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'Blood pressure drugs not tied to coronavirus risk'

BENGALURU, India

NEW research offers reassuring evidence to hundreds of millions of people with high blood pressure that popular anti-hypertension drugs do not put them at greater risk of being susceptible to Covid-19 infection as some experts fear.

Two blood pressure-lowering drug classes, called ACE inhibitors and ARBs, came under scrutiny after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in April that 72 per cent of hospitalised Covid-19 patients 65 or older had hypertension.

ACE inhibitors and ARBs are thought to trigger activity along the same biological pathways used by the Covid-19 novel coronavirus to attack the lungs.

Researchers at Oxford University had recommended some patients stop the drugs until the risks were better known, while others argued patients should stay on the medications. An expert at the Johns Hopkins Centre for Drug Safety and Effectiveness in Baltimore described the debate as "one of the most important

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clinical questions.”

The new study made publicly available on Friday found no clinically significant increased risk of either a diagnosis or hospitalisation of Covid-19 with ACE or ARB use compared with other first-line drug treatments for hypertension.

The authors recommended that patients should not discontinue their treatment to avoid the virus, which has infected over 7.5 million people worldwide and killed more than 420,000.

“Our findings are quite reassuring,” said Marc Suchard, a biostatistician at the University of California, Los Angeles, who co-led the study. “Taking an ACE or an ARB is just as safe as other first-list hypertension agents in terms of your risk of contracting Covid-19.”

The study analysed electronic medical records of 1.1 million patients on anti-hypertension drugs from the United States and Spain and has not yet been peer reviewed.

It was part of the Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) program, pronounced Odyssey) response to COVID-19, in collaboration with the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Columbia University Irving Medical Centre and SIDIAP, a Spanish health research



Install firefighting equipment in schools, PM tells ministries



Zanzibar Second Vice President Seif Ali Iddi (L) expresses his appreciation to NMB Bank Plc for the bank's contribution to Tanzania's social and economic development. This was shortly after the bank presented a consignment of 10 million/- worth of roofing materials, including 216 corrugated iron roofing sheets and timber, to three nursery schools in Kikwajuni constituency in Zanzibar yesterday. With him are NMB Bank chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (C), Kikwajuni legislator and Home Affairs deputy minister Hamad Yusuf Masauni (2nd-L) and NMB officials. Photo: Zanzibar State House

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday directed the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Regional Administration and Local Governments' wing of the President's Office to install firefighting equipment in schools to protect students in case of a fire outbreak.

He was speaking at a function where the National Assembly handed over a secondary school built through funds raised by lady parliamentarians under the Tanzania Women Parliamentarians Group (TWPG).

He laid a foundation stone for construction of Bunge Girls high school at Kikombo on the outskirts of Dodoma city.

He directed the two ministries to replace university lecturers fingered out for sexual abuse and discrimination by promising to offer high pass rates in exams for involved students.

“I'm happy that you are committed to identifying such lecturers,” the premier affirmed.

Admission of female students in universities increased from 49,959 out of 109,938 students admitted in the 2010/2011 academic year to 90,159 out of a total of 230,339 students admitted in 2017/2018.

TWPG chairperson Margaret Sitta said that the idea of constructing the school started with a special program to raise money for modern and decent toilets for girls in public schools.

TWPG was established in 1993 with 28 lady MPs and was registered in 2005.

It was established to speak for female MPs

Aspirants drawing up individual manifestos

By Guardian Reporter

THE number of presidential nomination aspirants in the opposition Chadema rose to three yesterday, with each and those from other parties sketching out potential election manifestos.

Two more senior party cadres declared interest in vying for nomination for the top political position in the country, with both former CCM Singida North legislator Lazaro Nyalandu and outgoing Iringa Urban Chadema MP Reverend Peter Msigwa setting out their intentions.

Last week saw the party's deputy national chairman, Tundu Lissu, announce his wish to pick up nomination forms and vie for the party's nomination to contest Tanzania's presidency in later this year's General Election.

In his address, Nyalandu outlined a number of priorities he would implement in the first 100 days, including strengthening the private sector as the country's engine of growth and thus creating jobs.

He alluded to enhancing individual rights and national security, broadening the tax base and removing some taxes to create a smooth investment environment. He said the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) will be fully autonomous to avoid interference from politicians.

“I will ensure a transparent tax system with reduced taxes, as broadening the tax base will boost state coffers and facilitate development,” he declared.

He said he would prioritise improving

Envoy touts tanzanite, wine at Hainan's free port launch

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is set to effectively use the newly launched Hainan free trade port to increase the volume of trade with China by selling premier products such as tanzanite, a gemstone found only in the country.

Tanzanian Ambassador to China, Mbelwa Kairuki revealed this recently in Beijing at a press conference to launch Hainan TV domestic products programme.

He expressed satisfaction with China's commitment to work with African countries and the international community at large to face economic challenges lying ahead. He

praised the launch of the “Glory of Domestic Products, Ambassadors Selling Goods through Live Streaming” project as clear testimony of commitment to promote trade cooperation in the post-Covid era.

This initiative will give Tanzania and other African countries an opportunity to sell featured products through multimedia channels such as Hainan TV, e-commerce platforms, he stated.

On the tanzanite gemstone, the envoy said many Chinese might not know it “but surely they have seen it through a blockbuster Hollywood Movie Titanic, where the famous actress Kate Winslate was given by Leonardo Di Caprio a very

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 - Stay home when you are sick.
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- FACT 5** You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:
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 - Develop symptomsAND
 - 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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agriculture, livestock rearing and fishing, focusing on enhanced fishing activities in lakes and on the seashore. He promised to ensure timely availability and distribution of agricultural inputs and a coordinated market for agricultural produce.

"I want to assure Tanzanians of improved regional integration with the ratification of the EAC protocol on free movement of persons, goods and services. I will reinvigorate trade relations with the European Union and the East African Community (EAC) through Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)," he noted.

Through reciprocity, the number of countries that Tanzanians will be allowed to visit without a visa will be increased, increasing the number of tourists coming into the country, he stated.

Nyalandu said his government would allow political parties to freely conduct their activities including gatherings throughout, aiming to provide them with ample time to prepare for subsequent elections.

Msigwa meanwhile, promised to revamp the country's education sector, saying that for a country to develop there must be competent graduates to cope with technological advancements around the world.

He said he would come up with an education system directly linked to national development priorities where students learn to sharpen their knowledge on specific economic sectors. "Students' performance will not be measured by the issuance of certificates, they will learn practically," he emphasized.

"More emphasis would be put on improvement of the country's education sector through innovation. It is only with a proper education system and innovations that we can economically transform Tanzania," the MP observed.

His other priority would be to enhance good governance and accountability, he stated, while promising to set aside enough funds for the agriculture sector since it employs the majority of Tanzanians.

He faulted the current government over failures to allocate enough funds for the sector as it is likely to create a greater number of jobs.

"Instead of prioritising funding for agriculture, the government has been purchasing airplanes," he asserted, promising to revive the stalled writing of a new Constitution for Tanzania.

For his part, Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) national leader Zitto Kabwe has announced the five priorities his party intends to abide by in the government Budget if it wins this October's polls.

One such priority is to make changes to the system of tax deduction on corporate and employee incomes in order to spur consumption in the economy.

Zitto revealed this in Dar es Salaam

yesterday when analysing the government's 2020/2021 Budget estimates tabled last week by Finance minister Dr Philip Mpango.

"This includes officially recognizing the accumulation in salary increases to public employees since 2016 and to put in place a procedure of paying out that accumulation to all workers, including retirees - whose benefits will be improved in accordance to their salary scales," he stated.

He explained that in its budget, the party would analyse drawbacks, using internal and foreign experts, on how best to implement massive development projects in joint venture framework with the private sector.

"Projects like railways, electricity generation and aviation need to be implemented in joint venture with the private sector," he said, adding that an ACT-Wazalendo government would ensure that such ventures adhere to laid-down project timeframes.

This would enable the projects to start generating revenue for debt servicing, where the said analysis would seek to remove the government from at least 50 per cent of implementation costs. It would also direct resources towards improving the lives of the people, he declared.

Zitto further declared that ACT-Wazalendo would formulate tax policies to revive the tourism sector and the rest of the value chain that has been devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

This would also help to protect jobs in tourism sector enterprises by paying subsidies to firms that will extend their contracts with employees and to allow workers who were retrenched to be paid terminal benefits from social security funds.

"We would have in place budgetary and tax attractions for irrigation projects and factories that add value to crops," he remarked.

His party intends to put in place a friendly environment for Mchuchuma and Liganga iron ore projects to start at once.

With regard to new income tax rates, Zitto said his party would propose zero tax on gross incomes not exceeding 420,000/- per month.

Gross income exceeding 420,000/- but does not exceed 720,000/- would be put to a proposed tax of 36,000/- plus 9 per cent of amounts exceeding 420,000/-.

Gross income exceeding 720,000/- but not exceeding 1.44m/- would fetch the rate of 72,000/- plus 15 per cent of the amount exceeding 720,000/-.

Gross income exceeding 1.44m/- but does not exceed 2.88m/- would be rated 144,000/- plus 20 per cent of the amount exceeding 1.44m/-.

Gross income exceeding 2.88m/- but not exceeding 15m/- would be taxed 288,000/- plus 25 per cent of the amount exceeding 2.88m/-; and gross income exceeding 15m/- would attract 3m/- tax rate plus 30 per cent of the amount exceeding 15m/-, he added.

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famous pendant - Heart of Ocean. That ladies and gentleman was none other than tanzanite - only found in Tanzania. Tanzanite is a birth stone for those who were born in December," he declared.

"We will also be selling vcoffee from Tanzania. Our country is endowed with all types of coffee including arabica and robusta. Next time when you stop by any Starbucks Café - ask for coffee made from Tanzanian coffee beans. You will understand why the testy and aromatic coffee from Tanzania is unique." He alluded also to selling wine from Tanzania.

"Yes - many Chinese people never knew that Tanzania produces wines. Tanzania is home to the second largest wine producing region in Sub-Saharan Africa (after South Africa). Our major grape variety is cinsault, which is a dark red French grape most common in Languedoc. Cinsaut is famous as Makutupora red or Dodoma red. Other grape varieties that we have includes Aglianico, syrah(shiraz) and Chenin blanc."

In the near future Tanzania will add in its exports to China other premier agro products including cashewnuts, avocado, soybeans, sesame and others,

apart from and minerals like Mahenge Spinal, tsavorite, diamond, ruby, sapphire, emerald, cats eyes, green tourmaline, he stated.

The Hainan Free Trade Port is meant to strengthen international cooperation with countries along its One Belt and One Road initiative, developing cross-border e-commerce services and in holding international consumer goods expositions.

Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out that COVID-19 has proved once again that building a human community with a shared future is the right way forward. "Friendship between the peoples holds the key to sound state-to-state relations, and heart-to-heart communication contributes to deeper friendship."

The Hainan Free Trade Port is meant to strengthen international cooperation with countries along One Belt and One Road, in developing cross-border e-commerce services, and in holding international consumer goods expositions. In view of this, Hainan TV joins hands with the foreign relations department of the ruling Communist Party of China to buttress its efforts to join hands with countries along the "One Belt and One Road" for pushing economic recovery after the epidemic.



Tanzania Breweries Limited Plc employees in Dar es Salaam plant trees around the firm's Ilala premises at the weekend in marking World Environment Day. The Day is celebrated each June 5 - but normally involves a variety of activities covering a whole month - and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment. It was first held in 1974. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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and protect their rights in and out of Parliament. The group also seeks to push the legislature to value female MPs' dignity and gender equality.

Sitta said that 1.495bn/- had been spend on construction work since January, with 17 structures that include one administration block, library, a computer room, nine classrooms and three offices.

The school has 24 good toilets,

dining lounge, two teachers' residential houses, laboratory block, first aid block and four hostel blocks accommodating 80 students.

Education minister Prof Joyce Ndakichako said the girls' high school is a science school offering PCB, EGM, PCM and PGM combinations. It will enroll students with high performance in their ordinary level national examinations.

"We expect to generate new female

pilots, engineers and technicians," she said.

Selemani Jafo, the PO-RALG Minister of State said there are 22,918 schools in Tanzania out of which 17,771 are primary schools and the rest are ordinary level and high level schools.

"Out of the 404 high schools registered, about 158 are for girls. I have already allocated eight teachers and the head master for the school. The school will enroll 120 students in the

coming academic year," he said.

Regional Commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge said the government paid 7.5bn/- to acquire the land (16.5 acres) for construction of the school.

The monies were spent to pay compensation to residents who relocated to pave way for implementation of the project, he said.

The region has 26 high schools out of which 19 schools including Bunge are science schools, he added.



National Aids Control Programme official Dr Siraji Shaaban (C) makes remarks at a 'Timiza Malengo 2020' zoom dialogue on strategies aimed at raising the uptake of HIV-related services organised by Tanzania Youth Alliance (TAYOA). It was held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend and involved 680 university students and deans of students from 32 institutions of higher learning. He is with the programme's moderator, Dr Lilian Mwakyosi (R), and panellist Stella Adams. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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organisation. OHDSI is an open-source collaborative research platform that conducts large-scale studies.

The findings join a growing body of evidence showing that the life-saving drugs neither increase nor reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 or developing a severe case of the virus.

Harmony R. Reynolds, a cardiologist at New York University Grossman

School of Medicine and the lead author of a study published last month in The New England Journal of Medicine, said she had been besieged by calls from worried patients.

With little research to go with, she advised them to stay on the drugs and embarked on a study with colleagues to analyse the medical records of over 12,000 COVID-19 patients at NYU's Langone Health system. They found that those using ACE inhibitors or ARBs

were no more likely to test positive than those who were not, nor was their risk of severe illness higher. The same held true for other classes of drugs - beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers and thiazide diuretics.

Separate studies of more than 12,000 patients in Spain and more than 30,000 health system beneficiaries in Italy reached similar conclusions. They were published last month in The Lancet and the New England Journal,

respectively.

Another study in the New England Journal last month reported no increased risk of hospital deaths associated with ACE inhibitors.

Both that study and another on hydroxychloroquine were retracted earlier this month after the co-authors said they could no longer vouch for the validity of the data they obtained from Surgisphere, a private medical record firm, analysts noted.



Iringa legislator Rev Peter Msigwa of the opposition Chadema addresses journalists in Dodoma at the weekend, announcing that he was interested in standing as the party's candidate for the Tanzanian presidency during later this year's General Election. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

TPSF nods to 2020/2021 estimates of govt budget

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has applauded the 2020/2021 budget estimates tabled by the government in the National Assembly recently saying it has focused on reducing production costs to spearhead blue print and protect local industries.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend about the 2020/21 budget estimates the TPSF chairperson, Angelina Ngalula apart from commending the budget she also noted that it has touched on various key areas of poverty alleviation.

"In this budget estimates we have witnessed the government putting special emphasis on implementing development projects by committing 37 per cent of the budget to development projects which is key in speeding up the industrial development, production and creating of employment opportunities for sustainable economic growth," she said.

Ngalula said for the economy to grow steadily, the private sector must be able to translate budget implementations on their daily activities and use the available opportunities to expand their businesses and investments.

"Tax reductions and removal of various levies makes the business and investment environment friendly and will enhance the growth of these sectors as well as employment creation," she said.

She congratulated the government for coming up with the budget that focuses on reducing dependence on development partners especially at this juncture when the world is battling Covid-19.

"President John Magufuli has always been emphasising on reduced dependence especially at this time when the world is facing Covid-19 especially on medical equipment thus we at the private sector should think on the same line by investing on the production of such equipment," she said.

Tanzania working on feasibility of producing macadamia nuts in Kibaha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is looking into the potential to growing and exporting macadamia nuts overseas and already the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) centre of Tengeru, in Arusha is working on the preparation task.

According to the Manager in-charge of TARI Center of Tengeru, Dr Stephen Uoko, the Macadamia nuts are among the potential and drought and disease resistant crops that can compete with cashew nuts when it comes to profitable agricultural exports.

"And what we are actually doing here at the moment is researching on solution focused seed and seedling

productions that yield better profits to both farmers and country as whole," stated Dr Uoko adding that the institute at Tengeru has a trial academia nuts farm recording bumper produce, therefore Arusha and other rain-fed regions can become good producers of such nuts.

TARI Coordinator of Research, Alice Kavishe stated that Macadamia Nuts command high prices in international markets, especially in Europe and USA where one kilogram of processed nuts reportedly cost US \$54 equivalent to 125,000/-.

"We want to start supplying seedlings to local farmers but we are constrained with inadequate land to grow enough

seedlings to suffice demands," stated Kavishe adding that other than Macadamia, they also grow other crops' seeds and seedlings as well.

Omary Mgumba, the deputy minister for Agriculture who visited TARI-Tengeru recently, said at the moment Tanzania was working to ensure that the country becomes self-sufficient in edible oil production, of which Macadamia can also supplement.

Tanzania is annually forced to be spending large amounts of foreign currency to import edible oils and sugar. In this respect the ingress of edible oils from overseas cost the country over US \$ 443,000 equivalent to 1.2 billion/- per year.

"Tanzania has 17 agricultural research centres, two of which are located in Arusha; we expect these institutions to cooperate in coming up with ultimate solutions to all problems affecting farmers and the entire agricultural industry in the country," Mgumba.

"We need the seedlings and technology to produce Macadamia nuts introduced to local growers so that the production can take roots countrywide," stated the Deputy Minister.

Macadamia nuts take up to three years from initial planting to final harvest ready for export and it was advised that even the local youth who currently seem to prefer horticulture may find the nuts profitable as well.

Locally one litre of edible oil derived from Macadamia nuts demands over 12,000/- in cash.

So valuable are the nuts such that in 2012 Kenya authorities complained of illegal ferrying of Macadamia from the country, claiming that the nuts were being smuggled into Tanzania for packaging and rebranding for export.

Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) with 17 research institutes around the nation, runs two centres in Arusha; the Tengeru branch of Meru, is working on horticulture, fruits and spices, while the Selian Branch deals with grains and legumes studies.

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By Nimi Mweta

PRESIDENT John Magufuli is this week expected to append his signature to a multibillion dollar infrastructure project comprising of youth rehabilitation, education and health facilities in an integrated Commonwealth network.

To serve as project headquarters and centerpiece of the building of the facilities, the government is inching towards providing a three thousand acre land allocation for the project, supervised directly by a Commonwealth Foundation housed at the Buckingham Palace in the United Kingdom.

The project coordinator is veteran NGOs activist Akilimali Shukuru, the director of the Global Youth Networks project in the country, linked with the Sister Jacinta and Geir Gundersen Africa Foundation, a Swiss NGO with Vatican links, which has since teamed up with the Royal Commonwealth Foundation to push the project forward.

President Magufuli is expected to formally approve of the land allocation, earlier reported as located in Coast Region, where a vast network of facilities is then going to be constructed. A series of architectural designs and mapping out of costs has

Tanzania closes in on multitrillion Commonwealth infrastructure bid

been conducted over the past two years and obtained the go-ahead of the royal foundation, the coordinator said at the weekend.

A significant element in the design of the youth global networks is the preoccupation of the Sr Jacinta and Geir Gundersen Foundation work on the rehabilitation of youths falling in alcohol and drug addiction, an area the foundation worked with the coordinator for a decade in Dar es Salaam, with another branch in Ifakara.

The project design shows that this initiative is likely to alter the way the Commonwealth of Nations is being run, from a club of Heads of State meeting once in two years or so, to a more engaged link of educational pursuits in particular, from primary school to university level.

The idea is to help generate a global culture where youths share similar perspectives on life, personal values and social organization. The programs will be based on classical UK educational syllabuses and will be capped by sending high school students to universities in other members of the Commonwealth to be built by the global networks project.

The high schools will supply students to universities also to be built under the networks initiative, while a portion of the students will be channeled to study in overseas universities set to be involved in the project, especially Oxford University in the UK and Harvard University in the US, the coordinator noted.

President Magufuli has also accepted invitation to serve as Tanzania and Africa patron for the project, and implicitly for the work of the Sister Jacinta and Geir Gundersen Foundation, as it is due to the latter's initiative that the project came up, and is likely bring to Tanzania more than one trillion US dollars by the time it has attained its wider objectives within a decade from now, he stated.

A declaration of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II directed at the coordinator as secretary general of the foundation declared the Queen's unwavering support for the work of the foundation and the project as a whole, which helped to convince high government circles that the project was well anchored and has obtained the blessings of the highest levels of the UK state system, he added.

Bank wins govt's accolades for protecting customers amid Covid 19 financial impact

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has instructed banks and other financial institutions to thoroughly assess financial difficulties experienced by borrowers due to Covid-19 in respect of loan repayments while praising Exim Bank Tanzania, which has announced loan rescheduling to its customers whose businesses were affected by the global pandemic.

Presenting to the National Assembly the estimates of government revenue and expenditure for 2020/21 recently, the Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Philip Mpango apart from commending the bank, he urged other

banks to follow the suit by re-negotiate the possibility of loans restructuring and agree with borrowers on loan rescheduling.

"The government through central bank will provide regulatory flexibility to banks and other financial institutions that will carry out loan restructuring in a transparent and impartial manner," he insisted.

In response to evaluation of COVID-19 effects and follow up on transmission trend, the government took various socio-economic measures to support most affected sectors including reducing the discount rate by the Bank of Tanzania from 7 percent to 5 percent. The measure intended to provide

more space for banks to borrow from the BOT at lower interest rate and thus reducing lending rates to customers.

The minister's reference to Exim Bank Tanzania comes few days after the bank announced relief measures for its Corporate, Small and Medium Enterprise clients in sectors that faces significant income and cash flows impacts as a result of the pandemic.

"The move forms part of the ongoing bank's initiatives to financially assist the sectors that have been adversely impacted by providing them with a cushion during these trying times," said Jaffari Matundu, Exim's Chief Executive Officer, through the bank's statement dispersed to the media.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TANZANIA FERTILIZER REGULATORY AUTHORITY



TENDER NO. TFRA/T/F/UREA/2020-21/01 FOR IMPORTATION OF PRILLED UREA FERTILIZER THROUGH THE BULK PROCUREMENT SYSTEM INVITATION FOR TENDER

- The Government through Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA), as the Coordinator for bulk procurement of fertilizers in Tanzania, invites all Pre-qualified Importers to bid for importation of 2 Fertilizer under the Bulk Procurement System (BPS).
 - The tender will be conducted through a Competitive Bidding as per procedures specified in The Fertilizer (Bulk Procurement) Regulations, 2017 (GN No. 49 of 2017)
 - The successful bidder shall be eligible for supply of **PRILLED UREA** fertilizer for the period of **July to September, 2020** under the terms and conditions stipulated in the shipping and supply contract, Fertilizer Act No. 09 of 2009, The Fertilizer Regulations of 2017 and The Fertilizer (Bulk Procurement) Regulation, 2017 for a specified cargo.
 - A complete set of bidding documents in English shall be collected by Pre-qualified importers after applying to TFRA (by mentioning the name, address of the company, email address and telephone number), receiving control number and making online payment to TFRA account of non-refundable fee of **USD 100** (One hundred United States Dollars) payable to Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority. Bring the bank transfer documents/details or the deposit slip to TFRA office on working days (Mondays to Fridays) between 0800 hrs and 1530 hrs.
 - Every bid must be accompanied by a bid security of 2.5% of the total amount of tender in a form of Bank Guarantee from any bank or financial institution, payable to Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority.
 - The final date of submission of Bids will be 1100 hours Dar es Salaam local time on the **Thursday of June 25th 2020** and the bids will be opened for evaluation and award letter issued in public in the presence of the bidders or their representatives.
- NB: Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, shall not be accepted.
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INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS / BID

To: All Contractors' registered in Civil and/or Drilling Specialist

1. The Project Concern International (PCI) is an International non-governmental organization legally registered in Tanzania under the Companies Act and in compliance with NGO Act of 2002 through certificate of compliance number 00001392.

PCI has received a continuation grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and donated food commodities to implement a school feeding program in 231 schools in Bunda, Butiama and Musoma Rural Districts from 2017 - 2021. It is estimated that this program will directly benefit 170,587 pre-primary and primary school pupils and an estimated 2339 teachers at 231 schools, and indirectly benefit community members of the selected wards. PCI intends to use part of this grant for Proposed Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar pumps, Construction of water tower, Water point and Capping of Five (05) Productive Boreholes in Five (05) Primary Schools at Bunda District for the year 2020.

