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Govt concedes NARCO project land to villagers

By Guardian Correspondent, Muleba

THE government has rescinded its earlier decision to evict over 2,000 households from a public forest in Muleba district, Kagera region, where the National Ranching Company (NARCO) was already putting up a new farm.

The state-owned company has unsuccessfully tried to evict the 'invaders' for the past five years as it continued pumping funds to develop the 69 hectares that it calls Mwisu II Ranch.

Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki (pictured) toured the area yesterday and announced that residents of 2617 households living in the government land will no longer be evicted.

He said the decision has been made because the forest has enough land to accommodate both the residents and the ongoing investment by NARCO.

"A formalisation team made up of



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officials from the ministry, the district and NARCO will sit and decide on which blocks are turned into villages and demarcated as such," he explained.

"We will ensure that the villagers will continue with their activities without interfering with the operations of the investor-NARCO," the minister declared.

In September last year, NARCO announced that it was spending over 200m/- to survey the land which was being grouped into 89 blocks of different sizes.

Investing in the new ranch was part of its strategies to improve the performance of the livestock sector and control encroachment by herders and farmers into government land.

NARCO has recently been on the spotlight over its performance amid increased conflicts with herders and farmers who have settled within its ranches in the past decades, the ranching utility had stated.

Debating the Livestock and Fisheries ministry budget estimates for 2021/22 in the National Assembly in May, lawmakers argued that keeping domestic animals profitably can only be undertaken by the private sector and not by government

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Dodoma's 26 cases hike Covid-19 tally

● Government axes eight airport screening officials

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has decided to release Covid-19 statistics in fits and starts, if recent developments are indicative of the procedure.

Yesterday, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Dorothy Gwajima released data for Dodoma region where she said there are 26 patients.

"Of them, 22 are in a critical condition and have been put on ventilators," she said.

The minister asked Tanzanians to continue taking precautions against the third wave of the pandemic.

Late last week the minister said Tanzania has recorded 408 new Covid-19 cases since the third wave of the viral outbreak was noticed here, where 284 are being assisted with oxygen machines.

The developments compound the country's recent emboldening of the combat against Covid-19, with the minister's announcement coming a day after she assured diplomats that the ministry had already started implementing recommendations by a presidential team on

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Visibly delighted, CRDB Bank Pic CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (C) applauds in Dar es Salaam yesterday after New York-based monthly magazine Global Finance awarded the bank for emerging Tanzania's Best Bank and the leading one in the country with respect to Innovation. Holding the trophies won are CRDB corporate affairs director Tully Esther Mwambapa (L) and business planning manager Masele Msita. Story & another photo on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ministry wants regional land issues committees

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega has directed regional commissioners whose areas have land conflicts pitting herders and farmers to form committees of experts to solve the problem.

He was addressing regional government officials led by Regional Commissioner Abubakar Kunenge, during his two-day tour of the region.

Local leaders said the conflicts—some of which have been running for decades—are costly to the nation and must be put to an end.



...harvest and sell their livestock products to meat processing factories in order to sell meat locally as well as for export

The terms of references for the committees of experts need to visit conflict-hit areas and discuss the issued at district and village levels, interview the concerned parties to find who is aggrieved so as to propose solutions, he stated.

"The committees to be formed will help to identify areas that have been invaded by stubborn herders so that steps are taken against them," he elaborated.

"The committees should be tasked to identify the actual needs in regard to livestock infrastructures, exhaustive

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GBV acutely prevalent in 15 regions – report

By Guardian Reporter

DECADES of sustained efforts to stamp out gender-based violence (GBV) in the country have yielded little fruit as incidents of domestic violence are increasingly reported in most parts of the country.

Setting out the security situation in the country from January to June this year



in Dodoma yesterday, the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Camillus Wambura (pictured) said GBV is still stubbornly prevalent in 15 regions.

In addition, the police have also cited five regions that lead in the reporting of GBV incidents, with data on the killing of children showing that Kagera region led with 11 incidents during the year, followed by Mwanza with nine, Rukwa (four), Kilimanjaro (four) and Dodoma with three such incidents.

"In regard to child abuse, Tanga Region leads with 178 incidents reported, Mbeya (162), Unga Urban West Region (155), Morogoro (155) and Kilimanjaro Region

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Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba responds to comments by members of the diplomatic corps in Dar es Salaam on Monday shortly after presenting the government's Budget for financial year 2021/2022 to the international community. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF)'s mortgage scheme that was meant for all has now been limited to middle and low level public servants.

Launched last week with 192 housing units countrywide to start with, the plan seeks to give beneficiaries homes and save millions of shillings paid as rent for years.

Speaking at the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair this week, PSSSF's public relations manager, James Mlowe, said the scheme now targets teachers, doctors, nurses, police officers and members of the armed forces only.

"Workers in these categories constitute 80 per cent of our members and most of them live in rented houses until they retire; this plan will enable them own decent homes as they serve or country," he said.

Mlowe said the prices range between 36m/- to 61m/- depending on the size, adding that the prices paid on small installments are VAT inclusive.

Some 106 of the houses are located at Chanika-Buyuni area in Dar es Salaam, 25 at Usule area in Tabora, six at Mang'amba area in Mtwara, 46 at Ibadakuli in Shinyanga, eight at Mawelewele in Iringa and one house at Lukobe area in Morogoro region.

Apart from being insured, the

PSSSF's mortgage plan targets teachers, nurses

properties have title deeds and are connected to services such as water, electricity and roads as well as essential social facilities such as church and mosques, he said.

"I appeal to members of the target groups to visit our offices for further details on how to acquire a home under this scheme," he said.

Reacting to the scheme, Kilindoni primary school Head Teacher Steven Mlobi said the project is good news to teachers as well as other target groups.

"I am very glad about this project because most of us teachers struggle to access mortgage loans from financial institutions hence huge chunks of our income end up in rent," he said.

