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President John Magufuli addresses legislators in Dodoma yesterday shortly before dissolving Parliament in readiness for later this year's General Election, with House Speaker Job Ndugai (R) and Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan visibly attentive. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

JPM: All schools can open June 29

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has ordered that all schools across the country be reopened in two weeks time following a drastic drop in coronavirus cases.

Officiating at the dissolution of the 11th Parliament here yesterday, he directed the reopening of all suspended activities including social gatherings

starting June 29.

The decision makes Tanzania the first East African country to open all schools and social gatherings that were closed starting March 17, one day after the country announced its first coronavirus case.

"There is no need to keep schools closed as the Covid-19 cases tally has dropped drastically.

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KAMPALA

UGANDA will hold its presidential election between Jan. 10 and Feb. 8, 2021, authorities said on Tuesday, slapping restrictions it said were aimed at slowing the spread of the new coronavirus.

Simon Mugenyi (pictured), chairman of the election commission, said UEC had banned campaign rallies, urging candidates to use media instead to get their messages to voters.

Opposition parties have previously complained about restricted access to broadcast media, especially in rural areas where they say security agents bar them from appearing on political shows.

The commission will set the actual polling day, also for the National Assembly and local governments in the coming months, he said.

Uganda's health ministry has reported 823 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and no deaths. It began easing a 45-day lockdown, one of the strictest on the continent, in mid-May. Incumbent President Yoweri Museveni had said it would have been

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Magufuli closes 11th Parliament

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday outlined achievements recorded in a number of sectors ranging from mining, infrastructure and power to the tourism sector during the past five years.

Dissolving the 11th Parliament in the capital, President Magufuli said his government has approved new mining regulations aimed at ensuring that the benefits of the mining sector were shared more equitably between multinational mining companies and the state.

He said that large reforms have taken place, including restricting smuggling of raw minerals out of the country, establishing mineral markets in each region and increasing the participation of artisanal miners.

He told MPs that since he took office, the government had added 3,500 kms of

tarmac road, with a new 300km standard gauge railway line between Dar es Salaam and Morogoro almost complete, while a 422-km line from Morogoro to Dodoma was a third complete.

The president said the 6.5trn/- Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) was 40 percent complete. The dam is expected to produce 2,115 megawatts of electricity.

He told MPs: "This project was highly protested (against) but we have succeeded." Commenting on wildlife conservation and tourism, Dr Magufuli said that when he came into office rhinos and elephants were in danger of extinction, but due to a number of interventions including addressing poaching, the number of the wild animals increased significantly.

The number of rhinos has increased from 162 in 2015 to 190 in 2019, elephants increasing from 43,330 in 2014 to 51,299 in

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PCCB collects campaign T-shirts with JPM photo

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Songwe Region has seized T-shirts branded with pictures of President John Magufuli and Songwe legislator, Philip Mulugo that were distributed to residents in the constituency.

PCCB said the T-shirts carried messages signifying the commencement of election campaigns.

Regional PCCB commander Damas Suta told this paper that it was wrong for the MP to start distributing the campaign materials before the dates for election campaigns are announced by the National

Electoral Commission (NEC).

"This is also contrary to the ruling party's election guidelines," said Suta, referring to the CCM election regulations number 16 and 17 of 2017.

He said the seized T-shirts were handed over to the district party secretary, and the legislator will be given back his election materials when the appropriate election campaign schedule is released.

Suta said the T-shirts were written 'Papaa Mulugo Mutu ya watu' and 'JPM 2020 Tena' of which the anti-corruption body interpreted as campaigning for the coming general elections.

He said that PCCB officials are searching

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

FACT 5

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms
- AND
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

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Zanzibar Health minister Hamad Rashid Mohammed (L) has an audience in Zanzibar yesterday with a delegation from Tanzania's Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance. Story on Page 5. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Initiatives taken by the government have kept the country safe from the pandemic," said the president.

"Apart from resuming studies for primary and secondary schools, I have officially allowed other communal activities including normal weddings," he declared.

Responding to President Magufuli's order to reopen schools, Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, promised to elaborate on the matter today.

Speaking outside the House debating chamber, Prof Ndalichako said she will now announce the procedure for Form Four and Standard Seven examinations.

During her address the minister will provide guidelines on how the schools are supposed to reopen.

University and Form Six students returned to their respective colleges on June 1, followed by sports activities two weeks later.

The president underscored the need for Tanzanians to continue observing protocols of hygiene as instructed by health experts.

The Head of State commend MPs for not suspending its activities due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. He expressed disappointed with some legislators who left the House citing fears over the disease.

On Monday, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said there were 66 active coronavirus cases in the country, with the 66 patients hospitalised in 10 regions and 16 regions did not have an active case.

The president asserted that the country's economy will grow at 5.5 percent in the coming year despite impacts of the pandemic.

He remained optimistic that set economic goals which include transforming Tanzania into a middle income nation will be achieved by 2025.

On the October General Elections, the president promised fair and free elections, saying that elections are a crucial element in strengthening democracy, providing a platform for the government in office to measure its performance.

"The government will make sure that we hold free and fair elections. Politicians should ensure clean campaigns and avoid the use of abusive languages," he urged, asking political parties to prioritize nominating women, youth and people with disabilities to vie for various positions.

"The main tools for political parties during election campaigns should be their manifesto and policies," he said.

He applauded Speaker Job Ndugai for transforming parliamentary operations into digital format. He praised the House for properly monitoring the government and ward councilors across the country.

They played their part in supervising development activities in respective wards, he stated.

He said that the country is safe with people living peacefully. The recent global peace index highlighted Tanzania as seventh peaceful country in Sub-Saharan Africa and ranked it number one in the East African region, he pointed out.

Welcoming the president, Speaker Ndugai said the 11th Parliament had 61 legislators from Zanzibar and 287 from the Mainland.

During the past five years, 60 Bills were tabled, along with 38 declarations, 3,376 1 questions asked by the lawmakers, of which 172 were directed to the premier, the Speaker elaborated.

Four special committees were formed, namely the tanzanite committee, the gas committee, the diamond committee and a special committee purposely formed to oversee fishing activities in the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on the seaboard, he added.

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2019."

For the past five years the government established five new national parks—Nyerere, Chato - Burigi, Ibanda-Kyerwa, and Rumanyika-Karagwe, he pointed out.

The government took several measures aimed at promoting tourist attractions in the southern circuit,

like improving roads, airports and accommodation facilities, he added

"The government has been working hard to promote Tanzania as a tourist destination to the international community by introducing a special tourism TV channel on our national television," he said.

The president further said that the number of tourist arrivals in the country also went high in the past five years.

"For example, in 2019 Tanzania received 1,510,151 tourists from 1,137,182 tourists in 2015. Earnings also went high to US\$2.6 billion in 2019 from US\$1.9 billion in 2015," he said.

"If it were not for the coronavirus outbreak, the number of tourists could have been increased even more this year."

Tabling Budget estimates for the 2020/2021 financial year in the House

recently, the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism said the 2019 wildlife census showed an increase of elephants from 59 in 2014 to 1,200 in 2019 in the Mkomazi National Park in north eastern Tanzania.

A total of 9,085 suspected poachers were arrested in the 2019/2020 financial year and various legal measures initiated against them, he added.

PCCB collects campaigning T-shirts with photo of JPM

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for other T-shirts distributed to the public so as to turn them over to the party's offices.

"We are searching for the shirts in villages and streets. The move also aims to prevent people from starting the election campaigns before time," he said.

After arresting and suspending the distribution exercise, PCCB officials reported the move to party district leaders including the chairman and the secretary, he stated.

Suta noted that the party's secretary general, Dr Bashiru Ally has severally said that this year that the party will not distribute T-shirts. Members will have to buy them on their own "so the act of the MP to distribute the clothes is not in keeping with that directive," he asserted.

The party chairman in Songwe District, Rabbi Hamad Juma admitted to have received information on the arrest and return of the T-shirts but he was yet to see them.

"To be honest I have heard but I have not seen the T-shirts but on the basis of our party's rules, I can say the lawmaker didn't follow the required procedure to take that action. The t-shirts did not pass through the district's party office," he explained.

When contacted for comment, Mulugo declined to speak about the matter saying he was attending parliamentary meetings in Dodoma.



Eliasenya Nnko (R), coordinator of advocacy for the rights of the elderly at the Tanzania Association of Women Leaders in Agriculture and Environment in Shinyanga Region, speaks in Shinyanga municipality yesterday on ways to protect the elderly against cruelty targeting them. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

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"madness" to hold the elections if the pandemic persisted.

In office since 1986, former rebel fighter Museveni has not confirmed

whether he would run again, but the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party has already asked him to stand.

The strongest opposition presidential

aspirant is pop star and lawmaker Robert Kyagulanyi, also known as Bobi Wine, whose angry, political music has made him a sensation.

On Monday, Wine announced an

alliance with veteran opposition leader Kizza Besigye, who has challenged Museveni for the presidency three times. But the substance of the agreement was unclear, including

whether the two opposition parties would field joint candidates.

The public broadcaster Uganda Broadcasting Corporation refused to air Besigye's advertisements during

the 2011 presidential campaign despite being paid for the airtime. Dr Besigye later sued the public broadcaster for bias and won \$21,000 in damages in

2018.



Seif Shariff Hamad, national Chairman of the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo), hoists the party's flag at the Mwanzange ward office in Tanga Region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Kasimiri

Mbowe: Party elders asked me to stand as candidate in October presidential election

By Guardian Reporter

FREEMAN Mbowe, national Chairman of the opposition Chadema said yesterday that his decision to vie for the Union presidency in the October General Election follows requests from the party's elders.

Mbowe said: "I was not planning to contest the presidential seat, but I have received a number of requests from party elders I should join the race."

Mbowe said he was confident of the three party cadres who have already picked nomination forms, insisting Chadema's executive committee will decide on the right candidate who will carry the party's flag during the election campaigns.

Those who have already picked the nomination forms are former Singida north legislator, Lazaro Nyalandu and Iringa Urban MP, Peter Msigwa and the party's deputy chairperson, Tundu Lissu.

Mbowe said he did not want to vie for the post because he needed enough time to work on strengthening the institution as well as preparing the party's youth to become better future leaders.

"I worked for Chadema for over 30 years, I have spent my adulthood working for the party," he said.

He insisted to ensure fairness during the party primaries so that Chadema remains strong and united even after the election process.

He said there are some party members who have not publicly announced their interest to vie for the position, but they have submitted their credentials to the party secretary general expressing intentions to contest for the Union presidency.

"We will thoroughly analyze all the

candidates to come up with the best aspirant for the higher post," he stated noting the vetting process will be transparent.

He added: "Party elders have suggested that I contest for the post, but the party's nomination procedures including vetting of aspirants must be respected. It my hope that Chadema members will not pick me because of my position in the party"

"We will nominate anyone who we think is capable of leading the nation," he noted.

On June 3, the party's secretary general John Mnyika said the party's process to choose presidential candidate would follow the party's guidelines, which calls on all those who are interested to submit their credentials to the office of the secretary-general.

The interested party members have up to June 15 to submit their papers, he said.

He said the procedures to be followed would be announced in due course including the election schedule which would include the taking and return of sponsorship forms.

According to him, there will be procedures for the presidential election and the entire nomination process that will run from the executive committee sessions and then be forwarded to the general council.

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African children remain under siege from Covid-19 - UNICEF

By Guardian Reporter

CHILDREN in Africa remain confronted by a host of threats due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said yesterday in commemorating Day of the African Child.

According to a statement issued yesterday, the direct and secondary impacts of the virus threaten to unravel the gains made for the poorest children across Africa.

The UN body said that while wealthier children are able to continue learning online, barely one in five households in Eastern and Southern

Africa have internet access.

According to UNICEF, 84 per cent of the rural population - where the bulk of African learners reside - have no electricity, meaning online learning is not an option.

