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By Henry Mwangonde

The BANK of Tanzania (BoT) has suspended the appointment of TIB Corporate Bank Ltd (TIB-CBL) managing director Frank Nyabundege and replaced him with Frank Luvanda following the bank's unsatisfactory performance.

In a statement issued yesterday in Dar es Salaam, BoT said that the move was taken to make government-owned banks do better as well as strengthen the financial sector.

"Accordingly, the Bank of Tanzania as mandated under section 33(2)(b) of the Banking and Financial

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Engineer Kamugenyi Lutegeya (R, with notebook) briefs January Makamba (C, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), when the latter toured the Stiegler's Gorge hydropower project in Coast Region at the weekend. Left is National Environment Management Council director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Maasai giraffe subspecies now declared endangered

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE population of a subspecies of an iconic animal, the giraffe that is mainly found in Tanzania and Kenya, has declined by nearly 50 per cent in the last 30 years, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), an international agency on the status of wild animals and plants.

IUCN announced at the weekend that Maasai giraffes, a subspecies spread throughout Kenya and Tanzania, are now endangered, with an estimated 35,000 Maasai giraffes remaining.

Their population has fallen by nearly 50 percent in the last three decades, while Africa's overall giraffe population has decreased by up to 40 percent in the same timeframe.

Maasai giraffes are iconic, says Tanya Sanerib, international legal director for the Centre for Biological Diversity. Given that they're one of the largest subspecies of giraffes, they're the "quintessential" animal one is likely to think of when thinking of giraffes. For this subspecies

to be declared endangered is a wake-up call, the director underlines.

"This was devastating news...It really sounds the alarm bell," she says. "It really indicates that we need to be doing more for giraffes internationally and with whatever tools are available."

This is the first time the Maasai subspecies (*Giraffa camelopardalis* ssp. *tippelskirchi*) was assessed on its own—previously, it was included as part of the IUCN Red List's general giraffe listing (*Giraffa camelopardalis*), which considers giraffes "vulnerable," a step further away from extinction than "endangered." Of the nine subspecies of giraffes, Maasai and reticulated giraffes are endangered, and Nubian and Kordofan giraffes are critically endangered.

Hunting giraffes is illegal in both Kenya and Tanzania, but they are poached for their hide, meat, bones, and tails. An estimated two to ten percent of the population is hunted illegally every year in Serengeti National Park alone, according to the IUCN. Poaching has increased because of civil unrest and emerging markets for giraffe parts, including tail-hair jewelry and bone carvings. There's even a belief among some that giraffe bone marrow and brains can cure HIV and AIDS, Tanzanian media have reported. Giraffes in central Africa are also being poached for their tails, the agency says.

Giraffe deaths have also increased

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AU, TALIRI in cross-boundary training on indigenous cattle

By Guardian Correspondent, Transmara

TANZANIAN livestock keepers are in Kenya for training on improvement and protection of indigenous cattle breeds under the support from the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) and the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR).

The farmers who belong to a livestock keepers' association in Longido District will benefit from instruction on artificial insemination (AI), protection of traditional cattle breeds and development of animal feeding farms.

They will also exchange experience with their counterparts from the Transmara zone in Kenya. The farmers are trained on protecting the traditional Sahiwal breeds available in most East African countries, organisers said.

The project coordinator on the Tanzanian side, Dr Zebron Nziku said the program is beneficial to



Dr Nziku noted that Tanzania and Kenya are implementing the project to boost productivity for the East African market and exports

livestock keepers especially as the government is working to improve and protect indigenous cattle breeds.

The project which addresses problems of improvement and protection of indigenous cattle breeds is supported by the African Union, the European Union and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

"We have trained them on how to protect indigenous cattle breeds especially Sahiwal. The training involved cattle farmers and livestock officers from Longido and Transmara," said Dr Nziku, noting that the farmers will be able to produce more indigenous cattle breeds.

Kenyan beef cattle keepers in Transmara have successfully managed to protect indigenous breeds and are producing many Sahiwal cattle through artificial insemination, he stated.

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'Violence, abuse of children still on the rise in Zanzibar'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

DESPITE a number of interventions by the government and stakeholders, Zanzibar is still facing high levels of children and women abuse including early marriages, abandonment and sexual and physical violence.

"The government takes various efforts including coming up with laws, policies and plans to protect children against all sorts of violence, but yet such cruel acts against them are on the rise in the Isles," said the Director of SOS Children's Village, Asha Salim in an interview with The Guardian.

She insisted on parents and guardians to properly take up their parental roles as per international conventions ratified by both the Union and Zanzibar governments.

Apart from protecting children against violence,



parents are expected to provide them with necessary needs and ensure their basic rights to education, medical treatment and being heard.

"The government should ensure proper supervision and implementation of the laws and policies to enhance children protection,"

the director noted.

Amanda Proctors from Save the Children Zanzibar, said that violence against women and children was rampant worldwide, to which government is tasked with designing and implementing better strategies to end the problem in Zanzibar.

"We are collaborating with the government to promote the welfare of children in Zanzibar and make sure they get all their rights," she stated, calling for increased education opportunities for girls.

Fatma Ahmad, Save the Children manager for children services, said the situation is worse in North Unguja region compared to other places across Zanzibar.

She said children in Zanzibar face a number of violence-prone situations including abandonment,

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Institutions Act, 2006 has appointed Fred Luvanda, from the Directorate of Financial Sector Supervision to oversee the affairs and daily business operations of TIB Corporate Bank Limited as Acting Managing Director," BoT statement reads in part.

The central bank said the measure has been taken to improve the oversight and performance of banks owned by the government, and that the TIB corporate entity will continue to provide all banking services including payment of matured obligations.

The central bank assured the public that it will continue to protect the interest of depositors and maintain the stability of the banking sector.

TIB- CBL is a government-owned development bank, providing strategic commercial banking services to the general public.

The BoT has taken various initiatives in the banking sector to improve efficiency and protecting the stability of the banking system.

In 2018 BoT revoked business licenses, took possession of, discontinued operations and placed under compulsory liquidation five banks for being undercapitalized and violating the Banking and Financial institutions Act of 2006 and its

regulations.

In its 'end of mission' report released in December 2017, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cited the decrease in capitalization ratios in some small and mid-sized banks as well as their high non-performing loans among the factors that could lead to a slowdown in the Tanzanian economy.

The IMF report echoed the stated view of President John Magufuli and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who had directed the central bank to take the necessary measures on banks that do not perform well.

In May, 2017, the central bank revoked the business licence of Mbinga Community Bank (MCB) PLC based in Mbinga District, Ruvuma Region due to insufficient capital.

Regulations issued in 2014 by the BoT indicated minimum capital for fully fledged banks (commercial banks and cooperative banks with countrywide network) at 15bn/-, while microfinance banks and cooperative banks with regional networks have capital requirement of 5bn/-.

Community banks need a 2bn/- capital base, whereas development finance institutions require 50bn/-, merchant banks 25bn/- and Islamic banks 15bn/- capital base to qualify for operating licences.



Home Affairs deputy minister Hamad Masauni (in jacket) is briefed yesterday on a locally made machine used in the manufacture of bed sheets. He was on a tour of Butimba Prison in Mwanza city. Photo courtesy of Home Affairs ministry

Taxi drivers threaten to down tools from today

NAIROBI

Taxi drivers across Kenya have threatened to down their tools today to push for implementation of better pricing by the dominant app companies.

The drivers have accused the dominant companies of ignoring terms of a deal they entered into in July, last year.

According to the taxi drivers, US-based Uber and Estonian software firm Taxify have refused to negotiate in good faith with the drivers' representatives regarding the various changes they have been making without proper consultations.

John Kimani, president of Digital Taxi Forum, has said they will remain on strike until an agreement, that will be favourable to all stakeholders, is reached. "We have no other recourse than to begin our indefinite strike from July 15. We will be picketing and holding peaceful demonstrations daily until our concerns are addressed," Kimani.

They are aggrieved that the dominant companies have been engaging in price wars, much to the detriment of the drivers and third party vehicle owners who are never consulted whenever the changes are made. The drivers say this has led to all-time low fares that have reduced their earnings to an unsustainable level. **AGENCIES**

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implementing the project to boost productivity for the East African market and exports.

Most Sahiwal trans-boundary breeds available in East Africa also have the capacity to produce 14 to 16 liters of milk per day.

"This project is meant to improve the welfare of livestock keepers through increased productivity," he elaborated.

Project managers have acquired three Sahiwal heifers that are kept at the National Artificial Insemination Centre (NAIC) in Arusha for production of the best cattle breeds, he said.

Neema Urassa, the project co-coordinator for TARILI in Dodoma said a total of 100 livestock keepers were put through a number capacity building seminars.

The project helps farmers to improve nutrition in their daily meals by increased uptake of milk and enhanced income from milk and beef production.

Dr Paul Mollel, the director of NAIC, urged cattle farmers to adapt to modern improved breeds for increased productivity. The center is open to all farmers as it has the best cattle breeds to enable farmers produce enough for food and commerce.

A Marketing Department official at the ministry, Abdalla Temba said the government is committed to ensure availability of the best cattle breeds across the country.

He said the cattle breeds cover both dairy and beef cattle farmers.

Peter Lengooya ole Kipara, the vice chairman of the Longido Livestock Keepers Association, commended the governments of Kenya and Tanzania for providing them with the training.

David ole Mosingo, the leader of Sahiwal Livestock Keepers Association in Kenya, said farmers had benefited with training, vowing to use acquired

skills to practice modern cattle farming to enhance productivity.

The Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Mpina recently indicated that Tanzania is rich in livestock resources with a total of 32.2 million cattle.

In his ministerial estimates to the legislature, he also said the country is endowed with 20 million goats, 5.5m sheep, two million pigs and 636,997 donkeys.

There are also 79.1 million chickens of which 38.5 million are traditional chicken breeds and 40.6 million broilers, he asserted.



Beauty Mwambembule (R, in white uniform), chief nursing officer at Dar es Salaam's Amana referral hospital, explains to visitors from Bangladesh yesterday how the medical facility has been implementing the Kaizen approach. Kaizen is a Japanese philosophy that focuses on continual improvement throughout all aspects of life. It is meant to eliminate waste in all systems of an organisation through improving standardised activities and processes. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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because human populations have grown and expanded into what used to be wildlands, leading to increased incidents of crop damage and vehicle strikes. Hunting for bushmeat is also a threat.

Giraffes historically have been understudied compared to other threatened species. While thousands of scientific papers have been written on white rhinos, only about 400 such papers cover giraffes, according to giraffe researcher Axel Janke. There are fewer giraffes than elephants left in Africa.

"They're the forgotten megafauna,

so to speak," says Julian Fennessy, co-director and co-founder of the nonprofit Giraffe Conservation Foundation. "They've sort of slipped away, sadly, while more attention has been given to elephant, rhino, lion and other species." But more networking is now being conducted among scientists working to save giraffes.

We have so much to learn about giraffes, Sanerib says, it would be a shame to lose them. For example, they have complex circulatory systems that could have implications for understanding humans' high blood pressure. Researchers have also found

that they hum at night, and they have no idea why.

"We have this species that's going extinct, and we have these phenomenal, really fascinating things about them that we don't know the answers to," she says enthusiastically.

Although for years there's been a consensus that there's one species of giraffe with nine subspecies, evidence of genetic differences has emerged in recent years, suggesting that there are actually four species of giraffe and that the Maasai subtype is its own species. Though Maasai giraffes aren't widely recognized as a unique species, Fennessy says

categorizing them as their own could reap more conservation benefits. For example, the United States' Endangered Species Act grants protections to animals at the species level, which means giraffes are not considered endangered by U.S. standards, even though several subspecies clearly are.

But overall, Fennessy says this new assessment shines a light on the plight of these animals.

"By identifying that they are endangered, hopefully now collaboratively with governments and partners, we can turn the tide before it's too late," he added.

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rape and sexual abuse.

Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) Project Manager in Zanzibar, Hawra Shamte suggested tougher punishments against the culprits.

"It is possible to have a Zanzibar that is free from any forms of violence. This can be reality if the government and stakeholders work closely together," she declared.

A resident, Sabra Ali said that incidences of violence humiliate the victims. "Children are the nation's future workforce so they must be raised in safer ways and provided with all their needs especially education," she emphasized.

Another resident, Ali Haji said: "Legal measures should be taken against those involved in hiding the culprits. Girls are being raped and married by force but some parents protect the culprits only to be given monies."

Haji was concerned that most of the cases are dropped at court over lack of evidence and witnesses.

Magistrates Naila Abdulbaswit of the Children's Court in Vuga, Zanzibar said that witnesses' failure to appear at court sessions have been affecting case rulings.

Abdulbaswit noted that failure of witnesses to appear at the court affects the proceedings and sometimes leads to hearing being cancelled.

Thureiya Hassan Mohammed, the chairman of the Children Council at Mahonda, insisted that children are entitled to all their rights as per the country's laws.

Moudline Castico, the Minister of Empowerment, Elders, Women and Children, said the government is still working to ensure total protection of the children despite some challenges.

The government is implementing the national work plan on ending

violence against women and children in accordance with the country's development vision 2025.

Despite Zanzibar having the Children Act, 2011 which obtained the Future Policy Award in 2015, incidences of violence against them are on the rise.

The Future Policy Award was provided by the World Future Council, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Tanzania has recently marked the Day of the African Child, celebrated every June 16th since 1991, when it was first initiated by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The day honors those who participated in the Soweto Uprising in 1976 on that day. It also raises awareness of the continuing need for improvement of the kind of education provided to African children.

On June 16, 1976 in Soweto, a vast neighbourhood of Johannesburg, about ten thousand black school children marched in a column more than half a mile long, protesting the poor quality of their education and demanding their right to be taught in English and not Afrikaans, the Boer local language.

Hundreds of young students were shot, the most famous being Hector Pieterse, whose photo of being carried by young colleagues while he died in their arms was splashed in newspapers around the world, and has become the standard memory photo of the Soweto massacre.

Around 176 people were killed in the protests of the following two weeks, and around one thousand injured.

On June 16 every year, governments, NGOs, international organisations and other stakeholders gather to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the full realization of the rights of children Africa.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Govt and Germany out to implement programme aimed at improving water security, climate resilience in urban areas

THE government in collaboration with the German Corporation for International had agreed to implement a six million Euros (15.5bn/-) water programme aimed at improving water security and climate resilience in urban areas in the country.

The programme funded by German through GIZ, German

Corporation for International Cooperation, is a continuation of the long standing Tanzania-German technical cooperation in the water sector, according to Water Ministry Permanent Secretary, Prof Kitila

Mkumbo

The programme, according to the PS redefines the long standing technical cooperation with German in water sector. "The programme is just another commitment by

the German government to help changing lives of Tanzanians" he said during an event to sign the implementation agreement here.

Prof Mkumbo said the three-year technical cooperation programme

would focus on three areas, pointing out the areas as climate resilient water resources management, water security and sanitation in urban areas and skills development in the water and sanitation sector

He noted that it would help in improvement of water supply and infrastructure in underserved urban areas namely Songea, Tunduma, Mbeya, Shinyanga and Korogwe.

Prof Mkumbo further said that the programme would improve climate resilient water resources management including climate change adaptation measures through multi-stakeholder involvement.

"It will also facilitate in climate resilient water safety plans for Water Supply and Sanitation Authorities in selected regions," he said.

Prof Mkumbo noted that the programme would help enhancement of employability for technicians or artisans largely female in

the water sector by setting up apprenticeship for water and sanitation training for them.

For his part, GIZ acting Country Director, Dr Johannes Schoeneberger said the programme would provide technical and financial support to the government to enhance water resources management.

"The programme will facilitate capacity building training in water area to improve water security and climate resilience," said the GIC acting Country Director.

While presenting on the programme, Head of Water Programme in GIZ, Dr Ernst Doering, said the programme would develop action plans for conservation and protection of water sources to enhance climate resilient water resources management.

"It will also develop business model for sanitation service chain to improve water security and sanitation in urban centres," he said.



Exim Bank Tanzania's Mtwara Branch members of staff attend to customers at the bank's pavilion during the Tanzania Cashewnut International Investment Forum held in Mtwara municipality at the weekend. The bank has been supporting cashewnut farmers and exporters for many years by extending to them financial services. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

Minister Makamba outlines comprehensive measures to preserve Rufiji water sources

THE government through National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has re-affirmed its commitment in protecting Rufiji water sources given its potentials for the successful implementation of Stigler's Gorge hydro power project.

Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), January Makamba said here over the weekend after touring the project site accompanied by NEMC senior officials that the major goal was to conserve the environment in all water sources for the project's sustainability.

"The preservation of Rufiji water sources is important for sustainable development of the power dam project which will bring a lot of

benefits to the nation," he said.

Makamba added that NEMC has already opened an office at the project site to ensure the smooth implementation of that project.

"Presence of experts in the project site is crucial for easy accessibility of their services when needed and easy monitoring of project development in relation to environment protection," he said.

Makamba took the opportunity to call on people leaving in the neighborhood of rivers flowing to Rufiji to be conscious of environment protection and use water in sustainable manner knowing that there is a need for water in national development activities.

NEMC Director General Dr Samuel Gwamaka said that the council continues to implement its objectives in preserving environment through educating its stakeholders on environmental protection matters in a bid to make the government plan of building a middle income and industrial economy country by 2025 a reality.

"We continue with our environment conservation mission through educating people on the importance of protecting environment for the benefit of the nation in general," he said.

Dr Gwamaka pointed out that the Stigler's Gorge project would bring not only power production but

tourists also would pour in the area to see one of the biggest electrical dam in Africa.

Selous Game Reserve Manager, Henock Msoche assured security and support to all the people working in the project area.

"We are well positioned and our security people are at work all the time to make sure that people working in the project area are safe," he said.

The Stigler's Gorge project is expected to produce 2,100 megawatts when completed and stands as a major force behind the realization of the 2025's vision of Tanzania becoming a middle income and industrial base economy.

District council in Morogoro commends environmental conservationists in Tanzania

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Morogoro District Council has commended environmental conservationists in the country for supporting the government efforts to deliver improved socio-economic services in the district through sustainable charcoal production.

Morogoro District Council chairperson Kibena Kingu gave the example of Milingwa village located more than 120 km from Morogoro town, which had managed to raise more than 234.6m/- for a period of two years from sustainable charcoal, the amount, which, she said has surpassed even total revenues collection of the whole district for the period.


Speaking at a meeting which brought together Morogoro district councilors and other stakeholders in Morogoro yesterday, Kingu said that Transforming Tanzania Charcoal Sector Project (TTCS) which is phasing out in November this year, should continue for the third phase so that many villages can benefit.

She said that since the project started community based forest management (CBFM) in the five villages in the district, the rate of deforestation has gone down quickly compared to other villages that has no such project.

The TTCS project manager Charles Leonard said that so far more than 419m/- has been raised in the project implementing villages for the period of two years from 2017. He named the villages as Milingwa which has collected 234.6m/-, Matuli 106.5m/-, Duguzi 60.8m/- and Lulongwe 17.9m/- . He said from the revenues raised by the villages, the district council received 101.5m/-

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG), Assistant Executive Director Emmanuel Lyimo said the project has managed to empower the villagers in terms of community based forest management and manage well their forests, and climate change. "Currently, more than 469 hectares of forests disappear every year. Community based forest management will help a lot to reverse the situation," he said.

The TTCS project is being implemented by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group, Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network) and Tanzania Traditional Energy Development organization (TaTEDO).



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Fortnight-long driving course to benefit over 100 women motorists

By Michael Sikapundwa, Dodoma

OVER 100 women drivers are set to receive a two-weeks driving course by the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) and World Bank aimed at empowering them with defensive driving skills after a study found women being more careful in driving than men.

LATRA Director General, Gilliad Ngewe said the National Institute of Transport (NIT) in Dar es Salaam has been named as training centre saying driving curricular is at final stage where training fee will be paid by the World bank which will include theory and practical plus psychological training sessions.

Ngewe told The Guardian over the weekend in Dodoma that the trainee is any Tanzanian woman not over 25 age, with class D and c driving licence with writing and reading skills adding that July 31 will be the dead line for

receiving applicants' letters.

He said this is a trial training once performed well with great changes over minimizing road accidents. World bank promised to support another course to 100 women's drivers in an aim of ending up road accidents in Tanzania as well as in third world countries.

Apart from training, LATRA has scheduled to offer driving certification permit to all drives countrywide before the end of 2019, according to Ngewe, LATRA has given power to certify drivers by laws regardless they passed at driving schools or not.

"This is an effective way to curb road accidents and realization of professional drivers since before certification a driver will be given exams theoretical then practically, as performed as authority certify him the driving license supposed to be as well as nature of the vehicle to drive," he added



Neema Urassa (L), co-coordinator of the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute's Sahiwal project in Dodoma, addresses herders in Kenya's Transmara during a recent training visit by Tanzanians to their colleagues in Kenya. The project is sponsored by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Shangwe

By Correspondent John Ngunge, Mufindi

THE Norwegian government has vowed to continue supporting the ongoing Tanzania's forest conservation initiatives, particularly those which are involving local communities living close to nature forest reserves.

Norwegian ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen made the remarks recently during her two-days visit to communities around Uzungwa Scarp Nature Reserve and Kilombero Nature Reserve in Mufindi and Kilolo District, Iringa Region.

During the visits, Jacobsen inspected projects implemented by the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF), through the assistance of Royal Norwegian Embassy.

The envoy said she was delighted to see involvement of local communities in protection of nature forests.

"Norway is a good friend of Tanzania, and will continue working together with the government and local partners by establishing alternative income projects to local communities around the nature reserves so that they should not involve themselves in destroying forests," Jacobsen said, adding:

"I am pleased to learn that our support in nature conservation by establishing alternative income projects to local communities is impressive."

She said her visit intended to see and inspect agricultural and animal keeping activities established in areas around the nature forest reserves which aim at involving the local communities in

Norwegian govt pledges continued support to initiatives to preserve Tanzania's forests

protection of nature forest reserves.

She said the impact of degradation of nature forest reserves at an area or country, will not only affect a particular country and her people alone, but the results would be felt globally.

"I have been told that you're doing a good job in nature conservation and Norway is very much concerned in climate change and for nature conservation," she said, when speaking to local communities in a different villages last week.

However, apart from the financial support, she said the big work in conservation has to be done by communities themselves and advised them that the money they serve from the projects should be used to establish other projects.

She said projects that Norway supports through EAMCEF apart from establishing and promoting ecosystem tourism, would also help to protect, restore and promote sustainable terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managing forests, halting and reversing land degradation and biodiversity loss.

She said they have been supporting EAMCEF for eight consecutive years and found that it is an important organization in the work of protection of environment and natural forests.

"They have managed to raise income of the people who now are not disturbing the forests," she said.

For his part, Mufindi District

Commissioner, Jamhuri William, said they are delighted to have mutual cooperation extended by EAMCEF to local communities in his district in conservation.

He said a number of income generating projects established in collaboration with the fund, has resulted into improving the livelihoods of his people and was thankful to the government of Norway.

He said illegal acts of cutting forest trees, hunting animals and burning forests are to a wider extend decreasing.

The DC requested the local communities to cooperate with the Fund in their day to day activities in protecting nature forests but warned them against causing bush fires during the time they prepare their fields.

Kilolo District Commissioner, Asia Juma Abdullah also suggested the need for increased efforts to heighten tourism sector which is not yet explored in the district.

In horticulture sector, she said they motivated farmers to grow avocados and there have been a positive impact on it but their worry is where they can get market for the produce after a few years to come.

She requested the envoy to look for a market and investors in horticulture sector who can add value chain of their produce.

She said they have grouped together about 4,000 youth and have

managed to change their mind set after empowering them on alternative projects in collaboration with the EAMCEF.

She said acts of forests degradation like burning forests, hunting and cutting down trees are in a decreasing.

For his part, EAMCEF's Executive Director, Francis Sabuni, said the envoy inspected conservation agriculture projects which resulted into increased crop production due to water and soil conservation measures thereby ensuring availability of food all the year long.

Other agricultural activities are fish farming, tree planting, dairy livestock keeping, pig farming and fruits farming which have increased income of local communities.