2. Project Concern International (PCI) now invites sealed Tenders from eligible national contractors registered as Civil and/or drilling specialist Contractors by the Contractors Registration Board of Tanzania (CRB) for Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar pumps, Construction of water tower, Water point and Capping of Five (05) Productive Boreholes in Five (05) Primary Schools at Bunda District for the year 2020.
3. You are hereby invited to submit your price quotation/ bid for executing the works as described in the Bills of Quantities (BoQs) as shown in **Section V**.

Tender No.	District	Contractors Registered Class	Ward	Description of works
PCI/WASH/2020-001	Bunda DC	From Class VII and above	Chitengule	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump, Construction of water tower, water point and Capping at Busambara Primary School
PCI/WASH/2020-001	Bunda DC	From Class VII and above	Namhura	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump, Construction of water tower, water point and Capping at Chingurubila Primary School
PCI/WASH/2020-001	Bunda DC	From Class VII and above	Nansimo	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump, Construction of water tower, water point and Capping at Nambaza Primary School
PCI/WASH/2020-001	Bunda DC	From Class VII and above	Kitare	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump, Construction of water tower, water point and Capping at Nyaburundu Primary School
PCI/WASH/2020-001	Bunda DC	From Class VII and above	Hunyari	Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump, Construction of water tower, water point and Capping at Chamtigiti Primary School

4. Bidding will be conducted through PCI Procurement Procedures and is open to National firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures.
5. A complete set of Quotation Documents in English and other information and conditions may be purchased by interested contractors / construction firms at PCI office upon submission of a written application and payment of non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000 to the address given below at any working hours (08am to 4pm Monday to Friday) from 18th June up to 9th July 2020.
6. Non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000 should be paid to

Account Name: PCI Tanzania
Bank Name: Barclays Bank
Account Number: 019-6003495

7. All quotations/ bids in one original and one copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked Hydrogeological Survey, Drilling, Development, Pumping Test, Installation of Solar Pump and Capping of Five Boreholes for Five Primary Schools at Bunda District must be delivered to the address

Program Director
Project Concern International (PCI) Tanzania
Plot No. 3 & 4 Block G
Lake Side Road
P.O. BOX 484, Musoma - Tanzania

8. Deadline for submission of quotations is 10th July 2020 at 10:00am Quotations/ bid should be submitted to PCI regional office;

Plot No. 3 & 4 Block G
Lake side road near Musoma central police or former VI tree offices
Musoma, Mara
Mob: 0765 941 692 / 0754 761 357

9. Project Concern International reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.

10. Late bids, bids not received, not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

Sugarcane farmers' looted 15m/- is now recovered - PCCB official

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Morogoro region has recovered more than 15m/- belonging to Turiani sugarcane farmers in Mvomero district from a primary cooperative.

At an event held at the weekend PCCB deputy head for Morogoro region Victor Swela presented the money to the District Commissioner Mohamed Utaly for giving it back to the farmers.

It was reported that Turiani Farmers Cooperative Union (TUCOCOPROS Ltd) owed its members over 210m/- that were embezzled by its officials way

back in 2015. "In following up the issue we discovered that Mubwa Sugar Factory provided 200m/- cash to the cooperative for payment to all farmers but its officials embezzled part of the money," Swela said.

He said after they were subjected to pressure some of the cooperative officials returned 15.8m/- that will be divided amongst 62 farmers and added that the Bureau was still pursuing the rest of the money.

He said the PCCB still call upon farmers to give cooperation while the verification exercise over their details is continuing to enable them get their money that had been delayed to them

in the past five years.

The Mvomero District Commissioner Mohamed Utaly hailed the PCCB for recovering that amount of money and added that farmers who were yet to get their payments for crops sold will now get back their money.

He said the money was embezzled in 2015/16 season, and many farmers had lost hope but due to their government's efforts, they are pleased to get their money at last.

The farmer hailed the government for efforts to get their dues delayed for over five years and that they were now energized to continue with their farming activities.



Jhpiego Tanzania Country director Alice Christensen (3rd-R, foreground) pictured at the weekend symbolically presenting to Dar es Salaam Regional Medical Officer Dr Rashid Mfaume 40 cylinders of oxygen for use by the city's Amana referral hospital in the war on Covid-19. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt invested 96bn/- in agricultural sector in last four years, also improving irrigation

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has in the past four years, invested 96bn/- in the agriculture sector which also involved improving irrigation schemes in various parts of the country.

Omary Mgumba, the deputy minister for Agriculture, made the remarks during the weekend here at a meeting with leaders of the National Irrigation Commission (NIRC)

"The government has injected billions of money to improve the agriculture sector, transform irrigation schemes benefiting thousands of farmers across the country, however, the majority of the projects do not pay back revenues to the government," he said.

The minister directed the commission to ensure that all irrigation projects initiated in various parts of the country operate commercially and profitably so as to recover the capital invested by the government.

"Despite injecting a huge amount of capital in the irrigation schemes and projects, the government has been getting nothing in return, this should be taken very seriously, we should wake up and run these projects profitably, without doing so the whole chain of irrigation agriculture will die," Mgumba stressed.

The deputy minister further underscored the need of having a special irrigation Fund as well as a guideline which will support the efforts in improving the sector and fighting

poverty.

For his part, director general Daudi Kaali said the country has 29.4 million hectares of land that are suitable for irrigation. "Out of them, 2.3 million hectares are the most likely to be irrigated, 4.8 million hectares are mid-possibility to be irrigated and 22.3 million are less likely to be irrigated," Kaali said.

He said that up to 2015, before the commencement of the Commission, a total of 461,000 hectares were developed for irrigation farming.

Irrigation is a promising way of raising agricultural productivity. It increases farm yields mightily, allowing two crops to be cultivated at ago and it allows crops to be grown throughout the years," he noted.

SPSF launches ground-breaking SADC's online labour law guide

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern Africa Development Community Private Sector Forum (SPSF) has launched the ground breaking SADC labour law guide, an online tool that will enable people in the region to access the laws in one central location.

The labour law guide is to create a single access point for all labour laws in the regions and subsequently a greater understanding of employers principles, improve compliance and facilitate formal business, trade and employment in and between SADC countries.

The official online launch of the SADC labour law guide and the SADC Covid-19 Dashboard took place on Friday last week bringing together delegates from across 16 countries representing the private sector, government and the media.

Speaking at the event, SPSF Chairperson Dr Aggrey Mulimuka said the launched labour law guide will have huge impact on the future of work as well as development and sustainable

growth on the continent.

"We are extremely excited to be at the forefront of innovative African knowledge platform," said Dr Mulimuka.

The SPSF Chairperson added: "The labour law will also facilitate investment flow into the SADC regions."

He explained that the SADC labor law guide bring together up-to-date labor laws from each of the SADC countries and allow users to search and deep dive into components of laws and specific country.

The guide provides access to information on fundamental rights, minimum standard legislation, labor institutions, foreign workers provision and social security provisions.

He said that along with the labour law, the platform includes a purpose built Covid-19 Dashboard, provide access to regularly updated information under ten key regulatory highlight from enabling laws to health and safety and goods through port's to unemployment relief where the pandemic is leaving its mark.

The dashboard is a comprehensive way to keep abreast of both in county

and regional responses and reaction to Covid-19.

SPSF Chief Executive Officer (Business) Nathi Dlamini said the labour law guide is the most indigenous and innovative knowledge platform in Africa.

"I am extremely proud to be associated with the project," said Dlamini.

However, SPSF is unifying voices of SADC private sector on regional policies, priorities, issues and program, is an online tool that provides up-to-date labor laws from the regions in one central location, is digital resource accessible on desktop and available in three language English, French and Portuguese.

SPSF represents over 10,000 of southern Africa's leading companies. It works to remove obstacles to doing business by spreading ideas that work and build a socially and economically sustainable future.

The private sector is Africa's engine of economic growth and development, creating jobs, generating income, and providing essential goods and services across the continent.

Hospitals grapple with critical shortage of blood

By Henry Mwangonde

HEALTH experts yesterday called for support from the public to donate blood after figures indicate almost all hospitals nationwide are grappling with blood shortage due to high demands caused by an increase in the number of patients.

According to the Director of Clinical Support services at the Muhimbili

National Hospital (MNH) Dr Lulu Sakafu said the country's referral hospital needs 40 to 60 units per day against a collection capacity of 15 to 30 units per day.

Dr Sakafu was speaking yesterday at the hospital's Mloganzila branch to mark the World Blood Donor day where donors were recognized for their commitment towards donating the fluid.

"With these figures, it is clear that demands are high and it is only through donations that we can be able to save the lives of expectant mothers, road accidents victims and cancer patients who required blood to a large extent," she said.

She added that the state of blood in the country is worrisome saying there is need for more sensitization campaigns on the matter.

Every year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

Rahma Ally the Head of Blood Transfusion services at MNH-Mloganzila said blood demands are

very high at the hospital saying there was need for emphasis on donation because as the situation stands, more is needed to be done.

In another development, Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Children and Elderly Ummu Mwalimu has called upon hospitals in the country not to demand blood from a patient's relatives before provision of services to the patient.

The minister directed hospitals to engage themselves in blood donation campaigns instead of being users only.

According to the Minister since 2015, a total of 104,632 units of blood were donated, collected and distributed.

The number increased in 2019 where 309,376 units of blood were donated which is an increase of about 195 percent from blood units that were donated in 2015.



National Irrigation Commission director Daudi Kaali (C) briefs Agriculture deputy minister Omary Mumba (L), who was on a tour of the agency's infrastructure, projects and facilities in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

CSOs in Zanzibar express concerns over increase in incidents of violence, humiliation targeting children

By Guardian Reporter

AS the International Day of the African Child 2020 nears, civil society organisations in Zanzibar have raised concerns over increasing incidences of violence and humiliation against children in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Presenting the CSOs' report, a lecturer from Zanzibar University, Dr Sikujua Omar Hamdan said Zanzibar has recorded a total of 1,049 incidences of violence from 2017 to date in both Unguja and Pemba.

He said only 404 cases were ruled at courts between 2017 and 2020 while 704 cases are yet to be ruled pending investigations. He said that suspects who were involved in 266 cases were set free after the court found them not-guilty. Dr Hamdan linked the increased incidences of violence and humiliation

against children with poor parenting from parents and guardians. She said some parents are also not aware of the humiliation acts hence not taking efforts to protect their children.

She claimed that some parents have been allowing the children to go for learning sessions during night, the thing that should be limited to day time.

"Allowing children to go for tuition or other learning sessions with their friends during night poses risk to them since it is difficult for parents to closely monitor them during night," she said.

Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Jamila Mohamed it is high time for the community to change behaviors in regard to child rising as well as recognizing their importance.

She said the International Day of the African Child was introduced to recognize children and their importance in the society. She said

children must be respected and protected all the time.

Children deserve all the rights like any other persons, said Mohamed.

Project Manager, Tanzania Media Women's Association - TAMWA, Zanzibar Asha Abdi said there is still some confusion in the police forms that victims are provided with after their exposed violence. She said the police form does not clearly indicate which types of medical examination a victim should undergo at health facility.

The International Day of the African Child is celebrated every June 16. It was first established by the Organization of the African Unity in 1991 aiming at raising awareness for the situation of children in African, and on the need for continuing improvement in education.

It encourages people's spirit of abundance to share something special with African children.

SADC statistics protocol in the offing

By Guardian Reporter

HEADS of national statistics offices (NSOs) from Southern African Development Community (SADC) have unanimously approved draft Statistics Protocol which is a legal Framework governing statistics activities in the region.

Addressing the media at the end of the 27th SADC statistics committee at the Mwalimu Nyerere International Convention Centre on last Friday, Statistician General Dr. Albina Chuwa said the protocol aimed at enabling and enhancing statistical development and innovation in the region.

She said the protocol is very important instrument for statistical development as it recognises the central role statistics play in development and its importance in planning development agenda in SADC.

Dr. Chuwa who heads the committee explained that the regional statistics protocol will help to bring about political will among Member States on production, dissemination and promote use of statistics in planning, implementation and monitoring of development plans and programs in the region. "Without political will, nothing is possible! Since inauguration of the regional body production, dissemination and use of statistics depended on individual country will but the protocol calls for collective political will of all members states," she emphasised.

Dr. Chuwa elaborated that the protocol will help to ensure harmonisation of concepts, definitions and methodologies as well as harmonisation of compilation and dissemination of official statistics in Member States. "By doing so, it will ensure quality of statistics produced in Members States as they will use common quality assurance framework which include producers and user of official statistics through their respective national statistics systems" She noted.

She said the approved protocol will be submitted to higher authorities in members states for further consideration.

The sixteen-member committee chairperson informed the press that during the meeting members also shared their experiences on how COVID-19 affected statistics activities in their respective countries and how they approached the current situation without compromising quality of statistics produced. "Today it is corona and tomorrow will be something else so we have agreed to look into other ways of doing our work and move away from traditional way of thinking to modern ways of doing our statistical activities,"

DTB DIAMOND TRUST BANK

Return to Previous Business Hours from 15th June 2020

Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Limited (DTB-Tanzania), is pleased to inform the resumption of normal business hours which were revised from 11th May 2020 as part of precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

All DTB-Tanzania branches shall resume normal business hours effective 15th June 2020.

We still recommend that all patrons visiting our branches wear facemasks, observe social distancing norms and sanitize their hands before/after conducting the banking transaction.

The business hours of branches are as below -:

Branches with regular business hours		Branches with extended business hours (Including Sunday Banking)	
Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 04:30 pm	Saturday 09:30 am to 01:00 pm	Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 07:30 pm	Saturday 09:00 am to 04:30 pm
Closed on Sunday & Public Holidays		Sunday 10:30 am to 02:00 pm	Closed Public Holidays
Dar es Salaam Main branch	Mbeya Branch	Masaki Branch	Dar es Salaam
Mbagala Branch	Moshi Branch		
Arusha Main Branch	Mtwara Branch		
Nyerere Branch	CBD Branch		
Magomeni Branch	Mbezi Branch		
Zanzibar Branch	Iringa Branch		
Dodoma Branch	Morogoro Branch		
Tanga Branch	Tabora Branch		
Morocco Branch	Kahama Branch		
Singida Branch			
Branches with extended business hours		Branches with extended business hours	
Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 06:45 pm	Saturday 09:30 am to 01:00 pm	Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 06:30 pm	Saturday 09:00 am to 04:00 pm
Closed on Sunday & Public Holidays		Sunday 10:00 am to 02:00 pm	Closed Public Holidays
Arusha City Branch	Arusha	Upanga Branch	Dar es Salaam
Mwanza Branch	Mwanza		
Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 06:45 pm	Saturday 09:30 am to 04:00 pm	Monday – Saturday 08:30 am – 04:30 pm	Sunday 10:30 am to 02:00 pm
Closed on Sunday & Public Holidays		Closed Public Holidays	
Uhuru Branch	Dar es Salaam	Mbezi Chini Branch	Dar es Salaam
		Mwanza Main Branch	Mwanza

We strongly recommend as may be possible banking through alternative channels including ATMs, Cash Deposit Machines, DTB Mobile banking (Touch 24/7), DTB Internet Banking and the DTB Wakala network across the country.

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UNHCR
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
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 NDUTA 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 Nduta 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.

UNHCR
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

INVITATION TO BID: NO: ITB/2020/SUP/027

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRAME AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF UNIFORMS AND SHOES FOR DRIVERS

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 16/07/2020, 16.00 HRS EAT

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Tanzania invites qualified Suppliers and Manufactures to make a firm offer for the establishment of Frame Agreement(s) for the supply and delivery of uniforms and shoes for drivers.

The tender documents can be collected from Monday 15th June 2020 from the following UNHCR Offices:

SUPPLY UNIT	
UNHCR Representation Office Tanzania Plot 1658 Masaki Rufiji Street Off Haile Selassie, Road Masaki 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 INVITATION TO BID

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Thursday 2nd July, 2020 at 16.00 hours EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Thursday 16th July, 2020 at 16.00 hours EAT

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



WWF for a living planet

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

CONSULTANCY: TO CARRY OUT ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIONALIZATION OF IHEMI AND MBARALI CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS: LESSONS LEARNT

1. Introduction

CARE-WWF Alliance on behalf of the Environmental Feeder Group (EFG) of the SAGCOT Centre Limited is looking for a consultant to conduct an assessment of operationalization of Ihemi and Mbarali Cluster Development Framework (CDF) for the purpose of drawing lessons to inform development of the Kilombero Cluster Development Framework (KCDF). This document sets out the Terms of Reference for the services to be rendered.

1.1. About CARE-WWF Alliance

CARE, a global women's empowerment and poverty alleviation leader, and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), a global conservation organization, have formed a global Alliance that has been in place for over ten years. This unique partnership brings together the experience of both organizations in over 90 countries around the world, integrating conservation and development with the goal of building just and sustainable food systems and resilient livelihoods. The Alliance piloted this vision for a decade in Mozambique and Nepal; there is now ongoing work in Nepal and Tanzania, as well as technical exchanges globally. Over the last several years, the Alliance has sought to scale up its ambitions by developing high-level partnerships that leverage investments and resources into inclusive green growth programs. In the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), the CARE-WWF Alliance aims to demonstrate a model of agricultural growth that improves the livelihoods of smallholders while maintaining vital ecosystem functions and conserving globally significant biodiversity through private-public partnerships. The SAGCOT Centre Limited (SCL) has the potential to bring together government, businesses, civil society, donor partners and the farming community to pool resources towards a common goal. Many partners have already converged under SAGCOT1. With this regard, the Alliance's goal is to build a coalition of partners to co-create and design triple bottom line interventions that will contribute to lifting 2 million people out of poverty in SAGCOT by 2030 through sustainable, equitable and profitable agricultural development that protects and benefits wildlife, natural capital, climate adaptation, and ecosystems in general.

1 <http://sagcot.co.tz/>

1.2. About the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT)

SAGCOT is a **Public Private Partnership** that was initiated at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Africa Summit in 2010 with three overarching objectives: 1) Enhance Tanzania's food security and nutrition; and accelerate agricultural transformation and green growth, 2) Safeguard that #1 happens in a sustainable and responsible manner, 3) Improve livelihoods for smallholder farmers and their communities. The mandate of the partnership is to achieve this by catalysing responsible private sector led agriculture development. The **SAGCOT partnership** includes government, global and local agribusinesses, the Tanzanian private sector, Apex and farmer organisations, Development Partners, Foundations, Research Organisations, Academia and CSOs. Each SAGCOT partner commits to a number of principles of green and inclusive growth contributing to the objectives of SAGCOT. The government institutions have a key role to play in creating a favourable business enabling environment and incentivizing greener and more inclusive agribusiness development through both physical and policy infrastructure development, land use planning, investment promotion, agricultural research and extension services while civil society organisations and academia play a critical role in supporting the SAGCOT initiative in green growth (social and environmental) development. In the context of SAGCOT, inclusive and green growth refers to the development of agricultural value chains that offer strong linkage opportunities to a large number of smallholder farmers and local SMEs, and where the use of environmentally and socially sound and efficient technologies and business models is maximized.

1.3. The Cluster Approach

The SAGCOT initiative is implemented through a "Cluster" Approach to facilitate the development of profitable agribusiness partnerships in 'clusters' along the corridor to achieve economies of scale, synergies and increased efficiency. Clusters are geographic concentrations of interconnected farmers, companies, specialized suppliers, service providers, and associated institutions. Six Clusters were identified in 2010 as part of the design of the SAGCOT Initiative as defined in the SAGCOT Investment Blue Print. The six Clusters are Ihemi, Mbarali, Kilombero, Sumbawanga, Ludewa and Rufiji. SAGCOT Centre Ltd (SCL) started implementation of Cluster activities in late 2015 in the first priority Cluster— Ihemi—which covers the regions of Iringa and Njombe and later Mbarali Cluster which covers the region of Mbeya and Songwe.

The first approach of SCL towards promoting and strengthening inclusive green growth and agricultural transformation within clusters is to design the Cluster Development Framework (CDF) which analyses the current situation, prioritises strategic value chains of focus, and lays out an approach forward, defining initial key actions for SAGCOT and partners within the clusters while engaging key stakeholders. The Ihemi CDF was completed in October 2015 and under implementation since then, while the Mbarali CDF was completed in April 2019. Through the Ihemi and Mbarali Cluster Development Frameworks, SCL has facilitated successful public-private partnerships with specific focus on priority value chains to unlock key bottlenecks and improve the agribusiness policy environment. This was made possible through multi-stakeholder commitments (in a Compact) with a strategic focus to catalyze closer ties, open dialogue on constraints and opportunities for collaboration between Agribusinesses, Regional leadership, Development partners and Non State actors. These interventions have attracted new investments and projects in Ihemi and Mbarali. Equipped with experience from lessons learned in Ihemi and Mbarali clusters, SCL and its partners wish to replicate (and adapt where relevant) the approach used in Ihemi and Mbarali to initiate activities in the Kilombero Cluster (3rd priority cluster and covers the whole Morogoro region). This cluster was launched by the Minister of Agriculture on 24th November 2019 in Morogoro town.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work covers assessment of operationalization of the Ihemi and Mbarali Cluster Development Frameworks (CDF) to inform development of the Kilombero Cluster Development Framework through in-depth analysis of the two CDFs process and their implementation.

2.1. Objectives

The overall objective of this study is to provide well-documented, well-structured and practical lessons learned from the planning and implementation of the Cluster Development Frameworks (CDFs) of Ihemi and Mbarali clusters of SAGCOT, and to identify recommendations based on those lessons learned for the development and implementation of future CDFs, in particular the Kilombero CDF.

The specific objectives of the study are:

- to analyse the processes and products of the CDFs to date to improve design and utility of future CDFs, especially the upcoming Kilombero CDF
- to understand better and improve engagement of key stakeholders, notably private sector and SMEs as well as local NGOs and civil society organizations in cluster-level agricultural transformation to improve roll-out of inclusive green growth activities
- To better understand how Cluster Development Frameworks and associated planning/preparation can more effectively drive inclusive green agricultural transformation at a cluster level
- To identify success factors and positive experiences that have worked well in the planning and implementation of the two previous CDFs, honing in on what led to accomplishment of goals or objectives. What worked? What were best practices associated with planning and implementation of the CDFs?
- To identify weaknesses or areas of improvement, including actions or guidance that led to undesirable or less desirable outcomes. What could have been improved and how? What were the greatest challenges faced and how could these have been averted or dealt with better, particularly through the CDF
- To assess the effectiveness of the CDF approach to date and identify ways to improve it for immediate application in the Kilombero cluster
- To use the results above to document the "modus operandi" for cluster development: an attempt at the step-by-step guide for practitioners

Specifically, the consultant is expected to document the following:

1. To understand and analyse the following:

- Identification, engagement, and participation of key stakeholders and specifically SAGCOT partners such as Private sector and SMEs as well as NGOs and CSOs in cluster-level developments. Did the processes of planning and implementation of the CDFs lead to appropriate inclusivity and participation at all stages?
 - Linkage to groups such as Ihemi GRG, value chain partnerships, and multi-stakeholder processes such as the Cluster Review Meetings
- Data gathering and field work for the CDF. Were these adequate to collect the necessary information and make associated decisions about actions?
 - Value chains. Selection and analysis of priority value chains. Identification and prioritization of

associated investment opportunities. What were the success factors and areas of improvement in both the planning and implementation of value chains (including investment opportunities) as laid out in the CDFs and subsequent adaptive management during implementation? How could the CDF better integrate those adaptations from the beginning, or conduct a more effective process of adaptive management during implementation?