It further said that up to 16 million children in Africa are no longer accessing critical daily meals at school while violence is increasing, and more African children will fall into poverty.

Prior to Covid-19, it was estimated that around three out of every four children in Africa are affected by multi-dimensional poverty. These children are deprived of the most basic things

in life, like access to sufficient food and clean drinking water, going to school, being able to get medical help, sleeping in adequate shelter, going to the bathroom in a safe place, or living in an environment free of physical and emotional abuse.

The economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic could push up to 86 million more children into household poverty by the end of 2020, two thirds of these in Africa, according to analysis released by Save the Children and UNICEF.

Only 16 percent of children in Africa are covered by social protection programs, making it impossible for

families to withstand financial shocks caused by COVID-19 and furthering the cycle of intergenerational poverty, said UNICEF.

While the challenges are immense, UNICEF said it is collectively achieving significant regional results, including 71 million people reached with messaging on COVID-19 prevention and how to access services, 10.8 million children supported with distance/home-based learning, more than two million people reached with hand-wash supplies and two million children and women reached with essential healthcare services in UNICEF-supported facilities.

BERLIN

Germany dishes out US\$5.9 million to help vulnerable African farmers

THE German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has provided US\$5.9million to ensure that the UN World Food Programme (WFP) can continue to protect 1.2 million vulnerable African farmers with climate risk insurance amid Covid-19.

Gernot Laganda, WFP Chief of Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction Programmes said that the donation comes at a crucial time when Covid-19 pandemic keeps colliding with the climate crisis.

"While the immediate priority of many countries is to protect people and prevent the spread of Covid-19, it is essential to have safety nets in place that protect vulnerable people from the double threat of the virus and climate impacts," he said, adding:

"Heatwaves, floods, storms and droughts are compounding the economic and public health effects of the pandemic, putting an additional burden on overstretched health services."

"Germany's donation will enable these countries to strengthen their safety nets and manage two hazards at the same time."

With funding from BMZ's emergency COVID-19 response, WFP will be able to purchase policies for Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania and Zimbabwe for the 2020/21 agricultural season.

If these countries experience climate shocks that damage crops this year or the next, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic will be compounded and less food will be available in the markets, which could lead to food crises. This will create a situation where countries are faced

with having to feed more people while at the same time trying to control the spread of COVID-19.

"This is why this insurance could support 'double resilience' for vulnerable people. It is protecting them from both hunger and the impacts of COVID-19 on market access," said WFP Mauritania Country Director

Nacer Benalleg.

"We can act much faster to help our partner government at a difficult time, when the countries of the world need to support each other. If a drought occurs next season, having a payout from our climate risk insurance policy would free up budgetary resources that Mauritania would have

otherwise needed to split between food security and health responses."

This German donation will fund insurance coverage for around 108,000 people in Mauritania; 175,000 people in Burkina Faso; 45,000 people in the Gambia; 745,000 people in Mali and 266,000 people in Zimbabwe.



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Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP/2020/SUP/028)

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF OFFICE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR UNHCR REPRESENTATION OFFICE DAR ES SALAAM

Background:

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Representation Office in Dar es Salaam invites qualified Service Provider to make a firm offer for the establishment of Frame Agreement(s) for the provision of Office Repair and Maintenance Services for UNHCR Representation Office Dar es Salaam.

1. Requirement purpose:

UNHCR may award Frame Agreement(s) with initial duration of 2 (two) years, potentially extendable for a further period of 1 (one) year, for supplying its operations in Tanzania. The successful bidders will be requested to maintain their quoted price model for the duration of the Frame Agreement(s).

The complete set of documents can be collected from the following UNHCR Offices:

UNHCR Representation Office Tanzania
Plot 1658 Masaki, Rufiji Street
P.O. Box 2666 - **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

UNHCR Field Unit Mwanza
Mwanza Airport
P.O. Box 2273 - **Mwanza**

UNHCR Sub- Office Kibondo
Kabigwa (Near TANESCO)
P.O. Box 49, **Kibondo**

UNHCR Field Office Kigoma
Kheri Avenue, Off Bangwe Road
P O Box 1213, **Kigoma**

UNHCR Field Office Kasulu
Kimobwa (Mlimani Area)
P.O. Box 332 - **Kasulu, Kigoma**

CRUCIAL DATE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for RFP clarification	Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 16.00 hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Thursday 16th July 2020 at 16.00 hrs EAT

UNHCR tenders are free of charge, no fees are charged to collect the tenders.



ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION UTILITY CUSTOMER CONNECTION SPECIALIST (SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR 1) TANZANIA

Background:

RTI International, a non-profit research and international development project execution -was - awarded the East Africa Energy Program (EAEP) Task Order which was the second task order to be released under USAID's Power Africa extension mechanism. It involves regional technical support to Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Tanzania with possible additional advisory support for Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Somalia, Eritrea, and Djibouti.

The Power Africa East Africa Energy Program is tasked with expanding affordable and reliable electricity services throughout the region with the goal of supporting development priorities including inclusive economic growth, security, and improved health and education outcomes. RTI International is implementing this activity designed to address critical opportunities across the following major program objectives: optimization of the power supply, increased grid-based power connections, strengthened utilities and other power sector entities, and increased regional power trade.

An important part of this project is helping the electrical distribution utilities in Ethiopia and Tanzania connect additional customers across all three customer classes: residential, commercial, and industrial. The project is tasked with characterizing existing processes, procedures, and materials currently used to identify and connect new customers and provide service improvements. Additionally, the project is supporting implementation of these new procedures to facilitate the expeditious connection of 4 million new customers over the life of the project. Power Africa East Africa Energy Program seeks a technical advisor to support TANESCO in Tanzania.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Electrical Distribution Utility Customer Connection Specialist will be responsible for overseeing the characterization and analysis of existing utility processes for connecting new customers and developing improved connection practices. This includes all procedures, practices, and software systems, as well as all mechanisms used to identify new customers and prioritize their connection, i.e. scheduling, performing, inspecting, and managing the supply chain for meters, service drops, and all other required materials.

She/he will be responsible for identifying and rectifying bottlenecks in the current processes and procedures. These bottlenecks may be shortcomings of materials, poorly trained personnel, or inefficient or missing procedures. She/he will identify and characterize changes to be made to existing practices, prioritizing them based on cost, ease of implementation, and expected impact. She/he will identify any training requirements of existing staff and any need for additional staff, if necessary. The candidate will support staff training and provide oversight of utility teams in the implementation of improved procedures.

Qualifications and Experience:

- University degree in engineering, energy or related field
- A Master's Degree will be a significant advantage
- Minimum 10 years of general professional experience, with at least 4 years in electrical distribution systems.
- Experience in Distribution system dispatch operations, network management, smart metering and smart grids
- Experience in electricity smart management and metering systems, knowledge of energy efficiency policies and regulations
- Experience in customer connections, supply chain management, scheduling, project management and oversight
- Demonstrated international experience in utilities outside of Tanzania, as well as knowledge of best practices, norms, and standards required
- Prior experience with donor project management policies, procedure and reporting requirements, particularly USAID is highly desired.
- Strong writing and communication skills in English are required.
- Oral and written communication skills in Kiswahili is highly desirable.

The ideal candidate will possess excellent interpersonal, cross-cultural communication skills, and the ability to interact professionally with culturally and linguistically diverse staff, clients and consultants. A demonstrated ability to set and deliver on priorities as well as strong computer skills are required for contributing to written and visual documents, reports, presentations, and project debriefing meetings.

Application process:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae via

no later than June 22nd, 2020 by 5.00 p.m. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

RTI International is an equal opportunity employer and female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

***No applicant will ever be asked for any payment either to secure a role with RTI International or as a follow-up to having been awarded a position with RTI International. If anyone ever approaches you asking for any such payment, please immediately email ethics@rti.org.**

Rwanda, Kenya address truck standoff on Tanzania borders

By Special Correspondent, Kampala

RWANDA and Kenyan transport officials are expected to hold fresh talks separately with their Tanzanian counterparts over continuing truckers stalemate at their respective borders.

Tanzania cross-border cargo truck owners want unconditional access into Rwanda, protesting the Covid-19 control measures requiring them to terminate their trips at the Rwanda border, with exception of perishables and petroleum products as per the deal reached by the governments on May 15.

According to media reports, the Tanzania Truck Owners Association has requested the government to hold talks with neighbouring countries and review its members claim that their Covid-19 certificates are being rejected at the borders while others have to wait for long to offload cargo at the

Namanga (with Kenya) and Rusumo (Rwanda) borders.

Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Vincent Biruta confirmed to Press that parties were expected to meet, on a date yet to be set.

He, however, did not reveal the specific demands presented by Tanzania, and whether the talks signal a setback to the previously reached deal.

"It will be a follow up on the implementation of the resolutions of the previous bilateral meeting with Tanzania," he said through the office of the government spokesperson.

On the Tanzania-Kenya borders, the situation is the same, as drivers from the two countries are stranded and cannot enter or exit both sides at the Namanga and Holili/Taveta One Stop Border Posts.

Tanzania's Transport Minister Isaack Kamwelwe told journalists the two countries are making arrangements to have talks to settle the matter.

Kenya and Tanzania had earlier agreed that truck drivers were to be tested in their countries of origin and given clearance certificates to allow them easier crossing. However, last week Kenyan officials rejected Tanzania's certificates, causing the pile up of trucks as Tanzania also



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Members of staff of NMB Bank Plc's north zone donate blood at the Arusha regional hospital, Mount Meru, yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA President's Office TANZANIA SOCIAL ACTION FUND



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: Tanzania
Name of Project: Productive Social Safety Net Project II (PSSN II)
Assignment Title: Director of Finance and Administration
Reference No. TZ-TASAF-174854-CS-INDV

1. The Government of the united republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Productive Social Safety Net II. This project will be jointly financed by the Agency for International Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria, International Fund for Agriculture Development, The government of NORWAY and OPEC. The Tanzania Social Action Fund the implementing agency for this Project intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2. The consulting services ("the Services") objective is to manage the financial, accounting and administration functions of the Project as specified in the Financing Agreement and the project documents but not limited to the project appraisal document (PAD) and the Operational Manual.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.tasaf.go.tz and can be obtained at the address given below.

4. The Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) now invites eligible Individual Consultant ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide CVs demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Individual Consultant must have the following qualifications and skills.

- Holder of Master's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Human Resources Management, Public Administration, or any other related field from recognized university.
- Must possess internationally recognized accounting professional qualification such as CPA (T), ACCA, CIMA or other related profession.
- Must be registered with the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) in the category of Associate Certified Public Accountant (ACPA) or Fellow Certified Public Accountant (FCPA).
- At least ten (10) years' experience in finance, human resource and administration in Public and / or Private Sectors of which seven (7) years must be at senior managerial position.
- Must have a working knowledge of computerized Accounting systems.
- Must have a thorough knowledge and understanding of and experience with donor funded project.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work with people at all levels. .
- Ability to supervise, train and coach staff in relevant skills.
- Self-motivated with integrity and high level of confidentiality

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 and revised in November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 8.00 to 16.00 Local Time on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on Public Holidays.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Expressions of interest enclosing scanned certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by 9th July, 2020.

The Executive Director,
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Qatar Airways resumes flights to Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

QATAR Airways is reinstating flights to Tanzania's capital Dar es Salaam from yesterday.

The airline will operate three times weekly to Dar es Salaam.

"Qatar Airways is reinstating flights to Tanzania's capital today, operating a three times weekly service. Enjoy its beaches, markets, and historic buildings this summer," the airline said on Twitter.

Last week Qatar Airways had resumed flights to Istanbul, the biggest city in Turkey.

Qatar's national carrier is still operating flights to many cities around the world, helping thousands of passengers get home safely.

Last month, the airline had announced that it would expand its network in phased manner.

