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Killings of elderly people register big decline since 2014

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

KILLINGS of the elderly in parts of Tanzania have sharply declined, largely owing to what has been achieved in the National Strategy to Eradicate Elderly Killings launched in January last year.

Sayi Magege, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Elderly and Children, made this observation when opening a stakeholders' evaluation meeting on the matter here yesterday.

He said a total of 557 such killings were recorded in 2014 but the number was down to 74 last year, while the target as per the government's 2018/2019-2022/2023 strategy is zero.

Ministerial data show that the number of the killings was as high as 600 deaths several years earlier, before the matter was taken up in earnest by the government and various other stakeholders.

Magege however said that, despite the reduction of the mostly superstition-fuelled killings, a lot more needs to be done to reach the zero level.

The meeting was convened chiefly to evaluate the performance of the five-year national strategy, whose thrust is on ways to rid the country of the killings once and for all.

It was organised by HelpAge International and brought together senior police officers, social

workers, community development officers and representatives of the elderly, among other stakeholders.

The meeting discussed the practical modalities of implementing the strategy, including the challenges involved and the most viable way forward.

It was reported at the meeting that only 74 killings of elderly persons were reported countrywide, compared to 556 cases in 2014 - with an official from the ministry saying: "Despite reducing number of elderly killings there is need to make more efforts to ensure a permanent end to these killings."

The 2012 national census showed that the number of elderly people (above 60 years of age) in Tanzania stood at around 2.5 million - or 5.6 per cent of the population. Up to 80 per cent lived in rural areas.

District councils conducted identification of the elderly, with 1.7 million elderly people registered - 933,790 of whom were issued with free medication cards.

There were also a total of 17,416 elderly people's "councils" set up in villages, "which have been helpful in engaging the elderly in different areas of income generating activities", according to the official.

He meanwhile appealed to the media to

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Commissioner of Police (Operations and Training) Liberatus Sabas (L) presents the national flag in Dodoma yesterday to some members of a contingent of Tanzanian police officers expected to leave soon for a peacekeeping mission in Sudan. Photo: Police Force



CCM touts herbal cures for pandemic outbreaks

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

CCM has lined up a number of strategies to combat outbreaks of pandemic diseases threatening national security in the next five years.

The ruling party says in its election manifesto that the aim is to make the country ready to counter and control such diseases whenever they come as was the case with the novel coronavirus, in collaboration with other stakeholders.

In its 2020/25 election manifesto, CCM says the outbreak of the coronavirus has taught the nation

a great lesson on the need of putting in place a deliberate national package of strategies on how best to combat the disease.

To begin with, the government will strengthen the health infrastructure, by strengthening natural disaster management systems, like placing equipment for assisting people in the aftermath of disasters such as accidents.

The government will strengthen health research by empowering the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) and other health sector higher learning institutions.

"Pandemic diseases spread at a high speeds and are dangerous to national security," in which case the CCM-led government will ensure it creates the capability to contain them in collaboration with other actors in the health sector, it says.

The fourth strategy is to establish a large herbal plants research centre, enabling the setting up of a herbal medicine factory.

The fifth strategy is to train health workers via scholarships and equipments to fight pandemic diseases, both locally and abroad.

"Through this method we want to strengthen our laboratories to diagnose and test patients,

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Covid-19: Accountants take to digital shift to boost recovery

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African countries must undertake several measures to get their economies back to life to tackle significant challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

These include shift from 'business as usual' to creativity and adaptability as well as strong cooperation between the public and private sectors.

Experts in the field of accountancy who participated in an online conference organized by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) East Africa made these assertions in discussing the theme, 'Covid-19: The Road to Recovery,' fielding leading accountants from Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya.

Report author Jamie Lyon, head of business management and director of professional



Workforce capabilities are a critical as part of an effective response. Behavioural competencies such as adaptability, curiosity and creativity will be instrumental to the recovery of the economy

insights for ACCA said in Tanzania for instance, 51 percent of respondents cited customer purchases as undergoing drastic reduction during this period.

ACCA's June 2020 survey findings indicate that the impact of the pandemic on the region's economies has been profound.

The head of ACCA Tanzania, Jenard Lazaro said the speed at which the region recovers from the economic impacts of the pandemic also depends on effectiveness of collaboration between the public and private sectors.

"We have examined the business and finance impacts of Covid-19 and the responses of organisations in different sectors across East Africa. We are at a stage where business models and strategies must evolve in response to the pandemic," he said.

The conference was organised with support

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Seif reiterates plans for new oil and gas policies

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ACT-WAZALENDO'S Zanzibar presidential candidate Seif Sharif Hamad has said if elected in next month's polls he will enact a new law on oil and gas that will put interests of Zanzibar foremost.

He said the current law is not beneficial to Zanzibar as a whole but only to a few individuals.

Seif (pictured) was addressing a campaign rally at Nyerere Grounds in Zanzibar



municipality, where he said that Shell, an international oil company shall be returned to work on gas and oil drilling plans.

He said the company has great capacity to drill for oil, and during the period he was First Vice President in the Government of National Unity it was agreed that the company conducts drilling work, "but surpassingly, after he left the government that agreement was not implemented."

"Not a single oil well was drilled because they looked for a firm that had little capability for the job," he declared.

Seif said if elected he will restore the agreement and it becomes a law that would enable Zanzibar to drill for oil by contracting Shell to do the work.

"I would like to see that by 2024 Zanzibar

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Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein speaks at yesterday's launch at Kisonge Michenzani in Zanzibar of Sheikh Thabit Kombo complex, which houses shopping malls. He is with (from-L) Zanzibar Chief Secretary Dr Abdulhamid Yahya Mzee, CCM's Zanzibar presidential candidate Dr Hussein Mwinyi and Zanzibar Second Vice President Seif Ali Iddi. Photo: Zanzibar State House

Killings of elderly people register a drop since 2014

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continue revealing such the occurrence of these wherever and whenever they occur, so that law enforcers can deal with the culprits in accordance with the country's laws.

"The government will not hesitate to take appropriate measures against those carrying out such killings," declared, noting that the country's Constitution states clearly that every Tanzanian has the right to live.

For his part, HelpAge International programme manager Joseph Mbasha applauded efforts by the government "which have led to the steep drop in the killings of the elderly".

He expressed optimism that, with the trend, "there will be zero killings by 2023 as envisioned in the strategy".

HelpAge will continue with its efforts to promote the welfare of the elderly by collaborating with the relevant authorities on different policy changes, Mbasha declared.

Dr Naftali Ng'ondi, the Commissioner for Social Welfare in the ministry, said the biggest responsibility was to ensure that elderly people in the society enjoyed human rights, security and protection to the full.

The government came up with the five-year strategy following serial killings of the elderly in previous years in order to curb the tendency, he noted.

By Guardian Correspondent,

Singida

TANZANIA Chief Justice, Prof Ibrahim Juma, has called on Judges and magistrates in the country to enhance the use of out of court settlement especially in cases on inheritance.

Speaking to Judiciary officials in Manyoni District in Singida Region in the first day of his working visit in the region, the Chief Justice said cases on inheritance have a lot of challenges hence out of court settlement will assist in hearing such cases.

He called on Judges and Magistrates to closely supervise and ensure those filing such cases in court also submit inheritance reports to do away with the concept that the person appointed as estate executor is the one who benefits, the concept that prolong conflicts in the family.

"We should try to use out

Use out of court settlement in some cases - Chief Justice

of court settlement as this course will reduce cases at the courts. Article 107A of the Tanzania Constitution calls upon Judges and Magistrates to finalise cases through out of court settlement, said the Chief Justice.

In regard to the issue of ethics among court officials, the CJ called on these officials to perform their duties professionally and procedurally as in doing so they will be restoring the judiciary's trust among the people.

He said Tanzania Judiciary officials in various cadres are the mirror of the Judiciary and if they do their work professionally, the judiciary will be enjoying a positive look at all times.

On Land Tribunals, CJ said the aim of the government to return the tribunals to the

Judiciary was still valid hence he called on court officials to prepare themselves to receive and integrate the tribunals.

Meanwhile the Chief Justice called on Magistrates to be professional in administering the laws, regulations and other procedures by ensuring that after arrest, a suspect must be brought to the court of law within 48 hours.

He also called on the Magistrates to remind relevant authorities to abide by the laws, regulations and other procedures when arresting suspects.

He said the aim of his visit is to explain various challenges faced by Judges of the Court of Appeal when hearing appeals.

He said among the challenges are various shortcomings when arresting suspects.

Lissu pledges to make border regions special zones for economy and trade

By Guardian Reporter

CHADEMA's Union presidential candidate Tundu Lissu has pledged that if elected he would make border regions become special zones for economy and trade.

Lissu gave the pledge when addressing a rally at Kayanga ward in Karagwe District, Kagera Region as part of campaign for the forthcoming general election scheduled for October 28th this year.

Lissu said that the aim is to also facilitate smooth exportation of farmer's crops to neighbouring countries. He said that farmers are likely to reap more by selling their crops outside the country at better prices.

"If a higher price for coffee is in Dar es Salaam, we shall make sure that you sell the crop at preferential markets. We will put in place simple procedures to facilitate selling of crops through the Agricultural and Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS)", said the presidential aspirant.

Lissu added: "We will put in place a system which will allow competition among buyers so that farmers could obtain higher prices."

Lissu said because Tanzania is part of the joint East African Community (EAC) it is important that farmers exploit all the available market potentials by exporting their crops to partner states.

He said that Karagwe District has a big number of coffee farmers but the market thereof has gone down compared with the past.

Lissu attributed the drop to

cooperative societies whereby after harvest, a farmer is told he cannot sell wherever he wanted except through cooperatives which issues him with receipt instead of money, and added that it was similar story for cashew nuts farmers.

The biggest buyers of Tanzania coffee are Japan (22 percent), Italy (19 percent) and USA (12 percent). The Korean firm expects to export coffee to Southern Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Myanmar.

Coffee production in Tanzania has stagnated over the years, despite the fact that new farms are being established, especially in some rural areas where farmers have opportunities for buying or change land use. The current total number of coffee farmers is 225,947 with 149,318,404 coffee trees and 123,295 hectares.

According to the Tanzania Coffee Board, the National production for the year (2016/2017) stood at 43,272 tonnes of clean coffee a decline from 59,648 tonnes from the 2015/16 season. The production for the 2014/15 marketing year was 41,486 tonnes.

Most of the East African population (nearly 80 percent) live in the rural areas and directly or indirectly depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Agriculture contributes the largest share of national economies in East Africa.

According to FAO and World Bank's Development Indicators (2015), agriculture accounts for 43 percent of the average total GDP in the region. In Tanzania, agriculture accounts for 31 percent of the nation's GDP.

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starts producing oil... it is oil for all Zanzibaris hence if you elect me, I will go and discuss the issue with our colleagues in the Union Government to remove oil and gas from Union matters," he declared.

He also vehemently castigated the incident involving three Kangagani residents in Pemba, saying ACT-Wazalendo does not have a policy of attacking and beating up people.

The party's vice chairman for Zanzibar, Juma Duni Haji said he has been disqualified to contest for the House of Representatives seat for Mtoni, where authorities allegedly cited

uncertainty on his "gender status."

Apart from Hamad, there are 14 other candidates in the race, namely Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (CCM), Said Soud (AAPP), Juma Ali Khatib (Ada Tadea), Hamad Rashid Muhammad (ADC), Mfaume Khamis (NLD), Ali Juma (Chaamma), Issa Muhammed Zonga (SAU), Ameri Said Ameri (Demokrasia Makini) and Hamad Muhammed Ibrahim (UPDP).

Others are Hussein Juma Salim (Tanzania Labour Party- TLP), Mohamed Omar Baharia (Union for Multiparty Democracy -UMD), Shafi Hassan Suleiman (Democratic Party), Khamis Faki Mgau (NRA), and Othman Rashid Khamis (CCK).

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of national accountancy bodies across East Africa, including the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA), which the report said is a valued long-term strategic partner of ACCA.

Standard Chartered (T) CEO, Sanjay Rughani said that while Covid-19 has accelerated businesses to embrace digital tools, it was now up to businesses to drive beneficial impacts through effective recovery plans.

They should also consider how business models need to evolve in the future and enhancing workforce capabilities critical to effective responses, he elaborated.

"Workforce capabilities are a critical part of an effective response. Behavioural competencies such as adaptability, curiosity and creativity will be instrumental to the recovery of the economy," he asserted.

Businesses must put in place smarter and better approaches in communication to assure stakeholders, he said, noting that this would uplift investor confidence, improve collaborative spheres and intensify the recovery.

Reflecting on Tanzania at present, he said the country's approach to the Covid-19 pandemic was good, one that ensured that there was close collaboration between the public and private sectors.

In Tanzania the pandemic was contained even without the government employing lockdowns, "thanks to maintaining hygienic practices."

He however noted that the outbreak challenged some sectors including

tourism, exports, foreign direct investment (FDI) and remittances.

"With the whole world catching the cold, Tanzania, which of course is part of the global economy infrastructure, is also sneezing," he told the participants.

Brian de Souza, a partner with KPMG East Africa and head of consulting said that for businesses to transform, every organisation needs to look at opportunities offered by the digital cloud, to shape how information is consumed and changing the way people work.

"The cloud provides a secure platform you can access from anywhere," he said, while Dr Neema Kiure-Mssusa, member of the governing council and vice chairperson for NBAA, said that automation is an opportunity to boost efficiency.

Agility and adaptability are vital in putting economies on the right footing, she said, intoning that accountants need to enhance skills in technology and take up digital transformation in driving business forward.

"When developing a technology strategy for businesses, it is important to look ahead and anticipate the potential future needs of businesses and clients," the researcher declared.

Lawrence Semakula, Accountant General at the Ugandan Treasury said it was high time for governments to shift from the health emergency to social and economic recovery, noting that the full recovery of economies was going to be a gradual process.

ACCA Africa Director Jamil Ampomah underlined that key decision makers and business leaders must find a lasting solution to the economic impact of Covid-19.



This is the wreckage of a car involved in a collision with a truck at Mvuleni in Muheza District yesterday that left one person dead and two people injured. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

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enabling health workers give the needed treatment," the 300 page document reads in part.

In other remarks, CCM says that in the next five years it will continue focusing on the health sector as it

touches on people's lives and welfare as a whole.

The aim is to enable Tanzanians access good facilities for health care to lessen burdens of disease and their impact on developmental activities.

"CCM will instruct the government to ensure it strengthens free healthcare

provision for mothers and under-five children to curb maternal deaths," the manifesto emphasizes.

It will also push the government to strengthen availability of necessary drugs in health centres and equipment for health workers.

In this regard CCM will ensure the

government puts in place a positive investment environment in the health sector so that more industries are established to produce drugs locally using the country's raw materials in the process and thus reducing the burden of importing drugs, it adds.



Kigoma regional commissioner Thobias Andengeny (2nd-R) presents a bag of fertiliser made by Yara Tanzania to a smallholder farmer (2nd-L) at yesterday's launch of the distribution of free distribution starter pack fertiliser in Kigoma-Ujiji municipality. Others are Yara Tanzania western zone manager Phillip Mwakipesile (L) and Kigoma district commissioner Samson Anga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

JPM elevates health centre to level district of hospital

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBER of the ruling party Central Committee and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said yesterday that President John Magufuli has elevated the status of Bwisya Health centre in Ukara Island in Lake Victoria within Ukerewe District to a District Hospital with effect from Wednesday this week.

Majaliwa was speaking on Wednesday to Bwisya ward residents at a campaign rally. He added that formerly the health centre was a dispensary but its status was elevated to ensure quality health services to the residents of Ukara ward.

"We want the residents not to be troubled by travelling to Nansio - the District headquarters for treatment; as such treatment will be provided here. This means more buildings will be constructed as well as various medical departments, including medical

specialists," he said.

According to the Premier, the Ukerewe District Hospital in the Island will also be elevated to regional status.

Majaliwa said: "A total of 1.4bn/- was provided to elevate Bwisya dispensary to the health centre status. Many district hospitals in the country have been provided with 1.8bn/- each and so you will also be provided with funds to complete construction of essential buildings."

Majaliwa, who is in Mwanza Region to campaign for CCM Presidential Candidate, John Magufuli used the occasion to also campaign for CCM Parliamentary Candidate for Ukerewe, Joseph Mkundi as well as Dickson Sute Bwisya who is contesting for the Bwisya ward councillorship seat.

In regard to water transport, Majaliwa said the matter has been highlighted in the party's election manifesto, noting that plans are to construct four ferries.

He said the ferries will be plying between Bugolora - Ukara and Kayenze - Bezi (in Mwanza Region); Nyamisati - Mafia (Coast Region) and Nkome - Chato -Buharamba (Geita Region).

He said the government has finalised the purchase of three rescue boats Ilugwa - Ukara (Ukerewe District) and Nafuba - Gana at Ukerewe.

The National Electoral Commission (NEC) announced October 28 as the date for the country's presidential election.

The electoral body said that election campaigns would run from August 26 to October 27.

During the elections, registered voters will also vote to elect members of parliament and local councillors.

According to the NEC, about 29 million Tanzanians have registered to vote in this year's election, compared to some 23 million voters registered in 2015.

Researchers urge government, the private sector to invest more in cultivation of quality oil palms

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

RESEARCHERS have called on the government and private sector to invest heavily in supporting the cultivation of palm trees and production of quality palm oil in the country so as to ensure enough supply of the product in the local and the international market.

A researcher of food science and postharvest technology from Mbeya University of Science and Technology Zaharan Mgina said that there is a need to improve the farming and investment environment to enable farmers produce quality palm oil which will be able to stay in the market for long without deteriorating.

Mgina made the remarks recently during the five-day workshop training organised by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)

in Dar es Salaam.

He said that the government should also invest in awareness programmes by educating farmers on good harvest and postharvest handling practices of palm fruits. "Majority of farmers are still unaware of the best methods to handle palm fruits before oil extraction procedure takes place. If the fruits will be handled well, then they would produce the best quality of crude palm oil needed in the market.

He said that poor harvest practices of palm fruits lowers the quality of crude palm oil calling for responsible organs to act upon and to improve the production of palm fruits and oil.

According to his research conducted in Kyela District, Mbeya Region, researchers concluded that crude palm oil for domestic consumption is processed in traditional mills mainly using non-food grade equipment, the process does not meet the

standards for food quality and safety.

"Nonetheless, limited data is available on the effects of the methods of extraction and postharvest handling of palm oil fruit on the quality and storability of crude oil in the country," he said.

Mgina who is also a lecturer at the University, said that palm oil is a vegetable oil of economic importance, which originates from palm fruits, but the oil is susceptible to quality deterioration caused by unfavourable changes in odor, colour, taste, flavor and aroma.

"The study findings shows that use of poor harvesting techniques of fresh fruit bunches, rough cutting of fresh fruit bunches, rough transport of the fruits from the farm, long storage durations of fruit bunches before oil extraction, extraction operations and packaging storage contribute to the weakening of the palm oil," he said.

He said that the study was conducted to investigate factors contributing to the quality deterioration of locally processed crude palm oil.

But also, to compare the impact of oil extraction methods, including the traditional approach versus semi-mechanized approaches, coupled with or without postharvest handling practices of fruits, respectively and establish the most appropriate extraction approach, packaging and storage life of crude palm oil.

The findings also show that crude palm oil packed in metal containers and clear transparent glass containers was susceptible to both changes in odor, colour, taste and flavor, reactions that lower its quality.

He said use of plastic or dark coloured containers and cool is recommended for shelf stability of crude palm oil during long term storage.

THE COMPANIES ACT
[CAP 212 R.E. 2002]

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NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT OF
FINAL MEETING AND DISSOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the Final Meeting of the Members for the purposes of laying down the accounts and giving any explanations thereof with respect to the voluntary winding up of Accenture Consulting Services Limited (the "Company") that was to take place on 10 August 2020, pursuant to section 345 of the Companies Act [Cap 212 R.E. 2002] was adjourned until further notice as the meeting failed to meet quorum requirements. The date of the next meeting will be communicated in the future once scheduled.