Also at Uzungwa Scarp Nature Forest Reserve, the envoy inspected ecotourism activities in a protected area management, such as boundary clearing done in collaboration with the local communities.

Sabuni said mountain blocks of the eastern arc spread over 15 districts in five regions and these are Tanga (East and West Usambara and Nguru Mountains), Kilimanjaro (North and South Pare Mountains), Morogoro (Nguru, Uluguru, Ukaguru, Malundwe, Udzungwa, Mahenge and Rubeho Mountains), Dodoma (Rubeho mountains) and Iringa (Uzungwa mountains).

TCRA and police nab unregistered mobile phone agents in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in collaboration with the police force has conducted operation to nab unregistered mobile phone agents operating in Zanzibar.

During the exercise that was meant to arrest agents operating contrary to the TRCA regulations, more than 50 agents were arrested at Darajani area, in Unguja Urban.

Head of TCRA office in Zanzibar, Esuvatie Masinga said the inspection was to track mobile phone companies' agents and freelancers who register and sell telephone lines (Sim cards) contrary to regulations provided by the regulator.

Masinga explained that most of the agents and freelancers were volunteers, and did not have relevant permits such as licences and accreditation letters from the respective mobile phone firms.

"Most of them do not have permanent offices, they operate in the streets along major roads, markets and the populated areas. What they are doing is illegally because they do not have accreditation letters from the respective mobile companies", said Masinga.

He however warned agents charging people who want to register their Sim cards electronically, insisting the electronic registration is free.

TCRA engineer in Zanzibar, Mtende Shirazi Hassan said that most of the agents had identity cards from respective mobile phone operators instead of accreditation letters.

He noted that agents are required to operate in offices and that they must have licences and relevant legal permits.

He said the exercise has been successful despite a few challenges where some agents closed their businesses to avoid being arrested.

Electronic registration of telephone lines commenced on May 1, this year requiring all sim cards holders to re-register by using National Identification Cards (IDs).

The new system is expected to reduce the unknown mobile phone users, thus curtail the rise of terrorism and cybercrime.

In April this year, President John Magufuli directed that people without national identification cards should not be denied mobile phone services for not registering their simcards using the document when the set deadline elapses in September.

AfDB convinced innovative fund will lay foundations for a more prosperous Africa

KIGALI

AFRICAN governments must explore innovative technologies to drive transformation on the continent, board members at Africa50's General Shareholders Meeting held here heard on Wednesday.

Rwanda's Prime Minister, Edouard Ngirente, opened the meeting with a call for the exploration of digital opportunities to

move the continent forward.

Africa50 is an innovative fund for developing and financing African infrastructure, funded by the African Development Bank, African governments and private and institutional investors.

AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina, who is Africa50 board chair, urged more African countries to join the institution, which he described as "the continent's main

investment vehicle".

"Africa50 is on track to launch a private sector third-party fund to leverage \$1 billion from private sector institutional investors," he said, adding: "I encourage countries that have not yet joined Africa50 to do so. Join us as we move towards a future of great promise for Africa. Join us as we lay the foundations for a more prosperous Africa."

Africa 50 CEO Alain Ebobissé meanwhile

noted that the organisation had made significant progress over the years and had built an effective partnership with several African countries.

Africa50's current membership now stands at 28 African countries and the firm is set to launch a private sector third-party fund that will be used to leverage \$1 billion into infrastructure from private sector institutional investors.

"A game changer in the infrastructure space in Africa will occur when enough decision makers acknowledge that the opportunity cost of delayed projects implementation is very high," noted Ebobissé, adding: "Doing nothing or slowing down projects costs money and deprives citizens of services and economic opportunity."

Adesina also made an appeal to investors to attend the bank's 2019 Africa Investment Forum, stressing that Africa is ready for massive investments and offers an attractive investment destination.

The lead partners behind November 11 - 13 Johannesburg event include Development Bank of Southern Africa, African Export Import Bank (AfreximBank), Trade and Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, Africa50, Africa Finance Corporation, and European Investment Bank.

"If you are an investor, do not miss Africa Investment Forum 2019. Africa is ready for massive investments - and the environment is

getting more attractive for investors," Adesina said.

He elaborated; "One such investment is the construction of the bridge that will connect the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Congo - a \$550 million transaction being led by Africa50 in partnership with the African Development Bank."

The Africa Investment Forum is widely regarded as the continent's biggest investment marketplace for accelerated economic transformation.

The recently launched African Continental Free Trade Area has opened possibilities for the world's largest free trade area and an integrated single market for Africa, delegates to the Africa50 meeting heard.

To enjoy the full benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, the AfDB president said the continent needed to be connected through roads, rail, ports, airports, ICT backbones and energy corridors, "This will be crucial for spurring future economic growth in Africa," he stressed.

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28 people arraigned on corruption charges

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

TWENTY-EIGHT people including 18 ward land tribunal officers have been taken to court in the past three months by the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Kagera region for various offences.

PCCB Kagera regional chief, John Joseph presented a three months report to journalists yesterday saying the development was part of the efforts and strategies the agency had taken to combat and fight corruption dubbed 'Towards zero tolerance to corruption' which includes, investigations, mass education awareness and system analysis.

He said during the period 224 reports were received, 35 were filed (RB) where it had won two cases, and lost two, while other cases are in the process of investigations.

Joseph mentioned institutions which are leading as district councils with 87 complaints and police complaints (38.8 percent) lands (21 complaints), fisheries (14) and the judiciary (13).

He said through sensitization campaigns PCCB has managed to create anti-corruption clubs in 155 primary schools with 3007 school members, 14 open meetings with 142 participants in the media and others.

In Misenyi District Council, PCCB visited Kagera Sugar Company to track the employment and ranking procedures, in Kyerwa, it worked on crops levies and management of cooperative unions.

In Karagwe, the analysis was on registration insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) and Rural Electrification Agency (REA), while in Muleba, it was about water projects tracking, and Ngara on development projects of construction, water and agriculture.

In Bukoba District Council, PCCB scanned into primary and secondary school classrooms construction, dispensaries and the extension of Kishanje and Maruku health centres, as well as district revenues from projects and on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), and continuing giving civics education through various outlets.

Joseph said the focus on the forthcoming three months from this July to September 2019 is to keep a sharp eye on agricultural inputs, water projects and on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA), and continuing giving civics education through various outlets.



Amanda Walter, a senior communications officer with Tanzania Breweries Limited, makes a presentation at a 'Responsible Drinking' seminar for police officers held at the firm's Dar es Salaam plant at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Indonesia to support African states in human resources development

THE Indonesian government has pledged to support human resources development of African countries including Tanzania by providing more scholarship for students to pursue education in Jakarta.

Indonesian ambassador to Tanzania, Prof Ratland Pardede made the remarks in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the opening of Indonesian scholarship awardees gathering and movie screening.

He said that their government hold a steadfast commitment in supporting the human resources development of African countries, including Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uni Comoros, by providing scholarship for student to pursue further study in the best Universities in Indonesia.

He said one of the biggest Scholarship Scheme is the Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship (Kemitraan Negara Berkembang/KNB).

"We have the honour to inform you that the result of 2019KNB Scholarship has been announced, and a total of 20 students from Tanzania (7 students), Rwanda (6 students), and Burundi (7 students) has been awarded a full scholarship this year. In total, from 2012 until 2018, the scholarship has been awarded for 57 Tanzanian Student, 45 Rwandan Student, 21 Burundian Student, and 1 Comorian Student", he said.

Prof Pardede said: If we count also the technical cooperation, training, and short course, more than 100 Tanzanian student and professionals has been awarded for education and training for various fields in Indonesia.

He noted that some of the alumni of Indonesian Universities from Tanzania who has become part of the productive member of society has also established an association of alumni named TAIFA, headed by Rajab Ali from Zanzibar, currently one of the leading researcher of marine products in Isles.

Currently the Embassy of Republic of Indonesia is reaching out for all the

alumni, to explore and discuss ideas for further cooperation between Indonesia and accredited country, he said.

He explained that Indonesia and Africa has a longstanding history of Friendship, under the framework of Asia-Africa Conference as well Non-Aligned Movement, Jakarta and Africa weaved a strong bond with each other.

"We have supported and speak for each other in international for a, especially on the issue of a just and fair World Order. For us, African countries are much like an old brother", he added. He stated that as the time advances and era moves on, those strong bond relevancy is still as strong as ever, with the need to transform those bonds into a more fruitful one to correspond to the current situation.

In this regard, the economic cooperation is easily being put on top of our mind as the most relevant cooperation. To achieve that goal, we need to have strong people to people connection and interaction as the prerequisite condition, he added.

Against this backdrop, he said they deem it important to promote the socio-cultural ties between Indonesia and Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Union of Comoros.

He also said along this objective, they identify that Movie and education are among the most effective medium to promote. That's the reason why convene this occasion, the congratulatory Ceremony of Indonesian Scholarship Awardees as well as the Opening of Indonesian Movie Festival.

The envoy said people are what constitute a country, and therefore investing on human resources development is one of the most vital thing for any country.

In this light, he said their government continuously strive to improve the quality of our education. As the member of G-20 countries as well as the Trillion Dollar Club, the need for a capable human resources is very high in Indonesia.

Currently more than 20

percent of the expenditures of their national budget goes for education, he added.

The leading High Education Institutions in Indonesia has sit in the rank of World Class University and receiving international students from all over the world, while the other continuously strive to reach the same recognition.

The culture of research and innovation is being nurtured, contributing in the national vibrant atmosphere of start-up business in this digital era.

Aside from the education, one of the main agenda of event was the Movie Screening as the Opening of Indonesian Movie Festival that will be continued from 15-17 July 2019 in Alliance Francaise, Dar es Salaam.

The envoy said: We are totally aware that most of

the people in Tanzania are yet to see the Indonesian Film, and therefore, we seize the chance to introduce our Movie.

In this recent years, Indonesian movie is steadily gaining worldwide reputation in various kind of movie Genre. Drama, Action, Animation, the Indonesian creative workers are steadily increasing their capacity to brought something good onto the theatre, he said.

We hope that by watching these Indonesian Movies, Tanzanian people, especially Youth, the future entrepreneur and professionals, can be more familiarized with Indonesia, the culture and the opportunity that we got, and hopefully, can be inspired to come to Indonesia and deepen our good relations in all front.



NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID

Program Officer, Dar es Salaam – Norwegian Church Aid

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is a Norwegian non-governmental and development organization working to promote Social Justice, Human Rights and Economic Justice for poor communities. NCA has its foundations based in the congregation of churches in Norway, whose efforts are dedicated towards eradicating poverty, its causes and social deprivation. In Tanzania, NCA works in collaboration with local faith based partners.

Background:
From 2015 - 2018 Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) has been managing a Norwegian government grant for Haydom Lutheran Hospital (HLH) in Manyara Region. NCA has just signed an agreement with Norad to manage a new 4-year grant for HLH. The overall goal of the grant is to sustain the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care services to the communities served by HLH whilst supporting the hospital to transition toward institutional and financial sustainability. In addition to grants management, NCA is supporting the hospital with capacity development in the following areas: a) Clinical Services Monitoring, b) Health Sector Policy Advocacy, c) Hospital governance reform, d) Hospital leadership and management, and e) Replication of HLH innovations in Safer Births in the catchment area, nationally and other relevant NCA Country Programs in Africa. To deliver on these sub-project priorities, NCA will need to facilitate support from relevant expertise and networks. This includes, but is not limited to, support from Christian Social Service Commission (CSSC).

NCA is looking for a structured and result oriented person with very good programme management skills and academic background and/or working experience in health policy, financing, management in Tanzania. Some knowledge of social protection and gender programming is an advantage. The selected candidate will coordinate implementation of the Norad grant agreement and facilitate implementation of the sub-project agreement between HLH and NCA.

Job description

- Programme coordination:** Provide continuous support to HLH and secure efficient programme implementation. Review programme plans, proposals and budgets, and carry out project monitoring and report writing.
- Health advocacy:** Support and facilitate Haydom Lutheran Hospital in their effort to do effective advocacy towards Tanzanian authorities, and organize arenas for policy dialogue with the Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam and relevant government stakeholder.
- Cooperation:** Identification of relevant consultants/centres of expertise to assist HLH with capacity and organizational development and facilitation of timely contracts and services from the same.
- Budget responsibility** for relevant budget posts.

The right candidate will also be able to support the Norwegian Church Aid work under a new Fighting Inequality Programme 2020-2022, which focuses on Tax Funded Social Protection through Universal Health Coverage.
The selected candidate must be available for travel on short notice and travel between 70-90 days per year.

Qualifications

- Tanzanian national with a good Bachelor degree or preferably a Masters degree in Health Management, Social Development, Administration or related, relevant topics from a recognized learning institution.
- Minimum 5 years of relevant experience from public health, social policy work or International Health NGO in Tanzania.
- Excellent project management skills. Experience in coordinating people and processes.
- Knowledge and understanding of health systems and health financing in Tanzania is a requirement. International experience and knowledge of health sector donors in Tanzania is an advantage.
- Experience in advocacy on health or social protection policy in Tanzania
- Good knowledge of the health sector and centres of excellence, which can provide relevant capacity development, training or support services to HLH.
- Experience with faith-based social services is an advantage.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural setting and to interrelate with relevant stakeholders both at the national and sub-national levels. Professional interaction with NCA head office in Norway and relevant country offices in Africa is expected.

Personal qualities

- Systematic, structured and result oriented
- Energetic and enterprising
- Team player with good collaboration skills
- Ability to train and build capacity
- Good people skills, including relationship building with donors
- The person who is to be employed has to be loyal to Norwegian Church Aid's Christian values

Duty Station and Remuneration
The duty station is Mikochoeni, Dar es Salaam.

An attractive compensation package based on performance and consummate with the responsibility will apply to the successful candidate.

How to apply:
Please submit your application to the address ncatz@nca.no. Only electronic applications are considered. In the subject line of your email, please state clearly which position you apply for. The application should consist of a brief motivation letter and CV, compiled into one document of maximum 4 pages. The document name should start with your name and include which position you apply for. E.g. <Gasper Mdee – Program Officer>. Certificates are not of interest at this stage, but should be brought to 2nd round of interviews. Applications failing to meet these requirements or sent to other email addresses will not be considered. If you do not hear from us, please consider your application unsuccessful. Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) reserves the right not to make an appointment/contact. **Application deadline is 1 August 2019.**



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VACANCIES

Management and Development for Health (MDH) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose primary aim is to contribute to address public health priorities of the people of Tanzania and the world at large. These priorities include: communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child health (RMNCH); Nutrition; Non-Communicable Diseases of public health significance; as well as Health System Strengthening. MDH strongly believes in and works in partnership with various local and global institutions, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC); President's Office Regional Authorities and Local Government (PORALG); donor agencies; academic and non-academic institutions; implementing partners; civil society, community-based and faith-based organizations and others. All job positions require significant field work and travel up to 80% of the time. MDH don't have any agents and don't charge any fees or commission or any payments to the interested candidates. MDH seeks to recruit qualified individuals to fill in vacancies in the following regions:

1. DREAMS OFFICER: 1 Post; Kagera Reports to Project Manager

Job Summary: The DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored, and Safe) officer works with and supports the MDH Regional Project Manager to ensure efficient implementation, M&E and reporting of all service delivery for adolescent girls and young women. S/He is responsible for providing leadership in developing strategies and interventions to improve the quality and responsiveness of HIV prevention programming and service delivery for adolescent girls and young women. S/He will provide technical and management oversight to ensure the effective implementation of DREAMS Initiative interventions and their integration in respective district.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To support implementation, M&E and reporting of DREAMS initiative interventions under the Afya Kwanza project, as well as other relevant activities.
- To support sub partners in designing a safe space model to provide services to adolescent girls and young women in Muleba.
- Support sub partners to manage the implementation of DREAMS plans and budgets and ensure alignment with overall DREAMS objectives and operational guidelines.
- Work with CHMT, health facilities and community partners in the respective DREAMS District to ensure coordination with other programs and stakeholders.
- Support DREAMS partners to develop criteria for identifying and enrolling AGYW into safe spaces.
- Support sub partners in the day-to-day management and implementation of the DREAMS interventions and community strengthening activities in the respective DREAMS District.
- Support DREAMS sub partners to ensure timely reporting, monitoring, and analysis of results against set targets, and use of data to adjust implementation strategies as necessary.
- Support sub partners in developing, reviewing, and editing of program documents including progress reports, program descriptions, implementation plans, budgets, and MER plans.
- Strengthen effective internal and external referral system is in place to ensure smooth client linkage across services.
- To support Regional Project Manager in writing technical program documents including reports, best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents
- To support and advise the Regional Project Manager on all DREAMS initiative issues and perform other relevant duties as assigned by the Regional Project Manager

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Degree in Gender, Public Health, Social and/or Behavioral Sciences or a related field, with specific emphasis on community-level health promotion and/or education.
- Training and knowledge in community HIV/AIDS prevention and working with Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW).
- Experience in gender and gender based violence programming.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience in NGO and HIV environment.
- In-depth understanding of donor expectations for program results, outcomes, impact, and reporting.
- A strong team player with excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a high profile, fast-paced environment.
- Good strategic, analytical, problem-solving and systems thinking skills with capacity to see the big picture and ability to make sound judgment.
- Ability to communicate (verbally and in writing) technical issues effectively and persuasively.
- Fluency in English for day-to-day communication.
- Ability to use MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint).

2. VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMCM) OFFICER: 3Posts; Kagera, Kigoma, and Geita Reports to VMCM Manager

Job Summary: The Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMCM) officer works with and supports the MDH VMCM Manager to ensure efficient implementation, M&E, and reporting of voluntary medical male circumcision and Early Infant Male Circumcision (EIMC) services in supported regions. She/he is responsible for the field implementation, coordination and reporting of all VMCM/EIMC initiatives in her/his respective region under the guidance of the VMCM manager and in collaboration with other MDH staff and relevant regional, council and health facility staff. Candidate should be willing to join and/or work with MDH or its sub grantees in VMCM.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To support the VMCM Manager in implementation, M&E and reporting of VMCM/EIMC Key performance indicators under the Afya Kwanza project, in line with project work-plan
- Work with region and district teams to establish and integrate VMCM/EIMC services into HIV prevention and other initiatives as appropriate.
- Work with MOHCDGEC, PORALG, R/CHMT and GHSC to incorporate VMCM/EIMC commodities needs and devices into national supply chain system
- In Collaboration with CHMTs, provide clinical mentorship and supportive supervision to health care facilities implementing VMCM/EIMC Services.
- Conduct Quarterly Quality assurance and monitor adherence to National VMCM/EIMC guidelines.
- Assist to develop annual VMCM/EIMC work plan and ensures VMCM/EIMC targets achieved 100%.
- Collaborate with local authorities and engage them in the VMCM program from planning to implementation.
- Ensure that VMCM/EIMC demand creation activities in collaboration with the local media, local government authorities and other stake holders are conducted.
- Collaborate with M&E unit and ensure:
 - Availability of national VMCM/EIMC, M&E tools at all the time
 - Proper documentation at the VMCM/EIMC static sites and outreach sites
 - Facilitate Linkages of VMCM services in both private and public health Facilities.
- To support the VMCM Manager in writing technical program documents including, reports, best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents
- To support and advise VMCM Manager on all medical male circumcision issues and perform other relevant duties as assigned by the VMCM Manager

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Medical degree in Clinical Medicine.
- A public health master's degree is an added advantage
- Technical expertise of at least 2 years in VMCM service delivery
- A strong understanding of barriers and facilitators of VMCM services
- Ability to supervise and mentor health service providers
- Knowledge in quality improvement initiatives in VMCM
- Excellent team building and communication skills
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision

3. MEDICALLY ASSISTED THERAPY (MAT) MANAGER: 1 Post; Dar es Salaam Reports to: Deputy Director of Programs

Job Summary: The Medically Assisted Therapy (MAT) Manager is a technical expert in all matters relating to MAT program and services. S/He provides technical leadership and oversight on MAT related services and intervention. S/He will be guided by the National Guidelines and SOP and other relevant authorities to keep up to date with key advances in the issues related to MAT, translating into practice key program national and global priorities in Medically Assisted Therapy and HIV prevention among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID); as well as working with and providing substantive and technical direction and support to other MDH staff and supported region and districts, key stakeholders at regional and local government authorities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- To lead and oversee planning, implementation, capacity building, M&E and reporting of MAT services under the AFYA KWANA Project as well as other relevant activities across supported region
- Provide functional and timely input in the implementation of MAT services including reporting on progress of the planned activities and expected outputs
- To oversee implementation of key program initiatives to address program, donor and national priorities such as HIV, TB, and Hepatitis screening in line with National guidelines
- To oversee needs assessment on MAT services and organize efforts to address them including capacity building and Health System Strengthening in collaboration with Regional and District Program Managers, Regional and District AIDS Control Coordinators and Regional and District Mental Health coordinators
- To ensure timelines and accuracy of relevant MAT data as well as support strengthening of the related M&E systems in collaboration with the M&E teams
- To ensure timely collection and provision of requested information for the quality progress report
- To lead efforts to fully analyze and utilize MAT data to inform plan, priorities and resource allocation and write reports, best practices

and lessons learned for a wider dissemination

- To lead efforts to identify gaps in MAT services; design and implement operational research (OR), Public Health Evaluation (PHE), secondary data analyses and CQI initiatives to address these gaps and write abstracts, posters, manuscripts and policy brief to widely disseminate the findings
- To participate in district and regional meetings and consultations to share and disseminate MDH experience and models of MAT service integration and coordination
- To assist the program and country roll out and scale up suitable models for MAT services in collaboration with PORALG, DCEA, Ministries of Health, PEPFAR, Global Fund and other stake holders
- To implement and manage strong capacity building program HCPs supporting MAT clinics
- To supervise program staff under her/him across all supported regions and councils
- To engage and facilitate strategic collaboration with key technical and community based stakeholders in HIV prevention among PWID including community leaders and IPs
- To lead efforts in writing technical program documents including project proposals, workplans, reports best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents as required by DDP-TS
- To support and advise the regional project manager on all MAT issues and perform other relevant duties assigned to by the supervisor

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD, MB Ch B); Masters degree in Public Health
- At least five years experience of proven experience in HIV project management in the design administration, management and implementation of national health programs including supervision, M&E and reporting
- Proven experience in writing reports
- Extensive working experience in implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment programs for adults and children
- Experience in implementing HIV Prevention among People who inject Drugs (PWID) and Medically Assisted Therapy
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skill
- Proficiency in both written and oral English and Swahili languages
- Good working knowledge in computer software application such as MS word, Excel, Access, Power Point and internet.
- Good strategic, analytical, problem solving and system thinking skills with capacity and ability to make sound judgement
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines
- Ability to work both individually and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct trainings

4. MENINGITIS (MENI) MANAGER: 1 post; Dar es Salaam Reports to: Deputy Director of Programs

Job Summary: The Meningitis Manager (MENI Manager) is a technical expert in all matters relating to CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS program and services. S/He provides technical leadership and oversight on MENINGITIS related services and intervention. S/He will be guided by the National Guidelines and SOP and other relevant authorities to keep up to date with key advances in the issues related to CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS, translating into practice key program national and global priorities in prevention of cryptococcal meningitis among HIV infected clients; as well as working with and providing substantive and technical direction and support to other MDH staff and supported region and districts, key stakeholders at regional and local government authorities.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- To lead and oversee planning, implementation, capacity building, M&E and reporting of CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS services under the AFYA KWANZA Project as well as other relevant activities across supported region
- Provide functional and timely input in the implementation of CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS project including reporting on progress of the planned activities and expected outputs
- To oversee needs assessment on CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS services and organize efforts to address them including capacity building and Health system strengthening in collaboration with Regional and District Program Managers, Regional and District AIDS Control Coordinators
- To ensure timelines and accuracy of relevant CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS data as well as support strengthening of the related M&E systems in collaboration with the M&E teams
- To ensure timely collection and provision of requested information for the quality progress report
- To lead efforts to fully analyse and utilize CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS data to inform plan, priorities and resource allocation and write reports, best practices and lessons learned for a wider dissemination
- To lead efforts to identify gaps in CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS services; design and implement operational research (OR), Public Health Evaluation (PHE), secondary data analyses and CQI initiatives to address these gaps and write abstracts, posters, manuscripts and policy brief to widely disseminate the findings
- To participate in district and regional meetings and consultations to share and disseminate MDH experience and models of CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS service integration and coordination
- To assist the program and country roll out and scale up suitable models for CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS prevention in collaboration with PORALG, Ministries of Health, PEPFAR and other stake holders
- To implement and manage strong capacity building program Healthcare providers supporting CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS project
- To supervise program staff under her/him across all supported regions and councils
- To engage and facilitate strategic collaboration with key technical and community-based stakeholders in cryptococcal meningitis prevention among HIV infected clients including community leaders and Implementing Partners
- To lead efforts in writing technical program documents including project proposals, workplans, reports best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents as required by the supervisor
- To support and advise the regional project manager on all CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS issues and perform other relevant duties assigned to by the supervisor

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD, MB Ch BS); Masters degree in Public Health
- At least five years experience of proven experience in HIV project management in the design administration, management and implementation of national health programs including supervision, M&E and reporting
- Proven experience in writing reports
- At least 5 years working experience in implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment programs for adults and children
- Excellent Communication and interpersonal skill
- Proficiency in both written and oral English and Swahili languages
- Good working knowledge in computer software application such as MS word, Excel and internet
- Good strategic, analytical, problem solving and system thinking skills with capacity and ability to make sound judgement
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines
- Ability to work both individually and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct trainings

5. MEDICALLY ASSISTED THERAPY (MAT) OFFICER: 2 Posts; Dar es Salaam Reports to: MAT MANAGER

Job Summary: The Medically Assisted Therapy (MAT) officer works with and supports the MDH MAT Manager to ensure efficient implementation, M&E and reporting of Medically Assisted Therapy services in supported regions. S/He is responsible for the field implementation, coordination and reporting of all MAT initiatives in her/his respective region under the guidance of the MAT manager and in collaboration with other MDH staff and relevant regional, council and health facility staff.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To support the MAT Manager in implementation, M&E and reporting of MAT Key performance indicators under the Afya Kwanza project, in line with project work-plan
- Work with region and district teams to establish and integrate HIV prevention into MAT services and other initiatives as appropriate.
- Work with MOHCDGEC, PORALG, DCEA R/CHMT and GHSC to incorporate MAT commodities needs and devices into national supply chain system
- In Collaboration with CHMTs, provide clinical mentorship and supportive supervision to health care facilities implementing MAT Services.
- Conduct Quarterly Quality assurance and monitor adherence to National MAT guidelines.
- Assist to develop annual MAT work plan and ensures MAT targets achieved 100%.
- Collaborate with local authorities and engage them in the MAT program from planning to implementation.
- Ensure that MAT clients recruitment activities in collaboration with the CSO, local government authorities and other stake holders are conducted.
- Collaborate with M&E unit and ensure availability of national MAT, M&E tools at all the time
- To support the MAT Manager in writing technical program documents including, reports, best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents
- To support and advise MAT Manager on all Medically Assisted Therapy issues and perform other relevant duties as assigned by the MAT Manager

UAUT excels in students scholarships

By Guardian Reporter

THE United African University of Tanzania (UAUT) has floated sponsorships for pursuing various courses and four per cent of applicants received scholarships in the 2018/19 academic year.