By the end of June, the airline aims to have 80 destinations in the schedule including 23 in Europe, four in the Americas, 20 in Middle East/Africa and 33 in Asia-Pacific. The airline had said that the gradual expansion would focus initially on strengthening connections between the airline's hub in Doha with the global hubs of its partner airlines

around the world.

"We are still operating flights to many cities around the world including Milan, Madrid, Seoul, and Sydney helping thousands of passengers get home safely," said the airline in a tweet.

Qatar Airways has continued to operate a significant schedule operating over 15,000 flights to take over 1.8 million people home. The airline's cargo division has prioritised medical and aid shipments working closely with governments and NGOs to transport over 200,000 tonnes of essential supplies to impacted regions.

Arusha police pledge support to tour guides during expected tourist influx

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

POLICE in Arusha Region say they are mobilised to offer cooperation to tour guides in the region during this period when tourists are expected to flock into the country in big numbers.

Speaking at the opening of the six-day training of tourism stakeholders organised by Tanzania association of tour guides in Arusha, the Region's Police Commander Jonathan Shanna said the force is well mobilised to beef up security during the expected tourism season and will ensure the safety of the visitors.

Earlier, association's chairman Samuel Mbagi said they decided to

conduct the training to tour guides as one way to prepare themselves to receive tourists expected to flock into the country in the near future.

He congratulated President John Magufuli for his leadership that has seen the reduction of Covid-19 infections by calling on the people to conduct prayers and steam inhaling, hence opening doors to tourists.

"As the pandemic's infection rate is going down we have decided to conduct the six-day training for capacity building to tour guides on how to protect themselves and the tourists against the pandemic," Mbagi added.

He said the association has more

than 300 members hence they have seen the need to give them training to go in tandem with the basics issued by the Ministry of Health against Covid-19 infections.

Association secretary, James Mazigo said one major challenge facing tour guides in the country is lack of correct information on guidelines in advertising tourism, research knowledge of wildlife and the first aid to tourists in case of accidents.

"My conviction from this seminar is that it will greatly assist the youth by acquiring wide understanding on issues of guiding tourists, and we expect to continue with such training from time to time," said Mazigo.

Agro ecology better farming model for Africa - UK report

By Guardian Reporter

ONLY a fraction of agricultural research funding in Africa goes into transforming the food and farming systems, with most of it "still reinforcing damaging industrial models," whereas agro ecology is the better option.

Agro ecology is the study of ecological processes and their application to agricultural production to improve farmers' livelihoods and food availability. Most African farming being subsistence and smallholder, agro ecology is considered a better option.

According to Money Flows, a report about funding in agricultural development, compiled by Biovision, IPES-Food and the UK-based Institute of Development Studies, agro ecology

is emerging as a viable pathway for building sustainable and resilient food systems. It has the potential to reconcile the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability. The report was released last week.

Unfortunately, investment in research in agroecology is limited in Africa, says the report, keeping its application and funding marginal.

"Development aid channeled into agricultural research, education and extension has stagnated over the past 10 years, representing only 14 per cent of agricultural aid in sub-Saharan Africa in 2017," says the report.

"Most governments still favour 'green revolution' approaches, with the belief that chemical-intensive, large-scale industrial agriculture is the only way to produce sufficient food," said Biovision

president Hans Herren.

These approaches "have failed ecosystems, farming communities, and an entire continent. With the compound challenges of climate change, pressure on land and water, food-induced health problems and pandemics such as Covid-19, we need change now, and this starts with money flowing into agroecology," he added.

"We need to change funding flows and unequal power relations. It's clear that in Africa as elsewhere, vested interests are propping up agricultural practices based on an obsession with technological fixes that is damaging soils and livelihoods, and creating a dependency on the world's biggest agri-businesses. Agroecology offers a way out of that vicious cycle," said Olivia Yambi, co-chair of IPES-Food.



Ruvuma regional commissioner Christina Mndeme (R) pictured in Songea municipality yesterday presenting to Mbanga district executive director Juma Mnwele a 138m/- ambulance for use at Maperera health centre. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya

Mara Region police arrest fifty-year-old villager over FGM

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

POLICE in Mara Region have arrested Mary Onyango (50) of Kitarungu Village in Serengeti District for allegedly conducting female genital mutilation (FGM) on young girls.

Speaking to this paper, Mara regional police Commander Daniel Shillah said the suspect was nabbed by the police from Serengeti on June 12 this year in Sirari area, Tarime District.

Shillah said the suspect was transported to Mugumu Police Station for interrogation and handed over to legal organs for further steps.

"The suspect, famously known as Mgesi Mwitwa is alleged to have performed FGM to ten children in collaboration with their parents after which they fled to neighbouring Kenya," said RPC Shillah.

He explained that the suspect has been conducting the cruel acts and then flee to Kenya and that the police set a trap that caught her at Sirari as she was returning to Tanzania.

"As of now there are three cases pending in court that concern her as well as the victims' parents who had already been arrested for being accomplices in the vile acts," he added.

He called upon residents of Mara Region, especially in areas famous for

FGM acts to offer their cooperation by reporting them to the police whenever they notice such acts have, or are about to take place to enable the arrest of the perpetrators.

Managing Director of the organisation that defends the rights of women, Hope for Girls and Women, Rhobi Samwelly, said she received the information of the arrest of Mary Onyango with great joy.

"A great number of FGM victims in Serengeti District who were interrogated said she is the culprit, adding that in the period of three months from March to June this year she performed FGM on girls," Rhobi said.

She said Onyango has been conducting business in collaboration with some traditional elders for money uncaring whether the acts were against the law and harmful to victims.

"I ask the government to take stern legal action against some of the elders who have been big promoters of FGM in their areas which has seen the continuation of these acts," she said.

She said a total of 68 girls were rescued from FGM in the past three months as her organisation was on leave due to Covid-19 pandemic.

She said the arrested circumciser, if pardoned can go back home and continue with her FGM activities.

By Guardian Reporter

Zanzibar Health minister urges CHRAGG to focus on GBV

ZANZIBAR Minister for Health Hamad Rashid Mohamed has said that the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) was doing a good job in dispensing human rights by issuing reports concerning human rights and called upon it to concentrate on gender based violence which is now a problem in Zanzibar.

Speaking to the visiting CHRAGG delegation in his office in Zanzibar, Mohamed said in the past implementing human rights especially in respect of gender-based violence was difficult because the commission's reports were never worked upon, different to the present.

"In the past you wrote your reports, issued and read them but they were never worked upon, but as of now your reports have been of help to the community, as the issue of gender based violence is receiving much attention due to public awareness in looking for justice after you started educating the public where they can go to seek justice," Mohamed said.

He said there are areas in Zanzibar where people seek for their basic rights especially on gender-based violence as well as the day in dispensing such justice from relevant authorities and institutions.

Commission's chairman Judge (rtd) Mathew Mwaimu said the visit to Zanzibar in particular aims to learn about various issues and seek cooperation from the Zanzibar government and its institutions in dispensing human rights in the country.

He said in the past the implementation of CHRAGG reports was difficult but now things have changed as everyone carries out his duties accordingly especially when he received the reports issued by the commission over issues of human rights.

Sunflower processors striving to increase oil production to 150,000 tonnes by 2025

By Guardian Correspondent,

Babati

MANYARA Sunflower Oil Processors Association (MASUPA) targets to produce 150,000 tonnes of sunflower oil by 2025.

This was revealed by the association's executive secretary Julian Khambayta when speaking to this paper about its production and strategies.

He said they want to increase production to satisfy local demand of edible oil as well as for export.

He said among their strategies include having better factories to enable them satisfy foreign markets and for the processors to maintain proper records.

He said another strategy is to unify edible oil processors on how to identify the markets as well as to connect them to financial institutions.

Khambayta said when properly managed these strategies will ensure the country will not import edible oil.

A resident of Chemchem, Sarah Molllel said what they

want is market reliability. She said the availability of markets will give them the thrust to grow more sunflower crop to satisfy the factories with the raw materials.

Another Chemchem resident Gallapo Bayo said the crop is their savior even

though the challenge they face is high prices of the modern sunflower seeds.

Bayo advised the government to review the price of the sunflower crop as its current price of 30,000/- per bag discourages many farmers.

The head of the

agriculture, irrigation and cooperative department at Babati Town Council, Daniel Luther advised farmers to be closer to agricultural experts for their benefit.

He said in case of plant pests or any other problem they should inform the experts for assistance.



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Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

INVITATION TO BID: No. ITB/2020/KIB/SUPP/002
FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AT NRC NDUITA CAMP, KIBONDO DISTRICT AND NRC MTENDELI CAMP, KAKONKO DISTRICT, IN KIGOMA REGION

1. Background:

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub Office, Kibondo, invites reputable qualified and eligible Suppliers to submit firm offers for the supply and delivery of construction materials at NRC Nduita camp, Kibondo District and NRC Mtendeli camp, Kakonko District, in Kigoma region.

2. Eligibility:

Suppliers duly registered with relevant government authorities, with sound financial basis, relevant experience, reputed clientele and with knowledge of how to meet UNHCR's requirements are invited to participate in the bidding process.

The tender documents can be collected from the following UNHCR Offices:

UNHCR Representation Office Tanzania
Plot 1658 Masaki, Rufiji Street
P.O. Box 2666 - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

UNHCR Field Office Kasulu
Kimobwa (Mlimani Area)
P.O. Box 332 - Kasulu,
Kigoma

UNHCR Sub- Office Kibondo
Kabigwa (Near TANESCO)
P.O. Box 49
Kibondo

UNHCR Field Unit Mwanza
Mwanza Airport
P.O. Box 2273 - Mwanza

CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Thursday 25th June 2020 at 16:00 hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Thursday 09th July 2020 at 17:00 hrs, EAT

UNHCR tenders are free of charge, no fees are charged to collect the tenders.



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The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position identified below at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Position Title : Supervisory Information Management Specialist

Solicitation Number: 72062120R10013

A copy of the complete solicitation, listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required, is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

HOW TO APPLY:

Effective immediately only online applications will be accepted via usaidtzlesapps@usaid.gov

Applicants **MUST** follow instructions in the solicitation on the website:

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: July 01, 2020



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Zanzibar state attorney says case withdrawals undermine GBV fight

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 100 people have submitted letters to the office of Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) with the intent of withdrawing cases related to violence against women and children in Zanzibar.

Omar Makungu, state attorney from DPP office in Mjini Magharibi Region revealed this recently when speaking in a meeting at Tamwa-Zanzibar offices in Tunguu, Central District Unguja. The meeting was meant to discuss challenges in executing GBV cases.

He said it's shocking to see all the ongoing efforts to address GBV issues evaporates in thin air, leaving perpetrators roaming around in streets without being tried in courts.

"It demoralizes all people who are behind GBV fight," he said.

According to Makungu, some of the cases have all the evidences, but suddenly, people who filed the cases come up and withdraw the cases in court.

"This is a challenge, which if left unchecked GBV incidents will continue to affect women and children," he said, suggesting the need for the community to team up and address the situation.

An official from DPP office, Khamis Juma said that bringing all the needed evidences is an important aspect when it comes to proceeding cases.

"It is a normal procedure that every case needs to have substantive evidences for the cases to go on. A case which has no merit is removed from the court as any weakness provides room for advocates to defend their clients. So, it is important for people to have all evidences for their cases to proceed," the officer said.

He also cited witnesses as a challenge hindering GBV fight to proceed, saying: "There is a tendency for witnesses not to appear in court and if they appear

they don't talk anything and sometimes they provide information in favour of the accused."

"Several times I met with such cases, whereby the victim defend the man who abused her and some say that she was her partner and she wasn't ready to put him in trouble," he said.

But, the Zanzibar law is very clear that a witness who fail to appear in court or deny to provide evidence is to be remanded for eight days, he said.