A 58-year-old retired teacher Kokushubira Kalokola who lives in Chanika suburb of Ilala municipality says for many years she spent most of her salary on rent and other needs.

"This is a new project designed to help all Tanzanians in different regions across the country in terms of public and private sectors, PSSSF's members and businesspeople to own affordable houses," he said.

Azania Bank managing director

Charles Itembe called on people willing to obtain PSSSF's houses constructed at Chanika-Buyuni in Dar es Salaam and other regions to visit the bank.

"We welcome PSSSF members and other people to visit our offices to access loans," he said.

"I would like to commend PSSSF which is also one of the majority shareholders of the bank for coming up with such an innovative and inclusive idea targeting the majority of public servants in Tanzania," he said.

"We at Azania have a long history of mortgage financing hence, I urge the target group in this scheme and the general public to come and get the loans which charge the lowest interest rate in the market at 10 per cent with up to 15 years' repayment period.

He pointed out that as one of the market's largest and profitable banks in the market; the bank has a track record in mortgage financing hence the deal with PSSSF.

"As a vibrant financial institution we have an obligation to support government efforts to rapidly develop the country and grow the economy," he said.

Azania Bank managing director

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Covid-19. The development partners wanted to know the status in the fight against Covid-19 and demanding that the picture on the pandemic be updated in a regular manner.

Similarly, health officers involved Covid-19 screening at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) have been suspended for absenteeism.

Prof Abel Makubi, the Health ministry permanent secretary made this announcement at the facility in the company of his Works and Transport counterpart.

"Yesterday eight officers were not here and today another one officer is absent without information," he said, noting that there has been a tendency by airport staff to be away from duty without disciplinary measures being taken against them.

Recently the government started installing machines for production of medical oxygen in major referral hospitals across the country to address the high demand caused

by Covid-19 prevalence, a few days after the Bugando zonal referral hospital appealed for oxygen donations, with an unprecedented increase in Covid-19 cases.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan said in a recent speech that the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic is prevalent in major cities across the country, reminding people to take precautions recommended by experts.

At a stop in Morogoro region on her way from Dodoma on July 8, the Head of State expressed dismay and astonishment upon seeing hundreds of maskless people.



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reports of livestock populations and their locations," he further stated.

He said that regional authorities need to make in-depth assessment by forming special committees to find solutions to land conflicts pitting farmers and herders in the region, underlining that there were stubborn land conflicts that have defied solutions.

Herders need to "harvest and sell their livestock products to meat processing factories on order to sell meat locally as well as for export," he said.

For his part, RC Kunenge said already the region has embarked on a livestock census in all districts and it was now in the last stages after which the report would be submitted for evaluation.

From the census, the regional authorities have found out there are so many unregistered herders in Rufiji District whose origin or destination was unclear, he stated.

Conflicts pitting herders, farmers and authorities for the 2020/21 period were mainly concentrated near or within protected areas, the ministry in the budget speech.

Within the period, groups of herders and farmers fought over portions of forest reserves and other disused parcels belonging to the government and parastatal agencies, it said.

Tabling the ministry's estimates for 2021/22 in the National Assembly in May, Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki listed Coast, Dodoma, Kagera and Kigoma regions as conflict hotspots for 2020/2021.

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149," he stated.

GBV data indicates that Arusha region was leading with 1,697 incidents reported, Ilala District (1,486), Tanga (1,347), Kinondoni District (924) and Lindi Region having 780 such cases.

The DCI said the main cause of these incidents was superstitious beliefs, social decay, jealousy and sheer urge for sex.

"I have called you to inform about GBV and child abuse incidents with the main victims being children, women and old people despite that statistics show serious crimes having dropped by 4.6 per cent from 26,011 criminal acts in 2020 to 245,805 this year," the director specified.

In the circumstances, religious leaders need to educate their followers on the emerging crime regarding the killing of children due to superstitious beliefs, he stated.

Religious leaders should ensure they beef up calls to their congregations in places of worship against these habits that

were emerging in various parts of Tanzanian society, he emphasised.

He also appealed to parents, guardians and the community to be close to their children and exercise their responsibility of disclosing criminal acts in their neighbourhoods.

"Political leaders also have the responsibility to ensure peace prevails in their areas including protection of children and reporting any victimization of children to the police for action," he elaborated.

GBV refers to harmful acts directed at an individual based on their gender. It is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms... It is estimated that one in three women will experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime, and often repeatedly.

It is believed to be common in Tanzania, as data shows that 40 per cent of women and girls in Tanzania aged between 15 and 49 have experienced physical violence and 17 per cent sexual violence at one time or another, and in many social set ups such exercise of violence is routine matrimonial behaviour.

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agencies. With unfenced tracks of land with few animals in its 14 farms, NARCO gets entangled in endless conflicts with resident living near its ranches, the MPs said, arguing that it is time for the government to let it go.

Kongwa lawmaker and House

Speaker Job Ndugai argued that NARCO has failed, and underlined that it had 16,725 cattle while its ranches have the capacity to keep 90,000 head of cattle comfortably.

Presenting his estimates, Ndaki said that as of 30 April 2021, NARCO had a total of 16,725 cattle, 3,307 goats, 3,155 sheep and 31 horses.



Kyela district commissioner Ismail Mlawa (gesturing) has a word with residents of Mababu ward yesterday on the importance of protecting water project equipment and supplies, only days after eight pipes were reported stolen. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

South Africa unrest death toll rises to 32

JOHANNESBURG

A further 22 people have died during unrest raging in South Africa, a provincial official said yesterday, taking the national death toll from days of violence to 32.

The toll in KwaZulu-Natal province now stands at 26,

premier Sihle Zikalala told a news conference yesterday, a day after officials confirmed six deaths in Gauteng province.

"These were people killed during stampedes as protesters ran riot," he said, without specifying which parts of the province.

President Cyril Ramaphosa

on Monday deployed troops to help police halt the violence and looting sparked by the jailing of ex-president Jacob Zuma.