The university which is determined to train and develop the next generation of capable leaders who will impact the continent development through application of engineering science and technology, also provides full scholarship postgraduate degrees study in South Korea.

Currently, two graduates from UAUT of 2018/19 are studying MSc in Information Security and MSc in Artificial Intelligence.

The university's Vice Chancellor, Prof Ho Chan Hwang, said the scholarships cover tuition fees, ac-

commodation and stationary. He said students at UAUT are also given international exposure through cultural exchange in South Korea where they visit Korean universities as their counterparts also come to UAUT during vacations.

"To raise good Tanzanian leaders, we equip students with excellence in wisdom, knowledge and Christian virtues in order to enable them to serve with God's vision in mind, integrity, confidence, courage and great passion", he said adding that overseas work placement is another advantage of studying at the university as so far one of the graduates is now working with The Green Power Company in South Korea.

He added that the university aims at seeking God's wisdom, serve communities and cultivate global minds while maintaining the core values of Chris-

tian centeredness love for the God and the nation.

Currently, the accredited programs being offered are Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and Information Technology and Bachelor of Business Administration.

According to Siara the university fees are affordable and have considered parents and guardians with the low income buckets. He said that running of the university depends largely from foreign support.

Taekwondo and Korean language are taught, to make it easier for students to access higher training in South Korea, he said.

Located at Vijibweni ward in in Kigamboni district, Dar es Salaam region, UAUT was established in 2011 and registered by the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) as full-fledged university.



Vodacom Tanzania official Harrison Mshota (gesturing) pictured at the weekend briefing visitors to the firm's pavilion at the just-ended 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair on the services and products the mobile phone service provider deals in. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Iringa to host this year's World Deaf Day

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Tanzania Association of the Deaf (CHAVITA) is on September 29, this year is expected to host World Deaf Day, which at the national level will be held in Iringa region.

The day is celebrated every year in the last Sunday of the month of September to draw the attention of general public, politician and development authorities towards the achievements of the deaf people as well as deaf people community. Throughout the celebration of the event, all the deaf people organization worldwide are encouraged greatly to

fulfill the demands and needs of the deaf people as well as increasing their rights all over the world.

CHAVITA Iringa secretary Shaibu Juma Shaibu told journalists here yesterday that the commemoration is aimed at creating awareness of the rights of deaf people, especially the official recognition of sign language as a means of communication to the deaf and the children's opportunities in academic development, to develop talent and to achieve their dreams as part of country.

He further explained that on that day he would be able to gather the deaf and various professionals to discuss

the challenges they face through the media, and to provide opportunities for the community to see how they can overcome the challenge of accessing the full information from the media for interpreting.

Shaibu said that the international week of deaf people develops solidarity among themselves and their partners and serves as a way of showing and stimulating further efforts to promote human rights for the deaf.

However he said that the day of the week's celebration of the deaf is one of the most memorable meetings of the World Congress of the Deaf (WFD) held in September 1951 in Rome Italy.

UBA donates over 1,500 literature books to three public secondary schools in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Bank for Africa through the UBA Foundation as part for of Read Africa initiative donated over 1,500 literature books to 3 public secondary schools in the Dar es Salaam's Kigamboni District.

Schools which have benefited from the UBA's support Nguva, Aboudjumbé and Pembamazi secondary schools.

The donation was made official during an event attended by Kigamboni District Commissioner, Sara Msafiri, District Council Executive Director, Arch Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija and education officials.

"These books will instil a love of reading in the lives of students, encourage regular reading habits, and improve their overall reading skills," said DC Msafiri.

These books are the first printed "levelled books" in Africa—meaning that they were evaluated using a new tool that assesses their difficulty level to

help teachers, parents, and librarians to select titles that are most appropriate for targeted students.

Msafiri emphasized that this donation will significantly expand school library collections with quality literature.

Apart from this Donation, UBA Tanzania has also donated thousands of books in different secondary schools in Tanzania as well as providing free entrepreneurship skills training through its staff team in different parts of Dar es Salaam whereby they met with women and youths engaged in entrepreneurship activities.

Amongst of the books donated by the bank, UBA Tanzania Ltd are "Things fall apart", "The girl that can", "The Fisherman", and other famous books from leading literature authors in Nigeria and the books are being used in school syllabuses all over African continent.

The bank had a chance to meet the school management and visited important offices in Kigamboni district,

in supporting the government movements towards better education in the country.

Speaking during the visit the UBA Head of Retail and MSME banking, Geoffrey Mtawa stated that UBA is delighted to be driving the reading culture amongst students across the continent through this Read Africa Initiative.

According to Mtawa, support for education is one of the 3 core areas of focus on CSR activities by the bank.

UBA Tanzania is a member of UBA Group, a Pan African Bank headquartered in Nigeria, with presence in 20 countries in Africa and three (3) global financial centres New York, London and Paris. The Bank has 4 branches in Tanzania; 3 in Dar es Salaam (City centre, Pugu Road, Kariakoo) and one in Dodoma. It offers number of Digital services to democratize and ease banking transactions for its customers and was recently given the award of best digital bank in Africa.

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD, MB Ch BS) or equivalent from a recognized medical Institution; Trained in advanced HIV Management At least three years experience working in HIV care and treatment and conducting training on HIV management
- Proven experience in writing reports
- At least 5 years working experience in implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment programs for adults and children
- Experience in implementing HIV Prevention among People who inject Drugs (PWID) and Medically Assisted Therapy
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skill
- Proficiency in both written and oral English and Swahili languages
- Good working knowledge in computer software application such as MS word, Excel, Access, Power Point and internet
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines
- Ability to plan, develop and work independently
- Ability to work both individually and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct trainings

6. CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION (CMP) OFFICER:2 Posts; Dar es Salaam

Reports to: CMP MANAGER

Job Summary: The CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION (CMP) officer works with and supports the MDH CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Manager to ensure efficient implementation, M&E and reporting of Medically Assisted Therapy services in supported regions. S/he is responsible for the field implementation, coordination and reporting of all CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION initiatives in her/his respective region under the guidance of the CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION manager and in collaboration with other MDH staff and relevant regional, council and health facility staff.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To support the CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Manager in implementation, M&E and reporting of CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Key performance indicators under the Afya Kwanza project, in line with project work-plan
- Work with MOHCDGEC, PORALG, DCEA R/CHMT and GHSC to incorporate CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION commodities needs into national supply chain system
- In Collaboration with CHMTs, provide clinical mentorship and supportive supervision to health care facilities implementing CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Services.
- Conduct Quarterly Quality assurance and monitor adherence to National CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION guidelines.
- Assist to develop annual CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION work plan and ensures CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION targets achieved 100%.
- Collaborate with M&E unit and ensure availability of national CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION, M&E tools at all the time
- To support the CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Manager in writing technical program documents including, reports, best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents
- To support and advise CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Manager on all Medically Assisted Therapy issues and perform other relevant duties as assigned by the CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS PREVENTION Manager

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills:

- Doctor of Medicine (MD or MB Ch BS) or equivalent from a recognized medical Institution; Trained in advanced HIV Management
- At least three years experience working in HIV care and treatment and conducting training on HIV management
- Proven experience in writing reports
- Extensive working experience in implementing HIV prevention, care and treatment programs for adults and children
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skill
- Proficiency in both written and oral English and Swahili languages
- Good working knowledge in computer software application such as MS word, Excel, Access, Power Point and internet
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines
- Ability to plan, develop and work independently
- Ability to work both individually and as part of a team
- Ability to conduct trainings

7. DATA OFFICERS (INTERN)-28 POSTS

Location : Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Ruvuma, Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Tanga, Pwani, Dodoma, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Geita, Tabora, Kigoma, Kagera and Mara.
Reporting: Study Zonal coordinator, Duration: 4 weeks

Duties and responsibilities:

- Handle and protect confidential and sensitive data with integrity
- Obtain consent from clients
- Conduct daily face to face interviews to clients received either postpartum family planning.
- Maintain accurate records of interviews.
- Safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects and patients information.
- Summarize interviews and provide report to supervisor on weekly basis.
- Arrange weekly schedule with the supervisor to ensure that the work priorities are accomplished within specified time.

Essential criteria:

- High personal motivation, self-management, and detail-orientation; ability to take responsibility in meeting deadlines and making progress without direct supervision
- Strong oral communications and writing skills;
- Stationed at the region and/or district of working area.
- Quick to learn and follow supervisors instructions

Qualifications:

- A certificate of completion of high school (form six) or any diploma holder
- Previous experience in data collection will be an added advantage
- Having a human research GCP training is another added advantage
- Computer literacy, good written and spoken English

8. DISTRICT STRATEGIC INFORMATION MANAGER (DSIM): Dar es Salaam, Kagera and Geita

Reports to District Project Manager (DPM)

Duties and Responsibilities

- To lead and oversee Monitoring and Evaluatio (M&E) planning, implementation and reporting of the Afya Kwanza project work-plan and other MDH supported activities at council(s) level
- To lead implementation of key strategic information initiatives on program, donor, and national priorities - such as index HIV testing, and focused PITC - in line with national guidelines
- To ensure efficient utilization of Afya Kwanza project resources and compliance with donor and government regulations
- To actively participate in and provide technical assistance (TA) to the District Medical Officer (DMO) and District AIDS Control Coordinator (DACC), Council Health Management Team (CHMT) and supported health facilities in planning, implementation, M&E, and reporting of HIV and related health programs, including the Council Comprehensive Health Plan (CCHP)
- To participate in strategic dialogue with council authorities on project issues on behalf of the RPM
- To conduct needs assessment, on HIV and related programs and services in her/his council(s) and organize efforts to address these needs -; including in areas of capacity building and health system strengthening - in collaboration with the RPM, DMO and DACC
- To identify, engage and facilitate strategic collaboration with existing and new partners, in HIV and related services so as to maximize impact of Afya Kwanza project activities in the council(s)
- To work with the RPM and Grants Officer to develop and oversee sub-grantees plans and budgets, as well as ensure optimum resource allocation and utilization and compliance with donor and government regulations
- To ensure timely collection and submission of national HIV services and program data – as well as support strengthening of the related M&E systems - in collaboration with the M&E team
- Lead efforts to robustly analyse and utilize program data to inform plans, priorities and resource allocation and write reports, best practices and lessons learned for wider dissemination
- To lead efforts to identify gaps in HIV and related programs and services; design and implement operational research (OR), PHES, secondary data analyses and CQI initiatives to address the gaps
- To implement and manage capacity building program, for HIV and related service providers; capitalizing on supportive supervision, mentorship, and on-job training
- To supervise program staff in respective council(s)
- To actively participate in writing technical program documents including project proposals, work-plans, reports, best practices, lessons learned and other relevant documents, as required by the RPM.
- To support and advise the RPM on Afya Kwanza program implementation and related issues in her/his respective council(s) and perform other relevant duties as assigned by the RPM

Requirements: Education, work experience and skills

- Medical Doctor degree with current Medical Council of Tanzania registration
- Master's degree in Public Health or related field is an added advantage.
- At least 3 years of experience working in public health programs/ services
- At least 3 years of experience in design, implementation, management and M&E of HIV or related clinical and public health programs and services
- Experience in using CQI, PHE and OR techniques to address public health challenges
- Excellent command of Swahili and English languages, in written and oral communication
- Experience in basic computer applications such as MS Word, Excel, Power point and internet
- Ability to work under pressure and stringent deadlines

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for any of the above positions should submit an application letter indicating clearly the position applied for, a detailed copy of their CV, and names and contact information (email addresses and telephone numbers) of three work related referees. MDH don't have any agents and don't charge any fees to the interested candidates. Applications should be submitted by 30th July, 2019, to the Human Resource Manager through e-mail hr@mdh-tz.org or dropped by hand at the MDH Head Office in Mikochei, along Mwai Kibaki Road, Plot No. 802.

Kindly note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

World Youth Skills Day merits much more deserving attention

A skill is the ability to carry out a task with determined results often within a given amount of time, energy, or both. Skills can often be divided into domain-general and domain-specific skills. For example, in the domain of work, some general skills would include time management, teamwork and leadership, self-motivation and others, whereas domain-specific skills would be used only for a certain job. Skill usually requires certain environmental stimuli and situations to assess the level of skill being shown and used.

People need a broad range of skills to contribute to a modern economy. A joint ASTD and U.S. Department of Labour study showed that through technology, the workplace is changing, and identified 16 basic skills that employees must have to be able to change with it. Three broad categories of skills are suggested and these are technical, human, and conceptual. The first two can be substituted with hard and soft skills, respectively.

Hard skills, also called technical skills, are any skills relating to a specific task or situation. It involves both understanding and proficiency in such specific activity that involves methods, processes, procedures, or techniques. These skills are easily quantifiable unlike soft skills, which are related to one's personality. These are also skills that can be or have been tested and may entail some professional, technical, or academic qualification.

The United Nations, at its General Assembly in November 2014, declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day. WorldSkills is proud to be part of a global recognition and promotion of skills.

The UN designated day seeks to generate greater awareness of and discussion on the importance of technical, vocational education, and training and the development of other skills relevant to both local and global economies. It is hoped that it will contribute to reducing unemployment and underemployment among

the youth across the globe. It will highlight youth skills development to draw attention to the critical need for marketable skills. WorldSkills will support this globally important topic via the broad spread of activities and initiatives in our six focus areas all aimed at raising the profile and recognition of skilled people, and showing how important skills are in achieving economic growth and personal success. Inspiring, educating, and developing youth is an integral part of this.

On 18 December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly adopted by consensus, a resolution, spearheaded by Sri Lanka, declaring 15th July as the World Youth Skills Day. Sri Lanka initiated this resolution, with the assistance of the G77 and China, to highlight at a global level, the importance of youth skills development. The goal is to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth, including as a means of addressing the challenges of unemployment and under employment. The UN Secretary - General's Special Envoy for Youth, Ahmed Alhendawi, and his office supported this initiative from the early days, while the UN system in New York and Colombo were solidly behind it.

Since it was first suggested in the Strategy Committee, WorldSkills International has pursued a World Skills Day but, once connections were made with the UN in New York, WorldSkills International fully supported the proposal of Sri Lanka for a World Skills Youth Day.

During the week of 15 July, in celebration of World Youth Skills Day, WorldSkills have exhibition space at the United Nations High-level Political Forum at the New York headquarters.

In support of UNESCO's theme for the day "Learning to learn for life and work" The Champions Trust develop a video campaign to encourage young people from around the globe to develop selfie style videos that outline how their life has changed by learning a skill.

Technology helps develop advanced economies in today's global economy

TECHNOLOGY is the collection of techniques, skills, methods, and processes used in the production of goods or services or in the accomplishment of objectives, such as scientific investigation. Technology can be the knowledge of techniques, processes, and the like, or it can be embedded in machines to allow for operation without detailed knowledge of their workings. Systems e.g. machines applying technology by taking an input, changing it according to the system's use, and then producing an outcome are referred to as technology systems or technological systems.

The simplest form of technology is the development and use of basic tools. The prehistoric discovery of how to control fire and the later Neolithic Revolution increased the available sources of food, and the invention of the wheel helped humans to travel in and control their environment. Developments in historic times, including the printing press, the telephone, and the Internet, have lessened physical barriers to communication and allowed humans to interact freely on a global scale.

Technology has many effects. It has helped develop more advanced economies (including today's global economy) and has allowed the rise of a leisure class. Many technological processes produce unwanted by-products known as pollution and deplete natural resources to the detriment of Earth's environment. Innovations have always influenced the values of a society and raised new questions in the ethics of technology. Examples include the rise of the notion of efficiency in terms of human productivity, and the challenges of

bioethics.

Philosophical debates have arisen over the use of technology, with disagreements over whether technology improves the human condition or worsens it. Neo-Luddism, anarcho-primitivism, and similar reactionary movements criticize the pervasiveness of technology, arguing that it harms the environment and alienates people; proponents of ideologies such as transhumanism and techno-progressivism view continued technological progress as beneficial to society and the human condition.

The chairman of the China-Africa Business Council has recently called on investors in the country to focus on transferring modern technologies to locals to facilitate socio-economic development.

Xian Ding made the remarks after a team of students, farmers and officials from the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) toured Huatan Investment Group- a Chinese company producing animal feeds using local raw materials at Pugu Kinyamwezi in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

The company has embarked on providing entrepreneurship education to Tanzanian youths on the best practices on profitable animal farming.

Speaking after receiving the delegation Ding said if investors could invest on technology transfer, the country would benefit because locals will fully participate hence embrace the modern technology which will make them achieve productivity.

"The plan to make Tanzania an industrialised country will be achieved if the investors embark on bringing the new technologies which will make Tanzania progressing well the economic development," he said.

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By Yonas Abiye

THE House of People's Representatives (HPR) recently approved a draft to revise the existing Labor Proclamation which has been in place for a decade.

The newly revised bill, referred to as Labor Proclamation No.1156/2019, has granted female workers an extended period of maternal leave while it also extends the period of probation for employees who are newly recruited.

During the regular session of the House, it was said that the bill was designed in-line with the country's economic growth, development policies, and strategies along with industrial developments.

The revised bill, reviewed by the Women, Youth and Social Affairs standing Committee, accords female employees at least 120 days for a maternal leave including a one-month pre-natal leave and a three-month long post-natal leave.

Presenting the report, the head of the standing committee, Abeba Yosef said that the revised proclamation helps guarantee the right of workers and employers to form their respective associations and engage through their lawfully elected representatives as well as lay down the procedure for the expeditious settlement of labor disputes, which arise between workers

Ethiopia revises labour law, gives women extended maternal leave

and employers.

She further highlighted that the revision will help strengthen and defined by law, the powers and duties of the government organ charged with the responsibility of inspecting labor administration, particularly labor conditions, occupational safety, health and work environment. In addition, it is primarily aimed at promoting smooth working relationships between employers and employees.

As stipulated in its provisions, the bill extends the probation period of employees from the current 45 days to 60 days.

According to the provision, the agreement should be made in writing and the period should not exceed 60 working days beginning from the first date of employment. It further adds that if the worker, during his probation, proves to be unfit for the post, the employer can terminate the contract of employment without notice and without being obliged to give a severance payment or compensation.

Abeba said that the latest proclamation will enable workers and employers to maintain industrial peace and work in the spirit of cooperation

towards the economic growth of the country.

The new labor proclamation, numbered 1156/2019, has repealed Ethiopia's Labor Proclamation No.377/2003; Proclamation No.466/2005, Proclamation No.494/2006 and proclamation No.632/2001.

Similarly, the House passed a revised Employees Administration Regulation No. 10/2019 by a majority vote and nine abstaining.

In the same session, the House has unanimously approved the revised Proclamation on Value Added Tax which has been enforced for the past 17 years.

The Revised Value Added Tax Proclamation No.1157/2019 is aimed at resolving the impediments created in collecting taxes and facilitating trade activities across the country.

It was noted that the amendment of the law was needed to put in place efficient business climate and provide an efficient service for taxpayers.

The bill mainly focuses on the revision of provisions including Accounting Periods, the Vat Paid on Capital Goods as well as Refunding

Withheld Vat.

Considering the length of the accounting period, the procedure has brought challenges on both the taxpayer and the authority. This system especially has brought more burdens to the mid-level and low-level taxpayers who visit the authority every month to report their transactions.

According to the existing bill, anyone registered under the VAT payers' category is expected to report every month, no matter how much the amount of his turnover is, or even if the business is showing nil (no transactions).

Hence, to this effect, the new bill states VAT payers' to report every month if their annual transaction is more than 70,000,000 birr and/or import capital goods. However, for those VAT payers' who record less than 70,000,000 birr annually and those who have a nil transaction to report every three months.

MPs have also held discussions on the draft Electoral and Political Parties Law of Ethiopia which was later referred to the respective standing committee of the House, for revisions, with a majority vote and two abstaining.

A G20 imperative: Focus on our children

By Graça Machel

ROBUST discussions among a rich network of religious and secular participants at the G20 Interfaith Forum in Tokyo earlier this month returned again and again to a common theme: act for children. The Osaka Summit of the leaders of the powerful G20 countries on June 28th and 29th 2019 are well-positioned to take up this charge and place the well-being of children at the heart of decision-making.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stressed in a message to the G20 that Japan, host of this year's G20, "is determined to lead global economic growth by promoting free trade and innovation, achieving both economic growth and reduction of disparities, and contributing to the development agenda and other global issues with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its core," to "realize and promote a free and open, inclusive and sustainable, 'human-centered future society.'"

The G20 Osaka's future-looking orientation agenda, however, risks missing an important element that is central to achieving its goals: giving

meaningful priority to protecting and nurturing children. What could be more vital?

