maize, or fruit decay.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan showed far greater realism in her well organised remarks to permanent secretaries, deputies and executive agency heads sworn early last week. Her remarks focused on markets, their availability and assurance, where the key issue that policy makers will soon have to grapple with is how to make the country the

proper destination of most of its processed products, agro-based or others. That is how we come back to the 1999 Land Acts, their use.

The Land Acts are based on the 1967 national vision set out in the Arusha Declaration and a number of key policy papers promulgated at that time by President Julius Nyerere, a perpetuation of the 1958 TANU Vision in the Legislative Council, rejecting individual ownership of land.

This topic was broached in 1992 when the various budding political parties were coming up, with some lawyers starting to argue for private ownership of land to push the conversion of land to both commercial agriculture and industry.

Privately owned land acts as collateral for bank loans, and village land can't be used for such purpose, except in restrained local financial transactions like Saccos, where the property placed as collateral can be taken up within a collegial environment, like clan members, etc. Individuals holding land occupancy rights can only sell such land if the clan bonds are weak as in urban proximity.

What is more at stake is that rapid population growth shows that crisis is building up. At the same time, maintaining this land model implies, as MPs insist, that mechanised farming be taken up, but who shall consume this surplus if half of the farming is mechanised?

The Kenya maize ban shows that we can't take foreign markets for granted, unless we accept extended economic unions like the East African Common Market or the African Continental Free Trade Area which we have signed but not ratified. Even then that is a limited answer.

It's important to join Queen Elizabeth II in this mourning

GRIEF is spread all over the United Kingdom in many parts of the Commonwealth of Nations and indeed across the globe following the death of Prince Philip de Mountbatten, husband of Queen Elizabeth II - at the age of 99 years.

Those glued to global cable television will remember he was hospitalized briefly at the start of the year, but disease caught up with him in a few months.

Well-wishers thank divinity for the gift of his life, chiefly as a stabilising factor in the British monarchy, in decades-long ups and downs.

As husband to the monarch, the late Prince Phillip did not have many outward interactive duties but more within Buckingham Palace, the principal residence of the monarch.

We in Tanzania will do well to take note of the fact that he represented the Queen in ceremonies to hand over the instruments of Tanganyika's independence to Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere on December 9, 1961.

The Queen had occasion to visit Tanzania before Mwalimu ended his long tenure at the State House.

It is also worth remembering that before handing over the reins of office late 1985, Mwalimu Nyerere visited the UK where he talked at length at a banquet organised by the Lord Mayor of London, on behalf of the monarch, which goes without saying.

Talking about the British monarchy evokes critical reactions on the faces of countless militants around the world as well, and here it evokes the image of landowners

and filthy rich individuals who don't have to work. Only a few students attending universities each passing year learn that the foundation of the UK system of state, and at the same time the reference model of democracy in the history of civilisation, is the UK Magna Carta (Grand Charter).

It is a document drawn up in the 14th century to lay a truce of sorts between insurgent landowners and burghers (traders) on the one hand, and the monarch along with the church on the other hand. That was the classical image of class struggles in Europe even up to the late 19th century when colonialism was spreading, and countries lacking the self-limitation of institutions break into chaos.

In a sense it is auspicious that we reflect on the role the British monarchy has played to help anchor the key attitudes of democracy around the world in the modernisation of Western countries, lessons that are being learned with difficulty in countries raised up in a culture of resistance to the West.

Up to the start of the fifth phase government, political parties were openly favouring chaos and even bloodletting, thinking it was a minor issue even in being mouthed publicly.

As we struggle to find our feet in free speech and democratic space, it is arguably unavoidable to look at the humility of the monarchy in UK politics and in fostering a spirit of Commonwealth shared values of the rule of law as a cardinal element in facilitating a culture shift to democratic stability.

Mourning with Elizabeth II and respecting the monarchy helps out.

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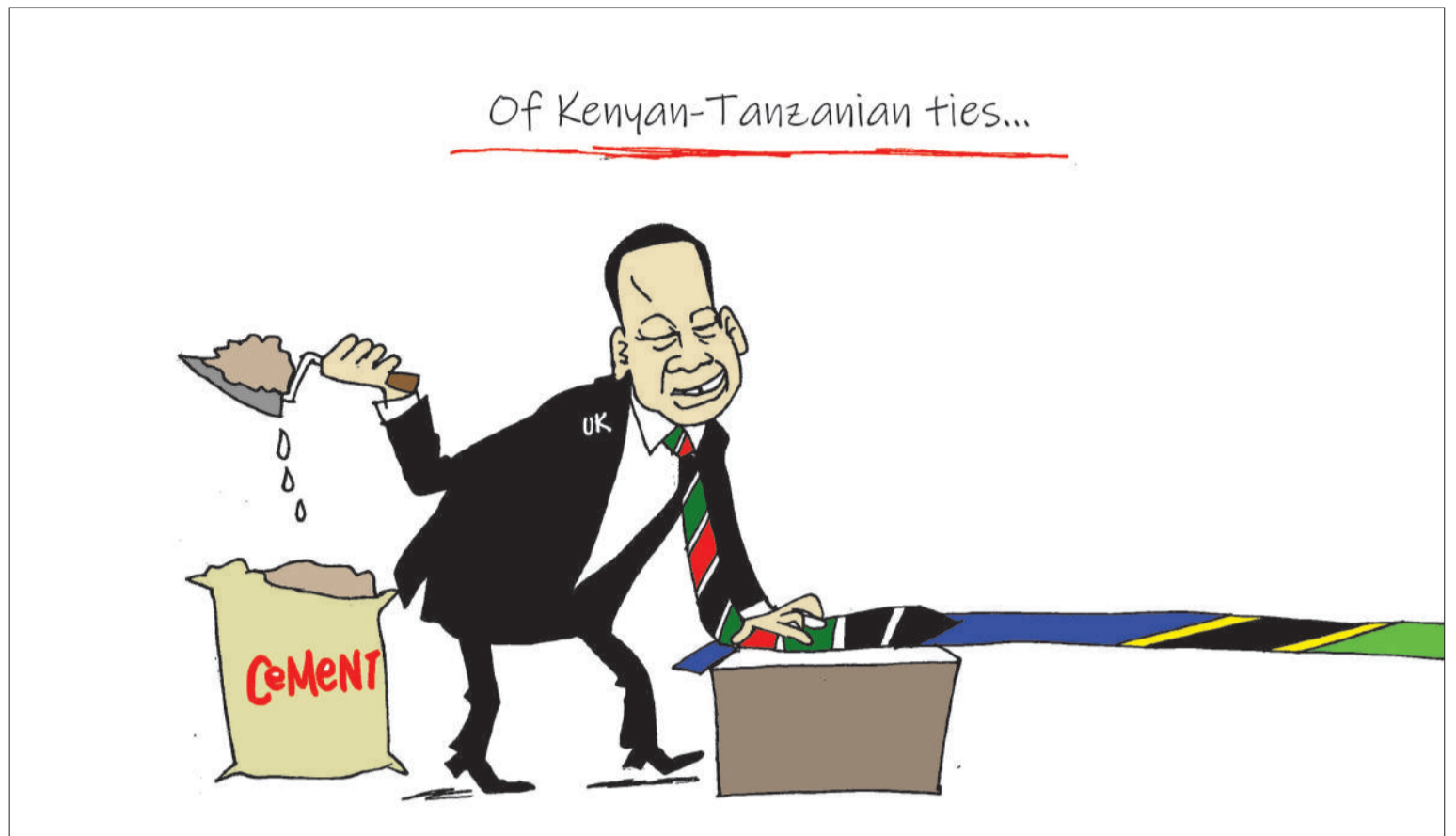
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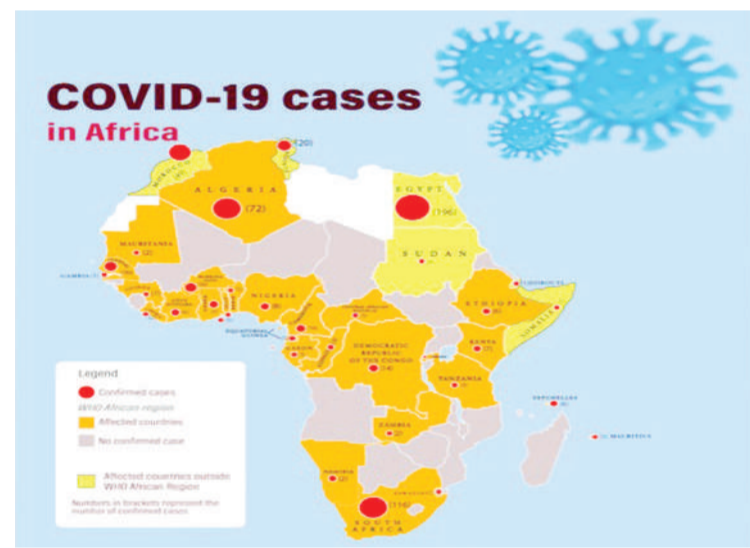
ONE year after the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a pandemic in March of 2020, the spread of the virus remains unabated. In fact, some countries are now going through a second, and for others, a third wave of the pandemic.

The United States, a country recognized as one of the richest countries in the world and a paragon of scientific innovations and medical excellence is still paralyzed by the deadliest public health disaster since the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. According to the John Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center, there are more than 29 million COVID-19 infections and deaths surpassing 540 thousand in a population of 330 million people. The trajectory of the case fatality rate (CFR) in the United States is a moving target riding on an incline. The same is true for countries in Europe, South America and other parts of Asia.

For example, in most of the 48 countries in Europe, health care delivery systems are comparable to that of the United States. Europeans, on average, have €14,739 per-capita purchasing power, according to Growth from Knowledge (GfK), a global consultancy on data and analytics. Like the United States, COVID-19 burden is also on the upswing in Europe. There is now an easily transmissible variant of the virus in the UK, Italy and France. This may further increase the pressure on the estimated 37.7 million cases and over 880 thousand deaths so far in a total population of about 747.8 million in Europe.

By all objective public health and socio-economic measures, the continent of Africa should be a basket case in coping with the pandemic. Though rich in natural resources with a potential market of 1.3 billion people, most of the continent's 57 countries have weak health care systems when compared to Western standards. According to the WHO, Africa bears more than 24 percent of the global disease burden, but only has access to about 3 percent of health workers with most countries having less than one doctor for every 1,000 people. In addition, most Africans live on less than \$2 a day, according to The Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, DC. Communal living and the proliferation of densely populated slum communities within earshot of major metropolises in Africa, render social distancing nearly impractical. Add to that, political instability in places like Sudan, Ethiopia, Central African

Year of pandemic: How did Africa escape the calamity of COVID-19?



Republic, Mali, Ivory Coast and Libya, a coordinated public health response to a pandemic such as COVID-19 should be impossible. And yet the burden of COVID-19 is far less in Africa, compared to the most affluent regions of the world outside of Africa.

African countries combined have had just a little over 4.1 million cases and about 110,000 COVID-19 deaths in a population of 1.3 billion people. Of course, the new South Africa variant - B.1.351 (501YV2) - will impact the infection rate. So how did Africa as a region or continent escape the calamity of this pandemic?

Well, assessing the pandemic reports and speaking to a noted expert on African affairs, revealed the following:

Public health leadership: African leaders and public health institutions have shown remarkable leadership and cognizance by putting in place measures, sometimes draconian, to control the spread of the virus. They closed airports, restricted internal travels, closed schools and religious worship services. Some countries like Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, South Africa and Nigeria imposed weeks-long lockdowns and curfews, and even used whips and arrests to disburse crowds during the lockdowns and curfews. Samuel Jackson, an African economist and author of "How a Pathogen Ruled the world" a book on the coronavirus and how COVID-19 exposed global inequalities within countries, attributes the experience with epidemics such as Ebola, HIV/AIDS, Measles and other tropical diseases, may have adequately prepared African governments to ably manage the pandemic. The incident management infrastructures from previous epidemics remained intact, like in countries like Liberia, afflicted by Ebola in 2014-2015, according to Jackson. That may have reduced the apprehension and efforts

required to set up a new incident management infrastructure from scratch.

Before a single COVID-19 case was reported on the continent, a taskforce known as Africa Taskforce for Coronavirus (AFCOR) was set up by the Africa Centers for Disease Control (ACDC), a specialized technical institution established by the African Union to strengthen the capacity and support public health initiatives of Member States.

During the first wave of the pandemic, Liberia, one of three West African countries devastated by the Ebola epidemic in 2014, quarantined for 14 days all persons entering the country from coronavirus hot zones. Today, a PCR test or proof of a PCR test taken in the last 3 days, is required to enter or leave the country. Nigeria, the most populous country on the continent, requires proof of a PCR test on entry and another test on departure. South Africa also requires proof of a PCR test on entry and departure. Ethiopia and Rwanda perform inquiry on history of exposure on entry. These measures, to a large extent, appear to have slowed the spread of coronavirus on the continent.

Low to limited COVID-19 testing regime: Testing provides a key measure of disease incidence. Though there are rigorous testing/screening regimes at various entry points to the continent, population testing or testing in communities is still very low compared to other regions. For example, of the more than 36 million tests performed to date on the continent, nine countries (South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Zambia) account for about 70 percent of testing, according to data analyzed from Worldmeter, a global coronavirus

data repository. The remaining 48 countries have only performed about 11 million tests in a population of about 737.5 million people or 1,513 tests per 100,000 people.

Limited access to healthcare services: The distribution of hospitals and other healthcare facilities in most African countries is not adequate to meet the care needs of the population. Locations of the few facilities that are available present challenging barriers in the form of long travel times and transport cost. On average, it takes between 2 to 5 hours in travel time to get to the nearest hospital or healthcare facility, according to a study by Dr. Pascal Geldsetzer of the Department of Medicine at Stanford University and his colleagues, published in The Lancet. Long travel times, coupled with poor roads in rural areas, discourage physical access to healthcare facilities. As a result, people needing healthcare attention may resort to traditional or herbal remedies. A COVID-19 infection, for example, could easily be interpreted as malaria, an endemic disease in Sub-Saharan Africa, with signs and symptoms (fever, headaches, body aches, loss of the sense of taste and loss of appetite) almost similar to COVID-19's. Walking 2 hours one way to the nearest healthcare facility in rural areas where an illness can be properly diagnosed becomes an insurmountable challenge. Local remedies for malaria and related diseases are instead administered thus undercounting what could be a possible COVID-19 case.

Youthful population: The Brookings Institution's Africa Growth Initiative estimates that more than 60 percent of Africa's population is under the age of 25 years. Only 6 percent of the population is 60 years and older. In a research published in Nature Medicine, only 21 percent of persons ages 10 to 19 infected with COVID-19 exhibit clinical symptoms. That means, 79 percent of teenagers infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic. If we generalize these findings to the African population, it means many people in Africa could be infected and spreading COVID-19 without knowing it. This could reflect why the number of cases is lower in Africa compared to other regions.

Given the factors assessed above, there could yet be a hidden phenomenon that is responsible for the low level of coronavirus cases in Africa. A further examination will be required to understand this phenomenon.

ASA set to improve quality, quantity in seed production by 2022

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

AFTER registering laudable achievement in improving the amount of improved seed varieties of the country's key food and economic cash crops, the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) eye to push its production to further heights.

In a period of four consecutive years ASA managed to improve its seed production levels from 557 tons during 2016/17 to at least 1,750 tons in 2019/20, the development which enabled the state-owned Agency to stand fifth amid the companies that produced improved seeds in the country during 2018/19.

The Guardian has conducted an exclusive with ASA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr. Sophia Kashenge over the Agency's seeds production strategies for 2021/22 financial year.

In the 2021/22 year, Dr. Kashenge expressed that the Agency is expected to increase seeds production from between 1 and 1.8 tons to 1.8 and 2 and 1-8 per hectare.

"Moreover, general production of improved seed varieties is projected to improve from the current 1750 to 3750 tons by 2022," she unveiled.

She added that ASA is planning to give special priority to increase seed production of the key economic cash crops, ranging from sunflower, oil palm and wheat.

"For instance, by June 2022 we are expecting to produce a total of 800,000 of improved palm oil seedlings. We're also expecting to construct and improve warehouses for the professional storages of agricultural seeds," Dr. Kashenge revealed.

In further efforts to push for the development of the vital economic sector, she CEO added that plans are afoot to construct an office and modern seed warehouse facilities at the Kilimi and Kilangali seed farms as well as renovating the warehouses at the Agency's headquarters in Morogoro.