Deputy Registrar of the Zanzibar High Court Salum Hassan suggested the need for the community to change their mindsets on GBV related issues as some families weren't involved in those cases. "In some cases you find the case is taken to court without taking information from the victim, something which is not right," he said, adding that some victims are not well prepared to speak before the court, the situation that end up losing their cases.

The registrar urged legal officials to ensure that victims are well informed and involved in all processes of the case including building their confidences.

He also suggested the need for reviewing the law so that witnesses of GBV cases are protected contrary to the current situation.

Jamila Mahmoud, Executive Director of Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) said that there are people in the society who have been taking GBV incidents as normal issues, something which needs more efforts to pin down perpetrators.

Dr Mzuri Issa TAMWA Zanzibar Director called on the public to change their mindsets and respect women and children by discouraging such uncouth behaviours in Isles.

She said: "It is so sad to see people withdraw cases which are already in court. This demoralises people, organisations and institutions that are in forefront in the fight against GBV."



Tanzania Revenue Authority principal tax officer Maternus Mallya (R) has a word with a Morogoro municipality taxpayer yesterday on the importance of keeping business records. It was part of an ongoing tax compliance sensitisation campaign in Morogoro Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kalemani directs EWURA to crack down on fuel hoarders

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MINISTER for Energy, Dr Medard Kalemani has given seven days to the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (ERWURA) to conduct a crackdown on big fuel dealers who hoard the commodity in order to sell it at higher prices later.

Dr Kalemani also directed EWURA to take stern legal steps, including meting 100m/- fine to offenders or revoking licenses of all netted.

Speaking here yesterday the minister

said as of now oil prices in international market has gone down hence oil dealers are supposed to sell the commodity at government's indicative prices as they are only giving service to the public.

He said small oil dealers have started experiencing difficulties in looking for the commodity after big dealers started hoarding it.

Dr Kalemani said EWURA law exists and oil dealers were merely giving service to the people, they are therefore required to sell the oil at government's indicative prices.

Her however allayed fears from Tanzanians that the government has enough fuel stock for the next three months, hence there was no need of hoarding.

"We have fuel stock of over 386.9 million litres that is enough for the next three months, hence no need to hoard," he said.

He also called on fuel dealers to use all the country's three ports - Dar es Salaam, Tanga and Mtwara to get the oil to avoid congestion of tankers that go to get the oil.

Meanwhile, in the move to increase the availability of oil in rural areas EWURA plans to establish small fuel stations in villages.

"We are embarking on the plan in villages that are not easily accessed due to road infrastructures challenges, and the aim is to assist those who buy fuel in plastic containers," the minister said.

He said the plan slated for implementation in six months time will be coordinated by EWURA and the ministry and will abide by the government's indicative prices.



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Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) is currently implementing Productive Social Safety Net Program which aims at protecting the vulnerable poor households from severest consequences of poverty by implementing interventions that will lead to increased household incomes and opportunities while increasing consumption.

The TASAF Executive Director is inviting applications from suitably qualified Tanzanian nationals to fill the below vacant posts:

1. Director of Coordination	1 post
2. Director of Knowledge Management and Advocacy	1 post
3. Conditional Cash Transfer Manager	1 post
4. Public Works and Infrastructure Manager	1 post
5. Human Resources Manager	1 post
6. Internal Audit Manager	1 post
7. Technical Support Manager	1 post
8. Procurement Officer	1 post
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10. Program Officer Public Works and Infrastructure	1 post
11. Development Communication Officer	1 post
12. Legal Officer	1 post
13. Internal Auditor	2 posts
14. Registry Officer	1 post
15. Driver	2 posts
16. Motor Vehicle Mechanic	2 posts
17. TASAF Monitoring Officer	23 posts

Job Descriptions and required qualifications for these posts are available in TASAF website www.tasaf.go.tz

How to apply:

1) a) Applications, enclosing scanned certified copies of certificates and Curriculum Vitae be sent to the following address:

Executive Director
Tanzania Social Action Fund
Board of Trustees of PSSSF Building
Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Road
P.O. Box 2719
DODOMA.

OR

b) Applications (In PDF Format), enclosing scanned certified copies of certificates and Curriculum Vitae be sent through the following email address: hrm@tasaf.go.tz

2) Applications made in a way other than the above will not be considered.

3) Deadline for receiving applications is 9th July, 2020.

4) Those who will not hear from us, 14 days after the deadline, should consider themselves as unsuccessful.


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Livestock development officers vaccinate cattle against ticks, as found in Babati District, Manyara Region, on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Experts to farmers: Beware rain shortage

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

AGRICULTURAL experts in the country's Eastern Zone - Coast, Morogoro, Tanga and Dar es Salaam regions have called upon farmers to take precautions against climate change brought by the early end of the seasonal rains and instead they should start using seeds that can withstand drought and plant pests.

The caution was given by a panel of researchers from Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) from its centres in the Eastern Zone who convened in Morogoro for the preparation of the Nanenane Agricultural exhibition and

deliberating on how to assist farmers to fight against the effects of climate change to their farming activities.

Speaking about the challenge, TARI-Ilonga Research Coordinator in Kilosa Meshack Makenge said due to the expected effects from climate change, TARI has produced various seeds through modern technology that withstand drought and other destructive challenges from pests.

Makege, a renowned researcher on maize and leguminous plants said when planted at this time, modern maize seeds can withstand drought and ensure farmers of adequate harvest.

A researcher on rice seeds Dr Theodor Kessy from the Ifakara

research centre in Kilombero District said already they have discovered new types of seeds that can be cultivated in low lying areas as well as hilly areas especially those with drought that can assure farmers of adequate harvests.

For his part, researcher on technology and distribution from TARI-Ilonga, Margaret Mchomvu called on farmers in the Eastern Zone regions who are challenged by destructive pests to come out to learn on how to deal with the pests.

She said TARI-Ilonga decided to conduct the technology exhibition by taking them directly to farmers for them to learn.



Tulia Trust manager Jacqueline Boaz (R) presents reflective jackets donated by the agency to motorbike taxi riders in Mwansekwa ward, Mbeya Region, on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Clergy called on to educate society on GBV, danger of adolescent pregnancy

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

RELIGIOUS leaders have been called upon to educate the society into shunning child pregnancies and gender-based violence (GBV) against girls.

The Bishop of the African Inland Church of Tanzania (AICT) for Mwanza Diocese, Philipo Mafuja, made the call at the weekend when speaking in this paper.

He said scriptures including the Bible requires religious leaders to be involved in helping the society towards better upkeep of the children, hence they have the responsibility to assist the government and the society in the fight against child pregnancies and gender based violence against girls.

Bishop Mafuja said for religious leaders, to educate the society means to urge them to provide better upbringing for their children by following the scriptures and adhering to the country's ethics.

"Religious leaders are involved in the society because during holy days they meet with their followers, the very people the government is dealing with, hence the church's duty is to provide spiritual instructions and as Christians our belief is that the Christ came to the world to serve all human beings, spiritually, bodily and mentally," he said.

Hence he appealed to religious leaders to involve themselves in educating the society about maternal

health and better upbringing for their children to guard themselves against child pregnancies.

"We have ample opportunity to serve the children especially during this period with challenges from Covid-19 pandemic, therefore children need to be accorded their basic rights including protection under national and international protocols, and by children we have in mind those less than 18 years of age," he added.

He said children are part of believers in the church; hence the church has to recognize them as such as the scriptures say "let them come to me" hence protecting them is a divine obligation.

Dr George Lugodisha, an independent expert and coordinator in maternal health services said child pregnancies happen because parents are not close to their children in providing for them better education to enable them shun that, and other challenges.

"This is a crosscutting issue, cooperation is needed to fight against and you journalists are supposed to report on maternal health, dangers from GBV by reporting the truth and not misleading information," he said.

He said when a girl is pregnant, her entire life could be spoilt because she has to terminate her education, and all her dreams for her future are lost, she could end up being shunned by parents and may end up in poverty.

NGO calls for protection of PWA during elections

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has been called to mete out stiff penalties to those who will be found to have killed or cut body parts of persons with albinism, especially during the period towards this year's general elections.

Founder of Foundation for Disabilities Hope Michael Hosea made the call over the weekend when speaking to reporters at the event to mark International Albinism Awareness Day in Dodoma.

The NGO campaigns for the rights of children, youth and people with albinism (PWAs).

Hosea said it is evident that during election period PWAs lives are in extreme danger from the likelihood of being killed for their body parts that are used in superstitious beliefs.

He said superstitious beliefs spur stigma, discrimination and even killings of PWAs.

The ruling CCM parents wing for Dodoma Region Bishop Dr Damas Mukassa, speaking at the event's apex appealed to various institutions and private individuals to provide jobs to PWAs to free themselves from economic hardships.

He said from their working capability PWAs can be employed instead of begging for assistance for their livelihoods.

"Made To Shine" is the theme for this year's International Albinism Awareness Day. The theme was chosen to celebrate the achievements and successes of persons with albinism worldwide. It is also a call to stand in solidarity with people with albinism through their challenges. In this unprecedented time, people with albinism continue to suffer all types of human rights violations. Recently, in some countries, they have been branded "Corona" or "COVID-19" in an attempt to scapegoat them for the pandemic. Killings, attacks, bullying, dehumanizing stigma and discrimination continue against persons with albinism. Yet on this day, we are reminded that in spite of these horrific practices, people with albinism continue to defy odds, overcome hurdles and face up to injustices with resilience.

Public institutions advised to step up cooperation with citizenry in service delivery

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PUBLIC institutions in the country have been required to commemorate the 2020 Public Service Week by cementing cooperation with the public and other stakeholders in order to create an enabling environment in exemplary service delivery to the public in accordance to the norms of customer service contracts

The directives were issued here yesterday by the Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) Mary Mwanjelwa.

Mwanjelwa said cooperation among the stakeholders is part of the implementation of the slogan of the Public Service Week this year that stresses the duty of the public service in the maintenance of the existing peace in the society.

"In implementing the slogan, I direct all public institutions to celebrate the week by doing community work in the areas where the public get service such as hospitals, market places and other areas but at the same time taking precautions against the Covid-19 pandemic," she said.

She added that public officials are required to mark the week by meeting with workers at their work places in order to listen to their views and challenges they face in the performance of their duties.

She also called on public officials in the country to mark the week by assessing themselves whether they go in tandem with the pace of the fifth phase government pace that has resolved to improve service accorded to the public.

She however congratulated all public servants by implementing their responsibilities despite the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic.

She also assured them that the government values and supports them and called upon them to work hard for the nation's development as President John Magufuli insists in his slogan literally translated "Here Just Work" (Hapa Kazi Tu).



NOTICE OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reference is made to the Press Release postponing the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") which was scheduled to be held on 16th May, 2020.

NOTICE is hereby given that the **TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of CRDB BANK PLC will be held on **Saturday, 27th June, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.** virtually that means that shareholders will be expected to participate via digital means.

The Bank will be holding this year's Annual General meeting by virtual means because of concerns of safety of shareholders given the large number of shareholders and the size of standard meeting venues that do not, in the wake of COVID-19, provide the kind of sitting space per member that meets the social distance guidelines. The safety and wellbeing of our shareholders and other stakeholders is important to us. As a responsible institution, we join hands with the Government in fighting the spread of the corona virus by ensuring that we comply with the advised safety measures including avoidance of mass gatherings and ensuring social distancing.

The Bank will send to all shareholders via their mobile phones ID and password information on how a shareholder can access the virtual meeting and participate. A special resolution will be passed to permit the holding of the Annual General Meeting by virtual means.