Southeastern KwaZulu-Natal -- Zuma's home region -- is the epicentre of the unrest.

Protests erupted last week shortly after Zuma started serving a

15-month term for snubbing a probe into the corruption that stained his nine years in power.

The violence has so far been confined to the two most populous provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, which houses the economic hub of Johannesburg.

AGENCIES



Water minister Jumaa Aweso (L) pictured yesterday addressing residents of ten villages in Lushoto and Korogwe districts engaged in small-time mining around Kumbambo water source. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Zanzibaris urged to turn out for 2022 coming population and housing census

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE government of Zanzibar has called upon Zanzibaris to turn up in large numbers to the coming the 2022 Population and Housing Census (PHC) saying that this will be helpful in policy formulation and development planning.

Minister in the First Vice - President Saada Mkuya made the remarks during an event aimed at discussing the coming exercise at Kikwajuni in the Isles.

She said the exercise was very important to economic development planning saying this was the reason the government was doing it each time the time comes.

Head of the statistics office in Zanzibar Mayasa Mahfoudh said the government is making everything possible to ensure the exercise is successful.

"We want to make this exercise unique because it will be done digitally which will also facilitate the availability of quick data collection," she said.

The government has lined up a list of priorities to be implemented in the 2021/22 financial year aimed at stimulating economic growth, service debts and control revenue wastage.

Among the activities includes executing the 22 national population census which will be done both in the mainland and Zanzibar.

Population Censuses are generally conducted every 10 years and have as primary objective the total enumeration of the population of a country to provide essential information on their spatial distribution, age and sex structure,

and other key social and economic characteristics.

The 2022 Tanzania PHC - part of the 2020 round of censuses that are taking place around the globe - is a large and challenging exercise, but its importance cannot be overstated. More than just a headcount of how many people are living in Tanzania, by age, geographic region and sex, it will provide detailed demographic, social and economic data on how they are living - indispensable for informed decision-making and public resource allocation and instrumental in understanding development challenges and the appropriate actions for driving transformation.

The accurate and timely data generated will also be a cornerstone for tracking progress towards national, regional and global development commitments in Tanzania, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

“We want to make this exercise unique because it will be done digitally which will also facilitate the availability of quick data collection”

Govt to spend 24.7bn/- connecting power to 53 villages in Katavi Region - minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

THE Government is to spend more than 24.7bn/- to connect power to 53 villages that are yet to get power in Katavi Region as part of the Rural Energy Agency (REA-III) Phase II project.

This was revealed here on Monday by Deputy Energy minister Stephen Byabato during his visit to Katambike village, Ugalla Ward, Mpanda District in Katavi Region.

He said the government recognises the importance of

reliable electricity in Katavi Region and that the 5.3MW produced at Mpanda thermal power station was insufficient to conduct economic activities in the region.

Byabato said the government has decided to connect Katavi Region to the national power grid and already substations were being built at Ipole, Inyonga and Mpanda, the work of which was now 90 per cent complete.

He added that funds for supplying power to Katavi Region was available, and two huge

transformers of 15MVA each (12MW) will be constructed at both Ipole and Inyonga. He said the national grid project for Katavi Region will be completed by August 2023.

He told Katambike village residents that the power will reach their houses in October, this year and no district will be skipped.

He appealed to the villagers to start making preparations by wiring their houses and paying 27,000/- connection fees when the power arrives.

The deputy minister also called

on them to cooperate with the government to ensure power infrastructures are protected and warned that whoever will vandalize them will face stern legal action.

Nsimbo MP, Anna Lupembe thanked the deputy minister for coming to Katavi Region and pledging to supply power to the 53 villages.

She said electricity in Ugalla Ward will boost rice farming and create environment for the establishment small factories that would add value to the rice crop.

Tanzania hands over EACO chairmanship to Rwanda

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has officially handed over the East African Communication Organisation (EACO) chairmanship to Rwanda.

A statement released yesterday by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) said its director general Dr Jabiri Bakari recently clicked the Judges Button in Dar es Salaam to officially hand over EACO chairmanship to its Rwandan counterpart, the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA).

"The colourful event which has just ended was held virtually during the 24th EACO Congress hosted from Rwanda, when the outgoing EACO chairman Dr Jabiri made a symbolic click of the Judge Button," reads the statement.

EACO members states Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and South Sudan were involved in the congress.

The advisory said Dr Jabiri expressed gratitude to the executive committee of EACO, EXCOM for various progressive undertakings including expanded programmes and network in the last two years.

The outgoing EACO chairman named some of the progress realised as an initiative to become a semi-autonomous body of EACO transformed into

to become an EAC Institution.

After becoming EAC institution, said Dr Jabiri, the current EACO will have to be dissolved having new set-up of administrative processes that will serve as a technical-arm of the East African Community (EAC) Member States, hence being part of the key decisions to be reached by the Regional Body.

He thanked EACO Member States for various achievements realised that have impacted good progress on communities in Members States including EACO ICT Capacity Building Programmes and harmonised E-waste Management System. "The outgoing EACO chairman

said the organisation had a set of operational programmes, including the Cyber Security Training in Tanzania and Digital Broadcasting Forum in Burundi that were postponed due to Corona Virus (COVID 19), pandemic," reads the statement.

The meetings of Congress and Assemblies included a High-level Round Table which that intended to reinforce the theme of the Congress and discuss current and future technologies and key issues in the communication sector in the region with presentations from eminent speakers in the regulatory authorities and communications industry.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTANCY TO DOCUMENT UNFPA'S SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL REGISTRATION AND VITAL STATISTICS IN ZANZIBAR

Introduction

Information and data on the characteristics and trends of a population, both at the national and local administrative levels, is fundamental to rights-based inclusive development, good governance and the realization of human rights. One of the best ways to collect this data is through a robust and fully-functioning civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) system.