"We're also planning to install a modern seed drying area at ASA's headquarters," she briefed.

Dr. Kashenge informed that the Agency was also planning to procure a modern seed package plants machines to be installed at the Agency's Arusha based seed farm.

Expressing more development plans, Dr. Kashenge said ASA has anticipated to improve irrigation infrastructures, the robust project which is expected to see installation of modern irrigation schemes to the tune of at least 250 acreage at the different ASA's seed farms with an eye to increase production.

"To improve efficiency in seed production, we're expecting to procure four new cultivation modern tractors, four boom sprayers, and four harrows," she detailed.

In efforts to sensitize over use of improved seeds within the country, the Agency is planning to build a special exhibition centre in the two central zone regions of Dodoma and Tabora to help training the farmers and other agricultural stakeholders on application of recommended improved varieties.

"We're also planning to sponsor at least four of our staff to join with long-term agriculture at Degree and PHD levels," Dr. Kashenge unveiled.

She unveiled that during the 2020/21 fiscal year the government injected the Agency with 5.35bn/- to help implementation of numerous projects under the Agricultural Sector Development Program (ASDP II).

She said the amount was spent in some key projects implemented, according to her included production of sunflower seeds, sesame, palm oil and wheat seedlings, procurement of a modern tractor, boom sprayer.

"The budget enabled the Agency to renovate and construct new warehouses, construct seedling buildings as well as installing a modern irrigation scheme," she expressed.

During the 2019/20 fiscal year, the government mandated ASA to coordinate a strategic project for the production of improved seeds for the crop.

In a successful result, the State -owned Agency (ASA) has so far managed to produce at least 8,270tons of the crops' seeds. "The seedlings were produced in a 38,000 hectares areas," Dr. Kashenge said.

She said the Agency was currently packaging the seeds in special sachets, the new packaging system which has enabled the Agency to serve at least 25tons of seeds that used to be misplaced. "Through the new program, we have also managed to reduce seeds production costs from the earlier 96m/- to currently 42m/-," she detailed.

Moreover, the Agency, during the past four years have produced a total of 342,000 seedlings of palm oil in a robust project targeting to supplement efforts by the government to curtail shortage of edible oil in the country.

The seeds were produced at an estimated 10,200 acreage and were freely distributed to the farmers in the four Districts of Kasulu, Kibondo, Kigoma Ujiji and Kigoma municipality in Kigoma region.

To ensure the improved seeding, dubbed TENERA, are distributed to more farmers, ASA is currently coordinating procedures to start working with key registered seed agents in Kagera and Mbeya, in readiness for wide distribution of the palm oil seedlings.

Dr. Kashenge said the prospective agencies are expected to play a vital role in distributing the improved seedlings to the farmers in the regions in question.

"Presently, we're continuing with mass production of the improved palm oil seedlings at the Agency's seed farms in Bugaga - (Kasulu- Kigoma), Msimba (Kilosa- Morogoro), Mwele (Mkinga-Tanga) and at Mbozi farm, in Songwe region," she detailed.

Similar efforts are being implemented to expand the Agency's seed production areas by installing a special greenhouse for the production of the seedlings at the two farms in Mwele (Tanga) and Bugaga (Kigoma), according to the ASA's CEO.

Divulging more successes, Dr. Kashenge said the farms that the Agency has obtained and their acreage in the brackets as Kilimi (1,115 acres), Msungura (250 acres), Mazizi (12 acres) and the Luhafwe farm (500 acres).

Dr. Kashenge explained that the new farms have increased the number of the seed farms to 13 from 8, bringing the total Agency's seed production area to 10,115.2 hectares from 9,890.

"As demand for quality government seed keeps on skyrocketing to help accelerate production of enough food and crop based raw materials, we came aware over continued diminishing of suitable land for seed productions due to increased human population and activities and thus, we



Agricultural Seed Agency CEO Dr. Sophia Kashenge presents an oil palm seedling to a primary school girl in Kigoma Region recently. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

decided to initiate an effort to amass more land" she observed.

And she added: "The farms are increasingly surrounded by the fast-growing population. It is high time now that the seed farms are highly protected since they are prone to destruction. As part of urban greening these farms offers traditionally rural services in cities, thereby contributing to food resources as well as working to alleviate pressing social issues like poverty."

"It also provides a way to create opportunities for employment and community-building for the people surrounding the fields. As part of greening, they present urban agriculture and provide a buffer for pollution and improve environmental (and well as human) health and well-being through the land-based carbon sink," Dr. Kashenge said.

With a mandate to produce Government's seed, ASA, plus its land resources currently contributes to at least 28 percent of all seeds produced in Tanzania.

The current demand for seed in Tanzania stands at 186,500 tonnes in a year, but the amount that is being produced is only 71,000 tonnes.

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PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

(AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)

| | Current Year 31-Dec-2020 | Previous Year 31-Dec-2019 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| A ASSETS | | |
| 1 Cash | 24,768 | 17,457 |
| 2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania | 58,129 | 50,224 |
| 3 Investments in Governments Securities | 124,423 | 114,133 |
| 4 Balances with other Banks Financial Institutions | 35,231 | 24,282 |
| 5 Cheques and items for Clearing | 0 | 0 |
| 6 Interbranch Floats Items | 0 | 0 |
| 7 Bills Negotiated | 0 | 0 |
| 8 Customers' Liabilities for acceptance | 0 | 0 |
| 9 Interbank Loans Receivables | 34,112 | 3,994 |
| 10 Investments in Other Securities | 0 | 0 |
| 11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses) | 411,504 | 398,066 |
| 12 Other Assets | 14,516 | 17,493 |
| 13 Equity Investments | 0 | 0 |
| 14 Underwriting Accounts | 0 | 0 |
| 15 Property, Plant and Equipment | 10,186 | 6,809 |
| 16 Right of Use of Assets | 9,781 | 11,888 |
| 17 TOTAL ASSETS | 722,550 | 644,346 |
| B LIABILITIES | | |
| 18 Deposits from other Banks and Financial Institutions | 111,916 | 119,794 |
| 19 Customer Deposits | 470,196 | 384,621 |
| 20 Cash Letters of Credit | 85 | 194 |
| 21 Special Deposit | 0 | 0 |
| 22 Payment orders/transfer payable | 0 | 0 |
| 23 Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued | 68 | 48 |
| 24 Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable | 6,865 | 6,833 |
| 25 Acceptances Outstanding | 0 | 0 |
| 26 Interbranch Float Items | 0 | 0 |
| 27 Unearned Income and Other Deferred Charges | 3,238 | 2,774 |
| 28 Other Liabilities | 4,097 | 3,001 |
| 29 Lease Liabilities | 10,817 | 12,484 |
| 30 Borrowings | 17,336 | 24,532 |
| 31 TOTAL LIABILITIES | 624,618 | 554,281 |
| 32 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | 98,032 | 90,065 |
| C CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | |
| 33 Paid-up Share Capital | 62,670 | 62,670 |
| 34 Capital Reserves | 0 | 0 |
| 35 Retained Earnings | 20,856 | 13,546 |
| 36 Profit/(Loss) Account | 4,678 | 15,496 |
| 37 Other Capital Accounts | 9,828 | (1,647) |
| 38 Minority Interest | 0 | 0 |
| 39 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | 98,032 | 90,065 |
| 40 Contingent Liabilities | 88,944 | 113,950 |
| 41 Non Performing Loans and Overdrafts | 25,699 | 40,246 |
| 42 Allowance for Probable Losses | 9,338 | 16,894 |
| 43 Other Non Performing Assets | 469 | 797 |
| D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: | | |
| (i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets | 13.57% | 13.98% |
| (ii) Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans | 6.11% | 9.70% |
| (iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits | 72.29% | 82.23% |
| (iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets | 56.94% | 61.78% |
| (v) Earning Assets to Total Assets | 78.88% | 80.11% |
| (vi) Deposits Growth | 15.38% | 5.01% |
| (vii) Assets Growth | 12.15% | 6.36% |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

(AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)

| | Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2020 | Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2019 |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Interest Income | 67,793 | 61,728 |
| 2 Interest Expense | 25,142 | 22,970 |
| 3 Net Interest Income | 42,651 | 38,758 |
| 4 Bad Debts Written Off | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances | 15,360 | 3,963 |
| 6 Non-Interest Income | 17,753 | 21,390 |
| 6.1 Foreign Currency Dealing and Translation gains/(Loss) | 6,701 | 7,905 |
| 6.2 Fees and Commissions | 10,163 | 11,840 |
| 6.3 Dividend Income | 0 | 0 |
| 6.4 Other Operating Income | 889 | 1,645 |
| 7 Non-Interest Expense | 34,361 | 33,546 |
| 7.1 Salaries and Benefits | 16,519 | 17,028 |
| 7.2 Fees and Commission | 996 | 1,008 |
| 7.3 Other Operating Expenses | 16,846 | 15,530 |
| 8 Operating Income/(Loss) | 10,483 | 22,419 |
| 9 Income Tax Provision | 6,005 | 8,136 |
| 10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax | 4,478 | 14,483 |
| 11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize) | 4,838 | (604) |
| 12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year | 9,516 | 13,879 |
| 13 Number of Employees | 270 | 273 |
| 14 Basic Earnings Per Share | 7.46 | 24.73 |
| 15 Number of Branches | 14 | 14 |
| PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: | | |
| (i) Return on Average Total Assets | 0.68% | 2.48% |
| (ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds | 4.97% | 18.60% |
| (iii) Non Interest Expenses to Gross Income | 56.89% | 55.81% |
| (iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets | 7.85% | 7.62% |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

(AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)

| | Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2020 | Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2019 |
|---|---|---|
| I: Cash Flow From Operating Activities | | |
| Net income/(loss) | 10,683 | 22,619 |
| Adjustment for non-cash items | | |
| Depreciation | 1,831 | 1,679 |
| Amortisation | 391 | 437 |
| Net impairment charge on loans and advances | 15,360 | 3,963 |
| Profit on disposal of items of property and equipment | (12) | (23) |
| Interest charge on long term borrowing | 2,000 | 2,715 |
| Depreciation on right of use assets | 2,353 | 1,065 |
| Interest charge Finance Lease | 952 | 2,290 |
| Cash flows from operating activities before changes in working capital items | 33,538 | 34,745 |
| Changes in working capital items | | |
| Increase in loans and advances to customers | (28,798) | (30,631) |
| Increase derivative financial instrument (Increase)/decrease in other assets | (15) | 157 |
| Increase in deposits from customers (Decrease)/increase in other liabilities | (2,381) | 4,533 |
| (Decrease)/increase in other liabilities | 85,466 | 46,463 |
| Change in recognition of right in use and Lease Liability | 475 | (4,203) |
| Decrease in Statutory Minimum Reserve account | (1,009) | (694) |
| Increase/(decrease) in deposits from other banks | (7,878) | (22,408) |
| Increase in government securities at FVOCI | (23,195) | 9,087 |
| Decrease/(increase) in government securities at amortized cost | 22,817 | 637 |
| Tax paid during the year | 78,579 | 37,136 |
| Net cash generated from/ (used in) operating activities | (5,679) | (9,162) |
| II. Cash flow from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (4,363) | (2,218) |
| Purchase of intangible assets | (1,235) | (39) |
| Proceeds from disposal of items of property and equipment | 12 | 27 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (5,586) | (2,230) |
| III. Cash flow from financing activities: | | |
| Additional capital injection | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from Borrowings | 0 | 0 |
| Principal Paid on Long term | (6,968) | (6,968) |
| Interest Paid on Long term | (2,228) | (2,876) |
| Lease payment | (2,845) | (2,805) |
| Net cash used in/ generated from financing activities | (12,041) | (12,649) |
| IV. Cash and Cash equivalents: | | |
| Net Increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 55,273 | 13,095 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year | 68,174 | 55,079 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year | 123,447 | 68,174 |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT DECEMBER 2020

(AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)

| | Share Capital | Share Premium | Retained Earnings/(Accumulated Losses) | Non Distributable Reserve | General Provision | Available for Sale Reserve | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Current Year | | | | | | | |
| Balance as at the beginning of the Year | 62,670 | 0 | 29,043 | 561 | 0 | (2,209) | 90,065 |
| Profit for the year | | | 4,678 | | | 6,912 | 4,678 |
| Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI | | | | | | 6,912 | 6,912 |
| Deferred tax on change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI | | | | | | (2,074) | (2,074) |
| Transfer from the non-distributable reserve | | | (6,637) | 6,637 | | 0 | 0 |
| Declared dividend - 2019 | | | (1,549) | | | | (1,549) |
| Balance as at the end of the current Year | 62,670 | 0 | 25,535 | 7,198 | 0 | 2,629 | 98,032 |
| Previous Year | | | | | | | |
| Balance as at the beginning of the Year | 42,670 | 0 | 12,423 | 47 | 3,037 | (1,605) | 76,572 |
| Change on initial application of IFRS: | | | | | | | |
| Adoption of IFRS 16 | | | (387) | | | | (387) |
| Restated balance at 1 January 2019 | 42,670 | 0 | 12,036 | 47 | 3,037 | (1,605) | 76,185 |
| Profit for the year | | | 15,496 | | | | 15,496 |
| Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI | | | (1,012) | | | (863) | (1,875) |
| Deferred tax on change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI | | | | | | 259 | 259 |
| Transfer from the non-distributable reserve | | | (514) | 514 | | 0 | 0 |
| Transfer to General Provision | | | 3,037 | | (3,037) | | 0 |
| Balance as at the end of the Previous Year | 42,670 | 0 | 29,043 | 561 | 0 | (2,209) | 90,065 |

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

| Name and Title | Signature | Date |
|---|-----------|------------|
| COSMAS T. KIMARIO MANAGING DIRECTOR | Signed | 19.02.2021 |
| WILLIS MBATIA HEAD OF FINANCE | Signed | 19.02.2021 |
| MARGRETH GEORGE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT | Signed | 19.02.2021 |

The above extracts are from the Audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended 31st December, 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Tanzania Companies Act, Cap 212 of 2002, the Banking and Financial Institutional Act, 2016. The Financial Statements were audited by PwC and received a clean report.

| Name | Signature | Date |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| MR. JOHN ULANGA - BOARD CHAIRMAN | Signed | 19.02.2021 |
| MS. FATUMA CHILLO - BOARD MEMBER | Signed | 19.02.2021 |

Huduma karibu yako

Fanya miamala ya kibenki kwa urahisi
kupitia mawakala walio karibu yako.

The young Turk with key to unlock Nigeria's economic potential

BY GRETCHEN A. PECK

TONY Amadi writes that Alhaji Shittu Mohammed Kabiru, former Chairman of Advanced Peoples Democratic Alliance and its presidential candidate in the 2019 national elections, has joined the All Progressive Congress and promises to rebrand the ruling party into a progressive force for good Nigeria

In the course of my examination of the current political situation in the country, I had a chance meeting with a young political Turk recently at the Abuja Transcorp Hilton.

Alhaji Shittu Mohammed Kabiru was conducting meetings with so many political groups and deftly stimulating the community of several political parties masquerading as the third force, beyond the All Progressives Congress (APC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). His police orderly was busy opening the door, welcoming different shades of political big wigs and some not so heavily weighted.

Shittu Mohammed Kabiru appears to be a dynamite figure, though he may look differently, but in the past couple of days I have watched him move around with confidence among political elites,

then later saw him on the Charles Aniagolu's ARISE News and realised that he was not going to be satisfied with the tag of 'the also ran' in Nigeria's political firmament.

Shittu is in fact a big player in the scene and if you ignore him, you might regret it much sooner than you imagine, for he is heavily weighted in the scheme of things, and in fact, he was a presidential candidate.

He is politically savvy, at home with the makers and shakers of Nigerian politics and loved by his own people in Niger State. It is when Aniagolu began his incisive questioning of the presidential candidate that you begin to realise that Shittu Mohammed Kabiru is very deeply rooted in political and economic development ideologies that can change Nigeria forever.

He has been managing the party since 2006 and he believes that the breakthrough is about to explode in a big way for him and his political fortunes. At the time, the Advanced Peoples Democratic Alliance (APDA) was big in Kano state because they fielded Mohammed Sani Abacha, son of the late goggled general who was flexing muscles with Governor Ganduje of Kano whom he gave a good run for his money during the



Alhaji Shittu Mohammed Kabiru

election that Ganduje eventually won. Mohammed Shittu was actually at home with the mainstream voters of the people of the ancient trading city.

