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## Ruvu River level rising slowly again

By Guardian Reporter

AUTHORITIES at the Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board (WRB-WB) has arrested a Chinese national who was illegally pumping water from Ruvu River to irrigate his vegetable gardens at Kidogozelo village in Chalinze District, Coast Region. The Chinese farmer is alleged to have installed machines with a capacity to pump one million litres of water per hour.

Halima Faraji, an official the board, said yesterday that patrols carried out on Friday last week found out the presence of a machine which pumps water from the source to vegetable farms, noting that the board has confiscated the machines and ordered the farmer to pay 3m/- as a penalty. The farmer had no board permit to use water from

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Ruvu River, and the board has directed him to stop pumping water from Ruvu River. "We have seized his machines and directed him to pay the 3m/- penalty by Monday next week. He will no longer continue with irrigation farming at Kidogozelo village," she said. The farmer had in the past five years applied for a board permit to conduct irrigation farming along the river, but he never returned for the document, and since that time the farmer has been illegally pumping river water, she stated. The installed machines were

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# 'Tanzania's oil, gas belt still not fully explored'

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 50 per cent of Tanzania's total surface area has potential for oil and gas, the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) has declared.

Charles Sangweni, the PURA acting director general, made this affirmation in a press conference, covering the sub-sector achievements in the 60 years of independence.

He said around 534,000km<sup>2</sup> out of 945,000km<sup>2</sup> have sedimentary basins which hold oil and gas potential, but require extensive exploration and trials, underlining that this could transform the sector and its place in the country's economy.

Sedimentary basins are of great economic importance as most of the world's natural gas and petroleum and all of its coal is found in sedimentary rock formations, the director noted.

PURA is currently implementing plans to invest heavily in research and marketing so as to attract more potential investors to the oil and gas sector, he said, elaborating that so far 96 oil wells were tried, 59 onshore and 37 offshore. About 44 wells were found to have natural gas, he asserted.

The government has a petroleum activity map where areas are divided into blocks having high probability for hydrocarbon potential, he stated, affirming that the agency is working to strengthen exploration efforts.

It also seeks to improve bidding procedures so as to attract other big firms with interest in upstream oil and gas activity, he stated. "We still have a good num-

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ber of sedimentary basins that are yet to be fully explored," he emphasised.

PURA has so far signed 11 agreements with various investors, three of whom are conducting drills on the

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# REPOA, Sweden sign 10bn/- research pact

By Getrude Mbago

THE government of Sweden has approved a 40m Swedish kroner (over 10bn/-) grant to support research activities in Tanzania in the areas of climate change, governance, accountability and human development.

The financial input is being availed to the REPOA think-tank to enable it pursue its strategic research objectives for the next four years.

Dr Donald Mmari, its executive director, said after signing the grant agreement in Dar es Salaam yesterday that REPOA was grateful for Sweden for support, as the funding will enable the institution to undertake its research priorities.

The grant will provide the institution with autonomy and resources to carry out strategic research along with related activities for promoting evidence-informed policy dialogue, along with targeted capacity building for researchers and users of research results, he stated.

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# EU, FAO issue 28bn/- for plant health drive

By Guardian Reporter

PLANT health improvement is earmarked for an uplift in a project bringing together the government, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the European Union (EU), in a four-year engagement.

This objective was given in a statement released yesterday by the UN agency, saying that the project, "Strengthening plant health services in Tanzania for enhanced

food safety,' as plant health includes the protection of plants as well as scientific and regulatory frameworks for controlling plant pests or pathogens.

It seeks to address administrative and technical constraints relevant to plant health, in the context of deteriorating agricultural trade, endangering food security and food safety, the agency noted.

The overall budget for the project is put at euro 10.6m (about 28bn/-) with the EU contributing euro 10m and FAO tabling

euro 350,000 while the government puts on the table euro 250,000 for the project.

The project is set to be implemented nationwide with beneficiaries as including plant health service providers, crop producers and traders, where Zanzibar regions are included, and special focus is given to women and youth.

Dr Patrice Talla, the FAO sub-regional coordinator for Southern Africa and country representative, acknowledged EU support, citing the importance of the project

not just to Tanzania but the wider region.

"We believe that through increasing capacity of the Tanzanian authorities to control pests of quarantine importance, toxic pesticide residues and the improvement in produce traceability and safety certification, Tanzania will gain more access to markets within southern Africa, and this will open doors to more trade and increased income for farmers," he stated.

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pumping water for eight hours a day, thus contributing to persistent decrease of water levels at the river which is vital to supplying water to millions of people in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions. She said further that there was some contamination of water at the river because the machines were fixed near the source, and as diesel is used, it may cause health risks to water users once a certain amount leaks into the river and survives water treatment processes. Environmental damage was also arising from his activities, the officer intoned. Hhau Sarwat, a community development officer with the board, said that the water level at the river Ruvu has started going up following patrols, which are also used to educate villagers on protecting water sources and restraining those who want to graze cattle near the river. Officiating at the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Bugando Zonal Referral Hospital on Thursday, President Samia Suluhu Hassan de-

clared war on all people who trample on water sources and causing extensive diminution of flow to rivers, inhibiting adequate water treatment for major urban centres. She directed regional and district commissioners to conduct a resource use manhunt to clear obstacles to proper flow of water to rivers and ensure the protection of sources of springs and streams countrywide. Water demand for domestic use was more important than pumping water to irrigate farms or using wetlands for easy feeding of large herds of cattle, the president underlined. Agriculture and pastoral activities come second, so those who are destroying water sources for such use must be disabled from that disruption, she emphasised. Increased presence of live-stock herds near water sources was among major factors explaining the water flow crisis into Ruvu River that feeds the city of Dar es Salaam as well as into Ruaha River, all besieged by vast numbers of cattle especially from the Lake Zone, she affirmed.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango addresses the Tanzania-Singapore Business Networking Conference in Singapore on Thursday. The thrust during the deliberations was on ways to enhance cooperation, chiefly through investment in a range of sectors in Tanzania. Photo: VPO

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In Tanzania, FAO is implementing the project in tandem with the Ministry of Agriculture, with a key objective being an increase in the resilience of livelihoods to plant threats and crises, he said.

Charles Tulahi, assistant FAO country representative said that; by establishing systems for traceability and surveillance, along with improving inspection capacity, the project will improve farmers' resilience to pests through precautions arising from

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early warning. This will also improve prospects for market access, he stated.

Through the EU funded project, plant health and pesticide laboratories in Tanzania will be fully equipped to enable detection, diagnosis and traceability of pests, as a strong pest surveillance system is put in place.

Experts will be trained to oversee inter-

national standards for pest and pesticide regulations, where no pest of quarantine importance or toxic pesticide residue will be exported from Tanzania under the project, he stated.

Similar regulatory capacity is to be imparted for imported consignments thereby enhancing food safety and increasing prospects for trade, the programme manager

specified.

Ambassador Manfredo Fanti, head of the European Union delegation to Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC), said that adoption of strict surveillance protocols and sanitary certification will allow quality agricultural export products from Tanzania to access exigent and lucrative markets abroad. At the same time, Tanza-

nian consumers will benefit from safer and healthier products, he elaborated.

Mdili Katemani, heading plant quarantine and phytosanitary services at the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) said the EU funded project comes at an opportune moment as the country seeks to reopen, so that Tanzania farmers can explore new markets.

Successful implementation of the project will improve the trust of our trade partners in our produce, he added.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro (L) has a word with foreign tourists deep inside Lake Manyara National Park on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

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ground while eight others are still in exploration stage.

Upstream activity for oil and gas here started in 1952, with the first trial wells drilled in Mtwara, while in 1974 the first commercially viable natural gas finding was

confirmed at SongoSongo, followed by Mnazi Bay in 1982.

The Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act of 1980 was used for most of this period, while the Petroleum Act 2015 sets out upstream activities like exploration to a tendering

process, he explained.

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kilometres. In the deep sea basins the zone covered by the country's exclusive economic zone is spread over 140,000 square kilometres, he specified.

In order to ensure optimal participation of local firms in the petroleum value chain, the Petroleum Act, of 2015

(section 219 and 220) provide for consideration of goods and services supplied by Tanzanian entrepreneurs as well as training and employment of Tanzanians by companies engaged in exploration and drilling, he added.

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"Today marks a milestone in our partnership with the Swedish embassy," he declared, noting that the partnership has a long history, as you all know since the on-set of Covid-19 in March 2020, the work of many organisations has not been easy because of various factors including measures put in place for fighting the pandemic, shifting policy priorities, health and economic impact on the people and societies and the disruptions on the flow of funding needed for executing various projects. However, through the enduring support from our partners we have managed to sustain our operations up to this moment," he asserted.

In the four-year strategic plan, REPOA focuses on governance, accountability and citizen engagement as well as crosscutting issues such as climate change, technology and innovation. "These are essential elements to inform a comprehensive national agenda on socio-economic transformation for inclusive development and commitments to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs)," the director underlined.

REPOA was committed to continue undertaking credible research and analytical work, to provide information that is relevant for evidence-formed policy making, providing capacity development for diverse stakeholders, he affirmed.

In his remarks, Swedish ambassador Anders Sjöberg said despite various challenges, "REPOA has remained dedicated in its mission by being innovative, patient and strategic in its engagement and partnership with the government and other ac-

tors."

The changing context of shrinking democratic space globally, challenging economic and climatic conditions have made research and scientific evidence even more critical for effective policies and decision making, he stated.

In January 2020, the Swedish government approved a new strategy for Swedish development cooperation with Tanzania covering the period of 2020-2024 with the focus being on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law and gender equality.

Other notable priorities are education, inclusive economic development, environment and climate change, he elaborated.

The Swedish Embassy has assessed REPOA as a relevant partner, not only for the Swedish strategy but first and foremost to national socioeconomic priorities, the country's regional and global commitments included in the East African Community Vision 2050, the African development agenda 2063 and 2030 global agenda on sustainable development goals, he declared.

"REPOA objectives and research themes as stated in the Strategic Plan fully aligns with Sweden's priorities in areas such as private sector development, job creation, climate change, renewable energy and environment as well as governance and democratic development," the envoy asserted.

Back in March, REPOA was ranked as the top think tank in Tanzania for the sixth consecutive years and number 11 among 612 rated research organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa, in the 2019 'Global Go-To Think Tank' Index (GGTI).



## WaterAid set to advocate better integration of water, sanitation and hygiene in health sector

By Guardian Reporter

WATERAID, under the Pan Africa Programme has launched the Hygiene for Health campaign during the Rwanda Global Healthcare Summit in Kigali.

According to WaterAid's regional communications manager- East Africa, Elizabeth Mwambulukutu, the overall goal of the campaign is to accelerate action and progress towards everyone's access to Hygiene services by catalysing changes in the attitudes, policies and practice of country and donor governments, global institutions, and private sector on hand hygiene and WASH in HCFs as key enablers for improved health outcomes.

She said in a statement that the campaign will drive progress towards increased and sustained prioritisation of, and investment in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for public health and resilience through the narrative framing of 'hygiene for health'.

"The campaign focuses on WASH in health care facilities and hand hygiene for all in all settings. Hygiene is protection, for communities, health workers and patients. Without it, we cannot defeat COVID19 or future health crises," Mwambulukutu said, adding:

"This will be done during the side event under the theme "Water, sanitation and hygiene in healthcare facilities and pandemic preparedness and response".

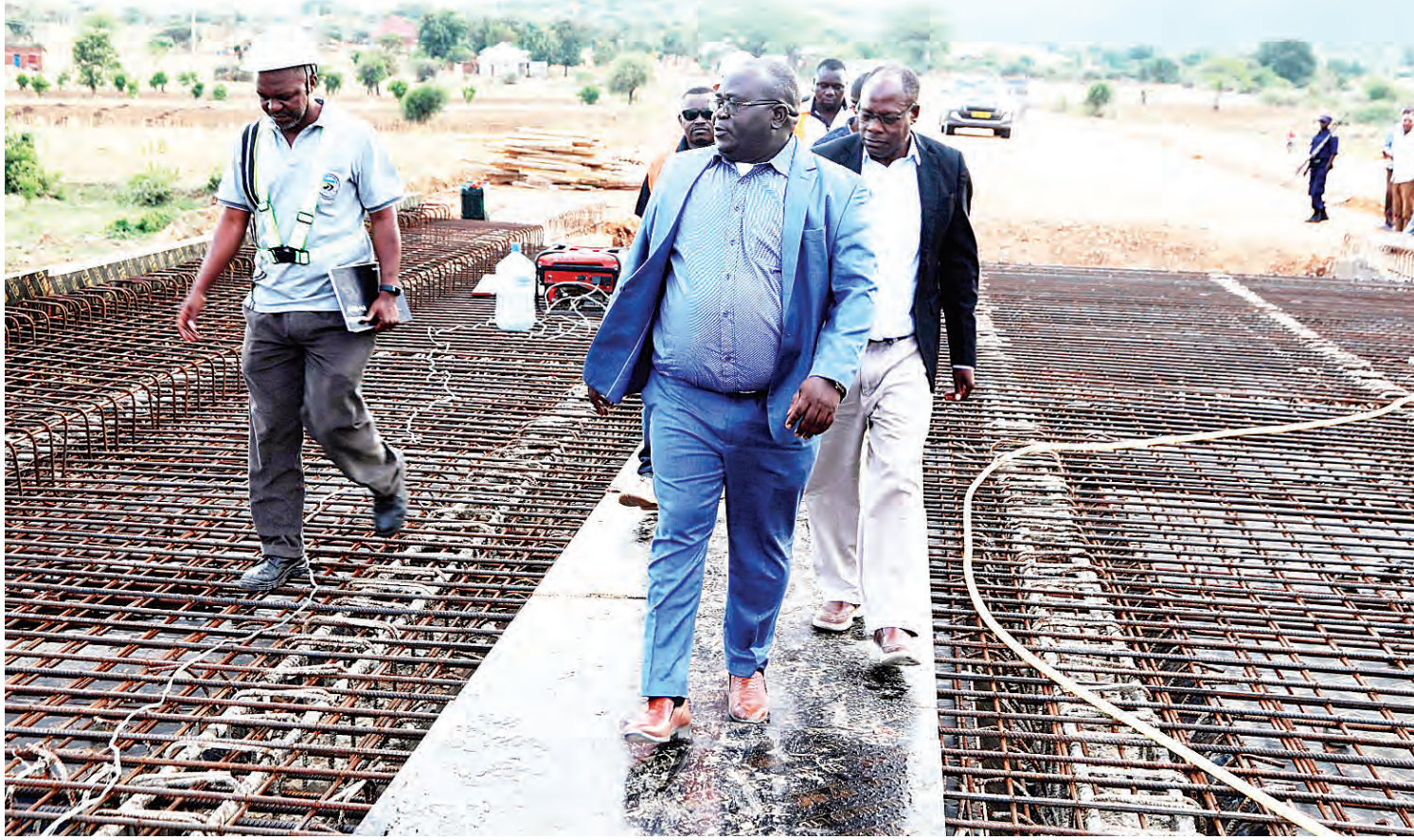
On the sidelines, WaterAid will be hosting an exhibition that demonstrates how water should be integrated in the healthcare and hygiene services.

Olutayo Bankole-Bolawole, WaterAid East Africa regional director, said WaterAid looks forward to the major global health conference and welcomes the fact that water, sanitation and hygiene are clearly recognised as central to the main issues on the agenda.

"At the Global Healthcare Summit, WaterAid will share experiences in integrating WASH in health care facilities, generate discussions on inclusive pandemic response with partners and launch the Hygiene for Health Campaign," Bankole-Bolawole.

WaterAid will also advocate better integration of water, sanitation, and hygiene into the health sector in numerous sessions covering universal health care, integrating digital technologies in the health sector as well as reproductive, maternal, new-born, child, and adolescent health.

The Global Healthcare Summit between November 18-20 will be a hybrid event hosted by the Rwandan Ministry of Health and facilitated by Be Still Investments.



Works and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya (in blue) has a first-hand account of the ongoing construction of Msingi Bridge in Mkalama District, Singida Region, on Thursday. Photo courtesy of Works ministry

## Mobile App targets reducing deaths among pregnant women, newborns

By Francis Kajubi

A maternal health oriented mobile application was launched yesterday targeting to support healthcare workers to provide safer maternity services such as childbirth and care for newborns.

Known as 'Safe Delivery App' and developed by Maternity Foundation, University of Southern Denmark with support from the Danish embassy in Tanzania and Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) the App targets at reducing deaths among pregnant women and

newborns.

Donat Shamba, Senior Research Scientist at Ifakara Health Institute and Project Coordinator Safe Delivery App said the App is a smartphone application that provides information and guidance on deliveries through easy to understand animated videos, training sessions and action cards.

It is a powerful on-the-job reference training tool for birth attendants even in the most remote areas, she added. "The App is now available for all people across the country.

Every person can download and use it as he wished on health services. It provides skilled birth attendants instant evidence-based and up-to-date clinical guidelines on how to handle complications related to pregnancy and childbirth straight from their phones or tablets," said Shamba. The App uses five features namely action card, easy to understand animated instruction videos, practical procedures, drug lists and an e-learning tool known as My Learning intended at guiding skilled birth attendants

in basic emergency obstetric and newborns care," Shamba added.

According to him, the App is available for free downloads and does not require one to have data for its access. Content in the App can be accessed offline once downloaded so healthcare workers in remote areas can always refer to it either on the job, in their spare time or as part of their training. He said a pilot project was conducted in 2017/18 whereby 54 health facilities in Mpwapwa district council were involved. Up to

its launch, almost 2,460 professionals of which 98 per cent are public health workers have downloaded the App.

Ambassador of Denmark Mette Nørgaard said the Danish Embassy previously worked with Ifakara Health Institute and the Maternity Foundation on a pilot project in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma region to see whether the App could also be used in a Tanzanian context.

She said the results from the pilot study came up with convincing evidence that it is indeed possible to prevent

deaths of women during delivery through this useful innovation.

"The Safe Delivery App will be a useful job aid for health staff, as it provides the necessary tools for a respectful, evidence-based basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care; It is our belief that the plan to involve the zonal training centres and include the Safe Delivery App in the syllabus and training curriculum will make the application of the App sustainable," she said.

She asserted that the overall objective of Danish support

to the health sector in Tanzania, is to improve the general health status and well-being of all with a special focus on women, children, the poor, and vulnerable groups.

Grace Magembe, Deputy Permanent Secretary PO-RALG said the project also involved at large the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Elderly, and Children; PO-RALG, the Association of Gynecologist and Obstetricians of Tanzania; the Paediatric Association of Tanzania and the Tanzania Midwives Association.

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### Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd "BGCL", a JV agreement company between State Mining Corporation (Stamico) and Tanzam2000 Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of Tanzanian Gold Corporation (TSX:TNX)(NYSE MKT:TRX). For more information visit: <https://www.tangoldcorp.com/>, the company has operations located in Mnekezi Village, Geita District, Tanzania.

The company calls for submissions of Expressions of Interest from eligible Civil Contractor companies based in Tanzania for construction of bypass road of 9 kilometers from Mnekezi village to Lwamgasa.

The EOI call aims at prequalifying or shortlisting the capable Contractors and does not constitute an invitation to tender.

Interested parties shall submit their expression of Interest ("EOI") with supportive documents showing the company profile, Certificate of Incorporation, Business Registration, and certificate CRB registration (Contractors Registration Board). The prospective bidders MUST possess a valid CRB registration status of Class IV (Four) and above in Civil works Category.

The evaluation of the prospective bidders will be done based on the following minimum criteria:-

- Expertise of the company team in undertaking similar project,
- Experience of the company in roads Construction.
- Financial strength of the company, evidenced by financial statements of at least two recent years.
- Eligibility of the company (both professionally and legally).

Expressions of interest should be submitted by email ([procurement@buckreef.co.tz](mailto:procurement@buckreef.co.tz)) no later than 02:30p.m 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Submission deadline).

The Communication will be made to all pre-qualified contractors once the company has completed its pre-qualification evaluation based on the information supplied above by no later than 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

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TENDER No. PREQUALIFICATION/ PR/ 01/2021/2022 /2023

Pre-qualification of Contractors for the Construction of WASH infrastructures in Kisarawe District



WaterAid is an International Non-Governmental Organization, with a vision of ensuring Safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for Everyone, Everywhere by 2030. WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania" which is registered as Non-Governmental Organisation in The Republic of Tanzania (NO.SO.7557).

WaterAid Tanzania (WAT) operates as a Country Programme and functional office of WaterAid UK; within East African Region. The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No.1469, Masaki Area within Kinondoni District.

Water Aid Tanzania has received fund from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for implementing a programme for Improvement of Hygiene Behaviour in Schools and Health Care Facilities. This project aims at improving access to WASH services and good hygiene behaviours in 30 primary schools and 15 health care facilities(dispensaries) in Kisarawe district.

Water Aid Tanzania invites applications from interested contractors who are registered by Contractors Registration Board (CRB) with class six, five and four for prequalification for the assignment of improving WASH infrastructures in Kisarawe District in Coastal Region from December 2021 to February 2022. The main works includes:

Item	Activity Description	QTY
1	Construction/rehabilitation of sanitation facilities	45 sites
2	Construction /rehabilitation of water supply systems/schemes/ water points	45 sites
3	Construction / rehabilitation of handwashing facilities	45 sites

Following documents should be submitted:

- Company profile that includes legal documents (Valid licenses and legal documentation to operate in Tanzania e.g. incorporation certificate, business license and relevant tax certificates, licenses from CRB.
- List of major equipment(s) for carrying out the works.
- A list of recent performed contracts of similar nature including the names and addresses of the employers for verification.
- Recent financial statements of the bidder/bank statement
- A duly Certified Power of Attorney

Eligible interested bidders should send their bids to WaterAid Tanzania Office before 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by 10:00am East African Time; through [ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org](mailto:ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org), Cc [NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org](mailto:NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org). Bids shall be addressed to: "Country Director – WaterAid Tanzania, P.O. Box 33759 Plot No.1469 Rufiji Street: Off Haile Selassie Rd - Msasani Peninsula, Dar es Salaam: Tanzania." and clearly marked "Bid for Pre-qualification of contractors for the Construction of WASH infrastructures in Kisarawe District". The bids Opening will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 11:00am at WaterAid Country Office.

Note: WaterAid has a Mandatory Operating Procedure (MOP) and therefore for those who will visit our office for, submission or tender opening will not be allowed to enter office premises without properly wash their hand and wearing masks





Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga (R) pictured yesterday at the Kahama mining market, mainly in connection with challenges which gold dealers in the area commonly experience. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

## African nations urged to put in place strong, autonomous oversight bodies

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN countries have been urged to put in place strong and autonomous oversight institutions to embrace a culture of transparency and accountability in the continent.

Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made the call on Thursday when opening the International Transparency and Accountability Conference (ITAC 2021).

Organised by the WAJIBU Institute of Public Accountability (WIPA), the conference is themed: "Transformation into a Culture of Total Transparency and Accountability".