The following Agenda will be transacted:

1. **Opening of the Meeting.**
2. **Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Meeting.**
3. **Special Resolution to amend the Articles of Association to allow the AGM to be held virtually.**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda.**
5. **Introduction of Board Member representing DANIDA Investment Fund (DIF) to shareholders.**
6. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting.**
7. **To discuss Matters Arising.**
8. **Adoption of the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements for year 2019.**
 - a) **Directors' Report.**
 - b) **Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019.**
 - c) **Declaration of Year 2019 Dividend.**
9. **Approval of Directors Remuneration.**
10. **Appointment of the External Auditors.**

11. **Election of two Independent Non Executive Directors.**
12. **To deliberate on Proposals received from Shareholders.**
13. **Any other business with leave of the Chair.**
14. **To set the place, date and venue of the next Meeting.**
15. **Closing of the Meeting.**

NOTE:

1. *The Shareholders Register will be closed on 26/06/2020 and will be opened on 27/06/2020.*
2. *All proposals to be discussed under Agenda no. 12 must be received by the Secretary not later than 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 12th June, 2020.*
3. *The 2019 Annual Report and Papers for the Meeting and proposed resolutions will be available on the Bank's website (<https://www.crdbbank.co.tz>) and can be collected from CRDB Bank Branches from Friday, 12th June, 2020.*
4. *Shareholders are requested to appoint proxies to attend the Meeting on their behalf. The proxy form is available on the Bank's website (<https://www.crdbbank.co.tz>).*
5. *Completed proxy forms should be sent to the Company Secretary via email address shareholders@crdbbank.com or delivered to any CRDB Bank branch, or a photo of the completed proxy form sent through WhatsApp no.0767 757215 to reach the Company Secretary not later than 4.00 pm. on Monday, 22nd June, 2020.*

All communication should be addressed to:

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Sustainable Gastronomy Day: Do many see any difference?

THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the UN General Assembly work to facilitate the observance of Sustainable Gastronomy Day, in collaboration with member states, UN organisations and other international and regional bodies, as well as civil society, to observe the Day on June 18 every year in raising public awareness of its contribution to sustainable development.

The concept of sustainable gastronomy is a relatively new one. Not only are food and gastronomy at the core of human survival, but are being increasingly recognised as potential game changers for the economic, social and environmental sustainability of communities and regions.

Even the United Nations (UN) took note of the significance of gastronomy in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and three years ago announced the observance of Sustainable Gastronomy Day on June 18 every year.

The concept of sustainable gastronomy is a relatively new one. Not only are food and gastronomy at the core of human survival, but are being increasingly recognised as potential game changers for the economic, social and environmental sustainability of communities and regions.

The UN resolution acknowledges that gastronomy is a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world and reaffirmed that all cultures and civilisations can contribute to and are crucial enablers of sustainable development.

The UN resolution also affirmed the need to focus the world's attention on

the role that sustainable gastronomy can play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including by promoting agricultural development, food security, nutrition, sustainable food production and the conservation of biodiversity.

Therefore the UN's Sustainable Gastronomy Day is about recognising that sustainable gastronomy has an impact on many different little pillars, the large pillar being societal, environmental and economic pillars. But within this... sustainable gastronomy has a role towards agriculture, towards food security, towards the nutrition of the individuals. It's about food production, biodiversity and the conservation of biodiversity.

Describing food as the fabric of societies and communities it is important to preserve the heritage and practices related to food. So the way we source food, the way that we prepare food, the way we consume food are shaped by communities [and] by individuals within those communities.

And it's about the recognition of the importance of gastronomy in particular to communities. But it's also about the greater roles of food which means it's about agriculture, it's about the production of the food, it's about the distribution of it. And so it's not only about the consumption when we think about sustainable gastronomy, he elaborated.

In other words, gastronomy is the study of the relationship between food and culture, the art of preparing and serving rich or delicate and appetising food, the cooking styles of particular regions, and the science of good eating. One who is well versed in gastronomy is called a gastronome, while a gastronomist is one who unites theory and practice in the study of gastronomy.

Awareness a decisive weapon in war on desertification, droughts globally

THE World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is a United Nations observance each June 17. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the presence of desertification and drought, highlighting methods of preventing desertification and recovering from drought. Each year's global celebration has a unique, novel emphasis that had not been developed previously.

Desertification is not cheap. It has social, cultural, environmental and of course economic costs to reverse what it destroys. According to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification the scourge of desertification is costing the global economy up to 15 trillion dollars annually, making it urgent to restore degraded land to mitigate climate change.

This day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly resolution on January 30, 1995, after the day when United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is drafted.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development declares that "we are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations". Specifically, SDG Goal 15: Life on Land states the resolve of the United Nations and the SDG signatory nations to halt and reverse land degradation.

One third of the planet's land surface is under the threat of desertification, impacting over 250 million people. Although Africa remains the most affected continent, we are witnessing an alarming shift globally.

Worldwide, 70 per cent of dry land used for agriculture are already degrading and are increasingly threatened by desertification.

This change is often at the root of political and socio-economic problems, and poses a threat to the environmental

equilibrium in affected regions. 135 million people are at risk of being displaced because of desertification and mass migrations are only just beginning.

The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought has been observed since 1995 to promote public awareness relating to the international cooperation to combat desertification and the effects of drought.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. Under the theme "Let's grow the future together" this event provides an opportunity to look back and celebrate the 25 years of progress made by countries on sustainable land management, as well as looking at the broad picture of the next 25 years when hopefully we will achieve land degradation neutrality.

Desertification is a type of land degradation in which a relatively dry area of land becomes a desert, typically losing its bodies of water as well as vegetation and wildlife. It is caused by a variety of factors, such as through climate change (particularly Desertification is a significant global ecological and environmental problem with far reaching consequences on socio-economic and political conditions.

Whereas a drought is an event of prolonged shortages in the water supply, whether atmospheric (below-average precipitation), surface water or ground water. A drought can last for months or years, or may be declared after as few as 15 days.

It can have a substantial impact on the ecosystem and agriculture of the affected region and harm to the local economy. Drought is a recurring feature of the climate in most parts of the world.

Prolonged droughts have caused mass migrations and humanitarian crisis. Most arid ecosystems have inherently low productivity. Drought affect food production and human society, so they are considered a disaster, of natural, supernatural or human cause (which itself could be supernatural causes, malediction, sin, ...).

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By Michael Dunford

WFP has made significant progress in driving social, economic development

OVER the last four years, WFP (World Food Programme) Tanzania has worked side-by-side with the government and other partners to develop a better future for vulnerable families through combating malnutrition, supporting smallholder farmers, providing food assistance for refugees and capitalizing on innovation for sustainable, positive change. Work has also included the strengthening of the country's role as a maritime gateway and regional logistics hub.

At the foundation of our work was WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP), launched in 2017. The CSP marked a strategic shift in WFP operations, moving away from direct implementation of projects towards capacity building, strengthening government institutions, and working with other partners and the private sector to unleash untapped potential in the fight against hunger.

WFP has continued to serve those who are most in need including 240,000 refugees - primarily from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo - currently hosted in north-western Tanzania who are wholly dependent on humanitarian support. Thanks to support from donors, WFP has been able to distribute 100 percent rations since 2018. In addition to maintaining rations, WFP worked to improve delivery of food assistance to refugees including dramatically reducing waiting times during distributions. To improve the nutritional value of the food basket, WFP also invested to upgrade in-house milling facilities and a commercial mill, enabling all distributed maize meal to be fortified with essential micro-nutrients.

Through coordinated national nutrition efforts, Tanzania's under-

By Special Correspondent

THE Ghanaian government has begun a phased-opening of educational institutions with the re-opening of universities for final year students, as well as final year students of other educational and training institutions, which are managed by ministries, other than the Ministry of Education.

This is to enable them to complete their lectures and write their exit examination, as announced by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo in his last broadcast to the nation, on May 31, on the update of the coronavirus containment efforts.

Final year students of Senior High Schools (SHSs), including Gold Track and Junior High Schools (JHSs) will take their turn to return to schools, to continue classes towards writing their exit exams.

Other aspects of schooling will remain closed, till further notice as

five stunting rate declined from 42 percent in 2010 to 32 percent in 2018. Although positive, the levels remain unacceptably high and mean there are still around 3 million children at risk of suffering lifelong physical and cognitive impairment due to undernutrition. To continue the trend in decreasing stunting, WFP works with the government and local communities to treat and prevent malnutrition through education and nutrition support for mothers and children.

WFP has also adapted its nutrition projects to more broadly fight malnutrition, including its underlying causes, through the addition of livelihood and agriculture components that can increase access to capital and nutritious foods as well as trainings on as water, sanitation and hygiene.

Also, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre, WFP published agricultural training manuals to feature messaging that enables the user to improve nutrition in the household.

As Tanzania continues to move towards middle income status, WFP's work in agriculture focuses on supporting smallholder farmers in the transition from subsistence farming to farming as a business.

Currently, 66 percent of the population are engaged in the agricultural sector, which currently only contributes about 29 percent to annual gross domestic product. WFP's work with smallholder farmers focuses on addressing challenges throughout the entire growing and marketing cycle. This includes supporting farmers with access to finance for improved seeds and fertilizers, trainings on good

agriculture practices and post-harvest handling and storage, and access to reliable markets. The early success of WFP's projects across Tanzania, represents a great opportunity for bringing the models to scale and adoption in other countries.

Another major achievement during the last four years was the purchase of more than 220,000 mt of food in Tanzania, providing a market for local farmers and strengthening the nation's supply chain. In last four years, WFP Tanzania has been able to triple the amount of food it transports through the country, averaging now approximately 200,000 mt per year, or enough to fill 6,700 trucks.

Working with the national ports, railways and Maritime Services as well as the private sector, WFP has supported the promotion of Tanzania as a competitive transportation route for the region. These efforts led to the reopening of a ferry service which carries train wagons across Lake Victoria to Uganda. The re-opened route unlocks significant cost and time savings for both WFP and the private sector.

In 2017, WFP established its first innovation hub in Tanzania, which helps to foster, test, refine and scale up new ways that can contribute to achieving zero hunger. Innovation is the cornerstone that enables WFP to unlock the capacity of new ideas to improve food security for millions of people. Since its launch, the Hub has grown to support eight innovation pilots and six Tanzanian early-stage startups, building the capacity of over 900 local innovators, entrepreneurs and stakeholders.

Additionally, WFP supported the Global Learning XPRIZE to conduct a field test in which children in rural communities with difficulties in regularly attending school were able to learn basic math, reading and writing with only tablets loaded with educational software. WFP through its experience providing logistics in the field made it possible for XPRIZE to pilot their learning tablets with 3000 children in rural villages. By the end of the field test, the number of children able to manage the basics of reading quadrupled, and the number who could add single digits almost tripled.

Despite these wide-ranging achievements, Tanzania and its partners still have a long road to travel in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Complicating development issues are the potential health and economic impacts from the global COVID-19 pandemic. Tanzania should remain vigilant, so as to continue to mitigate the disease's impact on food security in the country.

It is with feelings of achievement, excitement and reservation that I will shortly be leaving Tanzania to begin a new role, leading WFP's Regional Bureau for East and Central Africa based in Nairobi. I leave with many wonderful experiences, both professional and personal. I look forward to witnessing the continued development of Tanzania in line of the vision of the Government's five-year plan and in working towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Zero Hunger.

Michael Dunford, outgoing WFP Tanzania Representative

Welcome back to school, but keep safe!

directed by the President in Executive Instrument 64, following the passage by Parliament of the Imposition of Restrictions, Act, 2020.

Ghanaian Times is aware that the phased-opening of schools has been informed by empirical evidence, following a wide-range consultations by the President with stakeholders on "strategic, controlled, progressive, easing of restrictions", imposed by the government as a part of measures to check the spread of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-CoV-2) that is responsible for the deadly disease, coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The world is still grappling with the disease, and of course Ghana, is not out of the woods yet. We still have spikes in the communities across the country with the case load crossing the 11,000 mark, and so far 48 people have succumbed, albeit with pre-existing

health conditions.

The country is recording recoveries, though slower than the infection rates, but we risk a second wave of the disease, if we let our guard down.