Over one billion children worldwide face situations of abuse, violence and trafficking, often tragically perpetuated by trusted adults and in places that are supposed to be safest for children. The global direct and indirect costs of violence against children represent 8 percent of global GDP, equivalent to \$7 trillion. The call is thus not only moral, but an economic one. Investment in youth is a direct contribution to the world's future.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Progress on many fronts is impressive, but with critical gaps. News reports of children languishing in refugee camps and detention centers, and dying from preventable diseases and malnutrition are a constant reminder. The internet and easy access to the unsupervised use of electronic devices make children particularly vulnerable to abuse and manipulation in this digital age. These challenges are not yet being met with the attention and resources required for their resolution.

Protecting the freedom, dignity, and

rights of all children and facilitating their empowerment is a challenge that demands integrated strategies of poverty relief, anti-trafficking efforts, and a sharp focus on education. I must add that there should be no higher priority for the world's decision makers than special attention to the needs and care of refugee children.

Religious communities play a critical role in morally, spiritually, and practically supporting and shaping families and other caregivers in child upbringing, as described in a recent report on prevention, elimination and perpetration of violence against children. On both local and international levels, faith and interfaith groups can make significant practical and advocacy contributions to the protection of children globally.

The influential role of interfaith actors can be enhanced through working in concert with civil society, private sector, governments and G20 leadership to advance the rights of children globally.

Governments and G20 leadership should advocate for and advance the rights of children locally and globally. Many countries and communities have long focused to provide shelter and

education for children, and should be included and encouraged in seeking more ways to provide social, financial and emotional support and protection to those who are most vulnerable to abuse and hardest to reach.

Every item on the G20 agenda, and every target of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, hangs in the balance should we not prioritize investment in the health, education and well-being of our children. The central and overarching promise of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is one of ensuring that every child can truly develop physically, morally, and spiritually in an environment of freedom and dignity. Politicians at the highest levels, faith leaders and civil society leaders, and engaged citizens and children themselves must work together to meet this challenge.

There should be no higher priority for the world's decision makers than special attention to the needs and care of refugee children - Graça Machel is a member of "The Elders", Mozambican politician, and social and human rights activist. She is the widow of South African President Nelson Mandela and the widow of the first President of Mozambique Samora Machel.

Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

A self-reliant budget...Is it still on track?

Jambo, hello, and after the last blah blah on 'cultural subversion' I should be witty and brief today, but if I can't manage both, then one or the other!

In Tanzania, talk of self reliance has always been in the air like lightly blown pollen. In its untruth, the phrase had kinship with the mantra of "agriculture is the back bone of the economy", a sector that for many years appeared to be an under resourced malfunctioning afterthought.

...and all the while, the gold dust from generous donor funding helped blanket the self reliance fairy tale, but is it slowly coming to life?

Some indication that it might be, was In March 2015, when it was reported that the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) wanted the tax payer to help fully fund the national budget within the next five years. This seemed a daunting task, but both cheering and formidable in equal measure.

But at the time, the TRA Commissioner General Rished Bade said it would only be feasible if the government played their part, and reduced lavish spending and external borrowing.

Given this assessment, the prognosis for the government sharing the burden with the general tax payer wasn't good, but in November 2015... enter President John Magufuli, the newly elected fifth president of Tanzania.

...bringing hope, as the nation saved \$ 429.5 (Sh902 billion) from his banning of foreign travel by government officials, at the very beginning of his first 12 months in office. And he said "...we need to have realistic budgets, and the best budget is the one that can be effectively implemented using available resources"... wise words, seldom heard, and certainly never implemented.

Well, unless the TRA was just duping the public, the time span of five years for a self funded budget is nearly up, but there's a long, long way to go before it's ever achieved, if at all, given the on-going hazards to overcome.

As we know, In April this year, the President castigated systemic corruption in the country, whereby state officials entrusted with revenue collection colluded with the private sector to evade taxes.

He cited losses of billions of shillings in uncollected dues, through the criminal connections between the revenue authority and big businesses, and said there was a time when tax stamps worth 10 bn/- were illegally printed at the TRA and distributed to beer and liquor manufacturers, resulting in massive revenue losses for the state.

This is incredible... yet at the time, the reporting in the media said President John Magufuli was "irked"...I'd use this word if I'd left my umbrella on the bus, and was mildly irritated...so these circumstances required a mighty powerful wording. If I was a cartoonist, I'd portray the president jumping up and down, and breathing fire from his nostrils, and perhaps given his care for his country, he might have felt like this, but of course had to show a dignified reaction ... which he did.

So let's think about it...in March 2015 the Tanzania Tax Authority cajole the citizens to fully pay their taxes, and help make the national



The new Commissioner General of the Tanzania Revenue Authority Dr. Edwin Mhede, photographed recently in Dar es Salaam. Formerly Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, he was reminded by the President that his new post would be a challenging one. File Photo

budget self reliant...then in April 2019, we learn that they've sabotaged their own agenda by pillaging the 'pot'...how can they ever be trusted again?

And at the time of urging the 'wananchi' to pay up, the then Deputy Finance Minister Mwigulu said, "Tanzania is now on a journey of self dependency when it comes to the national budget, and there are many ways of getting funds to meet it".

...and praiseworthy though this objective was, I had a twinge of unease when I said it out loud as I tapped the words into the computer. "...many ways of getting funds to meet it..."

Three years later, and nowadays, when calling at

supermarkets, hospitals, banks, shopping malls, and almost anywhere with a flat surface, we are asked for parking fees in the formerly free car parks. And if you enquire as to who is the 'collector', you might well be told as I was, 'that it's something to do with the council, or the government'... and then you have the bogus opportunists also, demanding money, copying the traffic police in the days of 'wrong parking', when there was no such offence, and even worse, being fined for 'bad paintwork, or basically anything they could invent on the spot.

...but this issue is now so rampant, that a friend said, "when I return home at night, I almost expect a park-

ing attendant to be waiting for me in my garden, as I park the car"!

Anyway, time to close, I promised to be brief, but I've reneged on that, since the self reliance problem is complex, and I don't know how much parking revenue if any goes via the TRA...

...but a quick look at HMRC, Her Majesties Revenue and Customs in Britain (the equivalent of Tanzania's Revenue Authority) revealed that they spent more than 10,000 Pounds on flowers over the past five years, which were sent to tax payers to say sorry for mistakes they'd made...does the TRA have an equivalent "sorry" fund for their errors against the local tax

Rwanda open for business

WASHINGTON

CLAIRE Akamanzi spends her days working on innovative ways to bring more business to her country.

As CEO of the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), a multiagency governmental department billed as a "one-stop shop" for investors, Akamanzi has seen the country earn accolades for its business-friendly environment, recently winning the #2 spot regionally in the World Bank's ease of doing business rankings.

Prior to her RDB role, Akamanzi served as head of strategy and policy for Paul Kagame, president of Rwanda. She was also Rwanda's commercial diplomat in London and its trade negotiator at the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

Akamanzi (pictured) holds a law degree and a master's degree in international trade and investment policy.

She spoke with Andrew Kanegirire, for Finance & Development (F&D) magazine, published by the IMF. Excerpts from the interview

F&D: What is the RDB's role in getting the private sector to contribute to Rwanda's development?

CA: Our vision is to transform Rwanda into a dynamic global hub for business, investment, and innovation. We are responsible for promoting investments and exports.

We provide services covering a range of issues faced by the business community: negotiating contracts with the private sector, helping investors to secure concessions, and settling disagreements. We are also in charge of the privatization of government assets and tourism promotion, including the management of national parks.

Since the RDB's establishment in 2009, doing business in Rwanda has gotten easier, and the private sector has contributed more toward Rwanda's economic growth. About 25 years ago, we were 100 percent reliant on aid, but today we are 86 percent self-reliant, which means that we depend on aid for only about 14 percent of our budget. On



average, the private sector now creates about 38,000 jobs per year, many of which are targeted toward our young people.

F&D: How have you improved the business environment?

CA: Along with the Ministry of Economic Planning, we have spent a lot of time thinking about those sectors that require private sector engagement, what the challenges are, and whether these sectors can indeed help to generate wealth and jobs for Rwandans.

We took a very focused approach to this, and it is therefore not surprising that today the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Report ranks Rwanda the 29th easiest place to do business in the world and the second in Africa. A few years ago, we were ranked at 150.

This is the result of some concrete reforms put in place to simplify the processes for starting a business, registering property, filing taxes, and accessing tax-related information. Today, you can register a company in six hours. In some instances, digital solutions have played a key enabling role.

We have also focused on promoting Rwanda as a place to come and do business. Last year, by the time we closed our investment books, we had registered \$2 billion worth of investments. In 2010, it was about \$318 million. So, we have grown considerably in the space of eight years, which shows that the reforms that we are putting in place are working. Some of the investments are practical ones, and we are very proud of them.

For example, Volkswagen is assembling in Rwanda. We have a company from Latin America called Positivo that is assembling laptops. We have an American-Nigerian company, Andela,

that is going to train about 700 local programmers.

And we have a company that has begun refining our coltan. If you break down the \$2 billion that we have attracted, you realize that these are investments in sectors that can help transform the lives of Rwandans by providing jobs, incomes, and broader economic diversification.

F&D: What factors have most enabled you to push for reforms?

CA: One key factor has been the leadership's concerted efforts to transform the country. You can call it political will. The Cabinet, a related steering committee, and the president himself have taken an avid interest in understanding the reforms that we are pushing for.

President Kagame has made himself available to us, and we have found this to be extremely important. Because without buy-in at that level, it can be difficult to try out new, bold, and even risky initiatives.

Let me give you an example. We wanted to automate our business registration system. That meant cutting out the revenue sources of some of the private players in that process.

To make it easier to start a company, we had to take out a step that requires every company to have articles and memoranda of association. We estimated that the cost for getting these documents done via a lawyer was about \$400, and so it was quite clear to us that this cost was deterring potential companies from registering.

However, to eliminate this step also meant that lawyers were losing out on clientele. It was a bold decision—we needed political support to get it done. But we were able to show that if you make it expensive and difficult to set up a company, the private sector will not grow.

We were registering on average about 500 companies at the time, and today we are registering about 13,000 companies a year. Having that political will helped us to show that sometimes there is a short-term cost to be paid for longer-term gain.

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Education stakeholders call for concerted efforts to ensure children with disabilities remain in schools

By Correspondent James Kandoya

EVERYONE has the right to make the best of life they are born into: for most of us that journey begins with an education.

Going to school is not just about acquiring knowledge to help you find a job, it's also about developing the skills for building successfully relationships, discovering friendships and exploring identity.

In Tanzania the majority of disabled children are denied a basic education, denied vocational skills, denied employment opportunities, and a future.

Husna Zubery, a form II student at Kileleni Secondary School in Handeni District Council, Tanga Region said schools must be built near the communities to enable students to attend schools effectively especially those with disabilities.

Zubery said further that children with disabilities have a right to make best of their lives and to live their dreams.

"Our fellow pupils with disabilities fail to get education for many reasons including unfriendly infrastructure. We call on the government to reconsider it," she said.

Asteria Gwajima, a representative from the Action on Disability and Development (ADD), says that the infrastructures in most primary schools are not friendlier to people with disabilities. Gwajima said that there are also few teachers trained to teach students with disabilities saying in the Handeni District Council there are only three teachers.

"Concerted efforts are needed to identify disabled children of school age and enrol them. We need also to train more teachers to teach this particular group because they have a right to access education," she said.

She added that exclusion reinforces separation between disabled and non-disabled causing a lifelong harm.

Furthermore, it fuels the fear and misunderstandings of differences and strengthens the stigma that disabled children can't learn adding that it also



leads to millions of disabled children to a future of poverty, dependency and isolation.

"It is time to improve the relationship between head teachers in all inclusive-primary schools, parents and the surrounding society to ensure that this group observe and get the right to access education," she suggested.

She said in Tanzania, ADD partner with disability activists to tackle stigma, transform attitudes and support the right of every disabled child to access an education.

"We work with teachers and schools to help deliver inclusive environments, and together we hold the government accountable to prioritise financial resources and implementing policies for inclusive education," she said.

In the same vein, Kitumbi Ward

Handeni District Commissioner Godwin Gondwe (2nd-L) visits one of the Pavilions during the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) held in his district.

Councillor, in Handeni district Council Charles Abeid infrastructure in most schools is not friendlier to children with disabilities and therefore excludes them from accessing education.

Citing his ward, he said students had to walk for twelve or more kilometres to school and back home which according to them isn't easy.

He said as a result disabled children remains at home due to poverty and unfriendly environment in most cases hinder their movement.

"I think the best way is to increase number of inclusive schools to allow more children with disabilities to access the rights to education," he suggested.

According to him, there were only three schools with inclusive education in the district and also located far from his ward the situation force them to walk longer distance.

Besides that, there had been a tendency also for parents with disabled children to hide their children fearing stigma from the community as a result they don't get access to education.

Indeed, this cause lifelong harm since it hinders them to accomplish their dreams hence became dependant or in some places beggars.

As a matter of fact, it is most important to empower families having children with disabilities and ensure food security which is

one of the big challenges affecting them.

He said it was the responsibility of parents, teachers and community to ensure that children with disabilities get access to education and are protected.

In the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE), commemorated in Handeni District Council recently, stakeholders emphasised the need for the government to reconsider the less prioritized groups among priorities unveiled by the Tanzania Network Programme (Ten/Met).

GAWE is a flagship event for the Civil Society Education movement and has been running successfully since 2003 in the country. The commemoration had been organised by the (Ten/Met) in collaboration with the Handeni District Council and kicked off from May 27th to 31st this year, with a theme "My Education My Right".

The Ten/Met representative Clement Maganga said "Systematic change is required to create environment where children with disabilities can thrive. The crisis cannot be achieved overnight or with a single project".

He said that in order to achieve the goal it is a must to change attitudes and dismantling the barriers that keep disabled children excluded in the first place.

"Let's empower disabled children and their families to access education; work with teachers and schools to help deliver inclusive environments and together holding accountable the government for prioritising financial resources and implementing policies for inclusive education," he said.

Truly, inclusive education remains elusive especially for children with disabilities and special needs. Resources and skilled staff are required in order to welcome these children into mainstream education system.

Tanzania has made significant

policy progress on inclusive education. The National strategy on inclusive education stresses the importance of pre-primary education for all children.

However, implementation has been poor, hampered by inadequate leadership, weak capacity and a lack of ring fenced budgets to make sure the work happens.

Children with disabilities under six years old face significant challenges of deprivation including poverty, food insecurity, malnutrition, health risk, and violence and family breakdowns.

As a result, disabled children are often seriously at-risk and ill-prepared, physically and mentally, for school.

The WHO/World Bank report on disability found that people with disabilities have lower educational achievements, less economic participation, poorer health outcomes, higher rates of poverty, and experience more inequality than people without disabilities.

It is estimated that more than one-third of out-of-school children have a disability, and in Africa, fewer than 10 percent of children living with disabilities are in school. According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in 2011 for instance, about 0.5 percent of all children enrolled in primary schools were children with disabilities, and only 0.3 percent of boys and 0.25 percent of girls living with disabilities are in secondary school.

Though the National Strategy on Inclusive Education aims to improve access to quality education for all Tanzanians, children living with disabilities and their parents/caregivers face numerous barriers that prevent them from enrolling and remaining in school.

These barriers include poor infrastructure, transport, school fees, stigma, absence of trained teachers, and lack of assistive devices needed in schools.

Prejudice and discrimination, the uncured ills of leprosy

BRASILIA

"THE ambulance team refused to take my sick friend to the hospital because he had had Hansen's disease years before," said Yohei Sasakawa, president of the Nippon Foundation, at one of the meetings held during his Jul. 1-10 visit to Brazil.

His friend was completely cured and had no visible effects of the disease, but in a small town everyone knows everything about their neighbours, he said.

This didn't happen in a poor country, but in the U.S. state of Texas, only about 20 years ago, Sasakawa pointed out to underline the damage caused by the discrimination suffered by people affected by Hansen's Disease, better known as leprosy, as well as those who have already been cured, and their families.

"The disease is curable, its social damage is not," he said during a meeting with lawmaker Helder Salomão, chair of the Human Rights Commission in Brazil's lower house of Congress, to ask for support in the fight against Hansen's disease, the official medical name for the disease in Brazil, where the use of the term leprosy has been banned because of the stereotypes and stigma surrounding it.

The highlight of the mission of Sasakawa, who is also a World Health Organisation (WHO) Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, was a meeting on Monday Jul. 8 with President Jair Bolsonaro, who posted a message on Facebook during the meeting, which had nearly 700,000 hits as of Thursday Jul. 11.

In the 13-and-a-half minute video, Bolsonaro, Sasakawa, Health Minister Luiz Mandetta and Women, Family and Human Rights Minister Damares



Yohei Sasakawa (2nd-L), president of the Nippon Foundation, accompanied by two members of his delegation, took part in a meeting with Congressman Helder Salomão (C), chair of the Human Rights Commission of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies, who pledged to support initiatives to eliminate leprosy in his country. Faustino Pinto (2nd-R), national coordinator of the Movement for the Reintegration of Persons Affected by Hansen's Disease (MORHAN), also participated. Photo: IPS

Alves issued a call to the authorities, organisations and society as a whole to work together to eradicate the disease caused by the Mycobacterium Leprosae bacillus.

A preliminary agreement emerged from the dialogues held by the Japanese activist with members of the different branches of power in Brasilia, to hold a national meeting in 2020 to step up the fight against Hansen's disease and the discrimination and stigma faced by those affected by it and their families.

The idea is a conference with a political dimension, with the participation of national authorities, state governors and mayors, as well as a techni-

cal dimension, said Carmelita Ribeiro Coriolano, coordinator of the Health Ministry's Hansen's Disease Programme. The Tokyo-based Nippon Foundation will sponsor the event.

Brazil has the second highest incidence of Hansen's Disease in the world, with 27,875 new cases in 2017, accounting for 12.75 percent of the world total, according to WHO. Only India has more new cases.

The government established a National Strategy to Combat Hansen's Disease, for the period 2019-2022, in line with the global strategy outlined by the WHO in 2016.

Extensive training of the different actors involved in the treatment of the disease and plans at the state and municipal levels, tailored to local conditions, guide the efforts against Hansen's Disease, focusing particularly on reducing cases that cause serious physical damage to children and on eliminating stigma and discrimination.

Before his visit to Brasilia, Sasakawa, who has already come to Brazil more than 10 times as part of his mission against Hansen's Disease, toured the states of Pará and Maranhão to discuss with regional and municipal authorities

the obstacles and the advances made, in two of the regions with the highest prevalence rate.

"In Brazil there is no lack of courses and training; the health professionals are sensitive and give special attention to Hansen's disease," said Faustino Pinto, national coordinator of the Movement for the Reintegration of Persons Affected by Hansen's Disease (MORHAN), who accompanied the Nippon Foundation delegation in Brasilia.

"Promoting early diagnosis, to avoid serious physical damage, and providing better information to the public and physical reha-

bilitation to ensure a better working life for patients" are the most necessary measures, he told IPS.

Pinto's case illustrates the shortcomings in the health services. He was not diagnosed as being affected with Hansen's Disease until the age of 18, nine years after he felt the first symptoms. It took five years of treatment to cure him, and he has serious damage to his hands and joints.

His personal plight and the defence of the rights of the ill, former patients and their families were outlined in his Jun. 27 presentation in Geneva, during a special meeting on the disease, parallel to the 41st session of the Human Rights Council, the highest organ of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Pinto is an eloquent advocate of the use of Hansen's disease, rather than leprosy, a term historically burdened with religious prejudice and stigma, which aggravates the suffering of patients and their families, but continues to be used by WHO, for example.

Discrimination against people with the disease dates back to biblical times, when it was seen as a punishment from God, said Sasakawa during his meeting with Minister Damares Alves, a Baptist preacher who describes herself as "extremely Christian".

In India there are 114 laws that discriminate against current or former Hansen's Disease patients, banning them from public transport or public places, among other "absurdities", he said. **IPS**

How avocado farming is helping Tanzanian communities flourish

By Chloe Farand

ON the western flank of Kilimanjaro, a dirt track leads to a once esteemed German coffee farm.

The mountain's slopes in northern Tanzania have long been renowned for quality arabica coffee beans, but here commercial coffee hasn't been produced in a long time.

Instead tens of thousands of pear-shaped avocados are ripening under the equatorial sun.

Africado is one of Tanzania's first commercial avocado farms and the first to export its fruits abroad, including to the UK, the Netherlands and France.

Here, production is rising fast and with the European market increasingly saturated with South American avocados, China could become its next export frontier.

For hundreds of local people, avocado farming has replaced the coffee farms as a source of livelihood.

British farmer, James Parsons, spotted the potential for growing avocados in this high-altitude region more than a decade ago.

In 2007, after 15 years of working on a large coffee farm in neighbouring Kenya, Parsons set out to convert the former German coffee farm into an avocado farm.

The 137-hectare site had long fallen into disrepair. Overgrown shrubs and bushes had spread across the land, surviving coffee trees were diseased and the roof of the old farmhouse was full of holes.

Years of price volatility, nationalisation in the 1970s and poor management from local co-operatives had led to the farm's collapse.

"It was difficult at the beginning," Parsons says, walking among the rows of mature hass-variety avocado trees.

"This was a coffee growing area and the cooperative from which I rented the land wanted me to grow coffee. They didn't understand why I wanted to do avocados.

"Local people thought that I wanted to grow local avocados," he says, referring to the variety of large avocados with big stones that are sold cheaply on street corners across the country. "They didn't see any value in doing that. For them, avocados were pig and dog food."

With time, and as the farm started to recruit workers, local people realised that these new sought-after avocado varieties could bring jobs and money to the area.

Sustainability

Tanzania's Kilimanjaro region is one of the country's largest sources of freshwater. "If you can store it, there is heaps of water here," Parsons says.

On the farm, large lined reservoirs store flood water from rivers and the farm buildings' gutters during the rainy season. In the seven months of dry season, pipes channel the water to micro-sprinklers installed at the root of every tree - an irrigation technique which reduces water wastage.

Improving the quality of the soil through mulching techniques has also played a crucial part in enabling the farm to reduce its water footprint and its use of fertilisers.

Across the farm, Africado uses about 65l of water to produce one kilo of avocados - far less than the global estimate of 283l of water needed to produce a kilo of avocados, according to the Water Footprint Network.

With efforts to use less water, also comes efforts to reduce waste. Every year, around 20 per cent of the avocado production unsuitable for exports is sent to Kenya to be processed into oil that's often used for cosmetics. The rest is packaged on site and will reach consumers' plates about 30 days after being picked.

In 2018, Africado exported 3,000 tons of avocados to Europe - about half of Tanzania's production - including to the shelves of Tesco, Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Ocado in the UK.

As the former German farm is quickly reaching peak production, Parsons has started a second avocado farm - doubling Africado's production capacity thanks to a £3.5m loan from the Finnish and Norwegian development funds, AgDevCo, a company funded by the UK's Department for International Development that invests in African agribusiness. "We should be able to reach more than 6,000 tons of exports," Parsons says.

The expansion of the second farm has also seen Africado increase its workforce with 350 permanent staff and up to 400 seasonal recruits working across both farms. About 60 per cent of all employees are women.

"Most people employed on the farm have never had a formal job or a regular salary before," Parsons explains, adding that most depend on the informal economy and harvests of maize and bananas, grown on small plots of land, for their livelihood.

"Salaries have completely changed the local area. People can go home and bring their salaries back to their families. This means people here really value their job," he says.

The new farm will grow gem avocados, a variety which has a tough skin with gold flecks, as well as a rich flavour that comes from staying on the tree for longer, and is anticipated to rival hass avocados on the global market.

With a different harvest period to the hass type, growing gem avocados will enable the farm to extend its production season from the current four months to eight months a year - retaining its seasonal staff for longer.

Lasting impact

In 2010, Africado launched a small-holder scheme selling local people subsidised seedling trees, from the farm, with a guarantee that it will buy their production in return.

Nine years later, the initiative counts more than 2,000 small-holder farmers across a 200 kilometre radius.

Each farmer is trained on how to improve soil quality using mulching techniques, how to develop a basic irrigation system and pruning the trees to increase production.

"We train farmers to change their mindset about farming," small-holder manager Festus Nkuru says. "Many of them don't know about the importance of pruning and mulching. In turn, we encourage them to train their neighbours, relatives and friends."