Dr Nchemba who was represented by Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongella said that transparency and accountability are arguably the most misunderstood of the three principles.

"To describe the extent, at which any government is transparent and accountable to its citizens, requires the government to operate in a manner that its citizens clearly see their leaders being open and answerable in whatever they do rather than it being merely described."

"Leaders must live up to their promises;

they must walk the talk and be answerable to the people. At the same time, it is the right of the citizens to demand accountability from the leaders whom they have given the mandate/responsibility to manage the harnessed public resources on their behalf."

He said: "It is crucial that our leaders know that, leadership positions are transitional and the time they have of serving the people is limited and they should not be masters of the people but instead they should be servants of the people. Our government has made it very clear that corruption and embezzlement of public funds are unwelcome and those found will be dwelt with strictly."

According to Dr Nchemba, most African Countries have been facing governance crises for quite a long time. This crisis has not only faced the public sector but even the private sector in those countries. The crisis has emanated from non-adherence to the principles of good governance and rule of law.

"Most African countries have good governance policy frameworks in place. The only challenge is to comply with their very own good governance policy systems/structures.

## Cassava farmers appeal for a slice of the COVID-19 response fund

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

CASSAVA farmers in the central zone production corridor have appealed to the government to consider possibilities of providing them with a slice of the COVID-19 response fund, saying the sub-sector have similarly

been affected by the pandemic.

Speaking to The Guardian in separate interview, cassava farmers observed that for at least two consecutive producing seasons they failed to export their produce to China due the COVID-19, the major challenge which saw them experiencing untold financial losses.

"After being sensitized by the government to embark on serious cultivation in order to cater for the China's lucrative market most of the farmers invested millions of money on farms so as to benefiting the same," said Idd Senge, a proprietor of at least 100 acres of cassava in Singida Region.

He said the outbreak

of COVID-19 saw farmers stranded at cross dilemma because they were not in a position to export the crop.

He added, the government was supposed to inject them with the COVID-19 fund release so that they may rejuvenate their sides healthier.

Jafet Gabriel, another giant farmer said apart from COVID-19, last year their plan-

tations and produce were seriously damaged by excessive rains caused by extreme weather conditions associated with climate change.

"For two consecutive years we faced unfriendly production situation which compelled us to incur great financial losses," he expressed.

"It is disconcerting to see that we have been denied

capital loans even at the relevant institutions, specifically the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB)," he said.

For the past three years, most of the farmers in all regions where cassava flourishes embarked on major plantation due to vast and assured market of the tuber crop in China.

The annual China demand for dry cassava from Tanzania stands at 2 million tonnes.

In May 2017, Tanzania signed phytosanitary protocol with China, the bilateral business development which apart from green lighted local companies to directly trade with China; it also opened market access



Selemani Kingugwa of Songe in Kilindi District contributes to debate at the village's revenue and expenditure meeting on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

## Baha'is celebrate the Day of the Covenant

By Guardian Reporter

BAHA'IS around the world will this year celebrate the "Day of the Covenant" which will begin in the evening of November 24, and end in the evening of November 25.

This holiday is a celebration of the co-founder of the Bahai faith, Baha'u'llah's, appointment of his eldest son as his successor

The Day of the Covenant is the day when Baha'is celebrates the appointment of Abdu'l-Baha as the Center of Baha'u'llah's Covenant, that unbroken, unified line of guidance which safeguards the Baha'i Faith from division and disunity.

Baha'is are the followers of Baha'u'llah, ("the Glory of God" in Arabic), the Prophet Founder of the Baha'i Faith. Abdu'l-Baha which means the Servant of Baha was the eldest Son of Baha'u'llah. He was born on May 23, 1844 the day when the Bab, Prophet Herald of the Baha'i Faith declared His Mission to His first disciple Mulla Husayn.

Abdu'l-Baha forbade Baha'is from celebrating His birthday on the day He was born as this day was already of great importance in the Baha'i Faith. That day would be reserved for celebrating the Declaration of the Bab. During Abdu'l-Baha's travel to the West, the Baha'is begged for a day to be celebrated as His birthday. He gave them November 26, 181 days after the Ascension of Baha'u'llah to be observed as the day of the appointment of the Center of the Covenant.

On the Day of the Covenant, Baha'is celebrates the unity of their Faith and the essential unity of all

Faiths. The Baha'i teachings say that God reveals religious and mystical truth through a systematic succession of prophets and messengers throughout history.

Baha'u'llah's appointment of Abdu'l-Baha as the Center of His Covenant invested Abdu'l-Baha with the authority to function as the sole interpreter of the Baha'i Writings, and named Him as the One who would carry out Baha'u'llah's purpose in the establishment of the Baha'i Administrative order.

Baha'is celebrates this Holy Day as they do all others in their faith. They gather in prayer and worship and in unity. All are welcome to join in the celebration regardless of any religious difference in faith or beliefs.



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## ATE signs agreement over workers' welfare

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Employers Association (ATE) on behalf of the Sisal Association (SAT) has signed a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Tanzania Plantation Agriculture Workers Union (TPAWU) aimed to create a win-win situation for both parties.

CBA is a written legal contract between an employer and a union representing the employees. It is the result of an extensive negotiation process between the parties regarding topics such as wages,

hours, and terms and conditions of employment.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the signing ceremony, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Jenista Mhagama said the agreement was beneficial to employees but also to the employers.

She said the signing of CBA was a milestone achievement in promoting co-existence between employees and employers in the whole process of promoting a good

relationship between employers and employees.

"I'm proud to witness the signing of the agreement today; this is a great achievement in the employment sector. The agreement helps to stimulate company productivity adding that it aims to reach a win-win situation," she said.

She commended ATE on behalf of the Tanzania Sisal Association (SAT) and the TPAWU for negotiating and finally reaching the agreement that has been signed.

This agreement will promote better relations between the employers of the sisal

industry and employees and ultimately bring more efficiency to workers to build their companies and the country in general."

ATE executive director, Suzanne Ndomba said the signing of the agreement was a great achievement for sustainability productivity of companies under SAT.

"We, ATE are very happy and proud that SAT was ready to hold and sign the CBA, it is an indication of good governance and this will produce more positive outcomes in the companies," she said.

She said the agreement involved both

parties where employers in this sisal industry and the trade union collectively negotiated to ensure they put the best bargaining environment at workplaces for mutual benefits.

"ATE recognizes that the success of employers depends on vigilant and confident employees and whose interests are well-off, so the benefits resulting from this agreement will enable employees to work hard and more effectively so as to increase productivity and competition at the workplace," she asserted.



# Igomelo calls for boundary beacons along river banks

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Igomelo cooperative agricultural irrigation scheme in Mbarali district, Mbeya region have called on the government to put visible boundary signs (beacons) along river banks so as to make it easy in enforcing the 60-meter law.

According to the members, majority of the people have been conducting human activities along the river just because there are no boundary signs installed in the areas.

Speaking at a meeting with researchers from the Mbarali River Water and Environmental Assessment Project this week, vice chairman of the Igomelo cooperative, John Ernest, said many citizens are failing to implement the directive due to low understanding of the 60 meters, while others feel difficulties to reduce the size of their farms.

The scheme is now calling on the government through National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) to install the visible boundaries in all key river banks that are in danger of attack by human activities.

"It is not that the offenders are not there but it is good that the areas should be marked so that if they break the law then we can take action easily," said Ernest.

The vice-chairman mentioned another challenge is lack of education or awareness on the kinds of trees that should be planted along the river banks so as to protect water sources

"We always find it difficult in determining which trees are good to be planted along river banks and which are not appropriate; as they have been receiving different conflicting education on the trees," he said.

Chief researcher of the EFLWS project Prof Japhet Kashaigili said their research project aims to focus on the health of the Mbarali River by conducting in-depth scientific research across the river ecology in order to come up with scientific recommendations that will assist the governments and communities in taking care of the river.

"In the next two years we will collect a lot of information such as water, living things in and out of the river, plants and other human activities that help or contribute to disrupting the sustainable flow of water so that these recommendations can be implemented," noted Prof Kashaigili.

He also advised cooperative leaders to sit down with their members to find out best ways that will help end human activities along the river that significantly affect the health of the river.

"We as researchers and the project will look at how to partner with you in establishing nurseries of good trees which are environmentally friendly to the river so that it can be planted to restore the natural vegetation along the river. By informal information, there will be a guide to provide an opportunity to you as citizens to plant beneficial crops and trees such as fruits so that when you take care of the rivers you also benefit from the trees," he added.

# 'Govt enhancing women's economic empowerment through entrepreneurship'

By Felister Peter

DEPUTY Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment) Patrobas Katambi said the government has been taking a number of initiatives to promote women empowerment and entrepreneurship to have a reasonable ratio of representation in the government, community and business.

"The government has been emphasising on women to have reasonable ratio of representation at various sectors; we have established the women development bank and youth development fund to ensure they have access to financial services to scale-up their businesses," said Katambi.

He was speaking on Wednesday evening during a reception at the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands residence in Dar es Salaam organized for the 15 women entrepreneurs who are taking part in the Dutch funded-Waendezele project.

Katambi commend the Netherlands embassy for supporting the government's efforts in empowering women through the Waendezele project which will also benefit many people direct and indirectly.

He said the project which is expected to contribute to the growth of the national economy, is in line with the national strategy on gender development initiated on 200 and the Development Vision 2025.

The government has made firm commitments that focus on alleviation of gender inequality in economy, education and training at all levels, said the Deputy Minister.

"The government appreciates the Netherlands Enterprises Agency for this project which will be part of solutions towards a better life for women and the entire population.

The 2012 National Census indicates that women comprises of more than a half of the country population, the trend which is also observed globally. Findings of various studies suggest that women are 70 per cent of the world's population and that two-thirds are illiterate, he said.

He said: "The above statistics shows that there is a need to work hard to improve and empower women to save the society because they are mostly caretakers of children and elderly."

Katambi added the Waendezele project is part of solutions for the increased number of women in economic activities and that it has come at a right time and challenging moments where the debate about rule of women in business life is rapidly transforming itself.

One of the project beneficiaries, Feddy Tesha, Managing Director at Proface Investment Ltd which processes dairy and horticultural produce, said she is working with nine groups of smallholder farmers with nearly 500 members who are supplying milk and other products to the factory.

"I source milk from these farmers; I produce fermented milk, yoghurt, soft cheeses and fresh milk. My business started in 2008 in my kitchen and has now grown in a factory which produces about 1,000 litres of milk per hour," she said. Feddy commended the Waendezele project since her future plans are to expand the factory as well as markets. She said her dreams are likely to be achieved through participation in the project.

Another beneficiary, Pilly Mkaka, Pimma General Enterprises Manager said the project has come at a right time because her future plans are to expand her farms and markets.

She has employed 21 people and a good number of casual labourers who are working at her farms. She manufactures laundry soaps as well as food crops cultivation. Pilly cultivates maize, beans and rice which are sold to different markets across the country.

"I am planning to expand my farms to start planting palm trees because its fruits are used as raw materials in making laundry bar," said Pilly, adding access to market is still a challenge as her company struggled to sell the rice produced in 2019 as well as those harvested last year.

Earlier, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Weibe de Boer said: "We believe this program fills gaps in the current landscape of business support for female led agribusinesses."



Yara Tanzania Ltd agronomist Andrew Mwangomile addresses grape farmers in Dodoma Region on Thursday during training in Chamwino District on modern methods of growing the crop. It was organised by Tanzania Breweries Ltd. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# Mvomero residents urged to embrace the rights of local communities over the use forests resources

By Beatrice Philemon, Mvomero

MVOMERO District Council in Morogoro region will soon start to capacitate residents in three villages to engage in Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) to enable them to have rights and take full ownership of their forest resources.

Mvomero district executive director, Hassani Njema made the remarks here yesterday when briefing journalists who visited the area to see what has been done to support villagers to engage in CBFM activities within their village land.

Villages that will benefit with the program are Kipangilo, Njeula and Matara.

So far, a total of 91 villages in Mvomero District have been able to develop land use plans within their localities while 10 villages have been able to allocate village land forest reserve for CBFM.

"At the district level we have managed to assist villagers to develop by-laws for forest management, develop land use plan whereas they have allocated land forest reserves, plots for sustainable charcoal making and timber harvesting, agriculture and other activities.

Mvomero District has a total of 130 villages, among them, 91 villages have already developed land use plans, formulate by-laws for forest management and establish village land forest reserves within their localities.

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) Communication Officer, Bettie Luwuge said the successes recorded in the district are due to implementation of a four years project dubbed: Conserving Forests through Sustainable Forest Based Enterprise Support in Tanzania CoForEST (2019-2022) with funding from Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SFC).

The project is now implemented in seven districts namely Kilosa, Mvomero, Morogoro, Liwale, Nachingwea, Ruangwa and Kilolo.

The project is being implemented by Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA).

The main goal is to achieve sustainable pro-community natural forest management that transforms the economics and governance of forest product value chains and contributed to climate change mitigation and adaptation.



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LOT NO.	TYPE OF MACHINE	TPC NO.	MODEL	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	REG. NO.	IMPORT DUTY	DISCOUNT ITEM FOR EMPLOYEES
1	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML150	RANGER	2016	T789DLD	PAID	YES
2	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML134	RANGER	2015	T928DFH	PAID	YES
3	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML124	RANGER	2014	T221BDB	PAID	YES
4	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML123	RANGER	2014	T201DBD	PAID	YES
5	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML135	RANGER	2015	T268DGC	PAID	YES
6	FORD PICK-UP SINGLE CAB	ML117	RANGER	2014	T900CTE	PAID	YES
7	BELL TRACTOR	MF60	BELL	2001	T667AAT	PAID	YES
8	BELL TRACTOR	MF61	BELL	2001	T944AAT	PAID	YES
9	BELL GRADER	MG9	BELL770D	2005	T840ANZ	EXEMPTED	NO
10	BELL FRONT LOADER	ME6	LOGGER	2004	T696ASQ	EXEMPTED	NO
11	KOMATSU FRONT END	ME6ME14	WA380-3A	2007	T270ASW	PAID	NO
12	BACK HOE LOADER	ME18	LOADER 580M	2012	T383CRH	PAID	NO
13	BELL GRADER	MG11	770G	2011	T519BSS	PAID	NO
14	KOMATSU FRONT END	MG15	WA380-3	2009	T436BLT	EXEMPTED	NO
15	LORRY NISSAN DIESEL	MR20	UD	2010	T722CAY	PAID	NO
16	RENAULT TIPPER LORRY	MR15	VE6	2008	T560BDW	PAID	NO
17	RENAULT TIPPER LORRY	MR16	VE6	2008	T541BDW	PAID	NO
18	LEYLAND ASHOK	MR17	912	2007	T152BES	PAID	NO
19	TOYOTA COASTER	MR89	1HZ	2010	T936BNP	PAID	NO
20	NISSAN UD DIESEL BOWSER	MR19	UD	2011	T914BYH	PAID	NO
21	SLASHER	MP64	POWA	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
22	FERTILIZER APPLICATER	MP60	REAPER	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
23	FERTILIZER APPLICATER	MP49	REAPER	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
24	BOOM SPRAYER	MP74	BERTHOUD	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
25	CONCRETE MIXER	MU69		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
26	CONCRETE MIXER	MU68		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
27	BOOM SPRAYER	MP105	BERTHOUD	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
28	KUHN SLASHER	MP75	BPR305 PRO	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
29	MUD TRAILLER	MP60	DEVES	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
30	HONDA WATER PUMP	MU2	HONDA	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
31	KUDU ROTARY SLASHER	MU46	750	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
32	KUHN MUTLILONGER SLASHER	MP93	KUNH	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
33	SLASHER	MP45	SLASHER	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
34	LAWN MOWER SLASHER	MP44	MASTER	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
35	GENERATOR	GEN124	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
36	GENERATOR	MU101	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
37	GENERATOR	GEN102	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
38	GENERATOR	GEN81	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
39	GENERATOR	GEN118	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
40	GENERATOR	GEN103	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
41	KUDU ENGINE	MU80	HONDA GX390	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
42	GENERATOR	N/A	HONDA GX270	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
43	HONDA GENERATOR	N/A	HONDA GX160	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
44	HONDA WATER PUMP	N/A	HONDA GX160	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
45	HONDA WATER PUMP	N/A	HONDA GX160	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
46	HONDA WATER PUMP	N/A	HONDA GX160	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
47	CHAIN SAW	MU133	STIHL MA6610	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
48	CHAIN SAW	MU134	STIHL MA6610	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
49	CHAIN SAW	MU132	STIHL MA6610	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
50	CHAIN SAW	MU107	STIHL MS382	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
51	CHAIN SAW	MU141	STIHL MS382	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
52	CHAIN SAW	MU122	STIHL MS382	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
53	RAIL GRINDER	MU109	GEISMAR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
54	BRUSH CUTTER-	N/A	MARUYAMA	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
55	BRUSH CUTTER	MU96	MARUYAMA	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
56	BRUSH CUTTER	MU106	STIHL FS450	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
57	LAWN MOWER	MU105	PROFESSIONAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
58	LAWN MOWER	MU119	HONDA196	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
59	MIST BLOWER	MU04	WARRIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
60	MIST BLOWER	N/A	MARUYAMA MD180DX	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
61	MIST BLOWER	N/A	WARRIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
62	MIST BLOWER	N/A	WARRIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
63	MIST BLOWER	N/A	WARRIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
64	MIST BLOWER	N/A	WARRIOR	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
65	LOW BED	MT71	ANGLOCO SPM UK 111A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
66	FERTILIZER APPLICATER	MP6	SPREADER	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES
67	PRINTING ACCESSORIES	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
68	VARIOUS PARTS FOR BOOM SPRAYER	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
69	VARIOUS PARTS FOR KOMATSU FRONT END LOADER	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
70	VARIOUS PARTS FOR KUHN SLASHER	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
71	VARIOUS PARTS FOR CAT& GRADER	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
72	VARIOUS PARTS FOR ISUZU CVR	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
73	VARIOUS PARTS FOR MITSUBISHI CANTER	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
74	BRONZE & TILES	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
75	VARIOUS GASKET KITS,RINGS,"O"RINGS & SEALS	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
76	KEMGUARD&DISPENSERS	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
77	VARIOUS SIZES OF WINDOW FRAMES	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
78	VARIOUS SIZES OF WINDOW FRAMES	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
79	WATER STORAGE TANK 10,000 LTS	N/A	SIM TANK	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
80	WATER STORAGE TANK 5,000 LTS	N/A	SIM TANK	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO

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# Stakeholders call for more investment in human resources to accelerate maternal health services

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has urged non-state actors to continue investing on human resources for health as part of a key strategy to accelerate maternal health services provision in the country.

Speaking during the plenary session titled "Improving Human Resource for RMNCAH Services: Innovations and Prospects" organized by Benjamin Mkapa Foundation at the RMNCAH Annual Scientific Conference in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, Director of Health Services at the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Ntuli Kapologwe said the health sector needs health workforce with competencies to provide care at all levels of health facilities.

The conference was led by the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

"The government has invested in the improvement of infrastructure and we cannot address the shortage of skilled staff in these facilities alone. We need more partners to come and invest in HRH deployment," said Dr Ntuli. On maternal death challenges, Dr Ntuli said statistics indicates that more than 90 per cent of maternal deaths occur within health facilities simply due to lack of adequate human resources for health.

Sometimes, the challenges in maternal health are compounded

not only by minimal manpower, but also lack of competent and skilled health care workers in the facilities, he said.

"We appreciate partners like Mkapa Foundation, AMREF, MDH and many more who continue to invest on HRH, but we also have the challenge of unequal distribution of human resources; for example, Dar es Salaam alone has about 40 per cent available skilled work force in the country leaving 60 per cent distribution to other regions and districts," he added.

Sharing government plans on strengthening maternal and newborn health services, Dr Ntuli explained that they would soon be rolling out the voluntarism guideline and strategy to curb shortage of skilled health personnel at health facilities.

"We are grateful that Health Minister, Dr Dorothy Gwajima launched the National Health Workforce Volunteerism Guideline a few months ago; we are now working on the acceleration plan which will give us more direction on how to implement it at every facility level," he asserted.

Rahel Sheiza, Director of Programs from the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation said that according to Non-State Actors reports, on average the private sector contribution on human resources for health is 3,000 Health Care Workers which have been deployed in public health facilities. But unfortunately, this investment is not included in the public data, resulting in the 53 per cent available HRH gap not reflecting the reality of the service delivery system.



Consolata Christopher (R), a tailoring and costume designing student at the Shinyanga Vocational Training Centre, pictured yesterday briefing Shinyanga Municipal Council director Jomaary Satura (2nd-R) and his delegation on the training offered at the centre. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu



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## Tender for Vending Machines Maintenance Services YEAR 2021-2022 Procurement Reference Number ICAP/TZ/04/2021-2022

### Introduction:

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Beginning in October 2021, through a new 5-year cooperative agreement with PEPFAR funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ICAP will be supporting comprehensive implementation of HIV prevention, testing, care and treatment, lab, and VMMC interventions at the community and facility level in Mwanza region in Tanzania. Named the FIKIA+ Project, this new initiative aims to accelerate, expand, and improve the quality of HIV prevention, care, and treatment in order to meet UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets in intervention districts.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now is looking for the reputable and registered organization to provide maintenance services to vending machines installed in different selected hotspots of Mwanza region.

<b>Title</b>	Provision of Operation and Maintenance Services for ICAP Vending Machines
<b>Location</b>	Mwanza Region, Tanzania
<b>Scope of work</b>	
<b>Objective 1</b>	Provide refilling services to the condom vending machines in the course of implementations of FIKIA+ project in Mwanza region.
<b>Objective 2</b>	Conduct daily monitoring of condom distribution to targeted populations through vending machines.
<b>Objective 3</b>	Provide maintenance services to the condom vending machines in the course of FIKIA+ implementations.
<b>Objective 4</b>	Pilot new software involving payment systems and social marketing model, dashboard data collection as well as demand creation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with ICAP team to engage MSD, R/CHMT, local and regional government leaders in Mwanza region for social marketing condoms approaches.</li> <li>2. Provide dashboard management orientation/training to ICAP staff or other staff as identified by ICAP to operate the machines.</li> <li>3. Pilot dispensing IEC and HIVST on vending machines.</li> <li>4. Integrate use of videos on variety of HIV prevention topics.</li> </ol>
<b>Technical Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bidder must be TMDA certified to run vending machines activities in Tanzania</li> <li>• Copies of registration certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, TIN Number, TMDA certificates and other relevant documents</li> <li>• Evidence of similar work and assignment with reference from clients served must be submitted</li> </ul>
	The bidders shall submit with its bid the following additional documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BUSINESS INTRODUCTION LETTER</li> <li>2. BUSINESS/COMPANY PROFILE</li> <li>3. VALID BUSINESS LICENSE</li> <li>4. TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)</li> <li>5. VALID TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE</li> <li>6. COPY OF TMDA CERTIFICATE ON APPROVAL TO PROVIDE VENDING MACHINES SERVICES</li> <li>7. VALUE ADDED TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (If any)</li> <li>8. CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION (If any)</li> <li>9. ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION (If any)</li> <li>10. MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (If any)</li> <li>11. EXPERIENCE JUSTIFICATION</li> <li>12. LETTER FOR RECOMMENDATION FROM ATLEAST KNOW WELL COMPANIES</li> </ol>

### Note:

1. Please clearly indicate lot numbers, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
2. The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
3. Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
4. Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
5. The tender validity period is 07 days.
6. Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated and acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
7. MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
8. MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
9. MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
10. The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to:-

- a. Submit one application for each lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- b. Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at [TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu).