- Green Growth strategies. Analysis and identification of priority initial Green Growth (GG) strategies and actions within the CDF. Were these appropriate? Implemented? Why or why not?
 - Could the GG actions/strategies have been better integrated into priority investment opportunities? Or were/are they adequately integrated?
 - Could the GG actions/strategies have been better identified/featured to improve implementation? Or have they been adequately implemented thus far?
- Infrastructure. Identification, prioritization, and implementation. Was priority infrastructure implemented – why or why not?
- Audience/users: Target audience appropriate? Level of usage of CDF? By whom?
 - Initial interventions. Did the CDF lay the foundation for subsequent identification of actions? What % was implemented? Why/why not?
 - Technical appendix. Content, utility.
 - GIS tools used and provided.
 - E.g., AGRIinsight – was this useful mapping tool? Why or why not? What would be most useful to have mapped and how would that info be used/accessed by whom?
 - Overall assumptions (e.g., functional cluster model). Did these hold up from the planning stage?
- Monitoring and Adaptive management.
 - Results framework (RF) at a cluster level. What worked, what could be improved? Does this RF at the cluster level appropriately integrate sustainability and inclusive green growth? how does it feed into/link to SAGCOT-wide RF and could this linkage be improved?
 - Adaptive management of all components. What happened and why?
 - Identify key content aspects that changed over time (e.g., priority value chains). Why? Implications for M&E system?
 - Ultimate use/application of CDF. How differed from original conception?
- Implications for the Ihemi and Mbarali CDF processes and products and how this influenced implementation in their respective clusters. Implications.

2. Identify several key challenges of cluster development / inclusive green growth at the cluster level with key stakeholders that may not have emerged from the above analysis, and analyse how these challenges could have been or could be better addressed through the Cluster Development Framework process and document (i.e., planning, implementation, monitoring and adaptive management).

- To develop recommendations based on the above analyses applicable for planning and implementation of Cluster Development Frameworks (CDFs), in particular the Kilombero CDF, regarding
 - Planning process
 - Stakeholder and partner engagement and buy-in, particularly SMEs and private sector
 - Content of final CDF document including structure and organization of document as well as associated tools/analyses
 - Approach to implementation
 - M&E and results framework at cluster level f. Knowledge management and learning
- Based on all of the above, to document a draft step-by-step guide for end-to-end planning and implementation of Cluster Development Frameworks for practitioners.

2.2. Tasks

This consultancy will involve:

- Review of previous Ihemi and Mbarali CDF TORs, final documents for each priority value chain, value chain partnership, soil health partnership, and cluster level GRG, technical appendices;
- Review key SAGCOT documentation for clear and up-to-date background information.
- Interviews with SAGCOT Centre Ltd staff (central and cluster based), key stakeholders and partners engaged in development and implementation of the CDFs, particularly those based in the clusters
- Consultations at key points with GRG Feeder Groups (i.e. Environmental Feeder Group (EFG) and SFG), Regional governments, SAGCOT Centre and others as appropriate to inform of progress and receive key guidance
- Write report and step-by-step guide

2.3. Deliverables

- A report of no more than 40 pages (excluding annexes) that sets out:
 - CDF process and products for both Ihemi and Mbarali clusters
 - Lessons learned in planning and implementation of the Ihemi and Mbarali CDF; including challenges of cluster development / inclusive green growth at the cluster level with key stakeholders.
 - Recommendations for planning and implementation of Kilombero cluster based on lessons learned from the previous 2 clusters (including the list above)
- Step-by-step best practice CDF guide
- Annexes to include
 - Documents referenced
 - List of interviewees and contact information
 - Detailed assessment information
- PowerPoint presentation that summarizes results

3.3. Consultant Qualifications

- CARE-WWF Alliance is looking for a reputable national or internationally recognized consultancy firm, with at least 10 years of experience in agricultural development, preferably with experience in Value Chain analyses and agricultural resilience and sustainability.
- The team must include significant experience in measuring partnership approaches and development framework design.
- The team leader must possess at least a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, natural resource management and/or related fields; possess a genuine breadth of experience in assessing agricultural value chains; ability to engage all stakeholders, especially SAGCOT Centre as well as private sector and policy makers both at national and local level; ability to engage farmers and a wealth of practical experience in economic analysis of mixed farming systems; and evaluation skills.
- Previous experience in programs evaluation, working in Tanzania considered a plus.
- Must have knowledge of local context,
- The Alliance recognizes that the consultancy may require different skillsets in the fields of Value chains, mapping, agronomy and specialization on environmental issues and therefore will expect this combination of skills in the consultant team.

3.4. Time Frame

The assignment is expected to be carried out for a period of 40 days from the date of signing of the contract, including five (5) days of draft report writing and five (5) days of the final report submission. Note: Allow at least 1-2 week review by SAGCOT, EFG, SFG and other key reviewers.

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Evaluation of the consultancy applications will be done based on WWF procurement guidelines and that WWF Tanzania is not bound to accept any lowest or highest proposal/bid.

NEMC singles out port construction staff as models in observing the law

By Guardian Correspondent,

Katavi

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has commended builders of Karema port in Tanganyika District, Katavi Region, for strictly observing the Environment Management Act, 2004 and its regulations in building the port expected to cost taxpayers 47.6bn/-.

Commending workers and management of the Xiamen Ongoing Tanzania for the feat, NEMC director general Samuel Gwamaka said here yesterday the agency was happy to see some contractors in Tanzania strictly observing the law in order to protect environment.

"This is one of the government's strategic and costly projects that we have our eyes on so that it does not harm environment and yields expected results. Your work, as contractors, is exemplary in observing the environment act and its regulations and we are happy about this," Dr Gwamaka said after inspecting the project. The DG is visiting

projects in NEMC's western zone, comprising of Kigoma, Katavi and Rukwa regions, to see whether or not environmental compliance was observed in institutions in executing projects.

He said Katavi region was one of Tanzania's key producers of foodstuffs and livestock products for local and regional markets, explaining that completion of the project would facilitate export of foodstuffs to the Democratic Republic of Congo by Katavi farmers and entrepreneurs, adding that agricultural exports from Katavi have a huge market in the DRC.

Dr Gwamaka appealed to people and leaders ensure human activities do not harm the environment, adding that efforts to protect the environment sought to ensure future generations found Tanzania safe and productive.

The company's public relations officer, Phillip Mwanunye, said the projected lifespan of project was 60 years, explaining that the project would help improve greatly the economy of Katavi region.

Tanzania's Budget targets low-income earners - NGO

By Guardian Reporter

HAKI Fursa, a non government organization has given its analysis of the Tanzania 2020/21 budget compared to those of the other East African countries, saying it is will bring about big changes as it has considered those in the low income bracket.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, Haki Fursa managing director Ntimi Charles said the budget has prioritized areas that touch ordinary citizens.

He said the areas include poverty eradication, reducing unemployment to the youth, enhance the war against corruption and embezzlement of state funds, maintenance of peace, security and the defense of the people and their property.

He said the budget has put into place strategies in strengthening of the collection of revenue, financing of government activities including the huge strategic projects and improvement of basic social services to increase the pace of development.

Comparing it to those of the other East African countries, Charles said the 34.87trn/- budget reflects its uniqueness in the economic growth when considering the social services and is not dependent.

"Social services including education, health, safe and clean water as well as road infrastructures reached the people in acceptable levels," he said.

"As an institution involved with development issues we saw the availability of the people's basic needs went down from 28.2 percent in 2011/12 to 26.4 percent in 2017/18, while the poverty depth plummeted from 6.7 to 6.2 percent during the same period," he said.

He said the government has been able to put controls to unnecessary expenditure, avenues for corruption and

concentrated itself towards revenue collection.

He analyzed other counties' budgets and said Kenya is faced with economic doldrums due to the Covid-19 pandemic whilst the budgets for education, Parliament and the Judiciary plummeted and that the country continues to access to external loans that increase the country's burden.

In regard to Uganda, Charles said youth employment will be adversely affected due to high rates of taxation and for not investing in infrastructures while the government continues to acquire loans to fill its budgetary gaps.

As for Rwanda, he said it also plans to attain economic growth through loans, subsidies, visas, traffic offences and will be forced to access to more loans to liberate itself from the covid-19 pandemic fallout.

Organization's planning officer, Reuben Kwagilwa congratulated President John Magufuli in his unwavering leadership in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. He said that by refusing to put the country under lockdown that has enabled the people to go on with their activities, the step that has minimized the country's economic adversity.

He said that they were pleased with the parliament's resolution that congratulated the President for his leadership in the fight against the pandemic saying it was the idea of the members of parliament who wrote to the Speaker who listened to them and had the resolution endorsed.

"We realize that had there been a lockdown, our economy would have been disrupted and the huge projects - the hydroelectric power and the Standard gauge Railway (SGR) would have come to a standstill," he said.



HEALTH HAZARD PAR EXCELLENCE: It's business as usual at this presumably unauthorised but ever-present and bustling bare ground mixed-foods market at Buguruni in Dar es Salaam despite the highly unhygienic state, as found yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Legislators call upon parents, guardians to stop hiding children with disabilities

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

LEGISLATORS have called upon parents and guardians to stop hiding children with disabilities especially those with albinism over fears of being attacked as the government is determined to ensure their safety.

They made the statement over the weekend when speaking at the launch of a campaign to protect people with albinism 'Usiogope tupo pamoja' which is championed by a non-governmental organization—Sisi ni Sawa Foundation. The foundation aims to protect and empower people with albinism by preventing any anti-social activities faced by albinism in the society.

According to the MPs, children with albinism should be left to enjoy with other people in the society as well as being taken to school since there are no more threats against them.

Special Seats MP, Oliver Semuguruka

(CCM) said it was not possible for politicians to win in general elections by killing a person with albinism.

"We should love these children and make sure they attend to school like any other children because they are all equal," she said.

Mariam Msabaha (Special Seats—CCM) said politicians have been alleged to involve in suspicious acts including witchcraft to win elections.

She said: "These allegations are false; no one plans to attack the children. We should let them go to school without fears as the government has enhanced security for them."

Same East MP, Naghenjwa Kaboyoka (CHADEMA) children with albinism are capable of doing all the things which can be done by their fellows. She said letting them socialize will help them consider themselves as normal as any person.

Mlimba Member of Parliament,

(CHADEMA) Suzan Kiwanga urged the parents and the children to be careful when going to and from school because those who attack them live in the society.

Earlier when launching the campaign, Ambassador of the people with albinism, Ritta Kabati called upon the foundation to continue working with the lawmakers in ensuring equality as well as the welfare of people with albinism.

Chairman of Sisi ni Sawa Foundation, George Kiatika said there have been allegations people with albinism are mostly attacked during elections.

"We are conducting civic education only to let Tanzanians know that albinos are also humans and they deserve all the rights. We do not expect such incidences to happen this year as the country prepares for the general elections," said Kiatika noting they will educate citizens in 20 regions.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIANS have been reminded to continue adhering to the prevention measures against HIV/Aids as statistics show that the disease was still infecting thousands of people every year.

This was said over the weekend by statistics officer from National Aids Control Programme (NACP), Jeremia Mushi, during virtual dialogue organised by Tanzania Youth Alliance (TAYOA) in collaboration with the Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

According to him, current data show that, in every one minute, four people contract HIV infections in the country something which poses an alert for young people and the general public to refrain themselves from dangerous behaviours.

The dialogue dubbed "Timiza Malengo 2020" was held through zoom platform and attracted more than 650 university students, 40 deans of students from more than 32 Higher Learning Institutions from Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Iringa to discuss challenges and strategies

'Incidence of HIV among adults and youth still high in Tanzania'

aimed at advocating for the uptake of HIV related services.

Mushi said that statistics show that about 1.7 million people are currently living with HIV, and approximately 95 percent of them are using ARVs.

He said that every month 6,000 people are infected with HIV in the country which is equivalent to 72,000 people annually.

Eda Charles from NACP said many girls end up getting early pregnancies or even HIV and thus failing to accomplish their education dreams due various reasons including long distances from home to school.

Charles said NACP has been educating gender based education to enable girls in the country know how to avoid temptations which may lead them into contracting HIV/Aids and early pregnancies.

Speaking at the event, coordinator of UMATI, Fredi Turuka said many youth fear early pregnancies than HIV infections and that is why most of them

do not care to using protection during sex. "During sex what they consider mostly is to make sure they don't get pregnancy and most of the time they don't use condom because they believe that they don't enjoy and that is the reason behind the increase of new HIV infections among the youth," he said

He said for the country to have sustainable development, society must be responsible and intensify efforts to protect youth against temptations and harms so as to achieve their dreams.

"You can use contraceptives in an emergency case but it should not be the trend. If you plan to have sex with your partner please take safe measures to avoid HIV and early pregnancies because these contraceptives P2 is not advised for regular use," Turuka said.

For his part, Tayoa director, Peter Masika said his institution initiated the Timiza Malengo 2020 campaign to sensitize the youth and students to protect themselves and achieve their goals and dreams.

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

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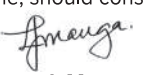
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Looking for a way to give back? Give blood!

EVERY year on 14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The event, established in 2004, serves to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

The campaign theme for this year's World Blood Donor Day is "Safe blood saves lives" with the slogan "Give blood and make the world a healthier place". The idea is to focus on the contribution an individual giver can make to improve health for others in the community.

World Blood Donor Day is one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organisation along with World Health Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Immunization Week, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, and World AIDS Day.

Transfusion of blood and blood products helps and save millions of lives every year. It can help patients suffering from life-threatening conditions live longer and with higher quality of life, and supports complex medical and surgical procedures. It also has an essential, life-saving role in maternal and perinatal care. Access to safe and sufficient blood and blood products can help reduce rates of death and disability due to severe bleeding during delivery and after childbirth.

In many countries, there is not an adequate supply of safe blood, and blood services face the challenge of making sufficient blood available, while also ensuring its quality and safety.

An adequate supply can only be assured through regular donations by voluntary unpaid blood donors. The WHO's goal is for all countries to obtain all their blood supplies from voluntary unpaid donors by 2020. In 2014, 60 countries have their national blood supplies based on 99-100 per cent

voluntary unpaid blood donations, with 73 countries still largely dependent on family and paid donors.

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year by people around the world on June 14. It is celebrated on the birthday anniversary of Karl Landsteiner on June 14, 1868.

World Blood Donor Day brings a precious opportunity to all donors to celebrate and commemorate the birthday anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (a scientist who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the ABO blood group system).

Karl Landsteiner was an Austrian biologist, physician, and immunologist. He distinguished the main blood groups in 1900, having developed the modern system of classification of blood groups from his identification of the presence of agglutinins in the blood, and identified, with Alexander S. Wiener, the Rhesus factor, in 1937, thus enabling physicians to transfuse blood without endangering the patient's life. With Constantin Levaditi and Erwin Popper, he discovered the polio virus in 1909.

He received the Aronson Prize in 1926. In 1930, he received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. He was posthumously awarded the Lasker Award in 1946, and has been described as the father of transfusion medicine.

ABO blood group system, the classification of human blood based on the inherited properties of red blood cells (erythrocytes) as determined by the presence or absence of the antigens A and B, which are carried on the surface of the red cells.

According to the World Health Organisation, 800 women die every day from pregnancy and childbirth-related complications. Severe bleeding is the cause of 34 per cent of maternal deaths in Africa, 31 per cent in Asia and 21 per cent in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Building primary health care capacity should be global response to elderly's abuse, neglect

THE United Nations has designated June 15 every year as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It represents when the whole world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of our older generations. Virtually all countries are expected to see substantial growth in the number of older persons between 2015 and 2030, and that growth will be faster in developing regions.

Because the numbers of older persons are growing, the amount of elder abuse can be expected to grow with it. While the taboo topic of elder abuse has started to gain visibility across the world, it remains one of the least investigated types of violence in national surveys, and one of the least addressed in national action plans.

Elder abuse is a global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

It is essential that governments and all concerned actors to design and carry out more effective prevention strategies and stronger laws and policies to address all aspects of elder abuse. Let us work together to optimize living conditions for older persons and enable them to make the greatest possible contribution to our world.

It was officially recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2011. Elder abuse can be defined as "a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person". It is a global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

In many parts of the world elder abuse occurs with little recognition or response. Until recently, this serious social problem was hidden from the public view and considered mostly a private matter. Even today, elder abuse continues to be a taboo, mostly underestimated and ignored by societies across the world. Evidence is accumulating, however, to indicate that elder abuse is an important public health and societal problem.

Elder abuse is a problem that exists in both developing and developed countries yet is typically underreported globally. Although the extent of elder mistreatment is unknown, its social and moral significance is obvious. As such, it demands a global multifaceted response, one which focuses on protecting the rights of older persons.

From a health and social perspectives, unless both primary health care and social service sectors are well equipped to identify and deal with the problem, elder abuse will continue to be underdiagnosed and overlooked.

Elder abuse also called elder mistreatment, senior abuse, abuse in later life, abuse of older adults, abuse of older women, and "abuse of older men" is a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. This definition has been adopted by the World Health Organisation.

It includes harms by people the older person knows, or has a relationship with, such as a spouse, partner, or family member; a friend or neighbour; or people that the older person relies on for services. Many forms of elder abuse are recognised as types of domestic violence or family violence since they are committed by family members.

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By Dr. Belay Begashaw

GEORGE Floyd's case is just one out of millions that take place literally every single day in our unjust world. The level of agony and pain of this assault are also not very different - the only difference in this case - thanks to the technology and social media - is that the story could not be hidden and left in the dark.

Police brutality and gross mistreatment across the justice system, discrimination across public services, unwelcoming gestures (micro aggressions) in the school hallways and so on, are just some of the daily phenomena that black people face all around the world. This case is representative of all of the black men and women who die at the hands of the police for doing mundane activities - walking dogs, jogging, a broken tail light, and watching TV in one's own home. Racism (and more specifically anti-Blackness) is at the helm of societies all around the world.

Racism is also not limited to countries in the Western world of U.S., Europe, Australia or Canada. In these places systemic racism is practiced, protected, encouraged; it extends beyond to the multilateral and bilateral development and aid agencies, higher education institutions, and other international professional institutions where "merit" and "performance" are abstracted from systemic conditions of racism. Racism, as an instrument of white supremacy, has always eroded the intellectual integrity of institutions.

As men or women of color, especially black people, one has to prove his or herself exponentially more than a white counterpart who is privileged by his or her color in order to access and succeed the same opportunities. Alternatively, some choose to surrender to the white Godfather i.e. to be an "Uncle Tom" in exchange for protection and promotion as one who is complicit with the system. Should you opt for the former, you are always on your toes and rigorously striving to be ahead of the curve in order to simply survive. Even in that situation, if your success is found to set a different precedent, it becomes a threat to the system of white supremacy. (See Black Panthers, Black Wall Street, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and various post-colonial African independence leaders).

Anti-Blackness often first becomes a reality for black children in schools. Black kids must perform exponentially harder to win not only the trust and confidence of racist teachers in the class, but also for their white classmates who are conditioned by their racist families. To this day capable, hardworking, and joyful black children have to consider dynamics of uncomfortable integration with white kids at school while also dealing with

Black lives matter: Black pride and dignity do, too!



Protesters outside the US Embassy in Nairobi on June 2, 2020

the usual academic and social strains of early school years. Condescending conversations around affirmative action, racialized athletics teams, and Eurocentric beauty standards are just a few of the other difficult experiences that children of color navigate through. Black kids must face an unimaginable amount of barriers in comparison to their non-black classmates and counterparts.

Around the world, we are all sick and tired of racial violence. Racism of any form should not be tolerated anymore. To use the words of Angela Davis, it is no longer enough to not be racist; it is now the time to be actively anti-racist. Murder, physical assault, or any type of harassment we go through every day are clearly vindictive and hurtful. Moreover, systemic poverty, disenfranchisement, underfunded public services, and mass incarceration are other forms of racial violence that have become normalized to the detriment of black people all around the world; this is black genocide. These forms of violence may not appear so starkly but are fundamental to the system that enables them. The world will know that we will never have peace when such levels of apparent or tactical injustices still exist.

As systematic as the subjugation may be, the remedies should also aim for

structural changes. The anti-dote of the lethal poison should include naming and shaming, among other social pressure. The media plays a central role in this regard and is able to show leadership in defending the rights of minorities all around the world. Media and activists' alignment should go beyond promoting political interest. Nepotism, conspiracy against black intellectuals, through information asymmetry, all other forms sabotages should by no means be tolerated in international institutions where racism is a common practice. Aid and grants should by no means be used as a weapon of threat or a condition for submissiveness on those who stand for their rights and for the rights of others. We call for rejection of such resources that have hidden motives of undermining our natural pride and dignities.

Racism is a present and imminent threat to humanity. Its consequence is a catastrophe like all other global threats, such as terrorism and pandemic. Thus, it requires a similar conviction and commitment across the globe. Racists should not have heaven anywhere to hide in.

Systemic racism is a sophisticated action, designed and devised by capable actors. It is all about conditioning one's habits of thought, hence training or

reforming of institutions as such is a futile exercise. All efforts in change should be backed by legal action with strong enforcement. It is time for revolution.

Racists have no morals or mercy. They are as sick as bloodsuckers that are keen to do anything to protect their interests, especially if they feel your action will fundamentally shake their supremacy. They are capable of doing anything from defaming to false allegations to writing fake histories, which serve their purposes. It is very unfortunate, our peace and tranquility have always been at risk, just because some want to be more equal than the others. Our democracy, civilization, and all advancement that we brag on are futile and are proving to be incapable of securing our coexistence.

We are determined now more than ever not to be manipulated, divided, subdued and to not accept others' approval for our existence. Enough is enough. This has to be stopped.

It is time for Black people all over the world to unite in this cause. Yes, Black lives matter! So do Black Pride and Dignity!

Dr Belay Begashaw is Director General of the Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa (SDGC/A)

Now, it is clearer that Nigeria undoubtedly hates its women!

By Chiamaka Okafor

TO think there is a law in Nigeria that seeks to tackle this issue, yet many can hardly recall this ever being triggered into action, and towards justice and deterrence. Why are there many people above the law? At least if the incidence is growing and there is no concomitant rise in the numbers of prosecution, then something darkly unholy is thriving, which we all appear complicit in.

Nigeria still hates its women. That sounds ridiculous, I know. Sadly, it is as true as the fact that we were all conceived by the coming together of a sperm and an egg. Walk with me.

Nigeria still hates its women. It is sixty years of existing as a nation through thick and thin, ups and down, men and women together, yet women get no proper acknowledgement in a nation they helped to build.

This is not a gender battle; it is a battle for humanity. This is about the human's inhumanity to fellow humans.

Twenty-one years into democracy, women have stood by this land, our land of milk and honey. Yet, their tongues taste no milk or honey; whatever honey we think women have tasted, came with turmoil and resilience; it was not on a platter. Yet, they have rights as citizens. Rights they cannot enjoy.

Politically, Nigeria hates its women; its women are the enemy, it seems, as far as the politics of the country is concerned. They are not allowed to occupy elective offices because they are tagged as 'weak'; because they belong to the other room and the kitchen; because the true place of a woman is considered as being behind a man.

Still, there are the other thousand and one reasons why women are not allowed to occupy elective offices. Even though women are compensated with appointments within the political system, they are still generally not allowed to assert themselves in these positions.

Socially, Nigeria detests its women. Statements like, "Women do not speak in the gathering of men", still echo in different gatherings, both verbally and non-verbally. Women tend to get shut up in a gathering of men.

They cannot be seen in front, otherwise they are considered as being too forward or trying to outshine the men. The women are approached through a strategy of containment, by saying: "Let us protect you", when they are not really concerned about their safety?

I am tempted to ask if rapists do not get tired of the same old game? But how can they get tired when in a clime in which our laws appear toothless in stopping our leaders from getting tired of looting? How can they get tired when the good people of this country have decided to be quiet when the victim is not their wives, sisters, daughters, mothers, nieces, aunts or grandmothers?

One could go on and on and all the instances of how Nigeria hates its women will not be exhausted. But still stay with me.

Every day, somewhere in Nigeria, a female (young or old) is being harassed in so many different ways. Top on the list is through RAPE, which is ever recurring. I am tempted to ask if rapists do not get tired of the same old game? But how can they get tired when in a clime in which our laws appear toothless in stopping our leaders from getting tired of looting?

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How can they get tired when the victim is the one who is stigmatised and not the rapist?

Some of the most insensitive commentaries in relation to the situation of the victim are: What was she do-

ing there at that time of the day? Why did she go there in the first place? How could she have been so careless? How could she not know that she could get raped?

All these questions usually occur whenever a rape case is reported. And those who ask these never seem to get it that: She was out because she needed to and has the right to move out about freely.

Perhaps, Nigeria has legally allocated a time during which women are not allowed to move about, otherwise they become game for predators.

Also: How did she not know he was a rapist? Seriously? Could it be because this is yet to be engraved on the foreheads of potential violators?!!!