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 - i. Third Party Processing Services
 - ii. Supply/Lease of Point of Sale Machine (POS)
3. Request for Proposal documents can be downloaded from the website www.nbc.co.tz and then click 'Procurement' to access the document.
4. All Proposals in one original and one copy set properly filled in, and enclosed in sealed envelope marked as per service name written on the RFP Document and should be addressed to; **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, 6th FLOOR, and P. O. BOX 1863 DAR ES SALAAM.**
5. Sealed applications and Bids must be submitted not later than **Friday, 16th October 2020 at 1600 hrs.** Proposal shall be delivered by hand to the Tender Box located at reception of Head Office building, ground floor along Sokoine Drive /Azikiwe Street.

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CAMFED Overview

CAMFED (the Campaign for Female Education) is internationally recognised as a leader in education for girls, for its child protection policy and practise, and as a voice for girls' education and women's empowerment at the highest levels. Founded in 1993, CAMFED supports young women throughout their primary and secondary schools years, into economic training and further education, and onto leadership, as role models, activists and philanthropists. CAMFED Tanzania is looking to recruit District Program Coordinators to fill vacant position in various districts which CAMFED operates.

Job Title	: DISTRICT PROGRAM COORDINATORS (4 Posts)
Accountable to	: Program Officer
Salary	: Competitive
Start Date	: ASAP
Location	: Various districts in which CAMFED operates.

Job purpose:

As District Programs Coordinator, guided by CAMFED 's organisational policies and procedures, you are responsible for supporting the CDC's operationalization of the CAMFED strategic plan in the designated district. This will include coordinating planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of all CAMFED Operations in the district towards our core mission: to multiply educational opportunities for marginalised children (especially girls) and to develop the CAMA network as a vehicle for young women's empowerment. This is also an exciting opportunity to play a key role in supporting young, rural women to build successful businesses, be economically independent and support the next generation of girls to go to school.

Specific Accountabilities:

- Promotion, implementation, observance and adherence with the CAMFED Child Protection Policy in all district operations
- Administration of outlined support to targeted recipients i.e. clients, alumnae members, schools, communities and committees
- Administration seed money schemes i.e Grants and Loans. Awareness creation, managing Loans/Grants applications and keeping records of clients i.e. Contracts, Waivers, Repayments and database information
- Facilitate CAMA-CAMA business collaboration, trade and marketing strategy; for example by connecting new CAMA entrepreneurs to more experienced mentors/partners and supporting CAMA entrepreneurs in complementary sectors to work together
- Administration and management of BTEC i.e. assessments and capacity building to CAMA alumnae
- Coordinate support to structures governance and activities i.e. Teacher Mentors, Parent Support Groups, School Based Committees and CAMA Chapters
- Stay up-to-date with Government policies and opportunities within the district with regard to youth education and enterprise opportunities and share insights with the wider CAMFED team to ensure alignment.
- Support young women secure markets and raw materials for their products and services, coordinate and link entrepreneurs to business opportunities that will enhance their growth and scale
- Records maintenance for the CAMFED operations in the districts these include correspondences within, to and from the district, reports and minutes of activities conducted within the district or involving residents of the district e.g. letters from schools, CAMA, beneficiaries, CDC minutes, data for salesforce update etc
- Facilitating the preparation and submission to National Office work plans, budgets, activity reports, expenditures and financial statements on CAMFED operations in the district e.g. for CDC meetings, community outreaches, monitoring trips etc
- Promotion, implementation, observance and adherence with the CAMFED Procurement Policy
- Logistical arrangements/support for all district operations in the district
 - E.g Invitations, accommodation and transport arrangements for workshop participants
 - Conduct routine meetings, monitoring and verification exercises
 - Scheduling appointments, meetings and personal appearances by the CDC/ any such persons as requested by organisation
 - Coordinating external visits in the district: i.e. donors/ evaluators etc
- Supervising any support to volunteers (to include CAMA Guides and interns) and Ensure that CAMA District Centers are kept-up-to-date with learning resources and that young women are aware of training, funding and advisory services available to them.
- Coordinating the production, distribution and regular review of a district termly calendar of events
- Production of district monthly operations report against the provided for format
- Participate as a CAMFED staff member in provincial, national, regional and International engagements as requested
- Management of all CAMFED assets at the district office and CAMA Centres
- Other duties as assigned from time to time

Person Specifications

Essential:

- A Bachelor's Degree, Post-graduate Diploma in Business Management, Agribusiness, Veterinary, Fishery, Community Development or Economic Development.

Desired Skills and Experience

- Practical business experience and understanding of core business skills including financial record-keeping.
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- Must have skills in using Microsoft office package
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- Must have strong relationship management skills and the ability to connect with different people at all levels in society - particularly deepening partnerships within government entrepreneurship structures, private institutions and successful individual entrepreneurs for the benefit of CAMA.
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Over 200 youth to convene in Arusha for the 23rd Tanzania International Model United Nations 2020

By Getrude Mbagu

OVER 200 youth from in and outside the country are expected to meet in Arusha at the 23rd Tanzania International Model United Nations (TIMUN) 2020 to discuss various issues affecting the group and their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To be conducted in Arusha from September 29 to October 2, this year, the four-day event is organised by the Youth of United Nations Association (YUNA) of Tanzania with support from the United Nations. It is themed: "Youth Roles in Creating The Future We Want".

Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, UN national information officer Didi Nafisa said the United Nations will continue supporting the youth to enable them contribute in the implementation of SDGs.

She said that the Tanzania International Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations General Assembly in Tanzania, where

young people from all over the world and from different backgrounds get an opportunity to practice their diplomatic and leadership skills through debates and discussions governed by the United Nations rules and procedures.

Nafisa pointed out the importance of youth's participation in development issues in Tanzania where youth comprise over 60 percent of the population.

"Young people are doing a lot in the public. It is important for them to be informed and also to be involved in the implementation of sustainable development goals especially now where the most focus is the result. The attendees will also get time to air their views concerning various issues of development through an online survey launched by the UN."

Philemon Mweleka, event coordinator said: "I am very pleased to see many participants of this year's event despite various challenges we are facing including Covid-19. I am grateful to the

United Nations organisations in Tanzania for facilitating the youth forum to exchange ideas on the implementation of a sustainable development agenda by 2030. At the meeting the youth will have the opportunity to change their ideas and express their hopes."

He said that this year's meeting will focus more on four thematic areas which are youth involvement in the circular economy paradigm, civic engagement, youth skills for decent work and employment as well as youth role in advocating Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Reproductive Health.

For her part, Godfrida Magubo, communications and advocacy officer at the United Nations Association of Tanzania (UNA Tanzania) said the series of TIMUN's events have been bringing young people closer to the United Nations and increase the ability of young people to discuss issues affecting the world and get the opportunity to provide solutions to the implementation of SDGs.



Bank donates materials to support construction of two dorms for girls at Kiriba Secondary School in Musoma

By Guardian Reporter

TPB Bank plc has donated various materials to support construction of two dormitories for girls at the Kiriba secondary school in Musoma District, Mara Region.

The materials worth 10m/- which include 250 bags of cement, sand, stones and pebbles, were handed over to the Musoma District Council Director (DED) John Kayombo.

Speaking during the handover event, TPB acting Corporate Affairs Manager Chichi Banda said that the two dormitories will be able to accommodate form five and six girl students at the school.

Banda said that one of the bank's priorities is to support various

governments' development initiatives which include enabling provision of quality education in the country.

"It is our responsibility to support all schools, including those in rural areas so that all children can have access to quality education so as to fulfill their dreams," she said.

She noted that Education plays a vital role in tackling a whole range of development issues, including building the right skills for productive employment, eradication of poverty, improving health and sanitation and supporting a country's overall economic and social advancement.

"TPB bank is one of the biggest stakeholders of the education sector in the country, it is our responsibility

to support these marginalised schools especially those located in rural areas through facilitating smooth teaching and learning," she added.

Musoma DED, John Kayombo commended the bank for the support saying that the construction of the hostels will automatically address a number of challenges which faces girls at the school including poor attendance and hunger due to long walking distances.

Kayombo said that he understands that the bank had received a number of applications for education support, but Kiriba was lucky.

"I am going to ensure that residents in Musoma join TBP bank and use its financial services as it values the lives of the marginalised," Kayombo said.

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Wintech: Rapidly growing elevator dealer in East African region

By Guardian Correspondent

WINTECH ELEVATORS TANZANIA LTD, a CLASS ONE Registered Company by CRB in Elevators & Escalators Industry was established in 2008 as the sole installer & maintenance provider of CANNY ELEVATORS, TORIN DRIVE USA & ECS-make elevators & escalators from China and now the company prides itself as a rapidly growing elevator industry in the East Africa Region with successfully booked more than 600 elevators in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Tanga, Iringa, Nairobi as well as in London.

Wintech has a wide range of elevators starting from small bungalow elevators to big Goods elevators or Car Elevators with higher capacity.

The company research and development department continues with efforts to keep in pace with the changing global standard of safety and style that before delivery every elevator undergoes tower testing in the factory. The already installed elevators in Dar-es-salaam had reached more than 629 in a less than 9 years.

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Wintech is a very professionally managed company, specialized in supplying, installing and maintaining elevators, es-

calators, and parking systems supported by a team of professionals over the last decade.

Wintech has a team of top class and experienced professional engineers, technical staff and managers and has 40-man staff experience of almost 10-15 years in the field of elevators and escalator installation in Dar Es Salaam.

Products and services

Owning both advanced technology and sophisticated functional configuration, Wintech have integrated high-end allocation, efficiency, smartness and energy saving. Outstanding features into one and comprehensively applied various fields of technologies, Such as information, environment, energy, making a contribution to creating rich and colourful urban life. Among the product offered by wintech are Passenger Elevator, MRL Elevator, Panoramic Elevator, Home Elevator, Hospital Elevators and Freight Elevators.

ELEVATORS

Offers a range of spacious Elevators, which is designed to provide comfortable movement to men and luggage between different floors of the buildings.

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Assessment Summary for PREMIUM Lift Landing Doorsets

Scope of Assessment

This summary has been prepared by Exova Warringtonfire and is a summary of the assessment report referenced below. Full details of the construction, justification for the conclusions given, along with validity statements are given in that report. The lift landing doorsets have been appraised for **120 minutes integrity performance (E120)** with respect to EN 81-58: 2003.

Report Reference	Period of Validity
WF Assessment Report No. 371363A	Until 1 st October 2021

Appraised Scope

Door Type	Clear Opening Size Range (mm)			
	Min. Width	Max. Width	Min. Height	Max. Height
PRT1H	600	800	2000	2600
	600	900	2000	2200
	600	950	2000	2000
PRT2H	600	1600	2000	2600
PRT3H	600	2000	2000	2600
PRT4H	600	2500	2000	2600
PRC2H	600	1600	2000	2600
PRC4H	600	3000	2000	2600
PRC6H	1200	3100	2000	2600
PRC8H	1400	3100	2000	2600

The following extended size range may be used where the door panel includes additional reinforcement and intumescent seals (see full report for further details):

PRT1H	600	900	2000	2600
	600	950	2000	2200
	600	1000	2000	2000

Additional Optional Modifications

The doorset may incorporate various side-panel, control box and frame post configurations, as shown on the drawings appended to the original report.

The door frame may be installed in any of the following three ways:

- Inside the reveal of the opening with an adjustable steel profile surrounding the perimeter
- Inside the reveal of the opening with the perimeter of the doorset infilled with concrete.
- Face fixed to the 'shalt' face of the wall.

Option for double-skin construction

Modified carrier and horizontal reinforcement fixing details

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This Assessment Summary has been compiled between Exova Warringtonfire and Ningbo Arttec Co. Ltd.. It is intended to provide a brief outline of the above referenced assessment report and does not replace it. Full copies of the assessment may be obtained from:

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBMISSION OF MONTHLY FERTILIZER IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY, 2020 TO JUNE, 2021

Being the regulator of the Fertilizer Bulk Procurement System (BPS) according to the Fertilizer (Bulk Procurement) Regulations of 2017, TFRA is inviting all Farmers' Co-operative Unions (FCUs), Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS), Village Community Banks (VICOBA), Savings & Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), fertilizer dealers and other stakeholders to submit monthly importation requirements for DAP, Urea, NPKs, SA, CAN fertilizer for the aforementioned period. Please avail hard copy to TFRA offices or send by to email info@tfra.go.tz copy to bps@tfra.go.tz before **September 30th 2020** using the requirements and bank guarantee formats available at www.tfra.go.tz. Bank guarantees should be submitted on quarterly basis.

TFRA upholds its commitment of partnering with all stakeholders in ensuring timely availability of quality fertilizer and fertilizer supplements to all farmers in Tanzania at affordable prices and payment terms

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TANZANIA METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY

TENDER NO. AE/003/2020-21/HQ/G/12

for

MANUFACTURING, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSION OF METEOROLOGICAL WEATHER RADAR AT NZUGUNI HILLS DODOMA AND MARETONI HILLS ARUMERU ARUSHA.

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 24th September 2020

1. This Invitation for Tenders follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project which appeared in www.taneps.go.tz on **8th July 2020**.
2. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has set aside funds for the operation of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) during the financial year 2020/2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the **Manufacture, Supply, Install, Testing and Commission of Meteorological Weather RADAR at Nzuguni Hills Dodoma and Maretoni Hills Arumeru Arusha.**
3. The Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) now invites sealed Tenders from eligible Manufacturers to **Manufacture, Supply, Install, Testing and Commission of Meteorological Weather RADAR at Nzuguni Hills Dodoma and Maretoni Hills Arumeru Arusha.**
4. Tendering will be conducted through the **International Competitive Tendering** specified in the Procurement Regulations, 2013 – Government Notice No.446 as amended in 2016 and is open to all Tenderers as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS).
5. Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Secretary of the Tender Board, Tanzania Meteorological Authority, Ubungu Plaza, 388 Morogoro Rd, P.O. Box 3056, 16102 Dar es Salaam, Head Office, Room No. 310, Ubungu Plaza 3rd Floor, Morogoro **from 7:30 am to 3:30pm on Mondays to Fridays** inclusive except on public holidays.
6. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tshs 300,000.00 (Tanzania Shillings Three Hundred Thousand Only)**. Payment should make through GePG portal after obtaining electronic invoice/bill from the Director General Tanzania Meteorological Authority.
7. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender security in an acceptable form in the amount of two percent (2%) of tender amount. Tender security must be addressed to Director General, Tanzania Meteorological Authority, Ubungu Plaza, 388 Morogoro Rd, P.O. Box 3056, 16102 Dar es Salaam
8. All Tenders in **one original plus three copies**, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the Director General, **Tanzania Meteorological Authority**, Ubungu Plaza, 388 Morogoro Rd, P.O. Box 3056, 16102 Dar es Salaam, Head Office, Room No. 310, at or before **13:00 hour's local time on Tuesday, 27th October 2020**. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the **Tanzania Meteorological Authority** Conference Room 3rd floor, Ubungu Plaza.
9. Late Tenders, portion of Tenders, electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened at the Tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

DIRECTOR GENERAL
TANZANIA METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY,
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By Guardian Reporter, Iringa

Breastfeeding mothers cautioned against giving food supplements to babies of under six months

BREASTFEEDING mothers in Iringa Region have been challenged to follow experts' instructions and avoid giving supplement foods to babies in their first six months.

Iringa Municipal Council Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jesca Leba gave the advice when addressing breastfeeding mothers in the region at an event—'Mother Meet Up' organised by the USAID Tulonge Afya project under the NAWAZA platform.

The event aimed at reminding mothers the importance of breastfeeding and how to properly take care of their newborns.

She said that children from 0 to 6 months should not be supplemented with any food, noting supplementation affects their health and growth physically and mentally.

Dr Leba said that some existing outdated traditional customs hinders efforts by the government and stakeholders towards changing mother's mindset that breast milk is

the best food for infants in their first six months.

She however added that more mothers are now exclusively breastfeeding their babies.

"We have largely achieved our targeted goals, but there are some few parents in our region who are pressured by their family members to give supplement food and water to the newborns on the grounds that breast milk alone is not enough," she stated adding almost all the women are now aware of the importance of exclusive breastfeeding.

Some breastfeeding mothers who participated at the event testified and shared their experiences and challenges related to the customs and traditions.

"My baby was crying a lot in the first

two weeks after birth; my aunt told me to supplement her diet claiming that my milk was not enough. I refused and continued to breastfeed my baby until she was six months old," said Theresia Joseph, a mother of two.

Theresia said that she started giving her some supplement food when she was seven months.

Sezaria Andrew is the coordinator of Reproductive and Child Health in Iringa municipal, she said that despite the government's efforts to ensure exclusive breastfeeding for six months, the contribution of stakeholders is not to be underestimated in ensuring a successful campaign.

"We are thankful to our stakeholders, USAID Tulonge Afya as they have been a major link in the campaign, contributing to the

achieved successes; we ask them to continue supporting us as we work to fight for improved health of Tanzanian children," said Theresia.

Babies who are introduced to food

before the first six months of life are more likely to suffer from a variety of ailments, including gastrointestinal disorders due to gastrointestinal insufficiency".

Iringa is one of the regions with the highest prevalence of children with malnutrition (47 percent) despite the region being one of the food basket regions in the country.



Jonathan Bitabaje (R), NBC Bank's products and banking services manager, addresses mining stakeholders from Lake Victoria Zone regions yesterday at an Investment and Business Opportunity Forum held as part of the ongoing Geita Mining and Technology Exhibition. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dar firm in new drive to empower young graduates with software developing skills

By Guardian Reporter

A DAR ES SALAAM-based software development company—Ellipsis Digital has embarked on new approach aimed at bridging the gap between school and industry by empowering young graduates with software developing skills.

Speaking at a monthly meet up for tech entrepreneurs in Dar es Salaam, Ng'winula Kingamkono, co-founder of Ellipsis Digital said that his firm announced the second intake of its work readiness programme popularly known as Developers Outreach Programme (DOPE), which is set to start in October.

The year-long programme that combines in classroom training and virtual training targets aspiring software developers in Tanzanian universities. It aims to up skill them in the latest coding technologies including C# and PHP. Most importantly, the programme helps young developers gain practical paid work experience by working on real life projects for companies in Tanzania and in the East Africa region.

At the end of the programme, developers are able to develop web based applications, systems and mobile apps.

Kingamkono said: "We started this programme because we had a difficult time finding reliable developers with up-to-date skills to work with, on our projects. To solve this, we decided to build and nurture our own developers. So we put out a call to university students and graduates studying computer science and engineering and admitted 20 participants that we trained for over a year."

"We care about the quality of skills we share and we know by focusing on a small group we can deliver that efficiently."

The challenge of finding a skilled graduate to hire is not unique to Ellipsis Digital or to the tech industry alone. It is in fact a widespread problem in Tanzania. According to the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), 61% of graduates in Tanzania are half baked; they lack the job market skills.

"Now more than ever, companies are searching for talent that will help them transition into the digital space but they are receiving talents from universities that have never used relevant tools and have not worked in a simulated work environment. For any company or organisation, this is costly and very frustrating," he said.

"It is clear that we cannot continue

using the same production line methods used in the 20th century to train young people. It is not working for the young people or for us, the employers. It is definitely not working for universities and they need support to keep up with the changing digital economy and teaching industry-relevant skills. That is why work readiness programmes such as DOP at Ellipsis Digital (DOP@E) that take on a new approach are important in bridging the gap between school and industry," said Cynthia Bavu, who hosted Ng'winula Kingamkono at the tech meetup.

The results, she said that in recent months, DOP@E participants worked on several projects for several companies.

"I have learned so much from this programme. I came into the programme with little knowledge of DevOps and web development and now I am able to build websites on my own," said Eric Nsimba from University of Dar es Salaam.