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## Tender for VMMC Demand Creation Services YEAR 2021-2022 Procurement Reference Number ICAP/TZ/04/2021-2022

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MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now is looking for the reputable and registered organization to execute small-scale demand creation activities on voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) targeting 15 years and above men in Mwanza region.

<b>Title</b>	VMMC demand creation targeting 15 years and above men
<b>Location</b>	Mwanza Region, Tanzania
<b>Scope of work</b>	
<b>Objective 1</b>	Conduct structured consultations with traditional, tribal and religious leaders to advocate on benefit of VMMC services in the community a
<b>Objective 2</b>	Conduct interpersonal communication to address client's individual concerns to specific targeted groups across Mwanza region
<b>Objective 3</b>	Conduct road shows and PA for sensitizing men on VMMC services
<b>Objective 4</b>	Conduct social mobilization through use of social media, SMS and digital health innovations to promote VMMC services and improve post VMMC procedure follow-up using virtual platforms.
<b>Objective 5</b>	Design radio spots, air VMMC health education through local radios to promote uptake of VMMC services among target audience
<b>Technical Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated previous experience of VMMC demand creation activities in both health facilities and community settings.</li> </ul>
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# Global progress against measles threatened amidst COVID-19

By Guardian Reporter

PROGRESS toward measles elimination continues to decline and the risk of outbreaks is mounting, according to a new report from the World Health Organization (WHO) and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

During 2020, more than 22 million infants missed their first dose of measles vaccine - 3 million more in 2019, marking the largest increase in two decades and creating dangerous conditions for outbreaks to occur.

However, measles surveillance also deteriorated with the lowest number of specimens sent for laboratory testing in over a decade.

Weak measles monitoring, testing and reporting for measles jeopardize countries' ability to prevent outbreaks of this highly infectious disease. Major measles outbreaks occurred in 26 countries and accounted for 84 per cent of all reported cases in 2020.

"Large numbers of unvaccinated

children, outbreaks of measles, and disease detection and diagnostics diverted to support COVID-19 responses are factors that increase the likelihood of measles-related deaths and serious complications in children," said Kevin Cain, MD, CDC's Global Immunization Director.

He added: "We must act now to strengthen disease surveillance systems and close immunity gaps, before travel and trade return to pre-pandemic levels, to prevent deadly measles outbreaks and mitigate the risk of other vaccine-preventable diseases."

Lower reported measles cases in 2020 must not mask the growing risk of measles to children worldwide

The ability of countries to ensure children receive both recommended doses of measles vaccine is a key indicator of global progress toward measles elimination and capacity to prevent the spread of the virus.

First-dose coverage fell in 2020, and only 70 per cent of children received

their second dose measles vaccine, well below the 95 per cent coverage needed to protect communities from the spread of the measles virus.

Adding to the worsening of immunity gaps worldwide, 24 measles vaccination campaigns in 23 countries, originally planned for 2020, were postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic - leaving more than 93 million people at risk for the disease.

These supplemental campaigns are needed where people have missed out on measles-containing vaccines through routine immunization programs.

"While reported measles cases dropped in 2020, evidence suggests we are likely seeing the calm before the storm as the risk of outbreaks continues to grow around the world," said Dr Kate O'Brien, Director of WHO's Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biological.

"It's critical that countries vaccinate as quickly as possible against COVID-19,

but this requires new resources so that it does not come at the cost of essential immunization programs. Routine immunization must be protected and strengthened; otherwise, we risk trading one deadly disease for another", said O'Brien.

Immunization and surveillance systems must be strengthened to reduce growing measles risks

The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant disruptions to immunization services and changes in health-seeking behaviours in many parts of the world. While the measures used to mitigate COVID-19 - masking, hand washing, distancing - also reduce the spread of the measles virus, countries and global health partners must prioritize finding and vaccinating children against measles to reduce the risk of explosive outbreaks and preventable deaths from this disease.

Measles is one of the world's most contagious human viruses but is almost entirely preventable through vaccination. In the last 20 years, the measles vaccine is estimated to have averted more than 30

million deaths globally. Estimated deaths from measles dropped from around 1,070,000 in 2000 to 60,700 in 2020.

The estimated number of measles cases in 2020 was 7.5 million globally. Measles transmission within communities is not only a clear indicator of poor measles vaccination coverage, but also a known marker, or 'tracer,' that vital health services are not reaching populations most at risk.

The Measles & Rubella Initiative external icon (M&RI) is a partnership among the American Red Cross, the United Nations Foundation, the U.S. CDC, UNICEF and WHO. Working with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and other stakeholders, the initiative is committed to achieving and maintaining a world without measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome.

Since 2000, M&RI has helped deliver measles vaccine to children worldwide and saved over 31.7 million lives globally by increasing vaccination coverage, responding to outbreaks, monitoring and evaluation, and supporting confidence and demand for vaccination.



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## Tender for COVID19 Vaccination Demand Creation Services YEAR 2021-2022 Procurement Reference Number ICAP/TZ/04/2021-2022

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Beginning in October 2021, through a new 5-year cooperative agreement with PEPFAR funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ICAP will be supporting comprehensive implementation of HIV prevention, testing, care and treatment, lab, and VMMC interventions at the community and facility level in Mwanza region in Tanzania. Named the FIKIA+ Project, this new initiative aims to accelerate, expand, and improve the quality of HIV prevention, care, and treatment in order to meet UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets in intervention districts.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now is looking for a reputable and registered organization to execute small-scale demand creation activities of COVID-19 vaccination uptake to reach community outreach volunteers (COVs), PLHIV peers, health care workers (HCWs), people living with HIV (PLHIV) and their families and networks, community health workers, community influencers (CHW/C) and general population in Mwanza region.

<b>Title</b>	COVID-19 vaccination demand creation activities targeting PLHIV and their networks, peers, COVs, HCWs, CHWs and GP
<b>Location</b>	Mwanza Region, Tanzania
<b>Scope of work</b>	
<b>Objective 1</b>	Conduct focused group discussions among health care professionals and community members aiming at providing correct message on COVID-19 vaccines and IPC measures
<b>Objective 2</b>	Amplify and emphasize accurate information of COVID-19 infection, transmission, diagnosis and vaccination on mass media, social media, mobile public address system and use of community groups
<b>Objective 3</b>	Address COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy in Mwanza communities with national COVID-19 IEC materials disseminated throughout community service points
<b>Objective 4</b>	Support vaccination services for PLHIV peers, HCW, CHWs, PLHIV clients and their families in supported sites
<b>Objective 5</b>	Conduct COVID-19 vaccination demand creation in both community and HFs settings
<b>Technical Eligibility</b>	Demonstrated previous experience of COVID-19 demand creation activities in both health facilities and community settings.
<b>Required Documentation</b>	The bidders shall submit with its bid the following additional documents: 1. BUSINESS INTRODUCTION LETTER 2. BUSINESS/COMPANY PROFILE 3. VALID BUSINESS LICENSE 4. TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) 5. VALID TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE 6. VALUE ADDED TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (If any) 7. CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION (If any) 8. MoHCDEGEC OR PO-RALG RECOMMENDATION LETTER 9. ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION (If any) 10. MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (If any) 11. EXPERIENCE JUSTIFICATION

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MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now is looking for the reputable and registered organization to implement innovative technological solutions at the facility and community level that will improve HIV identification and linkage in the Mwanza region. The organization will provide solution to data systems, servers, databases, and dashboards in the mobile clinics and mobile pharmacies.

<b>Title</b>	Implement innovative technological solutions at the facility and community level aiming at supporting clients along treatment cascade 95-95-95
<b>Location</b>	Mwanza Region, Tanzania
<b>Scope of work</b>	
<b>Objective 1</b>	Hosting, maintenance, and management of digital data systems used for capturing HIV service delivery in mobile clinics and mobile pharmacies
<b>Objective 2</b>	Hosting, maintenance and management of analytical dashboards for mobile clinics and mobile pharmacies
<b>Objective 3</b>	Deployment of Scan Form HTS registers in Mwanza, and development of fully-automated monthly summaries and QI dashboards at facility level based on Scan Form data
<b>Technical Eligibility</b>	Demonstrated previous experience of providing innovative technological solutions at the facility, community, mobile clinics and mobile pharmacies
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## Spread of schools, roads helps objectives of World Toilet Day

ACTIVISTS around the world mark World Toilet Day on 19th November, decided by the United Nations General Assembly in 2013, following the creation of an international non-governmental organization in Singapore earlier in 2001 for that purpose.

It is meant to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis, as it is estimated that worldwide, 4.2bn people live without safely managed sanitation, to use accepted UN formulation.

Data by the World Toilet Organisation (the one set up in 2001) indicates that around 673m people practice open defecation, an intolerable reality. It is a hallmark of primitive attitudes.

This situation elicits being combated from all sorts of directions, whether it is in drawing up the sustainable development goals, or in drawing up water projects where sanitation is carried into those plans. But more especially it is in the building of schools, where local officials specialise in pinching money earmarked for toilets, a situation that started to be tamed in earnest during the fifth phase government. So on that account we could say progress was achieved in that direction substantially.

SDG number six aims at ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, where an auxiliary provision at target 6.2 declares the need to "end open defecation and provide access to sanitation and hygiene."

It must be said that non-governmental organisations have

faced huge problems following up this agenda, in like manner as in prohibition or curtailing of circumcision or genital mutilation on girls, as it is part of ingrained habits among population groups. For certain reasons there are many villages where toilets can be counted, and using the bush is seen as appropriate, not obnoxious.

Noticeably, there was a campaign in the past two years that may still be reverberating in certain districts that 'the house is the toilet,' which was audibly conducted in public rallies, not just aired on television or other outlets.

Let us hope that with villages now increasingly being mapped and becoming townships, it will be far easier for local authorities to administer this end of things, so that open defecation doesn't last into the next decade. It is actually supposed to have ended in the past decade, following the strident drive.

At the same time, the strides that the country is making in ensuring that all children are enrolled in school and at the right age, while those finishing primary school have an excellent chance of joining secondary school, is diminishing inheritance of bad habits, rapidly.

That is why strident calls to return fees to public schools in the name of quality education must be resisted, for being present in class is vital to change age old attitudes.

Whatever drawbacks there still are will be resolved in future,

## Tanzania is a big coffee producer, a fact it is yet to fully capitalise on

COFFEE is a brewed drink prepared from roasted coffee beans, the seeds of berries from certain *Coffea* species. From the coffee fruit, the seeds are separated to produce a stable, raw product: unroasted green coffee. The seeds are then roasted, a process which transforms them into a consumable product: roasted coffee, which is ground into fine particles that are typically steeped in hot water before being filtered out, producing a cup of coffee.

Coffee is darkly coloured, bitter, slightly acidic and has a stimulating effect in humans, primarily due to its caffeine content. It is one of the most popular drinks in the world and can be prepared and presented in a variety of ways.

It is usually served hot, although chilled or iced coffee is common. Sugar, sugar substitutes, milk or cream are often used to lessen the bitter taste or enhance the flavour. It may be served with coffee cake or another sweet dessert, like doughnuts. A commercial establishment that sells prepared coffee beverages is known as a coffee shop (not to be confused with Dutch coffeeshops selling cannabis).

Clinical research indicates that moderate coffee consumption is benign or mildly beneficial as a stimulant in healthy adults, with continuing research on whether long-term consumption reduces the risk of some diseases, although some of the long-term studies are of questionable credibility.

The two most commonly grown coffee bean types are arabica and robusta. Coffee plants are cultivated in over 70 countries.

The rainy season was later than usual this year, so she decided to increase irrigation to ensure the coffee crop.

"It takes two to three years for beans to go from planting to harvest, and any failure at any point in the process can affect the final yield," Mambo said.

Mambo, 38, is the plantation's administrator and has worked there for 10 years. Since her parents worked on coffee plantations in the area, Mambo was familiar with the growing cycle and habits of coffee beans from an early age.

The Moshi-based Tanzanian Coffee Board (TCB) has held the competition since last year, selecting the top 10 coffee varieties of each category and posting the scores and rankings online.

"We hold this competition to motivate the producers, exporters so that they can be proud to produce the best coffee," said Balam Hinyula, the competition's chief judge.

Statistics show that Tanzania produces about 70,000 tonnes of coffee beans a year, of which more than 90 per cent are exported, making it the backbone industry of Tanzania.

At the 4th China International Import Expo (CIIE) being held in Shanghai, Tanzanian specialties such as coffee beans, cashews, spices and red wine are attracting many visitors.

"This is the first time the coffee beans have been exhibited, but the results have been so good that many people have asked us how to buy authentic Tanzanian coffee," said Wang Xiangyun, General Manager of Linghang Tanzania Company Limited, who is attending the exhibition in Shanghai.

According to Prismo Kimario, Director General of TCB, Tanzanian coffee was mainly exported to Europe and the United States, but in recent years, Chinese consumers have an increasing demand for coffee and have high requirements for coffee quality.

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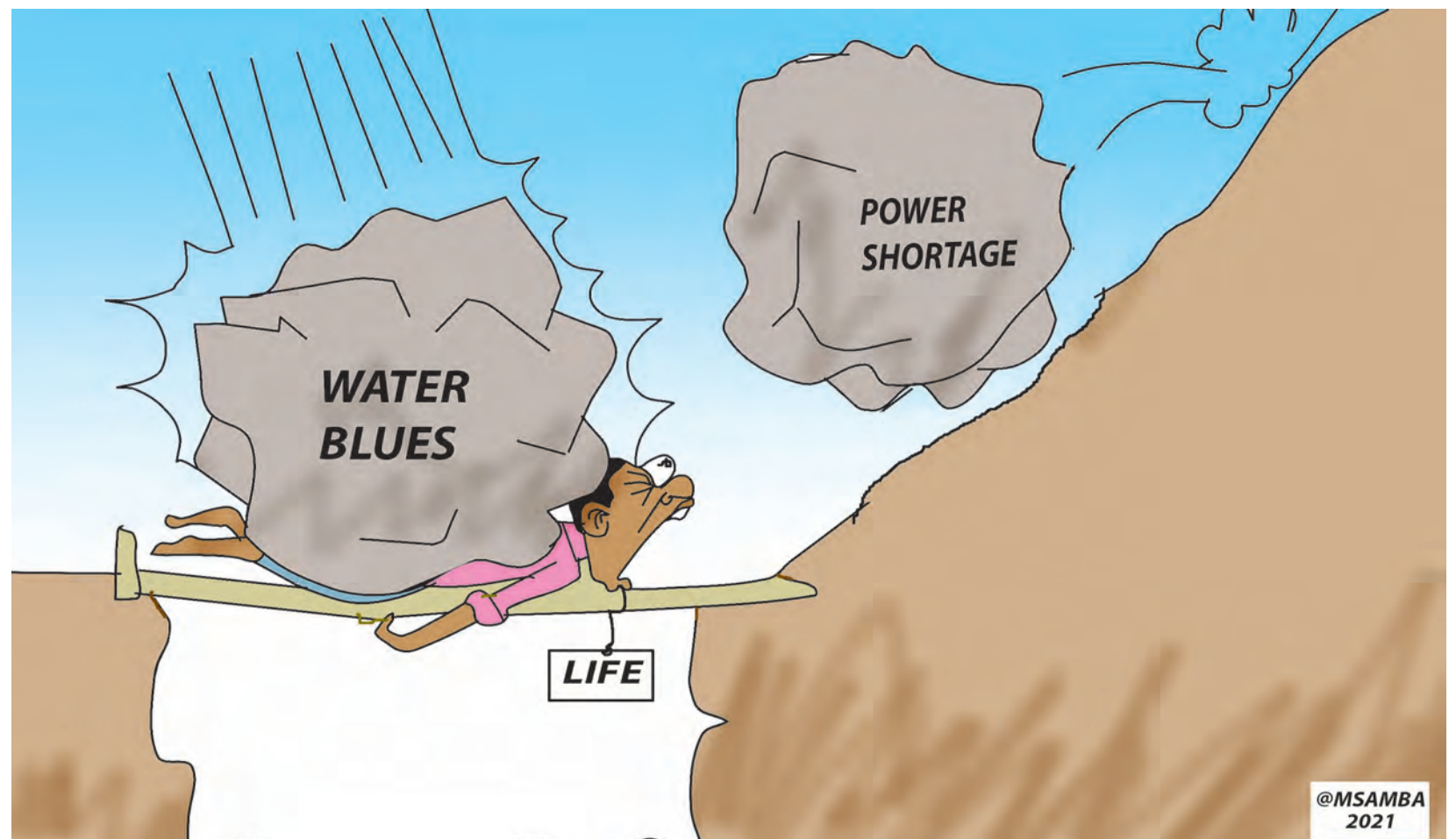
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## Reflections on a budget of 'unmet expectations'

By Russell Rensburg

IN the week leading up to the tabling of the medium-term budget policy statement, expectations were high that addressing the impact of poverty and inequality would feature strongly.

Sadly, this was not the case.

Instead, we got what we always get - the request to be patient, to stick to the dream of a primary account surplus, and then maybe we can make the investments needed to implement expanded social security and invest in strengthening the health system. So, Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana's maiden budget speeches this week just translates into the trite "but until then, let's just do more with less".

Granted, budgets on their own do not solve structural issues, but what it does is provide some insight into the government's plans for addressing its broader developmental priorities.

Hinting at these developmental priorities in respect to healthcare is South Africa's commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030. South Africa is a signatory to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A recent publication assesses South Africa's progress towards UHC using routine health information. The UHC tracer indicators are categorised into four categories: infectious diseases, reproductive, maternal, and child health (RMCH), non-communicable diseases, and service access. South Africa's performance against these targets was assessed for the period 2008 to 2017 and showed that progress towards effective coverage on most targets remains woefully POOR with just 56% coverage.

Doing more with less: The current context for this budget

Government invested heavily in mitigating COVID-related risks by implementing several regulations, such as alcohol bans to reduce the impact of trauma-related injuries on the health system along with significant budget allocations for vaccines.

It is important to be reminded that there have been over 265 000 excess natural deaths between March 2020 and November 2021. This is almost three times more than the official number of COVID-19 deaths, at around 89 000.

While necessary, COVID-related restrictions also had some unintended consequences, as shown in the NIDS-CRAM Study on the unintended consequences of COVID-related restrictions on access to routine health services. The findings, among others, showed a drop in clinic visits, HIV testing, immunisation of children, and contraceptive uptake, as well as reduced reproductive health access. The report warned that "negative consequences may unfold over an extended period if interventions to 'catch up' are not urgently prioritised and closely monitored". Correcting these disruptions to routine health services will require careful and targeted planning, but, importantly also resources.



South African finance minister Enoch Godongwana

Added to this, we also saw the impact of the inefficiencies of South Africa's parallel health system across the COVID cascade. Surveillance reports published by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases reported that between March 2020 and March 2021 over 50% of COVID tests were done in the private sector despite only 15% of the population enjoying private medical scheme coverage. Over the same period, hospital admissions also showed a bias towards private sector admissions with over 40% of COVID-related admissions occurring in private facilities. Official COVID deaths also appeared higher in public health facilities, often as a result of delayed seeking of care.

Unmet expectations and budget cuts

So, considering all of this, there was a genuine expectation that the government would seize the moment and make the necessary investments to prioritise and improve access and responsiveness to quality healthcare. Instead, the budget proposed further cuts to an already collapsing health system.

Health is a shared competence between national and provincial health departments, meaning that while the national department is driving is-

suces such as health policy, provincial health departments are the implementing agents. Delivering healthcare services is a provincial function that is funded from the provincial equitable share. Over the next three years, however, this crucial funding allocation is reduced. Health allocations make up around 27% of the provinces' share of national revenue. These resources are augmented by conditional grants that are allocated nationally but implemented by the provinces.

Good governance of health systems relies on good quality data on the burden of disease, delivery of health services, outcomes of interventions, and advances on equity, particularly the limiting of out-of-pocket expenditures. For example, the National Health Insurance indirect grant is intended to facilitate the strengthening of health management information systems to improve decision-making and prioritisation. The cut to this grant sets back this crucial investment in strengthening health system responsiveness. A recent report from the Medical Research Council that evaluated the readiness of public hospitals for the implementation of DRG (Diagnosis-Related Groups) as a funding mechanism for hospi-

tals highlighted the woeful state of hospital administrative systems with 40% of hospitals assessed being unable to produce discharge records, among other challenges. In this context, these budget cuts compromise long-term efficiency.

The health revitalisation grant that is intended to support the building of new facilities and the refurbishment of existing facilities remains static with R18 billion allocated over the next three financial years. Considering the significant overruns in the management of these projects this may have been an opportunity to reduce expenditure while prioritising the strengthening of organisational systems which the grant also accommodates. Investing in infrastructure is risky when we do not have the organisational and governance capacity to support it.

The HIV/AIDS, TB, and community outreach grant is largely protected. However, some consideration should be given to how effective the current grant is. To end HIV/AIDS as a public health threat, 90% of people living with HIV must know their status, 90% of people with diagnosed HIV must be initiated on treatment and lastly, 90% of those initiated on treatment must be virally suppressed. Currently, we score particularly poorly on the second 90, which undermines the HIV response as a whole. We need closer interrogation of what is constraining the response. Continuing to do more of the same is clearly not the right way forward.

Provincial departments of health who are responsible for delivering healthcare services and employ most healthcare workers depend on the provincial equitable share of national revenue. The cuts to the provincial equitable share will place further pressure on struggling rural provinces like the Eastern Cape, Limpopo, Northwest, and the Free State to make the necessary investments to address health inequities.

Section 27 of the Constitution guarantees everyone the right to healthcare services and commits the government to the progressive realisation of this right. This budget is meant to be a vehicle to achieve this by prioritising the interests of the most vulnerable, but instead, it places the interests of the elites ahead of the needs of the majority. Members of medical schemes will be unaffected by these cuts and will continue to benefit from a medical scheme credit that has the state effectively subsidising membership. Job losses also disproportionately affected low-income workers placing a bigger burden on the public health system.

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## THE LAW &amp; YOU

## Children need enabling environment to be responsible adults

By Telesphor Magobe

**T**ODAY, Tanzania joins other countries across the world to celebrate Universal Children's Day, marked each year on November 20.

This global event reminds us as parents, guardians, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, young people and children themselves, to promote and protect their rights, interests and welfare.

Not only children need to grow in an enabling environment in which they can realise their enormous potential, but also social arrangements that help mould them to be responsible adults and law-abiding citizens. This is, of course, after character formation during their early childhood and development in families they are born.