Nkuru believes the scheme's success is proof that local people have been convinced of the value of growing avocados. "Now everyone wants to grow avocados and local people have even started eating them," he says.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER, ELDERLY AND CHILDREN NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME



VACANT POSITIONS

The Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) is charged with the task of providing leadership to the Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS.

In fulfilling this task, the MoHCDGEC through the National AIDS Control Programme has solicited support and collaboration from different stakeholders. Using the obtained resources, the NACP is looking for suitable candidates to fill in the following vacant positions. The successful candidates will work under contractual agreement for a period of one year with possibility of renew.

In that connection, the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children invites applications from suitably qualified Tanzanians to fill the following vacancies:

Position 1: Data Manager

Reporting to the Head - Strategic Information - NACP

1.1 Broad Functions:

Management of HIV/AIDS Data base at National level.

1.2 Principle Responsibilities

- Develop and update the HIV data management plan for NACP with focus on all interventions in the programme.
- Coordinate the development, maintenance and updating of appropriate program monitoring software/Data base.
- Ensure that Data and report flows from the facilities through the appropriate sub national levels to National levels.
- Carry out regular Data analysis to produce statistical summaries and aggregate reports that will update NACP and sub national levels on the progress in the implementation.
- Work with the sub national level to facilitate Data use.
- Analyse supportive supervision reports to identify further training needs and gaps
- Facilitate M& E trainings from Regional level to Districts and facility level
- Build electronic Data management capacity at sub-national level
- Perform other office duties as assigned by Programme Manager and Administrator.

1.3 Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- Degree in Statistics with at least 3 years' experience in health related projects
- Post graduate degree in health related field is an added advantage
- Extensive knowledge in working with data and information systems
- Experience in working with Local Government Authorities (LGA) systems is an added advantage
- Excellent interpersonal, diplomacy and facilitation skills
- Familiarity working with multiple implementers all aiming at obtaining the 90,90,90 strategy
- Proficient computer/software skills, including a command of MS Word, Power Point and Excel
- Strong organizational skills that reflect ability to perform and prioritize multiple tasks seamlessly with excellent attention to detail
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills both in Kiswahili and English

Position 2: M & E Officer

Reporting to the Head - Strategic Information - NACP

2.1 Broad Functions:

Management of HIV and AIDS Data base at National level.

2.2 Main tasks and responsibilities

- Coordinate development of protocols for recording and reporting of HIV/ and AIDS services in line with M&E frame work plan for the current Health Sector Strategic Plan.
- Establish the requirement and distribution national plan for the recording and reporting tools for HIV and AIDS Services to ensure regular availability of these tools at service provision points.
- Coordinate development and revision of training packages and standard operating procedures for HIV and AIDS interventions reporting systems.
- Coordinate Implementation of Quality Improvement Strategy for HIV and AIDS recording and reporting with other institutions and/or organizations.
- Establish and implement a plan for regular dissemination of HIV and AIDS data.
- Promote the use of the HIV and AIDS data for improvement of services provisions, monitoring and planning at facility, district, regional and national levels.
- Coordinate and conduct Supportive Supervision to service provision and management points to intensify HIV and AIDS Services.
- As part of the technical team at National AIDS Control program, attend any other assignments as directed by the Head of Strategic Information, Administrator and Programme Manager.

2.3 Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in statistics plus Diploma or Degree in Information Technology. A Public Health qualification will be an asset.
- At least 3 years' experience in management of information systems or monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Ability to work with computer software including. MS office, MS excel and MS power point applications;
- Excellent oral and written skills in English and Kiswahili.
- Experience in working with Local Government Authorities (LGA) systems is an added advantage
- Excellent interpersonal, diplomacy and facilitation skills
- Familiarity working with multiple implementers all aiming at obtaining the 90,90,90 strategy

Position 3: Laboratory Advisor - 2 Positions

Reporting to the Head - Pharmaceutical and Laboratory Services Unit - NACP

Main tasks and responsibilities

3.1 Broad Function:

To provide advisory role to the day - to - day logistic activities of all HIV/AIDS Care, Treatment and Support at NACP.

3.2 Key Responsibilities:

- In collaboration with the MoHCDGEC - Diagnostic unit, NHLQATC , NACP and PMTCT and MSD; develop a lab commodities supply chain monitoring and evaluation system and periodically evaluate the implementation of laboratory supplies management SOPs at all laboratory warehouse/storage facilities and testing sites
- Provide technical support to MSD (central and zonal warehouses) in reviewing, designing, implementing and monitoring laboratory commodities procurement and distribution to testing sites.
- Monitor stock levels of Laboratory commodities (reagents, control samples, supplies, forms etc.) to ensure an uninterrupted supply by maintaining buffer stocks, monitoring expiry dates, and quantifying based on consumption and potential expansion of the program.
- Provide TA to strengthen regular forecasting and supply planning for laboratory Commodities using appropriate tool such as ForLAB and PipeLine®
- Support the implementation of laboratory supplies and reagents tracking mechanism throughout the supply chain
- Play active role in laboratory commodities management supportive supervision activities, in close coordination with the Logistics Management Unit (LMU) and other national stakeholders including MSD.
- Facilitate training activities at facility level in lab commodities management including the use of stock cards, registers, reporting forms, and other instruments for collecting and analyzing lab commodities management operations.
- Monitor the preparation, storage, use, quality assurance and disposal of reagents and other lab diagnostic consumables and expiry tracking at all testing sites.
- Ensure that expired or unusable chemicals and reagents are separated from active stock and destroyed following appropriate destruction procedures.
- Prepare and submit monthly activity report.
- Coordinate and actively participate in lab supply chain assessment as needed.
- Assist in determining training needs and provide training as required.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Head - PLSU and Programme Manager

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- An advanced degree or Master's Degree in Public Health, Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science with at least five years' experience in managing laboratory supplies
- Experience in working with laboratory supplies and MOHCDGEC programs is preferred.
- Experience in logistics/supply chain management and or public health commodities management desirable.
- Experience in working with the Government of Tanzania and other NGOs preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal English.
- Ability to prepare and present information related to health laboratory diagnostics
- Ability to work on a team to develop strategies and manage implementation of projects
- Ability to work independently.
- Proficiency in common computer packages (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, Excel) relevant to the work.
- Able to travel for an extended period of time away from the duty station to support technical activities.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Head - PLSU and or Program Manager

Position 4: Driver

Reporting to the Head - Administration and Finance - NACP

4.1 Main tasks and responsibilities

- Drive allocated vehicle and observe all road rules and signs according to the required legal and traffic conditions.
- Carry out different inspection of the vehicle before driving such as checking of coolant, oils and other fluids.
- Carry out minor vehicle repairs and other emergency activities such as flat tires during any road breakdowns.
- Inform the Administration immediately to update all vehicle documents such as car insurance.
- Maintain a car logbook, fuel and oil requisition book and prepare a logbook summary each day.
- Maintain cleanliness of the motor vehicle.
- Drive staff to different locations in project implementation.
- Collect and deliver documents, parcels or mails as directed.
- Perform other work related duties as may be assigned by the Administrator.

4.2 Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- Hold an Ordinary Level Certificate of Secondary School Education
- Hold a Class C Driver's License
- Should have a Driving Certificate from a recognized institution
- Five years' experience driving in public and recognized institutions.
- Hold an Advanced Driving Certificate from NIT will be an added advantage

Salary: Attractive

Deadline of application:

Candidates who meet the requirements are asked to address their applications including a CV, photocopies of relevant certificates and testimonials to the under-mentioned address not later than 29th July, 2019. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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Will Ramaphosa's new reform timetable save Thabane's skin?

BY PETER FABRICIUS

SOUTH Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa, the Southern African Development Community's official facilitator of Lesotho's reforms, visited that country last week. He persuaded the political parties to sign an agreement establishing a statutory National Legislative Reform Authority to coordinate national reforms.

He welcomed the signing as a 'historic milestone that firmly set Lesotho on the road to reform' - that is, the major constitutional, security, political and other reforms long demanded by SADC. Nothing in Ramaphosa's statement suggested he was conscious of the chaos raging all around him in the politics of this tiny but chronically troubled country - and which seems to make reform unlikely.

There was no sign of awareness that Prime Minister Tom Thabane's ruling All Basotho Convention (ABC) was imploding. Or that Thabane was about to be fired as leader by a sizeable faction of the party, and replaced by Nqosa Mahao.

Thabane had also suspended Parliament indefinitely to prevent it from passing a motion of no confidence in him. And the prime minister was about to try to fire Lesotho's Judge President for making a ruling in favour of Mahao's faction of the party.

The ABC is riven by a series of overlapping conflicts and tensions. The most visible is resentment by many party leaders of the shenanigans of First Lady Maesaiha Thabane. She is widely dubbed the Grace Mugabe of Lesotho as she is nearly 40 years younger than her octogenarian husband and meddles just as vociferously in state affairs.

Deeper than the ABC's discontent with Mrs Thabane, though, rages a succession struggle which seems to be experiencing a typically Lesotho problem. 'It's grown too big for all the patronage available to Thabane to dispense to everyone,' one observer drily put it.

That would be a variation of what may be the central cause of the coun-



try's political instability. With very little economic activity and few private sector jobs, positions available in politics, the government and particularly the army and police, are that much more bitterly contested.

Ramaphosa's mission was to prod the Basotho politicians into implementing the long-delayed reforms. In the process, though, did he also throw the drowning Thabane a political lifeline as some opposition leaders seemed to suspect? One of them insisted that Lesotho's democracy could not be held hostage to reforms.

At a press conference after their meeting, Thabane hinted that Ramaphosa had indeed given him a

Last week's agreement serves the short-term interests of Ramaphosa and Thabane, but can it save Lesotho? File photo

new lease of political life by insisting that the Basotho should now focus on wider reforms instead of the immediate political ructions. Perhaps Ramaphosa's greatest achievement was to get Thabane and the others to agree to reconvene Parliament by 5 August to pass the enabling legislation to create the reform authority they have agreed on.

Some observers believe that Thabane and his supporters are interpreting the reform-first imperative to mean Parliament should meet to adopt the legislation and then immediately dissolve again. Thabane's opponents

however could be interpreting it to mean that Parliament should first adopt the enabling legislation and then vote on a motion of no confidence in Thabane. Watch this space.

Before Ramaphosa arrived in Lesotho last week, the programme of constitutional, political and security sector reforms first demanded by SADC nearly five years ago had gone awry. Its aim was to stop the interminable cycle of assassinations of army chiefs, coups and other meddling of the security services in politics. SADC had even gone as far as deploying a peacekeeping force in

Lesotho for a year to try to restore the stability needed for reforms to go ahead.

The country held a first National Dialogue in November last year to launch these reforms. The second dialogue was due in February but had been postponed a few times. SADC's deadline for completing the overall reforms by the end of May this year has been missed by a mile.

Now, after intense and stern mediation during July by Ramaphosa's representative, former deputy South African judge president Dikgang Moseneke, a new timetable has been agreed on by all the

political parties.

After prior consultations, the second National Dialogue is due to be held from 16 to 18 September. The National Reform Authority, which must be independent, transparent and accountable to all parties that have a legitimate interest in reform, will have one year to implement the decisions of the second National Dialogue. That deadline could be extended by six months.

Ordinary Basotho are seeing this authority as the last gasp for reform. They are hoping it will comprise mainly neutral technocrats rather than politicians and that that will give it some hope of success.

Nonetheless, it's not hard to be a bit sceptical about all this, given all the solemn commitments to reform made by the Basotho politicians for so long, with barely a single reform enacted.

Last week's agreement certainly serves the short-term interests of both Ramaphosa and Thabane. Ramaphosa needed to have some evidence that he was doing his job as Lesotho facilitator ahead of the next SADC summit in August.

Apparently he had hoped to persuade the Basotho to hold the second National Dialogue before the SADC summit. That proved impossible because of the chaos in the body politic. The next best thing was the agreement on a timetable to hold it in September.

And Thabane got an agreement which at least temporarily distracted attention from his struggle for political survival - which he seems to hope might prolong his tenure, if he can somehow dodge that vote of no confidence. But whether Lesotho's fractious political class can lift its gaze from its squabbles for positions and patronage to the loftier horizons of structural reforms is rather more doubtful.

Peter Fabricius, ISS Consultant

Migrants, militias and the Mediterranean Sea

BERLIN

WHEN the Italian police recently arrested Carola Rackete, captain of the Sea-Watch 3 search and rescue vessel, the Central Mediterranean Sea suddenly entered the international limelight once again.

Media coverage of the most dangerous migration route in the world had previously been quite muted everywhere except Italy, where for months Interior Minister Matteo Salvini used every opportunity to publicly lambast the German NGO's activities - despite low numbers of arrivals.

In fact, Captain Rackete became Salvini's (and increasingly his voters') enemy of choice well before her arrest. At the same time, she became a hero to those who support rescuing migrants at sea.

Yet despite the uproar, the row about NGO rescue ships represents only a small part of the complex geopolitical puzzle that drives irregular migration along this route. Carola Rackete's arrest will have a very limited impact on the overall situation.

In order to truly understand what's going on in the Central Mediterranean, one must retrace migrants' steps all the way back to their countries of origin - often in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East or even South Asia.

Some are refugees as defined by the 1951 Refugee Convention, others are not, but practically all of them have good reasons to leave their homes. This mixed migration flow typically crosses several countries before entering Libya, the main gateway to Europe.

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African migrants crossing the Sahara Desert face dangers as severe as those at sea, with an uncounted death toll possibly far greater than that in the Mediterranean. Once migrants enter Libya, they find themselves in a



comparatively wealthy country - Libya holds Africa's largest oil reserves.

However, it is also a war-torn country in political disarray since the fall of ex-dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

The Libyan situation

At the moment, there are over 660,000 migrants in Libya according to estimates by the International Organization for Migration. Their conditions vary according to nationality and location.

Some long-term residents from North Africa or the Middle East are quite happy to stay in Libya, while more recent arrivals from sub-Saharan countries often face severe discrimination, exploitation and abuse.

As Libya never signed the 1951 Refugee Convention, refugees have no legal status in the country and cannot

seek international protection there. In fact, undocumented migrants in Libya can be arrested and imprisoned at any time.

Local militias, acting as police in areas they control, also run detention centres where they extort money from migrants or sell those who cannot pay to smugglers and human traffickers.

Some of these same militia members are on government payrolls and are supported directly or indirectly by EU missions seeking to train and equip border police and coast guard officials.

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keep migrants at bay.

But there's no way to address the issue effectively without settling the ongoing power struggle between the Government of National Accord (GNA) headed by Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj and rival Khalifa Haftar, commander of the Libyan National Army (LNA), based in the east of the country.

While the internationally recognised GNA is officially supported by the EU and Italy in particular, its actual control of Libyan territory is limited to Tripoli and some areas of Western Libya controlled by allied militias.

Meanwhile, France backs the LNA, which controls the east and parts of the south of the country either directly or by proxy

through local militias. Haftar launched an attack on Tripoli in April 2019, just days before a planned national conference to organise presidential and parliamentary elections to help solve the political crisis in Libya.

The conflict is currently at a stalemate, with Haftar's forces fighting against the GNA on the outskirts of Tripoli.

The EU needs a common strategy

The EU's split position isn't just awkward but indeed counterproductive in finding a solution to the conflict, and by extension the migratory situation as well. Italy and France should agree on a common strategy and facilitate a peace deal between the GNA and the LNA by using their respective influence on each side of the conflict.

The EU could then step up its capacity building work, help professionalise Libya's security sector, strengthen civil society and invest in projects that unlock Libya's economic potential. Stability and prosperity in Libya would significantly reduce migratory pressure to Europe by making it safer and more attractive as a destination country for labour migrants - as it was before the revolution.

As the European Parliament and the European Commission start their new terms this year, migration should be back at the top of their agendas.

Stabilising Libya will certainly take time and may not even be possible because the conflict is so complex and involves a multitude of internal and external non-EU actors. The EU must therefore simultaneously work towards a sustainable search and rescue, reception and relocation mechanism for those who manage to leave Libya.

Italy's decision to close its

ports and criminalise NGOs attempting to bring rescued migrants to shore is certainly deplorable. Yet it's also understandable given the lack of solidarity other EU member states have demonstrated long before Salvini was elected to government.

As a result, Malta now feels the cold shoulder of northern and eastern European indifference as it receives more and more arrivals diverted from Italy. The current practice of ad-hoc, case-by-case relocations for each boatload of migrants rejected by the Italian authorities is simply not sustainable.

Solving the question of asylum seeker relocation within the EU may even be more difficult than achieving peace in Libya, as the never-ending standstill in negotiations between the European Parliament and Council on the reform of the Dublin Regulation demonstrates.

But it must be done. There's no other way to handle the arrival of migrants seeking asylum in Europe. The alternative is a political backlash in frontline member states that threatens the entire EU project.

As the European Parliament and the European Commission start their new terms this year, migration should be back at the top of their agendas. However, in contrast to the last terms, they should approach irregular migration through the Central Mediterranean not as an isolated issue, but rather as one element in an interlinked set of challenges requiring integrated policy responses.

Only then does the EU stand a chance at finding sustainable solutions that can withstand the inevitable migratory pressure facing Europe in the future.

RELIEF

Magufuli recognition enables small traders to get access to loans from CRDB account

By Guardian Reporter

SMALL traders, popularly known as 'Machingas', can now get loans through their mobile phones thanks to President John Magufuli's issuing of identity cards to the group.

CRDB Bank Plc's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, told members of Morogoro business community during the weekend that after the formal recognition of the 'Machingas' by the government, CRDB will start to issue loans through its SimAccount platform.

Nsekela said with the identity cards given to the hawkers, it's easier for the bank to track and work with the group which normally engages in nomadic businesses.

"The loans will be issued through our digital platform called SimAccount which will not require borrowers to visit our branches as is the case currently," Nsekela said at the semi-

nar which was graced by Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Dr Steven Kebwe.

He explained that the country's Tier 1 bank is committed towards ensuring petty traders are supported to graduate into big business owners while contributing to national economic growth in line with the government's middle income quest by 2025.

"We have come up with this new innovative digital loan scheme for petty traders because there is growing demand for financing but also urgent," the youthful CRDB chief added promising the 'Machingas' with more products to help them grow their businesses.

CRDB Group which constitutes CRDB Microfinance Bank, has for many years been disbursing loans to small and medium size businesses mostly with formal recognition including having permanent business premises which many 'Machingas'



CRDB's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, addresses members of Morogoro business community during a seminar organised by the bank on Saturday. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

lack.

Nsekela further noted that the country's largest bank in terms of net asset value, deposits and loan portfolio, has strategic plans targeting entrepreneurs who include street hawkers. "Last alone, we issued loans worth 421.58bn/- to our entrepreneur customers," he stated.

In his speech to open the seminar, Dr Kebwe praised CRDB's board, management and staff for targeting the 'Machingas' saying such a move is in line with President Magufuli's vision of formalizing petty trading in the country.

"CRDB's initiative is also commendable because it plays a crucial role in supporting government plans to graduate the economic into middle income status," he noted while also praising the bank for its heavy investment in agriculture through FahariKilimo product.

He challenged business people in his region to seize the digital loan scheme opportunity floated by CRDB saying such initiatives are what the government has been advocating to realise rapid economic growth.

Dr Kebwe said his natural resources rich region

which has vast tracts of arable land and rivers for irrigation needs serious investment in commercial farming to produce sugarcane, rice and cashew nuts which are in big demand by consumers.

During the seminar, business owners and managers were given tips of financial management skills to better run their businesses and see them grow into companies. CRDB Bank which is the main sponsor of Top 100 Mid-size companies organised by KPMG Tanzania and Mwananchi Communications Limited, donated US 60,000 (over 137.7m/-) targeting entrepreneurs.

STUDY TOUR

Mkuranga farmers, pastoralists and officials visit South Korea

By Beatrice Philemon

A DELEGATION of 50 Tanzanians which included small scale farmers, livestock keepers and development officers from Mkuranga district visited South Korea recently to learn how the Asian Tiger's population has found its way out of abject poverty.

Sponsored by the country's Saemaul Undong Centre, the

delegation visited several areas meeting with hosts and listening top briefings on how the Koreans succeeded to transform their economy through the spirit of diligence, self-help and cooperation.

Saemaul Undong Centre Tanzania's Project Coordinator, Tony Park said the local delegations learnt on the Koreans hardworking and innovative spirit which has transformed the Asian na-

tion into one of the world's economic powerhouses.

"The main goal for the trip was just to help learn practically how they can make their villages rich while Tanzania is being transformed into an industrial economy just like South Korea," Park said.

He said his country's development experience includes putting focus in innovation, agriculture transformation, education

improvement and also heavy investment in social and economic activities.

"We have decided to support Tanzanians from different sectors learn from their Korean peers through field visits," he added noting that by seeing what their peers do to develop, Saemaul Undong hopes to see adoption of some best practices.

The Korean not-for-profit institution has also sent a delegation

of five people who include a district development officer, ward officer, councilor and a doctor from Mkuranga district to South Korea on a similar mission.

While in Korea, the delegation is expected to see community development work and how it is used to improve quality of life, alleviate poverty based on the spirits of diligence, self-help and cooperation.

Commenting on the initiative,

Mkuranga District Executive Director, Mshamu Munde thanked Saemaul Undong Centre for sponsoring the field visits saying experience gained by the locals will likely benefit the country.

"Take more time to learn from Koreans on what they did to transform their economy and lives because we want to see change from where we are today to the next level here in Mkuranga district when you return,"

Munde challenged the group of five before its departure.

He challenged the delegations which have visited the Asian nation to show the difference by applying what they learnt and experienced from their Korean peers. "Take good things from South Korea that will help us change and bring social and economic development in Tanzania," he noted. The delegation will be in Korea for a week.

FORECAST

Ground handling firm Nas Aviation targets some 9k flights in EA

By Francis Kajubi

A GROUND flights handling company, Nas Aviation Service (NAS) which operates in 12 airports in East Africa plans to handle some 9,500 planes by end of this year.

NAS Dar Airco General Manager, Miguel Serra said his company which operates at all three major airports in the country also operates in Uganda and Mozambique. In Tanzania, the company operates at Kilimanjaro International Airport, Julius Nyerere International Airport and Dodoma Airport.

"Since we started operations in the country in 2016, we have also contributed significantly to the aviation industry's growth. As our business grows, so does our social responsibilities to the communities we live and work in," Serra said during the handing over of 50m/- dummy cheque to Kilolo District Council to support the health sector.

"By partnering with Kilolo District Council, we hope to play our part in supporting government's efforts to provide quality healthcare to the public," the NAS Dar

Airco GM added.

Present in over 40 airports across the Middle East, Asia and Africa, the company targets to handle over 6.8 million passengers in Africa by 2020. The company employs 385 people mostly locals in the country.

The fastest growing aviation services provider in the emerging markets, has decided to work in partnership with Kilolo district to support construction of a building which will host doctors and medical facilities.

The partnership agreement which was unveiled last Friday covers construction of staff housing for the district which is in Iringa region and is currently completing construction of a 4.7bn/- district hospital.

"The hospital is one of its kind and aims to provide upgraded healthcare by highly skilled medical professionals," said Kilolo District Executive Director, Aloyce Kwezi after receiving NAS financial support which will go towards the construction of the houses for medical doctors, nurses and other general staff for the district hospital.



General Manager NAS Dar Airco, Miguel Serra, (R) handing over a dummy check of 50m/- to Kilolo District Executive Director, Aloyce Kwezi (L) in Dar es Salaam on Friday last week. Others in the photo are: Professor Costa Mahalu (C) who is NAS Africa board member and Kilolo District Commissioner, Asia Abdallah (2nd L). Photo: Francis Kajubi.

CONCERN

US blames corruption for slowing of foreign investments in Kenya

NAIROBI

KENYA is steadily enhancing its attractiveness to international investors, but "endemic" corruption slows the flow of foreign capital into the country's economy, the US State Department said on Thursday.

This generally positive but guarded appraisal is presented in the Kenya section of a set of "Investment Climate State-

ments" that assess receptivity to foreign investment in more than 170 countries.

Prepared by economic officers in US embassies around the world, the comprehensive statements are intended to help guide investment decisions by US companies.