Just recently, it looked like war had been declared on young girls, from the killing of Tina, a 17-year-old, the shock of whose demise people were yet to come to terms with, before which there was the news of the rape of a 12-year-old by 11 men.

Then shortly after, there was 22-year-old Uwa who was raped and battered in a church. Doesn't it appear clearer how Nigeria hates its women?

Yearly, groups and individuals clamour for proactiveness towards all of these ugly occurrences and it falls to the rocks every single time. We have now resorted to hashtags and merely coming up on social media to say "I condemn this or that".

We all can certainly come together to do something serious about the menace of rape in our society. Recently, when the incidence of robberies spiked in Lagos, people rallied in different ways and put a stop to these, in a manner that has been largely successful till date. We can do the same with the alarming incidence of rape in our midst.

Dear opinion leader, it is not enough to come on social media to say you condemn this or that, we have come past the stage of making statements for the timeline; do something tangible about the ongoing: sponsor a bill to facilitate timely justice delivery, join peaceful citizens protests, amplify the voices of the oppressed on your platforms, say something if you know something, give information to the appropriate bodies. There is a lot you can do other than a statement for the timeline.

Parents are not left out of this: Those of them who stifle the voice of their girls, who are brave enough to talk about their nasty encounter with violators. They are often bothered about the family's reputation and not the well being of their children, but what is a family all about, without the concern about the mental wellbeing of the children?

This repressive attitude needs to stop, if we wish to fight a gnawing culture of rape in our society, because when we stifle the voices of the violated/victims, we enable the rapists and give their dark pursuits wings to fly.

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To think there is a law in Nigeria that seeks to tackle this issue, yet many can hardly recall this ever being triggered into action, and towards justice and deterrence. Why are there many people above the law? At least if the incidence is growing and there is no concomitant rise in the numbers of prosecution, then something darkly unholy is thriving, which we all appear complicit in.

The Violence Against persons (prohibition) Act (VAPP) was passed into law in May 2015. Five years after, we are yet to see this law take real effect. Even then, and more disturbingly, only 10 States in Nigeria have domesticated this law. What about the other 26 States? Could they be enablers of violence against and the violation of our fellow citizens?



Nigerians gather to protest sexual assault and violence against women and girls on June 1, 2020.



DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Board of Directors of Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) is delighted to announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of shareholders held on 12th June, 2020, approved the audited Financial Statements and declaration of dividend of TZS 74.46 per issued and fully paid up shares in line with the DSE's Dividend Policy. The total dividend of TZS 1.77 billion will be paid out. The declared dividend is 50% of the net profit generated in year 2019.

Pursuant to the dividend payment declaration, the timetable for dividend payment shall be as follows:

Announcement of Dividend Payment:	12 th June, 2020
Trading of Shares cum Dividend:	12 th June – 2nd July, 2020
Trading of Shares Ex-Dividend:	3 rd July, 2020 onwards
Closure of the Members Register:	8 th July, 2020
Dividend Payment on/or about:	14 th August, 2020

Dividend will be paid directly to shareholders bank accounts or mobile wallet, for those who have provided banking information or telephone numbers. Shareholders are requested to communicate their bank account/mobile wallet information to the Registrar:

CSD & Registry Company Limited (CSDR),
2nd Floor, Kambarage House, 6 Ufukoni Street,
P.O. Box 70081,
DAR ES SALAAM.

Telephone: 0746160516 / 0677070414
Email: registrar@csdr.co.tz

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Group		Company	
	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Revenue	TZS'000 6,408,667	TZS'000 4,639,823	TZS'000 4,882,850	TZS'000 3,644,338
Other income	344,236	416,345	342,290	411,296
Information technology costs	(636,207)	(286,625)	(480,870)	(246,637)
Staff costs	(2,628,436)	(2,255,124)	(2,012,198)	(1,841,165)
Office rent	(23,042)	(290,515)	(20,161)	(254,200)
Depreciation and amortisation	(226,191)	(279,729)	(210,712)	(273,119)
Charge of impairment of trade receivables	(39,389)	(5,744)	(16,773)	(5,570)
Other expenses	(1,151,371)	(1,476,564)	(855,545)	(1,201,238)
Operating profit	2,048,267	461,867	1,628,881	233,705
Finance income	1,638,052	1,369,981	1,599,308	1,351,793
Operating profit before tax	3,686,319	1,831,848	3,228,189	1,585,498
Income tax expense	(138,339)	(74,160)	-	-
Net profit for the year	3,547,980	1,757,688	3,228,189	1,585,498
Other comprehensive income				
Revaluation loss	(129,209)	-	(129,209)	-
Total comprehensive income	3,418,771	1,757,688	3,098,980	1,585,498
Basic earnings per share (TZS)	148.92	73.78	135.50	66.55
Diluted earnings per share (TZS)	148.92	73.78	135.50	66.55

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
ASSETS	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000
Non-current assets				
Property and equipment	259,354	406,923	249,521	395,818
Non-current prepayment	2,819,584	2,819,584	2,819,584	2,819,584
Intangible asset	86,726	103,672	55,966	61,004
Leasehold land and building	331,000	463,957	331,000	463,957
Investment in subsidiary	-	-	100,000	100,000
Deferred tax asset	4,744	66	-	-
	3,501,408	3,794,202	3,556,071	3,840,363
Current assets				
Trade receivables	1,018,408	597,056	724,955	450,074
Other receivables	162,167	116,070	395,283	128,437
Government securities	3,264,952	5,816,599	3,264,952	5,816,599
Short term deposits	16,422,335	11,528,774	15,603,078	11,528,774
Cash and cash equivalents	183,214	388,828	177,475	18,117
Restricted bank balance	5,596	8,207	5,596	8,207
	21,056,672	18,455,534	20,171,339	17,950,208
TOTAL ASSETS	24,558,080	22,249,736	23,727,410	21,790,571
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Share capital	9,529,608	9,529,608	9,529,608	9,529,608
Share premium	1,850,374	1,850,374	1,850,374	1,850,374
Retained earnings	10,445,695	7,773,326	9,786,009	7,433,431
Revaluation surplus	198,753	331,195	198,753	331,195
Car loan fund	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
	22,059,430	19,519,503	21,399,744	19,179,608
Non-current liabilities				
Grants	1,102,316	1,337,308	1,102,316	1,337,308
	1,102,316	1,337,308	1,102,316	1,337,308
Current liabilities				
Borrowing	-	150,000	-	150,000
Contract liabilities	682,942	566,033	682,942	566,033
Trade and other payables	706,750	634,602	542,408	557,622
Current income tax	6,642	42,290	-	-
	1,396,334	1,392,925	1,225,350	1,273,655
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	24,558,080	22,249,736	23,727,410	21,790,571

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Group		Company	
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000
Profit before taxation	3,686,319	1,831,848	3,228,189	1,585,498
Adjustment to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:				
Depreciation and amortisation	226,192	279,729	210,712	273,119
Amortisation of grant	(234,992)	(375,260)	(234,992)	(375,260)
Interest income	(1,638,052)	(1,369,981)	(1,599,308)	(1,351,793)
Income tax paid	(178,665)	(102,986)	-	-
Cash flows before changes in working capital items	1,860,802	263,350	1,604,601	131,564
Changes in working capital items:				
Trade receivables	(421,352)	626,577	(274,881)	540,773
Other receivables	(46,097)	76,999	(266,846)	184,940
Contract liabilities	116,909	(88,261)	116,909	(88,261)
Cash held in restricted deposits	2,611	8,018	2,611	8,018
Trade and other payables	72,148	350,675	(15,214)	318,182
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	1,585,021	1,237,358	1,167,180	1,095,216
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Investment in short term deposits	(4,893,561)	147,933	(4,074,304)	147,933
Investment in government securities	2,551,647	(1,638,418)	2,551,647	(1,638,414)
Interest received - short term deposits	1,638,052	1,369,981	1,599,308	1,351,793
Purchase of intangibles	(21,981)	(88,484)	(21,981)	(40,858)
Prepayment for acquisition of office space	-	(42,817)	-	(42,817)
Purchase of property and equipment	(35,948)	(64,578)	(33,648)	(52,673)
Net cash flows (used in)/ generated from investing activities	(761,791)	(316,383)	21,022	(275,036)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Dividend paid	(878,844)	(1,381,792)	(878,844)	(1,381,792)
Payment of short-term borrowing	(150,000)	-	(150,000)	-
Acquisition of short-term borrowing	-	150,000	-	150,000
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(1,028,844)	(1,231,792)	(1,028,844)	(1,231,792)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(205,614)	(310,817)	159,358	(411,612)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the period	388,828	699,645	18,117	429,729
Cash and cash equivalent at year end	183,214	388,828	177,475	18,117

Just how do we work for an inclusive and just energy transition where no one is left behind?

By Dirk De Vos

THE energy transition will profoundly change our energy landscape in ways that none of us has yet fully grasped.

One of the more interesting aspects of the broad renewable energy sector is how quickly things have changed in just 10 years. One result of this is that the worthwhile debates surrounding renewable energy change as quickly.

This presents a problem: governments, incumbent utilities, policymakers and regulators invest resources, time, energy and their lobbying efforts to win the argument, to draft new laws and regulations, but as these efforts culminate in some sort of outcome, the real debate has moved elsewhere. Yet, debates that ought to have been settled, rage on.

Consider this: Already in the 1980s a consensus was building among climate scientists that greenhouse gasses, especially carbon dioxide, from human activity was warming the earth's atmosphere, that it would induce climate change and this change would be harmful. The establishment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) under the auspices of the United Nations, followed up, in 1992,

by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol, agreed in 1997, committed signatory countries to reduce greenhouse gasses to combat climate change.

South Africa's own commitments in terms of the Kyoto Protocol informed its own first electricity planning process, the Integrated Development Plan in 2010 (IRP2010). The procurement of the initial rounds renewables through the well-known REIPPP programme was enabled by commitments made under the Kyoto Protocol. The IRP2010 used "reasonable" assumptions for the fall in the price of renewable energy, which for the purposes of comparing with traditional electricity generators, use a stylised Levelised Cost of Electricity (LCOE) - or the price of each kWh to be produced by a generator throughout its lifespan (accounting for different lifespans).

What has happened since then?

- In 2011, the first round of renewable projects bid in, the tariffs were between double and four times the then retail price of electricity - but below the IRP2010 projections;

- In 2012/13, second round projects produce tariff outcomes close to the retail price;

- In 2013/4, third round projects



jects come in below retail and renewable energy establishes itself as the cheapest way to procure new generating capacity;

- In 2015 - 2018, the long delayed fourth round sees renewables with tariffs below Eskom's cost of generating electricity (wholesale).

South Africa has not procured new renewables (for a lot of very bad reasons) but the rest of the world has continued without us and prices for renewable energy continue to fall well beyond the most optimistic projections. The IRP2019 is significant in that carbon emissions or a carbon price were not part of the calculation.

Renewables are least cost without considering greenhouse gas emissions. The provision for new coal-fired capacity in the plan is only there because politicians decided to include them in a departure from least cost principles.

Recent prices achieved in renewable auctions in several countries have breached another threshold: it is now cheaper to procure electricity from new renewable plants than it is to buy and burn coal in an existing power plant. And this changes everything.

The fall in the price of renewables is so dramatic that it has boomeranged back into the world of climate change modelling.

The Business as Usual (BAU or base case) scenario which models what future global greenhouse emissions will be without mitigation measures (also known as the RCP8.5 scenario) is now widely considered to be ludicrous and that focus should be on more likely scenarios in a context of very cheap renewable electricity. The current (let alone the future) economics simply don't support continuing with our current energy mix into the future. Why bother, some climate scientists ask, with modelling a scenario which continues with an energy mix anything like the present?

Even under the Trump presidency in the US, which has an overt policy of supporting the coal sector and is hostile to global efforts to fight climate change, there is less coal-fired electricity generation now than when Trump became president in 2016. Low carbon nuclear energy is also in retreat. This is not about issues surrounding climate change, it is about the awful economics of coal-fired and nuclear energy.

However, we should not fool ourselves. An electricity supply system dominated by renewables is quite different to the centralised coal-fired system we have now. A good way to start to understand this is to look at the system from the point of view of the last customers in the system - the household.

Absent load shedding, we get our electricity delivered in the following format: around 230Volts of alternating current (AC) of around 60 Hertz through 20 Amp circuit allowing a 4.6KW load (three phase systems triple that).

Using this set up, we can run anything from heavy loads required by ovens or washing machines to LED lights. We can have as much (within the limits of the circuit) or as little as we want at any time. For all this, we are charged by the amount of energy (kWh) we consume in

a given period or the amount of kWhs (units) we pre-purchase. The tariff setting process run by Nersa, the electricity regulator is roughly a process of forecasting the number of kWhs that will be sold and the costs to produce them.

The kWh charge is really just a gigantic fudge developed over time and which everyone has come to accept. It is only very vaguely connected to the cost structure of supplying electricity, either to households or large industrial or municipal customers higher up the customer hierarchy.

To be clear, larger customers are subject to more complex tariff structures that take account of the maximum permitted capacity to be used as a separate charge as well as different seasonal and time of day consumption charges together with a range of other fixed charges such as the distance from the main generators (to account for losses in transmission). But by far the largest component of these customers' monthly bills is made up of the kWhs consumed.

Introducing renewable energy upends all of this fudge. To use one example: coal-fired or nuclear power stations work by boiling water and having the steam turn a turbine to generate electricity. Gas-fired power stations turn a turbine directly.

Racism in our schools is a continuum of our past

By Oscar Van Heerden

WE must remember that most of the historically elite private schools were founded on Christian foundations, by rich white men who had no issue with being racist, homophobic or chauvinists. Tackling social justice through a lens of race, class and gender thus becomes very important.

As a father of two kids at a private school in Gauteng, a husband to an educator and having a father-in-law who has been a headmaster at a few private schools, I thought I'd weigh in on this question of racism in our schooling system.

I believe that as parents we have failed in preparing our children for these very complex questions on race, gender, identity and class politics. In fact, in some circumstances, I would argue some of us actively fuelled these matters, given our own racist beliefs. After all, we remain products of our racist past. We have to own up and we have to do more.

Given the preponderance of Western culture and US popular culture in particular, it is unfortunate that the murder of George Floyd and not our own Collins Khosa sparked the necessary outrage over racism in our schools. I make this point about preponderance because I do think that our younger generation, particularly in our private and Model-C schools, has appropriated the lexicon of the US without deeper thought analysis.

For example, when I look at some of the demands made by the students at Bishops (Diocesan College), I cannot but wonder why they talk of people of colour (POC), or "minorities", when in fact, unlike the US situation where indeed the average African American person is indeed a minority in that country, we are the black majority in South Africa. And what that means is that we cannot play the continuous victim card, unlike our counterparts in the US, who remain on the back foot having to knock on the master's door, when we, the black majority, are the master - get used to it, start claiming it. We have political power in this country and as such cannot talk about minorities, not even in the private school context.

As for the POC label, this again is appropriated without taking into consideration our own Struggle his-

tory in South Africa. Yes, it goes without saying that indeed the most oppressed and exploited grouping in SA was indeed the black African but this was not wholly at the expense of the so-called coloured and Indian peoples. No, the general BLACK population in SA, made up of African, coloured and Indian were the oppressed masses in this country. They were the slaves, the indentured labourers and the subhumans for the longest time in our history in this country; this is undeniable. Wanting to make any distinction between the severity of such oppression among these groups is missing the point altogether.

In seeking redress and equality one cannot call for a method that is divisive in nature.

In fact, the very reason the apartheid state wanted us to make such differentials is to subscribe to that old strategy of divide and rule. And so, by insisting as you do in your demands, to elevate this matter of "colourism", you are but reinforcing such divide-and-rule tactics of the past. I know there are indeed those among the coloured and Indian communities that desperately want to cling to such classifications, but these are confused persons who cling to racist apartheid classifications that are derogatory whichever way you slice it.

I can only but assume the main reason they want to insist on othering is because deep down they actually think it means that they are better than the black person. After all, to be black is supposedly a bad thing throughout the world, as we observe. That's why we must supposedly remind everyone that, "Black lives matter". But I contend that this is an insufficient call to action. What matters more is white brutality and racism. We are black, so we need not remind ourselves that we matter.

We need to be more explicit about white privilege, racism and white supremacy. It matters not that I am black and I have a life. I already value that. I don't need a white person to value that. What matters now is the actions of racists in offending and murdering that life. We must choke the air out of all the spaces that fuel racism. It does not matter at all how a woman dresses, it matters only what the rapist does. This same approach should also be used to fight white supremacy.

Let's keep the focus on the actions



of the perpetrators. Call it out, "soft" or hard racism. At the braai, in the workplace, in all our spaces and especially in our schools. Let's make racism a matter that matters for us all. Racists do not believe our lives matter, there is no need to respect them with diplomatic niceties about black lives. "I can't breathe" - must be changed to "You are choking me".

As I read the demands of the Bishops matrices, I could not but help be reminded of what Mandela told us:

"Our struggle was against white supremacy, not against white people."

And so, let's put our collective knee on racism and snuff it out! But, let's snuff it out in our South African context, it's not OK when a white and black girl sing a song and use the word nigger, and the school hauls the white student before a disciplinary committee but not the black girl, as if to imply it's OK if the black student uses such a derogatory word. A minority in the US may want to own that derogatory word given their specific history, but we don't want it here, just like we don't want to own the word "kaffir" given our history. Our Constitution simply prohibits the use of such derogatory slurs, period.

It's not OK that as blacks we allow white friends to appropriate black culture in music and literature but then want to regulate what they can

and cannot sing or read. Our SA Constitution is very explicit on these matters, racism is racism whether it comes from a white person or a black person. I just get the sense that a lot of what is going on from these schools on social media platforms, for example, is about wanting to discipline whites, wanting to regulate them, wanting them to know their place in society. It's so very pejorative in nature. Is this really what our broader struggle should only be about?

The hair policy matter is something that always comes up time and time again as well - have you ever considered that even though you make these demands at these private schools, there is a certain decorum of hair and neatness at our public, predominantly black schools too? It's not as if every black child is simply allowed to do whatever he/she pleases with regard to school uniform, hair, nails and so on.

In other words, what is distinctly absent from your demands is the class component to your demands. What I mean by this is that there is no due regard to the poor child in our public school system at all. And so you can see how you locate this struggle only within your private school domain, your class strata domain, which I assume you are very comfortable with, but the struggle is much larger than just your private school issues.

It reminds me of the 1980s when we black stu-

dents were demanding free higher education because of our poverty levels in society, when our white counterparts at UCT made their most critical demand - more student parking. Our demands could not have been more divergent. Don't fall into this trap.

You have to actively work towards finding each other in these circumstances, and yes, in time many of these issues will resolve themselves, if there's a will. I'm reminded of when my father-in-law appointed the first black geography teacher at Kearsney College many years ago. Almost instantly he received a call from a parent, stating that her son could not understand this teacher because of the way he spoke the English language.

The headmaster reminded the parent that not only will a person with such an accent be the next chairperson of the school governing body, but that the said student will likely be working for someone with such an accent in the near future. The very same boy grew very fond of this particular teacher and spent many a time in the teacher's home village in rural KZN, helping out with teaching underprivileged kids in that community. He grew to appreciate and admire his geography teacher and indeed embrace difference. We can also do this over time.

Evidently, the impact of the transformation and diversity training in our schools is not having the desired outcome and hence more needs to be done as demanded by the students at Bishops. We must remember, the majority of these schools are founded on Christian foundations, by rich white men who have no issue with being racist, homophobic or chauvinists. Tackling social justice through a lens of race, class and gender thus becomes very important.

We must, however, be aware of constitutionally ingrained demands, demands around the LGBTIQ+ communities for example, are allowed to flourish everywhere, not allowing it would be unconstitutional and the school can be challenged in a court of law. I get that what you are actually wanting to demand is a culture change in these schools and that I support fully. But, play the ball and not the player, don't make this about narrow issues of wanting to discipline white students, managers and school administrators, because it shouldn't be about that.

Controversial as this next point might be, I do want to also throw it into the mix, and this is that you must remember that you or your family have chosen to be part of these institutions and hence embracing its institutional culture. Don't get me wrong, no culture can continue to be derogatory, racist or any other form of prejudice, but you knew of its specific culture when you applied to be a part of it.

I raise this because of my own experience at Cambridge University in the UK as a student there. I wanted to be part of and chose to be part of this prestigious institution and therefore had to contend with centuries of culture and practices that at times were so dated and indeed not very politically correct, but it required a certain level of sophistication in tackling some of them. I couldn't simply waltz in there as a black student from a developing country such as South Africa and think they would conform to my needs and demands, saying it was non-negotiable.

New bread baskets emerge in Tanzania's western 'big four'

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is making more progress in strengthening its position as one of the most food-secure countries in Africa, having maintained national food self-sufficiency for over a decade and subsequently putting in place a good foundation for the agriculture-based industrialised and middle-income economy.

In a review of four western Tanzania regions, work supported by PIATA-TIJA initiative has contributed to enabling Kagera, Kigoma, and Katavi to emerge as new food basket zones. The work also enhanced further the role that Rukwa region plays as one of the "big four" in food production in Tanzania.

During the last three years, with support of the partnership and others, those three western regions have made strides in becoming dependable net food exporters and are enhancing Tanzania's status as the food powerhouse in East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), according to Vianey Rweyendela, AGRA County Manager for Tanzania.

According to the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) 2018/19 annual report - agriculture, construction, and transport as the fastest growing economic activity, while the 2017/18 puts construction, transport and storage, agriculture, and information and communication activities as the drivers of growth. This underpins the increasing cardinal role agriculture is playing in the development of Tanzania.

It is estimated that production yield (metric ton/hectare) of two key staples-maize and beans increased by 230% and 100% respectively in the 4 regions under review, while rice production yield increased by 67% in Katavi and Rukwa regions, which has led to surplus production and pathway to increased incomes for smallholder farmers.

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According to Japhet Hasunga, minister for Agriculture, food production has continued to improve in the country. In his 2020/21 budget speech, he reported that in the 2019/20 cropping season, Tanzania will achieve 121 percent food self-sufficiency, translating to a surplus of 2.8 million metric tonnes (MT).

The PIATA-TIJA initiative in Tanzania is part of a pan-African Partnership for Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Africa (PIATA), implemented by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

The resource partners of PIATA are Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF); Rockefeller Foundation (RF); United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Department for International Development (DFID), and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). AGRA invests resources to catalyze partnerships that bring together the central government, local governments, private sector in the inputs and output markets, and smallholder farmers; to enable the development of strong food value chains.

About 550,000 smallholder farmers in the four regions have been impacted by PIATA-TIJA, leading to a marked growth of the private sector along value chains of maize, beans, rice, and cassava. This is thanks to the increased availability of inputs near smallholder farmers due to an increased number of agro-dealers which has translated into increased usage of improved technology and highly enhanced productivity. The farmers were impacted in diverse extension services and were able to increase income and improve food security thanks to increased productivity, access to market, and finance.

"We are working very closely with the government to make Tanzania become more competitive and foster inclusive economic growth. We are sup-



porting the government to enhance agricultural sector coordination and evidence-based planning," noted Rweyendela.

He noted some of the major milestones achieved by the farmers supported by PIATA-TIJA in the three consortia, includes: 230 percent increased maize yield productivity (from an average of 1.125 in 2017 to 3.75 metric ton/hectare, 2019), 100 percent increased bean yield productivity (from an average of 0.675 in 2017 to 1.35 metric ton/hectare, 2019), 67 percent increased rice yield productivity (from an average of 3 in 2017 to 5 metric ton/hectare, 2019), 220 percent

increase in Agro inputs shops (from 395 in 2017 to 1269 in 2019). Others are 400 percent increased fertilizer sales (4428 MT in 2017 to 22,401 MT in 2019), 238 percent increased purchase of improved maize seeds sales (from 434 MT in 2017 to 14,54 MT in 2019), 45 percent increased the number of processors in Rukwa/Katavi (from 28 in 2017 to 63 in 2019 and 127 percent increased annual processing capacity for SME processors in Kagera from 7165MT in 2017 to 16265MT in 2019).

It has supported construction of about 10 new warehouses and modernization of over 40 warehouses belonging to the private sector, farmers'

groups, and in some cases the public sector. It has also supported 5000 agro-dealers with capacity building making it possible for more smallholder farmers to access inputs- seeds, fertilizers, and post-harvest technology.