The happier the children grow, the more responsible and law-abiding citizens they will become, while the unhappier they grow, the more frustrated and desperate they will become. Children who perceive themselves as neglected or unfulfilled in life or those who suffer due to lack of parental care and love

will most likely see themselves as victims of social change rather than agents of such social change.

Hardly can those who perceive themselves as the victims of social change see themselves as positive contributors to the Tanzania, Africa or world we want through their own talents and labour for 'no person can give what he or she doesn't have'.

While Article 14 of 'Agenda 63: The Africa We Want' stresses sustained investments in universal early childhood development and basic education and sustained investments in higher education, science, technology, research and innovation, and the elimination of gender disparities at all levels of education, Article 53 dwells on African children's empowerment through the full implementation of African Charter on the Rights of the Child.

Article 55 of 'Agenda 63: The Africa We Want' further states that Africa will be a continent where the talent of the child and the youth will be fully developed, rewarded and protected for the benefit of society. Let's hope that this is what we are doing right now.

Therefore, if we fail to mould our

children, we will most likely condition them to be unfulfilled in life and because they grow up lacking parental care and love, they won't give it to their own children when they become adults.

Children everywhere experience all forms of violence and abuse from their own parents or siblings, neighbours and strangers because of their docility and inability to defend themselves. Yet, they are the most forgiving persons (they haven't learned how to take revenge) even when they are wrongly punished, mistreated or abused. But whatever is done to them marks them either positively or negatively. They may not say it, but they know what has been done to them and who



has done it.

When love between spouses diminishes and marriage breaks up, it is the children who suffer most for the rest of their lives. Separated or divorced parents may decide each to remarry a person of their choice, but children will remain being pulled apart because they lack parental care and love as when their parents were still caring and loving each other. At that time children were free to call their parent 'daddy' or 'mum', but after separation or divorce they are raised by a single parent and sometimes they are raised by a relative who won't show them parental care and love.

All this is a reflection of what we do and fail

to do and what we can do to make children happier, especially to promote and protect their rights, interests and welfare. Universal Children's Day reminds us this duty to our children.

First established in 1954, Universal Children's Day is meant to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide and improve their welfare. It was in 1959, when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and in 1989 it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

According to the latter, a child means a person aged below 18 years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier. Article 3 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states that in all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

Tanzania, being a party to this Convention, enacted the Law of the Child Act, 2009 (R.E 2019), which enforces the Convention in relation to the promotion, protection and

maintenance of the welfare and rights of the child. The law applies in Mainland Tanzania. Section 4(2) reproduces Article 3(1) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This year's theme 'A Better Future for Every Child' calls for more efforts to promote and protect the rights, interests and welfare of children. We must listen to children's voices even when we think they don't voice it.

So, as we celebrate Universal Children's Day we are reminded to promote and protect the rights, interests and welfare of children and respond to their various forms of violence and abuse experienced in various parts of the country and world. Their future is in our hands for it is through what we do or not do to them that will make them responsible adults and law-abiding citizens or not.

The time to do something to make their future bright is now and we can do it starting from the family level.

Today's legal maxim: "That which is assigned takes with it for its use the rights of the assignor."

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## Democracy by instalments: Public pressure mounting for Somalia to complete elections ahead of December deadline

By Peter Fabricius

**S**OMALIA this week elected two Members of the Lower House of Parliament in polls delayed by a year, mainly by political infighting. That means it still has to elect 273 more seats by 24 December, and those elected MPs must in turn vote for a president for the 'democratic' transfer of power to be complete. Meanwhile the entire Upper House of Parliament – chosen by the member states of the Somali federation – has now just been elected.

United Nations (UN) Special Representative for Somalia James Swann welcomed this progress in a briefing to the UN Security Council on 17 November. But he added that Somalia's political leaders would have to redouble their efforts to complete the elections as soon as possible "so that all effort can return to the key governance, security, and development priorities in Somalia."

Another positive was that last month federal President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed (Farmajo) and Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble agreed to bury the hatchet after a year-long bitter power struggle that almost led to violence between them.

One of their main disagreements was over the election, which was supposed to take place by February so that Farmajo's first term could end constitutionally. Roble has been pushing hard for the elections to take place ever since. And last month the two agreed to proceed with the polls within weeks. The delayed elections had already sparked protests and violent clashes with security forces.

Omar Mahmood, Senior Analyst for Somalia at the International Crisis Group, believes it's too early to say the democratic process is back on track. Many logistical and political issues haven't been fully addressed. He notes that even if Roble is pushing for the Lower House elections to be complete by 24 December, meeting that deadline requires the political elite to be on the same page. That is the federal state presidents, plus Roble and of course Farmajo.

"I don't think the political will across the board is there yet to finish this in a timely manner," Mahmood says. So meeting the December deadline is unlikely.

Mahmood notes that the two MPs elected on 1 November represent Somaliland – a self-declared independent state that Somalia claims but doesn't control. So the elections were relatively straightforward as



Somali Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble, speaks in parliament in Mogadishu, 10 February 2021. File photo

the number of electors – being 'diaspora' Somalilanders – was small, and all were in Mogadishu. For the remaining 273 MPs, the electoral process remains more uncertain.

Some in Somalia had hoped for direct elections by now. But continuing insecurity – with the ferocious al-Shabaab extremist insurgency still controlling most of the countryside and frequently launching attacks in cities – meant the polls remained indirect. Clan elders and civil society are selecting some 27,000 delegates who in turn elect the MPs for their districts.

The fact that no specific election date could be agreed on, as in conventional elections, speaks volumes

about the fragmented politics of Somalia. The relatively small numbers of voters involved, though, has at least enabled the elections to proceed in instalments with each federal state holding its polls when convenient.

So what next after the Somaliland elections last week? Mahmood thinks the other votes will happen in dribs and drabs. "Every time you get a few out, then the pressure drops, it buys you a few more weeks. I think it's going to drag out like that for a couple of months."

The pace will be dictated by the tension between the leaders who want to move forward to show progress and momentum, and those who want to take a few small steps to buy time.

If Roble leads the hurriers, Farmajo leads the stallers. The longer the delay, the longer Farmajo remains in office, and although he is entitled to run for a second term, victory is far from certain. He is likely to face two former presidents and a former prime minister, probably as a

few dark horses – as Farmajo himself was when he won in 2017. Mahmood says the delay camp also includes some federal state presidents close to Farmajo. It also comprises some member states holding out in the hope that changes are made in the electoral process, to their advantage.

The danger according to Mahmood is that if there is no new Parliament in place by the start of the new year, this could aggravate frustrations and provoke protests by the political opposition. These could turn violent as they had done already this year. Confrontations resulted in protesters being shot dead by government forces, while different security units also clashed with each other.

"Eventually you'll have a presidential vote which will be still quite contested but I think everyone is looking to see the completion of this process to get back to some level of normality. Which is really needed as other priorities aren't being addressed right now, such as security,

such as some of the state-building tasks, the economy can start getting back on track."

One of the major security worries that has been put on the backburner by the election delay is the future of the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) that's been helping keep al-Shabaab at bay. Its mandate is supposed to expire on 31 December, but the UN, the African Union and a distracted Somali government have been unable to agree on its future. There is however general agreement that at least for the immediate term, the Somali security forces cannot do without Amisom. Not a good time for democracy by instalments. **DM**



# Double solution to ongoing food and climate crises

By Joyce Chimbi

FOR the last ten years, Angeline Wanjira's food stall at Kirigiti Market in Kiambu County has featured the same foods, cabbages, potatoes and carrots, keeping with the community's most preferred food types.

Over in the Lake Victoria region County of Homabay, Millicent Atieno has sold fish at the Mbita market since 2015. A pattern that Nairobi-based food safety and security expert Evans Kori says replicates itself throughout Kenya's 47 Counties.

"Our food consumption patterns are in line with their respective food production activities. In Central Kenya, for instance, the community shuns nutrient-rich traditional vegetables in favour of cabbage. Among pastoralist communities, the diet is predominantly animal-based," he says in an interview with IPS.

"The Lake Victoria region diet is centred on fish. All these foods are important, but we have to adopt diets that include more food types. Our current food habits are not balanced, healthy or sustainable."

Kori says the imbalance is common world over, hence the negligible progress towards eradicating global hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition.

UN experts, in the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report 2021, reveal that the world has not progressively moved towards ensuring access to safe, nutritious sufficient foods for all people or toward eradicating all forms of malnutrition.

The report cites climate variability as a key concern in slowing down progress towards access to healthy

and sustainable diets for all people.

Using the latest evidence on food, health, and the environment to devise the Double Health and Climate Pyramid model, the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition illustrates that global food goals cannot be achieved within current broken food systems and ecosystems.

Until the escalating food and climate crisis is resolved jointly and not independently and in isolation, progress towards a sustainable, food secure and healthy planet will be slow.

Kori agrees, adding that current "food production systems are not sustainable because they accelerate climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation. Consequent outcomes affect our health and essentially, human survival".

He stresses that people worldwide will not access the nutrients they need and sustainably within existing food systems.

In 2020, between 720 and 811 million people faced hunger, according to the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

Driving home the urgency for nature-positive food production systems because current systems are broken, FAO estimates show the agricultural sector accounts for one-third of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Food production accounts for the largest share of freshwater withdrawals at 70% on average and 90% of the water footprint of humanity, as well as 12% of land use.

Barilla's evidence-based Double Pyramid illustrates the linking between climate change and food systems. This promotes health and longevity and reduces the impact of food choices on the ecosystem,



BCFN's double pyramid encourages the adoption of eating styles that are people and planet focused. Credit: Joyce Chimbi/IPS

and more specifically, on climate change.

The Health and Climate pyramids are placed side by side. The health side shows features of a balanced, healthy, and sustainable diet. The climate side shows the associated impact on health and the climate.

Based on scientific evidence linking food choices in the adult population to health outcomes, the health pyramid arranges food into 18 food groups across seven layers according to the recommended frequency of consumption for people's health.

Foods such as fruits, vegetables and whole-grain cereals, which should be consumed most often, are placed at the bottom of the pyramid. The second layer includes nuts and seeds, non-tropical vegetable oils, refined low glycaemic index cereals and fermented milk. The third layer comprises pulses and fish as preferred sources of protein. The fourth food layer has poultry,

eggs, milk and cheese. The fifth layer includes high glycaemic index foods like white bread, refined rice and potatoes. No more than two servings of this food should be eaten per week.

Animal fats, including butter, tropical oils like palm oil, red meat and sweets and baked goods made with refined flour and sugar are in the sixth layer of the pyramid because eating them is associated with a significantly higher risk of cardiovascular events. The advice is to eat these no more than once a week. There are foods like processed meat like sausages, bacon, and salami in the seventh layer, associated with a high risk of cardiovascular diseases and other chronic diseases and should only be eaten occasionally.

The climate pyramid then classifies different foods based on their carbon footprint or carbon dioxide equivalent emissions. Again, foods are arranged into

18 groups and seven layers, starting with a very low carbon footprint to a very high footprint.

The pyramid shows animal-based products, especially red meat, followed by cheese and processed meat, which causes the highest GHG emissions compared to plant-based products.

As per research by FAO, "cattle raised for both beef and milk, and inedible outputs like manure and draft power are the animal species responsible for the most emissions, representing about 65 percent of the livestock sector's emissions."

Barilla's Double Pyramid is, therefore, an illustration of how people can eat varied, balanced, and healthy diets and, at the same time, reduce their contribution to climate change.

The pyramid recommends a consumption frequency for all food groups and shows their impact on health and the climate.

Additionally, the Barilla Foundation devised seven cultural double pyramids in line with different geographical contexts, including Nordic countries and Canada, USA, South Asia, East Asia, Africa, Latin America and Mediterranean countries.

Each of the seven pyramids reflects and celebrates the global value of diversity while promoting healthy, sustainable eating and consideration for planet health.

On the one hand, the double pyramid summarises key knowledge gained from medicine, nutrition studies, and the impact of people's food choices on the planet. And, on the other hand, a consumer education tool.

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**WORD-FIT**

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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 4 LETTERS: TEND, TIME, MEET, NEED, YUAN CENT, LAMP  
 5 LETTERS: PLATE, NAIRA, DEMON, YARDS ABOVE  
 6 LETTERS: NORWAY, KARATE, SHADOW, DEXTER ASSIST  
 7 LETTERS: THEATRE  
 8 LETTERS: CREATION  
 10 LETTERS: TANGANYIKA

**CROSSWORD**

1 Selling of human beings  
 5 having the power to do things  
 7 harbours  
 8 to desire something  
 10 take action  
 11 stages in process of developments  
 13 one as a number  
 15 a topic  
 17 follow a winding course  
 19 a succulent tropical plant with a rosette of thick tapering leaves  
 20 a mythical sea monster said to appear off the coast of Norway

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## China-Tanzania agricultural cooperation lifts farmers out of poverty

DAR ES SALAAM

FIKIRI Kisairo, a farmer in Kitete village in Kilosa district of Morogoro region, walks with pride when he attends to his thriving maize crop.

"My days of spending sleepless nights thinking how I can raise fees for my two school going children are gone," says Kisairo, a beneficiary of the China-Tanzania agricultural cooperation that has lasted for 10 years, lifting hundreds of Tanzanian farmers out of poverty. Kisairo joined a maize project in 2019 overseen by China Agricultural University in collaboration with Tanzania's Sokoine University of Agriculture in a number of villages in Morogoro region to reduce poverty among villagers. The farmer, who on Tuesday was among participants in a forum on Achievements of China-Tanzania Agricultural Cooperation: Small Technology, Big Harvest project, said he joined the maize project after he had fulfilled conditions of a demonstration farmer and participated in the project for three years. "The increased maize yields enabled me to pull myself out of the poverty trap as now I have enough food and I sell the surplus of maize to boost my income," he told the forum in Morogoro region, about 200 kilometers west of the commercial capital of Dar es Salaam.

Kisairo, with a family of five members, boasted that he now manages to pay school fees for his two children, and he has built a deep water hole which he is using to irrigate his vegetable garden of about 1.21 hectares throughout the year, including dry seasons. Martine Shigela, the Morogoro regional commissioner, told the forum that with the help of the regional authorities in collaboration with the China Agricultural University, farmers engaged in the project increased maize production, and 1,667 demonstration farmers cultivated at least one acre (about 0.4 hectares) of maize each. The forum also witnessed the launch of a new project known as "The improvement of soybeans value chain

in Morogoro region" which will be implemented by the China Agricultural University from 2021 to 2022. "This is the continuation of established cooperation between Morogoro regional government and the government of the People's Republic of China," said Shigela.

As a pilot project, 200 demonstration farmers in four villages will be engaged and trained in production, processing and marketing of soybeans and soybean products like soybean milk and soybean flour, said Shigela. "This project aims at improving the health status of the villagers as well as increase their income." Soybean consumption is among the major interventions to address malnutrition by promoting soybean production and introducing soybean value addition and utilization to the community's nutritional needs. Xu Chen, the minister counselor in the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania, said in terms of cooperation in agriculture, China and Tanzania are good partners. He said the maize project not only scales up the production of maize, but also improves the living conditions of many local farmers by sharing Chinese investment in Tanzania's agricultural sector, adding that more and more Tanzanian agricultural products are entering the Chinese market.

As one of the agricultural bases in Tanzania, Morogoro region takes the lead in China-Tanzania agricultural cooperation, according to Xu. Denis Nkala, the regional coordinator for Asia and the Pacific of the UN Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), said one concrete example of China-Africa cooperation for resilience and food security, following a demand-driven and multi-stakeholder approach, is the Small Technology, Big Harvest project, implemented by China Agricultural University in Tanzania. "Through sharing good cultivation practices, the project aims to triple corn production, increase farmers' incomes, ultimately contributing to poverty reduction, food security and achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania," said Nkala.

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## China aided water projects provide lifeline to the communities in Africa

By Tafara Mugwara, Harare

CHINA-funded borehole drilling projects are providing a lifeline to water-deprived communities in Africa where easy access to clean and safe drinking water remains a challenge to some populations on the continent.

In southern Africa's Zimbabwe, the Chinese government through its foreign aid agency under the name of China Aid has sunk 1,000 boreholes across the country's six provinces to ease water challenges in mostly rural areas.

Construction and engineering giant China Jiangxi International Economic and Technical Cooperation Co., Ltd. (CJIC) was contracted to undertake the drilling project following bilateral cooperation agreements between Zimbabwe and China since 2012.

In a bid to end water challenges in Rwanda in eastern Africa, the China Geo-Engineering Corporation (CGC) has also embarked on a borehole construction exercise to ease water challenges in the eastern part of the country. CGC, which started operating in Rwanda in 1999, focuses on infrastructure construction.

To date, the project in Rwanda has successfully drilled 150 wells in different parts of eastern Rwanda, with the overall work progress at about 75 percent, according to Chen Jinke, the technical team leader of the project.

Prior to the construction of these boreholes, residents used to face a profound lack of access

to safe water for household usage and their livestock. But thanks to the aid rendered by China, water woes are now a thing of the past in Zimbabwe and Rwanda.

Lobunkosi Malila, Councilor for Ward 4 in Lumene village in Gwanda district, Matabeleland South Province of Zimbabwe, said prior to the drilling of a borehole by China Aid in her village, residents used to share a pond of water with cattle and other livestock. Villagers would also dig shallow wells into riverbeds in order to filter the water for human consumption.

"Before we got this kind gesture from China, we had a problem, we didn't have enough water. We were getting water from the river banks...the situation was very bad, but for now, it has improved," she said.

Nothokozi Ngulube, a Lumene villager, said the availability of water at their doorstep has brought convenience to women since spending more time searching for water meant that they had to set aside productive work.

"The availability of water has helped us because now we are able to focus on other household chores. And we have also managed to start our small gardens, so this availability of water near our villages has benefited us a lot because we are no longer wasting time going long distances looking for water," she said.

Nkosana Ndlovu, District Water and Sanitation sub-committee Chairman in the Umzingwane District of Matabeleland South



Province, said the project has also greatly improved sanitation.

"I think this program has done a lot to us as Umzingwane district. We started in 2012 with China Aid giving us support on the water situation. This has really helped the communities, we have improved. A lot of communities have got access to clean and safe water," he said.

According to Abednico Ncube, Minister of State for Matabeleland South Province, a total of 150 boreholes have been sunk in the province since the program started in 2012. Ncube said the borehole drilling initiative by China Aid highlights the friendship between the two countries.

"The provision of water is going to assist us, the rural communities, including their livestock, goats, sheep, donkeys, cattle, and so forth, so we are going to benefit from the water supply," Ncube said. Meanwhile, Marambire Mbido Sinaravo, Acting District Medical Officer at Esigodini Hospital, said access to clean water through the China Aid program has enhanced his hospital's fight against COVID-19.

"It really played a great role (the borehole), because with running water, it improved the hygiene. It's different from washing your hands whilst not using running water," said Sinaravo.

As in Zimbabwe, Chinese companies in Rwanda are also stepping in to solve water challenges in rural communities.

Before the construction of a borehole by CGC in Rugarama village, Kazo sector in Ngoma district in eastern Rwanda, residents faced a profound lack of access to safe water.

"In our village, we had suffered a lot due to lack of safe water; people had to walk long distances to other sectors in search of clean water," Jean Damascene Barahinyuza, a Rugarama resident said.

He said due to the water challenges, residents have been consuming unsafe water from nearby swamps resulting in water-borne diseases, and villagers have been struggling to get clean water for their livestock.

Barahinyuza said water scarcity had also affected education because children were sent to fetch water in distant places and often ended up missing classes.

"These wells have shortened the distance people take to get safe water, and the quality of groundwater is better than that of surface water," said Chen Jinke. For Beatrice Nyirabagenzi, 60, another Kazo sector resident, the installation of a borehole meters away from her home came as a miracle. "There was a serious problem of water shortage and all we used was contaminated water from the swamp or had to walk distances to fetch safe water. We used to suffer from worms due to drinking contaminated water and children used to miss classes as they were sent to fetch water before being allowed to go to school," she said.

With the new water source, Barahinyuza expects improved health with no more suffering from water-borne diseases.

Having dedicated seven years of hard work toward drilling the boreholes in Zimbabwe, Duan Chuanxiu, the CJIC borehole project manager in Zimbabwe, told Xinhua that the 1,000 boreholes funded by China have benefited more than 400,000 local people, about three percent of Zimbabwe's population.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Country Manager of the CGC Rwanda Office, said the 200 boreholes funded by China, once completed, will be supporting at least 110,000 local people in Rwanda.

Apart from Zimbabwe and Rwanda, China over the years has also funded borehole projects in many other African countries, including Ghana, Zambia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, and Senegal.

By Special Correspondent

## TEF funds 5000 African SMEs for 2021 entrepreneurship programme

THE Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) has selected 4,949 entrepreneurs from across Africa for its 2021 entrepreneurship programme.

The 2021 beneficiaries were selected from a pool of over 400,000 applications, based on their innovation, performance, and growth potential to create jobs and eradicate poverty on the continent. Consisting of both new start-ups and existing small businesses, the 2021 Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurs have undergone world-class business training, mentorship and coaching and will have a life-time access to the Tony Elumelu Foundation alumni network.

Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Tony O. Elumelu shared, "To you young African entrepreneurs - work hard,

dream dreams, and be very disciplined. You must continue to think of impact. The entrepreneurship journey is not linear - there are ups and downs, but by staying focused and resilient, ultimately success will come your way. The future of our continent is in your hands. What you do as entrepreneurs will go a long way in lifting Africa out of poverty. I am happy that our female entrepreneurs are doing very well, with 68% representation this year."

He added: "To our African leaders - these young, intelligent, energetic hardworking, resilient Africans are ready to go. We need to keep creating the right enabling environment to enable our young ones to succeed. We must realize that their success is success for all

of us on the continent. We must prioritize them because nations and continents that prioritize their people, succeed. To my fellow business leaders, let us realize that in the 21st century and beyond, it is about impact, legacy and about how we work together to power people out of poverty. It is such a great feeling to see 5000 young Africans also commence their own entrepreneurial journeys today."

Speaking at the event, Director-General, International Cooperation and Development, European Commission, Koen Doens stated: "I remember very well, a few years ago in Brussels when I first met Tony Elumelu at one of the events his Foundation was organizing. Both of us were struck by how there was

such a clear match between his vision on how he could support African entrepreneurship and the European Union's own vision on how we wanted to support African entrepreneurship. Ever since, our partnership has embodied this same spirit that ultimately African growth cannot neglect the huge potential, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit that harbours so many Africans, especially young people and women. I am extremely glad our partnership is moving into this active stage, and I am very glad that over 2400 women will benefit from the Tony Elumelu Foundation's training programme, and will get seed capital to support their ideas. I am extremely happy that at the European Union, we are able to be part of this great endeavour

and to support it."