Purpose of the Consultancy

UNFPA is seeking the services of a local or international consultant to collect, analyse data and document best and emerging practices on UNFPA's support to strengthen the CRVS system in Zanzibar. The documentation will be a record of the work undertaken by UNFPA and the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar on CRVS to date and will also serve as lessons learned for the continuous improvement of the CRVS system in Zanzibar and for sharing with other countries and UNFPA country offices working on CRVS systems.

Consultants' Qualifications

The consultant should have the following demonstrated experience, knowledge and competencies:

- Academic qualification of at least a Master's Degree in statistics, population studies, public health, sociology or development studies.

- Demonstrated experience in designing and conducting qualitative studies, evaluations and other assessments and publication in peer reviewed journals of such qualitative and/or evaluative studies.
- Ability to carry out work of a high quality with strong analytical skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and adhere to schedules and deadlines.
- Fluency in Kiswahili and English are essential.

Duration of the consultancy

The duration of the consultancy is 21 working days.

How to apply

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for this consultancy are posted on the UNFPA Tanzania Country Office website accessible at <http://tanzania.unfpa.org>. Within the site the detailed TORs can be found at <https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/consultancy-document-unfpa-support-strengthening-civil-registration-and-vital-statistics>. Candidates with the required qualifications and experience should submit their application to tanzania.office@unfpa.org with the subject line "Consultancy CRVS Documentation".

The deadline to submit application documents is 28 July 2021 (4:30 pm Tanzanian Time).

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Embassy of Sweden
Dar es Salaam

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Embassy is responsible for representing and promoting Swedish interests in Tanzania and has approximately 40 employees. The overall tasks of the Embassy include supporting business and trade, development cooperation as well as consular and visa services.

The strategy for Swedish development cooperation with Tanzania 2020 – 2024 focuses on four results areas i.e. 1). Democracy, the rule of law, human rights and gender equality; 2). Education; 3). Inclusive economic development; 4). Environment, climate and energy.

The current recruitment concerns a position as Program Manager in the development cooperation section, within results area one. The development cooperation section includes 18 employees.

PROGRAM MANAGER - GOVERNANCE

We would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Program Manager responsible for governance with a focus on rule of law and gender equality

Scope and responsibilities:

In close cooperation with colleagues, you will contribute to Sweden's combined effort to implement the strategy 2020 – 2024, to achieve the overall objective of Swedish development cooperation of supporting people in poverty and under oppression to improve their living conditions. We strive to support change through a holistic multidimensional perspective on poverty. Follow-up and close cooperation with partner organisations are also at the core of our approach.

We are looking for a new person to welcome to our team that has good ability to collaborate and build trusting relationships with both colleagues and external partners. You also need to have the ability to lead yourself by self-sustaining, taking initiatives and pushing issues forward. To succeed in this role, you should have the ability to communicate effectively. Finally, it is important to be flexible; solution-oriented and capable of handling the unpredictable.

The position involves being responsible for the following main tasks:

- Managing contributions within the area of governance with a particular focus on the rule of law and gender equality.
- Be the focal point for gender equality at the Embassy.
- Contribute to the overall dialogue and coordination within the area of governance.
- Contribute to analysis as well as operational planning, implementation, follow up and reporting of the strategy focusing mainly on governance, rule of law and gender equality.
- Contribute to strategic communication in the field.
- Be an active team member at the Embassy contributing to the overall responsibilities of the Embassy.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- At least a Law degree or equivalent
- At least 5 years of experience in development cooperation, including contribution management as well as follow up and dialogue with partners.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Kiswahili.
- Ability to engage in dialogue with different actors
- Ability to translate strategies and analyses into concrete actions with clear goals
- Ability to collaborate in groups towards common goals
- Basic knowledge of contribution management and administrative skills

To succeed in this role, you should have:

- Expertise in the areas of rule of law in Tanzania and gender equality.
- Experience from working for other international development partners

If you are interested in this job opportunity, e-mail us your CV (max. 5 pages) and cover letter explaining your suitability for the role. Please, do not include your certificates. Write "PM-Governance" in your e-mail subject line. The deadline is 16th July 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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Special Seats legislator Dr Paulina Nahato makes remarks during a "Safi Kitaa" environmental cleanliness campaign in Babati town, Manyara Region, at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent

There is need to improve community based wildlife management - Tawiri

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THERE is a need to improve social needs of communities frequently involved in conflicts with wildlife in order to protect animals' corridors and buffer zones, a researcher with the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) has observed.

Dr Leticia Leweri made the statement here adding that there should be coordination and control of institutions being involved in community-based wildlife management.

She also pointed out the need to streamline sectoral policies on land, wildlife, forests, water, agriculture, livestock, among others in effort to ensure that wildlife corridors are included in land use at village, district, region and national levels.

She made the statement while presenting a paper on policy brief on research conducted by TAWIRI on national strategy to end human-wildlife conflicts in the country, during a workshop organized by the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

The commission convened a week-long training for planners, policy and decision makers to use Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in practice and share selected evidence in different sectors.

The meeting was organized by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), and drew researchers from different sectors so as to tap into the potential in using research data to advise the government on various policy

issues which can help in planning for the country's development.

Dr Leweri observed, "Best solutions to these problems will be proper management of both human and wildlife resources for sustainable co-existence."

She added that proper management will depend on sound decisions and appropriate communication based on factual information on the factors and sources of the identified conflicts.

According to the researcher, despite contributions realized from the wildlife sector, a number of problems make wildlife a concern, especially to the socio-economic status of the communities in bordering wildlife protected areas.

The problems include conflicts with other land uses, poaching, habitat loss, pollution, global warming and introduction of exotic species.

The failure of wildlife to compete effectively with other land uses in sustaining the livelihood of the adjacent communities exacerbates these problems, she noted.

As a result, she argued that local people look at wildlife as a liability rather than an economic and social status advantage, thus making wildlife conservation efforts be perceived a contradiction to the socio-economic endeavours of local communities.

Dr Leweri said the costs inflicted by wildlife conservation to people, and the human problems constraining wildlife sector in Tanzania has made human-wildlife conflicts one

of the major challenges calling for attention of the conservationists.