It's in light of this that we welcome our final year students back on campus, with the call on them to cooperate with the school authorities and adhere strictly to the specific guidelines, including social distancing arrangement and enhanced hygiene protocol to ensure safety on campus, to prevent further community spikes in infection.

We are certainly not in normal times, and we sympathise with the plight of students, given that online studies come with challenges and also there are some programmes that lectures must certainly be face-to-face.

Undoubtedly, the reopening of universities for the final year students to complete their programme will serve

as litmus test on whether we can have our normal life back, with a complete lifting of ban on public gathering.

Indeed, the outcome of the re-opening of universities will determine whether the government will go ahead to allow SHS and JHS final year students take their turn to go back to school to complete their academic programmes.

We recall what the President said in his last broadcast, as a gentle reminder "The introduction of this phased opening up of our country means that each and every one of us must continue to remain vigilant and respect the enhanced hygiene and social distancing protocols that have become part and parcel of our daily routine over the last three months. We can't afford to let our guard down, and ruin the successes we have chalked over the years."

A word to the wise is enough!

COMPETITIVENESS

China to complete Beidou network rivalling America's GPS

BEIJING

THE Chinese Beidou navigation network will be completed this month when its final satellite goes into orbit, giving China greater independence from US-owned GPS and heating up competition in a sector long dominated by the US.

The idea to develop Beidou, or the Big Dipper in Chinese, took shape in the 1990s as the military sought to reduce reliance on the Global Positioning System (GPS) run by the US Air Force. When the first Beidou satellites were launched in 2000, coverage was limited to China. As use of mobile devices expanded, China in 2003 tried to join the Galileo satellite navigation project proposed by the European Union but later pulled out to focus on Beidou.

In the age of the iPhone, the second generation of Beidou satellites went operational in 2012, covering the Asia-Pacific. China began deploying the third generation of satellites aimed at global coverage in 2015.

The 35th and final Beidou-3 satellite will be launched this month – the day has yet to be announced – meaning Beidou has more satellites in its system than GPS's 31, and more than Galileo and Russia's Glonass.

With estimated investment of US\$10-billion, Beidou keeps the communications network of the Chinese military secure, avoiding the risk of disruption to GPS in the extreme event of

conflict. Weapons targeting and guidance also improves. When complete, Beidou's location services are accurate down to 10cm in the Asia-Pacific, compared to GPS's 30cm range.

Better accuracy "Beidou was obviously designed a few decades after GPS, so it has had the benefit of learning from the GPS experience," said Andrew Dempster, director of the Australian Centre for Space Engineering Research.

"It has some signals that have higher bandwidth, giving better accuracy. It has fewer orbit planes for the satellites, making constellation maintenance easier." Beidou-related services such as port traffic monitoring and disaster mitigation have been exported to about 120 countries, state media reported.

Many of those countries are involved in the Belt and Road initiative, spearheaded by President Xi Jinping to create a modern-day Silk Road of trade and investment. In a 2019 report, the US congress-



Two Beidou satellites via a single carrier rocket take off at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, Sichuan province, China, on 12 February 2018.

sional US-China Economic and Security Review Commission warned that China promoted launch services, satellites and Beidou under its "Space Silk Road" to deepen reliance on China for space-based services, potentially at the expense of US influence.

Thailand and Pakistan were the first foreign countries to sign up for Beidou's services, in 2013. Within China, more than 70% of mobile phones were Beidou-enabled as of 2019, state media reported, including models made by Huawei, Oppo, Xiaomi, Vivo and Samsung. Millions of taxis, buses and trucks were also able to receive Beidou signals. China's satellite navigation sector may top \$57-billion in value this year, state media said.

COVID-19

Confined at home, world forced into eating less sugar

LONDON

FOR years, governments, doctors and celebrity chefs tried and failed to get the world to consume less sugar. Then the pandemic hit.

The global closure of restaurants, sports arenas and cinemas means sugar demand will drop this season for the first time in four decades, according to Czarnikow Group. Drink and confectionery sales at giants including Coca-Cola Co and Nestle have fallen, and while economies start to reopen, it's unclear how quickly demand will recover as incomes and employment fall.

"Consumption out of home is normally more than what you would now substitute and have at home," said Ben Seed, an analyst at Czarnikow in London. "If you go to the cinema you would probably quite happily have a litre or maybe more of soda while you watch the film, whereas we just don't think people would drink a whole litre of soda while watching Netflix."

The sugar industry was already under siege before the coronavirus hit. Demand growth – largely driven by developing countries – slowed in recent years as lawmakers from South Africa to Thailand taxed sugary drinks and health groups urged people to cut back on carbs amid obesity concerns. Companies responded by selling slimmed-down treats and sugar-free sodas.

None of that had as much impact as the lockdowns that slashed out-of-home spending. And now the emerging global recession is hurting the demand outlook going forward. In the first three weeks of April alone, Coca-Cola's volumes slid

about 25%, and the company said the pandemic's effect on the second quarter will be material. PepsiCo Inc. expects second-quarter revenue to fall and in Germany, a key sugar-consuming nation, a group of confectioners said sales at half of members surveyed fell in the four months through April.

Sugar consumption will slip 1.2% to 169.9 million tons this season, according to supply chain services company Czarnikow. Analysts at the US government and Citigroup Inc. also see demand falling this season. The International Sugar Organisation said the crisis has wiped out most of 2020's projected consumption growth, and bigger losses may follow.

Falling demand will mean bigger-than-expected sugar surpluses this season and next, said John Stansfield, an analyst at trader Group Sopex. While New York futures recovered since late April amid concerns that supplies out of Brazil may start tightening, they're still almost 50% below a 2016 peak.

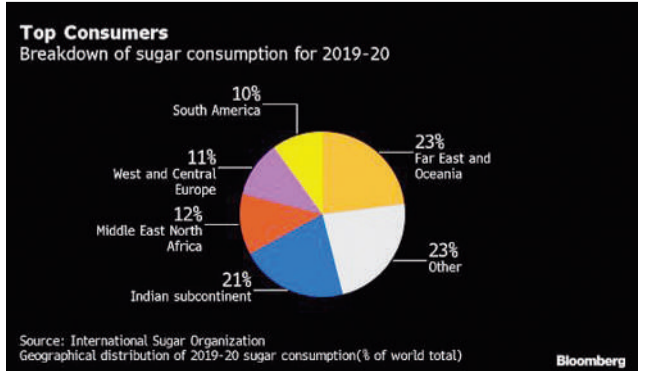
Even though people may turn to comfort foods like ice cream, that won't offset lost consumption. For example, London-based ice-cream maker Oddono's Gelati Italiani's sales have been affected by reduced staff and social distancing.

"If we were able to have five members of staff behind the counter serving as many people as possible at the fastest time, we would probably make 30%-40% more than we make now," said co-founder Christian Oddono. "Would people queue for an extra half an hour until it's their turn? Some would do, some would probably turn around."



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Trump announces cutting US troops in Germany to 25,000

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said on Monday he would cut the number of US troops in Germany to 25,000, faulting the close US ally for failing to meet the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) defense spending target and accusing it of taking advantage of America on trade.

The reduction of about 9,500 troops would be a remarkable rebuke to one of the closest US trading partners and could erode faith in a pillar of postwar European security: That US forces would defend alliance members against Russian aggression.

It was not clear whether Trump's stated intent, which first emerged in media reports on June 5, would actually come to pass given criticism from some of the president's fellow Republicans in Congress who have argued a cut would be a gift to Russia.

Speaking to reporters, Trump accused Germany of being "delinquent" in

its payments to the NATO and vowed to stick with the plan unless Berlin changed course.

"So we're protecting Germany and they're delinquent. That doesn't make sense. So I said, we're going to bring down the count to 25,000 soldiers," Trump said, adding that "they treat us very badly on trade" but providing no details.

NATO in 2014 set a target that each of its 30 members should spend 2 percent of GDP on defense. Most, including Germany, do not.

Trump's remarks were the first official confirmation of the planned troop cut, which was first reported by the Wall Street Journal and later confirmed to Reuters by a senior US official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

That official said it stemmed from months of work by the US military and had nothing to do with tensions between Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who thwarted his plan to host an in-person Group of Seven (G7) summit.



US President Donald Trump meets with German Chancellor Angela Merkel during the NATO summit at The Grove in Watford, England. (File photo)

Asked about Trump's statement, German Ambassador to the United States Emily Haber said US troops were in Europe to defend transatlantic security and to help the United States project its power in Africa and Asia.

"This is about transatlantic security but also about American security," she told a virtual think tank audience, saying US-German security cooperation would

remain strong and that her government had been informed of the decision.

Last week, sources told Reuters that German officials as well as a number of US officials at the White House, State Department and Pentagon were surprised by the Wall Street Journal report and they offered explanations ranging from Trump's pique over the G7 to the influence of Richard Grenell, the former US ambassador to Germany and a Trump loyalist.

"There is sure to be significant bipartisan opposition to this move in Congress, so it is possible any actual moves are significantly delayed or even never implemented," said Phil Gordon of the Council on Foreign Relations think tank.

"This move will further erode allies' faith in NATO and US defense guarantees," Gordon added, saying it may also "weaken the deterrence of Russia or anyone else who might threaten a NATO member."

Agencies

S. Korea confirms DPRK blew up inter-Korean liaison office in Kaesong

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea's Unification Ministry said yesterday that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) demolished an inter-Korean liaison office in the DPRK's border town of Kaesong by an explosion.

The South Korean ministry in charge of inter-Korean affairs said in a brief statement that the DPRK blew up the Kaesong joint liaison office at 2:49 p.m. local time (0549 GMT). The liaison office was opened in September 2018 for the round-the-clock communications between the two Koreas in accordance with the Panmunjom Declaration.

The declaration was signed by South Korean President Moon Jae-in and top DPRK leader Kim Jong Un after their first summit on April 27, 2018 at the inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom. The joint liaison office has been temporarily closed since January over the COVID-19 outbreak.

Date for consultations between Russian, Turkish ministers to be agreed later

MOSCOW

A date for consultations between Russian and Turkish foreign and defense ministers on issues of Libyan settlement will be agreed later, the Russian foreign ministry said on Sunday.

"At the instruction of the Russian and Turkish presidents, the two countries' foreign and defense ministries take active efforts in support of Libyan settlement," the ministry said. "Experts maintain contact in the interests of the soonest establishment of the ceasefire and launch of the United Nations-brokered intra-Libyan negotiating process in compliance with the resolutions of the Berlin international conference of January 19 and United Nations Security Council Resolution 2510."

"Work continues. A date for a meeting between the two countries' foreign and defense ministers will be agreed later," the ministry said.

The Russian foreign ministry said on Saturday that the Russian foreign and defense ministers planned to travel to Turkey to take part in bilateral consultations on regional problems.

Chinese, Irish medical experts exchange experience on COVID-19 via video conference

A TELECONFERENCE was held on March 13 at the Second Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine (SAHZU) for Chinese and Irish medical workers to share experience of the prevention and treatment of COVID-19.

The teleconference, spanning nearly 9,000 kilometers, was a response to Oisín O'Connell, a consultant in Bon Secours Hospital Cork, who emailed the SAHZU days earlier asking for China's experiences in pandemic response.

Medical experts with the SAHZU, the hospital's medical workers fighting COVID-19 in Wuhan, the former epicenter of COVID-19, as well as 30 some experts from Irish medical institutions and colleges joined the teleconference.

The Irish side raised a series of questions of their greatest concerns, such as the organization of manpower and resources, the rapid training of medical personnel, medication and short supply of medical materials.

All the questions were answered in detail by SAHZU experts, who also shared with their Irish counterparts the Chinese schemes and Zhejiang's experience in coping with the disease.

The influence of the conference even extended beyond Ireland's borders. David Garry, a doctor with the Intensive Care Unit at UK's Oxford University Hospitals, asked to join in the meeting after he learnt about it. He heard the conference together with his colleagues at his hospital.