Also speaking at the event, Assistant Administrator, UNDP/ Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, Ahunna Ezia-konwa stated: "Our partnership with the Tony Elumelu Foundation on youth entrepreneurship is informed by our belief that Africa will only succeed when young Africans are given the opportunity to excel. This is what has inspired us to invest more than \$20 million in emerging African entrepreneurs since we entered into our partnership with the Tony Elumelu Foundation. Our joint ambition is to empower 100,000 young African entrepreneurs over the next ten years across Africa, recognizing that entrepreneurship is the only way dreams can be

realized."

Speaking, Secretary General, OACPS, H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti stated: "On behalf of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), I would like to heartily commend the Tony Elumelu Foundation for this extraordinary achievement. We are proud to have partnered with the Tony Elumelu Foundation and our longstanding partner, the European Union to unlock the potential of 2420 young African women through this TEF Entrepreneurship Programme, providing mentorship and funding, to grow and sustain these small businesses."

Speaking on the panel with Mr. Elumelu, 2015 Tony Elumelu Entrepreneur, Hauwa Liman, and Founder of Afrik Abaya,

shared: "I am always proud to say that I am from the inaugural cohort of the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme. My business is located in Kaduna, Nigeria. I benefited from this Programme in 2015, and it opened up lots of doors and opportunities. It is not just about the seed capital, but what really fascinates me about the Programme is the knowledge. I call it a mini-MBA programme, because from the ideation stage it teaches you how to really articulate your business, and it gave me my first business plan. The network, visibility and opportunities are endless. My entrepreneurship experience cannot be complete without the Tony Elumelu Foundation."

## Africa's financial sector must cope with climate risk for smooth transition to Net Zero - report

By Special Correspondent

GETTING Africa's financial sector ready to cope with climate risk is vital for a smooth transition to Net Zero emissions and resilience, according to a report on the state of climate risk regulation in Africa's financial industry.

Net Zero refers to the balance between the amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere.

The African Financial Alliance on Climate Change (AFAC) primarily intends to foster climate action by promoting knowledge sharing, climate risk-mitigating financial instruments, climate risk disclosure and climate finance flows.

The report was released November 10, 2021, at the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Glasgow.

It was published by three global institutions: African Development Bank (AfDB), the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), and the UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), which is a partnership between UNEP and the global financial sector and mobilizes private sector finance for sustainable development.

Anthony Nyong, regional director, GCA, Africa, said: "At least 49

banks in Africa have over \$200 billion in lending across sectors with high-potential climate risks."

This report highlighted the state of climate risk regulation in Africa's financial sector and presented an analysis of the financial stability architecture and climate risk initiatives in 12 selected countries. These are Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Mali, Egypt, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Rwanda, South Africa, Tunisia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Nigeria.

The report also proposed action areas to enable Africa's financial industry to implement global best practices on environmental, social and governance integration, climate-risk disclosure and green finance.

The report assessed the state of climate risk integration in prudential, financial, regulatory, and supervisory frameworks of a selection of African countries.

To assess the status of climate risk integration, 25 interviews were completed with 11 financial sector authorities and 14 large private sector players (banks and insurers).

At least 9 out of 11 authorities interviewed (82 per cent) considered climate risk a high or very high priority on their agenda.

Only a few financial sector regulators and supervisors have published regulations or supervisory expectations with respect to financial



industry's climate risk management practices.

Among all potential options, non-binding measures are preferred by authorities but not widely implemented at present.

Lack of data and capabilities to define regulations and guidelines

were the main challenges indicated by 82 per cent of authorities interviewed.

The report flagged that while most authorities have defined their approaches to climate risk, only a few have issued binding regulations so far. The Central Bank of

Egypt, for instance, issued guiding principles of sustainable financing in 2021. These principles are not yet binding, but they have enabled banks to start building capacity.

The study stated that Kenya and Mauritius have published a specific prudential regulation to identify,

measure and manage climate-related risks.

Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe have implemented regulations; DRC, Rwanda and Tunisia have not yet started integrating climate risks into their regulatory / supervisory actions.

The CoP26 panel agreed that the local financial industry must deliver solutions that fit African needs, learn from global best practices and increase collaboration among peers.

They also noted that African Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement 2015 are often disconnected from financial sector development plans. For that reason, regulators must pay closer attention to ensure that the industry aligns with the global landscape for climate action in order to create policy environments that can attract climate finance at scale.

To support this mission, the Financial Sector Development Department of the AfDB has been developing the Africa financial sector corporate governance initiative to provide technical assistance to banks and regulators in building their capacity to identify, assess and manage climate risks.

The AfDB will deploy resources within the framework of its 10-year Climate Change and Green Growth Strategy (2021-2030) to position Africa's financial industry at the forefront of the low-carbon and climate-resilient transition.



# One in two humans cannot celebrate World Toilet Day – This is why...

MADRID

**D**ID you know that half of the world's population do not have toilets? And that, globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with faeces? And that every day, over 700 children under five years old die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene?

This is the dramatic, hushed reality of 3.6 billion people who don't have one that works properly.

"Who cares about toilets? The UN raises this question as the starting point of this 2021 Campaign for World Toilet Day, marked every year on 19 November.

The World Day raises awareness of all these 3.6 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation, posing dangerous health problems.

It is as simple as staggering: when some people in a community do not have safe toilets, everyone's health is threatened, as poor sanitation contaminates drinking-water sources, rivers, beaches and food crops, spreading deadly diseases among the wider population.

### Devastating consequences

This year's theme is about valuing toilets. The campaign draws attention to the fact that toilets - and the sanitation systems that support them - are underfunded, poorly managed or

neglected in many parts of the world, with devastating consequences for health, economics and the environment, particularly in the poorest and most marginalised communities.

On the other hand, the advantages of investing in an adequate sanitation system are immense, says the UN. For instance, every 1 US dollar invested in basic sanitation returns up to 5 US dollars in saved medical costs and increased productivity, and jobs are created along the entire service chain.

For women and girls, toilets at home, school and at work help them fulfill their potential and play their full role in society, especially during menstruation and pregnancy, the world body informs.

Even though sanitation is a human right recognised by the United Nations, a massive investment and innovation are urgently needed to quadruple progress all along the 'sanitation chain', from toilets to the transport, collection and treatment of human waste.

"As part of a human rights-based approach, governments must listen to the people who are being left behind without access to toilets and allocate specific funding to include them in planning and decision-making processes."

### Need to know more?

According to World Toilet Day, an estimated 673 million people have no toilets at all and practice open defecation as of 2017, while nearly 698 mil-



A Dalit woman stands outside a dry toilet located in an upper caste villager's home in Mainpuri, in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh.

lion school-age children lacked basic sanitation services at their school.

"At the current rate of progress, it will be the twenty-second century before sanitation for all is a reality."

But there is another added problem: the plight of sanitation workers. In fact, countless sanitation workers in the developing world work in conditions that endanger their lives

and health, and violate their dignity and rights. To mark World Toilet Day, the International Labor Organization (ILO), World Bank, World Health Organization and WaterAid launched a joint report highlighting the unsafe and undignified working conditions of sanitation workers around the world. Sanitation workers involved in cleaning toilets, emptying pits and septic

tanks, cleaning sewers and manholes, and operating pumping stations and treatment plants, are typically at high risk from faecal pathogens in their daily work. They may also be exposed to chemical and physical risks, adds the report.

"Manual scavengers, for instance, are exposed to serious health hazards such as cholera, typhoid and hepatitis,

as well as toxic gases such as ammonia and carbon monoxide." In South Asian countries, manual scavenging is widespread.

Tim Wainwright, CEO of WaterAid, on this issue said that it is shocking that sanitation workers are forced to work in conditions that endanger their health and lives and must cope with stigma and marginalisation, rather than have adequate equipment and recognition of the life-saving work they carry out. "People are dying every day from both poor sanitation and dangerous working conditions - we cannot allow this to continue."

### Alarming off-track

The UN Children Fund (UNICEF) warns that the world is alarmingly off-track to deliver sanitation for all by 2030.

In its State of the World's Sanitation Report, it also warns that despite progress in global sanitation coverage in recent years, "over half the world's population, 4.2 billion people, use sanitation services that leave human waste untreated, threatening human and environmental health." Obviously, this drama is hitting the world's poorest the most. While in rich societies people afford two or even three toilets - one of them as a guest restroom - and have auto-heating toilets which warm as they sit, half of the world's population do not have any or at least any proper one. It is much, much more than about just a toilet.

IPS

# Hong Kong opposes US-China Economic and Security Review Commission report

HONG KONG

**T**HE Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government on Thursday strongly condemned and opposed the various unfounded allegations made by a report of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC).

It said that in the 2021 USCC report, the commission made unfounded allegations on Hong Kong affairs ranging from the national security law in Hong Kong to the financial hub's business environment.

"The HKSAR government once again urges the United States to respect the international law and basic norms governing international relations. Any attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of China through Hong Kong will not succeed and we will continue to discharge our responsibility of safeguarding national security resolutely," said a spokesperson for the HKSAR government in a press release.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in the HKSAR said the report is a pack of lies and far-fetched analogies and will be consigned to the dustbin of history.

"The U.S. does not reflect on and solve its own problems but is obsessed with pointing fingers at Hong Kong affairs and China's internal affairs. Its 'lecturer-mentality' has been so ingrained and must be corrected now," said the office in an online statement. "We urge

some institutions and politicians in the U.S. Congress to respect the overarching trend, change course, stop scapegoating others and interfering in Hong Kong affairs and China's internal affairs, and follow the spirit of the virtual meeting between the presidents of China and the United States, so as to create favorable conditions for mutual respect, peaceful co-existence and win-win cooperation between China and the United States," the office said.

### "DOUBLE STANDARDS, BIASED QUOTES"

Regarding the 2021 USCC report, "we deeply regret that there exist double standards, biased quotes and groundless comments due to the lack of understanding of and respect for Hong Kong's implementation of national education," said the HKSAR government spokesperson.

The spokesperson said stability had been restored in Hong Kong following the implementation of the national security law, which ensures the resolute, full, and faithful implementation of the principle of "one country, two systems."

"Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy remains protected and the legitimate rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong people under the (HKSAR) Basic Law are well-protected," said the spokesperson.

The four categories of offenses endangering national security clearly stipulated under the national security law are narrowly defined, and there is no question of



China's national flag and the flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region are seen in China's Hong Kong, Oct. 1, 2021. File photo

law-abiding persons inadvertently violating the law, said the spokesperson.

"The allegation made in the report regarding an HKSAR government circular on national security education directed at the universities is false. The relevant circular is only applicable to secondary and primary schools as well as kindergartens," the spokesperson said.

"Implementation of national education, including national security education, is the legitimate duty of education authorities all over the world.

Different places have different approaches to implement national security education and develop

their students' sense of national identity, including knowledge of their own history, culture, respective constitution, geography, etc.," the spokesperson said.

### "DEPLORABLE ATTEMPT"

In fact, the national security law has not only ensured a safe and stable environment in Hong Kong but also reinforced Hong Kong's position as an international financial center and is conducive to attracting more global investors to do business and invest in Hong Kong, said the spokesperson.

"Since the implementation of the law, our financial market has remained steady. The banking sector

is as robust as ever, financial services remain promising and development opportunities, both in Hong Kong and in the Chinese mainland, continue to open up," according to the spokesperson.

Hong Kong was ranked the world's third-largest recipient of foreign direct investment in the World Investment Report 2021 published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

And according to the latest surveys, there are 9,049 companies in Hong Kong with parent companies overseas or in the Chinese mainland, increased by 10 percent from 2017, as well as 3,755 start-ups in Hong Kong, a jump of 68.5 percent from 2017.

"Despite the deplorable attempt of the U.S. government to put pressure on multinational enterprises operating in Hong Kong by issuing a 'business advisory' in July 2021, the American Chamber of Commerce remarked that Hong Kong remained a critical and vibrant facilitator of trade and financial flows between China and the rest of the world," said the spokesperson.

The American Chamber of Commerce also noted that the national security law did not impact commercial law; Hong Kong had the excellent infrastructure and free flow of information and was still an ideal place for international companies to do business; it would definitely not advise companies to withdraw from the Hong Kong market, according to the spokesperson.

"These comments are the best

testimony to the merits of Hong Kong as a business place," the spokesperson said.

### FAIR, OPEN, HONEST ELECTIONS

"We must seriously point out the report's unfounded allegations against the improvement to the (HKSAR) electoral system," said the spokesperson.

"The HKSAR government is committed to ensuring public elections being conducted in a fair, open, and honest manner."

To ensure that the electoral system of the HKSAR accords with the principle of "one country, two systems" and the actual situation of the HKSAR and that the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" can be fully implemented, the improvement to the electoral system of the HKSAR is both timely and necessary, the spokesperson said.

In response to the report's unreasonable questions towards the prosecutorial decisions and judicial independence of the HKSAR, the spokesperson said the decisions are made without political considerations and no one should interfere with independent prosecutorial decisions which are carried out strictly in accordance with the law.

"The constitutional duty of judges, in the exercise of their judicial power, is to apply the law and nothing else. Such duty does not change when judges decide cases arising from or involving political controversies," said the spokesperson.

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## BUSINESS

## POVERTY

## Countries across southern Africa struggling to put an end to child labour - report

## GENEVA

Countries in southern Africa have achieved little in stopping child labour, with children as young as five found working in livestock and crop production, and forestry and fisheries, according to a new report by the US labour department.

Child labour is generally defined by the United Nations as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and is harmful to their physical and mental development.

The report, titled "2020 findings on the worst forms of child labour," was made public last week and covers all countries around the world. According to the report, Malawi has children working as tobacco harvesters and sex workers. Tobacco accounts for about 50% of the country's total forex earnings.

In June, British American Tobacco and Imperial Tobacco were taken to court on allegations of child labour in a push for profits. The court case came as a result of a Guardian newspaper investigation, sometime in 2018. The report alleged that families were being trafficked from southern Malawi to work on tobacco farms.

Child labour has risen for the first time in 20 years, the United Nations said on Thursday, with one in 10 children in work worldwide and millions more at risk due to COVID-19. The number of child labourers has increased to 160 million from 152 million.

In response last year, the Malawian government ratified the International Labour Organisation 2014 Protocol to

the Forced Labour Convention and the 2001 Safety and Health in Agricultural Convention, which increases protection against forced labour and child labour in agriculture.

Responding to the report, Guy Ryder, the director-general of the International Labour Organisation, in a zoom seminar, said: "Child labour is not an escape road from poverty, it actually prolongs poverty; it makes poverty intergenerational. We have to help people out of this vicious circle of poverty and that's not an easy task."

Lesotho, a constitutional monarchy, which has seen its share of political instability because of the army's involvement in the country's already fragile politics, has children "subjected to the worst forms of child labour," according to the report.

Children are drawn into criminal activities, such as burglary and pick-pocketing, by elders. Others are exposed to hazardous tasks, such as spraying harmful pesticides on crops, and harvesting. Across southern African, the uniform child labour is cattle herding - a somewhat traditional role reserved for children and adults who are not well off in the communities they come from.

The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) believes that, to end child labour, a significant effort should be made in rural areas, where agriculture is an important source of livelihood. The report says Botswana has made minimal advancement and that children involved in cattle herding - a major economic activity - and domestic work are not protected.



Malawian children working on a tobacco farm in Thyolo district.

## UNIQUE

## The Cannabis Expo returns to Sandton this weekend

## SANDTON

After a nearly two-year hiatus thanks to the global pandemic, South Africa is once again able to host large scale events, and The Cannabis Expo, Africa's largest cannabis event, is returning to Sandton.

Africa's largest cannabis event, The Cannabis Expo is presented by JuicyFields and runs from 18 to 21 November at the Sandton Convention Centre. "The Cannabis Expo is the perfect mix of cannabis business and lifestyle," says expo director Silas Howarth. "With multiple spaces to explore, including the cannabis food market, the expo hall, the freedom music festival as well as the convention stages and networking lounges, The Cannabis Expo allows attendees to visit and participate in a safe environment."

The cannabis industry is booming in Africa and around the globe, and international medicinal cannabis crowd-growing platform JuicyFields aims to help the industry grow on the continent by partnering with The Cannabis Expo events. JuicyFields connects 'e-growers' with licensed producers and distributors from around the world, and has been actively developing global cannabis

businesses, focussing on Europe, Latin America and Africa.

With over 100 exhibitor stands representing organisations from across the cannabis industry, visitors and delegates at The Cannabis Expo will be able to access a world of cannabis-related products, services and information.

The expo also includes a delegate convention stage, where global cannabis experts, industry leaders and government representatives take part in moderated panel discussions around all aspects of cannabis business, health, regulation and opportunities. With dedicated meeting rooms and a dealmakers' lounge, delegates have access to a dedicated app where they can reach out to and set up meetings with the exhibitors, convention speakers as well as cannabis business entrepreneurs, investors and experts.

"From a business and regulatory perspective, if you're in the local cannabis industry, or looking to do cannabis business in Africa, you need to be at The Cannabis Expo," says Howarth. While cannabis is big business, the organisers point out that there is also a whole lot of fun to be had at The Cannabis Expo. The Cannabis Food Market runs over



African women in a jovial mood.

## CONCERN

## Africa's overall well-being lower than global average with stress level rising

## CAIRO

Africa's overall well-being index, at 59.8, is lower in comparison to the global average of 61.4 and Middle East at 64.7, and also dropped from 61.2 during the pre-pandemic period in January 2020.

This is according to the annual global study conducted by Cigna in March-April 2021 which interviewed 2,817 respondents in Africa out of 18,043 respondents globally. All interviews are conducted anonymously online.

The study also found that Africa's stress incidences were found to be very high in the African continent at 91%, in comparison with a global average of 83%, and Middle East levels at 87. However, its physical well-being index is 62.4 - higher than the global average of 58.2 with the Middle East levels at 61.3. The continent also ranks higher in the social well-being index at 64, compared to the global average of 61.6.

"The report gives us an overview of the impact of Covid-19 on consumer behaviours and expectations," says Leah Cotterill, chief distribution officer, MEA at Cigna. "Mirroring global trends, Africa is also witnessing an increase in incidences of stress, overwork, gaps in workplace wellness and overall well-being.

It is time to work cohesively to raise awareness and drive positive change on this front."

The top trends from the survey include:

Adult Africans are more stressed; The pandemic situation has not helped the adult population in Africa. The study proves that financial worries, be it personal or family or the uncertainty about the future is leading to increased stress levels in Africa. Over 48% respondents in Africa experience disrupted sleep, 40% feel depressed, 38% are getting emotional and 43% have avoided socialising. A whopping 81% have observed their spouse to be stressed compared to 60% globally, with 53% experiencing mental symptoms. The stress is leading to a drop in respondents getting enough sleep at night with only 39% able to get sufficient sleep, compared to 46% in 2020. The silver lining is that only 45% children in Africa are stressed, compared to 55% globally and 56% in the Middle East.

Job satisfaction in Africa is at woefully low levels; The study showed extremely low job satisfaction among Africans in terms of salary packages and employee benefits, slumping to 18% compared to a global average of 42%. Stability on the job front is another factor which is affecting the

work well-being among Africans. From the pre-pandemic levels of 39% in 2020, the job stability has dropped to 31% in 2021, against the current global average of 60%. The study showed high satisfaction levels in workplace relationships [above 80%] and opportunity to learn and grow [74%] and workload / working hours at 68%, compared to 60% globally.

Africans are increasingly looking for a job change; Nearly 48% of Africans are likely to look for a job change, which is markedly higher than the global average of 30% and the Middle East levels of 39%. Although there were less incidences of job changes in the past 12 months in the continent, compared to Middle East and globally, the trend is likely to swing the other way. One of the reasons is that there are gaps in employee needs in Africa, compared to the support infrastructure available to them in other global markets, such as health insurance which allows virtual health consultations or holistic support to help manage the work-life balance.

Pandemic has worsened the financial well-being across Africa; On an average, less than 10% of the respondents in Africa believe that their current financial situation could meet their family's hobbies, pay mortgage/rent, and ensure financial security in case

of emergency, or have sufficient savings/ money for retirement. The Covid pandemic has worsened the situation.

Whole Health among the priority list for Africans; The Africans are committed to healthy living amidst the evolving situation of the Covid pandemic globally. Whole Health has been rated as very important in the continent, compared to the global and the Middle East markets. A whopping 91% rate mental health to be extremely important, compared to 71% globally and 80% in the Middle East. Also, there is higher resilience in Africa [63%] compared to 39% globally and 50% in the Middle East.

Increased number of Africans prefer hybrid health consultation; With markets slowly opening, Africans are preferring hybrid health consultations from their doctors and medical practitioners. Around 63% in Africa prefer a mix of both traditional and virtual health advisory, which is far higher than the global average of 52%. Approximately 27% in the continent prefer only virtual engagement, compared to 21% globally. The study also showed that over 50% of respondents who went in for virtual health consultation used it mainly for general health advice and counselling.



Cannabis Expo 2021 organisers.

the four days, with a wide range of cannabis-infused foods and drinks on offer.

Also accessed by all expo visitors is The Freedom Festival, the

ultimate music event for cannabis enthusiasts, providing a vibrant outdoor festival environment, including a festival stage hosting popular bands, artists and DJs

throughout the event.

The Cannabis Expo presented by JuicyFields takes place from 18 to 21 November 2021, between 10am and 18:00, at the

Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Tickets and delegate passes are now available from R150.



## TECH SAVVY

# Zanzibar pursuing ambition to emerge as leading blockchain hub of tomorrow

## ZANZIBAR

World Mobile Group, a global mobile network combining renewable energy with blockchain technology is collaborating with E-Government Agency Zanzibar (eGAZ) together with Input Output Global (IOG), a leader in blockchain solutions and digital identity, to create long-term blockchain solutions for Zanzibar and position it as tomorrow's blockchain hub.

According to the partners ocean-based activities contribute over 29% of Zanzibar's GDP and employ around 33% of its labour force. Yet the country hasn't realised its full potential as a blue economy due to a lack of infrastructure and an inability to compete with developed nations.

For the country to unleash the more rapid and expansive growth of its blue economy, Zanzibar needs the technological infrastructure to create more sustainable blue-economy policies and enhance the communications in and between blue enterprises, they add. World Mobile Group and IOG now offer the framework for such an infrastructure with proposed blockchain solutions.

As part of the collaboration, World Mobile Group will provide connectivity in the country with its community-owned telecoms infra-

structure and hybrid cost-effective telecom networks. Along with IOG, the company will collaborate with the E-Government Agency of Zanzibar to implement a system of more efficient and effective governance practices to bridge the digital gap.

The collaboration positions Zanzibar as a blockchain leader by developing a tech research and development centre, as well as a hub for events, conferences, and experts who will flock to Zanzibar from all over the world.

The long-term collaboration rolls out four initiatives staged over time to create blockchain solutions, starting with foundation building: The first phase focuses on education by launching a blockchain academy, developing a joint program for students, and bringing back talent to Zanzibar. Starting in Spring 2022, the blockchain academy will hold conferences attracting experts from around the world.