Ellipsis is inviting companies in Tanzania and the East Africa region to get involved in the programme by booking and hiring software developers to develop website and apps under the close management of a team of seasoned developers.

Establishment of mineral trading hubs has played crucial role to speed up loan provisions to artisanal miners - govt

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

THE government has said the establishment of mineral trading hubs across the country has been one of the key ways to speed up loan provisions to artisanal miners while commending NBC Bank for its commitment to support the group through business management trainings and loan opportunities.

Speaking at the Investment and Business Opportunity Forum held at the ongoing Geita Mining and Technology Exhibition, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Minerals Prof Simon Msanjila said through the mineral markets the artisanal miners sell minerals openly with their business records kept properly hence an opportunity for financial institutions in the country to use the records as one of the major tools towards loans issuance to the miners.

"The available business records for each small-scale miner in our mineral markets will greatly help our financial institutions including NBC Bank which has expressed interest in helping the group to now issue loans especially after the trainings," he said.

Further, Prof Msanjila called on all mines in the country to ensure that

they bank with financial institutions in the country as well as cooperating with the institutions by providing proper legal contracts to their suppliers so that the same contracts could be used by the suppliers to apply for loans from the financial institutions.

"If suppliers get financial supports from the financial institutions such as NBC Bank it will also be beneficial for the mines as the suppliers will be able to have the financial capacity that will enable them to handle their responsibilities effectively and at acceptable quality," he added.

Geita Regional Commissioner Eng Robert Gabriel said the move by financial institutions to start issuing loans to small scale miners is a good indication of the economic transformation of the miners and the government as a whole as through such loans miners would increase their operation capital at the same time applying the knowledge they got during the training to operate effectively and at standards.

"A good example is the training provided by NBC bank to small-scale miners and SMEs. In other words, the beneficiaries will not only be financially empowered but also have a good understanding of how

to carry out their activities," said Engineer Gabriel, while also urging financial institutions to conduct a thorough risk analysis during the process.

Speaking during the forum, NBC's Products and Banking Services Manager, Jonathan Bitabaje also called on the government to give more pressure to the large mines in the country to ensure they cooperate with the financial institutions by providing legal contracts to their service providers to make it easier for the lenders to use the same contract as collateral for loans to the service providers.

"At NBC Bank we issue unsecured loans to distributors and suppliers of large companies but all we need is the legal tender contract to confirm the legitimacy and value of the tender. That is why we politely ask our fellows from the mines to help us in this," he explained.

Bitababaje commended the government for the establishment of mineral markets in the country, noting that in addition to helping small-scale miners in doing their business, the presence of these markets also formalises the financial records of the miners.

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Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 km's west of the fast growing town of Geita, and also a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:

Position:	Specialist 1 - Equipment Jumbo Driller
Job Number:	GGM-2020-XUG-09
Number of Positions:	02
Works For:	Senior Specialist - Underground Mine Production
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed / certified Jumbo Operator Training certificate / Experience - Preferred
Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive experience (8 -10years) working as Jumbo Operator. Knowledge of Underground Mining practices and the efficient operations of an Underground Jumbo Ability to work autonomously/ independently with limited supervision Demonstrated abilities to work within a team environment
Purpose of the Role:	The role focuses on providing specialist support to underground mining including training and coaching of junior Jumbo operators. Incumbent shall ensure drive drill patterns are drilled using a mechanised electric/ Hydraulic Jumbo drill suitable to ground conditions and in compliance with site specific drill patterns and survey instruction. As experienced Jumbo Specialist, to ensure effective transfer of skills and knowledge to junior operators following the set development plans.
Main or Key Accountabilities:	<p>SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute AGA Safety practices required for the task. Identify, understand and address safety hazards and risks related to the task. Determine what could go wrong and what needs to be done to work safely before starting a task and help others to work safely. Continually look for new hazards in the workplace and report them to Supervisor. Demonstrate work behaviors consistent with the company Safety Vision & Values and work within prescribed boundaries. Promptly report all injuries, illnesses and incidents. Suggest ways of improving Safety performance within Geology department. Speak up if he/she thinks that the task cannot be done safely and courage to talk to Supervisor he/she thinks of being unable to work at his/her best. Establish and maintain processes to ensure that all environmental risks and emerging issues are identified and mitigation plans to put in place <p>TRAINING & SKILLS TRANSFER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure effective transfer of skills and knowledge to junior operators following the set development plans To train and coach new and existing Jumbo Operators and Jumbo Offsiders and grow their ability to function optimally under all underground mining conditions Review and modify training development plans for identified national successors and provide regular feedback on their progress Prepare bi -annual training report on the progress of the identified national successors on the - job development <p>TECHNICAL / PRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse and Identify key skills & knowledge required by all team members in order to carry out their roles effectively and safely. Accurately drill a number of drive drill patterns using a mechanised electric /Hydraulic Jumbo drill suitable to ground conditions and in compliance with site specific drill patterns and survey instruction. Assess ground conditions at the face and implement ground control according to site requirement Read and accurately follow mining instruction plan with skill and precision ensuring holes are drilled to design line, gradient and profile Optimise drill patterns to ensure maximum advance per round is achieved whilst maintaining strict adherence to design specifications Communicate with training department, surveyors, geologists and engineers as required Ensure work area is safe for personnel and equipment to perform working duties including ensuring electrical installations and services are clear of the drilling area
Additional Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked in highly mechanised Underground operations. Valid Tanzanian Driving licence with Underground driving experience Blasting Certificate The ability to work across all disciplines, where rigorous engagement and interaction is expected. The ability to handle conflict resolution. The ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing. The ability to work and communicate with people at all levels/good interpersonal skills.
Mode of Application:	Application cover letter (Subject should be: Specialist 1- Equipment Jumbo Driller and/or quote the job number), detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e- mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees, to be forwarded to below address. You will be required to bring original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
Contact Address:	Senior Manager Human Resources, Geita Gold Mining Ltd, P.O.Box 532, Geita. Email: jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com
Application Deadline:	NB: Internal applicants may submit applications to departmental Senior Supervisor Technical. All internal applications must be endorsed by the applicant's head of department. Application letters should reach the above on or before 5th October 2020 - 17hr30. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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Maize, rice growers in Kigoma told to register themselves to access free fertiliser from Yara

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

MAIZE and paddy growers in Kigoma Region have been urged to register themselves, so that they can get in orderly way free fertilizer that have been donated by Yara Tanzania Company Limited.

Launching the supply scheme here yesterday Regional Commissioner Thobias Andengeny called on smallholder farmers to make most of the opportunity to increase production of the two crops in order to raise their income and stabilise food security. Maize is Tanzania's staple food.

"This is a good programme that will increase crop output. In order to benefit from the free fertiliser, growers should follow strictly instructions given by the organisers after registering themselves. A farmer will register using his or her phone by pressing "149*46*16#", he explained.

He said production programmes that seek to increase agricultural production were very welcome because agriculture was such a strategic sector in developing the national economy and

was said to be employing almost 65 per cent. He said use of right fertilizer offered under that programme would raise farmers' income and increase food production nationally.

In its programme called Action Africa, Yara International has set aside 12 and a half thousand tonnes of fertilizer valued at 16.5 billion to be distributed to Tanzanian growers to boost maize and paddy harvests. The fertilizer are estimated to cost 16.5bn/-.

Yara Western Commercial Zonal Manager, Phillip Mwakipesile, said their company was thankful for the cooperation it was receiving from the Ministry of Agriculture. "We thank the ministry for the support it has given us in the last 15 years of our company's existence. We believe we shall do bigger and greater things in the years ahead for the good of farmers and Tanzania's development as a whole," Mwakipesile said.

A beneficiary of the scheme, Semeni Gumwa, described the arrangement as superb and beneficial. "This is a wonderful programme. Personally I rarely use fertilizer. This is a very nice and new experience," he said.

Over 7,000 drilled on Kaizen methodology

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 7,800 Tanzanians have been trained on Japanese productivity methodology, Kaizen, in a programme carried out by four institutions.

According to a statement released yesterday by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the trainings have been conducted this month by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), the College of Business Education (CBE) and JICA itself.

According to the advisory, the trainings took place in seven regions namely Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Morogoro and Mwanza.

These were preceded by a one-day Kaizen stakeholders' workshop in Singida Region on September 11 which focused on raising awareness among participants on the importance of Kaizen and national plans for its mainstreaming.

The Singida workshop attracted more than

80 participants drawn from government institutions, business enterprises, financial institutions, and other providers of business development services in the region.

The workshop featured CBE as the major stakeholder in the area of Kaizen training with the responsibility of preparing Kaizen trainers in various regions.

Through such mobilisation efforts, more than 7,800 participants have so far been sensitized by Kaizen philosophy and methodology. Additionally, the team has implemented more specialized Kaizen training, whereby so far more than 200 Kaizen coordinators and 298 Kaizen trainers have been trained.

As a result, 175 Kaizen trainers have been officially registered, including 38 leading trainers called "Advanced Kaizen Trainers". The aim of such Kaizen workshops and trainings is to reach more areas quickly both in urban and rural sectors. Consequently, more than 132 companies have benefited from Kaizen (of which 25 per cent are large companies and 75 per cent are SMEs). The

team expects to have more beneficiaries through the workshop and the Kaizen training in Singida Region.

"In order to further disseminate the positive results of Kaizen, Ministry of Industry and Trade has prepared a 10-year National Plan for Kaizen mainstreaming, sustainable development and industrial productivity in the country. This initiative focuses on the consistent mechanism for the Kaizen dissemination nationwide and the establishment of sustainable its training programmes," reads the statement.

"This initiative targets the manufacturing sector in the hope of being used to persuade or attract other sectors to learn from their peers in changing the attitudes of executives to work harder, more unitedly, and more creatively. Additionally, in implementing this initiative, the Kaizen philosophy has already been integrated into the development of industrial clusters in the country. The long-term plan is to spread the KAIZEN philosophy to cover all sectors of the economy in the country."

VACANCY



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Position:	Tele Remote Bagger Operator
Job Number:	GGM-2020-XUG-08
Number of Positions:	02.
Works For:	Supervisor UG Mining
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of secondary school Education Valid Tanzanian Driving License with underground driving experience RCT Level 1 training certificate of completion will be an added advantage A formal qualification (Diploma/certificate) in Mining Engineering will be an added advantage
Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05 years of experience working as a Tele Remote Bagger Operator in UG Mining Knowledge of Underground Mining Practices, Mining Load and Haul Cycle and the efficient operations of an Underground Remote Loader equipment. Good Aptitude of RCT remote control systems for underground mines. A sound mechanical knowledge of various Caterpillar/Elphinstone loaders specifically, CAT2900 loaders.
Purpose of the Role:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To carry out loading and dumping cycles from production stopes into allocated stockpiles using a PC remote control bogging system and the manual loading of trucks from free-bogging stopes and stockpiles. Afore mentioned done in line with specific remote loading plan.
Main or Key Accountabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bog development headings and stockpiles to trucks as required and also remote bog from stopes and loading into trucks. Ensure remote loading from stopes to be done in line with approved and signed off remote loading level plan and not otherwise. Inspect stope brow before bogging and during shift in line with mine standard operating procedure. Ensure that laser barricades and physical barricades are tested and serviceable and level is clear of equipment, personnel or obstructions before remote loading commences. Ensure efficiency of the work practice to maximize productivity while working safely. Bog out and clean faces ensuring it is left acceptable for next cycle. This may also include hosing down with water for dust suppression, scaling and working level roadway maintenance. Keep all roads in working area tidy and free from potential hazards before, during and after bogging has been completed on the level. Continuously educate and train the operator trainees in all aspects of remote and free-bogging operations and mining practices and procedures. Work to minimize equipment down time and maximize productivity. Ensure inspections and maintenance is carried out on all equipment before use. Ensure that all tools are serviceable and safe. Maintain a high standard of housekeeping. Advise underground shift supervisor and dispatch when items of equipment are out of service and when they can be returned to service. Liaise with underground shift supervisor to ensure all work is done in a safe and efficient manner. Perform pre-start checks and SWICs before carrying out any task. Carry out standard workplace inspection practices and procedures. Complete shift plod and carrying out cross-shift handovers at the end of each shift.
Additional Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure tele-remote PC is kept clean and locked when not in use and parked in designated parking area. First Aid knowledge. Be physically and mentally fit and hard working Must have good written and oral communication skills in English Language. Excellent hand/eye co-ordination. Ability to maintain high standards of housekeeping within the mine. Ability to recognize potential mining hazards and risks. Ability to listen and take instructions and work in a team. Must be able to work under pressure with minimum/or zero supervision
Mode of Application:	Application cover letter (Subject should be Tele Remote Bagger Operator and/or quote the job number), detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e-mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees, to be forwarded to below address. You will be required to bring original certificates if you are contacted for interviews
Contact Address:	Senior Manager Human Resources, Geita Gold Mining Ltd, P.O. Box 532, Geita. Email: jobs.geita@AngloGoldAshanti.com
Application Deadline:	Application letters should reach the above on or before 5th October 2020 – 17hr30. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

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Position:	Jumbo Drill Operator
Job Number:	GGM-2020-XUG-10
Number of Positions:	01
Works For:	Supervisor UG Mining
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of secondary school Education Valid Tanzanian Driving License with underground driving experience RCT Level 1 training certificate of completion will be an added advantage A formal qualification (Diploma/certificate) in Mining Engineering will be an added advantage
Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05 years of experience working as Jumbo Operator in Underground Mining Knowledge of Underground Mining Practices and the efficient operations of an Underground Jumbo equipment.
Purpose of the Role:	To drill a number of drive drill patterns using a mechanized electric/hydraulic Jumbo drill suitable to ground conditions and in compliance with site specific drill patterns and survey instruction.
Main or Key Accountabilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accurately drill a number of drive patterns using a mechanized electric/hydraulic jumbo drill suitable to ground conditions and in compliance with site specific drill patterns and survey instruction. Assess ground conditions at the face and implement ground control according to site requirements. Read and accurately follow mining instruction plan with skill and precision ensuring holes are drilled to design line, gradient and profile. Optimize drill patterns to ensure maximum advance per round is achieved whilst maintaining strict adherence to design specifications. Communicate with surveyors, geologists and engineers as required. Ensure working area is safe for personnel and equipment to perform working duties including ensuring electrical installations and services are clear of the drilling area. Continuously educate and train the operator trainees in all aspects of drill operation and mining practices and procedures. Work to minimize equipment down time and maximize productivity. Ensure inspections and maintenance is carried out on all equipment before use. Ensure that all tools are serviceable and safe. Maintain a high standard of housekeeping. Advise underground shift supervisor when items of equipment are out of service and when they can be returned to service. Liaise with underground shift supervisor to ensure all work is done in a safe and efficient manner Perform pre-start checks and SWICs. Ensure inspections and maintenance is carried out on all equipment before use. Carry out standard workplace inspection practices and procedures.
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PCCB has hard time sorting out real and fake complaints

RECENT reports say that the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) has been receiving over 100 complaints per day from all over the country, many having to do with acts by agents lending money at high interest rates.

PCCB Director General Brig Gen John Mbungu has not addressed those complaints specifically, though he acknowledged them, noting that the complaints the agency receives include those relating to the dubious conditions under which loans are issued to farmers.

The all-important question may be whether it is all a matter of corruption or of bureaucracy. What the PCCB chief underlines is that he and the officers under his command work on such complaints to ensure the maintenance of public safety, the safe keeping of monies and properties being part of it.

That said, there is definitely an overarching problem here, as on the one hand it may relate to ill-intentioned individuals putting others to suffering and on the other hand it has to do with conditions of doing business - namely, client inability to pay loans within a given timeframe. Tied to this aspect are terms of such loans, if they were mutually agreed upon, and signed.

There is something in land policies about how plots, farms or houses change hands - by the formula of 'willing buyer, willing seller,' where the onus is that nothing is imposed in such a transaction.

In the final analysis, the furnishing of such evidence is sufficient to remove the doubts on willingness and what remains is whether the terms so laid out were in conformity with the relevant pieces of legislation.

Here the issue isn't bank indicative

interest rates but the substance of contracts and the rules governing such transactions, for instance whether the loan entity is registered.

The reason for this querying is that we are often our own worst enemies and when we have rattled everything we start looking for scapegoats, and none is worse than a money lender.

Yet, at the point of seeking out the loan, the borrower was intimating that the lender is some sort of saviour, scanned or read the terms stated and accepted, signed on the dotted line and took the money. Failing to pay thus implies that some sort of collateral is then acquired, whether it is a car, a house or a plot.

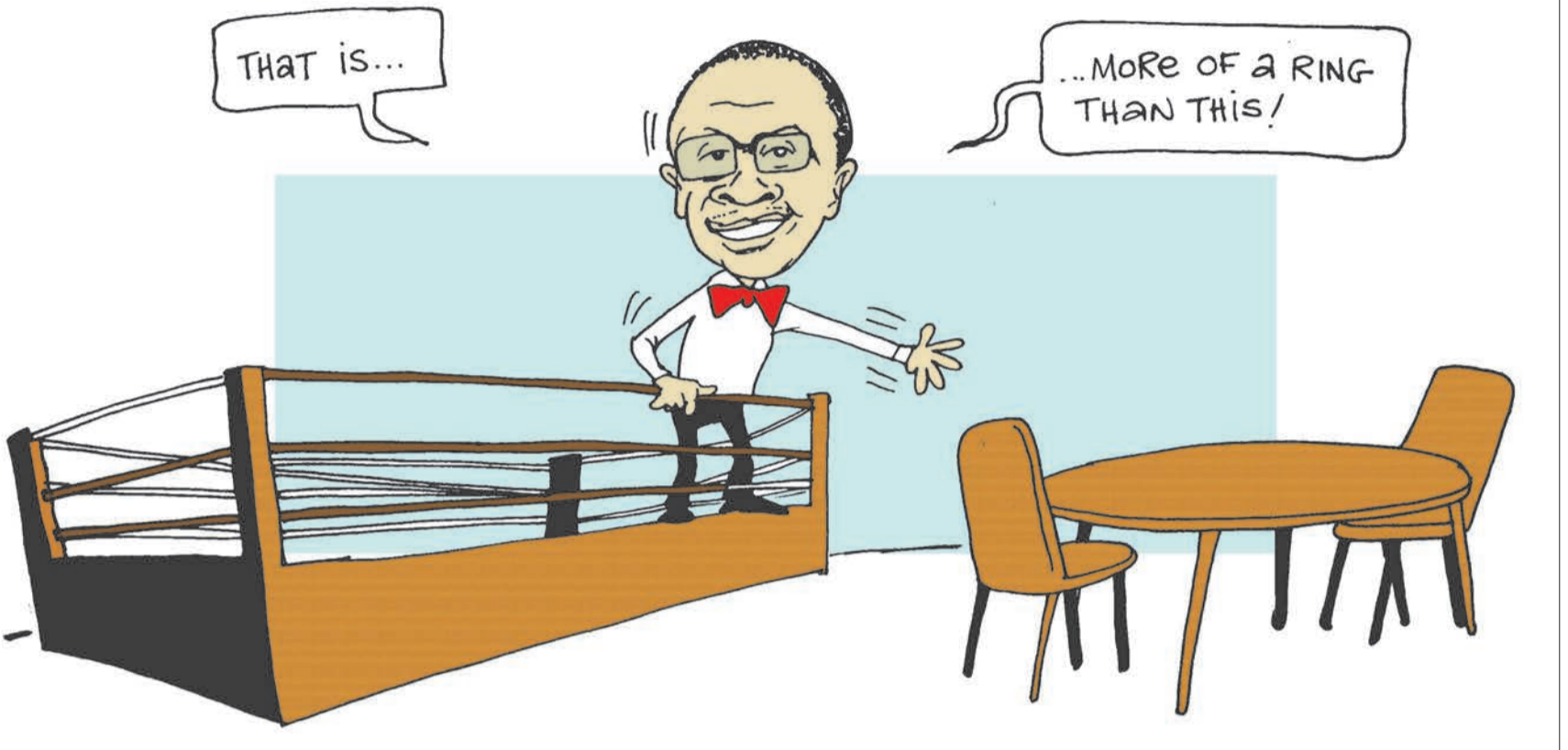
In the circumstances, upwards of 100 complaints daily on loan sharking can't all be serious ones and in many cases they are failing small businesses.