At the end of the two-hour experience exchange, the Irish experts extended their gratitude to the Chinese side, saying the Chinese experience is very valuable.

"We'll do our best to help our Irish friends combat the crisis together, as long as you need us," SAHZU president Wang Jian'an replied.

A few days later, the SAHZU received another invitation from Ireland. Deirdre McCarthy, News Managing Editor, Radio News Programmes and Regions of Ireland's National Television and Radio Broadcaster Radio Telefís Éireann,

said she wanted to make a TV show to introduce China's experience in containing the virus to the Irish public.

Therefore, a second teleconference started on March 20, joined by not only medical experts, but also several citizens from Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang province.

Xu Xueying, a professor at the School of International Studies of Zhejiang University shared her story during



Medical experts having fought COVID-19 on the frontline in Hubei province exchange experiences on COVID-19 treatment, prevention and control with their Mexican counterparts via video link in a teleconference room of Hangzhou Red Cross Hospital, east China's Zhejiang province, April 3. (Photo People's Daily Online)

"I spent my time at home baking, doing exercise and reading in the past two months. I also followed closely the latest official release on the disease, which was transparent and open," she said, adding that the Hangzhou citizens were concerned, but not panicked.

Medical and health institutions in Zhejiang province contributed to the efforts of their foreign counterparts in fighting the pandemic.

Likewise, cities and counties of the province also donated materials to and offered technical support to foreign countries, sister cities, friendly organizations and overseas Chinese of Zhejiang origin, carrying out international cooperation in multiple forms.

So far, the province has donated 152 batches of medical materials to sister cities in 45 countries, friendly organizations and institutions, as well as foreign missions stationed in China, including about 5.1 million pieces of masks, 68,000 protective suits, and 455,000 pairs of surgical gloves.

Besides, it also donated about 5.49 million pieces of masks and 12,000 protective totaling 36 million yuan (\$5.09 million) to overseas Chinese.

People's Daily

Internet gives a leg up to Tibet's education

86.3 percent of the total in Tibet, had been connected to the internet. Nearly 30 percent of the them were equipped with a bandwidth of 100Mbps.

What internet brings to education is not only interconnectivity, but also educational equality. To achieve this, a cloud education platform was launched by local education authority in Tibet.

The platform, with nearly 600,000 registered users, and more than 120,000 educational resources, offers learning materials of all curriculums, video courses, and tutorials in Tibetan language. Students and teachers can access the top-notch courses and teaching materials of the autonomous region and even the country at large for free.

"In Tibet, many remote areas are bothered by the scarcity of teachers and relevant resources. Online education can both ease the burden of teachers and help students better absorb the knowledge," said Zhu Shenggao, an official with the autonomous region's education department.

Internet-powered education will become meaningless if it can't improve teaching quality, and without high-quality education, poverty will be passed on to future generations, Zhu added.

At present, the internet is being exploited by teachers in Tibet to improve their teaching. For instance, the five counties and districts in Shigatse receiving pairing assistance from Shanghai are now livestreaming classes, and video conferences are being held for teachers to discuss and improve their teaching skills.

"Tibet is a vast plateau where teachers face limited opportunities and high cost to communicate with and learn from their peers due to the inconvenient traffic condition.

The internet is providing us with more such opportunities," said a Tibetan teacher taking part in teleclass.

People's Daily

With a bit of oomph, Brexit deal feasible in July, says UK's Johnson

BRUSSELS/LONDON

LEADERS from Britain and the European Union agreed on Monday that talks on their future relationship should be stepped up to clinch a deal, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson suggesting an agreement could be reached in July with "a bit of oomph".

With a status-quo transition deal set to run out at the end of the year, the two are seeking a free trade agreement. But businesses on both sides are being told to prepare for a no-deal outcome that some fear would complicate trade and hurt jobs.

"I don't think we're actually that far apart but what we need now is to see a bit of oomph in the negotiations," Johnson said, adding that he had told the EU's representatives that there was a need to "put a tiger in the tank" of the talks.

"The faster we can do this the better, and we see no reason why you shouldn't get this done



in July."

Earlier, after a video conference between Johnson, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and the leaders of the European Council and European Parliament, the two sides said they "agreed ... that new momentum was required."

Britain left the EU on Jan 31 and its relationship with the bloc is now governed by a transition arrangement that keeps previous rules in place while the two sides negotiate new terms.

Negotiators have made very little progress towards a trade

pact, however, and the talks have all but stalled over issues such as fair-competition guarantees and fishing rights.

London confirmed last week that it had no intention of extending the transition period beyond 2020.

Some fear that, with the two sides so far apart and little time left to negotiate, London's decision not to extend may lead to a cliff edge that could compound the economic damage caused by the coronavirus crisis.

One EU diplomat said that, despite plans to speed up talks, major progress was unlikely until after the summer, when London would "scramble to get something done" at the 11th hour, as it did last year to reach a withdrawal agreement.

Jill Rutter, an expert at the UK in a Changing Europe think-tank, told a Brexit panel discussion on Monday that a "very thin and unambitious deal" was likely, but a no-deal scenario couldn't be ruled out.

African children remain under siege from COVID-19 - UNICEF

CAPETOWN

CHILDREN in Africa remain confronted by a host of threats due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said on Tuesday in commemorating Day of the African Child.

The direct and secondary impacts of the virus threaten to unravel the gains made for the poorest children across Africa, UNICEF said in a statement emailed to Xinhua.

While wealthier children are able to continue learning online, barely one in five households

in Eastern and Southern Africa have internet access, according to UNICEF.

Eighty-four percent of the rural population - where the bulk of African learners reside - have no electricity, meaning online learning is not an option, said UNICEF.

Up to 16 million children in Africa are no longer accessing critical daily meals at school while violence is increasing, and more African children will fall into poverty, UNICEF said.

Prior to COVID-19, it was estimated that around three out of every four children in Africa are



affected by multi-dimensional poverty. These children are deprived of the most basic things in life, like access to sufficient food and clean drinking water, going to school, being able to get medical help, sleeping in adequate shelter, going to the bathroom in a safe place, or liv-

ing in an environment free of physical and emotional abuse.

The economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic could push up to 86 million more children into household poverty by the end of 2020, two thirds of these in Africa, according to analysis released by Save the Children and UNICEF.

Only 16 percent of children in Africa are covered by social protection programs, making it impossible for families to withstand financial shocks caused by COVID-19 and furthering the cycle of intergenerational poverty, said UNICEF.

While the challenges are immense, UNICEF said it is collectively achieving significant regional results, including 71 million people reached with messaging on COVID-19 prevention and how to access services, 10.8 million children supported with distance/home-based learning, more than two million people reached with hand-wash supplies and two million children and women reached with essential healthcare services in UNICEF-supported facilities.

Enditem.

Xinhua



Venus Williams

Not fade away: Venus Williams still dreaming at 40

LOS ANGELES

WHEN Venus Williams first stepped onto a tennis court in Oakland for her professional debut in 1994, the Rolling Stones were playing a concert next door at a neighbouring stadium.

Twenty-six years later, Williams, like Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, is in no mood to simply fade away.

The trailblazing American star celebrates her 40th birthday on Wednesday with the tennis season on pause amid the coronavirus crisis which has decimated the calendar.

The former world number one, however, says there is no prospect of her quietly drawing a line under a career which has yielded seven Grand Slam singles titles, four Olympic gold medals and dozens of tournament wins.

So, despite the march of time and a recent record of futility – her last singles title came in a WTA Tour event in Taiwan in 2016 – Williams won't be hanging up her racquet just yet.

"You always have to have dreams, so I keep having them," Williams told the Tennis Majors website in an interview earlier this month, revealing that she still wants to challenge for the French and Australian Opens, the two Grand Slams that have eluded her.

"I would like to win Roland Garros. I was not far from it. The same goes for the Australian Open: I was unlucky, I always missed it a little," Williams said.

Dreams of completing a career "Golden Slam" are likely to remain elusive though.

While sister Serena has kept pocketing Grand Slams regularly, it is 12 years since Venus won her last Slam, when she triumphed at the 2008 Wimbledon Championships.

And Venus though knows that the clock is ticking.

"I probably won't be playing as long as what I have already played," she says. "We'll see how I feel. I still love winning as much, but when it's over, it's over."

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Williams has never been big on admitting defeat however, a hallmark of her early days under the tutelage of father Richard Williams, who drummed into his daughters the maxim

that "the ball is never out" – an exhortation to chase down every ball.

When Williams does finally call it quits, tennis will bid farewell to one of the greatest players in its history.

And even though advances in sports science are increasingly stretching the boundaries of longevity for modern athletes, few players today are likely to match her achievement of a professional career that has spanned four different decades.

By now the broad brushstrokes of Williams career are part of tennis lore: the upbringing in the gritty Los Angeles suburb of Compton, the rivalry with younger sister Serena, who has 23 Grand Slam titles to Venus's seven, the successful comeback after being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, an auto-immune disease whose symptoms include joint pain and fatigue.

"I've had great moments, I've been on the top, I've been on the bottom, I've been down and out - I've done it all and I've been equally as happy during all of it," Williams says.

The final years of Williams career have coincided with the emergence of a young crop of African-American tennis players, including Sloane Stephens, Madison Keys, Taylor Townsend and Coco Gauff.

Former US professional turned broadcaster Pam Shriver believes Williams has helped African-American women "to feel there's a pathway for them to the top of the tennis world."

In recent weeks, Williams has spoken out about the tumultuous protests which erupted in the wake of the killing of unarmed black man George Floyd by police in Minneapolis on May 25.

Williams wrote in a long Instagram post that Floyd's death and other incidents had shown that "racism that still pervades America."

"This just scratches the surface of the hideous face of racism in America," she said.

"Speaking up about racism in the past was unpopular. It was shunned. No one believed you."

"Until you have walked in these shoes, as an African American, it is impossible to understand the challenges you face in the country, in this world."

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Mwasiti, Shilole colour leadership training programme launch

By Guardian Correspondent

RENOWNED Tanzanian musicians and members of the film industry participated in the launch of leadership training program known as 'Kipepeo' which was held in Dar es Salaam recently.

They include musicians, Mwasiti Almasi 'Mwasiti', Zuweni Mohamed 'Shilole', Elias Barnabas 'Barnaba' and Nickson Simon 'Nikki II', as well as Bongo Movies actress, Rose Ndauka.

They were accompanied by Isaac Maro, a professional medical doctor, and psychologist, Aunt Sadaka.

The artistes staged entertaining live performances for a section of their favourite songs, whereas Maro and Sadaka, who were a section of the speakers at the event, offered advice to youths that attended it.

The youths, mostly consisting of young girls who make the Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) group, fielded questions to the artistes and the speakers.

Sadaka and the artistes, moreover, shared their profiles and testimonials with the youths.

The 'Kipepeo' platform was officially launched in January this year by Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Ummu Mwalimu.

All influencers used their voices and platforms to inspire adolescents girls and young boys on best ways to use in order to achieve desired dreams and goals.

'Kipepeo' platform gears towards reaching 10 regions but the outbreak of the COVID-19 led to the closure of the platform and it therefore reached only eight regions.

Thirteen interpersonal communication events had been implemented in 91 schools and successfully reached to 44,094 students.

The regions include Morogoro, Arusha, Tanga, Singida, Dodoma, Mbeya, Njombe and Iringa.

'Kipepeo' as a platform where



Bongo Flava artiste, Mwasiti Almasi.

that grooms future leaders has been seeking to equip young boys and adolescent girls with the right information about preventive measures for HIV/AIDS and risks of early pregnancies, which are to a great extent preventing youths from achieving their desired future goals.

During the regional events, inspirational messages were communicated to influence

adolescent girls and young women and adolescent boys' behavioural changes.

Apart from that, side sessions were conducted to identify AGYW and youth related issues/challenges which include HIV/AIDS, early pregnancy and gender-based violence.