The second phase creates an E-gov solution, with IOG implementing blockchain in registry systems in the form of digital identifications with traceability. The integration of back-end government systems will enable business-process automation and facilitate communication.

Ultimately, the initiative will expand Zanzibar's blue economy and lead to a larger economic shift that will permeate into other parts of the



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

economy, such as tourism, agriculture, and telecommunications, according to stakeholders.

"Zanzibar is on its path to becoming Africa's blockchain hub and we are thrilled to help make it a reality, sending ripple effects across the region," says Micky Watkins, CEO of World Mobile Group. "To-

gether with IOG, our efforts to connect the unconnected will enhance Zanzibar's blue economy."

John O'Connor of IOG says, "We are committed to Africa in the long-term, so being able to provide the tools that will turn Zanzibar into a well-developed blockchain centre is exciting. With our blockchain

implementation of registry systems, the people of Zanzibar are moving closer to a new reality that will benefit all aspects of the economy."

Said Seif Said, Director General of The E-Government Agency of Zanzibar, adds, "We are excited to shine a spotlight on Zanzibar's emerging potential as the blockchain centre

of the future, starting with a proposed blockchain conference hosted by our brand new blockchain academy. With this collaboration with World Mobile and IOG we will be looking to bring back talent to Zanzibar and we are looking forward to reaping the fruits of this spectacular initiative."

## OUTSTANDING

## South African wins R1.19m for her recycling textile start-up

## JOHANNESBURG

A textile recycling start-up has won R1.19 million as part of the Aänit Prize, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation's new award for social impact. Esethu Cenga, 27, along with Lonwabo Mgoduso and Tshepo Bhengu founded the start-up Rewoven in 2017. They are the first recipient of the prize, which was awarded on Saturday.

Every second, the equivalent of a rubbish truckload of clothes was burnt or buried in a landfill. The fast-fashion industry is one of the most polluting in the world. It generated around 90 million tons of waste annually, of which only 1% was recycled.

Rewoven diverts textile waste from landfills by collecting it from the source and recycling it into new fabric. Rewoven's manufacturing process uses 99% less water and generated 50% less CO2 emissions than normal production processes.

The fabric had the same look and quality as fabric made from virgin fibres. The labour-intensive textile recycling process provided much-needed jobs, particularly for women, who made up the majority of clothing industry workers.

According to its website, the start-up recycled off-cut and end of roll fabric, unsold inventory, clothing rejects and corporate branded uniforms. They accepted all mono-material natural fibres, denim, acrylic jersey, fleece, calico, 100% polyester and polycotton blend.

Rewoven's vision was to create a socially and ecologically sustainable way to create clothing and to contribute to more socially and ecologically sustainable ways of living. Executive vice-president of the Aspen Institute, Elliot Gerson, said Rewoven was a compelling and innovative textile recycling start-up that brilliantly addressed critical needs for economic development.

Gerson said: "Broad-scale employment, women's empowerment, and planetary responsibility; this enterprise has the potential to be transformative economically, socially and environmentally. It is sustainable by profit and globally scalable." Mandela Rhodes Foundation chairperson, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, said the awarding of the new prize was a historic moment in the life of the foundation.

"By entrepreneurship, we mean a belief in the critical role played by individual human effort, hard work, innovation and creativity in leading to the betterment of society and Africa's place in the world. Each of the seven finalists beautifully embodies this spirit," he said. In accepting the award, Cenga thanks the foundation and praised her team.

"Thank you to the foundation first and foremost, I wouldn't be here without the foundation. More than the education and funding, MRF made me see myself. It changed my life and made me see that I could actually do what I wanted to do, and I was always very insecure before that. Thank you to the team at Rewoven - I don't do it alone. I'm really grateful for this opportunity," she said.

## RESISTANCE

# Bar owners seek to halt KRA bid to raise beer tax

## NAIROBI

Bar operators have moved to court seeking to stop Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) from increasing taxes on beer with effect from November 2.

In a case filed under a certificate of urgency, the operators under the Pubs, Entertainment Restaurants Association of Kenya (Perak) argue that the tax burden would increase beer prices and drive most of them out of business.

The KRA with the backing of a legal notice has raised the duty charged on about 30 products, including bottled water, juice, motorcycles and beer, by 4.97 percent to cover the inflationary erosion of collected taxes.

Consumers could pay as much as Sh5.77 more per litre of beer in line with the rise in the new duty, which has been fixed at Sh121.85 from the previous Sh116.08. The tax on spirits has gone up Sh13.20 to Sh278.70 per litre, while wine now attracts a duty of Sh208.20 per litre, a Sh9.86 rise.

"The petitioners, whose business is the sale and distribution of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, tobacco and various other products whose sustainability will dwindle due to the

increased cost of manufacturing," the petition stated.

The operators say they are yet to recover from restrictions imposed to control Covid-19 including the night-curfew and closure of bars last year, adding that bars would take years to recover. Perak reckons that more than 30 percent of the bars and restaurants, which were in operation before the pandemic, have shut down completely.

Fuel has been shielded from increased taxation as a result of the September 27 High Court order, which suspended an increment on petroleum products pending a determination of the case filed by Isaiah Odando and Wilson Yata. The inflation adjustment, which came into force in 2018, is seen as a means of protecting the government's spending power from being eroded by the rising cost of living.

The taxman had initially targeted about Sh3.7 billion in additional revenue from inflation-adjusted taxation this fiscal year ending June 2022. Giant beer manufacturer East Africa Breweries Limited earlier in the year unsuccessfully lobbied lawmakers to have the excise duty reviewed every two years.



Pubs, Entertainment Restaurants Association of Kenya's chairman, Frank Mbogo.

## CONTROVERSY

# French dictionary draws fire with new gender-inclusive pronoun

## PARIS

A major French reference dictionary defended on Wednesday its official recognition of a gender-inclusive pronoun, after traditionalists pounced on what they called the latest incursion of US-inspired "wokeism."

While the everyday use of "iel" - a neologism combining the French words for he and she ("il" and "elle") - remains

largely anecdotal for now, critics deem it a linguistic affront that needs to be banned.

Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer denounced the move by the Petit Robert dictionary, supporting a lawmaker's demand that French language guardians at the Academie Francaise weigh in. "Inclusive writing is not the future of the French language," Blanquer wrote on Twitter. "Our students, who are consolidating their basic

knowledge, cannot have that as a reference," he added.

The controversy is the latest example of pushback in some French quarters against cultural theories on race and gender that have been embraced in particular by younger generations. Critics deem them American imports that aim to pit people with different identities against each other, chipping away at the French ideals of unity

and equality.

"This type of initiative sullies our language, and ends up dividing its users instead of bringing them together," wrote Francois Jolivet, the lawmaker in President Emmanuel Macron's centrist party seeking the ban by the Academie. But the Robert's director Charles Bimbenet denied any activist motive, saying its specialists had noted a rise in the use of "iel" for several

months now.

"The Robert has not had a sudden serious case of 'wokeism' - a word that we promise to define soon," Bimbenet wrote in a statement. "It seemed useful to specify its meaning for people who come across it, whether they want to use it or, on the contrary, reject it," he said. "Defining the words at use in the world helps us to better understand it."



CONFIRMED

# Global study finds masks best way of protection against Covid-19

LONDON

Face coverings were shown to reduce the number of cases of coronavirus by 53 per cent, with social distancing and hand-washing also important tools in the fight against the virus.

Researchers said the results showed the importance of continued precautions such as mask-wearing, social distancing and hand-washing, alongside vaccination programmes, in controlling the spread of the virus.

"This systematic review and meta analysis suggests that several personal protective and social measures, including hand-washing, mask-wearing and physical distancing are associated with reductions in the incidence of Covid-19," the researchers wrote in the



A reusable cloth facemask is more environmentally sound than disposable ones.

British Medical Journal. While case numbers have dropped signifi-

cantly in recent months - remaining below 100 each day since October

1 - authorities stressed it remained essential that people continued to wear

masks and follow other safety measures to continue the country's recovery

from the pandemic. The news will come as no surprise to some ex-

perts, who have stressed for many months the virus that causes Covid-19 is airborne and masks are required to slow its spread. A group of more than 200 aerosol biologists and other experts signed a letter addressed to the World Health Organisation in July last year calling for greater recognition of the role of aerosol transmission in the outbreak.

In May this year, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance to confirm the virus is airborne and can spread through tiny particles that can linger in the air for hours. And in July the WHO said the virus that causes Covid-19 may be transmitted through the air. The meta analysis of the effectiveness of masks included results from eight studies conducted around the world.

"Six studies with a total of 2,627 people with Covid-19 and 389,228 participants were included in the analysis examining the effect of mask-wearing on incidence of Covid-19," researchers said. "Overall pooled analysis showed a 53 per cent reduction in Covid-19 incidence."

Physical distancing was associated with a 25 per cent reduction in the incidence of Covid. Hand-washing led to a 53 per cent reduction, but the result was said to not be statistically significant, due to the small amount of studies conducted into the subject.

Analysis of other measures, such as quarantine and isolation, lockdowns and closures of schools and offices was not possible due to differences in the way the studies were conducted, said the researchers.

ACTIVISM

## Adidas: We are committed to sustainable fashion, fostering an eco-friendly environment

JOHANNESBURG

There are global conversations around sustainability in fashion. Brands are being held accountable for how their fashion practices.

Initiatives that bring to light the climate crisis facing the planet are in the spotlight, with many brands being criticised for not being eco-friendly when designing, creating and trading. Sportswear giant Adidas has raised its hand in support of curbing the brewing climate crisis.

At the launch of the new Adidas store at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, it made bold commitments that nine out of 10 of its articles will feature sustainable technology, material, design, or manufacturing method by 2025, and aims to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

When customers make their way into the store, they are greeted by a 4.5 square metre living plant wall with a variety of plant species known for their humidifying and filtration properties and for promoting a sense of wellbeing.

The store's cash desk is made from reclaimed wood, taken from crates used to transport retail fixtures and mannequins. The inspiration of the store centred around biophilic design, essentially bringing nature into the store. The concept store features live plants, reclaimed wood, and many different types of recycled materials.

The Polytwill fabric banners featured in-store are made from

recycled plastic bottles, while shelving is manufactured by Smile Plastics and made from plastic waste. Xanita engineered fibre board made from recycled materials used for décor and in-store displays. The terrazzo floor is made from cement with marble chips, rock, and glass, making it both a durable and eco-friendly option.

The brand unleashed an exciting collaboration, Footwear Reimagined, created by six South African artists. The artists worked with a pair of iconic Adidas shoes and materials specific to their craft to showcase how they imagine footwear could look like in the future.

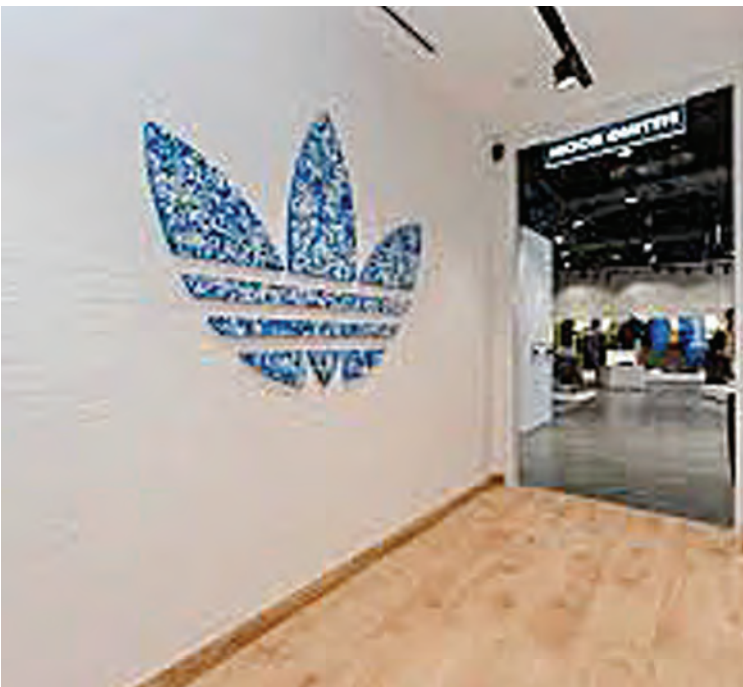
Another exciting collaboration was with Matthew Edwards who crafted the Adidas trefoil logo for the store, incorporating recycled plastic. The plastic used in the design comes from a beach clean-up held at the Parley Ocean School in Hout Bay in September 2021.

The store is currently undergoing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification under the US Green Building Council's LEED rating system aimed at providing a framework for healthy, highly efficient green buildings.

To reiterate the commitment to sustainability and to make a difference, Adidas partnered with Damian Willemse and reforestation non-profit, One Tree Planted, to donate 30 trees per guest to assist Damian's fundraising drive to plant 35,000 indigenous trees in townships across the Western Cape.



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The Adidas Trefoil logo which incorporates recycled plastic.



## WORLD

## Britain was unprepared for Covid-19, spending watchdog finds

LONDON

THE British government was unprepared for a crisis like the coronavirus pandemic, failed to learn from simulation exercises, and was distracted by its departure from the European Union, the government's spending watchdog said yesterday.

More than 143 000 people have died from Covid-19 in Britain, sparking criticism of Prime Minister Boris Johnson for his response, which was initially based on plans for dealing with a flu pandemic rather than a novel coronavirus.

The National Audit Office (NAO) also highlighted the role of Brexit in soaking up resources, with Britain leaving the European Union on 31 January 2020, the

same day as the country's first confirmed Covid-19 case.

It said the Civil Contingencies Secretariat allocated 56 of its 94 full-time equivalent staff to prepare for potential disruptions from a no-deal Brexit, limiting its ability to focus on other risks and contingency planning at the same time.

Gareth Davies, head of the NAO, said in a statement: This pandemic has exposed the UK's vulnerability to whole-system emergencies, where the emergency is so broad that it engages all levels of government and society.

The government paid insufficient heed to warnings from pandemic simulations such as those carried out in 2007 and 2016 over planning and capabilities, the NAO added.



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

The government said its response was guided by scientific and medical experts, and it had improved its pandemic response plans in light of the 2016 simulation.

"We have always said there are lessons to be learned from the pandemic and have committed to a full public inquiry in spring," a government spokesperson said.

"We prepare for a range of scenarios and while there were extensive arrangements in place, this is an unprecedent-

ed pandemic that has challenged health systems around the world."

If you come across Covid-19 vaccination information that you do not trust, read Covid-19 vaccine myths debunked: Get the facts here. If you can't find the facts you're looking for, email us at the address mentioned in the article and we will verify the information with medical professionals.

Agencies

## Najib's \$24 million ask threatens Malaysia political stability

BY BLOOMBERG

FORMER leader Najib Razak is at the center of controversy in Malaysia again, with his request for land and a house worth an estimated \$24 million threatening to torpedo a truce between major political parties that has brought stability to the Southeast Asian nation.

The three-month-old government led by his ruling United Malays National Organization is now in the final stages of considering the request, which is a privilege granted to former prime ministers, Finance Minister Zafrul Abdul Aziz said on Thursday. That didn't sit well with the opposition, which said the property was worth 100 million ringgit (\$24 million) - a figure that Zafrul didn't deny.

Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said he's now reconsidering a confidence and supply agreement reached in September with Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob, a move that ended months of political bickering and facilitated the passage on Thursday of



Former leader Najib Razak

the government's 2022 budget during the first of multiple rounds of voting required in parliament. Now the opposition bloc is undecided on whether to continue supporting the spending plan, which doubles as a de facto confidence vote for the prime minister.

"The cabinet's act of 'gifting' land and a house to someone convicted by a court is clearly an immoral and nonsensical decision," Anwar wrote on Facebook Thursday. "This extremely shocking decision" has forced his coalition to review its understanding with the government, he said.

The review risks throwing Malaysia into another round of political instability. In August, Ismail became Malaysia's third prime minister in 18 months after the king determined he had the backing of 114 of the country's 220 lawmakers. Najib had been instrumental in bringing down the previous administration, paving the way for UMNO to return to the top of the ruling coalition.

Najib's request for the land came just days ahead of a crucial state election that could serve as a catalyst for the disgraced former premier to reinvent himself politically and his pro-Malay party to cement its power before a general election that must be held by 2023. Najib was Malaysia's premier from 2009 until 2018, when his party suffered a

shock defeat after he was implicated in a multibillion ringgit corruption scandal involving state fund IMDB.

"I observe that an old script is being used to sow the people's hatred against Najib for the Malacca state election," Najib wrote on Facebook on Thursday. "Suddenly, it's given a price tag of 100 million ringgit, when in fact it is existing government land given to me to choose from under a government act. Not ordering the government to spend to purchase it for me."

Najib remains a lawmaker representing in his home state, and has since been rehabilitating his image through social media. A strong win in Malacca would galvanize him politically.

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## Kremlin: Security call part of preparation for Putin-Biden talks

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin said on Thursday that a phone call this week between top US and Russian security officials was part of preparations for talks between presidents Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden, the latest in a series of signals that Moscow is keen for a second summit between the two leaders.

Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev and US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan discussed cybersecurity, Ukraine and the migrant crisis on the Belarus border in their phone call on Wednesday, the Kremlin said.

"This was all in the framework of preparation for ... high-level contact," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

In recent briefings he has repeatedly floated the possibility of a second Biden-Putin summit to follow up their ini-



US President Joe Biden, left, and Russia's President Vladimir Putin, right, meet at the start of the US-Russia summit at Villa La Grange in Geneva, Switzerland, June 16, 2021. (File photo)

tial meeting in Geneva in June, even as the list of disputes between Moscow and Washington has lengthened.

In the past week the United States has accused Russia of threatening behavior towards

Ukraine and conducting a missile test in space that it said had created debris that could threaten the International Space Station.

Russia has accused Washington of staging provocative

warship maneuvers in the Black Sea.

Despite these and other tensions, the countries have maintained high-level contacts in recent weeks, including a visit by CIA Director Wil-

liam Burns to Moscow.

Russia's Kommersant newspaper reported on Nov 10 that the two leaders could meet for talks in person in early 2022 and speak by video conference before the end of this year.

On a conference call with reporters, Peskov also emphatically rejected what he called media reports that Russia was waging a "hybrid war" in Europe.

"It is in Russia's interest that everyone in Europe comes to their senses and stops seeing Russia as the cause of all their troubles and addresses the root causes of the problems that are now strangling Europe," he said.

The European Union last week accused Russia's ally Belarus of conducting a hybrid attack by pushing waves of migrants towards its border with EU member Poland, something that Belarus denies.

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## Young people more likely than older to believe in improving world - survey

UNITED NATIONS

CHILDREN and young people are nearly 50 percent more likely than older ones to believe that the world is becoming better with each generation, according to an international survey by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Gallup released on Thursday.

More than 21,000 people in 21 countries across two age cohorts - 15 to 24 years old, and 40 years old and up - participated in the survey entitled "The Changing Childhood Project," which was released ahead of this year's World Children's Day to be celebrated on Saturday.

The survey showed that young people are more likely to believe childhood itself has improved, with overwhelming majorities believing that healthcare, education and physical safety are better for today's children than for their parents' generation.

Yet, despite their optimism, young people are far from naive, expressing "restlessness" for action on climate change, skepticism about information they consume on social media, and struggling with feelings of depression and anxiety, the survey said, adding that young people are far more likely than older generations to see themselves as global citizens, and more likely to embrace international cooperation to tackle threats like the COVID-19 pandemic.

Painting an overall picture of young generations as products of globalization, the survey, conducted during the pandemic, said children and young people are generally more trusting of national governments, scientists and international news media as sources of accurate information.

Young people today are aware of problems the world is facing, and they want faster progress in the fight against discrimination, more cooperation among countries, and for decision-makers to listen to them, the survey said.

Climate, the importance of education, global collaboration and children's agency are some areas where young and older generations have strong alignment, while optimism, global mindedness and recognition of historical progress reflect some of the deepest divides, it added.

"While this research paints a nuanced view of the generational divide, a clear picture emerges: Children and young people embody the spirit of the 21st century far more readily than their parents," a UNICEF press release published on Thursday quoted the agency's Executive Director Henrietta Fore as saying.

"Compared to older generations, the world's young people remain hopeful, much more globally minded, and determined to make the world a better place. Today's young people have concerns for the future but see themselves as part of the solution," she said.

"We cannot know what is on the minds of young people if we do not ask them. UNICEF's survey reinforces the importance of hearing from the next generation and understanding their perspectives," the press release quoted Joe Daly, senior partner at Gallup, as saying.

"The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow; it is crucial for older generations to do their part to ensure our children inherit a better world," he said.

Xinhua

## US House panel subpoenas former Trump aide Navarro over alleged interference in COVID-19 response

WASHINGTON

A U.S. House panel probing former President Donald Trump's administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic issued a subpoena Thursday to his onetime aide, Peter Navarro, asking him to produce documents and appear for a deposition.

Navarro served as director of the White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy and an assistant to Trump. James Clyburn, who chairs the House of Representatives Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, explained the reason for the subpoena in a memo, saying that Navarro and other Trump administration officials "appear to have prioritized politics over the pandemic response -- focusing their attention on the 2020 presidential election and promoting former President Trump's Big Lie that the election results were fraudulent."

The South Carolina Democratic congressman alleged that "rather than implement a coordinated national strategy to alleviate critical supply shortages, Mr. Navarro and other Trump Administration officials pushed responsibility to the states and pursued a haphazard and ineffective approach to procurement-contributing to severe shortages of critically needed supplies and putting American lives at risk."

"White House officials, including Mr. Navarro, also appear to have sidelined career procurement officials and exercised inappropriate influence over contract awards, leading to the award of contracts without adequate diligence or competition," Clyburn said.

The subpoena compels Navarro to turn over documents and information related to his involvement in the former administration's pandemic response by Dec. 8, and sit for a deposition on Dec. 15.

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## China sees positive results in improving water environment of Bohai Sea region

AFTER three years of ecological restoration efforts, China has brought back lucid water, green banks, clean beaches, and beautiful bays to Bohai Sea, a semi-enclosed inland sea in the country.

Endowed with unique natural ecology and prominent geographic advantages, the Bohai Sea is of great strategic importance.

However, the sea used to face a grim situation of environmental and ecological protection due to serious land-based pollution.

In 2018, China launched a campaign to improve the water environment of the Bohai Sea region,

and the campaign is a complete success.

China implements a four-tier water quality classification system for seawater and a five-tier classification system for surface water, with Grade being the best. Data from China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) indicate that the proportion of water of "fairly good quality" (Grade and Grade) in the Bohai Sea coastal waters had grown to 82.3 percent last year, 9.3 percentage points higher than the target of 73 percent set for the campaign and 15.3 percentage points higher than the figure recorded in

2017.

Besides, all the key targets and tasks of the campaign, including investigation into sewage outfalls into the sea, eliminating poor-quality surface water below Grade V in state-controlled cross sections of rivers flowing into the sea, and ecological remediation and restoration of coastal wetlands and shorelines, have been completed to a high standard.