It could well be that someone was simply trying to avoid paying a debt, so long as there is a legal caveat for the same. It is also to shout that the interest rate was too high and thus he failed to pay, unless the loan terms are illegitimate.

When it comes to debts involving farmers' money, often organs such as cooperative societies have a legal monopoly in what they are doing - as well as specific channels through which their accounts and the meeting of their liabilities are handled.

Basically, the organs report to district authorities, and then there is inspection by the Controller and Auditor General, the National Assembly and the Prime Minister's Office, or even the President's Office (PO-RALG).

Unless there are issues like bribes in the said debts, it is not easy to see exactly the stakeholders concerned should feel compelled to seek PCCB's intervention on claims for their payments.



By Olivia Raimonde

COVID-19 continues to kill close to 1,000 Americans a day. But for those who develop dangerous cases of the infection, advances in medical care and the growing experience of doctors are improving the chances of survival.

Since the first case arrived in the US at the start of the year, medical professionals have gone from fumbling in the dark to better understanding which drugs work - such as steroids and blood thinners as well as the antiviral medicine remdesivir.

Allocations of intensive medical resources have improved. And doctors have learned to hold off on the use of ventilators for some patients, unlike with many other severe respiratory illnesses.

According to Andrew Badley, head of Mayo Clinic's Covid Research Task Force Doctors, experts say that improved medical tactics and earlier treatment are helping improve the outcomes for very sick patients.

"Health-care preparedness today is much better than it was in February and March," Badley said in an interview, adding: "We have better and more rapid access to diagnosis. We have more knowledge about what drugs to use and what drugs not to use. We have more experimental treatments available. All of those contribute to possible improvements in the mortality rate."

Mayo Clinic is an American nonprofit academic medical centre focused on integrated patient care, education and research currently based in three major locations: Rochester, Minnesota; Jacksonville, Florida; and Scottsdale, Arizona.

One study looked at 4,689 Covid-19 hospitalisations from March to June in New York, adjusting patients' mortality rate for factors such as age, race, obesity and any underlying illnesses they might have had.

In the first half of March, the mortality rate for hospitalised patients was 23 per cent. By June, it had fallen to 8 per cent. The research hasn't yet been peer-reviewed, a process through which other experts examine the work.

Despite the gains, the US has already passed 200,000 Covid-19 deaths, and tens of thousands of Americans are confirmed infected each day. The number killed by the disease is still in large part a factor of how many are infected in the first place - the more people who get sick, the more die.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has emphasized that a mask is still the best available protection from the virus for most people. And experts warn that the virus is still very dangerous and can kill

COVID-19 grows less deadly with doctors gaining practice and drugs getting better



even seemingly healthy individuals.

"Even with these improvements, this is not a benign disease," said Leora Horwitz, an associate professor of population health and medicine at New York University's Grossman School of Medicine who conducted the New York study of Covid-19 hospitalisations.

"This does not mean that coronavirus is now a non-dangerous disease. It remains a very serious threat to public health," added Horwitz.

Public-health officials, epidemiologists, amateur observers and others have watched as the pandemic has unfolded, looking for how to measure the virus's deadliness. Tallying deaths as a percentage of the greater population sheds light on the scope of the pandemic.

Excess mortality meanwhile compares fatalities to what the death rate is expected to be. But neither method offers insight into whether the virus is becoming more or less deadly for an individual with a severe case.

But experts say that even looking at deaths per the number of confirmed cases can be misleading, as the result is largely a function of testing. If many mild or asymptomatic cases are captured, mortality rates will be skewed lower.

In Europe, for instance, there are anecdotal signs of a similar trend, though much of the lower death rate may be attributed to the fact that more cases are found in younger, healthier people. More infections in young

people are being found in the US, as well.

"You have to understand who you're testing and then what the real fatality rate is for that demographic," said Aaron Glatt, chief of infectious diseases at Mount Sinai South Nassau hospital - located in Oceanside, New York.

There is even a hypothesis that public health measures like mask-wearing and distancing can help decrease the amount of virus people are getting infected with, leading to less severe cases because the body isn't overwhelmed with a large dose of virus at once.

"Even though they're getting infected with the virus, perhaps they are getting less of a dose of the virus and so they're just getting less sick from it," Horwitz said.

In New York, the first major US city hit hard by the virus, knowledge among doctors was limited as cases poured into emergency rooms this spring. There have been more than 27,000 confirmed and probable Covid-19 deaths in the city, the bulk of them at the peak of the outbreak there in March and April.

As the outbreak moved on to other parts of the country, such as Texas, healthcare workers had more time to prepare and learn what works.

"We kind of had a play book before we even started seeing any patients in Texas. We understand the things that work at this point with Covid much better," said Robert Hancock, president

of Texas College of Emergency Physicians.

Since March, doctors have learned valuable lessons not only about how to ensure that hospitals don't run out of Intensive Care Unit beds and ventilators but also that flipping a patient onto the stomach, known as prone positioning, can help. Giving patients steroids early on and treating them with blood thinners can also improve someone's prospects.

"Now that we know that we might need to start these patients on blood thinners and Heparin pretty quickly, that's helping," said Diana L. Fite, president of the Texas Medical Association, adding: "A lot of these deaths from Covid-19 are because of the blood coagulation; the blood clots ruin their organs." Heparin injection is used to treat and prevent blood clots in the veins, arteries or lungs.

Fite said there is still no cure for the coronavirus but all of the improvements in treatment and preventative measures combined contribute towards an improved prognosis for patients. In Texas, there have been at least 14,590 deaths from the virus, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"Even if these things aren't cures, they help a small percentage do better," Fite said, adding: "You add several of those things up and you've got a better outcome overall."

• Bloomberg

Rogue jumbo's Arusha visit points to a growing problem

RESIDENTS of some areas on the outskirts of the tourist city of Arusha have lately been through tantalising moments. It all began with an elephant meandering into the Njiro suburb and then, when some youths resorted to poking fun at the animal, it lurched at one of them with the trunk - and it was tragic.

The shock was reignited a day or so later when it was rumoured that another elephant, or perhaps the same staging a comeback, had been seen in the vicinity.

Rangers appear to have taken a while to arrive but would not confirm that there was a jumbo lurking around, and definitely there were no injuries this time around.

The second visit by an elephant is of concern as well because some of the residents say all the signs of the presence of a jumbo were there, including its characteristic high-pitch 'trumpeting' and even a social media caution from a wildlife sector official for people to mind their movements.

That amounted to a 'lockdown' to their houses for elephants can be temperamental like any other animal, and few people are trained as to what to do and not to do in the face of an elephant.

We don't know if it is dangerous to look at it, without going as far as wishing to take a selfie like that unfortunate youth is reported to have tried to do.

Later reports had it that certain quarters worried that wildlife rangers had taken time to respond to distress calls and, during the earlier jumbo visit, they arrived on the scene but apologised that they had 'forgotten'

to take a stun gun (too daze the giant animal so that it is hauled to a truck and carted to safety), and it was during their absence that tragedy struck.

There was a gap of communication between wildlife officials and local residents as well as the media during that second appearance of the jumbo.

By failing to spot the jumbo at the time or place they arrived, and spending some time in the area without getting more such reports, the wildlife officials were making it out that there may have been an element of imagination due to the earlier trauma.

That may well be the case, but if there are no measures taken to ensure that there are no wild animals straying into the area, public safety would be put at risk, especially when such 'visitations' start to appear routine and of not much consequence. This should not be what the people concerned should have to contend with.

While officials are at pains to explain that the jumbos appear to have been retracing paths to elsewhere within an ancient ecosystem, it appears that there is no further wish to ensure that such trespassing doesn't recur.

That can only take place if elephants and other dangerous animals are located deep inside their sanctuaries and not just within walking distance of dense residential areas, as anything could happen.

Just because there is an ancient path to some distant water hole or specific type of grass, shrubs or perhaps salt doesn't make such visitations normal. The bottom line, then, is that the problem that needs to be solved by effective boundaries - at least for a start.

After having cried every night, wipe away those tears

BY VALERIE N. MSOKA

I had passed my examinations to go to secondary school. Shortly after I started, my uncle told me someone had come to marry me and had already paid the dowry. I cried every night, hoping someone would come and take me away....I cried and cried.

She had not finished her story and half the audience were in tears, as Kalunde narrated her moving story.

Kalunde, who is from Shinyanga Region in Tanzania, is not alone. Organisations working with children will tell you that such sad stories keep happening from one end of the country to the other. They are a stark reminder that a very vulnerable group in our society - the Girl Child - is in need of redeeming intervention, NOW.

According to the 2010 Tanzania Demographic Health Survey, on average, four out of 10 girls in the country are married before the age of 18. It is estimated that 37 per cent of women between 20 and 24 years old were married or in union by the age of 18 in the 2000-2011 period.

Statistics show that the prevalence in the country is highest in Shinyanga Region (59 per cent), followed by Tabora (58 per cent), Mara (55 per cent), Dodoma (51 per cent). In Pemba, five out of every ten school girls drop out owing to child marriage.

In the past ten years, it has emerged that child marriage is one of the most neglected human rights violations. A number of reasons come into play in relation to child marriage in Tanzania.

First is the 1971 Marriage Act, which allows for girls as young as 14 (with special court permission) and 15-year-old girls to get married (with special permission from parents or guardians). There is also the Local Customary Law (Declaration) Order, GN 279 of 1963, which allows ethnic groups to make and observe decisions based on their respective customs and traditions.

Second, and this is broad, is the fact



that child marriage is almost exclusively within the context of poverty, harmful traditional practices and gender inequality. It is an integral part of the social, cultural and economic dimensions we live in.

According to research done by Child Dignity Forum, girls from the poorest 20 per cent of the households were more than twice likely to be married or in union before age 18 than those from the richest 20 per cent.

Some poor families also marry off their girls as a means of protection, usually to older men. Also in poor families, marrying off the girl child is usually the best option of avoiding the responsibility of looking after a relative's child.

Furthermore, in some poor families a girl does not carry the same level of importance as a boy and in poor families it is

therefore not important to educate daughters as is the case of the sons.

In the context of harmful traditional practices, bride price also falls under this in that, among the poor, marrying off the girl is a way of attaining wealth - that is to say, the girls are used as a commodity. Additionally, there is the issue of female genital mutilation (FGM). In societies where this is practiced, it is considered a rite of passage to adulthood and a sign that the girl is ready for marriage.

In the case of gender inequality, child marriage lowers or takes away the girl's ability to make decisions on her health, education and overall development. Healthwise, it results in early child bearing and the delivery of many children. This is because these girls usually lack

any knowledge of contraception and have precious little negotiating power in the marriage.

The World Health Organisation estimates that the maternal mortality rate can be up to five times higher for girls aged between 10 and 14 than for women of about 20 years of age.

The age difference between the girl and the husband and her low economic status make it almost well near impossible for the girl to negotiate safe sex or demand fidelity. Child marriage usually means that young girls enter marriage without adequate information about sex, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and childbirth.

In terms of education, more years of schooling have been associated with many positive outcomes, including later ages of marriage, healthier and bet-

ter educated children as well as economic development.

Child marriage denies girls the right to the education they need for their personal development, preparation for adulthood, and effective contribution to the family and society.

Taking all this into account, in child marriage, it is not only the girl child who suffers but also the society through population pressure, health-care costs and lost opportunities for human development. While birth, marriage and death are the three key events in most people's lives, only one - marriage - is a matter of choice. Girls in Tanzania should have a chance of exercising their right to choose in this watershed event of their lives.

As we celebrate this year's Day of the Girl Child it is also time to demand and work for further action to address the needs of children in our country; focus on the work of all actors committed to the protection and promotion of the rights of children and to consolidate efforts in addressing the obstacles to the realisation of these rights.

The day should also provide an occasion for the government, civil society organisations, communities, faith-based as well as community-based organisations and international organisations to renew their commitment towards improving the plight of the country's girls.

However, political commitment, daring leadership and focused crusading at all levels are urgently needed to combat child marriage. Every girl child ought to be able to grow knowing full well that she is loved and protected and everyone will endeavour to prevent her getting married and instead ensure that she fully realises her potential.

She will, like her brother, enjoy her childhood, and grow up to make rewarding contribution to the development of her country. Collectively as well as severally, we all have a crucial part to play in the campaign against Child Marriage. As we commemorate the day, not a single girl in Tanzania should go through Kalunde's dehu-

manising plight.

"When morning came, and I went to fetch water, I asked some of the girls about where I could go as I did not want to get married. They said I had to because we had to listen to our parents. I did not know where to go.

"On the eve of my marriage, I heard on the radio about Agape Centre, and they said it was in some area which I did not know but knew I had to find. I waited for the people to sleep. Then I got out of bed and crept out of the room.

"My aunts, who were sleeping in the room to prepare me for the wedding next day, asked me where I was going and I said I was going to the toilet. And I went out and started running. I ran on and on. I was crying because I was scared I might be attacked or actually eaten by wild animals.

"I ran and ran, and when I was literally burnt out and just ready to lie down and wait for the animals to come and take me, I came across this lady who was going to fetch water. It was already the day of my wedding, and she asked me where I was going and why I was crying. I told her I did not want to get married and I was looking for Agape Centre. She wiped away my tears and took me to the centre."

• **Journalism veteran Valerie N. Msoka is Champion against Child Forced and Early Marriage and Chairperson of the Tanzania Ending Child Marriage Network. The Guardian first exclusively published this article in early September last year. We have decided to run it again on special request and considering its importance and relevance. Since 2012, the United Nations has marked October 11 as International Day of the Girl Child. The day promotes girls' human rights, highlights gender inequalities that remain between girls and boys and addresses the various forms of discrimination and abuse suffered by girls around the world. - Editor.**

BY TIMOTHY WALKER AND DENYS REVA

This was meant to be the ocean's year. Four high-level United Nations meetings and a web of international conventions on biodiversity, sustainable development and climate change were meant to secure agreement among states on better ocean policies.

Observers anticipated that 2020 would deliver a substantially enhanced regime for long-term collaboration, good governance and recognition of the ocean's role in mitigating the effects of climate change.

Instead, when COVID-19 hit and the restrictions began to bite, some of this optimism was put on hold as events were postponed and some cancelled. "There's no getting away from the fact that the ocean super-year has been diminished," says Peter Thomson, the United Nations secretary-general's special envoy for the ocean.

Time to secure agreements, before they increase in cost, controversy and complexity, is being lost.

"Let us not take our focus off the fact that our greatest challenge is getting back into a relationship with nature, our climate and the ocean which is based on respect and balance and gives us a secure place on planet Earth."

Time to secure conventions and agreements, before they increase in cost, controversy and complexity, is being lost. Many maritime stakeholders in governments and beyond have found themselves in the position of again persuading policymakers and the public about why ocean governance issues must be urgently addressed.

A recent Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development report on development assistance in support of the ocean economy doesn't make for happy reading. It estimates that an average of only US\$3 billion a year was allocated for the ocean economy between 2013 and 2018.

Of this, only US\$1.5 billion was

Africa can revive 2020 as an ocean super-year



allocated on average annually in support of sustainable ocean economy policies, which it calculates to be equivalent to just 0.8% of global official development assistance. Vital ocean opportunities are simply not receiving the support they need.

COVID-19 delays could allow more time to resolve differences and achieve more robust agreements.

This trend threatens to widen the gap between developed and developing countries in terms of their commitment to climate change and sustainable development.

Most of this development assistance would not have been focused on African states and communities, and the prospects

of this improving seem bleak. African states face a dilemma that few others confront, while also lacking the tools and capacity to address it. They must increase political attention and resources for dealing with emerging challenges related to COVID-19 recovery, while still focusing on longer-term and more costly solutions rooted in sustainability.

With the lack of face-to-face meetings due to COVID-19, stakeholders are for now making do with virtual platforms and intersessional meetings. These cannot replicate all the benefits of face-to-face networking and negotiation but can reduce delays in multilateral decision making on significant matters.

For instance, the fourth (and

final) session of the intergovernmental conference on a new international legally binding instrument for the high seas, under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, should still be completed in 2021. This involves the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Next year will be crucial because it will determine the international agenda for the next decade.

The outcomes of these events are expected to shape the international agenda regarding ocean governance for the next 10 years, ahead of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030.

One of the most significant developments for Africa should still occur in 2020. The continent's long-needed blue economy strategy is still on track to be ready by 2021 when the AU Commission is being reformed. The decision by the African Union (AU) and African countries to develop the strategy was prompted by the successful 2018 Global Conference on Sustainable Blue Economy held in Kenya.

This ongoing process to finalise the strategy is an outstanding opportunity for the AU to convene all major stakeholders to map out commitments and processes. These include the current African group negotiations and national pledges to enhance ocean sustainability.

African states have important roles to play too. For example, Seychelles - the AU Blue Economy champion - is seen as a leader for small, developing states seeking to build ocean economies and encourage others to commit to green and blue development. The election to the UN Security Council in 2021 of ocean-prioritising countries such as Norway should significantly support these efforts.

Delays as a result of COVID-19 restrictions could have a positive side, as they allow time to resolve differences and achieve more robust agreements. Shifts in the way meetings are held could help deal with long-standing calls to make gatherings more affordable, inclusive and accessible.

For example, evidence suggests that virtual meetings may benefit those from resource-poor countries who can't attend all working and preparatory groups. The premium on travel should require thorough national coordination and agreement before meetings too. Whether online sessions will prove more productive than face-to-face ones remains an open question, but it adds another option for global involvement and buy-in.

Each year in September, the International Maritime Organization dedicates a day to raising awareness about the maritime domain and its importance for the world. In 2020 it was meant to be convened by South Africa, which has moved the event to 2021, with celebrations planned to take place online. South Africa can use this extended opportunity to exercise its leadership responsibilities in Africa and worldwide to revive dedicated African ocean initiatives.

Next year will be crucial for the world's oceans and will determine the international agenda for the next decade. The AU must ensure that African voices are heard and accounted for. Against the backdrop of COVID-19 economic recovery and its attendant socio-economic challenges, a focused, unified and holistic approach is needed.

Agencies

COVID-19 dented the world's blue economy aspirations, but African states can still accomplish a lot this year. File photo

World leaders responding to Covid-19 pandemic warned against forfeiting action on climate crisis

By Special Correspondent

AMNESTY International has called upon world leaders to stop using Covid-19 as an excuse to delay urgent action to tackle the climate crisis or risk failing children and future generations further.

The global movement campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all made the appeal in a press statement yesterday ahead of a global day of school strikes against climate change young people have lined up for today.

Climate change was cited as one of the most important issues of our time in a survey of more than 10,000 young people published by AI just months before the pandemic turned the world upside down.

"Amnesty International stands with all children and young people taking part in climate strikes. Children globally have faced unimaginable disruption to their lives, education and health as a result of Covid-19," said Ashfaq Khalfan, the international NGO's Law and Policy director.

"That they must take more time out of school to demand that adults do the right thing is utterly shameful, but young people know only too well the unthinkable consequences of climate inaction to their lives and human rights," added Khalfan.

The AI director said 2020 was supposed to be the year of climate action, "but tragically it has become instead the year of Covid-19", elaborating: "The impact of the pandemic cannot be underestimated, and recovery will take time. However, climate inaction must not be the political payoff."

"Pandemic recovery efforts have seen emissions reduction targets fall by the wayside in a staggering act of politi-



cal myopia, in light of the fact that global warming triggers disasters, diseases and other impacts of incommensurable proportion," noted Khalfan.

To facilitate the limiting of global warming to pre-industrial levels of 1.5°C and therefore avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change, governments have agreed to submit updated pledges to reduce emissions and thus mitigate the climate crisis.