Wildlife conservation is accused of marginalizing people, denying people access to traditional and legitimate rights, property damage, and risk to human life through attack by wild animals and disease transmission.

Her view was that primary causes of human-wildlife conflicts are demographic, economic, institutional and technological.

In order to make decisions best to both human and wildlife on how these conflicts arise, the researcher observed that genuine factors and sources of these problems must be identified.

"It is recommended that through research, the knowledge gaps on the factors and sources of these conflicts could be identified, likewise through extension people's perception could be changed to favour wildlife conservation" said the researcher.

She maintained that human actions related to habitat destruction threatening the biodiversity of the country include physical developments, cultivation, deforestation, overgrazing, pole cutting, charcoal burning, use of pesticides, bush-fire, and other types of pollution.

COSTECH Chief Research Officer, Dr Khadija Malika, explained that research-based policies are important in national development. She added that policy makers should make good use of research findings in decision making.

Johannesburg

African Energy Chamber endorses US-Africa Energy Forum (USAEF)

THE African Energy Chamber's U.S.-Africa Committee has endorsed the U.S.-Africa Energy Forum (USAEF) 2021 as the premier platform for strengthening bilateral trade and investment.

The Committee calls on American investors, financiers and service providers to participate in the

two-day event that is set to solidify the U.S. as the partner of choice to African energy projects; U.S. majors have already played a significant role in gas monetization on the continent, with the clean-burning fossil fuel able to fulfill African electrification and industrialization

objectives.

The African Energy Chamber's (AEC) U.S.-Africa Committee is excited to endorse the U.S.-Africa Energy Forum (USAEF) 2021 (October 4-5; Houston, Texas), the premier platform for connecting U.S. companies and partners

to the African energy sector. In partnership with event organizers Energy Capital & Power, the Committee calls on finance, venture capital, junior and mid-cap oil firms and service and technology providers to speak, sponsor and participate in the inaugural event.

Appointed in June 2020 as the first committee on the AEC's Advisory Board, the U.S.-Africa Committee serves to support the development of enhanced bilateral energy cooperation, with a view to driving capital, expertise and technology transfers between the

two entities.

The AEC believes that U.S. companies, investors and project developers are best equipped to partner with African governments and firms, on the back of a new administration and progressive climate commitment.



Tanzania Health Promotion Support

TANZANIA HEALTH PROMOTION SUPPORT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 TZS	2019 TZS
ASSETS			
Non current assets			
Investment in treasury bond	18	639,936,000	-
Property and equipment	15	6,720,120,069	7,376,791,642
Right of use asset	19	1,375,987,750	-
		8,736,043,820	7,376,791,642
Current assets			
Staff advances	12	18,696,372	317,484,071
Receivables	17	279,775,513	33,838,003
Cash and cash equivalents	13	1,142,476,819	3,626,488,411
		1,440,948,704	3,977,810,485
TOTAL ASSETS		10,176,992,524	11,354,602,127
FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES			
Fund balance			
Accumulated fund balance		4,095,351	4,095,351
Translation reserve		529,954,537	469,290,950
		534,049,888	473,386,301
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Capital grants	15	6,720,120,069	7,376,791,642
Lease liability	20	862,597,654	-
		7,582,717,723	7,376,791,642
Current liabilities			
Deferred revenue	6	1,164,668,133	3,241,382,831
Payable	14	338,049,544	263,041,353
Lease liability	20	557,507,237	-
		2,060,224,913	3,504,424,184
Total liabilities		9,642,942,636	10,881,215,826
TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		10,176,992,524	11,354,602,127

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 TZS	2019 TZS
INCOME			
Revenue Grants	6	29,228,595,516	26,375,954,438
Release of Capital Grants	15	2,951,736,443	2,491,943,143
		32,180,331,959	28,867,897,581
EXPENDITURE			
Staff cost	7	9,381,313,019	8,442,941,314
Equipment	8	1,842,641,974	399,599,468
Administrative expenses	9	1,526,291,217	779,881,002
Travel and other transport costs	10	2,795,027,770	3,457,052,782
Other expenses	11	13,727,438,676	13,296,479,872
Depreciation	15	2,951,736,443	2,491,943,143
		32,224,449,099	28,867,897,581
Deficit for the year		(44,117,140)	-
Other comprehensive income			
Translation differences		104,780,727	266,893,180
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		60,663,586	266,893,180

FUND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	AFYA KWANZA	NHLS	GF Mlango	TB&FP LON	P&P	Central Fund	UMN CCS	CAPSELE	Grand Total
EXPENDITURE									
Staff Cost	6,204,211,174	1,572,386,797	1,404,556,330	149,559,689	50,599,029	-	-	-	9,381,313,019
Equipment	-	167,793,276	-	359,762,457	1,315,086,241	-	-	-	1,842,641,974
Administrative expenses	196,451,567	1,042,616,663	3,720,800	9,204,000	217,460,804	-	-	-	1,469,453,834
Travel and other transport cost	1,286,993,013	354,339,234	1,146,915,323	4,105,650	1,616,550	1,058,000	-	-	2,795,027,770
Other direct expenses	7,275,019,246	3,785,244,029	2,373,598,422	48,139,231	150,525,898	87,470,073	18,102,018	2,060,000	13,740,158,918
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	14,962,675,000	6,922,380,000	4,928,790,875	570,771,027	1,735,288,522	88,528,073	18,102,018	2,060,000	29,228,595,516
INCOME									
	14,962,675,000	6,922,380,000	4,928,790,875	570,771,027	1,735,288,522	88,528,073	18,102,018	2,060,000	29,228,595,516
Surplus/ Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Ashura Abdallah of Mombo ward in Korogwe District pictured yesterday crushing stones to make gravel she said she then sells for 2,500/- per bucket - "not very much, really, but better than nothing". Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

PURA says it has entered into agreement with 11 oil, gas production firms

By Guardian Reporter

PETROLEUM Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) has said it has so far entered into agreement with 11 companies, three of which engage in oil and natural gas production.