The three-year battle to improve the water environment of the Bohai Sea region involved unprecedented efforts to coordinate pollution prevention and control for

land and sea and has resulted in an unprecedented improvement in the quality of offshore waters, said Zhang Zhifeng, vice director of the Department of Marine Ecology and Environment of the MEE.

As one of China's seven landmark campaigns for pollution prevention and control and the country's first battle against marine pollution during its 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), the campaign launched to improve the water environment of the Bohai Sea region bears great significance and has far-reaching influence, Zhang added.

Over the past three years, the three provinces and one municipality adjacent to the Bohai Sea, namely China's Liaoning, Hebei, and Shandong provinces and Tianjin municipality, have coordinated land and marine development, solved ecological problems troubling the sea and relevant rivers, and addressed both symptoms and root causes of the problems.

By formulating and implementing targeted measures and plans to improve the water quality of state-controlled rivers that flow into the sea, or rivers that flow into the Bohai Sea with cross sections

included in the country's national surface water quality monitoring system, relevant governments have strengthened comprehensive river basin management of state-controlled rivers and other rivers that flow into the sea.

Tianjin municipality has advanced the comprehensive management of its 12 rivers that flow into the Bohai Sea by making targeted efforts, leveraging engineering methods and carrying out projects according to the respective characteristics of these rivers.

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## Putin says West taking Russia's 'red lines' too lightly

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that the West was taking Russia's warnings not to cross its "red lines" too lightly and that Moscow needed serious security guarantees from the West.

In a wide-ranging foreign policy speech, the Kremlin leader also described relations with the United States as "unsatisfactory" but said Russia remained open to dialogue with Washington.

The Kremlin said in September that NATO would overstep a Russian red line if it expanded its military infrastructure in Ukraine, and Moscow has since accused Ukraine and NATO of destabilizing behavior, including in the Black Sea.

In the televised speech, Putin complained that Western strategic bombers carrying "very serious weapons" were flying within 20 km of Russia's borders.

"We're constantly voicing our concerns about this, talking about red lines, but we understand our partners - how shall I put it mildly - have a very superficial attitude to all our warnings and talk of red lines," Putin said.

NATO - with which Moscow severed ties last month - had destroyed all mechanisms for dialogue, Putin said.

He told foreign ministry officials that Russia needed to seek long-term guarantees of its security from the West, though he said this would be difficult and did not spell out what form the assurances should take.

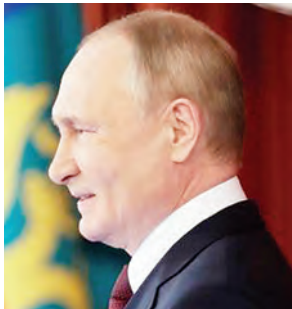
Russia-West ties have been at post-Cold War lows for years.

But despite a growing list of disputes, the Kremlin has maintained high-level contacts with Washington and spoken repeatedly of a possible summit between Putin and US President Joe Biden to follow up their initial meeting in Geneva in June, which Putin said had opened up room for an improvement in ties.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted by RIA news agency as saying the two presidents could hold an online meeting before the end of the year.

Earlier, Peskov told reporters that Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev and US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan discussed cybersecurity, Ukraine and the migrant crisis on the Belarus border in a phone call on Wednesday.

He said the call was part of preparations for "high-level contact" between the presidents.



## Experts: Democracy can be achieved by various approaches

GENEVA

A group of diplomats and world renowned experts gathered on Thursday online to discuss diversified approaches to democracy, saying that the Western model is not the only model to follow.

Speaking at a webinar on democracy and human rights co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of China and Russia in Geneva, the panelists agreed that no one has a monopoly over defining or interpreting democracy and that such discussions are long overdue.

### Growing diversity

Li Song, charge d'affaires of the Chinese Mission in Geneva, said at the webinar that democracy is not something that could be mass produced.

"It is not delivered through exactly the same institutions and forms even among the Western countries, let alone between the West and the great number of developing countries," he noted.

He stressed that whether a country is democratic or not should be left to its own people to decide, and no matter what form it takes, true democracy means people remain the masters of the country.

Gennady Gatilov, the Russian permanent representative to the UN office at Geneva, said that imposing models of so-called democratic development upon sovereign states with no consideration for their history, culture, and traditions have become major destabilizing factors.

"We have decided to focus today's discussion on what unites all countries, contrary to the modern discourse based on the assumption that each state must copy a number of so-called 'old,' 'leading' or 'real' democracies or other definitions used by those who identify themselves as a model for the rest of the world," Gatilov said.

Ambassador Khalil Hashmi, Pakistan permanent representative in Geneva, said that the discussion resonates with the growing diversity of our time.

"There is no single or preferable model of democracy," he said, adding that states should be free to choose their own form of government and tailor their political systems in response to the freely expressed will, needs, and demands of its citizens as well as their respective historical experiences.

### Rethink democracy

Martin Jacques, a well-known scholar and political commentator, said that global changes are forcing a major rethink about democracy and also human rights.



In this image provided by the US Army, paratroopers assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division conduct security as they continue to help facilitate the evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug 25, 2021. AP

"Ultimately, any form of governance only works if it can deliver for its people," Jacques pointed out, saying that unlike Western democracies, which are consumed by the present, China thinks in the long term.

Both the pandemic and climate change are quintessentially long-term issues, which need a stronger state role, he said, adding that "the ability of government and society to think in long term and operate and plan accordingly will become imperative."

Calling the US government's handling of the pandemic a failure, he said, "Much closer relationship between government and the people will be essential for any effective response. The Chinese governance is much better placed than Western governance to handle these challenges."

### End monopoly on democracy

Zamir Akram, chair-rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council Working Group on the Right to Development, said at the webinar that there are different ways and paths to the same objective, which is basically to empower the people.

Marcos Cordeiro Pires, associate professor from Brazil's Sao Paulo State University, said that the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan has proven that it was impossible to impose a model rejected by the majority of the people there.

Natalia Narochinskaya, a Russian political expert and president of the Foundation for the Study of Historical Perspective, said that the Western attempts to monopolize ideology is against the common values and interests of the human society.

Robert Lawrence Kuhn, a public intellectual and chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, focused his presentation on China's "whole-process people's democracy," saying that such democracy involves absorbing public opinion via feedback mechanisms, a "pooling people's wisdom process."

Li Shimo, a venture capitalist and political scholar, said democracy's normative goal "must be to deliver satisfaction" to a vast majority of the people. "Let's end the monopoly on democracy and let more forms of democracy flourish," he said

Xinhua

## Morocco showcasing the world's oldest jewelry

RABAT

THE Kingdom of Morocco commemorated Independence Day in style showcasing one of the world's oldest pieces of jewelry discovered at the famous Bismoun Cave in Essaouira, a port city on Morocco's Atlantic coast.

The famous Bismoun Cave archaeological discoveries are on show in Chellah space in Rabat in what authorities have described "as the unveiling of human history as a whole".

The exhibition, a brainchild of the Ministry of Culture, started on Thursday and will run for the next couple of days.

Minister of Culture, Youth and Communication, Mr Mehdi Bensaid, and the research team witnessed the presentation at the exhibition, in the presence of Royal Advisor Andre Azoulay and ambassadors of various countries, who came to see the discoveries for the first time.

The search team, made up of Moroccan and foreign scientists, discovered 32 marine pieces made of a seashell called Tritia Gibbosula, formerly known as Nassarius Gibbosulus, making up one of the world's oldest pieces of jewellery so far.

The seashells were most likely used by humans as ornamental necklaces, which indicates a very ancient symbolic behaviour, according to researchers.

Bensaid said the Ministry of Culture arranged the event in celebration of Independence Day - 18 November - noting that this great discovery in Essaouira reflects the important history of human civilization's early years in North Africa, and precisely in Morocco.

He added that "such discoveries contribute to the unveiling of human history as a whole, and makes Moroccans aware of the ample treasures the Kingdom has to offer the world."

Royal Advisor Andre Azoulay described the moment as "significant," praising the Minister for choosing Chellah to mark the event. Azoulay also expressed gratitude to the scientists for their efforts and hard work, which spanned years.

Azoulay added that "this discovery will contribute in the re-examination of historic facts, especially in regards to communication between different human groups of the era."

Abdeljalil Bouzoukar, professor of higher education at the National Institute of Archaeology and Heritage in Rabat, said that "this discovery carries great symbolism."

Bouzoukar added that "symbolic tools, unlike artefacts, can only be communicated through language," and therefore these symbols are linked to language, which suggests that we are at the cusp of language introduced in the history of human civilization.

The Moroccan researcher explained that such discoveries "highlight the beginning of the formation of collective identities," as the spread of such marine seashells dates back 35,000 years.

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## China launches Earth science satellite for UN sustainable development goals



A Long March-6 carrier rocket taking the "SDGSAT-1" satellite blasts off from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre, north China's Shanxi Province, Nov. 5, 2021.

CHINA on Nov. 5 launched an Earth science satellite via a Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center, north China's Shanxi province.

The satellite, code-named SDGSAT-1, is developed by the Big Earth Data Science Engineering Project of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and is the first of its kind developed by the CAS. Besides, it's also the very first satellite in the world to help realize the goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development set by the UN.

The UN agenda that includes 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) was raised in 2015 to stimulate actions in solving social, economic and environmental problems. However, the world still needs more data to realize these goals.

According to the Global SDG Indicators Database, the data for only a few SDGs covered more than 80 percent of the countries in the world, and the data for most of the goals is delayed.

The shortage of data is a barrier for real-time monitoring of SDG progress and the evaluation of regional gaps, said Guo Huadong, chief scientist of SDGSAT-1 and director of International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals.

To solve the problem, data must be obtained and integrated via new methods and technologies, while earth ob-

servations from space is considered one of the most effective methods and research techniques for data collection.

"Observation data obtained by satellites, aircraft and ground sensors can not only reinforce those acquired from official surveys and investigations, but also generate information of higher quality that is more timely and spatially representative," Guo said.

The SDGSAT-1 has a relatively higher resolution among the satellites of its kind. Equipped with thermal infrared, glimmer and multispectral imagers, it is able to observe more details of ground objects. The satellite can achieve global coverage within 11 days thanks to its 300-kilometer-wide data acquisition capability.

These abilities enable the satellite to better record human activities. It can observe nighttime human activities and the changes of polar ice under poor light condition, and also monitor offshore and coastal zones and the impacts from human activities in these areas, for example, land utilization, coastal mangrove forests, pollution from land-based sources and offshore aquaculture. In addition, the earth science satellite is also able to study biodiversity and ecosystem, as well

as living environment and urban development.

It is reported that the data obtained by the three sensors on the satellite will be received by a ground system in the following a couple of months.

The successful launch of the SDGSAT-1 demonstrated China's efforts in and contribution to realizing the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The data products of the satellite will be shared globally to offer data support for the international society, especially developing countries to carry out sustainable development studies.

Liu Jianbo, general director of the Earth science satellite project, introduced that the satellite currently works for six goals in the 17 SDGs. It is expected to obtain massive data in the future and process them with big data, AI and block chain technologies, to make bigger contributions to sustainable development, Liu added.

"We hope to work with Chinese and international organizations and effectively gather and share the data and help bridge the gap in the unbalanced global sustainable development," Guo noted.

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## US senators move to block \$650m arms sale to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON

A group of US senators are opposing the Biden administration's first major arms sale to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia over Riyadh's involvement in the conflict in Yemen, three senators announced on Thursday.

A joint resolution of disapproval to block a proposed \$650 million in US arms sales to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was introduced by Republicans Rand Paul and Mike Lee, as well as Bernie Sanders who caucuses with Democrats.

While many US lawmakers consider Saudi Arabia an important partner in the Middle East, they have criticized the country for its involvement in the war in Yemen, a conflict considered one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters. They have refused to approve many military sales for the kingdom without assurances US equipment would not be used to kill civilians.

Activists have said Saudi Arabia has lobbied heavily against extending a mandate of United Nations investigators who have documented possible war crimes in Yemen by both the Riyadh-led coalition and the Houthi movement.

The package which was approved by the State Department would include 280 AIM-120C-7/C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 596 LAU-128 Missile Rail Launchers (MRL) along with containers and support equipment, spare parts, US government and contractor engineering and technical support.

In a statement Paul said, "This sale that could accelerate an arms race in the Middle East and jeopardize the security of our military technologies."

"As the Saudi government continues to wage its devastating war in Yemen and repress its own people, we should not be rewarding them with more arms sales," said Sanders in the joint statement.

Raytheon Technologies makes the missiles.

The Biden administration has said it adopted a policy of selling only defensive weapons to the Gulf ally. When the State Department approved the sale a spokesman said the sale "is fully consistent with the administration's pledge to lead with diplomacy to end the conflict in Yemen." The air-to-air missiles ensure "Saudi Arabia has the means to defend itself from Iranian-backed Houthi air attacks," he said.

State Department approval of a sale is not necessarily the indication of a signed contract.



Senator Bernie Sanders, flanked by Senator Mike Lee (left) and Senator Chris Murphy, speaks after the US Senate voted to withdraw support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen, in the Senate TV studio at the US Capitol in Washington, DC. AFP





German visual artist, Seona Sommer, showcases a portrait of a Tanzanian visual artist, Athuman Hamis, who is better known as 'Ochu' in arts circles, created by the former in Dar es Salaam recently. Seona was in a tour of Dar es Salaam and she, among other programs she took part in, drew 'Ochu' portrait. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ATHUMAN HAMISI

## The increase in foreign coaches' number adds value to NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THIS season's NBC Premier League has turned out to be quite entertaining. It is a league of its kind for fans, players, and coaches, who flock to the venues to watch the tournament's ties.

The domestic top flight, this time, has 16 teams, but an individual is told that out of the 16 outfits, more than half are trained by foreign coaches from 11 different countries combined with two assistant coaches.

The Guardian evaluates the coaches who flew and traveled enough miles in the air from their home countries to work in the NBC Premier League.

### \*Pablo Franco (Spain)

Franco was introduced as Simba SC head coach on November 6, signing a two-year contract to replace Frenchman Didier Gomes who left the club on October 26 after being eliminated from the African Champions League by Botswana's Jwaneng Galaxy.

The first club for Pablo to lead as head coach was Santa Eugenia of (Spain), after which he coached the CD Illescas team.

In the 2013/14 season he joined CD Puertollano (Spain), in 2015 he landed with Getafe CF of the Spanish Premier League 'La Liga' and his last club is Georgia-based Saburtalo Tbilisi.

Franco has so far not been able to sit on the bench and lead Simba SC in a competitive match, let alone a practice match without his full squad at the Boko Veterans ground, where they were held to a 2-2 draw against Cambiasso Sports Academy.

### \*Thierry Hitimana (Rwanda)

The coach's first job in the country was with Biashara United FC later Namungo FC that parted ways with him last year, resulting in his return to Rwanda.

Before this season kicked in, he was linked with a return to NBC Premier League with Mtibwa Sugar before making a u-turn to seal a contract with Simba SC which used him as head coach in the CAF Champions League after the former club's coach, Gomes, lacked criteria to lead the team in the continental ties.

Simba was eliminated in the second preliminary leg of the CAF Champions League and the management decided to sack Gomes and remain with Hitimana as caretaker coach and later served as an assistant to Martin.

Hitimana as a caretaker coach has led Simba to three league matches, starting with a fixture against Polisi Tanzania, in which Simba cruised to 1-0 victory, a 0-0 draw with Coastal Union, and a 1-0 win over Namungo FC.

### \*Nasreddine Nabi (Tunisia/Belgium)

The arrival of coach Nabi, who has dual citizenship of Tunisia and Belgium, at Yanga has brought many changes, ranging from playing style, systems, and discipline to



Kagera Sugar head coach, Kenyan Francis Baraza. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR FC

He has not been in the squad for a long time but he has managed to make big changes that have brought the competition and helped the team finish second in the Mainland Premier League last season, with the tactician leading the team to a Community Shield glory this season against Simba.

The 56-year-old joined Yanga from Al Merreikh SC of Sudan and has previously coached such clubs as Al Ahly SC, Al Hilal Sports Club, Ismaily SC.

Nabi has won five league matches with Yanga this season, edging Kagera Sugar 1-0, beating Geita Gold FC (1-0), KMC FC (2-0), Azam FC (2-0), and Ruvu Shooting (3-1).

The tactician achieved the feat with the help of the assistant coach, Cedrick Kaze, a Burundian national.

### \*Cedric Kaze (Burundi)

He is Nabi's assistant at Yanga. He is no stranger to the Premier League as he already coached Yanga when he took over the reins of Zlatko Krmpotic, who was sacked on October 3 by Yanga's management, which alleged the coach did not conform to the team's philosophy.

On March 7 Yanga parted ways with coach Kaze, who previously signed a two-year contract on October 16, 2020, along with his assistant, Nizar Halfan, goalkeeping coach, Burundian Vladimir Niyonkuru, and club security officer, Mussa Mahundi.

Later on September 20, Yanga has brought Kaze back as an assistant coach and led Yanga along with Nabi, winning all five league games.

### \*George Lwandamina (Zambia)

He is a veteran in coaching at the age of 57. He started

coaching various teams in Zambia from the 1984/85 season when he coached Mutondo Stars, then moved to Mufulira Blackpool, Mufulira Wanderers, Green Buffaloes, Kabwe Warriors, Zambia senior national team, on an interim basis, 2011-2014, Red Arrows FC, Zesco United, and Tanzania side Yanga 2018-2020.

This season, he has led Azam FC in five NBC Premier League matches so far vs Coastal Union (1-1), lost to Polisi Tanzania (2-1), edge Namungo FC (1-0), lost to Yanga (2-0) and cruised to 1-0 victory over Geita Gold FC.

### \*Patrick Odhiambo (Kenya)

He is a newcomer to the NBC Premier League, taking over the reins of fellow Kenyan, Francis Baraza, who joined Kagera Sugar after leading Biashara United for the better part of the season.

The former assistant coach at Kenya's Gor Mahia reportedly signed a two-year deal with Biashara United and led the team to the Orange CAF Confederation cup, before the club was eliminated for failure to play the return match scheduled to take place in Tripoli, Libya.

The former Sony Sugar tactician's main objective is to ensure the team finishes in the fourth position and build a formidable and competitive squad for this ongoing season.

So far he has led Biashara United for five games, the club started with a goalless draw against Simba SC, lost to Ruvu Shooting (1-0), won (3-0) against Tanzania Prisons, drew 0-0 with Mbeya City FC, and drew 1-1 with Mbeya Kwanza FC.

### \*Francis Baraza (Kenya)

He gain popularity when he

was at Biashara United. He left and joined Kagera Sugar which was in danger of facing relegation last season and managed to rescue them to remain in the Premier League.

He took over the reins of the team whilst in a state of disarray after the side had decided to fire coach Mecky Mexime.

This season has started badly after his team played five matches with a loss to Yanga (1-0), 1-1 draw with Namungo FC, 0-0 with Mbeya City FC, two wins vs Mtibwa Sugar (1-0), and 1-0 vs KMC FC.

### \*Haruna Harerimana (Burundi)

He is no stranger to Tanzanian football as before he joined Mbeya Kwanza FC as he started coaching Lipuli FC and later joined KMC FC.

Harerimana had joined Lipuli FC after coach Amri Said was sacked by the team's management due to poor results.

He has led the Mbeya Kwanza FC team in five games opening with Mtibwa Sugar winning the game (1-0), drawing with Mbeya City FC (2-2), drawing with Dodoma Jiji FC (0-0) drawing 1-1 with Biashara United and a 2-2 draw against Polisi Tanzania.

### \*Mathias Lule (Uganda)

On December 2, 2020, Mbeya City FC officially announced Mathias Lule from Uganda as the outfit's head coach. The A-licensed coach has guided the club and helped them avoid the tragedy of relegation.

He has led Mbeya City FC in five matches so far, starting with a 1-0 win over Tanzania Prisons, 2-2 draw with Mbeya Kwanza FC, (0-0) vs Kagera Sugar, (1-1) vs Geita Gold FC and (0-0) vs Biashara United.

### \*Melis Medo (USA)

His first side in Tanzania was Gwambina FC, he hardly had a good stint at the side as the tactician was sacked and later joined Coastal Union.

It is his first season at Coastal Union and he has not started well after seeing the squad manage a 1-1 draw vs Azam FC, concede 1-0 defeat to Ruvu Shooting, followed by three draws with KMC FC, Simba, and Prisons.

### \*Joseph Omog (Cameroon)

Mtibwa coach hired Omog, a veteran of the league, started coaching Tanzanian football successfully leading Azam FC to the 2013/14 Premier League title without losing a match and later served Simba and won the 2017 Azam Confederation Cup.

## Geita Gold FC set to face Kagera Sugar test in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS season's NBC Premier League rookie, Geita Gold FC, says it is ready for this afternoon's league encounter against Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba.

Geita Gold FC information officer, Hemed Kivuyo, said the team has prepared well for the game and today's showdown is, therefore, a must-win for his side.

Kivuyo said the match was initially to be played in the evening but, due to unfinished fixing of floodlights at the venue, the game will be played in the afternoon.

The officer was adamant the situation will not deter his team from notching good results.

He said Geita Gold FC has not tested any victory in the NBC Premier League and today's game will mark the beginning of good results to be registered by the newly promoted premier league side.

"In our previous games, we played well but, at the same time, made some schoolboy errors which cost us, this time, morale in the camp is very high."

"All players are fit and ready for the game, we are looking at nothing short of victory, yes we have not been performing well but we have agreed that the Kagera Sugar tie should mark the beginning of good results for our team," Kivuyo noted.

"We were told that the match will be played in the evening but it has been pushed forward to 4 pm as the works of fixing the floodlights at the stadium have not been completed, but come what may, we are ready for the game," he said.

Geita Gold FC's next matches will be fixtures against Simba SC and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in Dar es Salaam and Kivuyo said they are ready for both encounters.

"After the Kagera Sugar clash, we will travel to Dar es Salaam where we are to face Simba SC and KMC FC, we are not sure if our game against Simba SC will take place as our colleagues will be in CAF Confederation Cup playoff assignments but whatever the case, we are ready for the fixtures," he said.

Commenting on the rumours which are linking his side to roping in the attacker, Ditrani Nchimbi, who recently

left Yanga, Kivuyo said his club will, on Sunday, will make known its recruits and players to be released.

"For now, what I know is that Nchimbi is a Yanga player, he still has a contract with them, it is unethical to discuss on a player of another team but on Sunday we will make our new players and players to be released known, the aim is to see our club perform well in the NBC Premier League," he said.

Other NBC Premier League games slated for today will involve league leaders Yanga playing away to Namungo FC at Ilulu Stadium.

The game promises to be more entertaining as both teams have vowed to collect maximum points.

Yanga's spokesman Haji Manara said they are ready for the game against Namungo FC.

"We are ready for them, we want to collect maximum points, we aim to win this season's NBC Premier League top honour, we respect our opponents but it's the return of the champions, gaining maximum points is what matters most," he said.

Yanga will in today's match depend on its players including Fiston Mayele, Khalid Aucho, Ducapel Moloko, Bakari Mwamnyeto, and Feisal Salum, who of late has been playing well for the league leaders.