In supporting the government of Tanzania to beef up agriculture, from 2017 to 2020 AGRA has invested/committed a total of US\$75million. In 2019/20, period AGRA is supporting Tanzania in two groundbreaking programs that will enable the scaling-out of the achievements in the four regions to the rest of the country. The first is the support given to the government, through the ASDP-II coordinating mechanism

to develop an Agro-industrialization Development and Investment Flagship (TAIDF), a major component of the Industrialization Drive by the 5th Phase Government. The second is support through TAMISEMI to enable the government to Strengthen the Coordination of ASDP-II by Local Government Authorities (SCALGA).

AGRA is an African-led, Africa-based institution transforming smallholder agriculture from a solitary struggle to survive into farming as a business that thrives. Its goal is to increase incomes and improve food security for 30 million farming households in 11 African countries by 2021.

Youth-led innovations, collaborations are crucial for keeping oceans healthy

By Guardian Correspondent

PROPER synergy involving youth, innovations, technology and strategic collaborations has been singled out as prerequisites in attaining sustainable conservation of the world's oceans, aquatic resources and its environs.

That was the main message during the event to commemorate the World Oceans Day 2020 held in Dar es Salaam on June 8. This year's theme was "Innovation for a sustainable blue ocean."

The event which was held virtually provided an opportunity for different stakeholders to engage in topics around innovations in relation with sustaining oceans.

Aqua-Farms Organisation (AFO), a youth-led organization for conserving aquatic resources including the ocean, has been championing the world oceans day in Tanzania in collaboration with different entities since 2018.

The panel discussion that involved participants from private sector, academia and green entrepreneurs was moderated by Nancy Iraba, Co-founder of AFO and founder, Ocean Literacy Initiative.

AFO collaborated with Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association (WIOMSA), Arena recycling Company, Ocean Literacy Initiative, University of Comoros, and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) UNESCO Africa.

Panelists at the event elaborated some of the innovative works done by their entities to solve myriad of threats facing oceans that includes ocean acidification, climate change, over-exploitation and pollution among other challenges.

Hellen Sailas, founder and Director General at Arena recycling company explained how her recycling venture of turning plastic wastes into Eco-bricks works. The lady is among few women globally recognized by the Economic Group World Ocean Initiative for her innovative work.

"I was inspired after seeing our beaches polluted with high number

of plastic wastes," said Hellen adding that they have been working to protect life below water through organizing beach cleanups to collect plastics, sorting and melting them using eco-bricks formula.

"This venture is profitable as eco-bricks are in demand for construction of houses, toilets and offices," said Hellen.

Hellen recommended youth engagement in accelerating innovations for achieving sustainable oceans.

"We need technologies that can track marine debris and clean our oceans to be free from plastics, and tackle climate change by reducing the carbon footprints," she elaborated.

Contributing, Dr Nadjim Ahmed, a lecturer at the University of Comore, Faculty of Sciences and Technology explained how he works with his team to bring innovative solutions in the area of benthic biodiversity which is lagging behind in his country.

"There is little information on benthic invertebrate in my country but we are using little resources available to conduct molecular techniques and monitoring of benthic communities and ecosystems in Comoros," he noted.

Dr Nadjim is currently building equipment to work on coastal areas and deep-sea. The approach used has been inspired by the SA Agulhas research expedition that used innovative tools to sample underwater benthic organisms.

Dr Mathias Igulu, a Grant Manager at Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) asked panelists and fellow scientists out there to ask themselves if they are prepared to deal with challenges beyond 2030.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC UNESCO) has declared 2021-2030 an Ocean Decade where intensive ocean exploration and discovery through research and collaboration activities will take place.

"Will we be in a position to tackle those challenges facing our oceans? Will the tools be there to address is-

ues?" he challenged colleagues.

He pointed out areas that need special attention as climate change, managing land-based pollution, ocean acidification, marine litter, and threatened endangered species. He highlighted how different sectors have embraced Artificial Intelligence (AI) and asked scientists to rethink how to make AI to work in fisheries sector for collecting data and addressing important questions.

"We need to position ourselves to utilise technology for the advancement of our oceans as most of the Western Indian Ocean regions are lagging behind," he said, adding this should be a waking up call for the youth and emerging scientists on ways to move forward.

Dr Nadjim was concerned with the lack of interest of youth in his country to engage in ocean sciences and recommended to learn on technologies and innovations practised by other countries for adoption and institution capacity building.

Apart from the main panelists, the event had invited speakers who contributed on challenges and opportunities of innovation in the Western Indian Ocean regions.

Mika Odido, the Africa Coordinator for the IOC UNESCO pointed on the literacy gap and creation of careers in the field of marine sciences.

He demonstrated the existing gap in students understanding the potential opportunities in the marine sciences as well as the gap in the region's academic programs as they fail to illustrate the possible means of self-employment in the sub-sector.

"Institutions and universities offering oceanographic programs should strive to produce job creators rather than job seekers," Odido said, noting that to attain successes, the IOC UNESCO has embedded youth and early-career scientists in their plans for the next decade.

Moreover, the President of WIOMSA, Dr Jacqueline Uku emphasized on the need to embrace innovation to tackle the challenges of climate change.

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For a Just and Equitable Society

The dilemma of the Liberian youth

By William G. Nyanue

FOR the better part of two decades, several friends of mine and I have been engaged in a conversation about Liberia's challenges. We often widened the conversation to include the whole continent. Why do we rank so low on the development ladder—infrastructural, educational, economic, technological, etcetera—and our people so poor despite our rich natural endowments and decades of interactions with the developed world, has been the question that we have been grappling with.

During the last four to five decades, several countries, particularly in Asia, made the successful march from dirt-poor-third-world status to the developed or developing country status. Today, the world is celebrating what may be called the China miracle. A third world country a few decades ago, China is today a rising superpower that is giving the West jitters and that has become most of Africa's destination for investment and development aid.

What makes one nation succeed where so many others are failing is a complex question, but that political leadership plays a critical role cannot be in dispute.

And by leadership I do not just mean the guy at the top; I have in mind a team, that collective that conceives policies and plans and directs programs. The Chinese philosopher Confucius taught that people are like the grass and their leaders are like the wind. Whichever direction the wind would blow, he said, there the grass would bend. Translation: as the people's leaders go, so go the people!

In democracies, the question of political leadership is answered by the people; they determine through their votes who should be their leaders. In today's Liberia, it is what the youths say on this question that matters most since they constitute more than sixty percent of the electorates. So, it seems to me, a serious conversation about Liberia's challenges and future requires a civil conversation with Liberia's youths, thus my reason for writing this piece. I write simply to stimulate a non-partisan conversation with and amongst Liberia's youths about how we might move our country to a better place.

By virtue of their numbers and our new democratic dispensation, Liberia's youths practically hold the future of the country in their hands. Future they sit on our ship of state impacts its center of gravity and thus determines

whether the sailing would be smooth or turbulent. This is an enormous responsibility, even a burden! Unfortunately, I learned from my interacting with and observing some of our young people during the last more than seven years that it is difficult for many of them to focus on this big picture—that the decisions they make on the issue of political leadership, local and national, do actually impact the future of the country.

One of the major blinders—the one thing that often prevents many from focusing on the big-picture issues—is not educated vs uneducated but rather the high level of poverty in our country. Because so many of our people live in poverty, they are continually occupied with survival issues—money for school fees, food for today, rent for next month, etcetera—leaving little or no time to think deeply about big national issues.

Poverty is not a new phenomenon in Liberia. I, for example, was one of the lucky few who lived on the University of Liberia's men's dorm on Capitol Hill when I was attending the university in the 1970s.

At that time, I attended the First Baptist Church of Oldest Congo Town, located on the Congo Town back road. Many Sundays I did not have the 10-cents (20 LD) bus fare to go from the campus to church. I also remember several colleagues who went through the university shacking with friends on the dorm because they had no stable place to live in Monrovia.

But three related things have made poverty a dangerous blinder today for so many.

The first is its sheer level; the civil war and the non-strategic management and investment of public resources since the war ended greatly increased the level of poverty in the country. Second, the economy contracted for the same reasons, thus reducing most of the available employment opportunities to government jobs. And third, the number of persons competing for those few government jobs has increased astronomically, making it difficult for many of the young people entering the job market today to get gainful employment.

We, the young people of my time, persevered through our poverty to get an education because we were reasonably sure of a better life after graduation. About thirty days after receiving our engineering degrees, two friends of mine and I, for example, cashed our first salary checks at the then branch



of the National Housing and Savings Bank on Bushord Island, located at the UN Drive and Caldwell Road junction. Many of our liberal arts colleagues also quickly got employed. Today, the situation is starkly different.

So, understandably, many of the young people today have been compelled to turn to politics, the one thing that has been shown to give them a fighting chance to survive, get an education and pursue their dreams. However, this outlet, which has now become the surest path to wealth and luxury for a lucky few, requires a political patron—a political officeholder who will “push” the young person through to a government job.

That sponsorship often comes with a shackle that literally makes the patron the owner of the young person. Where the patrons are unprincipled, the beneficiary young people are mentored/conditioned to often act against their long-term self-interest as they do their patrons' biddings. It must be this phenomenon that the Nobel Laureate, Oluwole Soyinka, had in mind when he said, “Only in Africa will thieves be regrouping to loot again and the youths whose future is being stolen will be celebrating it.”

In the seventies, many of the young people who followed Bacchus Matthews' PAL and Tipoteh's MOJA, the two main advocates for social and economic justice at the time, did so mainly on ideological grounds; they believed that they were working and sacrificing to change the Liberian society for the better; their leaders had no money to reward them with.

They too were poor, but they apparently managed to look beyond their poverty to see the “better place” that their patrons advocated for. Unfortunately, because that effort was aborted, all one can do today is to speculate whether their patrons could have brought them to this “better place.”

So, what is today's young person to do, particularly those who truly desire to give attention to the big-picture issues—expanding the economy so as to create more employment opportunities, making sure the country's resources are wisely managed and deployed, improving the quality of education and healthcare, combating public corruption,

etcetera?

How does a young person act today in a way that attends to his/her legitimate need to survive—get an education, pay rent, put food on the table, support a young family—and at the same time support our collective need for a country that lifts all its people?

On the one hand, the former requires the young person to be loyal to a political patron, often with little or no consideration for the requirements of the latter. On the other hand, focusing on the latter often means losing survival support since it would mean being more attentive to issues that disqualify his/her patron for public office, such issues as qualification, competence, capability, etcetera.

The situation is made even more difficult because the young person today sees little or no evidence that focusing on the big-picture issues actually brings benefits since many of the “qualified” adults who talked this talk in the most recent past only lined their own pockets when they were given the opportunity to lead. I concede that this is a difficult position to be in but let me share a few points that I suggest every young person consider as he/she thinks about this dilemma:

First, IT IS A FACT that the political patronage route, which we have been on now for quite some time, will only lift a lucky few out of poverty. Any young person who doubts this needs only to look around and will see the number of people who continue to struggle without a job after investing time and energy doing their patrons' biddings, often including badmouthing their patrons' competitors on social media. During the last more than seven years, I came to know many fine, smart and capable young people in the country, several blessed with quality university education, who were subsisting on the generosity of friends and family in foreign parts because either they had no patrons or their patrons could not secure for them a government job. Others were in this helpless, dependent state because some insecure political officeholder saw them as potential competitors who needed to be suppressed.

Second, IT IS A FACT that the lucky few who the current

dispensation lifts out of poverty become, as it were, islands of prosperity. And islands of prosperity in an ocean of poverty will always be vulnerable to tidal waves of instability. Thus, the political patronage route threatens our long-term security.

Third, IT IS A FACT that moving our country to that better place requires certain minimum qualifications, we deny this FACT at our own peril. Unfortunately, we often limit our definition of these qualifications to holding university degrees.

As I use the word here, I have in mind more than just academic credentials, as important as these are; I am also talking about a proven track record of integrity (doing the right thing even when no one is looking), transparency, trustworthiness, fairness, empathy (putting one's self in other people's shoes), hatred of public corruption, and a servant spirit. I am not suggesting perfection, only a serious consideration for things that make for effective, accountable, and responsive leadership.

Fourth, IT IS A FACT that while it is true we do not have many adult leaders in our most recent past who exemplified the aspects of qualification alluded to above, people who possess these qualities do exist in our society; they might “bubble” to the surface if we put premium on these qualities when considering who we might support to be our leaders—local and national.

Lastly, IT IS A FACT that we will continue to linger in this wilderness of despair and wishful thinking until we realize, and act accordingly, that our redemption lies with our getting our most able to lead the effort to bring our country to a better place.

I realize that the issue of qualification for leadership is a difficult, complex one, but one upon which the future of any country rests. The choices we make every time we are confronted with this question impact the future of the country, for better or for worse.

In today's Liberia, the burden to get this thing right rests more heavily on the youths because of their electoral weight.

Their opting to focus on the big-picture issues may require some sacrifice in the form of possible loss of support. But sacrificing to get our country to a better place will be well worth it, provided the choices made are based on demonstrated evidence of real qualification, as discussed earlier, and not just on sentiments.

From farm to fork: The women championing agricultural transformation in Africa

By African Development Bank

FROM Sudan to Mali, Senegal to Mozambique, and Zambia to Mauritania, women are changing the face of agriculture, adapting and innovating to tackle the challenges of climate change, and feeding the continent's growing population.

African women are actors along the entire agricultural value chain, as farmers, livestock breeders, food processors, traders, farm workers, entrepreneurs and consumers.

Through the African Development Bank's Technologies for African Transformation (TAAT) initiative, millions of African women have gained access to new agricultural technologies that have boosted their crop yields, enabling them to tap new markets and increase their incomes.

Improved seeds can help Africa's smallholder farmers, the majority of whom are women, to produce high crop yields even in areas plagued by climate change-related drought, floods and locust swarms that can destroy an entire harvest. Add in the constraints recently imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it's a tough time to be a subsistence farmer.

Fathia Mohamed Ahmed, who belongs to a collective of two dozen women farmers in Sudan's Darfur region is one such farmer. Through the TAAT initiative, her collective has

been provided with high quality seeds for cultivating sorghum, a grain suited to hot, dry conditions. Sorghum, also known as millet, yields a grain that is rich in carbohydrates, protein and other nutrients that can be made into porridge, flatbreads, and cakes.

As a result of higher yields, collective members have gained opportunities for business expansion, including selling sorghum for cash at local markets. “It is an important breakthrough for the group to start our business,” Fathia said. “Our group is still in its infancy, but our focus is to grow and increase our agricultural business activities in the near future.”

West across the Sahel in Mali, 54-year-old Dramane Diallo works alongside a group of women who cultivate rice in Baguinéda, in lowlands on the banks of the Niger river.

Thanks to a Bank-funded food and nutrition project, rice and cereal harvests in Mali's “rice bowl” have risen sharply, and farming families are reaping the benefits. “It used to be that you couldn't go near the embankments because they were in such poor condition. We had problems irrigating our fields,” Dramane said. “But the irrigation channels have been restored and this has made my work less of a chore.”

At the local market, new produce is available. Every evening, stallholder Adirarou Traoré goes to meet



growers in their fields to buy vegetables to sell the next morning. One of her customers, Ténin Traoré, is enjoying the new variety of food on offer: “Agricultural products used to be scarce in our market. Despite the demand, what was available from farmers was expensive and poor quality. It

hasn't been like that for the last two years. Now, we have a modern market, we have everything we need and the quality is good too,” she said.

In neighbouring Mauritania, the government partnered with the Bank to roll out a \$12 million irrigation project that has breathed new life into the west Brakna region, which is prone to droughts, food insecurity and other ef-

fects of climate change.

The development of irrigation systems and dredging of backwaters that flow out of the Senegal River has increased the arable and irrigated farmland from 300 hectares to almost 7,000 hectares.

The project has benefited local women, including Oumou Salif Diop, president of a cooperative of 150 women

farmers. The women, who grow tomatoes, onions and rice among other crops, have received training under the project.

“We know how to work and how to preserve what we harvest,” said Oumou. “We farm better, generating better yields and higher profits. Compared with before, there has been a huge change.”

Further up the agricultural value chain is Monica Musonda, a Zambian businesswoman and CEO of food processing company Java Foods (link is external), which produces affordable and nutritious snacks made from local ingredients.

Although African women are well represented in cultivation, primary processing and as market traders, Monica is one of only few female entrepreneurs that have created large, profitable agri-businesses.

One problem is access to finance. The Bank estimates that a \$15.6 billion financing gap exists for African women in agricultural value chains. Women are forced to rely on personal savings and family loans which are rarely enough to fund businesses to scale.

The Bank's Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) adopts a three-pronged approach—improving access to finance, providing technical assistance and strengthening the enabling environment—to close that gap.

As well as supporting women farmers' access to improved seed technologies and irrigation systems, the Bank is also promoting women's transition into the most profitable segments of agricultural value chains. And with good reason: when African women thrive their societies share fully in the dividends.

SLOWDOWN

Orca's Q1 2020 revenue down by 11pc due to Tanesco, Songas low gas demand

By Guardian Reporter

REVENUE from natural gas sales to state owned power utility fell by 11 percent during the first three months of this year, British Virgin Islands based Orca Exploration has said.

In its new report for the year ending March 2020, the natural gas dealing company said its revenue fell to US\$17.7 million because of decreased demand from the power utility conglomerate

and an income tax adjustment. During the period, the company an additional profits tax liability of US\$11.9 million to Treasury.

"Gas deliveries for the quarter decreased by eight percent compared to the same prior year period. The decrease in gross sales volume was primarily due to the increase in hydro power generated due to higher than normal rainfall during the past six months which decreased sales of

natural gas to Tanesco and Songas Limited," the company's report stated.

The Orca first quarter report however noted that the decrease in Tanesco and Songas demand was par-

tially offset by an increase in sales made to Tanzanian Petroleum Development Corporation through the National Natural Gas Infrastructure.

During the period under review, net

income attributable to shareholders increased 356 percent to US\$12.6 million compared to a prior year period because of collection of US\$10.1 million of owed by Tanesco in arrears.



Orca's CEO, Nigel Friend

Commenting on the latest performance, Orca's CEO, Nigel Friend said despite the coronavirus pandemic the country remained heavily reliant on the stable supply of natural gas, to ensure not only its electricity generation but also industrial output to minimise the economic fallout of the virus.

"Orca remains focused on the welfare of its people and those working with us, so continue to adhere to all of the necessary safety precautions and to maintaining the significant social distancing measures that we have introduced to our operations," Friend stated.

"We are committed to ensuring not only the safety of employees, but also that there is no disruption to gas production operations at this critical time for Tanzania. To date, this has been successful, and we remain extremely vigilant," he added. The company has suspended a planned annual general meeting and executive compensation disclosure to end of December, 2020 when COVID-19 travel restrictions will have been relaxed.



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CONSOLIDATION

MultiChoice wants to be a 'one-stop shop'

JOHANNESBURG

MultiChoice's new DStv Explora decoder will be the first that will have the "shelf space" capability and come with a carousel user interface display incorporating icon tiles for the Netflix and Amazon Prime Video video streamers as DStv morphs into a pay-TV super-aggregator and a content "one-stop shop" that will carry even more such third-party services in future.

Besides the launch of DStv Streaming, MultiChoice's "dishless DStv" digital streaming version of its current service that won't require the use of a satellite disk or installation, MultiChoice also plans to push a new DStv Explora decoder to market later this year that will be its first to carry and make over-the-top (OTT) services available to DStv subscribers in South Africa and across sub-Saharan Africa in the form of Netflix and Amazon Prime Video.

Since publishing the information as part of their latest 2019/2020 financial results, MultiChoice has removed the Netflix and Amazon Prime logos (possibly due to on-going negotiations and other red tape) from the slides that are available to the public.

Talking about content, Imtiaz Patel, MultiChoice Group chairperson, on Thursday in the pay-TV operator's investors' call following the release of its 2019/2020 financial results, said that "the multitude of offerings are leaving customers overwhelmed with what is called the paradox of choice and the need for greater simplicity".

"It is where we see the opportunity to continue

our aggregator journey. We broadcast and stream our own compelling local and international sport content and also make third-party streaming services available on our platform. All of this is to be found on a single platform, with a single bill that provides convenience and choice to our customers through a one-stop shop."

Explaining how the Randburg-based pay-TV operator's own subscription video-on-demand (SVOD) service Showmax will sit alongside that of Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and possibly even more in future like YouTube, Disney+, HBO Max and others which are now in existence, Imtiaz Patel said that "local content and sport will be a key differentiator for Showmax and niche and general entertainment content from other providers will offer our customers more choice."

Investors Calvo Mawela, MultiChoice CEO, on the investors' call said that the pay-TV operator had to take the opportunity to "become the platform of choice for people to consume these OTT services." "People will go for where content is available. With the proliferation of all of these OTT's there are people who want to get access to this content and if we are a one-stop shop where they can get all these services we'll be positioned very well in the market for us to gain customers out there."

In terms of DStv set-top boxes and the timing of the roll-out, he said MultiChoice is in discussions with the distributors on how to launch. "There will be a new decoder that will be coming to the market



MultiChoice CEO, Calvo Mawela (L) and group chairperson, Imtiaz Patel.

that will be able to allow this kind of services to be accessible through the decoder. Our current decoders do not support this."

He said that in the year ahead MultiChoice plans to "ramp up our investment in local content" and that "we will also be launching our OTT premium product, DStv Streaming, and focus on growing our paying Showmax subscriber base."

Talking about the strategy of adding video streamers he said that it will ensure that MultiChoice "continues to be a one-stop shop where people go through us to get content - no matter where it comes from - from any of the OTT players that are coming to the market. In that way we make sure that we remain relevant and that people find the convenience of paying just one bill".

"We also should not underestimate our ability to collect payment and to collect cash across the African continent - that also helps with the OTT's staying with us on our platform."

Payment In terms of how customers will sign up and use Netflix and Amazon Prime Video MultiChoice didn't provide any details but looking at the tie-up operating model between pay-TV operators and video streamers as it has been introduced and used in America, the United Kingdom, Europe and elsewhere, MultiChoice will get revenue in the form of commission for DStv subscribers who sign up and make use of these OTT services through MultiChoice.

Consumers with existing Netflix and Amazon Prime Video accounts will very likely be able to log in as normal through DStv to access these specific streaming services. Existing DStv subscribers who want to become new customers and users will however be able to easily sign up and access (or deactivate) one or more of these services by simply adding the fee to their existing MultiChoice bill, and paying one overall bill, in rand, at the end of the month, instead of to multiple providers.

INNOVATIVE

Emirates launches website to keeps children happy over holidays

By Guardian Reporter

WHILE leisure travel remains suspended and schools closed globally, Emirates continues with imagination targeting kids.

In a statement, the Dubai based airline said it has launched a special activity page on its website to keep children entertained over the summer holidays. "The Emirates Fly With Me Animals, have been digitised so families can take advantage of colourful puzzles, stories and activities featuring friendly, familiar faces - all from the comfort of their own home," the airline said in its statement.

It further added that after decades of making air travel fun for little passengers, the world's largest international airline has a wealth of experi-

ence in keeping children happy and occupied. "Parents and kids can download and print out a 16-page Fly with Me Animals colouring book to get re-acquainted with Lewis the Lion, Peek U the Panda, Ernie the Penguin, Savannah the Elephant, Brett the Bear, Mia the Manta Ray and ChaoChao the alligator," the statement noted.

The statement stated that the website will also enable connection of families and friends by sending a special message to those near and far, using one of the easily downloadable postcards or keep most treasured snaps in a downloadable photo frame featuring the much-loved animals.

"Kids can learn to bake a tasty treat with a yummy banana cake recipe or go on an adventure with the animals in a series of videos for children. The Fly with me Animals activity

magazines are also available to download and each issue is filled with puzzles and games making learning fun. Those missing the cuddly travel companions, can still visit the Emirates Official Store to purchase the toys and take them home," the statement added.

The curated activities were launched just in time for the summer holidays and are the perfect chance for kids to get extra creative and discover ways to make home-learning enjoyable. In the last year, Emirates presented 4.4 million 'Fly with me' kids' toys and Lonely Planet bags and 3.7 million 'Fly with me' magazines and sets of colouring pencils on board, reaffirming its position as the preferred airline worldwide for family travel, the statement concluded.



A member of the Emirates cabin crew giving a young Economy Class passenger.