Shittu blamed the media for the widespread belief that the two leading parties, APC and PDP or the Social Democratic Party (SDP) are the only ones capable of winning elections in Nigeria.

He said that Nigerians will find that the political terrain has changed from what you might be calculating now, adding forthrightly that Nigerian youths are ready to take control of the power and politics of the nation and make it a resounding success.

Last month, precisely March 4th 2021, Mohammed Shittu Kabiru after shepherding APDA into a quasi-political force, decided to move into the ruling All Progressive Congress along with many other political groups.

The former national chairman of APDA which is one of the 74 political parties de-registered by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in 2020, registered as a member of the APC at his Gwagwa Ward in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja.

Shittu also called for a two-party system in the country which according to him, would help build a stronger democracy and boost the nation's socio-economic life. He said that "from today, we are joining to build a strong political party that will build a strong economy and a peaceful country. I'm appealing to Nigerians that a two-party system should now be entrenched in our constitution for us to build a strong nation.

"For the growth of this country, political parties have to come together and we have decided today that we are collapsing into APC to build a strong nation. APC has brought the agenda for change and now we believe that it is time that the forces that want this country to grow must come together."

At 54, Mohammed Shittu is a smart talking and credible politician whose self-confidence is not just convincing but infectious and has an amazing stock of goodwill among his peers.

Shittu says that "Nigerians have seen what we have done in the area of politics, putting Nigeria in a better perspective and I believe that I will be judged by those antecedents. I started politics in 1992 and in 1993 I was the chairman of the municipal local government of the NRC, National Republican Convention which is now known as AMAC.

"My antecedent is that Nigerians know that what comes first for me is Nigeria.

And I believe that whoever has gone through my history will know that what I am saying is that they must know us as a country. We must chart a way for ourselves. What the Chinese did was that they took capitalism, took socialism and married it with Communism and bring out Socialism in Chinese character and that is what we have been preaching in this country".

Aniagolu added: "I have to say that you are making a very important point here and you are one of the very few people I have actually heard talking about this because you are talking about an ideology, a political ideology which is something we don't find other parties talking about.

Shittu was elected in 2013 as chairman of African Young Leadership Forum in China. "I have gone to several courses in US, in China and I have studied their economy and I have seen that until a country chart a way for itself that is unique to that particular country you must marry your economy with your culture. We had empires. How were those empires run? How are we running the country today is different?

"Chairman Mao tried the Cultural Revolution and was almost crumbling, but when Den Xio Ping came in, he took advantage of the Cultural Revolution and took over and turned it around economically and before you knew it, they transformed their country. Whatever we have we must use it here to change Nigeria for good.



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Bangladesh foundation readies to support early childhood development programmes

BY GETRUDE MBAGO

A BANGLADESH-based international development organisation BRAC has hailed Yidan Prize Foundation for its continued support and commitment to the growth of play-based on early childhood development programmes in various countries including the underprivileged communities in Tanzania.

According to Muhammad Musa, Executive Director of BRAC International, through Yidan Prize funds, which BRAC was awarded in 2019, majority of vulnerable children in Tanzania, Uganda and Bangladesh have got access to quality education through play-based programmes.

Muhammad told this paper in an interview that, in 2019, BRAC International won the Yidan Prize project funding of around US\$2 million which will be invested by BRAC in research, innovation, and scaling up high-impact solutions related to early childhood development to address the needs of children and families in resource constrained communities and humanitarian contexts.

"The Yidan Prize funds will be used to expand upon BRAC's work of implementing play-based early childhood development (ECD) programs and to create and refine high impact, scalable ECD solutions which will ultimately improve the physical, cognitive, psychosocial and language development of children aged 0 to 6. This includes exploring the possibilities of integrating technology in low resource settings, offering support to parents, and training play leaders," he said.

Muhammad expressed BRAC's commitment that it will continue supporting the development of education in Tanzania by enabling more children from vulnerable families to access quality early education.

He noted that addressing the needs of children in the most disadvantaged communities has always been a core priority for BRAC, so the Yidan prize will support the organisation in scaling up their play-based early childhood development solutions in Uganda, Tanzania and Bangladesh.

Dr Erum Mariam, Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Educational said the foundation also support BRAC Tanzania's 'Early Childhood Development project', which is a unique early childhood development program that serves to provide education in a play model to the Tanzanian children.

"The intersection of play, social emotional learning, resilience, development of executive function and self-regulation skills in early childhood, is proving to have tremendous implications for stimulating breakthrough outcomes for children," he said.

Dr Erum said the early childhood development project is active in Mbeya and Dar es Salaam regions and is based on a curriculum which incorporates social and emotional learning. Their Play Labs are constructed in a sustainable and cost effective way and the Yidan Prize is supporting BRAC in scaling up the play-based early childhood development solutions.

The director also said that in order to continue promoting early childhood development (ECD) in government primary schools of Tanzania, BRAC will construct 30 play labs in selected government schools in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma Regions where over 900 children will have access to quality early learning services.

"BRAC will also train 30 play leaders so as to provide quality early learning support to children, parenting sessions will be conducted for parents of enrolled children as well as create demand for play based ECD among stakeholders such as government, schools, teachers, parents and community through advocacy," she said.

Dr Erum further said that, in efforts aimed to foster collaborations and drive education progress globally, the Yidan Prize Foundation, a global philanthropic educational foundation has also formed a 16-member "Council of Luminaries" so as to boost promotion of education policies and reforms.

Launched in December 2020, the council also focuses to make education more inclusive especially for children who are marginalized. The council comprises researchers, educators, neuroscientists, psychologists, economists, statisticians and innovators—all international experts working at the forefront of education today to build a better world.

Elaborating more about the just launched council of luminaries, Edward Ma, Secretary-General, Yidan Prize Foundation said the council members are determined to make education more responsive to the challenges of the 21st century and more inclusive of children who are marginalized in today's systems.

He said the council's unique strength lies in its ability to draw both on the research of educational experts from multiple disciplines; and the expertise of educational innovators and entrepreneurs. This talented group has the potential to build new bridges between the worlds of research and practice.

"While we do not have any luminaries from Tanzania, some of the works of our luminaries are contributing significantly to education development in Tanzania through CAMFED as well as BRAC Tanzania," he said.

"BRAC Tanzania is a leading microfinance organization supporting over 195,000 people with small to medium size loans through 151 branches across 26 regions of the country. Their client portfolio consists of 55 per cent rural population and over 98 per cent women. Their programmatic interventions include microfinance, education, early childhood development, and empowerment and livelihood for adolescents," he said.

Edward said the council members are determined to make education more responsive to the challenges of



the 21st century and more inclusive of children who are marginalized in today's systems. They have an optimism that is grounded in accomplishment.

"Our Luminaries will work together on real-world problems, while engaging with key stakeholders such as governments, NGOs and regulators on educational research and ideas. They will speak with a collective voice on the issues that matter most," Edward added.

He further asserted CAMFED had been also awarded the Yidan Prize for Education development for their contribution to female education.

"CAMFED Tanzania launched in 2005, working with the government to boost secondary school enrolment. In 2019, CAMFED launched the Learner Guide Program in Tanzania, partnering with education, government and international stakeholders to explore ways of scaling the program nationally," he noted.

He said that, by paying their school going costs (which include school uniforms, school supplies, or boarding costs) they are able to support thousands of girls through secondary school every year. Some of the girls have been able to achieve things they thought they'd never be able to achieve - passing exams, running businesses, and becoming learner guides, mentors and role models to other vulnerable children.



RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY (TANZANIA) LIMITED 2020 AUDITED RESULTS

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TZS 000 | 2019 TZS 000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gross written premium | 30,646,521 | 21,649,747 |
| Gross earned premium | 24,398,108 | 24,439,232 |
| Less: outward reinsurance | (10,721,811) | (11,368,202) |
| Net earned premium | 13,676,297 | 13,071,030 |
| Commission earned | 2,024,186 | 2,613,614 |
| Investment income | 2,576,787 | 2,136,036 |
| Exchange gain/loss | 62,028 | 38,896 |
| Fair value gain(loss) on quoted shares | 141,993 | (56,004) |
| Other income | 222,046 | 126,422 |
| Total income | 18,703,337 | 17,929,994 |
| Commission expense | (3,882,655) | (3,137,011) |
| Claims incurred | (5,411,990) | (4,855,833) |
| IFRS 9 Impairment movement | (224,408) | (261,918) |
| Operating and other expenses | (8,545,860) | (6,871,212) |
| Finance Costs | (72,147) | (23,249) |
| Profit before tax | 566,277 | 2,780,771 |
| Taxation | (451,240) | (376,424) |
| Profit for the year | 115,037 | 2,404,347 |
| Other comprehensive income (OCI) | | |
| Gain on fair valuation of equity investment through OCI | 55,334 | 10,481 |
| Deferred tax thereon | (16,600) | (3,144) |
| Total change in fair value of equity investment | 38,734 | 7,337 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of the company | 153,771 | 2,411,684 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TZS 000 | 2019 TZS 000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| CAPITAL EMPLOYED | 5,610,000 | 5,610,000 |
| Share capital | 5,610,000 | 5,610,000 |
| Contingency reserve | 7,007,057 | 6,087,661 |
| Capital reserve | 1,412,632 | 1,412,632 |
| Revaluation reserve | 147,187 | 108,453 |
| Retained earnings | 1,088,633 | 2,033,242 |
| Equity attributable to owners of the company | 15,265,509 | 15,251,988 |
| REPRESENTED BY ASSETS | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 318,612 | 170,539 |
| Right-of-use assets | 408,464 | 377,477 |
| Intangible assets | 11,115 | 25,107 |
| Investment in subsidiary | 629,102 | 629,102 |
| Equity investments at fair value through P/L | 634,652 | 492,659 |
| Equity investments at fair value through OCI | 545,210 | 482,479 |
| Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangement | 4,412,738 | 3,753,739 |
| Reinsurers' share of insurance contract liabilities | 13,315,911 | 24,994,295 |
| Deferred acquisition costs | 1,286,978 | 591,361 |
| Other receivables | 1,173,764 | 946,670 |
| Loan to Subsidiary | 678,370 | 581,595 |
| Current tax | 1,274,996 | 666,277 |
| Deferred tax | 1,365,290 | 1,416,096 |
| Corporate bonds | 200,000 | 267,463 |
| Government securities | 11,216,528 | 7,470,195 |
| Deposits with financial institutions | 16,958,760 | 13,594,500 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,381,466 | 2,068,789 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 55,811,956 | 58,528,343 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Unearned premium | 14,750,884 | 8,502,471 |
| Outstanding claims | 15,427,322 | 29,850,795 |
| Creditors arising out of reinsurance arrangement | 4,201,660 | 1,494,127 |
| Creditors arising out of direct insurance arrangement | 2,554,334 | - |
| Bank overdraft | 307,951 | - |
| Lease Liabilities | 412,539 | 388,994 |
| Other payables | 2,891,757 | 2,619,218 |
| Declared dividends | - | 420,750 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 40,546,447 | 43,276,355 |
| NET ASSETS | 15,265,509 | 15,251,988 |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | Share Capital TZS 000 | Capital Reserve TZS 000 | Contingency Reserve TZS 000 | Revaluation Reserve TZS 000 | Retained Earnings TZS 000 | Total TZS 000 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Year ended 31 December 2020 | | | | | | |
| At 1 st January | 5,610,000 | 1,412,632 | 6,087,661 | 108,453 | 2,033,242 | 15,251,988 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 115,037 | 115,037 |
| Other comprehensive Income | - | - | - | 55,334 | - | 55,334 |
| Transfer to contingency reserve | - | - | 919,396 | - | (919,396) | - |
| Dividend paid | - | - | - | - | (140,250) | (140,250) |
| Deferred tax charged through OCI | - | - | - | (16,600) | - | (16,600) |
| Total changes | - | - | 919,396 | 38,734 | (944,609) | 13,521 |
| At 31st December | 5,610,000 | 1,412,632 | 7,007,057 | 147,187 | 1,088,633 | 15,265,509 |
| Year ended 31 December 2019 | | | | | | |
| At 1 st January | 5,610,000 | 1,412,632 | 5,438,169 | 101,116 | 699,137 | 13,261,054 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | 2,404,347 | 2,404,347 |
| Other comprehensive Income | - | - | - | 10,481 | - | 10,481 |
| Transfer to contingency reserve | - | - | 649,492 | - | (649,492) | - |
| Dividends declared | - | - | - | - | (420,750) | (420,750) |
| Deferred tax charged through OCI | - | - | - | (3,144) | - | (3,144) |
| Total changes | - | - | 649,492 | 7,337 | 1,334,105 | 1,990,934 |
| At 31st December | 5,610,000 | 1,412,632 | 6,087,661 | 108,453 | 2,033,242 | 15,251,988 |

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

| | 2020 TZS 000 | 2019 TZS 000 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Cash used in operations | (5,641,220) | (1,900,174) |
| Interest received | 2,455,622 | 2,223,722 |
| Income tax paid | (1,025,754) | (1,040,813) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (4,211,352) | (717,265) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property plant and equipment | (239,144) | (117,256) |
| Purchase of intangible assets | (4,035) | (483) |
| Loan to the subsidiary company | (16,000) | - |
| Additions to right-of-use assets | (151,308) | (422,278) |
| Proceeds from disposal of equipment | 2,853 | 7,414 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (407,634) | (532,603) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Payment of the lease Liabilities | (192,997) | (60,395) |
| Dividends paid to company shareholders | (561,000) | - |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (753,997) | (60,395) |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (5,372,983) | (1,310,263) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at start of year | 6,446,498 | 7,756,761 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | 1,073,515 | 6,446,498 |

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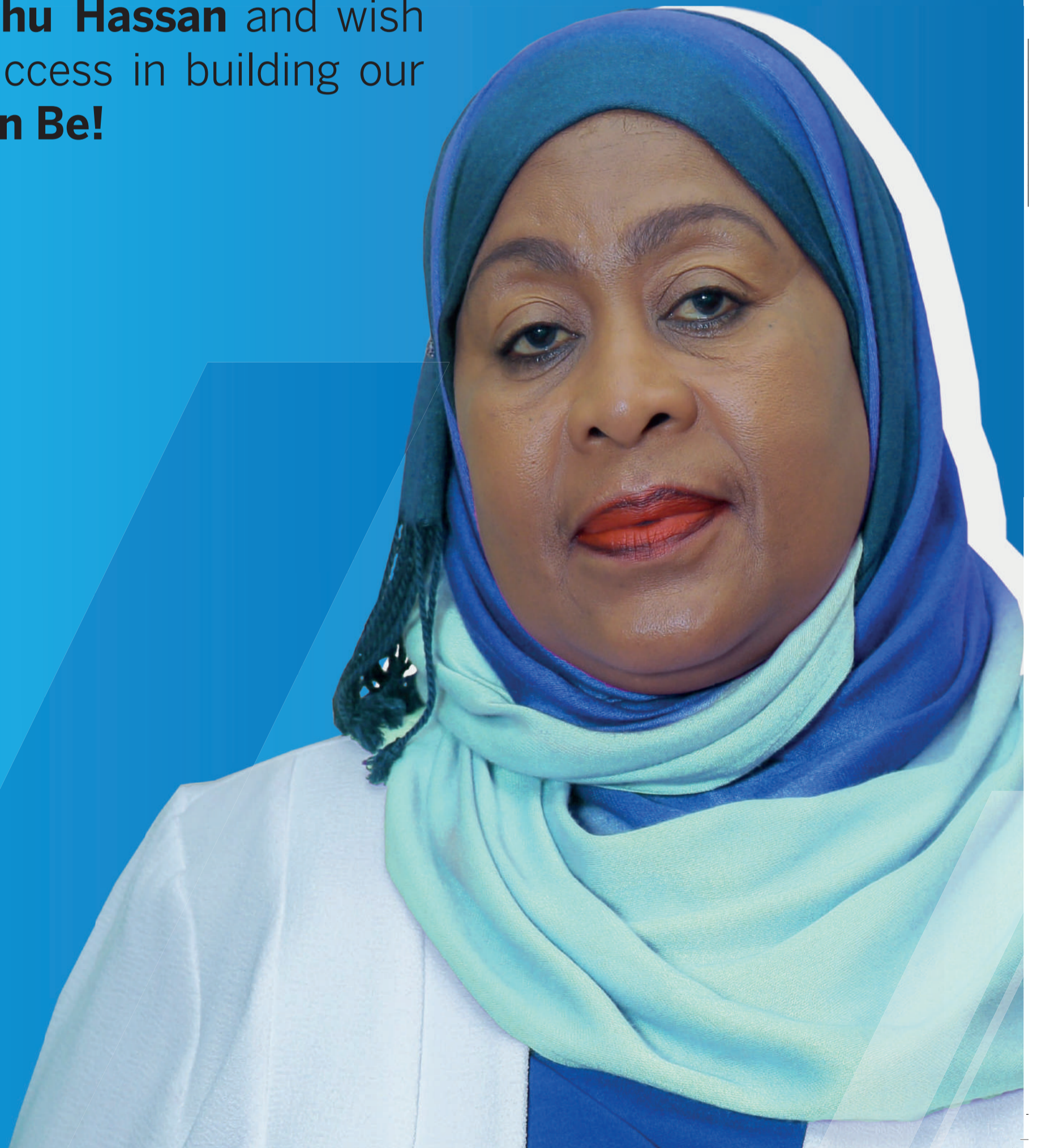
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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Stanbic Bank Tanzania extend their Congratulations to **Her Excellency The President of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan** and wish her great success in building our nation. **It Can Be!**



EQUALITY

CRDB Bank's quest to uplift women to senior managerial positions pays off

By Guardian Reporter

SEVERAL initiatives have been undertaken by CRDB Bank Plc's management to ensure that more women are incorporated into senior decision making positions and close the gender gap.