"Kenya has a positive investment climate that has made it attractive to international firms seeking a location for regional

or pan-African operations," the State Department declares at the outset of its review of Kenya's economic, political and security status.

The statement notes substantial improvement in Kenya's ranking in the World Bank's global report on the comparative ease of doing business. Passage of tax and finance laws and other "broad business reforms" on the part of Kenya are cited as

well. "Kenya's macroeconomic fundamentals remain among the strongest in Africa, with five to six per cent GDP growth over the past five years, six to eight per cent inflation, improving infrastructure, and strong consumer demand from a growing middle class," the statement adds.

"Kenya's capital markets are the deepest and most sophisticated in East Africa," the US says. "The Kenyan capital market has

grown rapidly in recent years and has also exhibited strong capital raising capacity."

Investors are warned, however, that corruption remains deeply rooted in Kenya's society and economy. "There are many reports that corruption often influences the outcomes of government tenders, and US firms have had limited success bidding on public procurements," the statement points out.

IMPRESSIVE

Long-serving NBC shines again at Dar International Trade Fair

By Guardian Correspondent

The National Bank of Commerce (NBC), which emerged top in the Banking and Financial Institutions category at the just-concluded 43rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), has spoken on the factors behind the achievement.

The feat was the second one in as many years at the country's most prestigious trade fair, Director of SMEs Elvis Ndunguru said at the DITF grounds last week. "excellence in customer service, adoption of technology, and vast improvements in a range of processes".

He said the bank has been using the world-acclaimed trade fair as a platform at which to showcase its support for the government's Industrialisation and Trade agenda through its SME and retail customers.

"As a commercial bank boasting a long history of operations in Tanzania, we are strongly positioned to support trade activities locally, internationally and regionally. Our cost-efficiency drive and operating model is predicated on the use of technology to reach our customers," Ndunguru said at the DITF grounds last week.

He said that NBC has over the years embarked on a digital transformation journey, "continually reviewing its processes to align to modern-day practices but also employing advanced technology in the delivery of services to its customers".

The bank has further reported that it boasts a number of digital service propositions to its customers, ranging from online platforms and automated deposit taking teller machines as well as mobile and agency banking.

"We can now bank any customer at their convenience with our offsite account opening capability. Our customers choosing to initiate transactions in our branches can now do so without having to deal with paper," said Head of Retail Banking Gaudence Shawa.

He said NBC was the first bank in Tanzania to launch



NBC managing director Theobald Sabi (back to camera) receives trophy from Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan after the bank emerged top in the Banking and Financial Institutions category at the just-ended 43rd DITF. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

paperless banking, with its banking hall operations now 90 percent paperless, adding: "This achievement makes us as one of the standout banks to have moved from paper-based operations to a paperless-championing an eco-friendly atmosphere."

"We have made incredible investments in the digital journey. Our new branches have adopted a much-improved look and feel that makes it easier for customers to be served in our retrofit upgraded branches," he noted, elaborating: "All forex transactions and government-required or statutory payments are now possible with great ease at any NBC branches across Tanzania."

Shawa said the bank sort of "jumped on to the agency banking bandwagon only as recently as late last year, but we now boast over 1,600 agents countrywide - in less than 12 months - and we intend to grow this number to 5,000 by end of this year."

These agents also perform not only the usual banking transactions but also attend to statutory payments.

"Our SME customers have a dedicated online platform

that supports them to transact on the go," he explained, adding: "Our proposition to these customers is to enable them perform their business transactions with ease, we now are able to support their statutory payments to be done on point of sale (PoS) machines at any branch in Tanzania."

He said services facilitated via Merchant, MasterCard, Masterpass, M-visa are also possible with any PoS machine across the country.

The NBC officials said the bank's debit cards can be used across all Visa-enabled ATMs in Tanzania and globally, with Shawa noting: "We are continuing to grow our merchant base and deploy more upgraded services, and our ATMs allow Union Pay. Both our mobile banking app and USSD platform cater for those who prefer the mobile app or accessing their accounts via USSD."

NBC mobile banking capability offers customers room for immense flexibility, he said, "as they can perform various banking transactions at their convenience such as sending money across mobile wallets and paying bills on a secure robust network, while it can be accessed globally."

PROTECTIONISM

Poultry import tariff is delicate balance, says SA minister Patel

PRETORIA

THE International Trade Administration Commission has its work cut out in deciding whether to approve a poultry import tariff request by the South African Poultry Association, Minister of Trade, Industry & Economic Development Ebrahim Patel told reporters ahead of his budget vote in Parliament.

SAPA, a representative of local poultry producers, applied to ITAC for an 82% increase to the

tariff last month, saying that local producers cannot compete with dumping from the international market.

The Association of Meat Importers and Exporters said such a tariff increase would make low cost meat products unaffordable for low income households. However, local producers maintain that cheap imports are rendering local poultry producers unable to compete.

Patel acknowledged that striking the balance between

preserving the local industry and keeping poultry affordable could prove challenging for ITAC, which would have to make a decision by the end of August and refer it to him for concurrence.

"[T]he policy challenge that government faces is that it wants to promote and support jobs locally, and [it has] a responsibility to ensure cheap sources of meat protein to working and poor South Africans. ITAC has a difficult job in applying their mind to



Minister of Trade, Industry & Economic Development Ebrahim Patel.

the facts," said Patel.

Patel said government saw great value in the local poultry industry because it was a relatively easy market for small scale producers to enter. "Once ITAC recommends, I will have to decide to accept it or not. While we need to do is ensure that any tariff adjustments we contemplate must be in a reciprocal basis. If businesses apply, we expect them to make commitments for a more affordable point of entry for industry," Patel said.

Patel said the department must ensure that producers have as many avenues as possible to enter the market and that the "balancing act for industrial development as well as consumers" was not a light decision to make.

TOURISM

Egypt opens Bent Pyramid to visitors for first time since 1965

CAIRO

THE pyramid of King Sneferu, the first pharaoh of Egypt's fourth dynasty, and a nearby pyramid will be reopened to visitors for the first time since 1965

Egypt on Saturday opened two ancient pyramids south of the capital Cairo and unveiled

a collection of newly found sarcophagi, some containing well-preserved mummies.

Antiquities Minister Khaled al-Anani told reporters the Bent Pyramid of King Sneferu, the first pharaoh of Egypt's fourth dynasty, and a nearby pyramid would be reopened to visitors for the first time since 1965.

He also said a team of archaeologists had un-

covered sarcophagi and the remains of an ancient wall dating back to the Middle Kingdom some 4,000 years ago.

The finds were made during excavation work in the royal necropolis of Dahshur on the west bank of the Nile River, in an area home to some of Egypt's oldest pyramids.

"Several stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi

were found and some contain mummies in good condition," the antiquities ministry said in a statement.

The ancient wall stretches some 60 metres and is situated south of the pyramid of 12th dynasty pharaoh King Amenemhat II, also in the Dahshur necropolis.

The finds also included funerary masks as well

as tools dating back to the Late Period - which spanned almost 300 years up to Alexander the Great's conquest of Egypt in 332 BC - used for cutting stones, the ministry said. Egypt has in recent years sought to promote archaeological discoveries across the country in a bid to revive tourism, which took a hit from the turmoil that followed its 2011 uprising.



Raj Makanjee, chief executive of FNB Retail

DIGITISATION

FNB ties banking with fitness

CAPE TOWN

HOT on the heels of Discovery Bank launch, FNB launches new app functionality marrying money management with wellness goals.

As the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) continues to take hold, technology and digital apps are increasingly entering every aspect of our lives. There is now an app for everything; from diary planning to wellness and, of course, money management.

Traditional banks like FNB, Absa, Standard Bank and Nedbank are closing branches and expanding on digital functions as the likes of new digital players such as Bank Zero, TymeBank and Discovery Bank enter the fray.

First National Bank is the latest to make an announcement about the expansion to the nav>> functionality on its app to include the ability to track and manage health and fitness as well as money management.

The nav>> home functionality was introduced by FNB in 2016 to assist customers in saving for a deposit on a home

loan and then, once approved, managing that loan. This then grew to include a nav>> vehicle financing option and a nav>> money for money management.

Speaking at the launch in Cape Town on Monday, timed to coincide with savings month in July, Raj Makanjee, chief executive of FNB Retail, says that to date, the bank has helped put more than 10 000 families in homes while more than 350 000 customers use nav>> money to manage their finances.

A second, nifty feature allows you to order prescription medicine from your nearest Dis-Chem, from within the FNB App, and get notified when it is ready for collection.

Newly-launched nav>> wellness helps customers to set and track fitness goals after completing a questionnaire to give the person an idea of where they stand from a health perspective and to allow them to set goals accordingly, to improve their score.

According to Makanjee, the use of a single platform to manage money and wellness is "a first for a bank in SA". He makes specific reference goal-based so-

lutions and adds that this is central to encouraging individuals on their journey.

In the recently published Global Wellness Index, South Africa scored poorly for life expectancy, alcohol use, depression and diabetes.

Latest statistics from the World Health Organisation show that South Africans have a 26% probability of dying from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70.

A second, nifty feature allows you to order prescription medicine from your nearest Dis-Chem, from within the FNB app, and get notified when it is ready for collection. The bank says it has also negotiated discounts with health and wellness partners to help customers with savings.

The new uses in the app could be seen as FNB's answer to Discovery Bank's recent entry to the market, along with Vitality Money, which allows customers to earn rewards for spending responsibly as well as achieving weekly active reward goals.

CENSURE

Bosses at French telecom giant risk jail terms as 35 employees commit suicide

PARIS

THE former lead executives of France's largest telecommunication company are facing the end of a two-month trial in which they stand accused of creating a hostile work environment thought to have helped drive dozens of employees into deep depression and, in some cases, to take their own lives.

A report from The New York Times says at least 35 employees of France Télécom killed themselves in the period after the company enacted an aggressive plan to eliminate 22,000 jobs in 2007, with many more said to develop depression.

Defendants include France Télécom's former CEO Didier Lombard, former human-resources director Olivier Barberot, and former deputy executive director Louis-Pierre Venes. Each of the seven defendants is facing a charge of moral harassment. If found guilty, they could face up to a year in prison and a fine of 15,000 euros according to the Associated Press.

The company, which rebranded as Orange in 2013, is also on trial and could be forced to pay civil damages to any workers found to be harmed by the company's practices.

The trial comes more than a decade after the company decided to cut 22,000 workers from its workforce of 130,000. French officials ordered France Télécom to go private in 2003 as the company struggled to keep customers from abandoning landlines for mobile phones. Two years later,

the company had taken on more than \$50 billion (R696 billion) in debt, forcing executives to find new ways to cut costs.

Prosecutors say the executives intentionally created a toxic work culture by harassing employees, intentionally forcing them into the wrong roles and keeping them serially overworked. On a recording from 2007, Lombard, the former chief executive, said he would reach the company's quota of job cuts "by the window or by the door," The Times reports.

A wave of employee suicides from 2007 to 2010 prompted a complaint from Solidaires Unitaires Démocratiques, a French trade union, and an investigation of France Télécom. The case has highlighted the mounting tension between French workers and executives as the country faces ongoing employment issues. The Times reporter Adam Nossiter shared details from the trial, which began in Paris in May.

Prosecutors offered the personal stories of several employees who died



3,000 workers in the public service demonstrated in Nantes, France, on 9 May 2019

by suicide, reports say. A 28-year-old employee hanged himself

in 2009 after being transferred from field technician work to

sales without receiving customer-service training, prosecutors

said; the day before he killed himself he worked a 12-hour shift with a single 30-minute break. Another worker set himself on fire in front of a France Télécom office near Bordeaux in 2011 after multiple reassignments, The Times reports.

Based on the Times report, many of France Télécom's employees expected to spend their entire career with the company. At its peak, France Télécom monopolised the country's communication services with support from the government, but the company struggled to adapt as mobile devices took over the market.

The sociologist Noëlle Burgi worked with employees as suicides increased and told The Times that the workers were subjected to "a process of humiliation." The former France Télécom executives have denied the charges.

COMPETITION

Robots seen rapidly on their way to taking 20 million manufacturing jobs

LONDON

BY 2030, robots will displace 20 million manufacturing jobs worldwide. The 20 million number - which represents 8.5% of the global manufacturing workforce - comes out of a new report from economic forecast company Oxford Economics (OE). It also found that on average, every newly installed robot displaces 1.6 manufacturing workers.

While other industries are beginning to experiment with automation, manufacturing jobs are most vulnerable in the immediate future. China leads the charge in automating jobs: By 2030, the country will have 14 million industrial robots in use. The rest of the world, meanwhile, will have just 6 million robots in use.

Robots are growing in numbers because they are cheaper than paying people.

Technological advancements have pushed down the average unit price of robots by 11% between 2011 to 2016. The US has already lost 260,000 due to automation since the turn of the century, according to the report.

The report analyzed data from the International Federation of Robots, and focused on countries that account for more than 90% of industrial robot installations: EU nations, US, Japan, South Korea, China, and more. The

IFR uses survey data from robot suppliers in 50 countries tracked from 1994 to 2014.

The bigger robotic picture Researchers have been telling us about how automation is going to gobble up jobs for years: The World Economic Forum predicted that half of companies would reduce their full-time workforce by 2022; PWC estimated roughly 7 million jobs in the UK would be displaced by 2037, and McKinsey projected 800 million people worldwide would be out of a job by 2030.

OE's findings differ in that they target how the manufacturing sector specifically would suffer.

Robots have 5 million American manufacturing jobs since 2000, accounting for a decline of nearly 30% of these jobs, Business Insider's Pedro Nicolaci da Costa reported.

The report also has implications for manufacturing policy, as President Trump promised to bring back these jobs during his campaign. Manufacturing activity fell in the US to a two-year low in June, in part due to the ongoing trade war with China.

Still, the Trump administration has been slow to acknowledge AI's impact on the American workforce. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin once said he's "not worried at all" about robots' impact on employment.



Robots are coming up for manufacturing jobs around the world.

PENALTY

\$5bn fine set for Facebook on privacy probe - report

NEW YORK

US regulators have approved a \$5bn penalty to be levied on Facebook to settle a probe into the social network's privacy and data protection lapses, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The newspaper said the Federal Trade Commission approved the settlement in a 3-2 vote, with the two Democratic members of the consumer protection agency dissenting. According to the report, the deal still needs approval from the Justice Department before it is finalized.

Facebook did not immediately respond to an AFP query on the agreement.

The settlement would be in line with Facebook's estimate earlier this year when it set aside \$3 billion to \$5 billion for legal settlements on "user data practices." The FTC announced last year it reopened its investigation into a 2011 privacy settlement with Facebook after revelations that personal data on tens of millions of users was hijacked by the political consultancy Cambridge Analytica, working on the Donald Trump campaign in 2016.



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6:00 HABARI	7:30 HABARI	18:00 Jiji Letu	11:00 Igizo: Kivuko	00:30 CNN International
6:40 Kumekucha	8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	18:15 The Great queen Seonduk	11:15 Kipindi maalum: Uongozi	SATURDAY 20 July
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WORLD

2020 Democratic hopefuls: Party needs to embrace progressive ideals, not Trump voters

PHILADELPHIA

DEMOCRATIC presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren told a room full of liberal activists on Saturday that the party needs to fully embrace policies such as higher taxes on the wealthy, wiping out student loan debt and criminal justice reform if they want to win the White House.

The 70-year-old U.S. senator from Massachusetts said these ideas are not only supported by the activists gathered at the Netroots Nation conference in Philadelphia, the largest annual gathering of progressives in the United States, but by large majorities of the American public.

"The progressive agenda is the American agenda," she said.

Three other Democratic candidates - former U.S. housing Secretary Julian Castro of Texas, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Washington state Governor Jay Inslee - made similar calls for the party to embrace the progressive agenda. But it was

Warren who drew the largest applause.

More than two dozen Democrats are vying to take on Republican President Donald Trump in the November 2020 election.

This year, a record 3,700 people registered for Netroots Nation, organizers said, underscoring progressive enthusiasm on the eve of an election year.

The conference underscored the tension between the party's progressive base and its less vocal centrist wing - and the push from the left to have candidates choose sides.

Conference attendees said Democrats need to stop trying to peel off Trump voters by moving to the center, calling it "fool's gold." Instead, they need to focus on energizing its progressive base and attracting new voters.

"For any centrist to succeed, they will need to animate the people here to win. I don't think the motivation to just beat Trump will be enough," said Greg Robinson, 35, who works at the



Democratic 2020 US presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren speaks to members of the media during a town hall at the Peterborough Town House in Peterborough, New Hampshire, U.S., July 8, 2019. (File photo)

progressive group Living Liberally.

Inslee, 68, who has made combating climate change the centerpiece of his campaign, said the only way to implement a progressive agenda is to do away with the rule that allows one U.S. senator to block bills.

"We have to do away with the filibuster," Inslee said.

Castro, 44, offered several ways to combat income inequality, such as housing vouchers and enforcing the Fair Housing Act. He also said that companies such as Amazon (AMZN.O) unfairly pay little or no taxes and sometimes even get rebates.

"We need a tax code that rewards people who work for a living," Castro said.

Gillibrand, 52, was asked to expand on her recent response to a white woman in Ohio who was having financial troubles due to the loss of manufacturing and who challenged the senator's notion of white privilege.

She said she had to recognize the women's pain because it was real.

"But what she doesn't see as her son grows older, my son grows older, is there will be time when his whiteness protects him. ... When he walks down the street with some M&Ms wearing a hoodie, he won't be shot."

Warren was the only top-tier candidate to attend the annual gathering, giving her a unique

opportunity to attract activists and organizers who just spent the week learning their craft. She has been a frequent speaker at the event for roughly a decade.

Warren has risen steadily in the polls in recent months, peeling voters from front-runner and former Vice President Joe Biden and progressive rival U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

She repeated her calls to legalize marijuana, cancel student loan debt and tax the wealthy to help pay for things like public preschool.

Roughly 10 of the 25 candidates running in the Democratic nominating contest were invited to speak, organizers said.

"It's perplexing to understand why the ones who were invited didn't come. I don't understand the strategy. The big winner here is Warren, the only top-tier candidate to show up, and she can bask in on the glory," said Markos Moulitsas, founder of the Daily Kos website, which chronicles progressive activism.

Moulitsas speculated that Biden's centrist brand of politics would not play well, while U.S. Senator Kamala Harris might have been concerned about her record as a prosecutor in her home state of California.

Sanders has been challenged by the Black Lives Matter movement for not paying enough attention to criminal justice and race, Moulitsas said.

Agencies

Leaked UK memo says Trump axed Iran deal to spite Obama

LONDON

A UK newspaper published more leaked memos from Britain's ambassador in Washington yesterday, despite a police warning that doing so might be a crime.

In one 2018 cable published by the Mail on Sunday, UK ambassador Kim Darroch says President Donald Trump pulled out of an international nuclear deal with Iran as an act of "diplomatic vandalism" to spite his predecessor, Barack Obama.

The memo was written after then-Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson visited Washington in a failed attempt to persuade the US not to abandon the Iran nuclear agreement.

"The outcome illustrated the paradox of this White House: you got exceptional access, seeing everyone short of the president; but on the substance, the administration is set upon an act of diplomatic vandalism, seemingly for ideological and personality reasons - it was Obama's deal," Darroch wrote.

Darroch announced his resignation last week after the newspaper published cables in which he'd branded the Trump administration dysfunctional and inept. The White House responded by refusing to deal with him, and Trump branded the ambassador a "pompous fool" in a Twitter fusillade.

UK police are hunting the



culprits behind the leak - and, contentiously, have warned journalists that publishing the documents "could also constitute a

criminal offence."

Yet both Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, the two contenders to become Britain's next prime minister, have defended the media's right to publish.

"We have to make sure that we defend the right of journalists to publish leaks when they are in the national interest," Hunt said.

British officials have said they have no evidence that hacking was involved in the documents' release, and that the culprit is likely to be found among politicians or civil servants in London.

Police are investigating the leak as a potential breach of the Official Secrets Act, which bars public servants from making "damaging" disclosures of classified material. Breaking the act carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, though prosecutions are rare.

Agencies

Russia rejects any discussion of 'transferring' two islands

TOKYO

MOSCOW has refused to discuss the potential handover of two of four southern Kuril Islands to Japan as part of the talks on signing a peace treaty, Kyodo News said yesterday.

The news agency reported, citing a source close to the negotiation process, that one of the reasons for Moscow's refusal to even discuss such an opportunity was

Russia's concerns related to the Japanese-US military alliance.

The refusal also stemmed from fears that a potential compromise on the territorial issue with Japan could have an adverse effect on the level of support for the Russian government by the population, Kyodo News noted.

Russia and Japan have been in talks to sign a peace treaty since the mid-20th century.

The main stumbling block to



achieving this is the status of the southern Kuril Islands. After the end of World War II, the Kuril Islands were incorporated into the Soviet Union.

However, the status of Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan Islands and the Habomai Islands is being challenged by Japan. Russia's Foreign Ministry has stated on numerous

occasions that Russia's sovereignty over the islands is beyond any doubt.

In 1956, the Soviet Union and Japan signed a joint declaration on ending the state of war, but no peace treaty has been signed to date.

During the Russian-Japanese summit held in Osaka, Japan, in late June, the parties agreed to push ahead with efforts to hammer out an agreement. Agencies

China makes steady progress in comprehensive development of intellectual property

CHINA made steady progress in comprehensive development of intellectual property (IP) in the first half of this year, with major indicators in line with expectations, according to China's National Intellectual Property Administration.

Statistics indicate that a total of 649,000 applications of invention patents were filed in the first six months of this year, and 238,000 were authorized. 192,000 of the authorized were domestic invention patents.

As of the end of June, the domestic invention patents in Chinese mainland amounted to 1.74 million. The number of invention patents per 10,000 people stood at 12.5, up from 11.5 at the end of 2018, which has hit the target set in the country's 13th Five-Year Plan ahead of schedule.

In the same period, China received 3.44 million applications of trademark registration, and completed 3.52 million trademark registration reviews.

By the end of last month, the number of the country's valid trademarks has exceeded 22.74 million, with every 5.2 market entities owning one on average.

According to the authority, the number of foreign invention patent applications in China reached 78,000 in the first half of the year, up 8.6 percent year-on-year, and the number of foreign trademark applications in China reached 127,000, increasing 15.4 percent from a year ago. It indicated the confidence of the international community in China's IP protection.

People's Daily

South African police beef up operations to wipe out gangs in Western Cape - police minister

CAPETOWN

POLICE are escalating operations to wipe out gangs in the Western Cape which has seen an increase in gang-related violence in recent months, Police Minister Bheki Cele said yesterday.

The operations, launched earlier this week, have led to the arrest of more than 100 suspects, Cele said during a visit to Philippi, a gang-infested suburb of Cape Town.

This was Cele's second visit to the area since 13 people were shot dead in gang-related violence last weekend.

Cele interacted with residents in Philippi, assuring them that police would restore stability and peace in the area.

He said the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) would assist police in the fight against gangs.

Police have been escalating their operations in Cape Town's gang-infested suburbs and other places in the Western Cape province where gang-related violence is rampant, Cele said.

On Thursday, Cele announced that the SANDF would deploy soldiers in gang-infested areas, starting on Friday. But up until Sunday, no soldiers were seen on the streets, drawing complaints from some residents.

The atmosphere was tense in Philippi despite the reinforcement of police. A resident, who refused to be named, said he doubted that police alone could curb violence in gang-ridden communities.

Cele told the residents on Sunday that the army would be deployed in the next coming days after troops have completed orientation.

The troops "will be here" in about two days, and "you will see them here," Cele said.

He called on residents to trust the police, saying it is the police who will do the work and the army's job is to support the police.

SANDF spokesperson Siphwe Dlamini said earlier that due processes would have to be followed before the deployment.

"We will deploy once we are satisfied that all the systems are put in place for the deployment," Dlamini said.

He refused to give the exact time when the army would be deployed but said it would take place "pretty soon."

"We need to make sure all the deployment papers are in place. We need to make sure that our soldiers have received full orientation of the area and we know where we are going to," the spokesperson said.

The deployment of troops in gang-infested areas in Cape Town and the Western Cape came as requested by the local communities and was approved by President Cyril Ramaphosa, according to Cele.