According to the PURA acting director general, Eng Charles Sangweni, saying one of firms is owned by local Tanzanians.

Sangweni was speaking at the just ended 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) adding that every agreement which PURA enters with various firms must be reviewed by Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC).

He stressed that these companies are not implementers of all oil and gas drilling activities, as there are other firms engaged in drilling work, providing supplies to the drilling firms as well as security, transport and communications, adding that all these activities are done by indigenous firms.

Sangweni added that at the fair, PURA has provided in-depth elaboration on how a firm or an individual could see its officials

and enter into agreement with it to know which opportunities were available.

He also said that the authority in collaboration with the Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has already prepared a database that will begin on July 15, this year in order to get local service providers to connect them to foreigners.

He said that the database will include suppliers and service providers' experts in the petroleum upstream sector to enable domestic and foreign investors to access qualified experts for business partnership.

Sangweni added that the government has a petroleum activity map where areas are divided into blocks/areas with high probability of having hydrocarbon potential.

"We are working to strengthen efforts and systems, improve bidding so as to attract more multinational companies with interest in the upstream oil and gas sector, we still have a good number of sedimentary basins that are yet to be fully explored," he said.

Lindi Region gets 90 billion/- from sesame sales this season

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

LINDI Region has sold 38,000 tonnes of sesame via two cooperative societies - Runali and Lindi Mwambao, earning the region a total of 90bn/- during the current season in 12 auctions conducted up to yesterday.

This has been said by the Region's Assistant Cooperative Registrar, Richard Zengo while speaking to this reporter soon after conclusion of the sesame auction at Nanjirinji, Kilwa and Ruangwa areas.

However, Zengo could not elaborate how much sesame each of the two cooperatives has already sold.

He said in Lindi Region the volume of the crop sold this year is half of that sold in the last season, during which 62 tonnes was bought by traders at various auctions.

He called upon traders to speed up removing their crops from the warehouses to make room for farmers to store more sesame from farms.

Chairmen of the two cooperatives - Odas Mpunga for Runali and Mohamedi Nalinga (Lindi Mwambao) at different times appealed to farmers to continue to improve their farm crops, including sesame in order to add value to them.

They also stressed on need to continue taking precautions against the third phase of the Covid-19 infection, including wearing face masks, washing of hands with running water and observing social distance.

Government introduces national spices emblem

By Guardian Reporter

THE Industry and Trade ministry, in collaboration with Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TANTRADE), has launched a national emblem for spices aimed at bringing benefits to the farmers and the nation in general.

The emblem was launched on July 10 this year by the Deputy Industry and Trade Deputy Minister Exaud Kigahe at the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair at Mwalimu Nyerere Grounds in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking at the Fair, Kigahe called on spices stakeholders to work together to develop the spices sector and widen its market.

He welcomed various stakeholders, institutions and firms to invest in the sector by establishing factories to add value to spices products to enhance farmers' incomes and that of the nation in general.

He said: "60 per cent of Tanzanians engage themselves in agriculture; hence the government plan is to make the private sector a major investor for the country's industrial development."

In regard to how the government was helping the spices sector, he said they have begun removing restrictions including unnecessary various levies to do away with red tape.

In so doing, he said they have established various systems, including online systems that will assist in reducing bureaucracy existing within government institutions. "We are heading to competitive economy as President Samia Suluhu Hassan said in regard to the 3rd Five Year Development Plan that targets human and industrial development," he added.

He said as of now the government aims to trade with EAC and SADC countries and later with Africa free Trade Area.

Tanzania is among countries producing spices for home consumption and export.

He said there are more than 30 types of spices produced in the country, and added that the country has embarked on developing five - cloves, cinnamon, black pepper, ginger and cardamom.



TPB BANK TARIFF GUIDE 2021

BANK CHARGES		
ITEM	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS
Minimum Opening Balance	Quick Account	20,000
	Salary Account	FREE
	Tabasamu Individual	10,000
	Tabasamu Group Account	50,000
	Platinum Account	15,000
	Minor Account	20,000
	Group Account	FREE
	Scout Minor Account	10,000
	Scout Account	30,000
	Yanga VIP Account	1,200,000
	Yanga Members Account	25,000
	Wavuvi Account	10,000
Current / Call Account	100,000	
Fixed Deposit Account	100,000	
WADU Account	20,000	

MAINTENANCE FEE		
ITEM	FEE DESCRIPTION	TZS
Personal Call Account	Per Month	6,500
Corporate Call Account	Per Month	10,000
Savings Accounts		
Quick Account	Per Month	1,560
Salary Account	Per Month	1,560
Tabasamu Individual / Group Account	Per Month	FREE
Platinum Account	Per Month	1,560
WADU Account	Per Month	FREE
Minor Account	Per Month	FREE
Group Account	Per Month	FREE
Scout Junior Account	Per Month	FREE
Scout Senior Account	Per Month	FREE
Yanga VIP/ Members Account		1,560
Yanga Members Account		1,560
Wavuvi Account		1,560
Cash Deposit		
Over the Counter	Per Transaction	FREE
Popote Agents	Per Transaction	FREE
Bank Statement	Per Page	2,000

CASH WITHDRAWAL OVER THE COUNTER		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TZS
All Accounts	Teller Withdraw up to 10,000,000	2,600
	Teller Withdraw form 10,000,000 - 50,000,000	5,000
	Teller Withdraw form 50,000,001 - 100,000,000	15,000
	Teller Withdraw above 100,000,001	30,000

ATM CASH WITHDRAW		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TZS
TPB Bank ATMs	Per Transaction	1,300
Other Banks Umoja Switch ATMs	Per Transaction	1,300

OTHER ATM & NORMAL CARDS FEE		
TRANSACTION / ITEM		TZS
PIN Re - Issue		FREE
Collection of ATM Card at Non Domicile Branch		6,500
Uncollected and destroyed ATM Card		6,500
First ID Card (Local and Foreign Currency)		4,000
Replacement of ID Card		2,600

BANK CHARGES		
TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Cheque Book	Per Leaf	500 Per leaf or equivalent in foreign currency
Cheque Clearing Fee	Per Cheque	FREE
Unpaid Cheques / Insufficient Funds	Per Cheque	150,000 TZS And Equivalent in Foreign Currency
Stop Payment Order	Per Cheque	30,000 TZS per leaf Max. 300,000/= and Equivalent in Foreign currency.