One such project is known as 'SHE Initiative with a theme of 'Redefining HER story' has been implemented since October 2019, following an analysis of the gender representation across the bank.

"SHE Initiative Program helps to build the capacity of CRDB Bank's women employees to participate in decision-making by creating fair representation of women at the decision-making levels," CRDB Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said in Dar es Salaam last week while commenting on successes being made by women bankers in various fora.

During International Women's

Day last month, CRDB Corporate Affairs Director, Tully Mwambapa was named as 'Super Woman' in the financial sector during a forum organised by Wasafi Media in collaboration with Women in Leadership Institute in Dar es Salaam.

Nsekela showered praises on Mwambapa saying she is a product of various CRDB's women capacity building programs which including 'SHE Initiative.' "The strategic objectives of the program include: to create a pool of competent women leaders of service to the bank; provide financial solutions to women in business (SMEs and corporates); engage and support community on social, economic and environmental activities," he said.

Over the last two years the SHE Program has achieved several milestones such as holding the first ever CRDB Women in Business Forum to improve their financial capabilities with



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (3rd-L), the deputy minister for Information, Culture, Sports and Arts, presents an award to a CRDB Bank Plc official in recognition of the bank's contribution to women's empowerment at a recent event. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

about 320 women from Lake Zone, being trained.

Enhancing access to finance through Malkia Account proposition which was tailor made for women with 90 percent reduction in opening fee to ease and enable more women access banking services.

"Through Malkia Account, the bank has already issued over 500bn to 25,000 women entrepreneurs across different regions in Tanzania," Nsekela noted.

Under the initiative, community outreach programs have been conducted targeting wom-

en and girls. Last year while commemorating International Women's Day, the bank supported schools girls with sanitary pads to 5,372 girls across all seven zones in the country to enable them attend classes without failure especially when experiencing monthly periods.

The bank also launched a one year training program of women-to-women mentorship with the objective to build capacity of women to take charge in senior decision making positions and is underpinned by 360° feedback and coaching support. There are 34 women

staff members under the program currently.

"In 2020, we created a platform dubbed, 'SHE Talks,' to empower female employees at different levels through inspirational discussions," the CRDB Group MD and CEO added saying in there is also women reading clubs to steer up continual learning habits and draw lessons on best leadership practices and experiences through knowledge sharing.

The Dar es Salaam based lender has also partnered with International Finance

Corporation of World Bank Group since November 2020, to execute a women's leadership program which is spread over a period of six months comprising of classroom sessions, coaching and series of practical activities.

"About 100 top women performers across the bank are currently enrolled into the programme with a goal to reach out to 200 women by the end of 2021," the CRDB chief stated saying under the initiative, the bank has continued to create and develop a number of initiatives to ensure a conducive workplace environment for women.

INCENTIVE

Kamal chief lures UDSM business students into entrepreneurship

By Guardian Reporter

STUDENTS at University of Dar es Salaam Business School have been encouraged to join the entrepreneurship world once they graduate in order to employ themselves but also many others in competitive job market.

Kamal Group's Chairman, Gagan Gupta said in Dar es Salaam on Friday that its cashew nut processing project which will see hundreds of Tanzanians owning small scale cashew nut processing units, is model that seeks young graduates to join.

Gupta (pictured) told the students and other entrepreneurs who attended the lecture that Kamal's project is built on a system that is largely employed in India. Kamal Group will make it easy for at least 100 entrepreneurs to own small scale cashew processing plants.

"I came up with this idea after thinking deeply on what I can do to make Tanzanians successful. If I came all the way from India and became successful in Tanzania, why can I not make Tanzanians successful?" enquired Gupta.

He further noted that his group of companies wants to equip the students with the practical knowledge of running businesses. "Tanzania has lots of opportunities and the business climate is good. Entrepreneurship has been the only missing link which we are now here to offer," he charged.

The project is developed in such a way that Kamal Group strikes a partnership deal with a commercial bank whereby the company will furnish up to 100 Tanzanian



entrepreneurs with all that they need to start 100 small scale cashew nut processing units. The entrepreneurs will be furnished with land, equipment, water and electricity for conducting the processing. All one will need

to have as seed capital is 16.92m/-.

He said the task of looking for an international market for the processed cashew nuts will be taken by Kamal Group. "Kamal has all the responsibilities of introducing the processed cashew-nuts to international markets. The entrepreneur has no obligation for procurement and selling," he assured.

The 16.92m/- will be equal to 20 percent of the 84.6m/- in machinery, land and building costs that each entrepreneur is required to have to set up a small scale processing

factory.

The remaining 67.68m/-, which is equivalent to 80 percent of the factory costs, will be financed through a bank loan. "This was deliberately designed to ensure that an entrepreneur gets the pain and the desire to yield return on that investment. It is designed in such a way that instead of coming to my company to look for a job, it is you who actually creates jobs because through this project, each of you can employ between 20 and 25 people," he added.

In return, each of the

entrepreneurs will be able to make up to 37.8m/- each year in profit from the cashew nut processing

business after deducting for all the operation costs. The amount will go up to over 60m/- per year after com-

pletion of payment of the bank loan in a period in not more than three years.



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EXPANSION

Bolt gets €20 million investment from IFC to improve services

By Guardian Reporter

RIDE hailing service firm, Bolt has received an investment of €20 million from the International Finance Corporation of World Bank Group to promote access to mobility services in emerging markets, including Tanzania.

The investment which includes advisory services by IFC, will help Bolt expand mobility solutions that stimulate small-scale entrepreneurship, increase paid work opportunities and improve access to transportation in African and Eastern European markets.

"We are looking forward to partnering with IFC to further support entrepreneurship, empower women and increase access to affordable mobility services in Africa and Eastern Europe," said Bolt Founder and CEO, Markus Villig.

"Together with the investment

from the European Investment Bank last year, we are proud to have sizable and strategically important institutions backing us and recognizing the strategic value Bolt is providing to emerging economies," Villig added.

Commenting on the deal, IFC Senior Vice President of Operations, Stephanie von Friedeburg said technology can and should unlock new pathways for sustainable development and women's empowerment.

"Our investment in Bolt aims to help tap into technology to disrupt the transport sector in a way that is good for the environment, creates more flexible work opportunities for women, and provides safer and more affordable transportation access in emerging markets," von Friedeburg added.

Bolt currently operates in seven African countries, providing



A Bolt woman driver ready for duty in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

earning opportunities for more than 400,000 drivers in 70 cities across the continent.

"We are boosting local incomes by empowering a broader section of society to access paid work as drivers

on our platform. Our services also transform urban transport by enabling quick, safe and affordable movement

and access to rapid transport for millions of people living in urban centres," Bolt Tanzania's Country Manager, RemmyEseka said.

In Tanzania, Bolt offers motor vehicle, bajaji and Boda-Boda services in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Arusha and Mwanza cities. Bolt is the leading European mobility platform that's focused on making urban travel more affordable, convenient and responsible.

Bolt has more than 50 million users in over 40 countries across Europe and Africa. Its services range from ride-hailing to micromobility with e-scooters and electric bikes to food and parcel delivery.

IFC works in more than 100 countries, using its capital, expertise, and influence to create markets and opportunities in developing countries.

In fiscal year 2020, IFC invested \$22 billion in private companies and financial institutions in developing countries, leveraging the power of the private sector to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity.

OUTSTANDING

PRETORIA

THE South African Revenue Service (Sars) has defeated the odds by exceeding the revenue collection target set in February last year, and then revised several times because of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The estimated target of R1.21 trillion was exceeded by R38 billion. The revenue authority collected R1.25 trillion for the tax year that ended on March 31. The expected total tax deficit of R312 billion was reduced to R175 billion.

Sars Commissioner Edward Kieswetter says renewed administrative actions to curb increased non-compliance has resulted in some success. However, he says it is too early to declare victory. "We are the first to admit that we drop the ball too often," he said during the announcement of the preliminary revenue outcome for 2020-21 on Thursday.

The main sources of revenue that contributed to the R1.25 trillion collections were personal income tax, which contributed R488.6 billion (39.1% of total tax revenue), value-added tax R330.7 billion (26.5%), company income tax R204.7 billion (16.4%) and customs duties which contributed R47.4 billion (3.8%).

Personal income tax collections improved by just under 1%, company tax improved by 6.5% and VAT by 1.9% on previous estimates. Industries that contribute to excisable products had a net decline year-on-year across all taxes of R21 billion (33%). The under recovery from tobacco and alcohol alone was R14 billion. Kieswetter says

Sars exceeds revenue targets



Sars commissioner Edward Kieswetter.

administrative actions to improve compliance in terms of all tax types are critical to ensure the best revenue outcomes for the country.

The tax authority has been able to secure nine preservation orders with assets valued at R5.5 billion. Investigations into the non-compliance of suppliers providing PPEs are ongoing and have to date resulted in undeclared revenue collections of R135 million,

refunds were reduced by R47 million, and Sars obtained preservation orders for assets worth R88 million. Kieswetter also announced the identification of "30 politically-exposed persons". Investigations into their affairs are at various stages.

Sars has also been able to expand the tax base by 16 million newly-registered taxpayers, mainly in pay-as-you-earn (PAYE), VAT and personal income

tax. This yielded R5.8 billion and, after refunds of R1.47 billion, Sars collected revenue of R4.4 billion from these new taxpayers.

Tax debt of R63 billion has been collected in the period under review, of which R12 billion was collected from large businesses. It collected another R16 billion from provisional taxpayers who under-declared their estimated income. Due to greater diligence in

potential refund fraud, Sars prevented refund leakage of R57 billion.

Keith Engel, CEO of the South African Institute of Tax Professionals, says much of the figures announced by Sars are in line with what Finance Minister Tito Mboweni alluded to in his February budget. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been less than expected and several sectors including manufacturing, mining and trade rebounded when the economy was given breathing space in the third quarter of last year.

Rebuilding Sars

He says the administrative efforts embarked upon by Sars under the leadership of Kieswetter must be commended. "He has been quietly rebuilding the institution and getting it back on its feet again. However, it still has some way to go." "Sars is on a hiring spree", notes Engel.

Kieswetter has vowed to continue with efforts to rebuild Sars and to regain the trust of taxpayers in the institution. He says its focus will unashamedly remain on corporates and high net worth individuals who have, according to him, the greatest ability to avoid their tax liability through under-declarations of income and sophisticated tax structures. With the initial introduction of the Voluntary Disclosure Programme more than 3 000 taxpayers responded. Sars was able to identify 10% of these offshore assets, collecting around R4 billion.

GROWTH

Eat'N'Go filters into Kenya market with Domino's Pizza as well as Creamery

NAIROBI

EAT'N'GO, the franchise operator of Domino's Pizza and Cold stone Creamery in Nigeria, has announced its expansion into East Africa with the acquisition of the franchise that operated the brands in Kenya.

This will make Eat'N'Go the largest Domino's Pizza and Cold stone Creamery franchise operator in Africa. Eat'N'Go opened its first store in 2012 in Nigeria and has now grown to owning 147 outlets across Africa. The company says it has plans to have 180 outlets in Africa at the end of 2021.

Eat'N'Go aims to become the premier Food Operator in Africa. It currently owns the franchises of Domino's Pizza, Cold stone Creamery and Pinkberry. Speaking during the launch in Kenya, Group CEO Patrick McMichael said the company has confidence in their new business especially with the region's high growth potential.

"We are looking forward to making an impact on the Kenyan economy as we focus on offering the highest quality ice cream and pizza products in the market. As a business, our success has been pegged on providing unique and excellent customer experience at a favourable price point," McMichael said. "We have understood Kenya's supply chain and believe that with the ever-expanding middle-class, we have the opportunity to provide our customers with convenience and value for money."

Eat'N'Go says it is committed to investing in Kenya to drive the expansion, distribution, and growth of its business in Kenya. This will include the upgrading of the Cold Stone Creamery and Domino's Pizza stores across Kenya to make its operations competitive and expand its customer base.

To complement its market entry, the company has unveiled six new Cold Stone Creamery flavours that are smoother, tastier, and creamier together with Domino's Pizza globally renowned signature American Classic Cheeseburger Pizza. Om Nom Nom Ltd, the previous master franchise holder of Domino's Pizza Kenya, opened its first Domino's Pizza and Cold stone Creamery store in 2014.



We have understood Kenya's supply chain and believe that with the ever-expanding middle-class, we have the opportunity to serve customers better

LOGGERHEADS

Nigerian banks deny owing MTN Nigeria and other telcos

LAGOS

NIGERIAN banks are not indebted to MTN Nigeria and other phone companies for using telecommunication platforms to provide payment services, a bank chief executive said.

"There is no such thing as an obligation due from banks to telcos," Herbert Wigwe, chief executive officer of Access Bank Plc, said on an investor call in Lagos. "We chose not to make a public statement out of it because it is not appropriate for us to be found fighting with telcos in public," he said Thursday.

Wigwe is the head of a team of bank CEOs that has been in discussion with MTN Nigeria to resolve a dispute that led some banks to cut off the company from their banking platforms last week. This was after MTN, the West African nation's biggest telecom services provider, reduced a commission charged on airtime purchases through banking channels by almost half to 2.5%.

The action against MTN was an escalation of an ongoing dispute between lenders and telcos in Africa's largest economy over fees



Herbert Wigwe, chief executive officer of Access Bank Plc.

chargeable on services carried out on each others' platforms. Telecom

operators through their umbrella union, the Association of Licensed

Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria, threatened last month to

PUNISHMENT

Alibaba receives record \$2.8bn penalty from Chinese antitrust regulator

BEIJING

CHINA slapped a record \$2.8 billion fine on Alibaba after an anti-monopoly probe found it abused its market dominance, as Beijing clamps down on the country's internet giants.

The penalty is triple the previous high of almost \$1bn that US chip maker Qualcomm had to pay in 2015, and was based on 4 per cent of Alibaba's 2019 domestic revenue, according to China's antitrust watchdog. The company will also have to initiate "comprehensive rectifications", from protecting merchants and customers to strengthening internal controls, the agency said on Saturday.

The fine - about 12 per cent of Alibaba's fiscal 2020 net income - helps remove some of the uncertainty that's hung over China's second-largest corporation. But Beijing remains intent on reining in its internet and FinTech giants and is said to be scrutinising other parts of billionaire founder Jack Ma's empire, including Ant Group's consumer-lending businesses and Alibaba's extensive media holdings.

Alibaba used its platform rules and technical methods, like data and algorithms, "to maintain and strengthen its own market power and obtain improper competitive advantage", the State Administration for Market Regulation concluded in its investigation. The company will likely have to change a raft of practices, like merchant exclusivity, which critics say helped it become China's largest e-commerce operation.

"The high fine puts the regulator in the media spotlight and sends a strong signal to the tech sector that such types of exclusionary conduct will no longer be tolerated," said Angela Zhang, author of Chinese Antitrust Exceptionalism and director of the Centre for Chinese Law at the University of Hong Kong. "It's a stone that kills two birds." Alibaba's practice of imposing a "pick one from two" choice on merchants "shuts out and restricts competition" in the domestic online retail market, according to the statement.