These areas have seen gangs spiralling out of control for many years. For more than a decade, the communities have called on the national government to deploy the army to help police in the fight against gangs.

Cele had previously turned down repeated calls for the deployment of troops to help quell gang violence in affected areas, saying the army was not trained to deal with civilians, and the rate of crime in the city has not reached the point that necessitates the deployment of the SANDF.

Xinhua

China, DPRK enhance friendly cooperation, jointly safeguard regional peace

By Ren Huanyu

JULY 11 marked the 58th anniversary of the signing of China-Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Friendly Cooperation and Mutual Aid Treaty. The two countries held a series of celebration activities to commemorate the signing of the treaty.

When the top leaders of the two countries had just realized historical exchange of visits in such an important year as the one that marks the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between China and the DPRK,

these activities reflected the unswerving aspiration of both sides to enhance China-DPRK friendly cooperation and safeguard regional peace by the spirit of the treaty.

The treaty was signed by late Chinese premier Zhou Enlai and the founder of DPRK Kim Il Sung in Beijing 58 years ago. Embodying the profound friendship forged between the two peoples during the prolonged revolutionary struggle and socialist construction, it has further consolidated the political and legal foundation for the development of China-DPRK rela-

tions.

The concluding of the treaty signified the high importance attached to bilateral relations by the two countries as well as the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), and also the earnest aspiration of the two peoples to constantly develop friendly and cooperative relations.

Over the past 58 years, under the guidance of the principles and spirit of the treaty, China and the DPRK have supported each other and carried out close cooperation. They significantly

promoted their national construction, accelerated in-depth development of bilateral ties, and made important contribution to safeguarding regional peace and stability.

China-DPRK friendship is a strategic choice made by the two sides with a long-term and overall perspective and will not waver due to changes in the international situation.

China and DPRK enjoy a traditional friendship which was jointly forged by the older generations of the leaders of the two countries and parties with common faith and profound friend-

ship developed during revolution.

Generations of leaders of the two parties and countries have kept close exchanges and conducted in-depth communication and sincere cooperation with an aim to carry forward the traditional friendship and benefit the two peoples, leaving a deep imprint in the history of international relations.

Reviewing the history of China-DPRK relations, Chinese President Xi Jinping summed up four experiences: It is the essential attribute of the relationship that both are socialist countries adhering to the

leadership of a Communist party; Shared ideals, beliefs and goals are the driving force of the relationship; the continuous friendship between and strategic guidance by top leaders are the greatest strength; and the geographical proximity and cultural affinity offer a sturdy bond, he added.

Holding five meetings with Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK over the past year, Xi has opened a brand new chapter for China-DPRK relations.

People's Daily

China's war on trash creates market for European green enterprises

BERLIN

TRASH separation is the talk of the town in China these days as the government unveils a list of 46 "pilot cities" to build up a garbage sorting and processing system by 2020.

Mandatory schemes on household garbage sorting have already emerged in metropolises like Shanghai in order to improve its recycling rates.

Moreover, an investment of 21.3 billion yuan (about 3.1 billion U.S. dollars) will be allocated to speed up building the recycling system, according to the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development.

Many European enterprises, with their advanced technology and rich experience, have seen enormous markets and are eyeing a share in China's ongoing green efforts.

DRIVE TO BUILD ECO-CITIES

Germany's ALBA group has brought one of its specialties to the southern Chinese city of Jieyang in Guangdong Province.

A complicated yet precise ingenuity was seen at one garbage processing plant.

After removing heavy metals, plastics, harmful waste, sand, rocks, water, step by step, recyclable substances were taken out, smashed and reshaped to fuel blocks.

"The unique technology turns household garbage into green fuel," said Chang Guang, project manager for the garbage processing plant, a joint venture of ALBA Group, Zhongde Metal Group and Guangdong Rising Assets Management Co. Ltd.

Chang said calorific value of the fuel block equals that of brown coal and can be used as alternative fuel in power or cement plants.

"It is more environmentally friendly. Compared to burning coals, our fuel block emits about 70 percent less



Pupils take part in a garbage sorting game at Jianping Experimental Primary School in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on Friday (Xinhua)

CO₂," Chang added.

The project has received support from the local government, as dealing with mountains of garbage has always been a headache for many cities including Jieyang.

The daily total volume of garbage in the mid-sized Chinese city has rocketed from 600 tons in 2005 to 1,500 tons in 2018.

The plant, which started its test run in 2018, will be capable of handling 1,000 tons of garbage per day after completing its first phase of construction and 2,000 tons after the second

phase.

Pei Albrecht, head of ALBA Group's China affairs, said many other cities have already shown interest in waste recycling technologies and the market potential in the coming years are beyond imagination.

"ALBA Group was invited to work out some plans for garbage disposals in cities like Taiyuan (in northern China). They're determined to solve their problems," said Pei.

Commenting on China's trash recycling efforts, Jurij Trosenko, a regional manager of Solid Environmen-

tal Technologies company in Finland, said China has started to tackle the problem before it becomes too critical.

He said it is good for the vast country to set an example for all developing countries.

VALUABLE EUROPEAN KNOW-HOW

In Sweden, a small city called Hammerby, some 8 km south of the capital city Stockholm, has seen many Chinese delegations seeking advanced technologies in environmental pro-

tection in recent years.

Hammerby is now an eco-city model with large stretches of woods and lawns, as well as crystal clear rivers.

Some 30 years ago, the city was called a "garbage city" as it was heavily polluted with household garbages.

As part of the city's reincarnation efforts, biodegradable plastic bags were in place for garbage sorting, and vacuum underground tubes were built to send the sorted trash to different processing centers.

ENVAC Group, an enterprise that took part in this drive, also went to China for business opportunities.

In March, ENVAC signed a contract with the White Peak Real Estate to supply its system to a new, smart eco-community in China's eastern coastal city of Yantai.

"Sustainable development and environmental friendliness is the feature (of the eco-community). We are trying to solve a myth that urbanization level is rising but people's sense of happiness is dipping," said Jesper Jos Olsson, president of the White Peak Real Estate.

With an eye on China's green future, Chinese enterprises are investing big in relevant European businesses.

China Everbright International acquired NOVAGO Sp. Z o.o., a major Polish waste management firm, in 2016.

Established in 1992, NOVAGO is said to be the largest independent waste treatment company in Poland.

NOVAGO's advanced waste-to-energy technologies, turning organic waste to methane and combustible waste to alternative fuel, are highly valued for the Chinese market.

The method will contribute to lessening dependence on traditional fossil fuels and help reduce the most harmful emissions, such as particulates, sulphur and ash, serving the crucial and ultimate goal of protecting the environment **Xinhua**

Joint AU-UN initiative to recognise African women for exceptional roles

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union (AU) on Saturday announced a joint AU-UN initiative to recognize outstanding African women for advancing women empowerment as well as peace and security agenda across Africa.

An award, which is part of a AU-UN initiative on women, peace and security initiative in Africa, is expected to be launched on the sidelines of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the assembly of the AU Summit, slated for February 2020 at the headquarters of the pan African bloc in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, the AU said in a statement on Saturday.

The 55-member pan African bloc also called for nominations of African women who have "exceptionally advanced the women, peace and security agenda in Africa" to take part in the high-level continental initiative, which is jointly organized by the AU Commission and the UN Office to the African Union (UNOAU).

The continental award is said to recognize "exceptional African women" advancing peace and security initiatives across the African continent.

The launching is said to be aligned with the launch of the AU theme of the year 2020 on Silencing the Guns by 2020.

According to the AU, the initiative "reflects a greater partnership between the AU and the United Nations, marked by the signing of the UN-AU Joint Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security in April 2017," the statement read. The award-winning women will also be featured in an upcoming commemorative book set to be launched next year, it was noted. **Xinhua**

US attempts to play off Taiwan against China will be in vain

FACING the U.S. State Department's approval of the sales of a package of weapons worth \$2.22 billion to Taiwan on July 8, China expressed strong dissatisfaction and firm opposition.

The move of the U.S. has seriously violated the international law, the basic norms of international relations, the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiqués.

In addition, it is a flagrant interference in China's domestic affairs that harms China's sovereignty and security interests, poisons the development of military relations between China and the U.S., and gravely undermines the cross-strait relations and the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan question concerns China's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and core interests. The Chinese government has constantly reiterated its consistent and clear position on the question that the country has unshakable will and resolve to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and resolutely opposes any form of official or military contact between any country and Taiwan.

U.S. pursuing arms sale to Taiwan is a decades-old problem, and to resolve the problem, China and the U.S. jointly signed the August 17 Communiqué in 1982.

However, over the past 30 some years, the U.S. side has repeatedly reneged on its promises by violating the provisions of the



above joint communiqué, and shown a tendency to intensify such practices recently, which fully revealed its attempts to contain China by playing Taiwan card to play off Taiwan against China.

Given the current cross-strait relations, the irresponsible practice of the U.S. has sent a wrong signal to "Taiwan independence" forces, aggravated the tension and complexity of the situation across the Taiwan Strait, and created greater uncertainties for China-U.S. relations.

Sound and stable development of China-U.S. relationship, one of the most important bilateral ties in the world, not only accords with the fundamental interests of the two peoples, but also the common expectation of the international community. The U.S. should not take the chances and keep walking on the wrong path.

The U.S. side must understand that selling arms to Taiwan will not be able to fill the huge gap of military strength between Chinese mainland and Taiwan.

Making the fourth plan to purchase weapons from the U.S., the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) of Taiwan is sacrificing the interests of the people in the region and the future of Taiwan for its own profits. It stirred up cross-strait conflict and escalated cross-strait confrontation, playing as a bargaining chip of the U.S. to suppress China.

Some experts in Taiwan described the arms deal as a "fool's decision", because the price is high and the weapons purchased are not able to secure Taiwan at all.

Chinese military has resolve, confidence, and capability to frustrate any form of secessionist attempts at "Taiwan indepen-

dence" and external forces trying to interfere in China's internal affairs.

No one should ever underestimate the Chinese government and people's will and resolution to safeguard national sovereignty, territorial integrity, and core interests of the country. The DPP administration must understand that there's no way out by relying on foreigners to build itself up, and what's ahead are only failure and self-destruction.

Both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to a community with a shared future, and no one is able to obstruct the prevailing trend of closer and better cross-strait relations.

Since the introduction of the 31 measures for promoting the cross-strait economic and cultural exchanges by Chinese mainland, more and more Taiwanese have come to the mainland working, living, and starting businesses. Today, it has become a widespread consensus among the majority of Taiwanese that "only when the cross-strait relations become better, will they have a better future".

When the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are seeing more and more integrated social and economic development, the DPP administration, wasting the hard-earned money of the people and acting as a pawn of the U.S., will only be condemned by the people from both sides of the Strait. **People's Daily**

Another batch of S-400 components delivered to Turkey



MOSCOW

RUSSIAN military transport aircraft have delivered another batch of components for S-400 missile systems to Turkey, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

"On July 14, 2019, the Russian Defense Ministry's military transport aircraft delivered another batch of components for S-400 air defense systems as part of contractual obligations," the ministry said.

According to the Defense Ministry, the delivery is carried out "in strict compliance with the contract that had been signed with Turkey and the deadlines agreed on by the parties."

Earlier on Sunday, the Turkish Ministry of National Defense reported that the fifth, sixth and seventh planes with S-400 components had landed at Murted Air Base in the Ankara province. Deliveries of Russia's S-400 missile systems to Turkey began on July 12.

The first reports about the talks between Russia and Turkey on the deliveries of S-400 air defense missile systems emerged in November 2016. Russia confirmed in September 2017 that the relevant contract had been signed.

Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar earlier said that the deployment of S-400 surface-to-air missile systems could begin in October 2019. **Agencies**

CEO of Russia's state hi-tech corporation Rostec Sergei Chemezov said in December 2017 that the S-400 deal was worth \$2.5 bln.

Washington earlier warned that it might deny Turkey the purchase of F-35 fighter-bombers, if Ankara pressed ahead with the S-400 deal.

The S-400 "Triumph" is the most advanced long-range air defense missile system that went into service in Russia in 2007. It is designed to destroy aircraft, cruise and ballistic missiles, including medium-range missiles, and can also be used against ground installations. The S-400 can engage targets at a distance of 400 km and at an altitude of up to 30 km. **Agencies**

Blackout disrupts Manhattan, darkens Broadway, Times Square

NEW YORK

A power outage crippled the tourist-filled heart of Manhattan just as Saturday night Broadway shows were set to go on, sending theater-goers spilling into the streets, knocking out Times Square's towering electronic screens and bringing subway lines to a near halt.

The New York City Fire Department said a transformer fire at West 64th Street and West End Avenue affected hundreds of thousands of customers along a 30-block stretch from Times Square to about 72nd Street and Broadway.

The fire started just before 7 pm Saturday, authorities said.

Con Edison officials restored electricity to customers and businesses primarily on Manhattan's Upper West Side just before midnight.

The temperature was in the low 80s as the sun set, but not as steaming as Manhattan can get in July, challenging the city's power grid.

Power went out early Saturday evening at much of Rockefeller Center, reaching the Upper West Side and knocking out traffic lights.

The outage comes on the an-

niversary of the 1977 New York City outage that left most of the city without power.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a statement that although no injuries were reported, "the fact that it happened at all is unacceptable." He said the state Department of Public Service will investigate.

Most Broadway musicals and plays canceled their Saturday evening shows, including "Hedestown," which last month won the Tony Award for best musical. Several cast members from the musical "Come From Away" held an impromptu per-

formance in the street outside the theater for disappointed audience members.

Emily Totero, 30, planned to bring out-of-town guests to see "Moulin Rouge." But once they got to the theater district, they saw the power go out.

"You could see all the theater lights across the street, all the marquees went out. That's what we noticed first," she said.

The outage also hit Madison Square Garden, where Jennifer Lopez was performing Saturday night. Attendees said the concert went dark about 9:30 pm in the middle of Lopez's fourth

song of the night. The arena was later evacuated. And at Penn Station, officials were using backup generators to keep the lights on.

When the lights went out early Saturday evening, thousands of people streamed out of darkened Manhattan buildings, crowding Broadway next to bumper-to-bumper traffic.

People in the neighborhood commonly known as Hell's Kitchen began directing traffic themselves as stoplights and walking signs went dark.

Ginger Tidwell, a dance teacher and Upper West Side

resident, was about to order at a West Side diner on Broadway and West 69th Street just before 7 pm.

"When the lights started flickering, and then were out, we got up and left, walking up Broadway with all the traffic lights out and businesses dark," she said.

But once they got to West 72nd Street, they found another diner that was open and had power.

"It was still sunny and everyone just came out to the street because they lost power and air conditioning; it was super-crowded," she said. "Everyone

was hanging out on the street on a nice night. All you could hear was firetrucks up and down Broadway. All of Broadway was without traffic lights."

Karen Janowsky, a vendor selling ponchos at a street fair on Sixth Avenue in Rockefeller Center, got caught in the blackout just as she was wrapping up for the day and taking some of the goods to her car parked in a garage two blocks away on West 49th Street. That kept her from driving her car to get the tables, chairs and racks – all gone before she could rush back to get them. **Agencies**

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Tigo customer wins 10 million through 'SOKA LA AFRIKA' promotion

By Guardian Reporter

A TIGO customer, Omar Ahmed Bwenda, has won 10m/- from the telecommunication firm's promotion dubbed SOKA LA AFRIKA, which was launched earlier last month.

Speaking at a press conference for announcing the winner, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend, Tigo Corporate Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael, said the winner adds up to other 32 winners of daily and weekly cash prizes of 100,000/- and 1m/- respectively.

The customer's win has come shortly after 10 lucky Tigo customers had won the trip of their life to watch the African Cup of Nations tournament in Egypt.

"The lucky winner of 10m/- through our 'SOKA LA AFRIKA' promotion is Bwenda, a Dar es Salaam resident. In addition to the 10 return tickets to Egypt that we have awarded the lucky winners, we have also handed over cash prizes to four lucky winners who got 1m/- each and other 28 winners who got 100,000/- each," she said.

She added that, through the three-

month promotion of SOKA LA AFRIKA, Tigo customers who participate in the promotion, will continue to win cash prizes daily, weekly and monthly. For customers to participate in the SOKA LA AFRIKA promotion and stand a chance to become millionaires, all they need to do is send a keyword SOKA to 15670 or visit www.tigosports.co.tz to answer questions on the African football tournament taking place in Egypt.

"I encourage our customers to continue participating in this promotion to stand a chance to win cash prizes daily. The more you participate and answer questions, the better chance you stand to win," she said.

She noted by the end of promotion, over 100 lucky winners will walk away with varying cash prizes.

The SOKA LA AFRIKA promotion is part of Tigo's initiatives to show gratitude to their customers for using the company's services and products.

It is also an innovative platform aimed at providing informative, educating and entertaining content to the firm's customers.

A look at allegations over the years against singer R. Kelly

CHICAGO

R&B star R. Kelly has been dogged for years by allegations that he sexually abused women and underage girls. He and his attorneys have repeatedly denied allegations of sexual misconduct.

Here is a look at some of the accusations against him:

CHICAGO, AUGUST 1994:

Kelly, then 27, wed Aaliyah Dana Haughton, then 15, at a suburban Chicago hotel. The singer had been his protégé, and he wrote and produced her 1994 debut album, "Age Ain't Nothing But A Number." The marriage was later annulled, and the two refused to confirm it happened. In 2001, Aaliyah died in a light aircraft crash in the Abaco Islands, Bahamas.

CHICAGO, DECEMBER 1996:

A Chicago woman, Tiffany Hawkins, sued Kelly and his recording and management companies alleging she suffered personal injuries and emotional harm because she had sex with the singer in 1991, when she was 15. The relationship ended in 1994 when she turned 18. The woman said she met Kelly while a freshman at Kenwood Academy, a high school Kelly attended but didn't graduate from. She was seeking \$10 million in damages, but the Chicago Sun-Times reported in December 2000 that she settled for \$250,000. Over the next two years, Kelly settled three more cases out of court but denied wrongdoing.

CHICAGO, JUNE 2002:

Kelly was indicted on 21 counts of child pornography. The 33-year-old singer was accused based on a videotape allegedly showing him having sex with an underage girl. The Sun-Times reported the then-14-year-old girl was the daughter of an associate of the singer. Kelly was acquitted on all counts in June 2008.

CHICAGO, JUNE 2008:

Kelly goes on trial after a delay of five years and is acquitted on all counts after less than a full day of deliberations.

GEORGIA, JULY 2017:

BuzzFeed reported the singer lured women into "cult-like" relationships. The internet media outlet reported that Kelly was keeping women aged 18 to 31 in properties in Chicago and Georgia, where he abused and secluded them from their families. No charges resulted because the women were of legal age. When contacted by police, one of the women told authorities she was "fine" and didn't want to be bothered. At the same time, Jerhonda Pace said she became sexually involved with Kelly when she was a 16-year-old fan.

NEW YORK, MAY 2018:

Faith Rodgers filed a lawsuit in New York alleging Kelly sexually abused and demeaned her, locked her in rooms and vehicles for punishment and infected her with herpes. Rodgers said in the lawsuit that the abuse took place during a roughly

yearlong relationship. Rodgers made the same allegations in a police report filed in April 2018 in Dallas that Kelly's management team denied. Rodgers, then 20, said in a television interview that Kelly, 51, instructed her to call him "daddy" and told her his goal was to teach her how to have sex like a "mature woman."

NEW YORK, JUNE 2018:

Andrea Kelly, R. Kelly's ex-wife and mother of his three children, said in a television interview the singer abused her throughout their 13-year marriage and despair led her to consider suicide. During a later interview, she said their arguments often ended in violence, including an altercation in which she said he pulled her left arm behind her back and pushed his forearm against her neck. "I think the reason why I think I made it out is because I said, 'Robert, you're going to kill me. I can't breathe,'" she said in an October 2018 interview on ABC's "The View." Andrea Kelly, who was married to the singer from 1996 to 2009, said she was speaking out to save lives and bring validity to other women's stories of alleged abuse at the hands of the entertainer.

CHICAGO, JANUARY 2019:

Lifetime network begins airing the docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly." The series looked at the singer's history, and allegations that he has sexually abused women and teenage girls. The series presented first-hand accounts of years of alleged abuse against young girls and women by Kelly. Several subjects noted the singer and his entourage purposefully targeted Kenwood Academy girls at a nearby McDonald's. He has denied doing anything wrong, however there has been fallout, with reports his record label dropped him. The #MeToo and #RKelly movements have demanded his music be dropped from streaming services and radio play.

CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 2019

Kelly is charged with 10 counts of aggravated sexual abuse involving four victims, including at least three between the ages of 13 and 17. Some of the alleged abuse went back at least as far as 1998, according to charging documents. An indictment unsealed Friday specifically referenced abuse that took place around Feb. 18, 2003.

CHICAGO, MAY 2019

Cook County prosecutors add 11 more sex-related counts involving one of the victims who accused him of sexually abusing her when she was underage.

CHICAGO-NEW YORK CITY, JULY 2019

Prosecutors in Illinois and New York charge Kelly in federal court, accusing him and members of his entourage of recruiting women and girls to engage in illegal sexual activity with the singer and paying them to cover up his crimes, including those at the center of his 2008 acquittal on child pornography charges.

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United States' Serena Williams is dejected after losing a point during the women's singles final match against Romania's Simona Halep on day twelve of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Saturday, July 13, 2019. (AP Photo)

Serena Williams loses her 3rd consecutive Grand Slam final

WIMBLEDON, England

THE Centre Court crowd kept roaring whenever Serena Williams would win a point in the Wimbledon final, seemingly trying to will her to make things interesting against Simona Halep.

Never happened.

Instead of earning an eighth title at Wimbledon and record-equaling 24th overall at Grand Slam tournaments, Williams fell one victory short yet again, beaten with surprising ease by Halep 6-2, 6-2 Saturday.

Williams has now lost her past three appearances in major finals – and five of her last seven. There's no shame in repeatedly making it to championship matches, of course, but it used to be rather unusual to see her come up just short like this: Williams won 21 of the first 25 Slam finals of her career.

"I'm always expected to win," Williams said.

That is true.

Still, it was the seventh-seeded Halep who grabbed hold of this match and never let go, finishing with three unforced errors to Williams' 26. Halep created problems by repeatedly tracking down Williams' shots and forcing the 37-year-old American to hit another one and another one and another one to win a point. "I definitely knew that she was just playing her heart out. I felt like, 'OK, what do I need to do to get to that level?'" Williams said. "I don't know if there's anything I could have done differently."

After entering the final with a tournament-high 45 aces, Williams only managed two on Saturday.

She was broken in half of her eight service games.

Halep had a lot to do with that.

"I feel like I'm still incredibly competitive or else I wouldn't really be out here, per se," Williams said. "For the most part, I feel like I'm on the right track. I'm just going in the right direction in terms of getting back to where I need to be."

She hasn't won a title of any sort since the 2017 Australian Open, when she was pregnant. That was Slam trophy No. 23, breaking a tie with Steffi Graf for the most in the professional era.

It also moved Williams within one of Margaret Court's total, although Court won 13 of her 24 major titles before professionals were admitted to Grand Slam tournaments, while all 23 of Williams' major titles have come in the Open era, which began in 1968.

Since returning to the tour last season after her daughter was born on Sept. 1, 2017, Williams has reached the finals at three of six major tournaments she entered, defeated in straight sets each time.

A year ago, she was the runner-up at Wimbledon to Angelique Kerber, and then the runner-up at the U.S. Open to Naomi Osaka in a final that descended into chaos when Williams was penalized a game for arguing with the chair umpire. Williams recently revealed that she saw a therapist after that episode and sent Osaka a written apology.

She's also dealt with a series of injuries and

arrived in England having contested only 12 tour-level matches in all of 2019. Just four of the other 127 women in the Wimbledon field had fewer; 105 had at least twice as many.

After losing to 20-year-old American Sofia Kenin in the third round of the French Open, Williams stuck around in Paris for medical treatment on her left knee. By the time she began preparing in earnest for Wimbledon, about 1½ weeks before the start of play, she was pain-free.