However, globally, only 12 countries have submitted plans so far

with a deadline approaching at the end of the year.

The current state of play indicates that many wealthy countries with a long history of fuelling climate change and states with the highest levels of emissions are not only falling behind in their plans but are in fact taking measures that will set climate action back several years.

There are several examples, one being that only four of the 12 countries that have submitted up-

dated plans, are wealthy industrialised ones. The UK and Canada, have yet to follow suit, while the US and Australia won't put forward updated pledges at all.

The European Commission is meanwhile proposing to European leaders an insufficiently ambitious reduction in emissions by 2030 - 55 per cent below 1990 levels.

Other countries with high levels of emissions, such as China, India and Russia, respectively responsible for approximately 28 per cent, 7 per cent and 5 per cent

of current global greenhouse gas emissions, have provided no indication at all that they will increase their targets any time soon.

The last few months have seen several countries, such as the US, Canada, UK and Russia, allow fossil-fuel companies, the aviation industry and other carbon-polluting companies to benefit from economic stimulus measures, such as tax rebates and loans.

These have largely been granted with no conditions attached, meaning that these industries can continue to function and even expand without having to commit to reducing emissions or using the government support only to support workers.

The climate crisis is one of the biggest human rights issues of our time affecting the rights of millions to food, water, health and life, among others.

Millions of people are already suffering from the disastrous effects of climate change - the devastating floods submerging one-third of Bangladesh and the unprecedented wildfires on the US West Coast standing as the most recent examples.

Climate change especially affects people already disadvantaged or facing discrimination, deepening inequalities and injustices, among them children with their under-developed immune systems - and particularly those most marginalised.

These are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change, from malnutrition due to changes in crop yields to mosquito-borne diseases like malaria and death from heatwaves.

As world leaders are gathered for the United Nations General Assembly and G20 energy ministers are

set to meet this Sunday (September 27), Amnesty International has appealed to governments to put climate action and human rights at the centre of their pandemic recovery plans.

It has urged them to adopt plans to promote zero-carbon economies, including by stopping unconditional bailouts and subsidies to fossil-fuel companies and investing in companies that deliver a just and human rights-consistent transition to a decarbonised economy.

"The pandemic has shown us that many governments are capable of exactly the fast, decisive action that we need to address the climate crisis," said Khalfan, adding: "When the stakes are so high, even those who benefit from the status quo are willing to overturn it."

The AI director noted that people have supported reasonable protection measures brought in by governments to protect their communities - even when they involve drastic changes to their daily lives.

"If governments are capable of pouring billions into furlough schemes and bailing out companies - then they should be capable of making the obvious decision to urgently phase out fossil fuels," said Khalfan.

The director is emphatic that leaders ought to avoid "pandemic-induced tunnel vision and commit to the long-term well-being of their people", adding: "Covid-19 has driven many to the very edge of their capacity to survive and tested our collective resilience. But it has also renewed our determination for a radically different future - a more just, equitable and sustainable world that is fit for our children and grandchildren."

AMURU, Uganda/NAIROBI, Kenya

In Amuru district, 47 kilometres from Gulu town in northwestern Uganda, the Omer Farming Company has proven that it is possible to farm on thousands of acres of land using methods that conserve the environment and its biodiversity.

On a 5,000 acre piece of land, the company is growing upland rice with a yield of up to 3.5 metric tons per acre, using the conservation agriculture method.

"We do not plough the field, and we do not use fertilisers," Dominic Kimara, the farm manager at the company, told IPS. "Instead, we grow a leguminous crop known as sunn hemp, and when it is 50 percent flowering, we roll it on the ground so that it can decompose and form green manure," he explained.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, this type of farming technique has several advantages for the environment because it reduces the use of farm machineries (which often emit carbon), sequesters carbon, and is cost effective and beneficial to the soil.

According to the report 'Fixing the Business of Food initiative' by the Barilla Center for Food and Nutrition Foundation (BCFN), agri-food companies must consider the environmental and social impacts of business operations, including their production processes and other internal processes, with a focus on issues such as resource use (land, water, energy) and emissions, respect for human rights, diversity and inclusion, and decent work conditions that improve livelihoods of employees and their families.

The report, which was released on Sept. 22 alongside the 75th session of the U.N. General Assembly in partnership with the U.N. Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), the Santa Chiara Lab (SCL) and the Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment (CCSI), identifies a four pillar framework for alignment of the food and agriculture sector with the Sustainable Development Goals.

"Indeed the four pillar framework is a sort of instruction manual to guide our efforts towards the active engagement of the private sector in

Scientists draw up guidelines to help agri-food companies align with 2030 agenda



Dominic Kimara, the farm manager at an agri-food company, stands in a rice field grown using conservation agriculture technique. File photo

the implementation of the 2030 agenda," said Mariangela Zappia, ambassador and permanent representative of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the U.N. in New York.

However, the experts observed that despite a steady increase in investments in sustainable development and climate action, only eight percent of public climate finance is directed to the

agri-food sector.

"There is one big risk: that a lot of our colleagues, a lot of other actors in the world of business feel the danger, but they do not have the courage to really take

actions within their company to make these very difficult decisions," said Guido Barilla, chair of Barilla Group and the BCFN Foundation, noting that the Barilla Group had to take a tough decision to stop the use of palm oil, which is the cheapest source of fat, but contributes to deforestation.

"We are late in the 2030 Agenda, we are losing time in completing the sustainability goals and to really rationalise the dangers and lower the dangers on climate change and on sustainability issues. It's unaffordable. We need to make a call to action," he said during a virtual launch of the report.

The report further points out that the shift towards more sustainable and healthier diets is a strong leverage to improve both planetary and human health.

This comes after a warning by another study about India that projects levels of undersupply and consequent malnutrition will significantly increase in 2030 and 2050 scenarios.

"Policy incentives in Indian agriculture since the Green Revolution have predominantly been focused on achieving caloric food security through increased production of cereals (wheat and rice)," wrote the researchers in a study titled 'Sustainable food security in India-Domestic production and macronutrient availability'.

This, according to the scientists, has resulted in a heavy carbohydrate-based diet (65-70 percent of total energy intake) which may be significantly lacking in adequate diversity for the provision of other important nutrients.

The BCFN report points out

that there is need for a radical transformation in order to cope with the environmental, social, and economic challenges of agri-food systems at global and local levels. "In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated global development challenges especially for the most vulnerable communities around the globe," it reads in part.

So far, the European Union is already promoting such transformation through the European Green Deal and the 'Farm to Fork' Strategy, aiming to make European food 'the global standard for sustainability'.

The authors explored the main gaps in aligning practices and strategies to sustainability principles through a deep qualitative analysis of sustainability reports for 2018 and 2019 published by 12 global companies with high reputations in terms of sustainability.

The other pillars include contribution to healthy and sustainable dietary patterns through its products and strategies, and the impact and influence of companies beyond the perimeter of their direct and outsourced operations. The report notes that in some contexts, companies have co-responsibility for enhanced sustainability throughout their supply chains, value chains and within the ecosystems in which they operate.

The last pillar considers companies' external strategies and engagement: both with the communities where they operate and with the rules that govern them.

"We must generate partnerships between the private sector and the public sector so that everyone in the world has access to healthy diets that are produced sustainably," said Rachel Kyte, the Dean, at the Fletcher School at Tufts University.

AGENCIES

Tea farmers to get lower bonuses

BY IRENE MUGO

FARMERS will receive lower bonuses this season due to a glut that reduced prices in the international market.

Overproduction of green leaf has caused prices to plummet, Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) chairman Peter Kanyago warned Wednesday.

But some farmers protested that high deductions to finance the agency's operations had reduced their earnings, with reports suggesting that the highest pay per kilogramme is Sh30.

Kanyago, however, explained that revenues have increased since more tea was sold compared to last year, hence farmers will pocket improved earnings.

Bonus payments are determined by factory directors for each agency's affiliated companies.

Kanyago explained that the rate per kilo of green leaf delivered to the factories will be lower compared to last year.

Favourable weather

He said high green leaf production was due to favourable weather conditions that consequently affected the prices of tea.

The highest paid farmer in Nyeri from Gitugi tea factory will earn Sh26.35 per kilogramme of green leaf. Farmers in Ragati and Iria-ini tea factories will pocket the lowest, at Sh20 per kilo. Gathuthi and Chinga tea farmers will earn Sh23.25 and Sh21 per kilo, respectively.

In Murang'a the highest pay is Sh30 per kilo and the lowest Sh24.40 per kilo.

Kanyago said production increased by 29 per cent at the end of June to 1.45 billion kilogrammes, up from 1.13 billion kilogrammes last year.

"Tea prices per kilo will be lower this year, but farmers will earn more than they did last year due to the fact that they supplied more tea to their factories," Kanyago said yesterday in Nyeri.

In the Rift Valley, tea production increased by 38 per cent from 67 million to 97 million kilos.

But tea farmers in Murang'a demanded that KTDA's legal budget be audited, blaming the expenditure for the low bonus.

Former Makomboki Tea Factory director Kamau Kaguma told the Nation that KTDA has over 200 court cases.

Kaguma said the auditor-general

should carry out a thorough audit of KTDA's accounts given all factories contribute 2.5 per cent of their earnings to finance its operations.

"In general, all tea farmers country-wide remit to KTDA not less than Sh2 billion annually for its operations. We now want to know how much of it has gone to finance the court cases and who authorised them," Kaguma said.

The farmers' concerns came as the tea reforms task force chairman Irungu Nyakera warned KTDA against attempting to hold elections for directors' posts.

"That is an exercise in futility and we have a court order demanding that it ceases this monkey business," Nyakera said.

Kanyago called for dialogue between the government and stakeholders on reforming the sector. "We are not opposed to the tea reforms, but the government should engage us to find a win-win formula that will benefit the farmer," Kanyago said.

He said the government will need Sh21.6 billion to transform the agency to a parastatal as the 54 KTDA-affiliated factories are private and owned by farmers.



Japan helps WFP with vital assistance to refugees and internally displaced people in Mozambique

MAPUTO

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has received JPY 200 million (\$ 1.87 million) from the government of Japan to provide food assistance and livelihoods support to refugees and asylum-seekers living in Maratane Refugee Camp (Nampula Province) and internally displaced people (IDPs) in Cabo Delgado province in Mozambique.

This generous support from Japan will enable WFP to support 9,500 refugees and asylum seekers in Maratane Refugee Camp (Nampula) with food assistance, and strengthen income generating opportunities through a livelihoods project in close collaboration with the government of Mozambique and other UN agencies.

WFP believes that local integration and self-reliance are an opportunity for improving living conditions of refugees in Maratane camp, given that refugees, asylum-seekers and host communities are reliant on WFP food assistance.

The agreement was signed by WFP Country Director in Mozambique, Antonella D'Aprile, and the Ambassador of Japan to Mozambique, his Kimura Hajime during an official ceremony held in Maputo.

"The impact of Covid-19 in Mozambique has caused deep economic challenges. Adding to this, Mozambique faces further challenges such as: the deteriorating security situation in Cabo Delgado, food insecurity and consecutive natural disasters", said the Ambassador of Japan.

Ambassador Kimura Hajime added: "The government of Japan decided to cooperate with WFP to alleviate the extremely severe and fragile food insecurity problems as well as to support livelihoods of refugees and asylum-seekers. We will continue to support the fight of Mozambique against the pandemic as well as insecurity, Japan is always on your



side."

"We thank the people and the government of Japan for their continued support and assistance to Mozambique. This contribution enables us to continue supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Maratane camp through in-kind food assistance and capacity strengthening towards self-reliance and integration", said WFP Mozambique Representative, Antonella D'Aprile.

D'Aprile added: "In fact, to avoid jeopardizing the transition to self-reliance, ensuring the food security of the refugee population is imperative. Additionally, this contribution enables us to strengthen our emergency response to increasing numbers of IDPs in the country."

Maratane camp was established in 2001 and is considered the only refugee camp in Mozambique, hosting 9,500 Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Additionally, the camp area accounts for 16,390 people from the host community. These communities are directly relying on the camp for services - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Health, Education and other Social Services provided by the Government of Mozambique and UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency.

In light of the unfolding outbreak of Covid-19, in collaboration with other UN agencies, international

non-governmental organizations, and Government partners, WFP also contributed to the establishment of Covid-19 preventive measures in the camp.

Since October 2016, WFP has been implementing a livelihoods programme with the objective of enhancing the self-reliance of refugees, asylum seekers and host communities - through the implementation of activities that enable refugees to produce eggs, groom poultry, handcraft, establish saving and loans informal groups, and produce horticulture and other crops for their self-sustainability.

The assistance also creates links to wage employments in Nampula, as well as supports self-employment endeavors by the refugees.

The government of Japan has been funding food assistance for developing countries since 1968 and is a long-standing partner of WFP in Mozambique.

Japan's latest contribution to WFP humanitarian assistance came in May 2019, when it contributed with US\$ 6.9 million for the provision of food assistance to cyclone- and flood-affected people in Mozambique that saw their livelihoods wiped out by Tropical Cyclone Idai, which made landfall north of Beira, Sofala province, on 14 March 2019.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

World Education, Inc (WEI)

World Education, Inc. (WEI) seeks candidates for various vacancies to provide technical support to the USAID funded Waache Wasome project implemented through In-school and Out-of-school interventions in Arusha region (Karatu District Council and Arusha City Council) and Mara region (Musoma District Council, Musoma Municipal Council and Tarime District Council). Waache Wasome project is rooted in the principle of putting girls at the center of creating their own agency, while addressing the intersectional social norms and economic barriers that impinge upon their ability to remain and excel in school. The objectives of Waache Wasome project are as follows:

1. Build the agency, knowledge, and protective assets of girls in secondary schools;
2. Increase family commitment and capacity to invest in girls' education;
3. Foster a girl-friendly and supportive school environment;
4. Provide alternative education pathways for girls who have dropped out of secondary school due to pregnancy, early marriage and/or economic hardships.

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POSITION : Field Officers (5 – Positions)
REPORT TO : District Manager
LOCATION : Project Field Offices (Musoma MC, Tarime DC, Karatu DC and Arusha City)

Position Overview: The Field Officers will support implementation of Out of School AGYW project activities in Musoma MC, Tarime DC, Karatu DC and Arusha City. The Field Officers will be responsible for field support in the implementation of the out-of-school interventions for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) on life skills interventions, Early Childhood Stimulation, parenting skills, income generating activities which include work readiness component.

Qualifications: At least 1+ years of experience in similar community support projects including youth project activities, entrepreneurial foundation and employability of youths; self-driven with demonstrated marketing skills, experience in working in community projects, fluent in English and Kiswahili; a Bachelor's Degree or higher in field relevant to fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as described above.

POSITION : Economic Strengthening Officer (3 – Positions)
REPORT TO : District Manager
LOCATION : Project Field Offices (Musoma MC, Tarime DC and Arusha City)

Position Overview: The Economic Strengthening Officer will be part of the project's technical team implementing the package of out of school activities designed to increase family commitment and capacity to invest in girls' education. The package of out of school activities includes Livelihood Improvement for Mothers and Caregivers of Adolescents (LIMCA) and Parenting Skills. The position requires a high degree of integrity, professionalism, flexibility and perseverance, as well as the ability to anticipate, identify and resolve problems in the field.

Qualifications: At least 3+ years of experience in implementing programs under for USG-funded programs; poses an Advanced Diploma or Bachelor's Degree in relevant field; Have demonstrated experience in community-based programming in the community development activities in Tanzania; Experience in facilitating community savings groups preferred. Creative and capable of working independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team; Have demonstrated experience in providing quality technical assistance to government and civil society entities, especially at district, ward, and village levels; Have excellent facilitation and interpersonal skills; Fluent speaking and writing in English and Kiswahili and able to produce quality products in English such as progress reports, presentations, program briefs, and case studies;

POSITION : Technical Officer (3 – Positions)
REPORT TO : Senior Education & GBV Advisor
LOCATION : Project Field Offices (Musoma, Karatu DC and Arusha City)

Position Overview: The Technical Officer will support implementation of Dropout Early Warning System support secondary schools in preventing dropout of students. The Technical Officer will be responsible for supporting the strengthening of school disciplinary system to invest in identifying student cases/problems and link with services on timely manner. The Officer shall at all times work to contribute to the Waache Wasome guiding principles in building teacher's awareness and skills to prevent student dropout through a Dropout Early Warning System (DEWS).

Qualifications: At least 5+ years of experience in implementing social welfare or systems strengthening programs; experience in social welfare duties; degree or advance diploma in social work or related degrees; experience in providing quality technical assistance to government and civil society entities, especially at public secondary schools; experience in liaising effectively and managing participatory processes with a range of local government and civil society stakeholders, especially at district, ward, and village levels; able to produce quality products in English such as reports, presentations, program briefs, and case studies.

POSITION : Education Technical Officer (3 – Positions)
REPORT TO : Senior Education & GBV Advisor
LOCATION : Project Field Offices (Musoma, Karatu DC and Arusha City)

Position Overview: The Education Technical Officer will support implementation of in-school interventions in all project secondary school in Arusha City, Karatu DC, Musoma MC, Musoma DC and Tarime DC. The Education Technical Officer will be responsible for supporting teachers to encourage students to participate in participatory Science and Mathematics Subject Clubs and other activities, which enhance their interest and performances in STEM subjects.

Qualifications: At least 5+ years of experience in implementing education program at school level; experience in teaching biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics at secondary school, college or university; degree or master's in education or related degrees; experience in providing technical assistance to schools and civil society entities, especially at public secondary schools; experience in liaising effectively and managing participatory processes with a range of local government and civil society stakeholders, especially at district, ward, and village levels; able to produce quality products in English such as reports, presentations, program briefs, and case studies.

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Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

It's nonsense to say that 90 per cent of Covid-19 tests are false positives

By Gideon M-K, Health Nerd

IN all of the times that we thought about a pandemic in some hazy future that would probably never happen, the one thing that we mostly never foresaw was the truly epic amount of nonsense that would be produced.

It seems like every second minute that a new myth about Covid-19 springs up that needs to be debunked, whether it's the idea that drinking hot water can kill the virus - remember that from way back in April? - to the newer absurdity spreading around that most coronavirus deaths were actually caused by buses (spoiler: they weren't).

And so, when the newest misconception sprang up, instead of feeling elated that my purpose as a science communicator and blogger was being fulfilled, I instead felt the bone-crushing weariness that comes from total nonsense going on every single day of the year.

And because this nonsense is about a pandemic disease, and policy makers do sometimes base their decisions on trash analyses published online, I felt like it's important to address this inaccuracy as soon as possible.

Which brings us here, to the claim: that 90 per cent of all positive Covid-19 tests are false positives. This has serious implications, the story goes, because it means that there are actually virtually no cases of the disease in the US, and the government is lying to us all. And this is, to be blunt, totally wrong. Let me explain.

The main test used to determine if someone has been infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, is called a polymerase chain reaction test or a PCR. PCR testing basically takes tiny amounts of viral DNA or RNA and amplifies it until you can detect it easily in a sample, and it is one of the main ways we test for specific infections.

PCR testing has a number of advantages, as well as some weaknesses. The test has a problem with identifying people who are in the early stages of infection.

This is because it can be hard to get enough virus on a swab to replicate it in the test, which means that people who have only been infected one day or two days ago may not be positive when they are tested.

In fact, the sensitivity of the test can



be as low as 40 per cent in people who have only been infected a few days, meaning that 60 per cent of tests are false negatives in this population. This is why many places will re-test you if you are still having symptoms after a few days, even if your initial test was negative.

But in this particular piece we're not focusing on false negatives. Rather, we're worried about false positives because having a few people having their Covid-19 missed is only worrisome if we care about public health rather than strange conspiracies.

So, on to false positives... With

the PCR tests used to detect Covid-19, the average number of false positives has been extremely well-calculated. We have been using these tests for decades, after all, and we've had the better part of a year to perfect them for this specific disease.