The government action sends a clear warning to



Billionaire Alibaba founder, Jack Ma.

the tech sector as the government scrutinises the influence that companies like Alibaba and social media giant Tencent wield over spheres from consumer data to mergers and acquisitions. Alibaba said it will hold a conference call on Monday morning Hong Kong time to address lingering questions around the antitrust watchdog's decree.

"China's record fine on Alibaba may lift the regulatory overhang that has weighed on the company since the start of an anti-monopoly probe in late December," Bloomberg Intelligence analysts Vey-Sern Ling and Tiffany Tam said, describing the fine as a small price to pay to do away with that uncertainty. Still, it remains unclear whether the watchdog or other agencies might demand further action.

The Hangzhou-based firm will be required to implement "comprehensive rectifications", including strengthening internal controls, upholding fair competition, and protecting businesses on its platform and consumers' rights, the regulator said. It will need to submit reports on self-regulation to the authority for three consecutive years.

"Alibaba accepts the penalty with sincerity and will ensure its compliance with determination. To serve its responsibility to society, Alibaba will operate in accordance with the law with utmost diligence, continue to strengthen its compliance systems and build on growth

through innovation," the company said.

Chief executive Daniel Zhang said in a memo to employees on Saturday that Alibaba always reflected and adapted when it faced challenges. He called for unity among staff, saying the company should "make self-adjustments and start over again." The People's Daily newspaper said that the punishment involves specific anti-monopoly measures regulatory authorities take to "prevent the disorderly expansion of capital."

"It doesn't mean denying the significant role of platform economy in overall economic and social development, and doesn't signal a shift of attitude in terms of the country's support to the platform economy. "Regulations are for better development, and 'reining in' is also a kind of love," the newspaper said.



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CENSURE

J&J Covid vaccine reviewed by EU regulator after clots

BRUSSELS

THE European Union's drug regulator said it has started a review to assess blood clots in people who received Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine.

Four serious cases of unusual clots accompanied by low blood platelets, one of which was fatal, have emerged after vaccination with the J&J shot, the European Medicines Agency said Friday. The move turns the regulator's safety scrutiny on a second Covid shot, after AstraZeneca Plc's vaccine was possibly linked to a rare blood-clotting disorder.

One of the cases following J&J vaccinations happened during a clinical trial. At the time, the company said it had found no evidence the vaccine was at fault. Three others occurred in the US, where the shot has been given to almost 5 million people.

Though J&J's vaccine is approved in the EU, its rollout in the bloc isn't expected to start until later this month. Still, the EU is relying on the one-shot vaccine to boost its immunisation drive amid restrictions in some countries on use of the AstraZeneca shot, which is delivered in two doses. Separately, the regulator said it doesn't yet have enough evidence to approve the Russian Sputnik V vaccine.

J&J representatives didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment. The drugmaker's vaccine uses similar technology to both the AstraZeneca shot as well as Sputnik. The Food and Drug Administration didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Clotting cases

The numbers of clot cases in people who took the J&J shot have been small so far compared to the total number of people getting the vaccine worldwide, Peter Arlett, EMA's head of analytics, said on April 7. At that point, Arlett said three clotting cases had been found, while some 4.5 million people had gotten the J&J shot. "I think it would be fair to say there is intensive monitoring of this issue across the vaccines," Arlett said.

Like the J&J and Astra shots, Sputnik uses an adenovirus - the cause of some common colds - to deliver the coronavirus antigen and generate an immune response. The EMA will continue its rolling review of the Russian vaccine until it has enough evidence to support an application for marketing authorisation, the agency said on Friday. The EMA declined to comment on safety information for Sputnik before its assessment is complete.



Peter Arlett, EMA's head of analytics.

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| THURSDAY 15 April | <p>5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi HABARI</p> <p>6:00 KumeKucha HABARI</p> <p>7:30 KumeKucha Michezo HABARI za saa</p> <p>8:55 KumeKucha Kishindo Isidingo</p> <p>9:30 Habari za saa Watoto Wetu rpt</p> <p>10:30 Uchumi na biashara rpt</p> <p>10:55 Habari za saa The Base rpt</p> <p>11:55 Habari za saa</p> <p>12:00 Al Jazeera</p> <p>12:30 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt</p> <p>12:55 Habari za saa</p> <p>13:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA</p> <p>13:30 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu</p> <p>13:55 Habari za saa</p> <p>14:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin</p> <p>14:55 Habari za saa</p> <p>15:00 Meza huru</p> <p>16:30 Watoto Wetu</p> <p>17:00 The Base</p> <p>18:00 Jiji Letu</p> <p>18:15 Mapishi rpt</p> <p>18:30 Jungu Kuu</p> <p>19:00 Habari</p> <p>19:30 Shika Bamba</p> <p>20:00 Habari</p> <p>21:00 Airt and lifestyle</p> <p>21:30 ITV TOP 10</p> <p>22:10 Isidingo rpt</p> <p>00:30 DWTV</p> |
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| SATURDAY 17 April | <p>5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi HABARI</p> <p>6:00 KumeKucha HABARI</p> <p>7:00 Habari</p> <p>8:00 Al Jazeera</p> <p>9:00 Watoto wetu</p> <p>10:00 Shika Bamba 5</p> <p>10:30 Mjuz Zaidi rpt</p> <p>11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt</p> <p>12:15 Korean drama rpt: Jumong</p> <p>13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin</p> <p>16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe</p> <p>16:20 Igizo: Mtego</p> <p>17:00 Shamsam za Pwari</p> <p>18:00 Jiji Letu</p> <p>18:15 Korean drama: Jumong</p> <p>19:00 Jungu Kuu</p> <p>19:30 Shika Bamba</p> <p>20:00 Habari</p> <p>21:00 Airt and lifestyle</p> <p>21:30 ITV TOP 10</p> <p>22:10 Isidingo rpt</p> <p>00:30 DWTV</p> |
| SUNDAY 18 April | <p>5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi HABARI</p> <p>6:00 KumeKucha HABARI</p> <p>7:00 Habari</p> <p>8:00 Al Jazeera</p> <p>9:00 Watoto wetu</p> <p>10:00 Isidingo</p> <p>11:40 Movie rpt: Nzowa</p> <p>14:00 Tamasha la Michezo</p> <p>15:30 Mwangaza</p> <p>16:30 ITV Top 10</p> <p>17:30 Kipindi cha kikirito</p> <p>18:00 Jiji Letu</p> <p>18:15 Mapishi</p> <p>18:30 Matukio ya wiki</p> <p>19:30 Igizo: Mtego</p> <p>20:00 Habari</p> <p>21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko</p> <p>21:05 Mizengwe</p> <p>21:20 Mjuz Zaidi</p> <p>22:10 Bongo Movie: Laana</p> <p>00:05 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin</p> |
| MONDAY 12 April | <p>09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt</p> <p>10:00 Culinary delight rpt</p> <p>10:30 Innovation rpt</p> <p>11:00 Out n'about rpt</p> <p>11:30 Sports Gazette rpt</p> <p>12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt</p> <p>12:30 Eco@Africa rpt</p> <p>13:00 Business edition rpt</p> <p>13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter</p> <p>14:30 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death</p> <p>17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt</p> <p>17:45 Bundesliga kick off</p> <p>18:15 Capchat rpt</p> <p>19:15 Mizengwe</p> <p>19:30 The Decor</p> <p>20:00 Korean Drama: Iris</p> <p>21:00 Out n' About</p> <p>21:30 Movie: The Four Horsemen (tape no.5593)</p> <p>23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love</p> <p>01:00 Al Jazeera</p> |
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WORLD

UK churches celebrate the 'great life' of Prince Philip

LONDON

THE life of Prince Philip was celebrated at church services across Britain yesterday, with the Archbishop of Canterbury praying for those who found that the death of Queen Elizabeth's husband had left a "very great gap" in their lives.

As part of eight days of national mourning, people gathered at royal palaces to leave flowers, while religious and political leaders expressed support for the 94-year-old queen, the world's oldest and longest-reigning monarch.

At Canterbury Cathedral, Edward Elgar's stirring Nimrod was played, the piece of music that accompanies many British funerals and memorial services and is played annually at the Cenotaph in London to mark the National Service of Remembrance.

Justin Welby, leader of the global Anglican Communion, said the fact the prince had lived to within two months of his 100th birthday did not soften the blow for those who had loved him.

"Loss is loss," he said. "We may pray and offer love for all who find that a great life leaves a very great gap."

Philip, who was officially known as the Duke of Edinburgh, died at Windsor Castle on Friday. He was 99.

A Greek prince, Philip married Elizabeth in 1947, five years before she ascended to the throne. He helped the monarchy modernise in the post-World War Two period and supported the queen through numerous crises over the years.

Buckingham Palace said on Saturday the funeral would be held on Saturday April 17, with long-established plans redrawn and scaled down because of COVID-19.

The prince will be given a ceremonial royal funeral rather than a state funeral. There will be no public processions, and it will be held entirely within the grounds of Windsor Castle and limited to 30 mourners.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson will not attend.

A 'LITTLE SPACE' FOR THE QUEEN

John Major, who was British prime minister from 1990 to 1997, said he hoped the queen would be given the time she needs to grieve after she lost her husband of 73 years.

He said being the head of state was a "very lonely position in many ways", and the queen would feel the loss of a man she had relied on for decades.

"I know she is the monarch, I know she has responsibilities, but she has earned the right to have a period of privacy in which to grieve with her family," he told the BBC.



Union flags will fly at half-mast at royal residences and government buildings until the day after the funeral. The royal family is observing two weeks of mourning.

The queen has continued to carry out official duties by video-link during coronavirus lockdowns, and visited an Air Force memorial on the last day of March.

Earlier this year, Philip spent four weeks in hospital, where he was treated for an infection and had a heart procedure.

HARRY AND MEGHAN

Major, who was guardian to Princes William and Harry after their mother Diana died, said he also hoped the funeral would help reunite the family after it was rocked last month by an interview given by Harry and his wife Meghan to Oprah Winfrey.

During the interview, Meghan said her pleas for help while she felt suicidal were ignored and that an unnamed member of the family had asked how dark their unborn child's skin might be.

Buckingham Palace said Harry will return from the United States, where the couple now live, to attend the funeral while Meghan, who is pregnant with their second child, will not, on her doctor's advice.

"The friction that we are told has arisen is a friction better ended as speedily as possible," Major said.

The leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, also told Times Radio he hoped the private nature of the funeral would allow the family to come together and rebuild ties.

Agencies

Chinese model of engagement with African countries genuine - Ugandan party official

KAMPALA

"AT the moment, you can drive from one corner of Uganda to another border on tarmac, mainly built by Chinese companies," said Richard Todwong, deputy secretary general of Uganda's ruling National Resistance Movement party.

The Belt and Road Initiative is embraced by economies because it connects people, and that is the beauty of it, Todwong told Xinhua in an interview recently.

The leadership of Communist Party of China (CPC) has

foresightedness in dealing relations with Africa and the third world countries, the senior official said, noting that the Chinese model of engagement with African countries is tangible, durable and genuine.

"In most of the economies of Africa, especially sub-Saharan Africa, we have seen the Chinese doing infrastructural projects. They're building dams. They're building roads. They're extending powers to the rural areas," said Todwong.

"The Chinese came and built for us quite a number of dams, which has enabled us to



power our economy," he said.

The party official commended China's upholding of the socialism with Chinese

characteristics.

"We cannot go into a global village when you're forgetting your culture," he noted.

Todwong took part in a three-month training on governance in Peking University in 2019. He was impressed by the measures that China had taken in governing the country.

African leaders could learn governance philosophy of the CPC, as the party is committed to a people-centered philosophy of development, which is key to any kind of government as well as to any person in leadership at whatever level,

said the Ugandan party official.

The Chinese communists "understand (the) poverty very well, ... and so once you know the root cause of that particular poverty, it's easy to address," said Todwong.

Todwong also stressed the importance of the strong leadership of the CPC. "China is developing rapidly with the population, they have fought poverty, they fought all these things that we talked about in other countries, because the leadership has remained very firm."

Xinhua

South African variant can 'break through' Pfizer vaccine, Israeli study says

JERUSALEM

THE coronavirus variant discovered in South Africa can "break through" Pfizer/BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine to some extent, a real-world data study in Israel found, though its prevalence in the country is low and the research has not been peer reviewed.

The study, released on Saturday, compared almost 400 people who had tested positive for COVID-19, 14 days or more after they received one or two doses of the vaccine, against the same number of unvaccinated patients with the disease. It matched age and gender, among other characteristics.

The South African variant, B.1.351, was found to make up about 1% of all the COVID-19 cases across all the people studied,

according to the study by Tel Aviv University and Israel's largest healthcare provider, Clalit.

But among patients who had received two doses of the vaccine, the variant's prevalence rate was eight times higher than those unvaccinated - 5.4% versus 0.7%.

This suggests the vaccine is less effective against the South African variant, compared with the original coronavirus and a variant first identified in Britain that has come to comprise nearly all COVID-19 cases in Israel, the researchers said.

"We found a disproportionately higher rate of the South African variant among people vaccinated with a second dose, compared to the unvaccinated group. This means that the South African variant is able, to some extent, to break through



A paramedic with Israel's Magen David Adom medical services administers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to a Palestinian man at the Shuafat refugee camp checkpoint in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem on March 17. (File photo)

the vaccine's protection," said Tel Aviv University's Adi Stern.

The researchers cautioned, though, that the study only had a small sample size of people infected with the South African variant because of its rarity in Israel. They also said the research was not intended to

deduce overall vaccine effectiveness against any variant, since it only looked at people who had already tested positive for COVID-19, not at overall infection rates.

Pfizer and BioNTech could not be immediately reached for comment outside business

hours.

The companies said on April 1 that their vaccine was around 91% effective at preventing COVID-19, citing updated trial data that included participants inoculated for up to six months.

In respect to the South African variant, they said that among a group of 800 study volunteers in South Africa, where B.1.351 is widespread, there were nine cases of COVID-19, all of which occurred among participants who got the placebo. Of those nine cases, six were among individuals infected with the South African variant.

Some previous studies have indicated that the Pfizer/BioNTech shot was less potent against the B.1.351 variant than against other variants of the coronavirus, but still offered a robust defence.

Agencies

'This is their blood': Civil rights lawyer Crump fights for George Floyd's family

WASHINGTON

AS the world follows the often-emotional testimony in the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer accused of murdering George Floyd, members of Floyd's family watch a live feed in a separate room in the courthouse.

Frequently by their side is civil rights lawyer Benjamin Crump, who heads the family's legal team.

Floyd and his brothers often slept in the same bed as children, with Floyd playing the role of protector, Crump says.

"For us, it's a case. It's a cause. It's a hashtag," Crump told Reuters. "For them ... it's their family. This is their blood."

Floyd, a 46-year-old African American, died after Chauvin, who is white, knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. His death, captured on bystander video, sparked worldwide protests over racism and police brutality.

Chauvin, who faces up to 40 years in prison on murder and manslaughter charges, has pleaded not guilty.

The case is familiar terrain for Crump, who is frequently called upon to represent the families of slain African Americans in civil lawsuits, including Trayvon Martin, a teen shot dead in 2013 by a neighborhood watchman, and Breonna Taylor, who died during a botched police raid.

Crump, 51, who grew up in rural North Carolina and attended segregated schools for most of elementary school, sees his role as a civil rights advocate who keeps media attention on Black victims who otherwise might not receive "full justice" under the U.S. Constitution.

Grand juries rarely indict police officers for killing a suspect in the line of duty in the United States, particularly when the victim is Black, according to legal experts.

"What we're doing is continuing to make the arguments in the court of public opinion," said Crump. "The court of law is not very kind to marginalized minorities."

With that in mind, Crump often resorts to civil litigation.

It was Crump who helped the Floyd family sue the city of Minneapolis, resulting in a \$27 million settlement that he has called the largest pre-trial settlement of a wrongful death lawsuit in U.S. history.

The settlement, coming two weeks before the trial opened, came under criticism for its potential influence on jurors being selected for the criminal trial, including from the judge who called it "unfortunate."

Crump dismissed the criticism, saying that white families frequently receive civil settlements before criminal "justice" in similar cases.

"It's just Black people hardly ever get big civil settlements," he said. "We see all the statistics tell us that our white brothers and sisters get more in civil verdicts and civil settlements than minorities in America, and that's why we have to say 'Black lives matter.'"