Namungo FC head coach, Hemed Suleiman, said they have prepared well for the match and promised his team's supporters it will notch good results.

"Yanga are a good side with good players but we also have many good players and we have prepared well for the game, we aim to collect maximum points, I'm asking all our supporters to come in large numbers and cheer their team," he said.

Namungo FC will depend on the services of, among others, in-form Obrey Chirwa, David Molinga, and Reliants Lusajo.

Other games in round six of NBC Premier League today will see Mbeya City FC take on Mtibwa Sugar at Sokoine Stadium and KMC FC come up against Azam FC at Uhuru Stadium while Dodoma Jiji FC is to confront Biashara United at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

## JATA, TAVA set for elections next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ELECTIONS for judo and volleyball associations will be held in Dar es Salaam later next month, National Sports Council (NSC) announced yesterday.

Najaha Bakari, NSC's Acting Head of Communication and Information Department, said the Tanzania Volleyball Association (TAVA) and Judo Association of Tanzania (JATA) elections will be held at one of Benjamin Mkapa Stadium's halls on December 18 and December 18 respectively.

She said people, who are interested in contesting



Former Tanzania Volleyball Association (TAVA) secretary-general, Alfred Selengia.

for leadership posts in the associations, began collecting election forms yesterday and only those, who meet the

required conditions, will be allowed to contest.

The NSC officer noted: "Elections for JATA and TAVA will be held next month, some of the conditions are that those who want to compete for the post of secretary-general and president should have at least good knowledge of the two sports disciplines they want to lead."

"Contestants should abide by NSC, Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) regulations, they must have either a degree or diploma obtained from a recognized learning institution."

"People who want to vie for

the post of treasurer-general should have good knowledge of accounting," she explained.

TAVA is going into the election after the government, through NSC, dissolved the association's leadership.

The government decided after the national volleyball team was stuck in Rwanda due to lack of transport, as well as failure to meet some expenses.

The squad traveled to Rwanda to battle it out in this year's African Nations Championship.

The development in Rwanda did not please the government as it claimed that the team traveled without its full blessings.





## As Portugal and Italy face play-offs, where do World Cup contenders stand?

LONDON

HOLDERS France hope to retain their title but the 2022 World Cup in Qatar could be missing the two most recent European champions as Portugal and Italy must both battle through play-offs to qualify.

That left fans with the prospect of no Cristiano Ronaldo in Qatar next winter and the Azzurri, who thrilled during their run to Euro 2020 glory, potentially missing out on two straight World Cups for the first time in their history.

Here AFP Sport looks at the state of play for some of the big guns who have booked their place on football's biggest stage.

\*France

Les Bleus will be hoping for a more inspired defence of their world title than the performances they dished up at Euro 2020, which brought on a full-blown crisis following their humiliating elimination at the hands of Switzerland.

Winning the Nations League brought some enthusiasm back to Didier Deschamps' side, as did the sterling performances from Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema which led them to the title.

However despite a wealth of world class talent France still seem to be less than the sum of their parts.

\*England

After reaching the last four at the last World Cup and losing the Euro final on penalties at Wembley, England's talented pool of players should surely be one of the teams to beat in Qatar.

Gareth Southgate has a bumper crop of top level players from which to fashion a team, which as expected eased through a mostly weak qualifying group.

However a safety-first approach has at times held back the Three Lions' undoubted attacking threat, and one of Europe's best strikers in Harry Kane, when the chips are down.

\*Spain

Luis Enrique's faith in Spain's seemingly endless conveyor belt of young talent looks to be paying off, with his team looking like a dark horse in Qatar after credible showings both at the Euro and the Nations League.

Only beaten by France in the Nations League final thanks to superb saves from Hugo Lloris and an Mbappe goal which they thought should have been chalked off for offside, Spain impressed with their passing football and bold selection of inexperienced youngsters like Gavi in key roles.

The one thing they lack is a proven goalscorer, with Alvaro Morata still not convincing up top.

\*Germany

Hansi Flick has Germany firing again after taking charge of the team following their last-16 Euro 2020 exit at the hands of England, which brought down the curtain on Joachim Loew's 15-year tenure.

The Germans have put together six straight wins -- rattling in 27 goals in the process -- since Flick took the reins, and they look a rejuvenated outfit ready to make a mark after poor showings in recent tournaments.

\*Brazil

Coach Tite can already start planning for next winter's tournament after qualifying with six games to spare last week, a 1-0 win over Colombia ensuring Brazil's spot.

They have a comfortable six-point lead at the top of the 10-team CONMEBOL group following their 0-0 draw with fierce rivals Argentina on Tuesday.

Just four goals conceded suggest that Brazil will be tough to beat, while an attack led by Neymar carries enough threat to challenge anyone.

\*Argentina

Lionel Messi and company are on a 27-match unbeaten run after Tuesday's draw with Brazil, alongside defeats for Chile and Uruguay, secured their passage to Qatar.

Early qualification for the World Cup caps a fine year for Argentina, who won their 15th Copa America in July with victory over Brazil at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium.

It also gives Messi one last chance to shine on the biggest stage of all and put to bed the one doubt around claims that he is the greatest ever player -- that unlike Diego Maradona he has never truly done it at a World Cup.

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# Meet the manager ready to spoil Xavi's Barcelona coaching debut

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

NOW that he's coach of Barcelona, Xavi Hernandez has a list of objectives as long as his arm, one of which is to ensure that city rivals Espanyol don't finish ahead of their Camp Nou rivals for the first time in 79 years.

The first building block comes this Saturday, when the 41-year-old will have his home debut as the manager of the club he loves, marked by the intensity of a derby match. As a footballer -- no, strike that: as a genius midfielder who's in the argument to be the best player Spain ever produced -- Xavi's record against Los Periquitos was little short of amazing. He only played one club rival (Real Madrid) more often than Espanyol, and of the 36 times he played in the "Derbi" of Barcelona, he won 25 and lost only twice.

Not once in the 17 seasons that this dyed-in-the-wool Barcelona supporter with magic in his boots -- if he'd been born with lead in his boots, he'd still have been in the Camp Nou every two weeks roaring on his Blaugrana heroes -- was there really any chance of being embarrassed by Espanyol finishing ahead of Barcelona in LaLiga. The closest they came was in 2005 when there were only four places separating the two Catalan sides; the context behind it was that Xavi, Andres Iniesta, Ronaldinho, Deco, Samuel Eto'o, Lionel Messi & Co. won the title while Miguel Angel Lotina's Espanyol, boasting Dani Jarque, Ivan De La Pena and Raul Tamudo, finished an out-of-character fifth... but still 23 chunky points behind the champions.

To set the scene ahead of Saturday's extremely testing home debut -- and you wouldn't be foolish to speculate that Espanyol can see opportunity beckoning -- it's worth knowing that the last time the blue-and-white half of the city finished ahead of the Blaugrana in LaLiga, World War II was still three years away from



Vicente Moreno

its conclusion. The other unwanted record is that the last time Espanyol won at Camp Nou, it was February 2009 -- there were some lessons for the visiting coach this Saturday, Vicente Moreno, but more of that later.

Several things make Saturday night's game a fascinating, must-see contest, only one of which is being witness to the start of Xavi's first coaching gig in LaLiga. (The beginning of what many, me included, think can be a very special managerial career.) The other elements making their "Derbi" more alluring than usual are, it's fair to say, less glowingly positive for Barcelona.

Not only do Barca have a debilitating injury list, but Xavi won't be fully sure of which of his injured and "doubtful" players are 100 percent match-fit until pretty close to kick-off. Some key figures won't make it. Worse still is the fact that on the opposing bench there's someone who looks like he can become one of the heavyweights of Spanish coaching over the next decade and beyond.

As a footballer, not only was Vicente Moreno (with all due respect) not in Xavi's league -- they weren't in the same stratosphere. The only time they met as opposing midfielders, very briefly, was when a Xavi-inspired Barcelona,

in the midst of a three-trophy season, won a pitched battle against Xerez at Camp Nou in April 2010. That day, on as a sub for about half an hour when it was already 3-1 to the home side, Moreno was one of the nine bookings and two red cards as Xerez tried to bully a pretty thrilling Barca side out of its rhythm, to little effect. But for those who like to predict what might happen in big, highly-anticipated matches, there may be a theme here.

Taking the Xerez idea -- bully, kick, shove -- you can link back to the last time Espanyol won at Camp Nou.

Back then in 2009, Los Periquitos had just done what Barcelona have copied, appointing a young, former player/hero and asking him to save everyone's bacon. Instead of Xavi in 2021, back then it was Mauricio Pochettino -- the Argentinian had been a darling of the Espanyol fans across nearly 300 matches, and after spending apprentice time coaching in the club's youth system, he took over with Espanyol rock-bottom of the table and with a game at Camp Nou top of his agenda.

Espanyol went to face Pep Guardiola's Treble-chasing Barcelona -- they'd succeed in that trophy hat-trick later that year -- fully kitted out to spring a major surprise. Metaphorically,

they had cutlass and shield at the ready. But let there be no doubt at all that Espanyol played with verve and clinical efficiency (Ivan De La Pena scored twice), or that they performed with total self-confidence until the 2-1 away win was secured. But to use the euphemism "robust" would be to rob their performance of the street-fighting element that made the difference.

Espanyol bullied Barcelona all over the pitch. That night, the teams shared 13 yellow cards and Seydou Keita was sent off. It was ultra-bruising, but Espanyol won, and by the end of the season they finished a genuinely remarkable 10th in LaLiga, having been bottom when "Poch" took over.

Whether Moreno thinks that the idea of spoiling Xavi's debut goes better with a very robust footballing and physical display against a young, wobbly, too-easily-tired Barcelona side, especially just after a long international break, remains to be seen. But nobody should be too surprised if so. What's rather more threatening, you'd have to admit, is how long a shrewd, well-prepared and ambitious guy like Moreno has had to prepare for this test.

Moreno would be quick to admit how thorough (you might say obsessive) he is about

working out how best his team, flourishing nicely in 11th on the same points as the team Xavi has inherited, can beat the big guns. Every single working day, he's out of the house at 7 a.m., in work about 30 minutes later, and his staff will tell you, keeping any weariness well-hidden, that the norm is a 12-13 hour day at the Ciutat Esportiva Dani Jarque, Espanyol's emotively named training facilities. "If the day has 24 hours, I'd like to dedicate 25 of them to coaching, preparing, watching videos -- even though as you get older, you at least try to impose a sensible timetable on your week" is one of Moreno's recent admissions. "Any day when the players have time off [as they have on a couple of occasions this international break] is a vital component in my work because it's when I get the most time to watch tapes of the rival, to deduce what kind of training sessions I want to lay on for the week building up to the match, and how I want us to play."

This means that by the time you read this column, Moreno has already viewed sufficient "edits" of Barcelona material, he'll have gobbled up the details of their second-half collapse at Celta Vigo a fortnight ago, and he'll have attempted to devise a game-plan as

daring -- and successful -- as he and Espanyol used to beat Real Madrid last month.

"Last season, in coming up from the Segundo, we had a really clearly defined objective: promotion," said Moreno recently. "This year, it's a bit harder to be crystal clear about our new objectives. The wins we achieve will start to tell us how far we can go, but we won't be putting any limits on our ambitions just yet."

"The way things are going, with good performances and more people coming to watch us in our stadium, we've got a unique opportunity to keep on producing the level we showed against Real Madrid. One thing for sure is that if we keep performing, more fans will get behind us and if we mix that with the project the club is planning, we can become an important LaLiga club in the coming years."

Much is at stake for Barcelona and their new coach on Saturday; it's equally a huge night for Vicente Moreno, for his ambitious plans and for the chance to shred a couple of unwanted historical records attached to the Catalan "Derbi." Buy your snacks, put the phone on silent, pull up your chairs, sit back and enjoy. The Catalan "Derbi" is going to be delicious.

## Kardashian West helps fly Afghan women soccer players to UK

LONDON

MEMBERS of Afghanistan's women's youth development soccer team arrived in Britain early Thursday after being flown from Pakistan with the help of a New York rabbi, a U.K. soccer club and Kim Kardashian West.

A plane chartered by the reality star and carrying more than 30 teenage players and their families, about 130 people in all, landed at Stansted Airport near London. The Afghans will spend 10 days in coronavirus quarantine before starting new lives in Britain.

English Premier League club Leeds United has offered to support the players.

Britain and other countries evacuated thousands of Afghans in a rushed airlift as Kabul fell to Taliban militants in August. Many more

people have since left overland for neighboring countries in hopes of traveling on to the West.

Women playing sports was seen as a political act of defiance against the Taliban, and hundreds of female athletes have left Afghanistan since the group returned to power and began curbing women's education and freedoms.

Khalida Popal, a former captain of Afghanistan's national women's team who has spearheaded evacuation efforts for female athletes, said she felt "so happy and so relieved" that the girls and women were out of danger.

"Many of those families left their houses when the Taliban took over. Their houses were burnt down," Popal told the Associated Press. "Some of their family members were killed or taken by Taliban. So the danger and the stress

was very high, and that's why it was very important to move fast to get them outside Afghanistan."

Australia evacuated the members of Afghanistan's national women's soccer team, and the youth girls' team was resettled in Portugal.

Members of the development team, many of whom come from poor families in the country's provinces, managed to reach Pakistan and eventually to secure

U.K. visas. But they were left in limbo for weeks with no flight out of the country as the time limit on their Pakistani visas ticked down.

The team got help from the Tzedek Association, a nonprofit U.S. group that previously helped the last known member of Kabul's Jewish community leave Afghanistan.

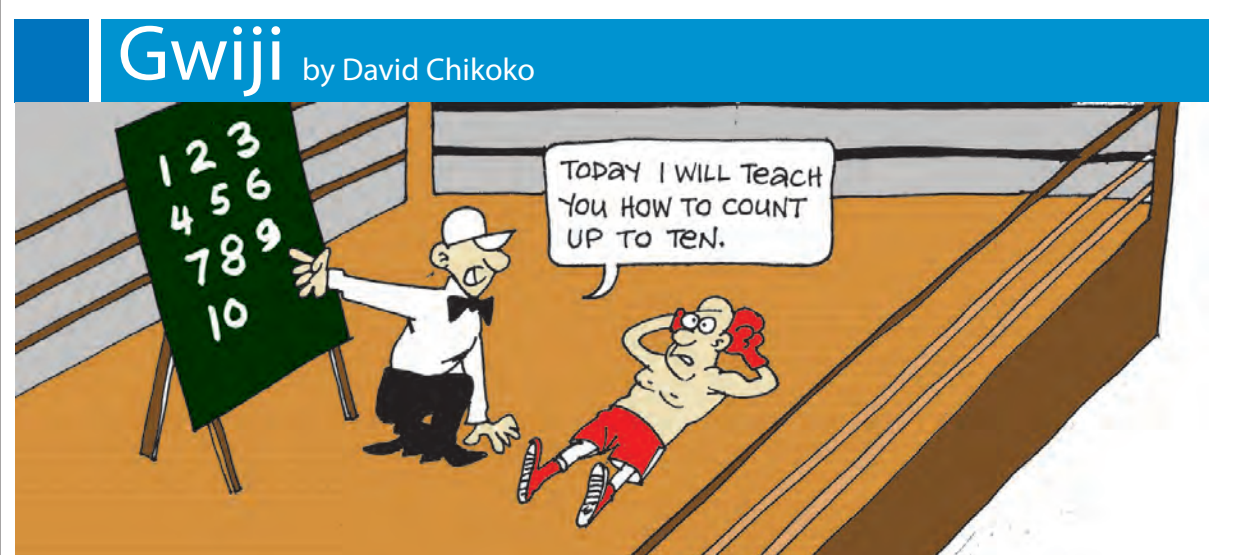
The group's founder, Rabbi Moshe Margareten, has worked with reality TV star Kardashian

West on criminal justice reform in the U.S. He reached out to her to help pay for a chartered plane to the U.K.

"Maybe an hour later, after the Zoom call, I got a text message that Kim wants to fund the entire flight," Margareten said.

Kardashian West's spokeswoman confirmed that the star and her brand SKIMS had chartered the flight.

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Mtibwa Sugar head coach, Joseph Omog. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

## Mtibwa Sugar to test Mbeya City FC unbeaten spell

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

STRUGGLING Mtibwa Sugar gets back to NBC Premier League matters today afternoon, as they travel to Sokoine Stadium, Mbeya, to face Mbeya City FC.

Coach Joseph Omog's side will be desperate to pick up three points, having failed to win all five opening matches of the season so far.

Their previous NBC Premier League outing came at home to Kagera Sugar, in which they were dispatched 1-0, before picking up another 1-0 loss against Dodoma Jiji FC before the international break.

Embattled coach Omog has to find a solution for his side's blunt attack that has registered only one goal so far, joint-worst attacking record in the league together with Coastal Union and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

The weak Mtibwa Sugar attack was so evident in their losses against Dodoma Jiji FC and Kagera Sugar. In the two back-to-back defeats, Mtibwa Sugar only mastered three shots on target.

The 1999 and 2000 Premier League champions sit a mediocre 13th in the table and face a Mbeya City FC side which is unbeaten this season.

In their five opening games of the season, Mbeya City FC has picked up seven points from the last 15 up for grabs to stay at seventh place in the standings. In head-to-head stats, Mbeya City FC and Mtibwa Sugar have met in 16 league matches since the 2013/14 season.

Mtibwa Sugar has claimed five wins compared to three for Mbeya City FC, while eight matches have been drawn.

Mbeya City FC has won only three of their eight home matches in the rivalry, suffering one defeat in the process.

Mbeya City FC's line-up from their goalless draw with Biashara United on November 3: Haroun Mandanda, Juma Shemvuni, Mpoki Mwakinyuke, David Mwaisa, Samson Madeleke, Frank Ikobela (Paul Nonga 67'), Herbert Lukindo (Peter Mapunda 73'), Juma Luizio, Richardson Ngodya (Siraji Juma 67'), Juma Liuzio, Aziz Andabwile, Kenneth Kunambi

Mtibwa Sugar' line-up from their 1-0 loss over Dodoma Jiji FC on October 30: Abuu Twalib Msherry, Ibrahim Ame, Abdi Banda, Isaac Kachwele, Juma Nyangi, Saidi Ndemia, Kelvin Sabato, Nzigamasabo Styve (Nassor Kiziwa 56'), Riphath Msuya (Joseph Mkele 82'), Salum Kihimbwa (Omary Marungu 65').

## Pacesetters Yanga face Namungo FC threat in NBC Premier League



Yanga players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021/22 NBC Premier League, and Federation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2021/22 NBC Premier League table leaders, Young Africans SC, alias 'Yanga', visit limping Namungo FC with the former eager to maintain their perfect run.

Yanga has won five encounters and takes on a side that is winless in their last four league games.

Last time out for Yanga, the Jangwani Street side cruised past Ruvo Shooting 3-1 and will be hoping to do the same against Namungo FC.

The home side lies in 11th place on the league table with

five points after registering one win, two draws, and two losses.

Yanga spokesman, Haji Manara, told the press they are expecting a tough time against the home side who will be targeting redemption after losing their last league outing to Simba at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Manara revealed: "The squad is in training and we are ready for this tough match against Namungo FC. Our coach and the entire technical bench are aware this is a difficult game to approach."

"As Yanga, we are determined to win the league title. The title cannot be

won by just talking, one must have strategies both on and off the field."

"I know that playing at home, Namungo FC will come at us like a wounded buffalo. Frankly speaking, it will be a great match to watch this weekend but our target is to win the League title, reclaiming the glory, that's what we mean by the 'return of the champions' slogan.

The league record winner will have left full-back, Yassin Mustapha, available for selection after recovering from injury while the duo of midfielder, Balama Mapinduzi, and winger, Dickson Ambundo, will not be part of the match.

"We are going to Lindi with a full squad except for Mapinduzi and Ambundo who are continuing with light training after coming back from injury layoffs, Tanzania's senior national team players have joined the camp while foreign players, such as goalkeeper Djigui Diarra, have already reported."

"Djuma Shaban and Khalid Aucho will arrive on Friday to join their teammates for the trip. We are ready for this battle."

The history books give hosts Namungo FC cause for optimism of at least snatching a point and ending Yanga's perfect run.

In head-to-head stats, Namungo FC and Yanga have met in four league matches since 2019/20. All four matches ended in draws.

## Kagera Sugar, Geita Gold FC ready for Kaitaba showdown

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

KAGERA Sugar and Geita Gold FC will meet for an eagerly-anticipated NBC Premier League clash at the Kaitaba Stadium, Bukoba today afternoon. This will be the first official league clash between Kagera Sugar and Geita Gold FC.

Hosts Kagera Sugar have claimed eight points from five league matches this season and are chasing a hat-trick of wins, with

The Bukoba-based club's victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC two weeks ago before the international break was preceded by a triumph over Mtibwa Sugar at home.

They will look to strikers Mbaraka Yusuph and Meshack Abraham for goals as a win could lift them into the top four.

Newbie, Geita Gold FC, extended its winless run to five matches- with a return of two points- thanks to two home draws while losing three away games including the last outing against Azam FC to lie 14th on the 16-team table.

The Geita-based team is under interim coach, Fred Felix 'Minziro', after former Taifa Stars' coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, was sacked after only four games.

Minziro, who has been given four games to turn around the team's fortunes, lost his first game in charge and will be desperate to avoid another loss.

Minziro will hope forwards Daniel Lyanga and Juma Mahadhi don their scoring boots to register their maiden topflight victory.

The team has struggled for goals, having hit the back of the net only twice in five outings.

The bad news for coach Minziro is that his side has not only lost all its three games on the road but they are also yet to score a goal away from home. Their two goals so far have been registered at home.

Kagera Sugar's line-up from their 1-0 win over KMC FC on October 29: Ramadhan



Kagera Sugar's winger, Erick Mwijage (R), seeks to outfox Namungo FC fullback, Franck Magingi, as the clubs faced off in this season's NBC Premier League clash, held at Ilulu Stadium in Lindi recently. PHOTO: KAGERA SUGAR FC

Chalamanda, Abdallah Mfuko, Stephen Duah, Dickson Mhilu, Eric Mwijage (Jackson Harod 61'), Hassan Mwaterema (Ally Lucha 90'), Mbaraka Yusuph, Nassoro Kapama (David Luhende 84'), Meshack Abraham (Peter

Mwalyanzi 61'), Yusuph Dunia (Abdallah Seseme 84').

Geita Gold FC's line-up from their 1-0 loss over Azam FC on November 2: Abubakar Khomeini, Amos Kadikilo, Pius Luchangula (Makenzi Ramadhan 66'), Kelvin

Nashon, Daniel Lyanga (George Mpole 66'), Chilo Mkama, Geoffrey Manyasi (Raymond Mwasota 66'), Jonathan Dominic, Juma Mahadhi, Venance Ludovic (Salim Aiye 88'), Yusuph Kagoma (Ramadan Abdallah 61')

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