While there were some early validations that showed slightly higher numbers of false positives, we've now got enormous samples run by researchers from across the world that show the rate of false positives in PCR tests for Covid-19 to be around 1 in 1,000 or lower.

In other words, it is incredibly rare for a Covid-19 test that comes

back positive to be a false positive. It's almost unheard of, if you ask me. It happens, but very rarely, particularly because many tests are confirmed - that is, run twice.

We can actually use two numbers, called specificity and sensitivity, to see the exact rate of tests that are 'right' in a population.

The specificity of Covid-19 PCR tests is the ratio of true negatives to false positives+true negatives, which works out to about 99.9 per cent. In other words, for every 1,000 people you test who truly don't have the disease, you get one test that is falsely positive.

Sensitivity is the ratio of true

positives to false negatives+true positives and, while this is also high it's not quite as high as specificity, averaging out around 98 per cent or thereabouts. This means that for every 1,000 people you test who do have a coronavirus infection, you'll miss about 20 true cases.

Let's imagine a population where about 50 in 1,000 people actually have Covid-19. You test all of them with PCR tests. Of the 950 people without the disease, you'll get an average of one false positive test. Of the 50 people who do in fact have the disease, you'll miss one person, which means that

there will be 49 true positives.

In this case, 98 per cent of all positives are true positives, with just 1/49 tests being a false positive. You'll also have missed one true positive, so your estimated prevalence - that is, the proportion of people who you think have COVID-19 - is actually correct at 50/1,000.

Even with very low numbers of infections, the spectacularly high specificity of PCR tests means that you almost never have more false positives than true positives.

If we repeat the calculation for a situation where only 50 in 10,000 people have Covid-19 in our sample, we still find 49 true positives and ten false positives, which means that our 'correct' figure is now 83 per cent - still very high, given the low population prevalence in the people we're testing.

In real life, it's rare that so few of the people we test actually have the disease, because we target testing at those with symptoms and who think that they might be getting sick.

And we can see this incredible accuracy happening in real life. In Australia, despite the hundreds of thousands of tests conducted every week, there are vanishingly few positive results.

In New South Wales, the state where I live in, we conduct more than 115,000 tests every week - with less than 40 positive results. Even if every one of those were a false positive, the false positive rate would still be less than a fraction of 0.1 per cent.

More broadly, it is simply wrong to suggest that most tests coming back positive for Covid-19 are false positives. In reality, the simple truth is that most positive tests are just that: positive.

The number of people who are sick with Covid-19 is increasing in many places in the world - particularly the UK - despite what certain inaccurate blogs might have you believe. This is the sad truth, and nothing more.

It is noteworthy that it is always good to be a bit skeptical when people tell you that the government is lying to you, because this presupposes a government that is coherent enough to settle on a single lie rather than the usual reality of so many garbled responses that even people working in the department have no idea what the message is.

HAMILTON, Canada

As we reflect on this week and celebrate the United Nations' rise in the war-ravaged world some 75 years ago, humanity is again being asked to lay the foundation for a new world.

As in 1945, we are asked to envision the world that emerges from a global catastrophe. Similarly, as well, in our post-pandemic world we will need to make not a partial but a full transformation, one in which human self-interest again aligns with planetary realities.

Such a global reset can produce universal benefits in the form of a healthier, more just, safer, kinder and more spirituality connected society.

As UN historian Paul Kennedy noted, it is difficult today to recapture the optimism and high spirits of those who, in the latter days of the most devastating war in history, thought that a new world order was possible, or had already arrived.

Of course, these visionaries were overly optimistic. All who roll boulders uphill are.

The lesson and inspiration for us is that they were able to look at a world reduced to rubble and see in it a transformational moment for all. If they did that then, surely, we can also do so today.

In 1945, the UN inherited the same challenges faced by an earlier experiment in global cooperation, the League of Nations. For every voice favouring the creation of institutions committed to global cooperation, there was another warning against the erosion of national sovereignty. This fierce debate continues today.

Meanwhile, the UN remains unable to escape the fundamental paradox of all international bodies. It only performs as well as its member nations.

Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Richard Holbrooke expressed it famously: "Blaming the UN for a crisis is

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Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of The United Nations. File photo

like blaming Madison Square Gardens when the New York Knicks play badly. You are blaming a building."

And, by virtue of its founding charter conditions, action against rogue states cannot be pursued if a Great Power - that is one of the five countries possessing the veto in the Security Council - is opposed.

It is impossible to understand the history of the United Nations without understanding that this tension was baked into the system at the time of its birth.

That said, even with this structural limitation, the UN has made enormous progress in domains in which individual nations could not

adequately or satisfactorily act alone.

And the UN is unlikely to ever collapse because of the growing range of world issues such as climate change that cannot be addressed alone by even the most powerful member states. As is often claimed, despite its many failings "if the UN didn't exist, we would have to invent it."

We live on a different planet than we did in 1945. How could it be otherwise when, in the span of a single lifetime, Earth's human population has swelled almost four-fold to nearly eight billion in 2020 - and total global production has grown from \$4 trillion to more than \$140 trillion in the same period, with many consequences.

It is important to acknowledge that our current global situation is not all bad. There is, for example, the growing power of international opinion to expose human rights abuses and cause even the most recalcitrant and repressive regimes to consider the consequences of their crimes. We cannot allow that pressure to let up.

If the Great Pause imposed on us by COVID-19 is to become a transformational moment, the level of change has to emerge from the hearts and collective conscience of humanity.

At minimum, that change has to manifest itself in action in the form of implementation of the UN's existing framework for creating a more just and more sustainable world: the UN's 2030 Transforming Our World global sustainable development agenda.

Difficult as the UN's sustainable development goals may appear to be, and distracted as we presently are by the pandemic, we cannot afford to lose sight of what this agenda can do for humanity.

This agenda, if implemented now, may well be seen in time as the greatest gift the United Nations has given humanity.

The problems facing the UN as a world body 75 years into its mandate have not and will not deter it from trying "to save generations from the scourge of war," "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights," and to promote "social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom."

Those ambitions in the original Preamble to the founding Charter of the United Nations had it right. The question now - in this new transformational moment - is, can we finally do it? And the answer is yes, we can.

The boulder is still only half way up the mountain. To advance it further, to create the future we want and the UN we need, much effort is needed.

Just as in 1945, this truly is a transformational moment - for the UN certainly, but also for the entire world.

Agencies

MAASAI WOMEN DEMAND LAND TENURE RIGHTS TO BOOST DEVELOPMENT



A Maasai woman shows her customary land ownership certificate in Arusha recently.

By Property Watch Reporter, Arusha

LONG ignored as other women in patriarchal communities, Maasai Women are now demanding their rights to own land so that their economic contribution to the society can be formally recognised.

Speaking at a land rights seminar for women organised by Maasai Women Development Organization earlier this week, the women said outdated traditions and customs embraced by their community are hindering them from being formally recognised as economic contributors.

The seminar which was financed through a grant by Foundation for Civil Society and was aimed at sensitizing women demand their rights, also heard narrations about women's work not being given value.

"Time has come for the voice of women to be heard and for the outdated male dominant traditions and customs to be abolished," said Maria Ole Nasha, a resident of Namanga in Arusha District while adding that when women own land or other property, families

and communities are much safer.

Nasha however commended Mwedo and FCS for enabling the oppressed voices of women are being heard and slowly being embraced by male traditional leaders and decision makers. "Things have started to change and some women are owning property but we have a long way to go as patriarchal communities," she noted saying some Maasai women have farms, houses and livestock.

A traditional Maasai female leader, Mboda Ngaiyo from Engarneibo Village in the district things have started to change with some 250 currently owning farms, plots of land with title deeds and herds of livestock in her area.

"Maasai women are now changing the community's perception that they can own and manage property in the interest of their families with some engaged in commercial projects making profit," Ngaiyo noted.

An elder Maasai leader from Eselalee Village, Melita Mepokoli backed Ngaiyo's observation saying many women are now demanding property ownership rights. "We have received

many letters at village level from women demanding ownership of land and villages have granted them where possible," Mepokoli said adding that men are also accepting to give their spouse property rights.

He gave an example of a woman called Ngelendi Naheda from her village who wrote a letter demanding ownership of 2.5 hectares of land that she had inherited and the leaders approved her request.

Acting Arusha Regional Administrative Secretary, herygeny Chitukiro conceded that the struggled against traditions and customs which discriminate against women is ongoing and has started making headway.

"I commend Mwedo for playing an important role in addressing such oppressive traditions and customs among the Maasai and the government will always continue supporting such initiatives," Chitukiro said.

He said Land Acts No. 4 and 5 and Village Land Act all of 1999 don't discriminate against any gender when it comes to property ownership hence activists should sensitize women to demand their rights.

Chinese SGR operator faces 50 percent pay cut

NAIROBI

Parliament wants the standard gauge railway (SGR) operating costs cut by half and the terms of the loan taken to finance its construction renegotiated to ease pressure on taxpayers.

The Transport committee of the National Assembly said the current huge operating losses on the SGR, coupled with the Chinese debt repayment obligations, warranted an urgent review to protect taxpayers already strained by the economic fallout due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The committee recommends that renegotiation on the current Operating Agreement by planning to reduce the operation costs by at least 50 percent be initiated by the government," the committee said in a report following an inquiry into the use of the SGR.

"The government should initiate the process of renegotiating the terms of the SGR with the lender due to the prevailing economic distress occasioned by the effects of Covid-19, the global pandemic that has affected the world's economic growth."

Taxpayers spend an average of Sh1 billion per month on the operations of the Chinese-built Mombasa-Nairobi railway. But the cost could rise up to Sh1.8 billion due to variables such as the price of lubricants and fuel, loading and unloading fees, maintenance charge and various other management fees.

Transport ministry data shows that revenue collection by China's Africa Star Railway Operation Company, which runs both passenger and cargo services on the SGR, has trailed expenditure—exposing taxpayers to a huge bill for sustaining operations.

For instance, in the three years to May the SGR posted a combined operating loss of Sh21.68 billion, having netted Sh25.03 billion in revenue over the period against operational costs totalling Sh46.71 billion — a gap that taxpayers have to plug. The operation loss has already caused the Kenya Railways Company (KRC) to default on an estimated Sh40 billion payout to Africa Star.

The SGR operation agreement requires the government to foot a fixed service monthly payment, which is paid quarterly in advance at a rate of \$28.8 million (Sh3.1 billion). The recommendation by Parliament for a 50 percent cut on the operation costs, if successful, could see the government part with Sh1.5 billion quarterly.

Apart from the operating fees, Kenya is obligated to honour repayment of the Sh324 billion it borrowed for the project from the Exim Bank of China in May 2014 and started repaying last year after expiry of the five-year grace period. Loan repayments to China's Exim Bank jumped from the Sh31 billion in the year to June to Sh71.4 billion in the current fiscal period, reflecting a 130 percent increase.

The recommendations by Parliament followed a probe into a controversial government directive that all containerized cargo and local import destined for Nairobi and the hinterland be moved through the SGR from the port of Mombasa. The directive and another one which required that all transit cargo to be transported through the SGR to the newly established Naivasha Inland Container Depot (ICD) have since been rescinded.



An SGR train at Mombasa ICD in Nairobi.

Minister Jafo says delivery by NMB of 17m/- building materials to Kisarawe schools timely

By Property Watch Reporter

A donation of 565 pieces of iron sheets valued at 17m/- made by NMB Bank Plc to public schools in Kisarawe District will go a long way in improving the learning environment in Coast Region.

Seleman Jafo, Minister of State in President's Office responsible for Local Governments and Regional Administration, said earlier this week that NMB's support to government efforts to improve education and health services is encouraging.

"The government of President John Pombe Magufuli has made significant efforts in improving delivery of quality education in public school but a lot remains to be done because the task is huge," Jafo said.

He noted that because of the bank's support countrywide, community services including health which benefits the majority of Tanzanians. "The government is spending a minimum of 23.86bn/- monthly to support our public schools in line with our Universal Primary and Secondary Education policy.

Jafo's observation was backed by Kisarawe District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo who praised both the bank and the minister who is also Kisarawe legislator for supporting the district's development efforts.



Kisarawe DC Jokate Mwegelo (L) moves a vote of thanks to NMB Bank Plc's acting Chief Finance Officer, Benedict Baragomwa (2nd R) after receiving iron sheets worth 17m/- for public schools in her district as minister Selemani Jafo (2nd L) and NMB Eastern Zone manager Dismas Prosper look on. Photo courtesy of NMB.

"Major development changes that Kisarawe has seen is a result of good leadership of Minister Jafo who has worked in partnership with likeminded institutions such as NMB to invest in community projects," Mwegelo said while promising NMB's leadership to ensure that the building materials are put to better use.

NMB's acting Chief Finance Officer, Benedict Baragomwa said the bank will continue working with enterprising leaders such as Mwegelo and Jafo who want to develop their jurisdiction as part of investing in community work.

"As a bank we appreciate Kisarawe leaders' choice to work with is in bringing about development in the district," Baragomwa noted while adding that the Dar es Salaam based lender's donation go to Kurui Chole Primary School with 200 pieces; Kidugalo PS also got 200 pieces while Msegamo PS got 165 pieces.

He said the donation is part of the bank's over 1bn/- allocated this year under its corporate social responsibility plan.

Radisson Hotel Group launches Hybrid Solutions in bid to cope with 'new normal'

KIGALI

The global hotel chain, Radisson Hotel Group has announced a new product dubbed Hybrid Solutions incorporating Hybrid Rooms and Hybrid Meetings.

Radisson Hotel Group's Hybrid Meetings combine the best of meeting in person and virtually, offering a reliable image, sound, and video conferencing system, dual screens,

wireless presentation clicker, high-speed internet connection, and more.

As the world continues to adapt to "new normal" and ongoing travel limitations brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, meeting and event organizers can now choose to offer virtual participation options and hybrid formats that allow for small local gatherings, while also broadcasting to remote attendees and satellite locations.

Tim Cordon, Area Senior Vice President, Middle East, and Africa, Radisson Hotel Group, said: "We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Hybrid Meeting Solutions, which directly addresses some of the meeting and event challenges the pandemic has created globally.

With the various government-imposed restrictions, travelling to meet in person has become somewhat impossible. However, as a hotel group with hospitality at its core,

we certainly understand the importance of connections and the need to adapt and exercise flexibility, which has led to the creation and introduction of Hybrid Solutions."

Radisson Hotel Group has partnered with Zoom, the leader in modern enterprise video communication, to provide a smooth experience for their clients' virtual and hybrid meetings and events.

Specialist in-house event teams will assist

clients in delivering a range of events from hybrid multi-site meetings to broadcasting events, ensuring events are efficient, effective, and engaging, with flawless execution and no audio / visual problems.

Hybrid Rooms perfectly combine the facilities of a state-of-the-art office with the comforts of a superior hotel room to create a productive, dedicated, and quiet workspace for the business traveller, leisure guest, and local day-guest alike.

SHANTA GOLD INSTALLING NEW PLANT AT CHUNYA LUIKA MINE

By Property Watch Reporter

INTEGRATION of ten-tonne-per-hour per hour new plant at New Luika Gold Mine in Chunya District, Songwe Region has commenced and is due to start operating in January next year.

The East Africa-focused gold producer, said in a statement earlier this week that the 10 tonnes per hour plant was formerly meant for Singida Gold Mine which is yet to commence production. The plant was purchased in 2016 for the Singida Project but installation of the pilot plant was abandoned following a review of the project economics and it has been in storage in South Africa since then.

The gold miner said once commissioned, the new plant will increase annual nameplate processing capacity at NLGM to a baseline of 708,000 tons from 620,000 currently. The projected annual processing rate will also increase to a baseline of 783,000 from the current 695,000. "Shanta has consistently expanded plant throughput over the last three years. Throughput in 2021 is expected to



A bird's eye view of Shanta Gold's New Luika Gold Mine in Chunya District Songwe Region.

be 24% higher than 2017," said Shanta Gold CEO, Eric Zurrin.

The cost to integrate the pilot plant at NLGM is estimated at US\$1.2 million and will be financed from cash flow, the London Stock Exchange listed company stated. The New

Luika plant upgrade will focus on increased ball mill power, with upgrades to other components including an increase to pumping capacity, a tailings discharge system, and additional leach capacity to support the higher throughput and increase

operability.

Increased plant capacity will provide New Luika with the flexibility to reduce cut off grades, thus lowering the hurdle for resources to be converted to minable ounces. Detailed engineering design is complete, and

the company has started civil works on the mill floor and foundation, the statement noted.

Meanwhile, the company said exploration drilling carried out at the recently acquired West Kenya Project in Kenya in which it has a 100 percent continues after the company acquired seven licences covering the majority of the project which extends over 1,161 square kilometres.

Approximately 220,000 metres of historical exploration drilling has been completed across the Project Area resulting in multiple discoveries. As a result the gold miner said it has a total group-wide reserves of 653,000 ounces grading 3.15 grams per ton across its two projects in Tanzania; and 3.2 million oz grading 3.58 g/t across all three projects in Tanzania and Kenya.

"Shanta has a track record of replacing mined ounces from its seven ore bodies at New Luika Gold Mine for little cost. The company is two thirds of the way through the 2020 exploration budget of US\$5 m and, so far, reserves have increased by 75,000 oz. The increase came predominantly from Luika and Black Tree Hill deposits where reserve grades were significantly higher than the inferred resource grade," Zurrin added.

Glencore says Kamoto Copper Company ramping up to full production

KINSHASA

Glencore's head of Africa copper on Tuesday said its Democratic Republic of Congo subsidiary Kamoto Copper Company (KCC) is ramping up to full production and should produce 270,000 tonnes of copper as cathode in 2020.

KCC is also expected to produce 25,000 tonnes of cobalt hydroxide, Glencore's Mark Davis said. In remarks made after a meeting with Congo's prime minister, Mark Davis said Glencore was also continuing to weigh options for a potential restart of its Mutanda Mining operation, which the company shuttered in November due to falling cobalt prices, increased costs and higher taxes.

"The Kamoto Copper operation is very successfully ramping up to full production levels during this current year ... and the Mutanda Mining operation remains under care and maintenance but we continue to study options for a restart in the future," said Davis.

The Kamoto mine has been ratcheting up output since it started producing at the end of 2007. The then owners Kinross Forest and Gecamines aimed for the mine to produce 25,000 tonnes of copper in its first full year. Davis said the meeting with Prime Minister Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba was an opportunity to build on the "good discussions" between the mining industry and government over the past weeks.

"It represented the willingness of all parties to work together as good business partners," he said. Congo's government this month pledged to reimburse value-added tax payments it owes mining companies, a win for the industry which says it is owed a total of more than \$1 billion in reimbursements.

Glencore holds 75% of KCC through its Congo unit Katanga Mining, which the Switzerland-based firm took private and delisted from the Toronto stock exchange in April. Congo's state mining firm Gecamines holds the remaining 25% of KCC.



A Gautrain at a station in Johannesburg.

Motorists set to pay for Gautrain expansion

JOHANNESBURG

Motorists and taxpayers appear set to become the cash cow to enable the government to reduce its percentage of the funding of the multi-billion rand expansion of the Gautrain.

Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) CEO William Dachs said on Monday: "We firmly believe the people in cars don't pay their fair share in terms of the taxes that they pay and the failure of the e-tolls system has perpetuated that problem."

Dachs was commenting on the GMA's engagement with National Treasury about the sources of funding for the Gautrain expansion project and the need to move people off the roads and away from carbon intensive modes of transport during a virtual panel discussion on the 'Future of Rapid Rail in Gauteng and its Impact on Social and Economic Development.'

He said the GMA started its engagement with Treasury on the funding of the expansion with "a clean sheet of paper and [to] look at all the possible sources." "We also looked at developer charges, bearing in mind that people who develop around existing Gautrain stations have seen massive increases in the values of their properties."