Agencies

Greece paid high price for Europe's economic sanctions against Russia - foreign ministry

ATHENS

EUROPE'S economic sanctions against Russia cost dearly to Greece, whose exports fell sharply when those measures were introduced, the Greek first deputy foreign minister, Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, was quoted as saying by the ministry's press service.

During a meeting with Ukraine's ambassador to Greece, Sergei Shutenko, "Varvitsiotis pointed out that our country had to pay huge economic price in terms of exports to Russia, as a result of European sanctions against Russia," the press service said.

The Greek diplomat also stressed that his country "supports the Minsk process of Ukrainian reconciliation," adding that all international issues should be solved through dialogue and in accordance with the international law.

President of the Hellenic-Russian Chamber of Commerce Pantelis Skarlatos told TASS in late March that the European Union's anti-Russian sanctions and Moscow's retaliatory embargo seriously harmed the economies of the EU and Russia and must be cancelled as soon as possible. According to Skarlatos, the EU-Russia trade turnover, which stood at \$417.66 billion in 2013, shrank to \$277.79 billion in 2019.

In his words, Greek farmers sustained serious losses after Russia closed its market for EU agricultural products. "Let me remind you that the last full year of exports to Russia was 2013.

At that time, exports of Greek fruits and vegetables to the country exceeded 160 mln euro. For example, deliveries of sweet cherry to Russia made up 52% of Greece's total exports of this fruit.

Russia accounted for 64% of all strawberry exports, 40% of all Greek peach exports, and so on. In certain areas of the country, the damage done to farmers as a result of the embargo is irreparable, despite support measures taken by the EU," Skarlatos said.

Agencies

Mainland, HK conduct technical tests on cross-border use of

CHINA'S central bank and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) have cooperated to conduct technical tests on the cross-border use of the digital yuan, an official said on Thursday, a further step in China's wider push of the use of the digital currency.

The trial was a normal test for the digital yuan and more will be conducted in the future, Wang Xin, director of Research Bureau of the People's Bank of China (PBC) said at a press conference in Beijing on Thursday.

Wang said that at present the digital yuan is basically used for domestic retail payments and several rounds of tri-

als have been conducted in the country's different cities. "PBC is also considering applying the digital yuan in cross-border payment when the conditions are ripe, to meet market demands," said Wang.

HKMA told Global Times that the trial is focused on the use of related apps, network connection and application scenarios. Nearly 200 bank employees and business owners have joined the trial. HKMA said that they are discussing with the PBC about the next phase of digital yuan trial in Hong Kong to deepen its usage in cross-border payment.

"This digital yuan trial between Shenzhen and Hong Kong is helpful for the free

flow of capital and the optimization of financial resources allocation in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It will also create a communication platform for the development of Hong Kong and Chinese mainland," Wang Peng, assistant professor of the Gaoli Academy of Renmin University of China, told the Global Times.

Wang Peng said that the use of the digital yuan in cross border payments can boost the efficiency of international trade business and also enhance financial security. He believes that more functions of the digital currency, for instance, as a tool for macro-control of financial markets is

likely to be tested in digital yuan trials in future.

"The use of digital yuan in Hong Kong and Shenzhen will not only benefit the local financial markets, but it is also a great step of China's digital currency to be used in international markets," said Wang Peng.

Meanwhile, a new round of trial of digital yuan among Hong Kong residents was also conducted recently in Shenzhen of South China's Guangdong Province, according to Shenzhen Special Zone Daily on Thursday.

The trial, which started on Tuesday, is mainly for Hong Kong residents in Shenzhen. Hong Kong residents can register

a digital yuan wallet by using their Hong Kong mobile phone number. The daily consume limit can be adjusted to 50,000 yuan (\$7,606) after connecting debit card of Bank of China with digital yuan wallet, according to the report.

Wang Xin, the PBC official, also mentioned that PBC is cooperating with HKMA, Central Bank of Thailand (BOT) and Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates to launch a multilateral research program on applying digital yuan in cross border payment.

Global Times

Booming China-Africa logistics offers lifeline, economic promise for Africa

BEIJING

ETHIOPIA'S national flag carrier Ethiopian Airlines has recently transported a batch of COVID-19 vaccines from Beijing to Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe.

So far, China has provided COVID-19 vaccines to more than 30 African countries. Smooth logistic routes between China and Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic have helped African countries fight the pandemic, promoted two-way exchanges of products and ensured that the continent's economic recovery is on the right track.

VACCINE FLIGHTS

Vaccines have been the fastest growing and one of the most important items in logistics and transportation between China and Africa.

Fitsum Abadi, managing director of cargo and logistic services of Ethiopian Airlines, said that the frequency of flights to and from China has doubled from about 63 times per week before the pandemic to about 120 times per week now.

"We have been transporting PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) from China to the rest of the world. In Africa, we have transported (PPE) to 52 countries," said Abadi.

Cross-border air transportation of medicine requires strict timeliness of transportation and storage safety. Therefore, the construction of a vaccine route between China and Africa became a strong logistic guarantee amid the pandemic.

Last year, Ethiopian Airlines announced its partnership with Cainiao Smart Logistics Network, the logistics arm of China's Alibaba Group, to launch a cold chain air freight service for transporting temperature-controlled medicines twice a week from China's Shenzhen to other countries via Dubai and Addis Ababa, according to Ethiopian Airlines.

The company said it has worked with governments, international organizations, vaccine manufacturers and other partners to provide fast and efficient logistics solutions for the export and transportation of nucleic acid testing reagents and vaccines produced in China.

GROWING TRADE

Apart from vaccines and other epidemic prevention materials, the channels and products seen in China-Africa trade are becoming more diversified. In 2020, Guangzhou Port Group opened two new African routes. As one of the largest comprehensive main hub ports and container trunk ports in southern China, the company is committed to expansion in the African market and has managed more than 20 African routes.

Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport currently has five regular routes to Africa, covering countries including Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya and Rwanda.

In 2020, there were about 580 flights to and from Africa, transporting 100,000 tonnes of cargo, said the airport, adding that the value of trade with Africa was about 20 billion yuan



Kenya's Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Transport James Macharia (1st L) waves a flag in front of a Kenya Airways plane at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on July 15, 2020. (Xinhua)

(3.05 billion U.S. dollars), an increase of 10 percent year on year. According to Guangzhou Customs, exports to Africa through Baiyun airport are mainly electronic products and daily necessities, while imports are mostly African agricultural products and seafood.

Since last year, supplies for epidemic prevention and other daily necessities have been greatly increased. In the first two months of this year, the value of trade with Africa through the Baiyun airport reached 3.87 billion yuan, about 1.9 times more than that in the same period last year, Guangzhou Customs said.

Official data showed that China has been Africa's largest trading partner for more than a decade. Over the past three years, China's agricultural imports from Africa have grown at an average annual rate of 14 percent, making China the second-largest agricultural importer in Africa.

As China-Africa trade has expanded, Kenya Airways has been considering adding new cargo flights to China, said Dick Muriainki, director of Kenya Airways Cargo, told Xinhua in Nairobi. "We currently fly into Guangzhou but are looking at going to other Chinese cities," he added.

Micah Cheserem, head of the Equator Flower Farm in Eldoret, Kenya who manages about 30 hectares of rose fields and 20 hectares of avocado fields, said China's demand for flowers, avocados and other agricultural products has been growing, and the farm has been increasing shipments thanks to improved cold chain transportation.

BRIGHTER FUTURE

Amid the pandemic, Chinese enterprises shared their technical

experience in the digital economy with African partners, held various online exhibitions and invited African countries to sell products through livestreaming.

Africa's major e-commerce platform Jumia said that it expects more cooperation with China amid robust sales during the epidemic.

"I think the Chinese merchants have played a large role in supporting us and our platform to become relevant for the African consumers because they have a huge assortment, and almost everything that a consumer might need is produced and manufactured in China in a variety of ranges and colors," Apoorva Kumar, executive vice president of logistics services at Jumia, told Xinhua in Nairobi.

Philip Wu, president of the Guangzhou Inter-Africa Express Co., Ltd., said the company carries more than 16 million cross-border e-commerce parcels every year. "Cross-border e-commerce is a new growth point in China-Africa trade," said Wu.

Liu Jisen, executive dean of the Institute for African Studies at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, said the difference in industrial structure has provided an endogenous impetus for the development of China-Africa trade.

China and Africa can meet each other's needs in trade, overcome barriers in trade channels, strengthen connectivity and ensure the development of industrial and supply chains, said Liu.

Xinhua



Comoros president receives injection of Chinese COVID-19 vaccine

MORONI

COMOROS President Azali Assoumani (pictured) received on Saturday an injection of coronavirus vaccine produced by China's Sinopharm, which marked the start of the vaccination campaign in the African nation.

"By launching the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in our country today, we are taking a new step in our strategy to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. To set an example, I made a decision to be the first to take the vaccine," said Assoumani, during the launch of the vaccination in the capital Moroni.

Assoumani also expressed his gratitude to China and South Africa which provided vaccines to Comoros. "I would like to salute these gestures of humanity, solidarity and generosity which we fully appreciate and which constitute an opportunity for our country," he added.

According to the president of Comoros, the vaccines will be offered primarily to medical personnel, teachers, military and paramilitary forces, the elderly and those with comorbidity.

A batch of COVID-19 vaccines and medical supplies provided to Comoros by the Chinese government arrived in Moroni on March 15 with a Chinese medical aid team.

Xinhua

'Comply with international law': Diplomat calls out US meddling in Nord Stream 2 project

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has cautioned the United States not to contrive any illegitimate obstacles hindering the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

"It would be a good idea for the US to set an example by complying with the relevant norms of international law and eventually stop putting up illegal hurdles to the implementation of the Nord Stream 2 project," she told a briefing on Friday.

"Even though the United States is

not a party to United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, [it] poses as a staunch advocate of freedom of the seas open to all countries.

That's just like them, isn't it? While not being a party to the relevant international process they demand that everyone employ their [the US] own

view of certain rules," the diplomat pointed out.

The Nord Stream 2 project envisages the construction of two pipeline strings with a total capacity of 55 billion cubic meters per year from the coast of Russia through the Baltic Sea to Germany.

The pipeline's construction was suspended at the end of 2019 when the Swiss pipe-laying company Allseas stopped work due to Washington's sanctions. However, work resumed in December 2020 after a year-long pause.

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Benin votes for president after week of violent protests

COTONOU

BENIN votes yesterday in a presidential election following a week of deadly protests against the incumbent Patrice Talon, who is heavily favoured to win a second term.

Talon, a multi-millionaire cotton magnate who touts strong economic growth under his leadership, is accused by his opponents of undermining Benin's standing as one of West Africa's most stable democracies.

Protests in several cities this week turned violent. Some people were killed in gunfire on Thursday in the central town of Bante when security forces fired warning shots, its mayor told local radio, without saying how many died.

In the commercial capital Cotonou, several people said they feared violence on election day.

"The events of these last days scare me," said Christophe Dossou, a student. "I prefer to remain cautious."

Among the protesters' complaints are Talon's U-turn on



Soldiers stand in line to block supporters of the incumbent president during an electoral campaign rally at Abomey-Calavi, on Thursday. (AFP)

a pledge he made as a candidate in 2016 to serve only one term, and changes he pushed through to election laws that he said were aimed at streamlining unwieldy government institutions.

In practice, those reforms resulted in total control of parliament by Talon's supporters and the exclusion of leading opponents from the presidential race.

U.S. democracy watchdog

Freedom House downgraded Benin last year in its annual rankings from "free" to "partly free".

Talon faces two relatively little-known opposition candidates: Alassane Soumanou, who was a minister under former President Thomas Boni Yayi, and Corentin Kohoue, a veteran politician.

Several more prominent opposition leaders have been detained this year on terrorism-related charges, Amnesty International said. Talon has denied his government is targeting his opponents.

He has campaigned on his economic record. Benin, a country of about 12 million people, became Africa's top cotton exporter in 2018 and recorded average annual Gross Domestic Product growth of over 5 percent before the global economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

"What we did was not easy," Talon said at one of his final campaign rallies on Friday. "We are strong and we know how to get it done."

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South Korea to resume wider use of AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine, exclude people under 30

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean authorities said yesterday they will move ahead with a coronavirus vaccination drive this week, after deciding to continue using AstraZeneca PLC's vaccine for all eligible people 30 years old or over.

South Korea on Wednesday suspended providing the AstraZeneca shot to people under 60 as Europe reviewed cases of blood clotting in adults.

People under 30 will still be excluded from the vaccinations resuming on Monday because the benefits of the shot do not outweigh the risks for that age group, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) said in a statement.

Three vaccinated people in South Korea are reported to have developed blood clots, with one case determined to be correlated to the vaccine, Choi Eun-hwa, chair of the Korea Advisory Committee on Immunisation Practices, told a briefing.

That case was a type of blood clot considered less serious than the type being examined by European authorities, she said.



For most people, the risks of coronavirus are far worse than the rare possibility of side effects from the vaccines, Choi said, adding that the best way to end the pandemic was to vaccinate everyone who can receive it.

But she said, "the benefits are not as great for those under 30 years old, so we will not recommend the AstraZeneca vaccine for them."

The AstraZeneca shot's benefit-to-risk ratio rises the older people get as the risk of serious harm due to vaccination falls and ICU admissions prevented by vaccination rise sharply, according to the University of Cambridge's Winton Centre for Risk and Evidence Communication.

The drugmaker has said its

studies have found no higher risk of clots because of its vaccine, millions of doses of which have been administered worldwide. The World Health Organization has said the benefits outweigh the risks.

Global controversy over the efficacy and side-effects of some COVID-19 vaccines has caused some delays in South Korea's vaccination campaign, which kicked off in late February with the goal of reaching herd immunity in November.

The second-quarter vaccination programme includes special disability school teachers and vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities and the homeless, the KDCA said. **Agencies**

'Internet-plus' connects better healthcare resources to remote areas

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD Zhu Qundi was sitting in her yard in Yangshan County, Qingyuan, south China's Guangdong Province, enjoying the warmth of the spring sunshine.

However, fears were still lingering on the mind of Zhu's son Zeng Si every time he recalled what happened in January last year.

"It was cold that day, and my mother felt dizzy after getting up. She almost fainted," Zeng said. Fortunately, doctor Huang Suying of the village arrived in time, who immediately tested blood pressure for the octogenarian and then consulted a "smart doctor" on a mobile application. After that, Huang

contacted an expert with Guangdong Second Provincial General Hospital and medicines were soon prescribed.

"Over the past year, my mother's blood pressure has been well controlled, and she's in pretty good health conditions," Zeng told the People's Daily.

Yangshan County, located in the eastern part of Guangdong, is surrounded by mountains. Many townships and villages there had to suffer underdeveloped healthcare due to the geographical position. To see a doctor, local resi-

dents had to travel a long distance.

In recent years, thanks to the development of "internet plus"-driven health services, fellow villagers in the county are connected to high-quality medical resources.

"Internet plus" is also boosting the confidence of local village doctors.

"This is an AI device package distributed by provincial authorities. It has a whole bunch of equipment, such as an ECG monitor and a glucometer," said Huang, pointing to a bag on

his hand. "It's way more advanced than the traditional sphygmomanometers and thermometers," he added.

Under the deployment of Guangdong's health commission, such packages were distributed to 2,277 impoverished villages in September 2019, with each village doctor holding one.

"All the devices in the package are connected to the internet, so the data and images can be uploaded to county- and provincial-level hospitals," Huang told the Peo-

ple's Daily.

Now, with the county being connected to better roads, and covered by phone and network services, health centers in its townships are getting busier, as telemedicine platforms are not only hospitals for residents living in remote areas, but also "classrooms" of further study for primary-level doctors.

Libu is a mountainous township in Yangshan County, where it's easy for riders to get hurt because of the winding mountain roads. However, the township hospital could only

treat single fracture of lower limbs.

Fortunately, a branch of Yangshan County's telemedicine center was established in the township. It significantly benefited Yuan Xiaoming, an orthopedist of the township hospital. Now, weekly case discussion, on-demand online consultation and frequent telelearning have become a routine for him and his colleagues.

Now Yuan and his colleagues are more proficient. They are able to perform not only dearticulation and extra-articular surgeries, but also skin

flap transplantation.

In recent three years, the county-level hospital of Yangshan has launched about 80 new businesses and technologies. Today, it is able to perform many kinds of surgeries that it dared not to handle in the past, and some of its techniques are even in a leading position in the province.

In the next five years, the county will invest more in the facilities and human resources of township- and village-level hospitals, and work together with Guangdong province to offer better medical resources for the people at their doorsteps, said Deng Fei, Party head of the county.