"I feel like I'm just really on this journey of just doing the best that I can," Williams said Saturday, "playing the best that I can when I can."

According to the WTA's website, women's tennis pioneer Billie Jean King said recently that she would like to see what Williams could do on the court if she were to put "everything else aside" and "focus on what's necessary" for her tennis.

King added: "If she's happy doing it this way, then that's fine. It's whatever makes her happy – it's not about us."

The last question of Williams' post-match news conference referenced those comments and asked for a reaction.

"The day I stop fighting for equality and for people that look like you and me," Williams said, "will be the day I'm in my grave."

AP

Feds bring new sex-crime charges against singer R. Kelly

CHICAGO

R. KELLY and his entourage recruited girls and women to engage in illegal sexual activity with the singer and covered up the crimes by paying off and threatening victims and witnesses, federal prosecutors alleged Friday in indictments that could keep the Grammy winner behind bars for decades.

Because they come from the federal government, the accusations add a new dimension to the allegations against Kelly, who was already facing sexual abuse charges brought by Illinois prosecutors earlier this year.

One federal indictment in Chicago said Kelly arranged for a girl and her parents to travel overseas to prevent them from talking with police prior to his 2002 indictment on 21 counts of child pornography. The R&B artist allegedly later instructed them to lie to a grand jury about the case. Kelly was acquitted in 2008 of the charges, which accused him of recording a video of sex acts with the girl, who was 12 or 13 when they met in the mid-1990s.

A separate indictment filed in the Eastern District of New York included charges of racketeering, kidnapping, forced labor and the sexual exploitation of a child.

It said Kelly and his managers, bodyguards and other assistants picked out women and girls at concerts and other venues and arranged for them to travel to see Kelly.



They also set rules the women and girls had to follow, including not leaving their rooms – even to eat or go to the bathroom – without Kelly's permission, calling the singer "Daddy" and not looking at other men, the indictment alleges.

The allegations have swirled for years around Kelly, whom federal prosecutors said Friday was "emboldened by his fame and the lack of any real consequences." The charges come after two documentaries and a series of news articles about the accusations, as well as pleas from prosecutors who have urged new victims and witnesses come forward.

Kelly was arrested Thursday evening while walking his dog "Believe" in Chicago. He appeared in court Friday, standing before the judge in an orange jumpsuit, with his hands clasped behind his back. The only words he spoke during the 15-minute hearing were "yes, ma'am."

He will remain in federal custody at least until Tuesday, when he's scheduled for a detention hearing. Prosecutors want him held without bail.

His attorney, Steve Greenberg, said the latest charges were "not a surprise" and that Kelly should be allowed to post bail.

"It's the worst kept secret he was going to get charged federally, and he hasn't fled,"

he said following Friday's hearing.

He also accused the federal government of "piling on" with the new charges and described his client as unflappable despite a series of indictments in recent months.

"I'm amazed he hasn't had a complete breakdown in the face of all of this pressure," he said. He questioned if the victims referenced in the indictments were actually victims.

"They've charged him in New York with enticing people and encouraging people to have sex with him," Greenberg said. "I don't think people accidentally have sex so I'm not really sure what the criminal activity is there."

The New York indictment alleges that the criminal acts occurred over two decades dating back to 1999, both in the U.S. and overseas. It accuses Kelly of engaging in sexual acts with girls under 18, of having sex with a woman without disclosing that he had a sexually transmitted disease and of producing child pornography.

The Chicago indictment charges Kelly with child sex crimes, including producing child pornography, and conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. It also names Kelly's business manager, Derrel McDavid, and another employee.

It says Kelly recorded himself engaged

in sex acts with several minor girls and went to great lengths to recover the videos when he realized some were missing from his "collection." Kelly allegedly made some victims and witnesses take lie-detector tests to ensure they had returned all copies of the videos.

Kelly's acquittal in his previous child pornography trial came after he and the girl who prosecutors said was in the video denied they were in the footage, even though the picture quality was good and witnesses testified it was them. She did not take the stand.

The indictment says Kelly continued to make payments to the girl after the trial, and that Kelly also transferred the title on a luxury SUV to the girl in 2013.

Darrell Johnson, a publicist for Kelly, delivered a statement at a chaotic news conference Friday in Atlanta, where he was interrupted seconds after beginning by the family of a woman who lived with Kelly in Chicago. The relatives of Joycelyn Savage pleaded to speak with their daughter.

"I want to know where my daughter is," Timothy Savage, Joycelyn Savage's father, angrily interrupted Johnson. "Where is she at? Answer that question!"

Johnson said he had "nothing to do" with Joycelyn Savage and that she was not being held. In an interview with "CBS This Morning" co-host Gayle King in March, Joycelyn Savage defended her relationship with Kelly and denied reports she was being held against her will.

Kelly, whose real name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, was arrested in February on 10 counts in Illinois of sexually abusing three girls and a woman. He pleaded not guilty to those charges and was released on bail.

Then on May 30, Cook County prosecutors added 11 more sex-related counts involving one of the women who accused him of sexually abusing her when she was underage.

AP

New challenge at Barcelona set to be the toughest yet for Griezmann

MADRID

ANTOINE Griezmann is likely to win the titles at Barcelona so far lacking in his club career but leaving Atletico Madrid brings few other guarantees, even for one of the world's most talented players.

Griezmann's long-anticipated move to the only team that finished above Atletico last season was confirmed on Friday, his 120 million-euro (\$135 million) release clause activated and a five-year contract signed.

"With his arrival," Barcelona said in a statement on their website, "the Frenchman takes another step forward in his career with the goal of consolidating his place as one of the best players in the world."

For Atleti, meanwhile, another star is lost and their hopes of absorbing this latest, and perhaps most crushing, departure of the close season may rest on the shoulders of 19-year-old Joao Felix, their 126-million euro arrival from Benfica.

Their fury at the manner in which the Griezmann deal was conducted was laid bare in a statement claiming the fee paid was "insufficient" and indicating they should be entitled to 200 million euros -- the value of his release clause before the end of last month.

It means the saga is not over yet, but Atletico are used to adjusting. In contrast, at 28, Griezmann now faces the biggest challenge of his career, which boasts last year's World Cup triumph with France, yet still not a single league title.

In that way, Barcelona, who have won La Liga eight times in the last 11 seasons, are something of a sure bet, so much so that finishing top of the table is no longer a barometer for success.

- Obstacles to overcome -

Instead, their Champions League humiliation by Liverpool might have been persuasive in going again for a player who not only rejected

them last year but embarrassed them, his decision revealed at the end of a television documentary.

"My fans, my team, my home: Atletico Madrid," Griezmann said then.

Josep Maria Bartomeu, Barcelona's president, might have been able to forgive but the last few months would suggest others will need convincing.

When Atletico played at the Camp Nou in April, Griezmann was whistled by some Barcelona fans. When he went to take a corner, the chant came: "Griezmann, get out of the Camp Nou."

The players were asked too, their responses coming back curt and irritable.

"I have no opinion," said Lionel Messi.

Gerard Pique, who was involved in the production of Griezmann's documentary, was asked if he would take part in another this summer. "No, I won't," he said. "One was enough."

Grudges can be quickly forgotten in football, by team-mates particularly, and when performances are good, by supporters too. But it could also swing the other way if he suffers a slow start.

The risk for Barcelona is small. Coach Ernesto Valverde needs to reduce his reliance on Messi and Luis Suarez for goals, particularly in the Champions League, where Suarez remains inexplicably inefficient.

Griezmann scored 94 in 180 league games for Atletico after joining from Real Sociedad in 2014 and could expect his numbers to soar in a team where chances are more frequent and defensive duties less demanding.

He is hungry too, not just for silverware but recognition, his covering of the Ballon d'Or overly brazen for some, who believe Griezmann's words are yet to be matched by achievement.

AFP

Mane should leave Liverpool for 'best club in world' Real Madrid, says Senegal FA chief

CAIRO

SADIO Mane has maximised his prospects at Liverpool and should leave Anfield for "best club in the world" Real Madrid, according to the head of the Senegalese Football Association, Saee Seck.

The 27-year-old, who won the Premier League Golden Boot last season, was an integral member of the Reds side that finished second domestically and lifted the Champions League.

The striker, who formed a devastating partnership with Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino, only recently signed a new long-term deal on Merseyside, and has played down reports of an exit.

Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane is thought to view the Senegal international as a key prospective asset and now Seck has weighed in on the rumours, feeling that Madrid is a better option for the forward due to its prestige, despite a personal preference for Barcelona.

"Everybody in the world knows that Mane is in the top ten best footballers in the world and he has achieved significant success at Liverpool in the past season," Seck stated to the Mirror.

"He alongside Mo Salah and Firmino are phenomenal. But this is football and he won the Champions League last season and he has the chance to go to Madrid.

"For me I think it's the best club in the world. Even if I am a Barcelona fan, I still think Real is the best and Mane should be thinking of that offer seriously.

"The career of a footballer is very short and sometimes you don't get the chance a lot so if it's there, and I think Zidane likes him, why not?"

"He played in Southampton and when the chance came he took it and went to Liverpool and he has held the challenge well in England. I think he will do well with another challenge in another country."

With Senegal still competing in the Africa Cup of Nations, where Mane is a stand-out performer, he is not expected to return to Liverpool until they have completed their pre-season commitments in North America.

The Reds face Borussia Dortmund, Sevilla and Sporting CP in Indiana, Massachusetts and New York respectively as part of their preparations for the 2019-20 campaign.

(Agencies)

Baxter breaks silence on whether or not he will continue as Bafana Bafana coach

JOHANNESBURG

BAFANA Bafana head coach Stuart Baxter has refused to be drawn into speculation about his future in charge of the South African senior national team.

This follows South Africa's quarter-final exit at the hands of Nigeria at this year's Africa Cup of Nations. Baxter had not lost to the Super Eagles as Bafana boss before this week's 2-1 defeat, drawing once one winning twice in his two spells in charge.

Speaking to the media after arriving back in South Africa on Saturday, the 65-year-old mentor revealed he will do introspection in

the next few days before deciding if he still sees his future with Bafana Bafana.

"For me, this has been a long campaign and I'm looking at myself and I'm looking at going back to Sweden for a few days," Baxter told the media at the OR Tambo International Airport on Saturday.

"I am going to look at myself and say, 'do you really think, given the situation, you can take this team forward?', and if I think no, then I will step aside, and if I think yes, then I will come back and speak to my employers, and if they don't have anything to say then I will get on with the job.

"I think in one way, everybody

Dark days ahead for Ghana's Black Stars after early Afcon exit?



Ghana's players were devastated by their last 16 defeat on penalties to Tunisia, knocking them out of Afcon at the earliest stage since 2008. (Agencies)

By Ed Dove, Special to ESPN

GHANA'S national team returned to Accra in the early hours of Thursday morning, landing to a very low-key reception after their Round of 16 penalty-shootout elimination by Tunisia at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations on Tuesday.

It wasn't meant to be this way.

The Black Stars have been serial semi-finalists at the biennial continental showpieces, never failing to make the final four in the last six editions of the tournament.

This time, the vague hope had been that they could finally end the country's 37-year wait for the gold, despite the evidence leading up to the tournament suggesting they'd be overachieving just to make the semis.

The Round of 16 exit - their earliest elimination from the competition since 2006 - could well bring the curtain down on this promising cycle for the national side, as well as a few of its top stars.

Yet Ghana only have themselves to blame for their premature elimination from the competition, and face an uncertain period ahead as a result.

Returning coach, same old problems

Kwesi Appiah returned as coach in April 2017, replacing Avram Grant, who had taken the Stars to the 2015 final and the 2017 semis. Appiah vowed to build a team for the future, but his third stint has been muddled, and he's been unable to break away from shadows of the past.

After Ghana broke new ground by reaching the World Cup quarter-finals in 2010 - a tournament squad which contained four players still present in Egypt - they turned to local coach Appiah, first in the aftermath of that competition, and then again in 2014.

While he oversaw the mesmeric 6-1 World Cup playoff first-leg victory over the dying embers of an iconic Egyptian team, his tenure was overshadowed by player selection issues.

Most notably, there was drama surrounding the big names who only returned to the fold as qualification for Brazil emerged as a distinct possibility, and disciplinary issues that undermined their performance at the tournament.

Two of those big names, Kevin-Prince Boateng and Sulley Muntari, were expelled from the camp during the competition, while the image of John Boye kissing a fistful of dollars, after the nation's president flew in the team's contested \$3 million bonus payment by chartered jet, became the defining image of the Black Stars' campaign in Brazil.

There have been similar issues since he returned in Grant's stead in 2017.

The Ayew brothers, Jordan and Andre, returned to the squad ahead of the 2019 Afcon after their latest international exile, with the pair having opted out of a World Cup qualifier against Congo-Brazzaville in September 2017 before being overlooked by Appiah in the intervening 18 months.

Another experienced big-name stay-away, Kwadwo Asamoah, was coaxed back to the team by Appiah after sitting out Grant's tenure, only to find himself on a collision course with the football association due to a dispute about his best position.

Ultimately, the 30-year-old Internazionale man, who won six Serie A titles with Juventus, played just 82 minutes in Egypt. He's one

player who may have reached the end of the road with the national side; so too may Asamoah Gyan.

The Gyan distraction

Despite an underwhelming season at club level with Kayserispor - 14 appearances, all from the bench - and also not featuring for the national side after that infamous double-header against Congo-Brazzaville, Gyan was restored to the fold by Appiah.

The issue of the captaincy rose its ugly head before the tournament, when the erstwhile skipper was informed that he was being made 'general captain', and Andre Ayew would be 'team captain' - and wear the armband.

Gyan, who was named in Appiah's preliminary squad, duly withdrew his participation and retired from international football, citing, pointedly, "the purported undermining of the country has seen under my captaincy" in a letter published on his social handles.

This prompted the nation's president, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, to 'request' the forward's participation as it was "in the national interest" for him to be present in Egypt.

You wonder what His Excellency made of Baby Jet's showing in Egypt. The Black Stars centurion played 12 minutes against Cameroon, and six minutes of normal time, plus extra time, against Tunisia.

While the players will not discuss the reported rift between Ayew and Gyan, there was a certain frostiness between the duo on the touchline when Appiah replaced the former with the latter as Ghana chased the game.

Instead of handing his armband to the incoming 'general captain,' Ayew sprinted 35 yards to give the captaincy to Boye, having initially considered Thomas Partey for the role.

It was a moment, a detail, but it said enough about the state of this collection of players, the bubbling frissons in the side, and perhaps, Gyan's desire to eschew all responsibility.

Emotion overload

There's always been a seam of emotion running through this Black Stars collective; if channelled correctly, it can be a strength for a team, but if it overflows, it can be fatal.

This was evident in Jordan Ayew's hysterics at the conclusion of the 2015 final in Bata, and even as Wakaso Mubarak entered the press conference room - weeping unconsciously - after Ghana's shootout defeat this

week.

There's something to admire about these visceral shows of patriotism, the agony of sport, but it's hard to ignore the sense that Gyan and the rest believe their own hype and sense of destiny a little too much.

Indulgence by the federation has surely swelled the sense of importance, evident in Gyan's petulant response to having the armband withdrawn from him.

After all, how many other nations of Ghana's relative stature would countenance a captain emblazoning the national team's armband with an image of himself, as Gyan did in June 2017?

In how many others would the 'general captain,' the most experienced player, and the nation's leading scorer of all time, be allowed an exemption from penalty-taking duties in the shootout?

"I blame you people for that, you understand?" Gyan told journalists when questioned about the pressure of the shootout getting to the players.

"I don't want to get emotional, but that's all I can say."

At least Ayew did stand up to be counted after the match: "We fought as a team, and I feel, as a Ghanaian, as a leader, that no player should be held responsible.

"As the leader of the team," he added pointedly. "I take all of the responsibilities for the players, and we are going to work and make sure we come back stronger.

"When you do good, you have to say it, and when you do bad, you have to also take responsibilities for it."

Penalties: Truly a lottery for Ghana?

Ayew, along with coach Appiah, rued Ghana's luck after their shootout loss.

"Penalties are a 50-50 game," said the captain. "Sometimes you're lucky, sometimes you're not."

"When it comes to penalties, it can go either way," added Appiah. "So it was just unfortunate."

But that's not strictly true for the Black Stars, and for this collection of players. They've now lost their last four shootouts at the Afcon, and are without a win from spot-kicks since defeating Libya to win the title in 1982.

In fact, this collection of players have been eliminated from three of the last four Afcons on penalties, with the only exception being their semi-final defeat by Cameroon in 2017.

"It's true," Appiah reflected. "On several competitions Ghana have lost out on penalties, it's something we've been working on since we started camp in Dubai, but when it

comes to penalties, it can go either way.

"It's easy to [make judgements as to] why the country is not performing."

Perhaps Ghana must look within, at the emotion and the entitlement, to understand why they continue to fall short at the sharp end of the competition.

Eye to the future

There's optimism, of course, and enough reasons to understand why Appiah's line after the match was one of evolution rather than revolution.

"Even though we could not qualify for the next stage, I still think we have a good crop of players, a good blend of the young and the old," he said.

"Personally, I think that it's not the best to just build a new team, you have to build on what you have."

The return of Abdul Rahman Baba to form and fitness for the first time since the 2017 Afcon is a significant positive, as have been the performances of Kasim Adams and the emergence of Samuel Owusu, even if a mid-tournament injury to Christian Atsu denied Ghana their most creative player.

"The future looks good," said Jonathan Mensah, optimistically. "In general, [the tournament] was good, even if we didn't get to where we wanted to be. It's promising."

"We have young [players] in the team who need to be given the chance to blossom in the national colours," concluded Gyan, when asked about his own future.

"I could call this tournament my last, having represented Ghana at this level seven times."

There are green shoots, perhaps, but it may well take a significant mentality shift and a calmer, more measured approach if Ghana are going to realise their title ambitions.



Gwiji by David Chikoko

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SPORT

Dark days ahead for Ghana's

Black Stars after early Afcon exit?

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Ismaili Community side's skipper, Ayzaz Jessani, poses with a trophy, which will be presented to this year's GP Gymkhana Shield competition's winners, during the tournament's launch in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Ismaili cricketers wallop Strikers in GP Gymkhana Shield

By Guardian Reporter

ISMAILI Community cricketers have made their intention to turn into serious contenders for the GP Gymkhana Shield tournament's trophy known, given they commanded an emphatic 91-run win over Sandy's Super Strikers in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Scintillating batting showing by Ismaili Community's top order batsmen played an important part in the team's success, as the likes of Arshaan Jessani, Harsheed Chohan and Jitendra Gariya mercilessly punished Sandy Super Strikers' bowlers.

Ismaili Community, boasting of several top players, posted 198 runs, losing four wickets in the allotted 20 overs after securing an opportunity to bat first.

Gariya was in an impressive form as he blasted 59 runs from 30 balls, whereas Chohan chipped in handsomely with 49 runs.

Other significant contribution with the bat came from Arslaan Premji that scored 28 runs and Aahil Jessani that notched 28 runs not out. Arshaan scored 17 runs.

Much as Sandy Super Strikers gave their all during their time with the ball there was little they could do to prevent Ismaili Community from ending their innings with an imposing total.

Chasing 199 runs to win happened to be a tall order for Sandy Super Strikers, given they ended their innings with 107 runs losing five wickets.

The squad got off to a wobbly start in the chase as openers Abishek Ruthal and Hash Desai were sent back to the pavilion in quick succession with six runs and four runs respectively.

Yogin Patel brought stability in the chase for some time, he nevertheless could not withstand Ismaili Community bowlers' onslaught much longer, as he was stumped by Abdallah Juma from Aaryan Premji's bowling.

Patel ended his spell at the crease with 11 runs.

Anand Monuni who posted 36 runs so far showcased notable batting showing in the innings. Sukur Annur chipped in with 16 runs.

Mohamed Ali and Narender Singh closed the innings, notching seven runs not out and six runs not out respectively.

Ali and Singh's efforts, though, did little to help Sandy Super Strikers avoid defeat.

Sadiq Hillari stood out of the rest of Ismaili Community's bowlers, ending his spell with two wickets and conceding 17 runs in three overs.

The Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) Cricket Section-organized tournament has General Petroleum and Premier Refinishes as main sponsors.

ASAR Limited, SBC Tanzania, Mgen Insurance, AFRO Turk, Catridge World, PS Limited, I&M Bank and Jaykey Trading are the event's co-sponsors.

The T20 -formatted competition, as disclosed by DGC Cricket Section captain, Ashish Nagewadia, will run for 14 weeks with matches taking place at the club's oval.

National team swimmers eager to shine in World Championship

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu Dodoma

TANZANIA's national team swimmers are set to travel to South Korea on Tuesday to battle it out in the World Championship.

Four swimmers will make the trip. They include Hilal Hemed Hilal and Collins Saliboko that will take part in the championship's men's category, Sylvia Caloiaro and Shivan Bhatt that will participate in women's category.

The quartet had earlier attended training in Dar es Salaam under the tutelage of Alex Mwaipasi and Michael Livingstone.

The swimmers have showcased determination to perform well in the World Championship after landing financial boost from the Motisun Group Company.

The firm handed over USD 2,000 to the swimmers so they can meet participation expenses.

Sayona Drinks Limited's General Manager, Nitin Menon, presented the cash to Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) secretary general, Inviolata Itatiro, and appealed to the swimmers to give their all and make the country proud.

Menon noted the swimmers should understand the country expects to see them showcase impressive showing and get good results in the forthcoming event, although the competition promises to be competitive.

He pointed out that Motisun Group feels proud to be part of sports stakeholders that are actively backing sports promotion domestically and promised they will keep on lending support to sportsmen and women.

"I ask you to put good showing and continue to motivate your fellow sportsmen and women. We will cooperate with you in developing sports in the country," Menon added.

He disclosed his firm also supported the senior national football team's preparations for this year's Africa Cup of Nations tournament, which is taking place in Egypt. Motisun Group moreover supported the hosting of the AFCON U-17 tournament, which took place in Dar es Salaam. Inviolata congratulated Motisun Group and asked other firms to emulate the company's gesture.

"We feel proud that Motisun Group have opened the way. We still need support from sports stakeholders so we can transport our swimmers to South Korea," Inviolata noted.



Simba's Chief Executive Officer Crescentius Magori

Simba jet off to South Africa for Premier League preps

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MAINLAND Premier League champions, Simba SC, jet off to South Africa today for camping to prepare for the coming season's domestic tournaments and the CAF Champions League.

Simba Chief Executive Officer, Crescentius Magori, said all is set for the South Africa camp and the team will return home a few days before the Simba Day.

Magori, who declined to disclose whether his side will play any friendly games in South Africa, said the camp will help the domestic soccer big guns' coaches prepare their players for the coming games and assess new players and players, whose stay at the club, has been extended.

Simba who last season reached quarter-finals of the CAF Champions League seems to be on course for a good season as they have signed many good and experienced players

including Francis Kahata, Gadiel Michael, Shiboub Eldin, Gerson Vieira and others.

"The team is to jet off to South Africa on Monday (today). The camp will help the coach drill his players well and, as you know we have many new players, the camp will help the players know each other," Magori said.

Simba, through the outfit's Head of Information and Communication, Haji Manara, said their main mission this season is to defend the Mainland Premier League.

They also are keen on winning the Federation Cup, SportPesa Cup, Mapinduzi Cup and reach at least the semi-finals of the 2019/2020 CAF Champions League.

He said the team is aware of the challenges it will face in its bid to achieve the set goals but they are determined to realize them.

"Our aim is to win all domestic tournaments and also reach semi-finals of CAF

Champions League, I'm sure this will be realized," the official noted.

"We have signed the players who are very experienced and also retained majority of those who helped the team excel last season."

Players who helped Simba win the last season's Mainland Premier League and also reach quarter-finals of CAF Champions League and have been retained are Meddie Kagere, Clatous Chama, Aishi Manula, Paschal Wawa, John Bocco, Erasto Nyoni, Jonas Mkude and others.

Currently almost all of the players have reported in Dar es Salaam and they were yesterday attending a seminar whereby they were drilled on many things concerning the club and its aims for the 2019/2020 season.

Simba are no strangers to camping in foreign lands as they last year camped in Turkey.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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