Most viable source

"We then did a quite detailed analysis of what each source could bring and which one of them would be the most viable," he said. Dachs did not comment on which of these sources was the most viable but said: "We would be looking at a blend of national government funding, provincial government funding, people who use the trains, private developers contribution as well as those who invest in the train itself."

He confirmed that vehicle licence fees had been considered during the GMA's engagement with Treasury but stressed that: "It's not an infinite source." "Gauteng can't become uncompetitive in terms of its vehicle licences compared to other provinces but there is a strong case to be made there," he said.

Dachs said there is a strong willingness from

private sector developers to invest in new stations provided they are transit orientated developments from which they can get a return. He said they were obviously also looking at getting private sector investment in the infrastructure itself "because the people who use the trains will pay for them."

'Massive misconception'

Dachs stressed that there is a "massive misconception" that the people who use the current Gautrain are massively

subsidised in terms of the operations cost, which is untrue. He said there was a "close to 100% recovery" of the operating costs of the Gautrain from the money people pay to use it although "Covid-19 messed that up." Dachs said this high operating cost recovery rate goes a long way towards the long term financial sustainability of the Gautrain.

Gauteng provincial borrowings and provincial budget allocations via national government accounted for 88% of

the total cost of the first phase development of the Gautrain, with private sector debt only accounting for about 12% balance of the cost.

Reports have suggested the government wants to reduce its funding of the Gautrain expansion to 33% while former GMA CEO Jack van der Merwe said last year the plan was to increase private sector funding to 33%. The GMA submitting plans about the Gautrain expansion programme to National Treasury in 2017.

Russian plan to dig biggest platinum mine in Zimbabwe clears hurdle

HARARE

A project that aims to develop Zimbabwe's biggest platinum mine has cleared a significant hurdle, with the African Export-Import Bank completing a due diligence study allowing it to proceed with a \$500 million syndicated funding program.

While some work has started on the mine, with \$100 million spent to date including exploration costs, a significant amount of investment will now be needed if Great Dyke Investments, owned by Russia's Vi Holding and Zimbabwean investors, is to complete the \$2 billion project.

"The project funding structure envisages participation of various types of equity investors as well as lenders," Alex Ivanov, GDI's chief executive officer, said in response to emailed questions. "The specific stake to be acquired by potential investors would largely depend on their overall appetite for the project."

Ivanov confirmed the completion of the due diligence program and said he expects the funding to be in place by year end. Humphrey Nwogo, Afreximbank's southern African chief operating officer declined to comment, citing client confidentiality.

The so-called Darwendale project, which lies 65 kilometers (40 miles) from the capital Harare, is central to the Zimbabwean government's plans to revive its stagnant economy. The country has the world's third-biggest platinum reserves after South Africa and Russia. Employees at Great Dyke Investments Darwendale project in Zimbabwe.

Still, the country is struggling to attract foreign investment. It's unable to pay its debt to multilateral organisations such as the World Bank and has been criticized by potential lenders for its poor economic management and human rights abuses. Even so, the activity at the mine site is a rare sign of potential investment in a country that seen's its currency collapse and inflation surge to more than 700%.

On a recent visit some workers were seen drilling for ore samples while others constructed roads needed for earthmoving equipment. Training of crews to operate that equipment was also taking place. Drilling contractors work at Great Dyke Investments platinum fields in Zimbabwe.



Drilling contractors work at Great Dyke Investments platinum fields in Zimbabwe.

CONSTRUCTION

CRUISE LINE OPERATORS PLOT COURSE TO RETURN TO OPEN SEAS

NEW JERSEY

A cruise industry health panel jointly convened by Royal Caribbean Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings is recommending Covid-19 tests for all guests and crew members as part of a plan released on Monday that the companies hope will clear the way to US sailings.

The recommendation is one of 74 steps outlined by the so-called Healthy Sail Panel in a report submitted to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the recommendations, guests must get tested between one and five days before boarding and show a negative result.

Speaking in a joint interview on Monday with Norwegian chief executive Frank Del Rio, Royal Caribbean chief executive Richard Fain said the guidance creates a path to welcoming guests back onto ships.

"We've always said we won't start until we know it's safe, but we think the panel has given us that pathway, and so we would start fairly quickly to assemble a crew and do all that," Mr Fain said, declining to give a specific date. "We're hoping that would be soon."

The panel also recommended once-daily temperature checks for guests and crew, updating air-conditioning systems



The Royal Caribbean cruise ship Anthem of the Seas docked at the port of Bayonne in New Jersey in February after passengers were removed with possible coronavirus symptoms.

and modifying ships to promote physical distancing, including through the removal of self-service buffets.

The companies are seeking a green light from the CDC to restart US cruises. A CDC "no sail" order that prevents the companies from sailing in US waters expires at the end of the month, but the federal agency has previously extended the order. Members of industry group Cruise Lines Inter-

national Association - including Royal Caribbean and Norwegian - have suspended US cruise operations until at least the end of October.

The industry shut down in mid-March after a series of outbreaks and fatalities on ships. Now, it needs to convince governments and customers that it can prevent another one of those episodes, which captured the world's attention and used critical resources at

a key time in the pandemic.

In the CDC's latest "no sail" order, the agency said it had spent 38,000 person-hours on its cruise-ship response between March and July. In that period, it has identified about 3,000 Covid-19 or Covid-like cases on cruise ships and 34 deaths, and it said 80 per cent of ships in US jurisdiction were affected by Covid-19 in the period.

Citing current scientific

evidence, the CDC said cruise ships pose "greater risk of Covid-19 transmission" than other settings - a conclusion that the industry has quibbled with even after the onboard outbreaks. The order specifically mentioned an article in the Journal of Travel Medicine, which concluded that the reproduction rate of the virus on Carnival's Diamond Princess was about four times higher than in the early days of the virus in

Wuhan, China.

Mr Fain and Norwegian's Mr Del Rio said the return to the seas would be gradual. As the new guidelines suggest, the resumption would initially rely in part on trips to the companies' private islands, where they can exert control over the environment.

"We need to build momentum, we need to build confidence," Mr Del Rio said. "We need to demonstrate that what is on paper can actually be put into practice in a successful way." Speaking in the same joint interview, the panel's co-chairmen said the recommendations would significantly reduce risk, but couldn't completely eliminate it.

The chairmen, former US Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb and former Utah Governor Michael Leavitt, said a key to the return to the seas was planning for how to offload passengers in the event that the virus does reach the ships. "You can create a protective bubble around this environment," Mr Gottlieb said. "You can control many aspects of this environment, and that allows you to substantially reduce the risk."

Outside his role on the panel, Mr Gottlieb told CBS on Sunday that there would probably be at least one more viral cycle in the fall and winter, and that he didn't anticipate a vaccine for general inoculation until late in the second quarter or into the third quarter of 2021.

Mr Leavitt said on Monday that the panel expected to incorporate feedback from the CDC. The companies will also be outlining specific procedures based on the panel's recommendations. "To those who are looking forward to cruising, this is an important milestone, but there's still work to do," Mr Leavitt said.

ICD and Dubai South launch 'City of Trade' to connect global wholesalers

DUBAI

Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD), the principal investment arm of the emirate's government, and Dubai South launched Dubai Global Connect (DGC), a wholesale market platform that links buyers and sellers globally.

The 1 million square metre purpose-built facility will initially focus on furniture & living, food and fashion - three sectors identified as being large, growing at a rapid pace and relevant to the region, ICD said in a statement on Monday.

The construction of DGC, also named "City of Trade", has already begun, with a visitor centre scheduled to open in the fourth quarter of this year, ICD said. No financial details of the project were provided.

The mega project will be delivered in phases. The 400,000 square metre first phase includes trade facilities including on-site storage, boutique offices, an innovation hub and a smart service centre to house third party service providers.

Located at the logistics corridor, next to Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai South, the new development is connected with the Jebel Ali Port, the largest port in the Middle East. DGC's infrastructure will also be supported by a digital wholesale trading platform, which will connect wholesale sellers and buyers online for hassle-free trade, according to the statement.

"As part of our mandate to en-



Investment Corporation of Dubai and Dubai South have launched Dubai Global Connect, a global wholesale market being built next to Al Maktoum International Airport.

hance Dubai's position as a global, competitive economy, ICD has embarked on the creation of DGC with the vision to build a unique trade infrastructure that enhances efficiencies in global trade flows through Dubai," Mohammed Al Shaibani, ICD's managing director, said.

DGC on Monday also signed a pact with US-based Market Centre

Management Company for the development and running of DGC's showroom, which will be open to qualified retail buyers and designers, manufacturers and industry professionals around the year.

The City of Trade is unique as it focuses on regional and global audience to trade goods from all around the world, as oppose to other wholesale markets that focus

on promoting domestic agendas, ICD said. "DGC has been a long time in the making, but is even more relevant and needed in today's changed global trade environment," Douraid Zaghouani, ICD's chief operating officer and chairman of DGC, said.

"Establishing a controlled, permanent market place environment is perfectly timed as event produc-

ers and their attendees cope with reduced travel budgets." ICD owns stakes in some of Dubai's biggest and best-known names, including Emirates airline and Dubai's biggest bank, Emirates NBD. It also owns Emirates National Oil Corporation, holds a minority stake in developer Emaar Properties, the Dubai Airport Free Zone and the World Trade Centre.

Lifestyle changes not yet reflected in Saudi housing market, survey finds

RIYADH

Dramatic shifts in demographics and lifestyles in Saudi Arabia are yet to be reflected in its housing market, with most new homes still being large villas on the periphery of "ever-expanding urban boundaries" of the kingdom's major cities, according to a new report.

The kingdom's population has grown rapidly and become much younger, but builders still focus on large family homes, Knight Frank found in its inaugural Saudi Arabia National Housing Survey. "This type of product is one which the new demographic cohort will struggle to afford or have any desire to occupy," the survey found.

More individuals are looking to buy property and demand is highest for more affordable units, with 65 per cent of respondents stating they were looking to buy a property below 1 million Saudi riyals, the survey showed. Nearly 56 per cent of 1,000 survey respondents that are currently renting said they were looking to buy a property within the next five years.

"Saudi Arabia has seen rapid changes ... its population has increased by over 520 per cent in the 50 years to 2020 and over the same period its rate of urbanisation has increased from 49 per cent to 84 per cent," Taimur Khan, associate partner and head of research at Knight Frank Middle East, said. More than half (51 per cent) of the kingdom's population currently live in apartments but 61 per cent said they are looking to purchase a villa when they next move, the survey found.

Respondents suggested that the most important attribute they desired in a new home would be a garden, closely followed by a modern design and more than one living room. More than six in 10 potential buyers said they would be willing to buy an off-plan property.

"To date the challenge has been understanding exactly where the parameters of demand lie," Stefan Burch, general manager of Knight Frank Saudi Arabia, said. "Having commissioned this extensive survey, we have been able to observe the type and price of residential stock that will respond to the majority of existing demand which will, in turn, assist stakeholders when considering participation in the residential sector," he added.

FCC debarred from World Bank projects over fraudulent Colombian bid

WASHINGTON

Spanish contractor FCC Construcción has been barred for two years from bidding for World Bank-financed projects for "fraudulent and collusive" bidding practices in Colombia.

It agreed to pay \$5.5m in restitution after the bank accused it of trying underhandedly to have a competitor disqualified in the pro-

cess of bidding for a \$500m flood control project in Bogotá. The bank lessened the sanction period in light of "extraordinary cooperation and voluntary remedial actions taken by the company under a new shareholding structure", it said on Wednesday. The debarment was part of a settlement agreement under which FCC did not contest the accusations and agreed to meet ongoing integrity compliance con-

ditions.

The Barcelona-based company, which is controlled by Mexican industrialist Carlos Slim, was accused of arranging with public officials to have a competitor disqualified through a subcontractor and a commercial agent.

The bank also accused it of misrepresenting the use of the contract's advance payment, and the composition and roles of three

companies within a consortium. FCC did not ultimately win the contract. The bidding, which took place before Slim bought his shareholding, was for a \$500m project to improve the Bogotá river, approved by the bank in 2010.

The work involved improving water quality, reducing flood risks and creating what the bank calls "multi-functional areas" along the river. As a condition for release from sanc-

tions, FCC committed itself to an integrity compliance programme.

FCC also agreed to pay a restitution of \$5.5m to the Colombian authorities. Listed on the Madrid stock exchange, FCC had revenues of €6.3bn in 2019. It employs around 60,000 people. Last year, Spain's High Court charged it with corruption and money laundering in connection with metro and healthcare contracts in Panama.



Tanzanian winger, Simon Msuva, features for his club, Difaâ Hassani El Jadidi, in a recent Botola Pro League clash in Morocco.

Why Samatta, Himid, Msuva should be more appreciated

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

FORMER Simba SC striker, Adam Salamba, caused a buzz on social media in Tanzania when his name was spotted in the Namungo FC match day squad against Prisons in the Vodacom Premier League on Saturday.

Salamba had left Simba to join the professional ranks in Kuwait last year.

Unfortunately he has returned home after his Kuwait side cancelled the contracts of all professionals in their squad due to Coronavirus pandemic in March.

One would sympathise with Salamba for the unfortunate event, which is beyond his control.

Salamba joins Hassan Ramadhan 'Kessy' and Farid Mussa who joined Mtbwa Sugar and Yanga respectively in the last transfer window.

Kessy was on the books of Zambian Premier Soccer League champions, Nkana FC, for the past two years but he decided to return home at the end of his contract.

According to Kessy, Nkana are facing financial struggles as a result of their main sponsors facing issues with low prices of copper in the world market.

The former Simba and Yanga right back admitted he was paid salary with only the sign on fee being an issue that brought him back to Tanzania.

He insists it is only a temporary move before he makes another attempt at playing abroad though the odds might be slightly against him.

Perhaps the most shocking move back home was that one of Mussa who was in Spain for four years with CD Tenerife.

Mussa who earned his move to Spain having impressed with Azam FC in the local league said he had to join Yanga as he could not risk waiting for deals that he was not sure would materialize due to several traveling restrictions brought by Coronavirus pandemic.

He did not agree to a contract extension without a guarantee of being given a shot at playing for the first team after spending four years with the reserve squad.

As much as one would understand the

tough choice he had to make, it is hard to ignore the concern if he will be able to make a comeback to playing abroad.

In one way or another, Salamba, Mussa and Kessy join a long list of Tanzanian players who have in the recent past met a similar fate recently and in the past years.

The past three years have seen a good number of Tanzanian players who did well in the Tanzania Premier League earn deals from foreign clubs but quickly return home after one or two seasons away from the comfort of their home country's streets, language and food.

The list is long. David Kissu, Ayub Lyanga, Danny Lyanga, Shaban Chilunda are among the several footballers whose attempts at playing professional football abroad were not successful and quickly made a u-turn where it all began.

It is understandable to be disappointed since we all wish them the best and want to see them enjoy progress and do carry our beloved flag high but we should not forget they are adults.

They are the ones who understand the struggles of playing abroad.

It is why every Tanzanian player who returns home should make us appreciate the few, who have enjoyed successful stints of professional football beyond our borders.

Having a successful career abroad comes down to a player's levels of sacrifice.

How much does he want to play and stay in a competitive league? Is he self-driven enough to overcome the enormous challenges of a new environment?

The likes of captain Mbwana Samatta, who moved from Tanzania's African Lyon to the high heights of English Premier League, Himid Mao going strong in one of the toughest and strongest leagues in Africa with Egypt's ENPPI, Simon Msuva making waves in Morocco, Ally Msengi and Abdi Banda doing it in Africa's most commercialized league, the PSL, should all be more appreciated for going against the stream of high turnover of local players who quickly return home when the going gets tough.

Aces A side cricketers sail through to 2020 Kazim Nasser tournament last four

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

ACES A side's cricketers have booked a place in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division A's last four, notching three-wicket victory over Strikers A team in a game which took place in Dar es Salaam recently.

The duel's eventual winners have joined Gymkhana A team, and Aga Khan A team in the KNML top tier last four, to be played at dates which will be released by the organizers, Tanzania Cricket Association.

Mohammad Ali's batting heroics were instrumental in Aces A squad's victory in the clash, he solidly withstood Strikers A team's bowlers' pressure to help his side come out victorious.

The 50-over game, which took place at Leaders Club, had Aces A team restricting Strikers A squad to 148 runs all out in 44.1 overs after winning the toss and choosing bowl.

Strikers A team got off to a good start, thanks to encouraging batting showing by their openers skipper Kishen Kamania and Riken Patel.

Patel score 27 runs that consisted of four fours, his fellow opener notched 15 runs to give their fellows motivation.

They later endured a wobble as their two top order batsmen, Dhyey Shah and Suraj Pala, faced early dismissals.

Experienced players, Ashish Kamania and Vikram Rathore, managed to somewhat hold the innings with spirited batting showing, posting 50 runs and 24 runs respectively.

Ashish was the team's eventual top run getter, with his score



Aces A cricket team pose for picture after participating in a recent 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division A's match, which took place in Dar es Salaam. The squad has booked a place in the KNML top tier semi-finals. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ACES CRICKET CLUB

consisting of three fours and a six.

Batting collapse the squad faced thereafter significantly affected their quest for an imposing total.

Ankit Baghel led Aces A squad's bowling onslaught, taking four wickets for 27 runs in 9.1 overs.

Baghel deservedly took home the man of the match prize for his bowling exploits, which helped Aces A squad tame Strikers A side.

There were also impressive performance showcased by medium pacer Kibwana Salum and Ali, the two bowlers took two wickets apiece for Aces A side.

Salum had two maiden overs in his six-over spell, Ali had three maiden overs in 10 overs he bowled, leaking 25 runs.

Needing 149 runs to come out victorious, Aces A team showcased their batting prowess, reaching the target for seven wickets in 39.3 overs.

Solid batting displays by openers, Baghel and Jumanne Mohamed, saw the side make its desire to notch victory known, with the duo confidently executing good knocks.

Mohamed posted 26 runs that consisted of three fours, Baghel recorded 20 runs which included three fours.

Three quick dismissals failed to weaken Aces A team's resolve, given Ali stepped at the crease and significantly boosted his team's quest for victory with his 39 runs.

Ali nailed six fours in his impressive stint at the crease. Ally Mpeka had a brief spell that had him chip in with 11 runs.

Azim Thakur later put his experience to use, as he made certain of Aces A team's victory with his 22 runs not out which included four fours.

He forged an unbeaten stand with equally experienced performer Bhavesh Govind, who is also the squad's skipper, to catapult the team to victory.

Govind scored four runs not out.

Strikers A squad's spinner Harsh Ramaiya and Ashish ended their bowling spells with two wickets apiece. Their bowling exploits nevertheless did little to frustrate their opponents' chase.

Ashish had two maiden overs in his 10-over spell, leaking 32 runs. Ramaiya leaked 19 runs in 3.3 overs.

Despite suffering the loss Strikers A team are still in contention for progression to the knockout stage of KNML top tier, given they have one match left to play.

Strikers A squad will this weekend take on Caravans A squad in the last of the round robin stage games, which will produce a team that will complete the last four list.

Strikers A team have collected four points from four clashes, posting a win percentage of 50.

They are level with Caravans A squad on points but are separated by net run rate.



IOC President Thomas Bach, on the screen, speaks remotely during an on-line meeting focused on how to pull off the delayed Tokyo Games, in Tokyo, yesterday, Sept. 24, 2020. Bach delivered a pep talk to Japanese government officials and local organizers on Thursday that included suggestions that "hundreds of millions" of doses COVID-19 vaccines would be available before the postponed Olympic are to open on July 23, 2021. (AP)

Visual artists set for indigenous music festival, art exhibition

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

MORE than 15 visual artists are expected to take part in a major indigenous music festival and art exhibition to be held in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

The festival has been organized by an arts center, Nafasi Arts Space, and sponsored by the French Embassy in Tanzania.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam recently, Kwame Mchauru, the festival's coordinator and Performance Arts Manager from Nafasi Arts Space, said the artists,

who will be participating in music festival, are those who play their music in a traditional style, blending with contemporary flavours.