People's Daily

SPORT



Television host Salama Jabir (L), Winnie Nzunda (C) and Rukia Yazid participate in some of the fun activities during the launch experience of brand Fanta's Colourful People campaign in Dar es Salaam last weekend. The event was organised by Coca-Cola Tanzania with the aim of showcasing the fun-loving, colour and playful attitude of today's youth. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Simba SC set to offload four players next season

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC is reported to be seeking to part ways with a section of players next season.

They include forward Junior Lokosa, defender Peter Muduhwa, left fullback Gadiel Michael and midfielder Ibrahim Ajibu.

Lokosa is a new entrant to the outfit who was registered for this season's CAF Champions League.

Simba have sailed through to CAF Champions League last eight.

The Nigerian attacker, whose registration was completed and his International Transfer Certificate (ITC) was in Simba SC's hands, was said to be on South Africa outfit Kaizer Chiefs' radar.

But after his registration at Simba, he did not play a single match for the outfit in the CAF Champions League.

Simba SC's head coach, Didier Gomes, pointed out Lokosa is not fit and the performer was instead given a special program so he can return to his best.

Also on the list is Zimbabwean defender Muduhwa who was signed on loan from Zimbabwe's Highlanders FC.

The defender's life at Simba SC has had a lot of drama as he has not played a single match for the outfit in the showpiece, as it was the case for Lokosa.

Michael, is also said to have asked to leave the squad due to a lack of first team opportunity, as currently Mohamed Hussein is the preferred left fullback.

Michael is reported to have asked to leave. Ajibu has too asked the side to let him go elsewhere.

The two players had successfully turned out for Yanga prior to crossing over to Simba.

Recently Simba information officer, Haji Manara, made it clear that his club will not discuss Lokosa's matter until they have finished their continental tournament's matches.

Simba SC urged to use CAF Champions League to attract sponsors



Simba Sports Club's players warm up before participating in a recent Vodacom Premier League fixture.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's soccer analysts have advised the country's representatives in this season's CAF Champions League Simba SC to make use of the opportunity of reaching the tournament's quarterfinals to attract more sponsors.

In a monitored radio interview, one of the analysts, Edgar Kibwana, said reaching the CAF Champions League's last eight is a great step for Simba to market themselves to attract sponsors.

SportPesa are lately Simba's currently main sponsors and the outfit's investor Mohammed Dewji bankrolls a lot of finances in the club.

Kibwana suggested that with Simba having made it to the quarterfinals of the showpiece, football lovers worldwide are lately following the club.

"Reaching the quarterfinals of the CAF Champions League is a great step for Simba to market themselves to other sponsors, at this stage many people are following the club and it is now known to many people," he said.

However, the analyst said the biggest challenge to attract other sponsors to the club depends on the willingness of club's investor and aggressiveness of the club's marketing and commercial arms.

"The biggest question is, is Dewji this time ready for other investors to put their weight behind the club?" he asked.

He queried: "Is he willing to welcome others and also does the club has viable marketing and commercial departments which can make use of the club's success in the continental football?"

Simba currently have huge number of followers on the outfit's social media pages than any other East Africa football club.

Reports which have yet to be confirmed, say the Msimbazi Street-based side is ranked fifth in Africa in terms of followers.

Football marketers say that, if the club wishes to make money in the sector, the media must buy the

rights and sell (televise them) to the audience.

The sponsor will bankroll the club knowing that the former's brand will be visible and the audience will go for it.

It is reported that many football clubs in Africa are financially unstable as they do not have marketing and commercial departments which can convince the corporate world to venture into football.

Plenty of clubs also fail to demonstrate to business actors that there would be a win-win situation if the corporate bankrolls



Simba SC midfielder, Ibrahim Ajibu.

Tanzanian athlete misses out on Olympics' qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VISA hitches have blocked Tanzanian athlete Michael Sanga from competing at Siena Marathon, slated for yesterday in Italy, which is used as this year's Tokyo Olympics' qualifying event.

Sanga was supposed to depart for Siena on Thursday evening, but he could not make the trip as he failed to secure a Visa to Italy.

The marathon was expected to take place in Siena, Tuscany, Italy.

Athletics Tanzania (AT)'s vice-president John Bayo on Thursday told The Guardian that all is set for the athlete to travel to Italy.

"As I'm speaking to you this time (Thursday morning), Sanga is in Dar es Salaam ready for the trip to Italy for Siena Marathon which will be used as qualification for the Tokyo Olympics."

"He was supposed to be with Tanzanian female athlete, Naitale Sulle, who is at Iten in Kenya but, due to travel restrictions in the country, she will not make it, we will look for other events for her," he said on Thursday.

He said he is optimistic that Sanga will qualify for the Tokyo Olympics which are expected to take place at the end of July to August 8.

But a source from Arusha told The Guardian that Sanga could not make the trip due to Visa problems.

The source who is an athletics coach said Bayo issued wrong information and he suggested that the AT official should have held the information of the trip until all preparations for the trip had been finalized and the athletes had departed.

He said: "It is not true, Sanga is not going to Italy for the Siena Marathon, Bayo who issued you this information should have waited until all procedures for the trip have been finalized."

"This information is not good. It affects the athlete and even his coach, what I know is that Sanga is training at Olmotonyi (Arusha College of Forestry, Wildlife and Tourism)," the coach said.

Yesterday, Bayo told The Guardian that he is not sure if Sanga has left for Italy as he is busy in Arusha.

"To be honest, I don't know if he has left for Italy, you know I am busy in Arusha preparing for the national team camp, call me after sometime," he said.

But when we called the AT official later, he could not pick up his phone after several attempts.

Ombeni Zavalla, AT secretary general, stated she was not aware of the athlete's trip to Italy.

"I don't know if there is any athlete going for Tokyo Olympics qualifying events, there is no information on my desk, but you can ask John Bayo. He is in Arusha and he is further responsible for running the AT affairs," she said.

TPC lauds TSA for supporting Paralympic swimmer



Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary general, Ramadhan Namkoveka.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Paralympic Committee (TPC) has hailed Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) for inviting Paralympic swimmer Amos Boniface to compete at this year's National Championships which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) last weekend.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, TPC secretary general, said this is the first time that a Para swimmer (a swimmer with disability) is competing against able bodied swimmers. He described the decision as a good development.

He said Boniface used the two-day National Swimming Championships to prepare for Internationale Deutsche Meisterschaften im Para Schwimmen 2021 slated for June 17-20 in Berlin which will be used as a Tokyo Paralympics qualifying event.

"We really thank the TSA for inviting our Para swimmer to compete at the two-day National Championship which gets underway

tomorrow (Saturday) at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC). This is very good as Boniface will use the event to prepare for June's Tokyo Paralympics qualification in Germany," he said before the athlete took part in the showdown.

The National Swimming Championships brought together clubs from across the country.

The committee recently sent a passionate appeal to companies, organizations and individuals looking for \$17,360 to send Para athletes to Tokyo Paralympics qualifying events. Namkoveka said the money will cater for accommodation, air tickets, entry fee and classification fee.

The TPC official said \$10260 is needed to send seven Para powerlifters to Dubai for a qualifying event which will be held in June.

He said: "We are appealing to Paralympics stakeholders, the general public and people, organizations and companies of good will to financially help us so we can send teams to

qualifying events."

He noted: "Para powerlifting athletes need \$10260 while Para swimmers need \$7046, the cash will help our athletes attend events which will be used as qualifying events for Tokyo Paralympics."

He explained that Para swimmer, Boniface, is the sole representative in the qualifiers after two others, Gerald Hamisi Sokolo and Ahmed Ali Khamis, are not available for the tournaments.

Namkoveka pointed out Sokolo is committed to another education assignment while Khamis was killed in a road accident in Zanzibar on March 24 this year while coming from training.

Sokolo is the only Para swimmer who is classified by the World Para Swimming Association.

Local Para athlete Sauda Njopeka flopped at the just ended World Para Grand Prix which was held in Tunisia. The race was used as qualifying event for Tokyo Paralympics.

Giants Zamalek eliminated despite scoring four goals in 25 minutes

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICAN giants Zamalek of Egypt failed to reach the CAF Champions League quarter-finals Saturday, despite scoring four goals in 25 minutes to hammer Teungueth of Senegal 4-1 in Cairo.

A bold Group D comeback by the five-time African champions in the final two matchdays ultimately proved futile as Mouloudia Alger of Algeria came from behind to force a 1-1 draw at Esperance of Tunisia and qualify.

The point former title-holders Mouloudia took away from Tunis gave them second place behind Esperance and a last-eight slot for the first time since 1980.

Esperance finished with 11 points, Mouloudia nine, Zamalek eight and Teungueth four.

Zamalek paid dearly for woeful form in the first four matchdays, during which they collected only two points and scored just once.

They had reached the final twice in the past five seasons, losing to Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa in 2016 and fierce rivals Al Ahly of Egypt last year.

The final last-eight place went to Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa, who came from behind twice to draw 2-2 at Horoya of Guinea and squeeze through on head-to-head records.

Recently rehired French coach Patrice Carteron vowed that Zamalek would fight until the final whistle in an attempt to survive the cut after winning at Mouloudia last weekend.

His resurgent team overwhelmed Teungueth in the opening half with defender Mahmoud el Wensh triggering a goal blitz by scoring on 16 minutes.

Recently signed forward Marwan Hamdy scored twice and El Wensh netted again to put Zamalek four goals ahead by half-time, and heading for the quarter-finals as Nassim Ben Khalifa had put Esperance in front.

- Chiefs create history -

But the half-time joy in the Egyptian dressing room dissipated when Abdenour Belkheir levelled for Mouloudia on 68 minutes in Tunisia.

Zamalek needed four-time champions Esperance to win, but they failed to score again and Mouloudia sneaked through.

In Guinea, previously goal-shy Horoya and Chiefs served up a Group C thriller that ended with the Soweto outfit securing a first quarter-finals appearance after five failed attempts.

Yakhoubba Barry put Horoya ahead in first-half stoppage time as his side sought to reach the knock-out stage for the third time in four seasons.

Daniel Cardoso levelled from a 67th-minute penalty only for Sekou Camara to give Horoya the lead again almost immediately.

Zimbabwe international Khama Billiat equalised with 14 minutes remaining and a brilliant save from veteran goalkeeper Itumuleng Khune kept Chiefs level.

In the same section, already-qualified Wydad Casablanca of Morocco won 2-0 at home to Petro Luanda of Angola with Walid el Karti and Mohamed Ounajem scoring.

Group winners Simba of Tanzania, Sundowns, Wydad and Esperance will go into one pot for the quarter-finals draw on April 30.

The other pot will include Mouloudia, fellow Algerians Chabab Belouizdad, record nine-time champions Ahly and Chiefs.

Clubs cannot be drawn against the team they met in the group stage, limiting the possible opponents of each to three.

There is no country protection, however, meaning Sundowns and Chiefs could face each other in an all-South African affair.

AFP

Furious Koeman: Barca deserved pen vs. Real

MADRID

RONALD Koeman was left exasperated that Barcelona weren't awarded a late penalty as they were beaten 2-1 by Real Madrid in the Clásico on Saturday.

Martin Braithwaite went down in the box after being grabbed by Ferland Mendy inside the final 10 minutes, but referee Gil Manzano did not point to the spot and the VAR didn't intervene to reverse the on-pitch decision.

"Everyone has seen the game and if you're a Barca fan you're angry; you're not happy with some of the referee's decisions," Koeman told Movistar after the final whistle.

"First of all, I just want to say that in the first half we weren't good, attacking or defending. In the second half, we improved.

"I only ask that referees get decisions right. It's a penalty and then, after that, to only add four minutes of stoppage time when the referee had spent three minutes [fixing a communication] issue with the VAR... But the penalty is crystal clear. There is a referee, a linesman, VAR..."

Koeman then asked the reporter if he agreed a penalty should have been given. The Barca coach stormed away when the interviewer declined to give his opinion.

However, speaking in a news conference shortly after, Koeman refused to blame Barca's defeat, which saw Madrid leapfrog them in the table, solely on bad refereeing.

"I don't want to say that," he said. "The first half wasn't good. The team's level wasn't what it has been. We left space for their counter-attacks.

"But yes, there are moments in the game, in my opinion, such as the penalty issue, it's clear, so clear. Everyone has seen it. That's why we have VAR, for situations like this, to help the referees."

When asked about Koeman's comments, Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane said it is on the referee to make those calls.

"They're the feelings of each person. The referee didn't give a penalty

because it wasn't a penalty. As for the time added on, it's him that decides. The important thing for us is what we did on the pitch.

"We had a lot of chances to score. Barcelona are a really good team, they were ahead of us before the game, we can be happy. We can't say it was only the referee, it was our victory on the pitch."

Karim Benzema gave Madrid a 13th-minute lead at the Alfredo Di Stefano stadium and Toni Kroos added the second just before the half-hour mark via a deflected free-kick.

Barca got back into an open game through Oscar Mingueza and came close to equalising in stoppage time when, after Casemiro had been sent off for two bookings, Ilaix Moriba hit the bar.

"The team was mentally strong," Koeman added. "The first half wasn't good enough, not in any way. It was nowhere near where we need to be.

"But mentally we were good. The team improved in the second half. We had a lot of the ball, players like [Lionel Messi] and Pedri got between the lines, but the final pass wasn't good, so we didn't create the danger we usually do.

"Madrid defended well with a lot of players and took advantage of their pace in attack, but I am really angry about the penalty decision. This is not fair play; I don't understand it."

With eight games to go, Madrid now have 66 points, one more than Barca. Atletico Madrid are level with Madrid but will move three clear if they win their game in hand against Real Betis on Sunday.

"We have to enjoy today, and the other day, what we did [vs. Liverpool] in two hard-fought games and two results, we have to rest now, I don't know how we'll finish the season but we'll need all of them," Zidane said. "Physically we're at the limit, physically it's hard for us to finish games. But we're here, we're alive."

Koeman added that despite the setback, Barcelona can still clinch the title.

(Agencies)

Savvy Real Madrid teach Barcelona a Clasico lesson

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

WE commonly say that to excel and to create beautifully in high-octane, high-stakes matches such as Saturday's Clásico between Real Madrid and Barcelona, a footballer needs "eyes in the back of his head."

Well, on this occasion, a spectator, both coaches and the poor old refereeing team needed five or six eyes and more than one brain each even to compute what was going on, never mind attempt to influence it and come away with a victory.

Not that this Clásico -- which hands a huge "head-to-head" advantage to the reigning champions Madrid and means that, should they finish tied with Barcelona on points at the top, they will win the league -- began that way.

We often talk about how the winning of great boxing fights begins at the weigh in. Psychological intimidation. Equally, in football there are teams that will tell you: "We had the other lot beaten in the tunnel" -- perhaps never more famously illustrated than when Celtic became the first British team to win the European Cup, getting lost on the way to the stadium, arriving late, rushing their prep and then, instead of gazing leftward in the tunnel to their more famous, taller, physically superior, more handsome rivals, they burst into their famous "Hail, hail the Celts are here" anthem to the total and utter bemusement of their Internazionale opponents.

Well, this match seems to have been tilted very heavily in Madrid's favour long before kickoff.

What happened is that a radio station in Catalunya found out that, as some had predicted, Antoine Griezmann was on the bench. That directly implied that Barcelona would not use the 3-4-3, which is the formation that has been most devastating in recent weeks, and it told Real boss Zinedine Zidane that Frenkie de Jong was going to play in midfield (as he did after half-time in Barca's narrow 1-0 win over Valladolid last Monday), instead of in the back three.

Zidane, it will emerge over the coming days as Madrid toast their second victory in a Clásico this season (their third consecutive over Barcelona, for a 7-2 aggregate) assimilated the leaked information, gambled on it and ripped up his planned formation.

Zidane gambled that he'd be better served flooding Barcelona's left side, trying to punch into holes which young Pedri, playing only his second Clásico and just 18 years old, might leave.

Madrid's French coach, bidding to make his side only the third in Los Blancos' past 30 years to defend a Liga title (what an extraordinary stat that is) reckoned that if he could get his team past Pedri, and if Vinicius Junior could occasionally drift right off Karim Benzema, then there would be a good chance of pushing Jordi Alba back, stopping his marauding connections with Lionel Messi and, potentially, getting superiority of numbers against the Catalan wing-back high up the pitch.

Bingo. Not even if the subsequent 45 minutes of the first half had been played out on some sort of celestial computer solely controlled by Zidane himself, could the tactic have played out better.