In addition to those events implemented, influencers were able to find the spotlights, talking

and provoking positive educative dialogues with students and share their profiles on how they realized their dreams.

'Kipepeo' campaign has also been broadcasted on Television and radio stations along with various social digital platforms and reach the targeted audience with a slogan 'Protect your career, Debut engagement in early sex'.

However, there is still a great challenge, namely lack of proper information on how to prevent HIV/AIDS infection and pregnancy, even though the government is working hard to increase this awareness.

It is for that matter a responsibility for parents, guardians, teachers to protect and guide AGYW to reach their goals.

In one of the ways for protecting the AGYW in the COVID-19 pandemic, the campaign has focused on the use of digital platforms and Television stations to communicate the intended messages of interpersonal communication skills.

And during this time when the AGYW are at home, parents and guardians should share with the former about the effects of early pregnancies, HIV/AIDS and how they can reach their desired dreams.

Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has ensured easy access of information to AGYW by issuing a toll-free number 117 and another telephone number to send 'Kipepeo' messages 15017.

This initiative works under the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and National AIDS Control Program (NACP).

The initiative has, in partnership with Benjamin Mkapa foundation through the Global Fund, managed to coordinate a platform on interpersonal communication skills under a domestic radio station and television.

A tribute to Donald Ngoma, a striker who could do it all

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

DONALD Ngoma might well be cruelly remembered as an Azam FC flop, but he was only deemed a failure there because of how wonderfully brilliant he was at Young Africans (Yanga).

His period of excellence did not last, but at least we got to see it.

Tanzania Premier League had lost Emmanuel Okwi, who was sold by Simba SC to a Danish side after the 2014/15, and a vacancy had opened up for another import forward to take his place at the club.

Fortunately, Yanga signed up Ngoma from Zimbabwe after they had witnessed his performance with FC Platinum in the CAF Champions League.

Amissi Tambwe might have been the one to end that campaign as the league's top scorer, with 17 goals to his name, but Ngoma emerged just as impressive that season.

The Zimbabwean international hit the ground running with goals in both friendly and competitive debuts. He matched the expectation and hype around him with goals and good performance.

It was the start of a season to remember for the once short-tempered forward. He maintained that level of goalscoring form for the rest of the campaign, bagging a mightily impressive 21 goals in all competitions.

But like many before him, the well built striker struggled to replicate his 17-goal haul in the Premier League the following season, managing just eight goals in 2016/17. It was the start of his decline.

The qualities which came as second-nature to Ngoma in that first season are the same ones we could cruelly see slipping away once he sustained a knee injury at the start of the 2016/17 season. He had undergone a surgery.

After surgery and months on the sidelines he returned with a couple of goals but was never quite the same player. Muscle injuries and a second operation followed.

His relationship with Yanga suffered. He was accused of indiscipline while he defended himself as not ready to rush back to the pitch while not yet fully fit.



Azam FC forward, Donald Ngoma. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

His struggles later in the last three seasons show the fine margins between being the best and being anything but, and demonstrate how hard it is to accept your level when you used to be capable of so much more.

The only difference was that his body could not make the same movements at the same pace with the same accuracy. The knee took away his pace.

The struggles of Ngoma post 2016 were absolutely noticeable, but they would not have happened without the earlier highs. He was a victim of the high standards he set in his debut season.

For instance, while deemed surplus to requirement at Azam FC, Ngoma was actually directly involved in 20 goals in 42 appearances. That is not a bad goal scoring ratio because he was always going to be measured against the gold standard of his first season at Yanga and that is where he came short.

A lesser player would not have got himself in the position to fail, because he would not have been familiar with the idea of succeeding from those same spots.

It is safe to say Ngoma would most likely have been in the conversation of best strikers to grace the Tanzania

Premier League but injury ruined him.

He never fully recovered both mentally and physically from the knee injury.

He is still trying to squeeze every minute out of a career that once showed so much promise. It is commendable that he is battling.

His glorious days might be well behind him but he will not be shy of suitors and Namungo FC, who are riding high in their topflight debut season, have already expressed their willingness to recruit him.

Namungo FC head coach Thierry Hitimana has expressed his admiration for the striker, claiming he brings something different to what they currently have.

Samatta set to return as Aston Villa take on Sheffield United

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Premier League braces for return after virus shutdown

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By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S striker, Mbwana Samatta, is set to make a return to action for English Premier League side Aston Villa today.



Mbwana Samatta

Aston Villa will get the English Premier League's Project Restart plan underway as they face Sheffield United in the first top-tier match since March.

Samatta and his fellow players are in a relegation battle. Things are looking bad at Villa Park as they suffered four successive defeats before the suspension.

Aston Villa are 19th in the table, yet three points against Sheffield United could temporarily take them out of the relegation zone.

A win would see them leapfrog AFC Bournemouth, Watford and West Ham United, placing them at 16th.

They will have to quickly prepare for a clash with Chelsea within three days as the rest of the league returns with nine rounds to the end of the campaign.

They are staring at a tough run of fixtures, six of their remaining 10 outings are against sides currently in the top half.

To escape relegation, Aston Villa will certainly need Samatta, who was named in the starting XI in each of their last four Premier League matches, to deliver in

front of goals.

The 27-year-old Taifa Stars captain made history by becoming the first Tanzanian to play in the English top flight league when he joined the club during the January transfer window.

He has had a relatively good start with two goals to his name before the season was suspended on March 13 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

He was signed as a badly needed reinforcement to Aston Villa's attack after Jonathan Kodjia was sold to Qatari side, Al-Gharafa, and Wesley Moraes suffered a knee injury on New Year's Day.

He made a goal scoring Premier League debut against Bournemouth on February 1 and he later scored the side's only goal in their 2-1 loss to Manchester City in the League Cup final on March 1.

Against Sheffield United, Samatta looks set to continue leading the line, with strike rival, Wesley, still sidelined through injury.

Yanga acting secretary general now seeks to prove his worth

By Guardian Correspondent

YOUNG Africans SC (Yanga) Acting Secretary General, Simon Patrick, has said he is ready and capable of heading the club's secretariat.

Patrick has replaced David Ruhago, whose contract at the club was terminated last Monday.

Speaking yesterday, Patrick said he needed support from all stakeholders to achieve his dream.

He stated that the Yanga family should expect a lot of good things from him.

He said to achieve his dreams, he needs support from all stakeholders.

"I'm ready for the new task, I'm sure I'm capable

of doing the job of Secretary General for the club, my work speaks for itself, you can ask Yanga supporters, fans and the management, they all know how I work, what I need is support from all stakeholders," he said.

Yanga on Monday announced that Ruhago, effective the same day, but they could not present reasons for parting ways with the official.

"Yanga's management and Secretary General David Ruhago have today (June 15) reached a mutual agreement to part ways," read the statement signed by the side's information officer Hassan Bumbuli.

The information further

said: "The decision has been reached after extensive talks by all the parties involved, so, effective today [Monday], Ruhago is no longer serving the team as the Secretary General."

The Jangwani Street-based side went on to thank the former official for his services before appointing his replacement.

"The Yanga service committee under the leadership of Chairman Mshindo Msolla wishes to thank Ruhago for the time he served at the club," the statement continued.

"During this transition period, the service committee has appointed Simon Patrick, who is a lawyer by profession, to take

over as the new Yanga Secretary General."

Some inside sources at the club say Ruhago was shown the door for failing to agree with the top management regarding some issues centering on the club's future.

Antonio Nugaz, Yanga's mobilization officer, in a monitored radio interview which took place yesterday, said Ruhago was shown the exit door as he was failing to work at the pace the team needs.

"Ruhago was failing to reach the expected levels of the club, our aim is to transform and turn into a commercial entity, but his pace did not meet the expectations of many," he said.

ITF set to back Tanzania wheelchair tennis program

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadonga

TEN tennis wheelchairs from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) are expected in Tanzania early next month.

Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) chairman, Dennis Makoi, yesterday said ITF has agreed to send the wheelchairs which will help in the development of the sport in the country.

He said the wheelchairs, which are of modern standard, are in three sizes, small, medium and big.

The equipment, according to him, will be used by the national wheelchair tennis team players, whilst the small sized will be donated to Salvation Army Center at Kurasini, Dar es Salaam, for the development of junior wheelchair tennis players.

According to him, Salvation Army Center has a steady fast junior tennis development program hence the need to have the modern small sized wheelchairs.

The remaining (medium and big size wheelchairs), he disclosed, will be used for training and tournaments only, insisting no individual player is to own them.

Makoi expressed his gratitude to ITF for the donation, saying cash strapped TTA would not have managed to purchase them on their own as they are very expensive.

He said the wheelchairs will help the country produce many wheelchair tennis starlets who can represent the country at international events.

"As I'm speaking to you, the ITF has just send a communiqué to us that the 10 wheelchairs we asked them will be in the country early July," Makoi said.

"We really thank them for the 10 wheelchairs, the wheelchairs will help to unearth more talents and develop the sport in the country," he said.

He said TTA has a number of projects for wheelchair tennis, a development which is giving him confidence that the country will produce many top wheelchair tennis players.

"It is always possible to produce good wheelchair tennis players. It is just about having the right structures in place, having the right support in place and making sure that there are a good number of players and also a good number of local tournaments to give the players a chance to play the game," he disclosed.

"The players also have to play a lot of local and international tournaments," he said.

However, Makoi said, once the wheelchairs arrive in the country, TTA will have to foot the clearing bill at the port and, being cash strapped, TTA will seek a sponsor to pay for clearing.

He stopped short of disclosing how much TTA will be required to pay at the port, saying it will depend on the number of days the wheelchairs will be at the port.

"Once the wheelchairs arrive in the country TTA will be required to pay for clearance fees at the port as the sender does not pay the clearance fee," he disclosed.

"We, therefore, will need the support from the stakeholders and people, companies and organizations," he said.



Dar es Salaam's draught player, Yasin Mohamed (R), makes a move in a match against his opponent Mohamed Ndembo in this year's National Championship, which is currently taking place at Java Kitunda venue in the city. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE

Arusha club in financial crisis ahead of FDL tie

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA Football Club, currently preparing to travel to Kigoma for a First Division League (FDL) match against Mashujaa FC and later in Shinyanga, seems to be in dire straits.

"We have 14 players in the preparatory camp at the moment, but there are many others that are yet to return to field after the leagues got suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic," AFC skipper, Mahsen Bawazir, disclosed.

Speaking to journalists here, Bawazir was of a view that the journey to Kigoma is facing hurdles, because 90 percent of the squad's players lack sporting gear, especially playing shoes, wondering how exactly they are going to survive there while tackling the game.

"We are constrained financially, the trip to the Lake Kigoma peninsular is one big challenge, in fact some players may even refuse to travel due to apprehension, fearing to get stuck there, like it happened during the last time when the team travelled," Bawazir said.

He advised the team's management to find ways of rescuing the squad and where possible, they should seek assistance from the government.

The outfit's coach, Abdullahi Juma, said the beginning was tough because few players turned up when preparation started.

He stated now they have adequate players but they badly need funds to enable AFC undertake the journey to Kigoma.

"Arusha residents should learn to motivate their team's players through various forms of support especially after winning," the coach said.

He stated that the games played away from home field are usually tough and demanding.

The Arusha side is expected to feature in four different matches which are all to be played away.

The squad will first confront Mashujaa in Kigoma, then head to Shinyanga to play Stand United.

The side will thereafter play against Mawenzi Market FC in Morogoro and finally top it all in Tanga against Sahare All Stars.

The AFC plays in Group B fixture of the FDL, in which Gwambina FC leads the rest of the pack with 40 points.

Geita Gold FC has been placed second with 30 points, followed by Mashujaa FC in the third spot with 26 points.

Gipco FC, Transit Camp and AFC are positioned fourth, fifth and sixth respectively, with each squad recording 25 points but with different tally of goals.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