"The festival is dubbed 'Weekend let's meet again', it will bring together more than 500 people. Apart from music, there will be other exhibitions of art objects, majority of traditional artists will take part and we hope the schedule will start in the morning right here at Nafasi Arts Space grounds," he said.

He mentioned some of

traditional music performers, who will be performing at the festival, as Shabo Makota, Bahati Band, Wahapahapa, One the Incredible, Tara Jaza and Leo Mkanya.

He disclosed that the festival is divided into two parts, in which the first will entail art exhibitions, whilst the second will constitute stage performances.

Cecile Frobert, Head of Development, Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the French Embassy in Tanzania, said the embassy considers traditional

music and arts as important tools in promoting a nation's culture for young generations.

"The French Embassy has been collaborating with various artists and during the Covid 19 pandemic we were running various programs through the internet, this time we are happy to meet together through this Saturday festival," the official stated.

"We will continue to work closely with artists to promote arts and culture."

In war-battered Syria, pay demands turn football into 'curse'

DAMASCUS

PROFESSIONAL football clubs in war-battered Syria are struggling to sign new players, who are demanding raises to counter the decline in the value of their pay packets.

Nine years into a grinding civil war, Syria's economy is in tatters, life is increasingly expensive, and the national currency is in freefall on the black market.

The coronavirus pandemic has compounded economic woes, with footballers forced to play in closed-door stadiums, wiping out turnstile revenues.

"Professional football has become a curse," said Eyad al-Sibaei, president of Homs city's Wathba club, runners-up in the Syrian league last season.

"Players who once played with us for reasonable amounts are now demanding astronomical sums. They say it's because of the devaluation" of the Syrian currency.

The Syrian league, which has no foreign stars, was suspended for just one month for Covid-19, and it did not stop during the war except at the outset in 2011.

Players were transferred last year for as little as 35 million Syrian pounds (\$17,500 at the current black market rate), but Sibaei said players are now demanding salaries of up to 60 million pounds (\$30,000) for a single season.

"Next season, we'll need between 400 and 500 million pounds for contracts and other expenses, knowing that the club only has around 160 million in its kitty," he said.

He said the club spent around 315 million last year, some of which he had to advance from his own pocket.

- 'Not enough for the future'

Whereas the average Syrian earns between 50,000 and 100,000 pounds (\$25-50) a month, an average professional football player brings home around 1.5 million pounds (\$750) on a monthly basis.

Osama Omri, a player with the Al-Wahda club which finished fifth last season, conceded football players were better off than the average Syrian.

"The salaries are decent and the purchasing power of some players is good," said the 28-year-old attacking midfielder with the Damascus club.

"But it's not enough to secure their future as a player's lifespan on the field is short," he said, as

most players retire in their early thirties.

No foreign player has been recruited since 2012, but today's record devaluation is making even acquiring Syrian talent tough.

The pound's value against the US dollar has plummeted in the past year, from around 430 to 1,250 at the official rate, and from around 600 to 2,000 on the black market.

The clubs Jaish and Shorta (army and police in English) are funded by the defence and interior ministries, respectively.

But other clubs say the dual economic-coronavirus crisis has depleted their coffers, and are seeking funds elsewhere to recruit before the new season starts in a month.

- Star player for \$25,000 -

Reigning champions Tishreen, based in the coastal city of Latakia, have signed two new players with funds from sponsors and club board members.

Ward al-Salama, 26, who last year scored in Syria's 1-0 win against the Philippines in World Cup 2022 qualifiers, is moving from Jaish for 50 million pounds (\$25,000).

Kamel Kawaya, 22, signed for Tishreen from Shorta for the same figure.

Al-Wahda has renewed contracts with all its players, and even made three new signings.

Its president Maher al-Sayyed said he had pitched in to help cover some of next year's ballooning budget.

"I lent the club 180 million pounds while waiting for conditions to improve," out of a projected budget of more than 600 million pounds, he said.

In the northern city of Aleppo, Al-Ittihad are looking at a budget of 500 million pounds -- more than twice last year's.

Basil Hamwi said they would be counting on fans and expatriates to help make it through the season.

At Hutteen, another top-flight club from Latakia, coach Hussein Afash said he understood players' demands.

"The players are right to be asking for better-paid contracts after the devaluation of the pound as they're now earning a fourth of what they did," he said.

Club president Khaled Tawil said he hoped that wealthy business tycoon Samer Foz would help cover costs.

"We are counting on Foz, who sponsors our team," he said.

AFP

Virus-hit Al Hilal criticise AFC over Champions League axing

JEDDAH

SAUDI giants Al Hilal accused Asia's football body of inflexibility Thursday after the coronavirus-hit title-holders were kicked out of the AFC Champions League for failing to field enough players.

Al Hilal managed to send a squad for the restart last week of Asia's showpiece club tournament following a six-month hiatus, but 30 of their players and staff have now contracted the virus.

The side could only name 11 players for Wednesday's group-stage match in Doha against UAE's Shabab Al Ahli, rather than the required 13, prompting the Asian Football Confederation to eject them.

Al Hilal, who had already qualified for the last 16, said they tried their best to remain in the tournament.

"The board of directors... sought to work on a number of methods that preserve Al Hilal's right to compete without any disorder to the tournament," they

said in a statement.

"But all these requests were rejected (despite) compelling circumstances that require greater flexibility from the AFC."

Al Hilal had suggested their match be postponed and also called for the knockout stages, due to begin Sunday, to be delayed.

They had also offered to forfeit their match against Shabab Al Ahli, but not their place in the tournament.

Announcing the decision, the AFC said it had rejected the request for a postponement as it "would have a huge negative impact" on the match schedule.

Al Hilal played Iran's Shahr Khodro on Sunday, after the AFC refused to postpone the game.

According to AFC rules, Al Hilal were still able to play the match as 14 of their players were available, including two goalkeepers.

Al Wahda's campaign also ended in the group stages due to Covid-19. The UAE side failed to travel to Qatar following several positive tests among their squad.

Can Kepa, the world's most expensive goalkeeper, save his Chelsea career?



Kepa Arrizabalaga's catalogue of errors may have ended his Chelsea career. (Agencies)

BY JAMES OLLEY, SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

KEPA Arrizabalaga is used to things happening fast. At age 23, he had made 53 La Liga appearances when Chelsea made him the world's most expensive goalkeeper in summer 2018. Athletic Bilbao finished a modest 16th place that season.

Kepa had one international cap for Spain, earned in a 5-0 friendly win over Costa Rica. Despite possessing more potential than proven pedigree, the Blues handed him a seven-year contract in a remarkable show of faith for a club famed for its capriciousness.

Just two years later, Kepa is losing the battle to save his Chelsea career as head coach Frank Lampard harbours mounting doubts over whether he will ever become robust enough to form the first line of defence in a Premier League title-winning team.

With Edouard Mendy's imminent £20 million arrival from Stade Rennes, and Willy Caballero trusted to play in the cup competitions, is it already too late? There are precious few examples of goalkeepers who recover from the position Kepa finds himself in now. Some sympathy should exist given the dramatic trajectory of his career thrust immediate expectations on a player palpably yet to fully mature.

Kepa was twice dropped for Caballero toward the end of last season, but Lampard's faith in restoring him to the No. 1 position has not been rewarded. He failed to get down to a low shot from distance from Leandro Trossard in their opening game, though Chelsea won that game 3-1.

However, his woeful attempted clearance, with his team down to 10 men, gifted Sadio Mane the opening goal in Liverpool's 2-0 win at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

It feels significant these days that Kepa's price tag was not the product of negotiations between two clubs. Athletic put an €80m (£73.5m) release clause into Kepa's contract to essentially ward off interest from Real Madrid, aiming to prevent a young talent born in the Basque town of Ondarroa and developed entirely through the Bilbao academy from leaving on the cheap.

It was Chelsea who decided simply to cut to the chase, paying that fee in the belief comparable business elsewhere made it more palatable, chiefly the £66.8m Liverpool paid Roma for Alisson, which first broke the world record for a goalkeeper

that had stood since Juventus paid Parma £32.6m for Gianluigi Buffon in 2001. Yet Alisson is almost exactly two years older than Kepa and was much further along in establishing himself for club and country.

Prior to Lampard's arrival, Chelsea were so often criticised for short-term thinking, so the willingness to offer a young talent such a long contract should be lauded in one sense. But the concern internally now is that this major judgement call was misguided. The coronavirus pandemic has depressed some elements of the transfer market to the extent that Chelsea would have to take a huge loss to jettison Kepa now.

Kepa certainly hasn't helped himself. A competent debut season was undermined by a staggering show of indiscipline when refusing to be substituted when he appeared to be injured in the Carabao Cup final against Manchester City. He has since claimed the Wembley row was a misunderstanding, and although the situation pointed to a wider malaise as part of then-coach Maurizio Sarri's tenure unravelling, Kepa's attitude was publicly called into question.

Last season, criticism of his performances followed. There are a plethora of statistics available to underline the issues but perhaps these two are most relevant: Kepa has conceded 19 goals from outside the box since he joined Chelsea, more than anyone else in the Premier League, and his expected goals against differential is 12.7.

That means Kepa conceded almost 13 goals more than would reasonably be expected from the shots he faced. This is simply an unsustainable deficit for a team that has spent £220m in an attempt to bridge the gap to Liverpool and Manchester City.

Off-field issues are reported to

have made matters worse, chiefly his slow progress in learning English and a split from his childhood sweetheart of nine years, Andrea Perez.

The club are acutely aware of the pressure Kepa's price tag can bring. Sources have told ESPN that senior figures there were determined to keep Kai Havertz's final fee under the £71.4m paid for Kepa, something they managed with the eventual acquiescence of his former club, Bayer Leverkusen.

Lampard appreciates how delicate the situation is, combined with the unique challenge of restoring confidence in goalkeepers, a task complicated by the idiosyncrasies of the role.

"I think it is the hardest position [to rebuild a player's confidence] because of the individual nature and mistakes generally get punished with goals," Lampard told ESPN. "That doesn't happen necessarily with other places on the pitch. The eyes can be drawn to that and I understand that. As a manager I also have to be sympathetic to that point."

"Last year, I changed the goalkeeper between Kepa and Willy a few times. When I do it I do it with a different mindset to outfield players because I understand the different elements to it. I am very aware of that. At the same time we are always striving for the best performance we can get and that is what we must continue to do."

Chelsea's defensive problems are not solely down to Kepa. They conceded more goals from corners than any other team in the Premier League last term and had the worst defensive record of any team in the top 10. Thiago Silva's arrival from Paris Saint-Germain is an admission there is an absence of leadership at the heart of the defence. But Kepa

is currently a distraction for a team aiming for a title challenge rather than a central component of it.

Perhaps Kepa can draw inspiration from his compatriot and friend David de Gea's initial experience at Manchester United. De Gea joined United from Atletico Madrid in 2011 for £18.9m, then a British record for a goalkeeper. He was younger than Kepa, aged just 20, but there were similar issues with language and conditioning.

De Gea weighed just 71kg when he arrived and was put on a programme which involved five additional gym sessions per week, beginning a transformation he later described as becoming "Captain America in one year."

Former United goalkeeping coach Eric Steele explained: "There were lifestyle issues. He'd sleep two or three times a day. He'd have his main meal late at night. He'd eat too many tacos. We pushed protein drinks on him straight after training. We physically made him drink. We had him in the gym a lot. He hated it. They don't do the gym in Spain as much. We needed to build his core strength."

Sources have told ESPN there are some at Cobham who believe Kepa could be doing more to improve his ability to compete. There are also understood to be technical concerns, chiefly that he is too late getting down to shots and could take steps to simplify how he dives for the ball.

Goalkeepers usually aren't given long to rectify these errors. Just ask Loris Karius, who left Liverpool on loan for Besiktas in 2018 after a series of high-profile errors when he was 25. It feels premature in some regards to dismiss a relatively young goalkeeper, but with the stakes so high at Stamford Bridge, the clock is definitely ticking for Kepa.

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Vandenbroeck rues missing midfielder

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

SIMBA SC head coach, Sven Vandenbroeck, has stated an injury to the squad's midfielder, Gerson Fraga, suffered a big blow to the club, much as there are other players who can fill the void.

Fraga sustained the injury when Simba locked horns with Mara's Biashara United in a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) duel, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently.

There had earlier been reports the midfielder will be out of action for less than one month, he will for that matter miss Simba's coming four assignments.

Simba are expected to take on Gwambina, Mbeya City FC, Prisons and Yanga in the former's next four matches. Vandenbroeck noted he and fellow coaches have not got medical report from Simba's doctor which details how long will Fraga be out of action.

"He is an important player in our side, although there are other players who can effectively play in his position," he disclosed.

"I have not got report from the doctor much as I have read news in some of the media saying the player will be out of action for one month, we are waiting for the report."

Simba's Manager, Patrick Rweyemamu, as well disclosed the side's technical bench is now waiting for the doctor's report on an examination done on the player's injury.

"Honestly we have not got the doctor's report, the reports coming out of the media are mere rumours," he noted.

He also disclosed they are currently preparing for the VPL match against Gwambina FC, to be played in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

"The rest of the players are in good shape and are following the head coach's training program," he disclosed.

In another development, Mtibwa Sugar's head coach, Zuberi Katwila, has disclosed his outfit's VPL duel with Yanga, slated for Sunday in Morogoro, will be more tactical.

Katwila stated lack of concentration by one of the two sides will make the squad concede loss.

He was of the opinion the game, which will take place at Jamhuri Stadium, will see the two sides commit mistakes which will lead to victory for one of the teams.

"It will not be an easy game for either of us, I know Yanga will be keen on winning given they notched victory in their previous two clashes but we are unperturbed by their achievement, we know their weaknesses," Katwila disclosed.

He stated he believes Yanga will punish his players, if the latter will commit mistakes, noting the same will apply to his side.

"Better preparation is the most important thing for us, we are currently shaping up for the game, we appreciate the fixture will take place at our home venue," he noted.

Yanga have headed to Morogoro to participate in their second away clash in this season's VPL.

In Yanga's first away fixture, the squad posted 1-0 victory over Kagera Sugar at Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba.

The victory has seen Yanga collect seven points from three games, winning two and posting draw in the other.

Kagera out to end winless run, Namungo FC faces Mbeya City FC test in VPL



Kagera Sugar players feature in training in Kagera recently to shape up for this season's Vodacom Premier League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

KAGERA Sugar will be out to end their winless run in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League when they host KMC FC at Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba today. This will be an early kick off duel at 2pm.

The hosts have gone three league matches without a win after they

were beaten 1-0 at home by Yanga on Saturday.

They have claimed just one point from the opening three matches having lost their first home game to JKT Tanzania before sharing spoils with Gwambina FC.

Losing two matches as hosts has put pressure on Kagera Sugar's head coach Mecky Mexime who will still be without striker, Yusuph Mhulu, who was

brilliant last season with 16 goals across all competitions.

Despite having a positive transfer window, bringing in the likes of Vitalis Mayanga, Sadat Mohamed and Mohamed Ibrahim, Kagera Sugar are among four teams who are yet to find the back of the net this season.

The visitors KMC FC have had an excellent start to the season, winning their opening three

matches which has propelled them up to the top spot in the early standings, courtesy of a superior goal difference to second-placed Azam FC.

In head-to-head stats, Kagera Sugar and KMC FC have met in four league matches.

Their first two meetings in the 2018/19 campaign both ended in goalless draws, while their clash at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam last season saw

Kagera Sugar claim a 2-1 away win thanks to goals netted by midfielders Awesu Ali and Peter Mwalyanzi.

Meanwhile, Mbeya City FC hosts Namungo FC at the Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya today.

The hosts have suffered a dreadful start to the season, losing all three of their matches to sit bottom of the table, with head coach Amri Said under increasing pressure.

They were beaten 4-0 away to KMC FC at Uhuru Stadium, then succumbed to 1-0 loss to Yanga at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium before going down 1-0 at home to Azam FC last weekend.

Namungo FC have also suffered a disappointing start to the current campaign, picking up three points from the opening three matches.

Head coach Thierry Hitimana's side started off the season with a 1-0 victory at home to Coastal Union.

They later suffered a 1-0 defeat to Polisi Tanzania and were again beaten 1-0 by hosts Prisons in Rukwa last weekend.

In head-to-head terms, the teams have met twice with Namungo FC completing a league double over Mbeya City FC last season, winning 3-2 in the first round and 1-0 in the reverse fixture.

Foreign professionals will boost Biashara United in VPL-coach

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

BIASHARA United head coach, Kenyan Francis Baraza, says the clearance of seven foreign players has boosted morale in his squad's camp ahead of Sunday's Vodacom Premier League game against Ruw Shooting at Mabatini ground in Coast Region.

He said the seven foreign professionals who were recruited by his side this season were not featured in their previous three games and he is confident that the players' presence will help team perform well on Sunday.

Biashara United, in the absence of the seven players, won 1-0 against Gwambina FC in their first clash, the second match saw Biashara United beat Mwadi FC 1-0.

The Musoma outfit later conceded 4-0 to Simba SC in the third clash which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

"We played our past three games without the services of our new seven players as they were not cleared by authorities, but now we have secured their clearances and they will be ready for our Sunday game against Ruw Shootings," Baraza disclosed.

"I have this good feeling that on Sunday we will record the needed points."

Baraza could not mention the seven players but he said there are two



Biashara United Football Club

Kenyan, two Ugandans, two Nigerians and one from Ghana.

The Kenyan tactician said after the 4-0 lose in the hands of Simba he has devised a better strategy which will inspire his charges during the Sunday game.

He conceded that this season's Premier League is extremely tough, but they are preparing well for the coming encounter.

"Our Sunday opponents are a good team, they play good football, they have good players but we are preparing to face them and I'm sure we will post good results," he noted.

Ruw Shooting, through the squad's information officer Masau Bwire, warned every VPL outfit visiting Mabatini ground, saying the venue is the former's fortress.

He said Ruw Shooting

head coach, Charles Boniface Mkwasa, is drilling the players ahead of the game.

"We are preparing well for our game against Biashara United, we want to give our supporters something to smile on," he insisted.

"I'm asking all football lovers to come on Sunday in big number to watch classic and entertaining football by Ruw Shooting."

"Let also me take this opportunity to warn all football teams coming to our home ground, Mabatini venue, that the place is our fort, we can not manage to drop points at our backyard," he said.

Ruw Shooting started this season with an away goalless draw with Mtibwa Sugar, the former later lost 1-0 away to Ihefu FC before beating Gwambina FC 1-0 at Mabatini venue.



Yanga head coach, Zlatko Krmpotic.

Yanga strikers should be more clinical, says coach

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YANGA head coach Zlatko Krmpotic has challenged his players to be more creative upfront by scoring more goals.

The coach said he has observed that his charges are not good on coordination and finishing and he is working on solving the problem.

Yanga have played three games in this season's Vodacom Premier League (VPL), confronting Prisons, Mbeya City FC and Kagera Sugar.

In the three games, Yanga have won two games and recorded draw in one. They have

scored three goals and conceded one goal.

"We are playing well, in the three games we have played, we have created a lot of scoring chances but we are not scoring more goals, I'm working on coordination and finishing so that we can find a way to score more goals," Krmpotic said.

Yanga left yesterday for Morogoro and some of the outfit's players who have made the trip include Michael Sarpong, Yacouba Songne, Ditram Nchimbi, Deus Kaseke, Tuisila Kisinda, Haruna Niyonzima, Carlos Fernandes and Farid Musa.

The coach said he

is confident his team will do well on Sunday during their Premier League game against Mtibwa Sugar.

Mtibwa Sugar head coach, Zuberi Katwila, warned Yanga not to treat his charges as underdogs, saying they are well prepared for the encounter.

"We are preparing well and let me warn our opponents that we will be ready for them on Sunday," he said.

Mtibwa Sugar have also played three games, posting goalless draw against Ruw Shooting, settling for 1-1 draw with the VPL defending champions Simba and edging Ihefu FC 1-0.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