Balance Enquiry		
TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Over the Counter	Per Enquiry	300
At the ATMs	Per Enquiry	300
At POS Branches	Per Enquiry	150
At Popote Agents	Per Enquiry	100
At TPB Popote Mobile Banking	Per Enquiry	300
Internet Banking	Per Enquiry	FREE

ATM Issuance & Replacement		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Popote Card	Per Card	15,000
Yanga Card	Per Card	20,000
TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION TZS		
Dormant Accounts		
Activations	Per Activation	FREE
Dormant Account Fees	1 year to 5 years	1,300
	6 year to 10 years	5,000
	11 year to 15 years	10,000
Closing of Account		
All Accounts	Per Account	13,000 or Equiv. in Foreign Currency
Funds Transfer		
Within TPB Bank Over the counter	Per Transaction	FREE
TPB Popote Mobile Banking	0.01 - 10,000	1,000
	10,000.01 - 30,000	1,300
	30,000.01 - 100,000	2,000
	100,000.01 - 200,000	3,500
	200,000.01 - 500,000	4,500
	500,000.01 - 750,000	7,500
	750,000.01 - 1,000,000	10,000
From MNOs to Bank (Deposit)		FREE

TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Internet Banking Registration	Per Registration	FREE
TPB Popote Mobile Banking Registration	Per Transaction	FREE

TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	TZS
Transfers	TISS - Outward	10,000 TZS
	EFT - Outward	2,000 TZS
	EFT - In House	1,500 TZS
Standing Order	Within the Bank	FREE
	To other Banks	13,000 TZS
Other Transfers	Internal Transfer	FREE
	Salary Handling - Cheque list	1,000 TZS
Others	Introduction letter to Embassy, etc	FREE

LENDING INTEREST RATES AND OTHER CHARGES		
LOANS	CATEGORY	INTEREST RATE
Consumer Loans	Consumer Loan Administration Fee	1.5% of the Approved loan. Minimum TZS. 10,000/=
	Loan Application fee	TZS 10,000/=
Wastaafu Loans	Loan Administration fee	1.5% Minimum TZS. 10,000/= Maximum TZS. 100,000/=
	MIC Loan Application fee	TZS 25,000/=
Other Charges On Individual Micro Credit	MIC Loan Processing/ Administration fee	1.5% Minimum TZS. 50,000/=
	Loan Application fee for Business and Personal loans	TZS. 50,000/=
Interest Rates And Charges On Business Loan	Loan Administration fee - Business and Personal loans	1.5% of the Approved Amount.

USD TRANSACTION FEES		
TYPE OF CHARGE	TRANSACTION / ITEM	CHARGES IN USD
Maintenance Fee	Savings Account	1
	Call Account	5
Deposit Fee	Non Account Holder	FREE
Opening Balance		50
Bank Statement		FREE
Bank Statement	Balance Enquiry - Banking Hall	FREE
	Confirmation letter	FREE
Withdraw fees	Below 50	1
	51 - 1,000	2.5
	1,000 - 2,250	5
	2,251 - 5,000	15
	Above 5,000	0.25 Percent
Dormant	Dormant Account Fee	5
	Re - Activation	FREE
TISS		10

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Local firm to prepare Lindi's Jumbo Graphite Project site for production

By Guardian Correspondent

WALKABOUT Resources Ltd has taken the next step towards production at its flagship Lindi Jumbo Graphite Project in Tanzania, appointing local contractor TNR Engineering to undertake site preparation work.

The value of the mobilisation agreement is about US\$5.6 million and it aligns with Walkabout's 'local first' policy and extensive due diligence process examining safety, experience and capabilities.

TNR is well known to Walkabout, having previously successfully completed an early works contract in 2019, and as part of the contract, it will complete excavation and terracing of the processing plant it started in 2019.

Walkabout CEO Andrew Cunningham said Walkabout would continue to rely on local knowledge and expertise.

"We have one of the highest grade, undeveloped natural flake graphite projects globally, and we're excited at the imminent escalation of activity on site in Tanzania," he said.

"Our longstanding working relationship with TNR Engineering will enable a smooth transition towards becoming a mine developer and producer."

In addition to completing the works started in 2019, TNR will complete and compact access roads and internal roads, ROM pad and wall, stormwater drainage, raw water pond, explosives magazine and mine workshops and offices.

It will also complete the earthworks at the tailings storage facility including topsoil loading and stockpiling, bulk excavation and roadbeds, fill for tailings storage facility embankments, and supply and install piping and HDPE lining and fencing.

TNR has also been awarded the contract to complete the civil works on-site to the value of about

US\$3.1 million, which includes all of the earthworks, concrete works and building in preparation of the construction and installation of the Lindi Jumbo Processing Plant and associated infrastructure.

TNR is deploying project staff, sourcing local accommodation and undertaking stakeholder engagement facilitated by the Lindi Jumbo team and it is expected the team will be mobilised on site this month.

Meanwhile, Walkabout directors have demonstrated their confidence in the company's energy minerals strategy by participating in a recent entitlements issue.

On July 12, non-executive chairman Michael Elliot acquired a total of 1.43 million shares for a total value of \$286,000 in a mix of direct and indirect interests, taking his total holding to 15.83 million shares with 2.2 million of these held in a direct interest.

Executive director and CEO Andrew Cunningham acquired a total of 91,908 shares valued at \$18,382 in direct and indirect interests.

He now holds a total of 659,873 shares in two indirect interests and 772,223 shares in a direct interest.