Alba and Messi made no useful connections before half-time (note what happened when they did so in the second half!), and the defender was often swamped and became jittery -- using the ball abnormally erratically.

And then came the breakthrough. There can't have been many who've enjoyed or lauded Pedri as much as I have over the past few months. I've been evangelical because his utterly immense talent, maturity and game management deserve that fervent hallelujah state of description.

But he was at fault here. As were the senior members of Barcelona's side who didn't emphasise to him that, while they sorted



Then right at the death, a free-kick found its way to substitute Ilaix Moriba, whose volley crashed against Madrid's bar. (Agencies)

out how to stem Madrid's rampage down their right flank, he needed to be positionally attentive to the defensive side of his game. He was not, at any cost, allowed to leave big spaces in front of Alba. You can guess what happened.

Pedri's absence left an enormous void for Federico Valverde to run into -- which led to Alba making the wrong choice to try to intercept the Uruguayan, fail and end up being left trailing in Madrid youngster's wake. The 2-on-1 situation in which Alba was left probably needed him to jockey and try to split his two opponents, but he gambled ... and lost.

When Lucas Vazquez was fed the ball, he had a cosmos of time and space to control, look up and judge perfectly the weight of pass into Benzema's darting run.

Yes, yes, it's a fact that young Ronald Araujo, just back from injury and not yet at full match sharpness, reacted slowly, but Madrid's utterly magnificent French striker wouldn't have had the chance to execute his sublime goal-flick if the weight on Vazquez's cross wasn't perfect.

Any slower and Benzema would have generated the pace to beat keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen, any more velocity on the ball skidding across an already damp playing surface and the goalscorer wouldn't have had so much time to make, literally, the perfect contact. It was a thing of shimmering beauty.

Really, before Madrid extended their lead, at a time when they were beginning to make it look like this could be a thrashing for Spain's previously most in-form side, Zidane's Valverde tactic almost made it 2-0.

De Jong (a tired, pale imitation of his usual self on Saturday) failed with a pass to Ousmane Dembele in the Madrid penalty box -- it was a big chance missed. But the reigning champions didn't waste a split second breathing a sigh of relief. They broke from their own box, via Vinicius' superb probing run, and when the move became a double V and he fed Valverde, the Uruguayan found himself in the opposite penalty area crashing a shot into Ter Stegen's right hand post with the German comprehensively beaten.

If Benzema's goal and Valverde's missed chance were beautiful exhibitions of how to make a manager's idea punchy and effective, Madrid's second goal was the complete antithesis. Well, at least, from Barcelona's point of view.

Constructing walls has been a controversial subject in recent years, and football teams have been so paranoid about the tricksters who shoot at goal from dead-ball situations that most sides now lay a "blocking" man behind a well-formed barrier so that no ground-based daisy-cutter can sneak under the wall's jump and flummox the goalkeeper. You know the tactic.

I mention this because it tells you how intricately 99.9% of teams prepare to defend situations in which they are at high risk of conceding.

What makes the events surrounding Madrid's second goal even more astonishing is that Barcelona had a library full of evidence from midweek, when Liverpool showed them what NOT to do, about how damn dangerous Toni Kroos is if you give him time and space.

Against Liverpool, the outstanding German brutally gave his team control of the game with two wonderful quarterback passes that brought goals.

In the end analysis here, even if you consider Messi's Barnum and Bailey "Roll up, roll up ..." showman attempt to beat Thibaut Courtois direct from a corner only to see the ball hit the bar, and even if you lump in Ilaix Moriba's crashing volley off Madrid's crossbar in the frantic final seconds, there's no getting away from the fact that it was this infantile failure from Barcelona in the 27th minute that gave Madrid the match, gave them the head-to-head advantage, gave them a very strong chance of the title and exposed something that is a fundamental Achilles heel for a coach like Ronald Koeman.

As Kroos lined up to take the free kick won when the referee reckoned that Vinicius' daring run was stopped by Araujo's foul -- very much a 50/50 decision, I thought -- the German must have thought that Barcelona's wall was a spoof. That this was a practical joke of some kind.

When a player is about to shoot at goal from this distance, his teammates often shove and push and snarl to try to burrow a hole in the opposition wall through which he can shoot. It often gets nasty. Pushing, shoving, accusations, stamping on toes, referees brandish cards and perhaps even a sending off. All kinds of everything.

Not here. If this had been a Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote cartoon, there would have been a big Acme sign pointing to where the danger lay saying: "Shoot here!"

The arrow would have pointed to

the huge gap between 21-year-old Oscar Mingueza playing his first Clásico and 20-year-old Sergino Dest, playing his second. I swear, looking at Kroos' face, he had a little cackle of joy when he realised that this wasn't a practical joke.

The German struck it viciously and, to compound the jaw dropping amount of space he'd been offered, Dest turned his back (a capital sin) and the ball deflected in off the young USMNT player.

When Barcelona last fluffed a trophy chance, it was conceding from a free kick late on against Athletic Bilbao in the Supercup final. Griezmann said then that they were vulnerable to not defending in a sufficiently prepared, communicative way.

So it proved here. Koeman's advice to his team, all season, about how to avoid conceding from set plays is to avoid conceding set plays.

Not practicing how to defend them, not repeatedly working on drills until it becomes a defensive art. No, oh, no.

Just try not to concede corners and free kicks near the box. Stellar advice. Until it fails -- after which Barcelona are undressed by well-organised, well-planned set plays that their opponents treat as vital opportunities.

After the match, long after Messi and Alba (free of Valverde's shackles because he was exhausted) combined down the left to create Mingueza's goal, and long after the second half offered us a cornucopia of thrills, spills and the joy of football played at full tilt, Koeman moaned about the referee.

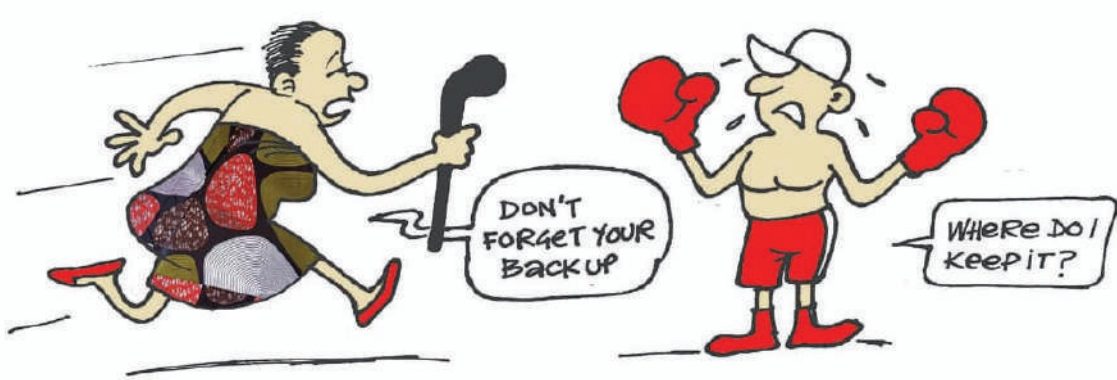
He spared not a thought for the fact that Gil Manzano booked Nacho and red carded Casemiro (just the second sending off of his career), nor that both of them will now miss next week's Getafe match when it's certain that Sergio Ramos (and perhaps even Dani Carvajal and Raphael Varane) will also be out.

But Koeman's bitter complaint that Manzano should have awarded Martin Braithwaite a late penalty for a supposed tug by Ferland Mendy was built on very shaky foundations. Just like the defensive wall that cost Barcelona defeat.

In the end, like the Everly Brothers, Koeman had to do his crying in the rain. But Madrid noticed, even through their triumphant embraces, their jigs of joy -- they could distinguish driving rain from salty tears.

The rest of us? We breathed out and beamed after 90 minutes of magic and madness.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Tanzanian athlete Sule now seeks Olympics qualification in Germany

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S marathoner Augustino Sule will compete in the Hamburg Marathon scheduled to take place in Germany on April 18, seeking to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics, which will take place this year.

Sule (pictured) said the race was earlier scheduled to take place last Saturday, but it was postponed due to unavoidable reasons.

The runner stated that this is the chance for him to secure a qualifying ticket for the Tokyo Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan, from July 23 to August 8 this year.

Currently, there are very few Olympic qualifying opportunities in marathon due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"This is my chance to secure a qualifying ticket to the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Tokyo, I'm in Arusha preparing for the event," he said.

He has been in intensive training, but postponement of many Olympics qualifying events hindered him from securing the required qualifying marks and join compatriots Alphonse Simbu and Failuna Matanga for the Summer Games.

Sule on February 28 won this year's Kilimanjaro Marathon, a race that included local and foreign runners who flocked Moshi town in Kilimanjaro to take part in the showdown.

The showpiece saw local runners steal the show in all major races.

Sule, aged 23, won this season's men's Kilimanjaro Premium Lager's 42km race (full marathon), which took place in Moshi.

The runner clocked at 02:18:04 to finish first in the prestigious event that was braced with a clear vision of iced Africa's highest mountain, mount Kilimanjaro.

Apart from runners, Tanzania also expects to send boxers, judokas and swimmers to the Olympic Games which are held quadrennially.

The Games were to be held last year in Japan, but were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Two local swimmers, Collins Saliboko and Hilal Hemed, are required to compete in South Africa's Olympic Games qualifying competition which began from April 7 with its climax expected to take place in Port Elizabeth today.

Also in April this year, local judo players are expected to travel to Casablanca, Morocco, to compete in qualifying events.

Judokas are also in intensive training at Ukonga in Dar es Salaam for the qualifying events to be held in Morocco.

The local boxers are awaiting a decision from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Task Force to select names as per rankings.

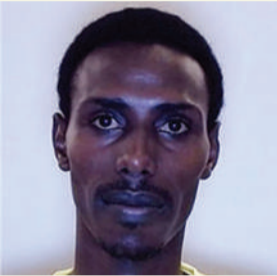
The decision has been taken following cancellation of the qualifying events which were slated to take place in Paris, France, next month due to travelling restrictions imposed by France's government on account of the still raging COVID-19 viral pandemic.

Tanzania started to compete in the Olympics in 1964, also in Tokyo, Japan, with runners battling it out.

Again, four sportsmen represented Tanzania in the 1968 Olympics held in Mexico City.

In the 1972 Munich Olympics in Germany, Tanzania was represented by 15 sportsmen.

The country missed out the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada. However, it sent 41 sportsmen to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.



Pak Stars Cricket Club's Abdulrahman Akida (R) is presented with man of the match prize by Anadil Burhani Cricket Club's player and representative, Adnan, shortly after Pak Stars had played Strikers in this season's Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A match, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Harab Motors Company sponsors the award. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

Pak Stars edge Strikers in Kazim Nasser League

By Guardian Reporter

PAK Stars cricketers cruised to 13-run win over Strikers last weekend to get hold of the top spot in this season's Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A's Group A.

The tie, which took place at Leaders Club venue in Dar es Salaam, had Pak Stars going in to bat first, posting 120 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs.

They had to contend with a wobbly start, as opening batsmen, Nisar Ahmed and Ivan Ismail, were victims of early dismissal.

Ahmed could only score four runs in his brief spell and cleared the boundary once, whereas Ismail had a quite shorter spell, exiting without a run to his name.

Experienced player Kashif Adnan, deployed at number three, withstood Strikers bowlers' challenge for a few overs, posting 11 runs, which consisted of two fours.

Youthful top order batsman, Mohamed Omary, boosted Pak Stars' score with skilful knocks, scoring 24 runs, cracking a four.

They were later pegged back, given Abdulrahman Akida exited with nine runs to his name, with his score consisting of a four.

Abdullah Jabiri, Zamoyoni Ramadhani and Basit Raza significantly pushed the squad's scores with double digit figures.

Jabiri scored 13 runs which included two fours, Raza notched 18 runs which included a six.

Ramadhan scored 19 runs, with his score consisting of two fours and a six.

Pak Stars' low order batsmen failed to live up to expectations, with none of them ending with double digit figure.

Skipper Maqsood Alam and Muhammad Mudasser had unbeaten spells, with Alam recording five runs not out.

Mudasser ended three runs short of two-digit figure, with his score consisting of a four.

Spinner Lazaro Festo was Strikers' most impressive bowler, given he registered three wickets, giving away 19 runs in four overs.

Ramesh Alluri finished his bowling spell with two wickets, seeking to help his side foil efforts by Pak Stars to register a bigger total.

Despite chasing a modest target of 121 runs, Strikers lost steam, registering 107 runs for nine wickets in 20 overs.

The team's chase was dealt a blow early on, with openers, Trushal Jethwa and Jatin Darji, succumbing to early exits.

The remainder of Strikers' top order equally failed to live up to expectations, making their way back to the pavilion in quick succession.

Middle order batsmen, Lazaro Festo and Vaibhav Bhatia, were eventually the ones that ended with notable contribution.

Festo recorded 32 runs which included three fours to end as Strikers' top run getter, whereas Bhatia chipped in with 26 runs.

Pak Stars' Akida unleashed his skilful deliveries and saw to it the team frustrated Strikers' chase, ending with a four-wicket haul and giving away 18 runs in his four-over spell.

Ramadhani and Raza dashed away Strikers' hopes of getting down to successful chase, given they ended with two wickets apiece in their respective four overs.

Are Yanga on the verge of second half collapse?



Yanga defender, Lamine Moro (R), celebrates with fellow players after he had netted for the outfit in a Vodacom Premier League match against Mtibwa Sugar, which took place in Morogoro recently. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA blew everyone away in the first few months of the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League Season.

From the beginning of the campaign results improved dramatically compared to last season, the players looked comfortable despite wholesale change made to the squad that included 14 players going out and 13 others coming into the team.

They quickly won over the media and sceptical fans who were unconvinced they would have trouble given the many changes done to the technical bench and playing unit.

Expectations skyrocketed to the extent head coach Zlatko Krmpotic was sacked five matches into his reign for what was alleged to be unhappiness with the quality of football offered despite winning four and drawing one to go top of the table.

A new head coach in Cedric Kaze was brought to implement a new system. Even with all the sudden and unexpected change, Yanga kept pushing on and the results were good enough to convince fans and pundits this was a squad good enough to finally end the four year title trophy dry spell. By the end of the first round of matches, Yanga were nine points clear at the top of the table.

They went 17 matches unbeaten. On top of that there was a hard fought Mapinduzi Cup tournament victory over traditional rivals, Simba SC, in Zanzibar. Everything was on going on record.

Then came the second half collapse. One win in seven matches. In addition to failing to win direct clashes with Kagera Sugar and Prisons, Yanga also failed to achieve wins over the likes of Mbeya City FC, Polisi Tanzania and most recently Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC.

The stunning 2-1 loss to Coastal Union ended their unbeaten run and ultimately spelled the end of coach Kaze. Yanga won just two of their seven league games, and little over a month before they were flying high, the Burundian Kaze was sacked, and his assistant Juma Mwambusi was reinstated to steady the ship as they mulled over whether to appoint a third coach in the season or wait till the end of the campaign.

Many hoped Yanga would be back on form following the end of the international break and the 21 days of national mourning period for the late President John Pombe Magufuli.

Fans hoped their response to the earlier seven games slump after a month-long break would tell us a great deal about what we can expect from the rest of this season and beyond.

Saturday's one-all draw with KMC FC was not the instant of fortunes that Yanga fans expected after interim head coach Mwambusi had spent the whole weekend talking about the confidence in his squad.

Talking ahead of the KMC FC game at the beginning of last week, Mwambusi said: "The players are getting stronger and ready for the upcoming matches, even in practice they seem to be strong, which is a good thing."

He added: "The biggest thing I believe they will do is making a difference and get good results in the coming matches as everything is going on well." Defender Dickson Job also echoed his coach's sentiment: "We are progressing well with the preparations for our next Premier League games and the Federation Cup, we have had a long period of preparation under coach Mwambusi."

He noted: "The coach has improved a lot of aspects including boosting our confidence and tactics to seek victory, so, I believe we will show great changes in our next games."

All the pre-match talk proved empty as KMC FC proved to be the better side. So much has happened since December that it is easy for soccer followers to forget that Yanga had an amazing unbeaten run this season. In the first half of the season, they had a seven-match winning run on two occasions.

The latest draw threatens to send them into a death spiral of shattered confidence which even a new coach could struggle to drag them out of.

Yanga are known to have a record of strong finish but first they need to collect themselves and arrest the slump in form that is sliding them back towards mediocrity.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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