INVESTMENT

LONDON

Helios Towers targets Africa for US\$450m expansion

HELIOS Towers plans to use about US\$450-million in newly raised funds to expand into African countries including Ethiopia, reviving an expansion plan that was put on hold by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ethiopia is in the process of

opening its telecommunications industry to private investors, with two new mobile licences up for auction alongside a minority stake in the state monopoly. As many as 10 000 new towers are expected to be

needed over the next five years to support the expansion, Helios chief financial officer Tom Greenwood said in a phone interview.

"Ethiopia is a very big opportunity, and after a few months

of being quiet, its government has requested new indications of interest from telecoms operators," the CFO said. "With that now back on the table, we are seeking a financing partner and working with mobile operators

to be in a strong position to enter the market."

The Africa-focused tower company raised about \$1-billion from debt markets this week, Greenwood said, building on a successful initial public of-

fering in London last year. The majority of the proceeds will be used to refinance existing borrowings, with the balance earmarked for expansion.

"We saw a window on Monday, and instead of booking flights

and seeing people face to face, we were just on phone calls," the CFO said. "There was a lot of demand." Helios is among a trio of firms, including American Tower Corp and closely-held IHS Holdings, seeking to take advantage of cheaper and faster Internet speeds to boost their African presence.

ORDER

Singida RC urges DEDs to make better use of assistance from NMB

By Guardian Reporter, Singida

MATERIALS donated by well wishers such as NMB Bank Plc in support of public services should be used properly and as planned, Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr Rehema Nchimbi has said.

Dr Nchimbi said on Friday after receiving 100 desks worth 10m/- donated by NMB for several public schools in the region, that the desks will help speed up development of the community hence should be jealously guarded.

"We have been receiving materials donations from different stakeholders such as NMB Bank over the years but proper utilization and maintenance has been poor. I direct all district executive directors to ensure that such donations are put to intended use and also protected," she said.

She putting the desks to proper use will ensure that many more children from ordinary families will benefit from the donation adding that hand washing pails do-



Singida RC Dr Rehema Nchimbi

ated will also help protect the public from the coronavirus outbreak.

"But we are also calling upon other banks, companies and well wishers to continue supporting as NMB has been doing because we are facing many challenges," the Singida RC added.

NMB's Government Business Relations Manager, Josephine Kulwa said the 100 desks worth 10m/- are part of the bank's one percent allocation out of its annual profits which last year peaked over 140bn/-.

"As appreciation to the public for supporting our business activities, we give back part of the profits into community services to back government efforts to improve social services," Kulwa said adding that Yulansoni and Miganga Primary Schools got 50 desks each from the donation.

Earlier while handing over hand-washing

water buckets to Dr Nchimbi, NMB Central Zone Manager, Nsolo Mlozi urged the public to continue washing hands with running water regularly to tame Covid-19 outbreak.

"This donation is part of NMB's support to government efforts to contain the spreading of the coronavirus," Mlozi said noting that the 1m/- worth of the buckets will be distributed by the RC's office as per needs of various public places in the region.

In a vote of thanks, Singida's Regional Medical Officer, Dr Victoriana Ludovick paid tribute to the bank for the timely support saying it will help address shortages facing many public offices in the region.

"These buckets are very important to us because we currently are facing increased demand especially for villages where low income families are struggling to cope with various diseases," Dr Ludovick said.

ADJUSTING

Tobacco firms push shift to e-cigarettes amid bans

NAIROBI

TOBACCO companies are pushing back against bans on flavoured tobacco and e-cigarettes, which the industry is switching to as an alternative to combustible nicotine.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) says that the shift to the flavoured, sleek design products is a ploy to capture the younger generation market and in May started the 'World no tobacco day' campaign.

Meanwhile, the Global Forum on Nicotine in its seventh conference this year says move to e-cigarettes is an industry reform targeting the 1.1 billion smokers worldwide with safe nicotine products. GFN is an annual forum held to promote alternatives to smoking to cut tobacco-related deaths.

GFN is promoting use of vapes (e-cigarettes), Swedish snus, nicotine pouches and heated tobacco products as part of the industry's tobacco harm reduction approach. Regular cigarettes, sold in sticks, produce nicotine, a highly addictive substance that causes feelings of temporary relaxation and stress relief when inhaled, through the burning of tobacco.

E-cigarettes, on the other hand, comprises of handheld electronic devices that heat a liquid containing nicotine into a vapour that people inhale. "Smoking is the single biggest cause of non-communicable disease (NCD). It kills half of all those who smoke," GFN said.

The Global Burden of Disease study estimates that smoking directly accounted for 7.1 million premature



An e-cigarette smoker enjoying his stick

deaths in 2017, with an additional 1.2 million deaths attributed to second-hand smoke. Compared to regular cigarettes, whose health effects have been studied extensively over many years, studies on the impacts of e-cigarettes are still limited as it is only recently that the products gained popularity.

While some smokers have been able to quit, those who cannot are at a huge health risk, GFN says when they continue to use combustible tobacco. The lobby says where available and affordable, safer nicotine products such as vapes and snus give smokers more options.

But health experts warn that all tobacco products are harmful and dissuade people from using them. Globally tobacco control efforts led by international agencies such as the WHO have lowered smoking rates.

However, 80 percent of the world's smokers live in low and middle income countries, least able to implement tobacco control measures and whose health-care systems are unable to cope with the disease burden of smoking. E-cigarettes are banned in countries such as India, Brazil, Uruguay and Singapore.

PROFIT

Insurance companies rake in Rwf46 billion in 2019

KIGALI

RWANDAS insurance sector retained earnings worth Rwf46.6 billion last year from premiums and other interest generating activities, thanks particularly to the increased assets of insurance firms.

The budget framework paper (BFP) presented last week by the Fi-

nance Minister, Uzziel Ndahijimana, shows that total assets of the insurance sector increased by 13 per cent. Assets increased to Rwf509.7 billion in December last year from Rwf452 billion in the same period in 2018.

Insurance is an industry that, essentially, takes in money and invests that money before subsequently paying claims. with higher invest-

ment returns, there's more profit being generated by the insurance sector, analysts say.

But the increased growth in assets of the domestic sector insurance is mainly attributed to capital injection of Rwf4.3 billion and retained earnings of Rwf46.6 billion. The sector makes profits from other investments such as real estate, equities,

and government securities.

Ndahijimana told lawmakers on Thursday that the insurance sector remained solvent and maintained capital buffers above the minimum prudential requirements. Gaudens Kanamugire, the president of Association of Insurers, asserts that the sector performance was supported by economic growth.

"The economic environment was favourable. As the country grows, the insurance sector grows together with the economy," he said. The general population is, on one hand, getting more and more sensitized about insurance and on the other, market players are deploying aggressive marketing, Kanamugire notes.

"For example, more people are taking medical insurance. Whoever has some little purchasing power would like to have some form of health insurance," Kanamugire who's also the chief executive of MUA said. That, he added, has increased uptake of insurance services and products.

The insurance sector funda-

mentally provides a valuable risk management function for both individuals and businesses by spreading risks, and its growth and performance is critical for economic growth and development.

The number of insurers reduced from 16 in December 2018 to 14 in December 2019 following the merger of Saham General Insurance and

MIGRATION

COVID-19 triggers visible acceleration towards cashless, digital economies

JOHANNESBURG

THE spread of COVID-19 has accelerated the adoption of mobile financial services, which are increasingly being recognised as a tool to mitigate the use of cash in a world fighting the pandemic.

This trend has been supported by the move by many operators, including MTN Group, to waive or reduce certain fees to ease customers' financial pressures amid a global economic contraction. "To date, as part of MTN's Yello Hope response to COVID-19, we have zero-rated 120 million peer-to-peer mobile money transactions with a value of approximately R43 billion," says Serigne Dioum, MTN Group executive for mobile financial services. "This has enabled many consumers and businesses across our 16 MoMo markets to transact and accept payments remotely, allowing them to continue operating despite lockdowns."

The operator believes mobile financial services have grown faster in Africa than anywhere else in the world. "As many countries adopted partial or total

lockdowns, we witnessed an evolution in the type and volume of mobile money transactions," says Dioum. "We saw a significant increase in MoMo Pay merchant and bill payments despite an initial decline in mobile money agent transactions due to the restrictions. However, we have already started to see a gradual increase as restrictions have been eased."

"These changes, triggered by COVID-19, have enabled the acceleration and scaling of cashless and digital economies. They support our ambition to transition to an end-to-end platform, creating a digital marketplace and connecting consumers to businesses, and businesses to businesses. We see this as a significant opportunity to change the outlook for affordable, inclusive, understandable and comprehensive financial services in Africa and the Middle East."

MTN says its MoMo Pay offering is live in 10 markets, with 250 000 merchants, 2.1 million active users. At the end of March 2020, the company had 35.1 million active MoMo customers, an increase of 0.4 million from December 2019.



Serigne Dioum, MTN Group executive for mobile financial services.

COVID-19

World's 20 largest economies saw record contraction in first quarter, OECD says

PARIS

The world's 20 largest economies have contracted sharply in the first three months of the year due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and measure to contain the virus, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The G20 nations' real gross domestic product (GDP), fell 3.4 per cent in the first quarter, the Paris-based global intergovernmental organisation said on Thursday. By comparison GDP fell only 1.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2009, at the height of the financial crisis, the OECD said.

The world's second largest economy China recorded the largest contraction of 9.8 per cent, France and Italy each contracted 5.3 per cent, Germany shrank 2.2 per cent, Canada 2.1 per cent and the UK 2.0 per cent. Brazil's economy decreased 1.5 per cent, the US 1.3 per cent and Mexico 1.2 per cent.

The contraction was less pronounced in Indonesia which shrank 0.7 per cent, Japan 0.6 per cent and Australia 0.3 per cent. India expanded 0.7 per cent and Turkey with 0.6 per cent, the only two G20 economies that recorded growth. The G20 nations, currently led by Saudi Arabia, represent 85 per cent of the world's nominal GDP. The group of 20 biggest industrialised nations include the European Union and 19 other countries.

The coronavirus outbreak has claimed more than 417,000 lives and infected more than 7.3 million people worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking the

outbreak. Both global infections and mortality rate are likely being "significantly underestimated," Angel Gurría, OECD secretary general said this week.

The pandemic had forced governments to close borders and shut all but essential businesses to stem the spread of the virus. Major economies around the world are now opening up gradually, four months after the World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 a pandemic.

G20 governments and central banks have pumped about \$9 trillion into the world economy to revive output, stem job losses and support small businesses. Globally, the output is forecast to contract as much as 7.6 per cent in 2020 in the absence of a Covid-19 vaccine, according to the OECD. The World Bank has projected global output shrinking 5.2, while the IMF forecasts a 3 per cent contraction this year.

The G20 countries were among the first to introduce lockdowns and social distancing measures and those that enforced the most stringent lockdowns, saw the largest contractions in their first



Angel Gurría, OECD secretary general.

quarter GDP, the OECD said on Thursday.

The economic outlook for the G20 for the remainder of 2020 is not positive, according to Moody's Investors Service. Advanced economies within the G20 group are expected to contract 5.8 per cent this year and even a gradual recovery in 2021 is not expected

to revive their GDP to pre-pandemic levels, Moody's said in April.

Emerging economies within the G20 fold, with the exception of China, are expected to contract by 3.5 per cent from a growth forecast of 3.2 per cent prior to the outbreak, according to the rating agency.

While world trade has been already slowing down before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, due to trade tensions, the economic and social disruptions brought by outbreak are resulting in a dramatic decline in trade, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said on Thursday.

The value of international trade in goods has declined about 5 per cent in the first three months of the year and is expected to fall a further 27 per cent in the second quarter. "No region has been spared from the decline," UNCTAD said.

East Asia and the Pacific regions appear to have fared better than other regions, with trade declines for these regions in the single digits both in the first quarter of 2020 and in April.

Still UNCTAD said "preliminary, data for April suggest a sharp downturn in all other regions with declines of up to 40 percent for countries in South Asia and Middle East regions."

Purchasing Manager Indices (PMIs), also signal further deterioration of international trade in the second quarter. "While PMIs tracking international trade indicate that the pace of contraction has slowed in May, they have remained well below the 50 points benchmark," UNCTAD said.

CENSURE

Zoom under pressure to clarify China ties

WASHINGTON

THREE US lawmakers have asked Zoom Video Communications to clarify its data-collection practices and relationship with the Chinese government after the firm said it had suspended user accounts to meet demands from Beijing.

The California-based firm has come under heavy scrutiny after three US and Hong Kong-based activists said their accounts had been suspended and meetings disrupted after they tried to hold events related to the anniversary of China's Tiananmen Square crackdown.

Zoom said on Friday it was notified of the events and asked to take action by the Chinese government in May and early June. It said it has now reinstated these accounts and will not allow further requests from China to affect users outside the country.

"We did not provide any user information or meeting content to the Chinese government," Zoom said in a statement. "We do not have a backdoor that allows someone to enter a meeting without being visible." The online meeting platform, which has surged in popularity as the Covid-19 pandemic has forced millions around the world indoors, has seen its downloads soar in China.

The service is not blocked in China, unlike many Western platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, which abandoned efforts to crack China's market years ago due to government demands to censor and monitor content. Twitter on Thursday said it had removed accounts tied to a Beijing-backed influence operation.

Letter

Representatives Greg Walden, the top Republican on the house energy & commerce committee, and

Cathy McMorris Rodgers, the ranking member of a consumer subcommittee, sent a letter to Zoom CEO Eric Yuan on Thursday asking him to clarify the company's data practices, whether any was shared with Beijing and whether it encrypted users' communications.

Republican senator Josh Hawley also wrote to Yuan asking him to "pick a side" between the US and China. The three politicians have previously expressed concerns about TikTok's owner, Chinese firm ByteDance, which is being scrutinised by US regulators over the personal data the short video app handles.

"We appreciate the outreach we have received from various elected officials and look forward to engaging with them," a Zoom spokesman said. China's Internet watchdog, the Cyberspace Administration of China, did not immediately respond to a faxed request for comment.

Wang Dan, a US-based dissident and exiled student leader of the crushed 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, had his Zoom account suspended. He said he was shocked to hear Zoom acknowledge it had interrupted meetings he was participating in. His 3 June event with about 200 participants was deactivated midstream, he said.

"Zoom complied with China's request, preventing us from going about our lives smoothly," Wang said in an e-mail. "It cannot get away with just a statement. We shall continue to use legal means and public opinion to ask Zoom to take responsibility for its mistake."

The company said it is now developing technology to enable it to remove or block participants based on geography, allowing it to comply with requests from local authorities. It said it would publish an updated global policy on 30 June.



Zoom CEO Eric Yuan



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WORLD

Over 100 arrested in central London in violent protests against anti-racism

LONDON
OVER 100 people were arrested during Saturday's far-right protests in central London, which turned violent later and left six police officers with minor injuries, Scotland Yard said.

A crowd of people, mainly white men, converged on Parliament Square, before moving to Trafalgar Square and other areas in central London on Saturday to "guard" statues as part of counter-protests against anti-racism demonstrations. Around 200 protesters later broke the police cordon by remaining in the area past 17:00 p.m. local time (1600 GMT), most of whom congregated around the statue of Winston Churchill.

Among those gathered was Paul Golding, leader of the far-right group Britain First, who had called on supporters to descend on the British capital while claiming authorities had "allowed vandalism against national monuments." The protests then turned violent, with demonstrators pelting bottles and at least one smoke bomb at police officers on foot and on horseback. Chants of "England" rang out around the Whitehall road as many of those present were drinking.

Six police officers and at least 13 other members of the public were injured during the protests, and six of them were taken to hospital, the ambulance service said.

As of 21:00 p.m. local time, at least 100 were arrested for offenses including violent disorder, assaulting police officers, possession of an offensive weapon, possession of class A drugs, being drunk and disorderly and breach of the peace, Scotland Yard said.

"Millions of Londoners will have been disgusted by the shameful scenes of violence, desecration and racism displayed by the right-wing extremists who gathered in our city today," London Mayor Sadiq Khan wrote on Twitter following the protests.

"In the face of attacks and abuse, our police did a fantastic job to control the situation. Thank you," he wrote.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson also condemned the violence on Twitter, posting, "Racist thuggery has no place on our streets. Anyone attacking the police will be met with full force of the law."

"These marches and protests have been subverted by violence and breach current guidelines. Racism has no part in



Demonstrators take part in a protest in London, Britain, on Saturday. (Xinhua)

the UK and we must work together to make that a reality," he wrote.

"Any perpetrators of violence or vandalism should expect to face the full force of the law," Home Secretary Priti Patel wrote on Twitter, calling the violence "unacceptable thuggery."

"Violence towards our police officers will not be tolerated. Coronavirus remains a threat to us all. Go home to stop the spread of this virus & save lives," she wrote.

Meanwhile, Shadow Home Secretary Nick Thomas-Symonds joined the condemnation, saying the protesters seemed "intent on causing violence and division."

The latest far-right protests took place after a series of anti-racism demonstrations across the country, sparked by the death of African American man George Floyd on May 25 in the U.S. city of Minneapolis.

Floyd, 46, died after a white U.S. police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes until he stopped breathing. In a video footage, Floyd was heard saying "I can't breathe" while three other police officers stood by.

Last weekend, anti-racism protesters in London defaced the statue of Churchill in Parliament Square

in central London, and toppled a statue of 17th-century slave trader Edward Colston in the southern British city of Bristol. They had also arranged further protests this weekend, prompting statues to be boxed up.

In response, Mayor Khan said Friday that key statues and monuments in London, including the Cenotaph in Whitehall, statues of Churchill and Nelson Mandela, are to be covered and protected.

Anthony Glees, former director of the University of Buckingham's Center for Security and Intelligence Studies, told Xinhua in a recent interview that he was not surprised the anger over Floyd's killing spread across the Atlantic to Britain.

"My sense is black people in Britain share the anxieties and resentments felt by American black people, and associate with them very strongly," Glees said.

"The murder of George Floyd has visibly awakened many people," Brussels Times newspaper quoted Ange Kazi, spokesperson of the Belgian Network for Black Lives Matter, which called for the protest, as saying.

"Many people are fed up with police violence, which systematically affects Blacks," she said.

Xinhua

WHO: COVID-19-positive moms should continue to breastfeed

ZURICH/GENEVA

BREASTFEEDING mothers do not seem to be passing on the new coronavirus to their infants, and based on current evidence the benefits outweigh any potential risks of transmission, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that it had carefully investigated the

risks of women transmitting COVID-19 to their babies during breastfeeding.

"We know that children are at relatively low risk of COVID-19, but are at high risk of numerous other diseases and conditions that breastfeeding prevents," Tedros told a news conference.

"Based on the available evidence, WHO's advice is that the benefits of breastfeeding outweigh any potential risks of trans-



mission of COVID-19," he said.

Anshu Banerjee, a senior advisor in WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research, said that only "fragments" of the virus had been detected in breast milk, not live virus.

"So far we have not been able to detect live virus in breast milk," he said. "So the risk of transmission from mother to child so far has not been established."

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Beijing tightens control measures as new COVID-19 cases reported

BEIJING

BEIJING has tightened COVID-19 control measures as newly confirmed cases by local transmission have been reported in the past few days in the capital.

The city reported six new domestically transmitted COVID-19 cases for Friday after one case had been reported Thursday, according to the municipal government.

Given the new cases, the city has suspended a major wholesale food and vegetable market and strengthened control measures to resolutely contain the spread of the epidemic.

NEW CASES

Two confirmed cases, both employees of the China Meat Food Research Center in Fengtai District, were reported earlier Friday, and another four were reported between 4 p.m. and midnight Friday, according to a press conference held Saturday morning.

The latest four new cases either purchased goods or worked at the Xinfadi market.

All the new cases have been transferred to designated hospitals in the capital city for treatment, said Pang Xinghuo, deputy director of the Beijing Center for Disease Control and Prevention, at the press conference.

The newly reported cases came after Beijing lowered its emergency response to COVID-19 from the second level posture to the third level on June 6.

Professor Cheng Feng with the Research Center for Public Health at Tsinghua University said people should keep high alert against the occurrence of sporadic cases, but there is no need to panic.

MARKET SUSPENDED

As the new COVID-19 cases were all connected to Xinfadi, the largest wholesale market with fruit, vegetable and meat supplies for Beijing, the market was suspended Saturday.

To ensure the market supply, special areas have been designated for sales of vegetables and fruits, according to a statement jointly issued early Saturday by the market



A press conference is held by the Information Office of Beijing Municipality in Beijing, capital of China, on Saturday. (Xinhua)

regulation bureau and the health commission of Fengtai District.

Covering an area of 112 hectares, the Xinfadi market has some 1,500 management personnel and more than 4,000 tenants.

All personnel who have had close contact with the market since May 30 will undergo nucleic acid testing, said Gao Xiaojun, a spokesman for the Beijing Municipal Health Commission, Saturday.

According to Gao, the city now has 98 qualified institutions for nucleic acid testing, with the daily test-

ing capacity exceeding 90,000.

Chen Yankai, deputy head of the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Market Regulation, said the city will strengthen inspection of food markets with fresh products, frozen pork, beef, mutton and poultry.

MASSIVE SCREENING

Following the reports of new COVID-19 cases, disease control and prevention staff conducted nucleic acid tests on 1,940 people in the city's wholesale farm produce markets and supermarkets Friday.

Forty-six of them tested positive for COVID-19.

Of the 517 samples collected from Xinfadi market, 45 were found positive in throat swab tests. Another positive case was from a farm produce market in Haidian District, who was a close contact of a confirmed case in Xinfadi, Pang said at the press conference Saturday.

All the 46 people have shown no symptoms, and they are under strict management and observation.

Meanwhile, Beijing's centers for disease control and prevention at municipal and district levels have organized professionals to carry out investigations in wholesale markets of farm produce and large supermarkets throughout the city.

Positive nucleic acid tests were reported from the external environmental specimens related to the confirmed cases. Preliminary findings suggest these cases may have been in contact with a polluted site in the market or infected people, said Pang.

Xinhua

Putin says US riots show deep crisis in the country

MOSCOW

THE riots in the United States show deep internal crises in this country, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with "Moscow. Kremlin. Putin" posted on Instagram page of the program's host Pavel Zarubin yesterday.



"What has happened [in the US] is the manifestation of some deep domestic crises," the head of state said, noting that this crisis had been observed for a long time since US President Donald Trump assumed office. "When he won, and his victory was absolutely obvious and democratic, the defeated party invented all sort of bogus stories just to call into question his legitimacy," Putin explained.

The Russian leader noted that he usually tries to "comment carefully or not to comment at all what is happening in other countries."

Putin also said that the key problem of the US political system is the fact that parties place their interests above those of people.

"It seems to me that the problem is that group party interests in this case are placed above the interests of the entire society and the interests of people," the Russian leader said commenting on the events in the United States.

The interview was recorded in the Kremlin during the conversation with the journalist, not in the format of a video conference.

Mass protests and riots sparked in many US states following the death of African American George Floyd. He died in hospital after a police officer used a choke hold during his arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25.

All four involved police officers were fired and charged. The National Guard joined local police in an effort to combat the riots. A curfew was introduced in nearly 40 cities, including Washington D.C. and New York. **Agencies**

More needs to be done to spur Africa's integration - report

ADDIS ABABA

A NEW report jointly published by the United Nations and the African Union (AU) has emphasized that there is much work to be done to spur Africa's integration, so as to enable the continent withstand socioeconomic shocks, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The second Africa Regional Integration Index (ARI 2019) was recently launched by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union Commission, and the African Development Bank (AfDB) with a call to act to deepen African integration.

The report, among other things, found that "much more needs to be done to integrate regional economies to make them more resilient to shocks such as the current COVID-19 pandemic."

The 2019 index, which builds on the first edition published in 2016, provided up-to-date data on the status and progress of regional integration in Africa.

It also helps to assess the level of integration for every regional economic community and their member countries.

The continental integration index showed that the level of integration on the continent is relatively low with an average score of 0.327 out of 1.

The ARII report complements the African Multidimensional Regional Integration Index, which was developed over the last two years by the AU Commission, regional economic communities, national statistics offices and African Central Banks. With the establishment of regional economic communities and the creation of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA),

Africa has reinforced regional integration as a major development priority for the continent under the 2012 Boosting Intra-African Trade (BIAT) Action Plan.

The Index also ranked African countries' integration within their respective regional economic communities and also with the rest of the continent.

It also scores across five key dimensions that are trade, productive capacity, macroeconomic policy, infrastructure, and free movement of people. The ARII-2019 ranked South Africa, Kenya and Rwanda as the top three most integrated countries on the continent, while South Sudan, Eritrea and Burundi were ranked as the least integrated African countries.

"Whereas the latest edition has data cut off points in 2019, the present COVID-19 pandemic has reopened the question of whether enough is being done in advancing regional integration as a means to help Africa withstand systematic shocks such as the one being experienced today," said Stephen Karingi, Regional Integration Division Director at the ECA. **Xinhua**

Countries should shoulder responsibilities, promote solidarity, cooperation to fight Covid-19

TO win the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic calls for joint action of mankind. China's State Council Information Office recently released a white paper titled "Fighting Covid-19: China in Action", calling on all countries to act promptly, demonstrate solidarity, strengthen cooperation on all fronts, and fight the pandemic together.

China will always uphold the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and shoulder its responsibility as a major country, to contribute Chinese strength and wisdom to the building of a global community of health for all and make unre-

remitted efforts to forge a powerful synergy against the epidemic. China's ideas, proposals and actions on the global battle have won wide respect and high recognition from the international society.

Upholding science and rationality, strengthening unity and cooperation, and promote multilateral coordination, China has fully demonstrated its sense of justice in the battle against the Covid-19 epidemic. In phone calls or meetings with foreign leaders and heads of international organizations, Chinese President Xi Jinping explained China's tactics and achievements in fighting the

virus, and emphasized China's open, transparent and responsible approach towards releasing information and sharing its experience in virus control and the treatment of infected cases. He expressed empathy for the difficulties faced by other countries, saying that China would do all it can to help them. He called on all parties to build a global community of shared future, strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and support international organizations in order to work together to meet the challenge.

President Xi delivered a speech at the G20 Extraordinary Leaders' Summit on Covid-19 on China's

experience. In a call on the international community to rise to the challenge and act swiftly, he put forward a series of cooperation initiatives and four key proposals - launch an all-out global war against Covid-19, establish a collective response for control and treatment at the international level, support international organizations in playing their roles, and strengthen coordination of international macroeconomic policies. He has injected important energy into promoting global anti-epidemic cooperation and boosting market confidence.

On May 18, he addressed the opening of the 73rd World Health

Assembly. Raising a series of important initiatives on the height of building a global community of health for all and announcing a package of major measures to be rolled out by China to support the global battle, he fully demonstrated China's sense of responsibility as a major country.

Bounkong Syhavong, Minister of Health of Laos remarked that by practicing the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind with concrete actions, China has showcased its cooperation spirit to jointly seek common welfare for mankind.

China has shared information and experience with the international community, provided humanitarian assistance to the international community, tried every possible means to provide support to all countries in purchasing protective materials, and carried out international exchanges and cooperation on scientific research. It has shared diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control solutions with over 180 countries and more than 10 international and regional organizations. As of May 31, China had sent 29 medical expert teams to 27 countries, and offered assistance to 150 countries and 4 international organizations. From March 1 to May 31, China exported

protective materials to 200 countries and regions, among which there were more than 70.6 billion masks, 340 million protective suits.

The country has always acted responsibly when the world is in need of mutual assistance. A foreign dignitary commented that the huge efforts made by China to reinforce global pandemic response are obvious to all and have injected confidence and strength to other countries' battle against the virus. Such evaluation reflected the high recognition of the international society on China's contribution. **People's Daily**

US sanctions against ICC officials widely criticised

THE HAGUE

THE international community has bashed U.S. sanctions against some International Criminal Court (ICC) officials investigating possible war crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

The White House said Thursday that U.S. President Donald Trump has authorized economic sanctions against ICC officials "directly engaged with any effort to investigate or prosecute United States personnel without the consent of the United States," as well as the expansion of visa restrictions against these officials and their family members.

Later on Thursday, the ICC said in a statement that the U.S. attacks "constitute an escalation and an unacceptable attempt to interfere with the rule of law and the Court's judicial proceedings."

Noting that the U.S. sanctions represent "an attack against the interests of victims of atrocity crimes, for many

of whom the Court represents the last hope for justice," the ICC, which has 123 member states, vowed it would stand firmly by its staff and remain "unwavering in its commitment to discharging, independently and impartially, the mandate bestowed upon it by the Rome Statute and the States that are party to it."

The United Nations (UN) human rights office said Friday that it is deeply concerned over the United States' planned sanctions.

"The independence of the ICC and its ability to operate without interference must be guaranteed so that it can decide matters without any improper influence, inducement, pressures, threats or interference, direct or indirect, from any quarter or for any reasons," Rupert Colville, spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, told a briefing here.

"Victims of gross human rights violations and serious violations of interna-



tional humanitarian law and their families have the right to redress and the truth," he added.

The German Foreign Ministry on Friday expressed its deep concern over the U.S. decision. "We have noted with great concern the U.S. statement that gives the secretary of state the opportunity, in

some cases, to introduce additional visa restrictions and additional economic sanctions against officials of the International Criminal Court," the ministry said in a statement.

Noting Germany is one of the strongest supporters of the ICC, the ministry said: "We have full confidence in its work. It is an indispensable institution in the fight against impunity for international crimes, and it is needed today more than it has ever been."

"We reject any attempts to put pressure on the independent court, its staff, and those who work with it," the ministry stressed.

The French Foreign Ministry on Friday urged the United States to refrain from implementing measures targeting ICC officials. The U.S. decision "represents a serious attack on the Court and the States Parties to the Rome Statute, and beyond that, a challenge to multilateralism and judicial independence,"

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said in a statement published on the ministry's website.

France reiterated its full support for the court, which bashed the U.S. sanctions later on Thursday.

"The Court is the only permanent international criminal court with a universal vocation," Le Drian said. Noting the court plays a vital role in the fight against impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes, Le Drian said "France will strive to ensure that the Court is able to fulfill its mission in an independent and impartial manner."

The ICC in March authorized an investigation into possible war crimes in Afghanistan, including those that may have been committed by the U.S. military and the Central Intelligence Agency, which could lead to the indictment of U.S. military and intelligence personnel.

Xinhua

US confirms readiness to cooperate with Moscow on Russia Day - envoy

MOSCOW

THE United States Ambassador to Russia John Sullivan congratulated Russian citizens on behalf of US President Donald Trump and the American people on Russia Day, confirming Washington's readiness to cooperate.

"On this the 30th Russia Day we reaffirm our wish to work with the people of Russia to create a more peaceful, prosperous world for all our citizens," the diplomat said in a video address posted on the US Embassy's Twitter account.

"On this holiday the United States recalls the democratic aspirations the Russian Federation embraced three decades ago and salutes the Russian people who continue to work toward achieving the universal freedoms enshrined in your Constitution," he stated.

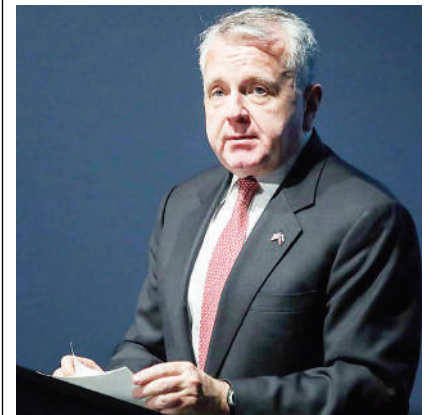
"Our countries have come together at important moments to confront critical challenges as the global community marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The US honors the shared sacrifice of all those who sought to defeat Nazism and fascism, including the millions of Russian soldiers and citizens who endured enormous suffering and loss of life," he noted.

The ambassador highlighted that cooperation of great nations brought an end to Nazi aggression in Europe. "I hope we can strive to do the same now as we collaborate to overcome current global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic so that the citizens of all countries may share a healthy, secure and democratic future."

Russia Day is a state holiday celebrated since 1992 on the day of the adoption of the declaration of state sovereignty of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic (RSFSR).

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A different graduation season: Chinese college students moves graduation online

THE 8.74 million college graduates in China are facing a different graduation season this year, as the COVID-19 epidemic is moving everything online, from graduation photo shooting, to job seeking, and to thesis defense.

To ensure on-time graduation, Chinese graduates must overcome a series of challenges. Meanwhile, they are gaining more experiences and growth. Facilitated by a slew of measures rolled out by both the country's education ministry and local governments, they feel the meticulous care from their schools and the society.

"We can still recognize ourselves in the photo, right?" Said Zhao Mengmeng, who's about to graduate from Central China Normal University (CCNU), pointing to a cartoon-version graduation photo created by an application in which she and her schoolmates were smiling brightly in "hand-painted" bachelor uniforms at the gate of their university.

Finishing the online graduation photo "shooting," Zhao came to the very end of her college life - to go back to the campus for the graduation

checkout.

As COVID-19 cases subside in China, students from multiple universities in Wuhan, including the CCNU, are allowed to go back to schools in batches after June 8. They can live in the dorms after their health codes and nucleic acid test results are verified, and each room accommodates one student.

Zhao's thesis defense, interview of postgraduate entrance exam, as well as job interviews were all completed online. She spent most of her time during the past over four months in front of a computer. She said she had been worried before the online thesis defense, but it went very well. The "cloud thesis defense," in which teachers and students were separated by the screens, according to Zhao, were somewhat warming.

To help students better finish their theses, guarantee the quality of theses and defense, as well as ensure on-time commencement, the CCNU established an online thesis platform and opened multiple electronic data bases. So far, all of the university's 4,400 undergraduates have completed online thesis



A 5G-powered online recruitment conference is launched at Zhejiang Guangsha College of Applied Construction Technology, June 3. The conference includes job promotion, one-on-one interview and Q&A session. Photo by People's Daily Online

defense.

Apart from defending the thesis, Zhao had to prepare for the interview of postgraduate entrance exam and online job interviews.

"I applied for about 70 jobs, and received 5 offers," Zhao told the People's Daily. How-

ever, thanks to the enrollment expansion of postgraduate students this year, she has been admitted to the South China Normal University.

Zhao is only one of the 317,000 college graduates in Wuhan facing the special graduation season. The COVID-19

pandemic forced many to postpone their plans to study abroad, and also exerted huge pressure on those seeking a job, Zhao said.

Wang Lu, an instructor with the CCNU's School of Fine Arts, facilitated 195 students with their graduation affairs. "I to-

tally understand your worries, anxiety, helpless and hesitation. But I firmly believe that these feelings are temporary, and you will be able to cope with them," Wang, a qualified psychologist and senior career planner, told her students in a letter, as she deeply knew the importance of psychological guidance. To relieve the pressure of the students, she also offered online consulting service for them. "To ensure on-time graduation of the students is our achievement in combating the COVID-19 epidemic," she said.

Seeing the outstanding performance of the grid-control measures in epidemic response, Wang established a four-party grid on online platforms involving instructors, student leaders, liaisons and students, so as to have a timely grasp of the students' situations and difficulties they faced.

Learning that the father of a student in poor economic status was diagnosed with COVID-19, Wang immediately help the student apply for a special subsidy to the university.

People's Daily

New oat varieties alleviating poverty in NW China's Wumeng Mountain range

VERDANT winter oats are swaying with the wind under the blue sky in Daqiao township, Huize county of southwest China's Yunnan province, unfolding a picturesque scenery that indicates a bumper harvest.

According to experts, the county's 50,000 mu (3333.3 hectares) of winter oats are expected to yield 280 to 300 kilograms per mu, while the high-yield species 400 kilograms.

Dr. Xu Lijun, an oat expert coming to Huize from Beijing for technical guidance, was very glad to see the rolling fields. Since November 2017, she has made nearly 20 trips to the county.

"It was hard at the beginning, as it was not easy for the people here to accept the new oat varieties," she told People's Daily on the phone.

"They don't trust empty talks, so if you want them to accept, you must show them the results. That's what we must do in our efforts to reduce poverty through science and technology and let

the people benefit from innovation," she added.

Located in the frigid highlands, Huize county in the northeastern part of Yunnan Province has a mountainous landscape and a severe climate. With few arable land, the county is stricken by extreme poverty.

To alleviate poverty there, the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) designated to offer pair assistance for the county began to take actions. Wangbo, an official with the CAE, started working as the deputy head of the county since July 2017.

He set up platforms, invited experts, and introduced technologies. After investigations and surveys, he shifted his attention to oats.

Oats are a traditional commercial crop in Huize county, but the yield was low due to the outdated varieties and inferior technologies. The maximum yield per mu stood at only 60 to 70 kilograms.

As it happened, Wang's wife Xu Lijun is an expert on oat, who

was tutored by Sun Qizhong, a specialist at Institute of Grassland Research Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). Therefore, Xu invited Sun to join Wang's plan to revitalize the county with oats, and the plan has won great support from the CAAS.

Xu came to the county in November 2017 for the first time. Under the joint efforts of multiple parties, the couple introduced more than 20 varieties of quality oats and started trial planting in Daqiao township and other places in the county in 2018.

As Huize county has more vacant fields and a suitable winter climate, the couple decided to grow winter oats there.

To reassure the farmers, Xu came to visit Huize county every winter. While she was busy working in the experimental fields, she offered technical guidance to the "pioneer" farmers.

In the spring of 2019, Yun-

nan was hit a severe drought that led to five consecutive rainless months. Production of local crops, including the oats, dropped significantly, and some were even hit by total failure.

Fortunately, Xu's oats withstood the drought, and two varieties had a yield of over 300 kg per mu.

Amazed by the new varieties, more local farmers chose to plant them. With the support of the local government, Xu started offering training courses for farmers, in which she introduced new techniques and varieties to them.

Testing a new mode of farming, households in eight villages of Daqiao township saw their income increase by 9,000 yuan (\$1,271) on average last year.

Last winter, the new oat varieties were planted on more than 50,000 mu of farmland in 11 townships of the county. The 15,873 people from 4,755 impoverished households planted a total of 16,000 mu.

People's Daily

Brazil surpasses UK in virus deaths, now 2nd in world

BRASILIA / NEW YORK

BRAZIL surpassed the UK on Friday in the number of COVID-19 deaths, becoming the second deadliest epicenter in the world after the US. Data from the states showed 909 new deaths, bringing the total count to 41,828. The UK tally is 41,566. The number of infections rose by 25,982.

Latin America's largest nation and economy trails only the US in number of cases. The University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, which the Trump administration has relied on, projects Brazil will overtake the US in per-capita deaths by mid-July.

"The system as such from the data we see is not overwhelmed," the WHO's top emergencies expert Dr. Mike Ryan said, with few areas of Brazil using more than 80% of their hospitals' intensive care bed capacity.



President Jair Bolsonaro

A new study suggests infections in Brazil may be far more widespread than official data suggest. Researchers at the University of Pelotas in southern Brazil estimate six unreported cases for every one confirmed diagnosis across 120 cities studied. The conclusion is based on tests and interviews with more than 31,000 people conducted June 4-7.

WHO

The Americas are bearing the brunt of the global coronavirus pandemic at present, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday, with North and South America currently having four of the 10 worst hit countries in the

world.

"The virus is actually starting and will wreak more havoc," said Tedros. Most countries are in the throes of the first wave, and the risk of a second wave is present for any country exiting lockdowns, said Mike Ryan, head of the WHO's health emergencies program.

Ryan said he's concerned by the "upswing" in the Southern Hemisphere, and Tedros said the pandemic is accelerating in low- and middle-income countries. Ryan said there's no guarantee any vaccine will arrive in time.

US

US cases increased by 20,574 from the same time Thursday to 2.03 million, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University and Bloomberg News. The 1% increase was lower than the average daily increase of 1.1% the past seven days.

Agencies

UK government urged to revise social distancing rule to help pubs survive

LONDON

PUBS and bars in England may be able to reopen in early July amid the British government's efforts to ease the lockdown, but "further safer working guidance" for these businesses has yet to be announced.

So as to help the industry survive the COVID-19 pandemic, pubs and associations in Britain are calling on the government to review and revise the 2-meter guideline for social distancing.

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REOPEN

"The industry has been given

a glimmer of hope with July 4 as a target for the earliest possible date for the reopening of pubs. But sadly, if no reduction (on social distancing measures) is made before that, this could result in devastating pub closures and job losses in communities," Emma McClarkin, chief executive of British Beer & Pub Association (BBPA) told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

According to the figures released by the BBPA, leading trade association representing brewers and pubs, the current social distancing rule means that only about a third of Eng-

land's pubs will be able to reopen. McClarkin said the BBPA were hoping that pubs could reach that target date and were working closely with the government in order to ensure a safe environment for the pub staff and customers, but there were still major challenges.

"The biggest challenge we face right now, as a social environment that we have inside our pubs, is social distancing measures," she said, noting the current 2-meter rule in the country will be "extremely difficult" for pubs to operate. "No two pubs are the same, it's why we love

the great British pub -- it's full of character: nooks, crannies, small pinch-points which will make it extremely difficult for some of our pubs to operate under (the rule of) 2 meters," said McClarkin.

She told Xinhua that the industry had been calling for the government to adopt the World Health Organization (WHO) guidance, which recommends keeping at least 1-meter social distancing.

According to BBPA's estimations, it would allow around 75 percent of England's pubs to be able to reopen, and "would re-

ally get the pub economy going again", if the social distancing measures could be reduced to 1 meter.

Some countries including China adopt the 1-meter rule but face masks are mandatory in public places, while some other countries including Germany and Italy have a 1.5 meter rule. But Britain, along with Canada and Spain, insists that people should keep 2 meters apart.

STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

The BBPA said it's not too late for the government to review and revise its guidance, citing

that insisting the current social distancing measures could have a severe impact on the industry.

The association released findings Thursday that overall sales of beer in the first quarter of 2020 were down by 7.2 percent year-on-year to 1.5 billion pints, the lowest level since the record began two decades ago, as the industry is facing the biggest crisis ever.

"The pandemic has been devastating for the British pub sector. We are really finding it extremely difficult to survive during this time. We've had some government support, but

some pubs have been in receipt of no grants at all," McClarkin told Xinhua.

"We have closed our doors to play our part against coronavirus but now we need to find a pathway to reopening so that we don't lose the great British pub forever," she said.

The BBPA recently ran a poll of their members -- which include pubs and breweries -- to see how many of them would be able to survive the lockdown. It shows only 40 percent of their members would be unable to survive until September, unless government helps them. Xinhua

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SPORT



Fans sit in a grandstand outside the course overlooking the 15th fairway in order to watch the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, June 11, 2020. (AP Photo)

Colonial spectators in bushes and temporary tents off course

FORT WORTH, Texas

MAX Butcher and his buddies felt as if they had front-row seats at Colonial, even in the bushes with no spectators allowed on the course.

The group of five recent graduates from nearby TCU stood in a small gap between a row of shrubbery and a chain-link fence Saturday. They had a view of the fourth and fifth holes during the third round of the PGA Tour's first tournament in three months.

"This is as good as it gets right now, and I can't complain," said Butcher, who has been in that spot multiple days this week.

They had to push through gaps in the bushes to get to there but Jack Kurz, who stood next to Butcher, said the close-up view made it "almost better than getting a ticket."

There were no tickets for anyone, not even for Colonial members. The PGA Tour isn't allowing spectators the first month back after the long hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of those members did have obstructed views from one of three temporary viewing areas set up in the yards of homes on the edge of the course. One was along the main road that leads to the clubhouse, and two others were near the 15th and 16th holes.

One member watching Saturday from a raised tent across Colonial Parkway with partial views of parts of the second, third and fourth holes, called it "bittersweet."

The member, who didn't want to give his name, wasn't happy to be on the outside looking in, but was glad the tournament was being played three weeks after it was originally scheduled. He said others with him felt the same way. Held since 1946, Colonial is the longest-running PGA Tour event at the same venue.

Cheers from a temporary grandstand erected in a backyard near the 16th tee box could be heard at the far end of the golf course. Nearby in another yard was another raised tent dubbed "Mockingbird Deck" - after the street name.

Under the circumstances, I'm not disappointed at all. I think the way that this whole thing has been handled has been great," he said. "I'm just glad these guys came, and I think they were ready to come and I think there's people who were ready to come out and see it."

Including the guy who brought his six-foot ladder to get a view during the first round.

"Yeah, it was pretty cool," Connors said. "I know we're used to getting applause and whatnot, and cheers when we hit good shots. So yeah, that felt nice. It was definitely different because that's not happening really anywhere else on the golf course. So it put a smile on my face for sure."

Jordan Spieth noticed people peeking through the fence by the No. 1 green and behind the second tee, where some rode up on their bikes. The Dallas native who attended the Colonial at times growing up was asked if he would ever try to sneak on a course.

"I wouldn't try and sneak on. I don't think that's going to go well for you," Spieth said. "But certainly try and get a view."

One man did get through the fence in a corner near those bushes beyond the fourth green Friday and watched some golf before he was forced to leave.

Everyone stayed outside the fence there Saturday, with Butcher and his buddies among about a dozen spectators watching the holes that are part of Colonial's "Horrible Horseshoe" - including that long par-3 fourth hole and the difficult No. 5 hole that runs parallel to the Trinity River. The TCU grads were directly behind the fifth tee box, only a few feet from the players.

Chris Zeld, standing in the shade not far from that group, has lived in Fort Worth for 33 years and has been going to the Colonial that whole time. He missed only one day in his unusual viewing spot this week, and planned to be there again Sunday to watch all the groups go by before going home to watch the rest on television.

"Under the circumstances, I'm not disappointed at all. I think the way that this whole thing has been handled has been great," he said. "I'm just glad these guys came, and I think they were ready to come and I think there's people who were ready to come out and see it."

Including the guy who brought his six-foot ladder to get a view during the first round.

Is Molinga an easy scapegoat for Yanga?

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

PERHAPS David Molinga would be excused for looking at his much-publicised struggles at Young Africans SC (Yanga) as an aberration and not, as his critics would suggest, a definitive reflection of his 'uselessness in front of goal' and being a waste of resources.

After all, Molinga's perceived failure at the Jangwani Street-based side is a goal tally of nine in 22 appearances across all competitions. Is this bad as his detractors would suggest?

If the fans love you, you can easily get away with anything as a player. If they don't, and you make a mistake, you are screwed.

Bernard Morrison was a no-show for the away trip to Mwadui.

Assistant coach, Charles Boniface Mkwasa and media officer, Hassan Bumbuli, admitted Morrison did turn up for the bus trip to Shinyanga without any notice.

Morrison disappearing act has been swept under the carpet but Molinga's refusal to go with the team after initially being cut out of the travelling contingent has got Yanga fans wailing and cursing the day the 'heavyweight' Congolese striker landed in their club.

It is easy to sympathise with Molinga given his stats but football is an emotional game.

When the team is on a bad run, somebody needs to be singled out, sadly most of the time it's Molinga in the case of Yanga this season.

In a game where those who win hearts and minds of spectators, whether it is through their talent, application or charismatic personality, will command loyalty and respect even if they make the worst indiscretions as it is the case for Morrison.

Players like Molinga who have never built a rapport with those same supporters are likely to find it tougher if they step out of line. They are convenient targets. When they make any mistake whether deliberately or not, the reaction can be unreasonable.

Molinga is the unfortunate victim of having been brought out by gaffer Mwyni Zahera who had an acrimonious fall out with the club.

After the departure of Heritier Makambo who was the club's top scorer last season, Zahera backed Molinga's signing and placed a great amount of trust in him.

He boldly claimed Molinga would score 15 goals at a time when he was being questioned for sanctioning the recruitment of an obvious overweight



Yanga forward, David Molinga

striker.

Amidst ridicule from their arch rivals Simba, Yanga supporters struggled with the sight of the overweight Molinga.

It was apparent, the weight issues meant it was going to be difficult for Molinga to be taken in by the Yanga faithful.

After a turbulent start to the season, Zahera was fired and Mkwasa instated on an interim basis. The team starting XI was reconfigured.

Many players who were starters under Zahera were relegated to the bench.

Struggling to contain his frustration after being substituted in a league game, Molinga left the stadium shortly after half time. The rains of criticism started to beat him. Apparently it is at this point that his relationship with

Mkwasa went completely sour.

The constant criticism in the media and by fans may be getting to Molinga, who has railed against attacks on his performances.

He categorically stated assistant coach Boniface Mkwasa doesn't like him since day one.

He further claimed he is usually the player to be singled out when Yanga are struggling, but insists his record speaks for itself. He is the club's leading scorer this season despite playing relatively few minutes.

The chief question remains, is Molinga a culprit or simply a scapegoat for Yanga's failing team this season? The truth lies somewhere in between. There is no place for indiscipline and being out of shape in today's game. Molinga is clearly out of shape and has disciplinary issues.

On the other side of the coin, while it is true Molinga has not had the best of seasons but to label him useless is being seriously two-faced. Yes, he has not performed in high standards but he is the club's leading scorer.

One gets the feeling that some people, both in the media and among Yanga fans anticipate a moment like last week's furore to pile on him with vigour.

No player deserves to be a scapegoat. It is a team game and needs collective responsibility. The uncomfortable truth is that there are very few Yanga players that have had a great season.

Molinga has messed up here and there, if what the media are reporting is actually true but there is a hysteria building that is unnecessary yet convenient.

US Open faces D-day amid player uncertainty

LOS ANGELES

THE fate of the US Open is set to be revealed this week when officials decide whether or not the tournament can go ahead as planned amid mounting unease among top players.

The deadly COVID-19 pandemic, which has decimated the international tennis calendar, now has the Flushing Meadows fortnight in its crosshairs.

With New York the hardest-hit city by the US coronavirus crisis, the United States Tennis Association has been scrambling to come up with a plan that allows the tournament to be staged.

But with the French Open postponed to a September 20 start, Wimbledon cancelled and the tennis season in shutdown, the US Open's status has looked increasingly questionable as its August 31 start date looms ever closer.

After considering and reportedly discarding the idea of moving the tournament to either California or Florida, the USTA has settled on staging the event in New York inside a protective "bubble", possibly without fans.

Under safety protocols proposed for the tournament, players would be confined to a hotel outside of Manhattan and would only be allowed to bring one member of their entourage to the event.

Singles qualifying would be eliminated while the doubles tournaments would be drastically reduced from 64 pairings to just 24.

The ATP/WTA Cincinnati Masters event could also be shifted to New York as a lead-in tournament.

"This is the world we are living in," USTA's director of player relations Eric Butorac told ATP and WTA players during a conference call on



World number one Novak Djokovic says he is skeptical about plans for the US Open in New York, the epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic (AFP Photo)

Wednesday.

"We believe this is a good plan and believe it is good for the sport. It's good for the tennis economy, creates jobs for you, for coaches, for commentators, for so many people.

"And most importantly, this plan keeps you safe."

- Mission 'impossible' -

So far, however, those words of reassurance have failed to quell unease amongst some of the international tennis circuit's biggest names.

World number one Novak Djokovic said the proposed safety measures

and restrictions on the numbers of support staff were problematical.

"We would not have access to Manhattan, we would have to sleep in hotels at the airport, to be tested twice or three times per week," Djokovic said.

"Also, we could bring one person to the club, which is really impossible.

"I mean, you need your coach, then a fitness trainer, then a physiotherapist."

Djokovic said most players he had spoken to had "a rather negative view" about playing in New York, and predicted some would instead switch

to the delayed clay court season instead.

Djokovic's misgivings were shared by defending men's singles champion Rafael Nadal, who would be chasing a 20th Grand Slam title at Flushing.

Nadal, the world number two, said earlier this month that he would not play in New York if the tournament was taking place now.

The 34-year-old says tennis should not resume until it is "completely safe" for all competitors.

Australia's Nick Kyrgios, meanwhile, accused the ATP Tour of riding roughshod over player concerns.

"The ATP is trying to make the US Open go ahead. Selfish with everything going on at the moment," Kyrgios wrote on Twitter.

Yet Djokovic's reservations have not won over some of tennis's rank and file. American women's singles player Danielle Collins lambasted Djokovic's public statements about the proposed limits on support staff.

"This is a massive opportunity for players to start making money again, and here we have the top player in the world saying only being able to bring one person with (him) will be too difficult," Collins said.

"It's easy when someone has made \$150 million throughout their career to try and tell people what to do with their money, and then turn down playing in the US Open," Collins added.

Whatever the USTA decides, the organization, which last week laid off more than 100 employees, is coming to terms with what will be another massive financial hit to revenues, which have already been "shattered" according to association president Patrick Galbraith.

Last year, an estimated \$400 million of the USTA's financial revenues of \$485 million were generated by its flagship tournament, with a large chunk of that money coming from sponsors and people attending US Open matches.

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Four things from the return of La Liga

MADRID

La Liga is back after a three-month coronavirus shutdown with games behind closed doors, and with Lionel Messi looking different but playing like he always does.

AFP Sport picks out some of the standout images of the return of top-flight football in Spain:

- Messi back with new look -

More than three months had passed since Messi's last appearance on a football field. The six-time Ballon d'Or winner will be 33 in little over a week, but while he approaches veteran status, his post-lockdown look is more of a reminder of the young Messi.

The hair is longer and swept over to one side. Most strikingly the beard has gone, leaving the Argentine looking fresh-faced.

La Liga's leading scorer looked sharp with the ball at his feet too, and scored the final goal of a 4-0 win away in Mallorca -- after earlier strikes by Arturo Vidal, Martin Braithwaite and Jordi Alba -- as Barcelona moved five points clear of title rivals Real Madrid, who play on Sunday.

- Virus victims remembered -

La Liga's return is a boost for a football-mad country that has been ravaged by the coronavirus, with more than 27,000 officially recorded deaths making it one of the worst-hit nations worldwide in the pandemic.

Like other sports competitions getting going again, strict health protocols mean games in Spain are being played behind closed doors, ensuring unusual atmospheres at matches that would otherwise go ahead in front of large crowds like the derby between Valencia and

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Premier League's international appeal faces coronavirus test

LONDON

WHEN the 100 day-wait for Premier League football comes to an end on Wednesday, the anticipation will be felt as keenly in Mumbai and Beijing as in Manchester and Birmingham.

The global reach of the English top-flight has helped secure its position as the wealthiest league in world football.

The Premier League's overseas television rights deals for the 2019-2022 three-season cycle hit a record £2 billion (\$5.3 billion) and another £2 billion deal has already been struck for Scandinavian rights between 2022 and 2028.

That income will be all the more welcome, with uncertainty over when supporters will be allowed back into stadiums and commercial revenues expected to tumble in a global economic crisis.

However, without the atmosphere generated by buying fans, the Premier League's appeal may be diminished in football's new normal.

"What makes it special in England is the way people react to the game," former Arsenal manager and FIFA's chief of global football development Arsene Wenger told The Athletic.

"It is the best country in the world for the way the fans respond to what's happening on the pitch. That's why I think it will be the most handicapped championship without that."

- Reschedule rebate -

The need to cram the remaining 92 games of the season into a five-and-a-half week window also means many more midweek games with evening kick-offs in England, forcing fans in the Far East to tune in during the early hours.

Overseas broadcasters will be compensated with a reported £107 million rebate due to the change in scheduling.

However, the excitement over the Premier League's return endures, particularly among the huge number of Liverpool fans, many of whom are awaiting a first league title in their lifetimes.

Jürgen Klopp's men are just two wins away from being crowned champions of England for the first time in 30 years.

Hu Zhifei, a 26-year-old journalist and member of Liverpool's official

Llevant.

At Mestalla, as elsewhere, a minute's silence was held before kick-off to remember those victims of Covid-19.

- The new matchday experience -

Without access to stadiums, supporters are still coming together to watch games. However, only a limited number of Barcelona fans could access this supporters' club in the Catalan capital to watch their team's game against Mallorca.

Spaced out to respect social distancing measures, and wearing face masks, they took in Barca's win which allowed the defending champions to extend their lead at the top of the table.

Without fans inside grounds, broadcasters have instead been projecting virtual crowds taken from the computer game FIFA onto seats, and adding crowd chants.

- Suarez boon for Barca -

Barcelona's first game since March also saw Luis Suarez make his first appearance since early January after injury.

The Uruguayan underwent surgery on a knee problem that at one point threatened to rule him out of the rest of the season, but the coronavirus shutdown has allowed him to come back in time to play a potentially key role in the title run-in.

Suarez replaced Antoine Griezmann in the second half of Barca's game at Mallorca. He didn't find the net, but will have a big part to play in the weeks to come, with 10 games left for Quique Setien's team as they try to fend off Real Madrid's challenge.

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How will the summer transfer market work after coronavirus?

By Dale Johnson, General Editor, ESPN FC

WITH the coronavirus pandemic pushing back the start of the 2020-21 season until September, there are major changes to the transfer window as the current campaign runs into August.

The window was due to open in most leagues on July 1 and end on Aug. 31. So how will it work? And when will it close? FIFA has produced a lengthy document of temporary measures to cover issues arising from COVID-19.

It is important to note that these are guidelines for specific situations and each individual association will not apply all measures. Here, we run through what it all means.

When will the summer transfer window officially open?

Right now, we don't really know. It will be different across leagues and it is expected to open when the season finishes in each individual country.

That said, FIFA is allowing associations to open their window up to four weeks before the end of the 2019-20 campaign -- though no major league has said it is considering this and FIFA states any player signed during this period will not be eligible to play until 2020-21. The extension allows a country to have a longer window when the gap between seasons is short, and as the wheels in the market move finances can circulate around clubs who need the cash flow.

France, which saw its season curtailed due to the coronavirus, has already opened its domestic window to help Ligue 1 clubs fill the financial void created by the pandemic, and give players the chance to find new clubs. However, the international transfer market remains closed for now. It is up to associations what kind of transfers it allows during its active window periods.

Similar is expected to be confirmed in the Bundesliga, with the season due to complete with the DFB Pokal final on July 4.

Premier League chief executive Richard Masters has stated the window will not open until after the season finishes on July 26. La Liga president Javier Tebas said he expects the window to open at the end of July aligned with other leagues (its season ends on the weekend of July 18-19).

But Serie A has already announced its transfer window will only open on Sept. 1, with the end of the 2019-20 season technically set as Aug. 31. However, we are likely to see many deals being announced in advance once the Italian top-flight season concludes on Aug. 2.

How long will the transfer window last?

FIFA says it can be no longer than 12 weeks, noting that leagues that have had "all or part of an open registration period directly impacted by COVID-19" can request to move the window to new dates during the same season -- which is what we will see in England, Italy and Spain.

The summer window could also be split into two parts of no more than 12 weeks -- so perhaps six weeks starting now, and another six weeks to align with other leagues. However, one condition of this is the first registration period must not have opened. So with Ligue 1 opening its transfer window on June 8, this indicates it must still close by Sept. 1 -- unless the official request had already been lodged and it can argue its registration period has been directly impacted.

At present, no other major European league has officially changed its transfer window dates, as set out in the worldwide registration calendar.

So when will the transfer window actually close? Italy's window will close on Monday, Oct. 5, and it is likely most leagues will fall roughly in line with this. Deadlines between Sept. 30 and Oct. 5 have been mooted for European leagues, with Friday, Oct. 2 mentioned by Tebas for Spain, and also in Germany.

This date is significant as it follows the usual process of a transfer deadline around two weeks before the Champions League begins. The 2020-21 group stage is pencilled in to start on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

With a 12-week transfer window, leagues could open around July 10 (subject to when a season ends) and close on Oct. 2.

When will clubs complete signings?

Clubs can already agree deals to sign players -- for next season. For instance, on July 1 Hakim Ziyech will move from Ajax Amsterdam to Chelsea for €44 million. Also, Francisco Trincao had already agreed to join Barcelona from Braga in a €31m deal.

While FIFA cannot legally prevent deals being completed, it "strongly recommends that priority be given to the former club to complete its domestic season with its original squad." In the case of Trincao, it has been agreed he will stay with Braga until the Portuguese season finishes on July 26.

Can clubs sign any players to play this season? No. Even though the Dutch Eredivisie season was curtailed, which means Ziyech will become a Chelsea player on July 1, he cannot be registered.

This is also the case for any player who is out of contract on June 30. Free agents who are released at the end of the month, say from clubs in France, Germany or the Netherlands, can be signed but cannot play for their new club in July and August in the 2019-20 season. FIFA states that "the engagement of an out-of-contract player is permitted. The player



Hakim Ziyech

shall only be eligible to participate in domestic competitions for their new club in the 2020/21 season."

There is one provision that allows a player who is released as a result of COVID-19 to sign for a new club this season, but that player's contract must state "at the end of the season" with no specific reference to any date, which is not how contracts in the major leagues work.

What about players out of contract or on loan?

FIFA has made "recommendations regarding the extension of expiring agreements and delay of new agreements," namely that players should stay with the club that are at now until the 2019-20 season is complete. The same goes for players who are out on loan.

However, that is only a guideline and FIFA admits it is "has no authority ... to unilaterally amend the terms and conditions of [employment] agreements," so it would need the player and both clubs to accept.

It means some players may return to their parent club on July 1 when the loan agreement expires, and others may not agree to play on for their club if their contract expires on June 30. FIFA has no control over this. For instance, Adam Lallana will continue to play for Liverpool beyond his contract expiry but Nathaniel Clyne will leave Anfield.

There's also the example of William Saliba, who was on loan at Saint-Etienne from Arsenal. With the Ligue 1 season curtailed he will return to the Emirates. FIFA has created a provision whereby such players can be re-registered with their parent club.

However, FIFA stresses that registration is "distinct from eligibility to be fielded in matches" and that each national association should "ensure that the sporting integrity of its domestic competitions is preserved." As such, returning loan players would only be allowed to be registered in exceptional circumstances. The Premier League has indicated Saliba will not be able to play for the Gunners.

This also applies to players returning to Premier League clubs from loans in League One and League Two.

Players on loan at Championship clubs who do not have agreements extended into July cannot be re-registered at their parent club.

What about players in the Champions League and Europa League?

The plan is for both tournaments to play out through August, but players will remain with their current clubs and see out the season. Even if Chelsea complete a move for Timo Werner from RB Leipzig, who are in the quarterfinals of the Champions League, FIFA advises

he should not officially move to Stamford Bridge until the German club's engagements in Europe are over. Again, technically Chelsea could force the move through if the English transfer window were open but he could not play for the Blues. Players will also not be able to make signings to play in Europe in August.

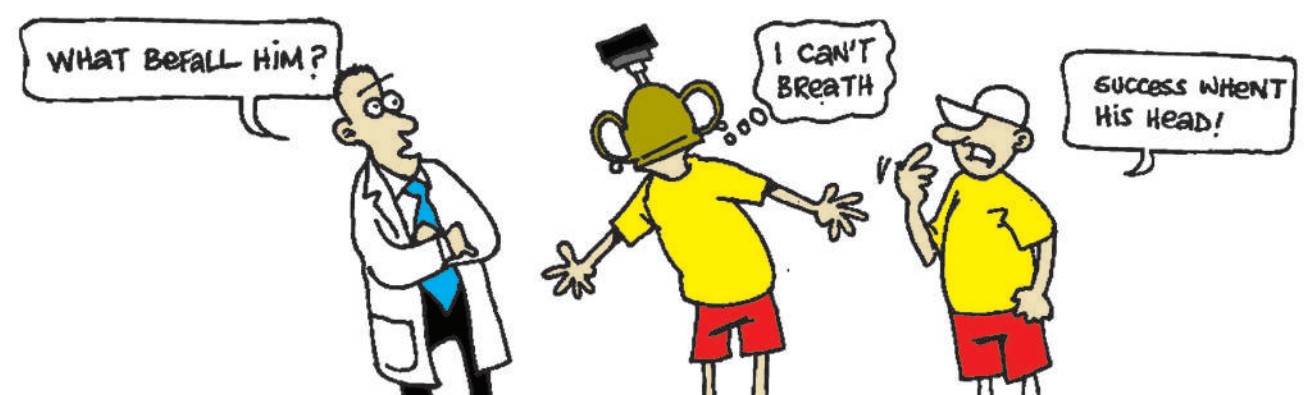
Has anything else changed?

Yes. Usually players can only play for two clubs in one "season" -- and a season begins in July. FIFA has temporarily changed this to three to account for a player who has played for another club in July and August to finish the 2019-20 campaign.

As an example, Trincao could play for Braga in July, Barcelona in the first half of the 2020-21 and then go on loan to another club in January. But Ziyech could not play for Chelsea in the first half of the new season, be sold to another club at the start of January, and move again at the end of January.

It also means a player can finish the 2019-20 season on loan at one club, play for their parent club in the first half of 2020-21, and then move to another team in January. An example here would be Dean Henderson of Manchester United, who is on loan at Sheffield United. He could play for the Blades, then for United at the start of next season before going out on a new loan for the second half.

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Government impressed by amputee football progress

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE government has said it is delighted by achievements the Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) has had in developing the game in the country.

National Sports Council (NSC) acting secretary general, Neema Msitha, issued the statement at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday when TAFF hosted a memorial ceremony for the late Nestory Lygulyao, who was the national amputee football team player, treasurer and one of the founders of TAFF.

She said they appreciate what TAFF is doing in the country by promoting football among people with disabilities.

"We are delighted with what TAFF is doing in promoting football

among people with disabilities in the country, last year our national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' qualified for the 2022 World Cup," Msitha said.

"This is a great achievement, I'm asking the leadership of TAFF to reach out to many football players with disabilities around the country, I'm sure we have many good players only that they are not discovered," she said. Tanzania amputee football team qualified for the 2022 World Cup that is expected to be hosted by either England or Costa Rica.

The national amputee football team is one of four African representatives in the showpiece. Others are Nigeria, Liberia and Angola.

This will be the first time for 'Tembo Warriors' to participate in such a big occasion.

The squad's qualification for the

2022 World Cup has moreover come in only one year of full introduction of the sport in the country under proper supervision of the federation.

She also asked Tembo Warriors' players and all football players with disabilities to work hard so as to realize the dream of the late Lygulyao who wanted the team to scale great heights.

Lygulyao, who once played amputee basketball and was also a weight lifter, was born in 1966 in Morogoro.

He passed away on May 3 this year after a short illness. The ceremony was to mark 40 days of his death.

Speaking earlier, former TAFF president, Peter Sarungi, said the country has lost a man who was committed to seeing to it that people with disabilities are involved in sporting activities.

He said Lygulyao was influential and worked hard in the formation of TAFF as he sacrificed a lot of his time, energy and resources.

"The late Nestory Lygulyao was not only the pioneer of TAFF but also he sacrificed his time, energy and resources, I remember he sold his mobile phone so as we can raise money to register this federation," Sarungi stated.

"He was also the national amputee football team player, his death is a big blow to us all, we will miss him big time," he said.

Sarungi said to honour and recognize Lygulyao's contribution and loyalty to amputee football development in the country, TAFF and Tembo Warriors have agreed to retire jersey number 13, which was worn by him in the national amputee football team.

TOC keen on nurturing competent athletes

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Olympic Committee (TOC) has said it is fully committed to seeing to it the country produces athletes who can compete and win medals at international events.

The committee's secretary general Filbert Bayi issued the statement at a meeting the committee jointly hosted with National Sports Council (NSC) and Athletics Tanzania (AT) with the aim of supporting the local athletics body to successfully host the National Championships in August.

He said TOC understands the challenges AT faces and the committee will help the latter financially so as the championships, slated for August 15-16 at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam, is held successfully.

Bayi challenged all regions, which will battle it out in the showdown, to select athletes who can compete in it, not simply make up numbers.

"We will help AT to successfully host the National Championships, we are doing this because we know that the showpiece is a platform where upcoming athletes are identified, it's the event which helps coaches identify athletes for the national team," Bayi stated.

"We are asking regional athletics committees to select good athletes who will come here to compete not to participate," he said.

The TOC top official said depending on the availability of resources, after athletics, the committee will support boxing, then other sporting codes will follow.

Henry Tandau, TOC vice-president, said the move is to help the country identify athletes from various parts of the country, who can be drafted into the national team.

Tandau stated the country has many athletes but they lack exposure and platform.

"I'm asking AT to make sure that all regions are hosting athletics championships and only qualified athletes are selected for teams which will represent the particular regions at National Championships," he stated.

"The National Championships is the platform where athletes who can represent our country at international events are identified," he said.

Leodegar Tenga, NSC chairman, also said they are ready to support AT so that the National Championships is held successfully.

"The National Championships is the event which attracts cream of athletes from all regions in the country, our aim is to see to it that the country is doing well in sports," he disclosed.

"We will help AT so that the National Championships is held successfully for the country to have many athletes who can compete at international events and win medals for our nation," he said.

Tenga also hailed TOC for the move, saying it has come at a good time when the nation is looking forward to its athletes to win medals.



Yanga

Yanga turn focus to JKT clash

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC (Yanga) would have probably wanted to spend this week basking in the euphoria of ending their winless streak in past two outings.

Instead, another tough test awaits them as they face JKT Tanzania away from home in a Vodacom Premier League clash on Wednesday.

On Saturday, Yanga claimed a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Mwadui FC courtesy of Balama Mapinduzi solitary strike to move level on points with second-placed Azam FC who have a superior goal difference.

Ditram Nchimbi had squandered the best chance of the

game as the striker shot straight at Mwadui FC goalkeeper Mahmoud Amiri from point-blank range when he latched onto a cross by left fullback Jaffary Mohamed.

The goal came on the seventh minute as a result of a quick move engineered by Haruna Nizanzima, who set up an advancing Jaffary Mohamed on the left flank.

A cross by the former was met by Ditram Nchimbi but the goalkeeper Amiri saved Mwadui FC from the attack.

Fortunately Deus Kaseke was quick to react and perfectly set up Mapinduzi who unleashed a ferocious shot into the top corner to grab the all-important goal

for Yanga.

Yanga came into the contest looking to bounce back after a shocking 3-0 defeat in a friendly match against KMC FC.

Speaking about his side's next league outing, Yanga information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, said they are focused on collecting maximum points and will leave for Dodoma on Sunday morning.

"We respect JKT Tanzania, they are a solid side, and to be honest we respect all our opponents. On our way to Dodoma, we will have meet and greet stopovers with our fans," he disclosed.

"So we will have several stopovers at Nzega, Igunga, Manyoni, and Singida before proceeding to our destination."

"By 3pm we should be in Dodoma, we will rest and resume training on Monday in preparation for Wednesday's match."

There are still 10 games to go but Yanga have conceded the title race and instead more attention is on finishing second and claiming the Federation Cup which would hand them a ticket to play in the CAF Confederation Cup.

On Sunday, they face Azam FC late, in what should be an exciting second versus third clash and the game of the weekend.

This game could end up deciding either sides' eventual league position - either Yanga close the gap or Azam FC extend it.

Musician composes track to condemn social injustice

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S visual artist and musician, Athuman Hamis, has joined the rest of the world in condemning the death of African American, George Floyd, by releasing a single titled 'I can't breathe'.

Hamis, also known as Ochu, said the single is aimed at adding voice to the problems which many people, especially black people, face in their daily lives.

Ochu said the three minutes, 56 seconds song was recorded at Dar es Salaam-based T Sounds Record studio by producer Debee while its video was done by producer known as Talented.

"As the 'Black Lives Matter' protests continue, and many people are protesting against racism, I have decided to contribute by coming up with a song titled 'I can't breathe'," he stated.

"It is a single which is talking of the sufferings black people around the world endure, it's a song inspired by George Floyd's death and aftermath," he said.

He said he is hoping to take the song to radios and Television stations this week so that many people can hear the message in the song.

The realistic painter, who is based at Mwenge Vinyago in the city, said the song is as well available on his youtube account.

He stated that the single 'I can't breathe' is moreover his fifth song.

His other songs are 'Sioni', 'Mboni Yangu', 'Hello' and 'Mbele Yako', which was a tribute to the late IPP Limited's Executive Chairman, Reginald Mengi.

According to a video which went viral, George Floyd was killed on May 25 this year by a Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, who knelt on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes.

Floyd repeatedly said "I can't breathe" and eventually became unresponsive.

Many people around the world are joining the protests to demonstrate anger against institutional racism and many believe Floyd brutal death and the 'I can't breathe' campaign challenges other systematic oppression of people around the world.



Athuman Hamis, nicknamed 'Ochu'.

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17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 5SPORTS LIVE
22:30 Bongo Hits

5Sports
The week's local and international sporting events as well as indepth analysis of the biggest sporting highlights of the week are covered on 5sports.

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06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

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