Director Allan Mulligan acquired 200,000 shares valued at \$40,000 in a direct interest, taking his holding in that interest to almost 3.969 million while a further 1,705,801 shares are held in an indirect interest.



Our longstanding working relationship with TNR Engineering will enable a smooth transition towards becoming a mine developer and produce



Uhuru Torch Race leader Lt Josephine Mwambashi cuts the ribbon in Kahama yesterday to lay the foundation stone of an agricultural training resource centre. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Barrick's agriculture training centre benefits over 3,000 Kahama farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

MORE than 3,000 residents of Mwendakulima and Mondo wards in Kahama district have benefited from an agricultural training centre established by Barrick Buzwagi mine.

The centre aimed at providing trainings on modern practices of agriculture so as to increase production and improve practices of animal husbandry.

Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony, Project Manager from Barrick Elibariki Jambau, said the project will be completed in 2023. The ceremony was officiated

by the National Torch leader, Lieutenant Josephine Mwambashi.

According to him, the project construction which started in 2018, has so far benefited 3,924 residents from 9 villages in Mondo and Mwendakulima wards in Kahama district, Shinyanga region.

Jambau said the purpose of establishing the centre is to add value to agricultural produce and livestock, adding that the training centre is also the resource for obtaining information about agriculture and markets. He noted that, up to completion the project will cost 529m/-, whereas up to now the mining company has already

spent 138m/-.

"Through this project we have seen an increase of agricultural production by farmers from 15 to 28 sacks of maize per every acres and 18 to 32 sacks of rice, at the same time, this centre connects farmers with 17 stakeholders of agricultural inputs as well as 14 markets within Kahama and outside the district, distribution of 69,000 seedlings to farmers, he said adding that the project has also seen the establishment of 2 AMCOS and 29 groups of production.

He noted that other activities that will be carried out at the training centre include training in livestock keeping by using new breeds so

as to get a cow breed that would increase milk production.

National Torch leader Lt. Josephine Mwambashi commended Barrick for implementing the project that would benefit many farmers, and she called on farmers to utilize the opportunity of getting the trainings at the centre so that they can ultimately practice sustainable modern farming.

Speaking on behalf of farmers, Tembo Mihango, a resident of Penzi village in Mondo ward thanked Barrick for initiating the project, which gives farmers knowledge that will help them in the long run.



Reference: PAT/EOI - DRILLING/2021

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DRILLING SERVICES AT SSI

Date: 13th July 2021

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo Plant in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to supply the following services to the Songosongo Island Gas Field. This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) signifies the start of an open, transparent and objective tender process which will commence in the period of nine (9) days from the date of this notice. The Contract for these works shall be for the duration of the workover programme (September 2021 to December 2021).
- The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company which can supply the following services (scope of work):
 - Well Intervention Services:** including specialist equipment, supplies and personnel to perform gas well workover and sidetracking operations; Potential Supplier must have: i) prior experience of onshore well intervention operations; ii) recognized Health, Safety and Environmental management system (ISO certified); iii) recognized Quality Assurance management system (ISO certified); experienced personnel familiar with onshore well intervention and where applicable qualified to International Well Control Forum (IWCF) standards.
 - Marine and Logistics Support:** including specialist equipment, supplies and personnel to perform offshore marine and logistics support; Potential Supplier must have: i) prior experience of offshore marine and logistics operations; ii) recognized Health, Safety and Environmental management system (ISO certified); iii) recognized Quality Assurance management system (ISO certified); experienced personnel familiar with offshore marine and logistics support; compliance with IMO and SOLAS standards where applicable; ability to perform heavy lifts offshore (up to 45MT); supply of fuel for operations; supply of reverse osmosis (RO) unit for treatment of sea water; supply of sewage unit for treatment of effluent.
- Potential suppliers must indicate clearly whether they can supply **all** services, and that they are willing, capable, experienced and competent to offer and manage the abovementioned services; failure to clearly so indicate may result in disqualification from the bid list. Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency, relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following: -
 - Proof of experience in providing sustained scope of services in remote areas. Experience in offering such services in mining or oil and gas exploration or production areas will be an added advantage.
 - Registration with EWURA.
 - Proven technical capability.
 - Experience in similar works
 - Proven HSE expertise and good record (attach relevant HSE policy, quality assurance documents, accident/incident records etc.)
 - Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings. Payment should indicate clearly costs in each area of the scope of work. Costs are to be VAT exclusive. Quotations will be subject to the terms of the agreed Service Agreement.
 - Proof of registration with the local authorities. This shall include but not be limited to a certificate of registration with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business Licence, etc.
 - Proof of financial capability. (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years).
 - Provide current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System.

Note: Potential suppliers may be requested to submit further information prior to being included in any final Bid List.

4. All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or delivered by courier, otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

5. Interested eligible suppliers may obtain further information by writing to the address below or e-mail to Peter Sololo (e-mail address: peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com) with a copy to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe (e-mail: bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com).

All responses to be sent to the following address before COB Wednesday, 21st July 2021.

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Telephone: +255 22 292 3307, Fax +255 22 292 3312.

Attn: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director.



Home Affairs deputy minister Khamis Hamza Chilo (R) pictured in Mbeya at the weekend presenting to Ruanda Prison Chief Warden Rehema Mwalunga bars of soap for use by women prisoners and other inmates. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

GBV, stigma derail war against new HIV/AIDS infections, TACAIDS says

By Augusta Njoi, Bagamoyo

THE Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) has cited gender-based violence (GBV), stigma and harmful cultural practices as among factors derailing the war against new HIV/AIDS infections to women and girls.

The commission is now seeking the involvement of religious leaders in educating the society to help the government in the fight against the malpractice.

A gender coordinator from Tacaids Judith Luande made the remarks earlier this week during a meeting to strategize how to address the matter in collaboration with the UN women with funding from Global Fund.

She said this was revealed in an

evaluation which was conducted on HIV and gender for 2020 which among other things indicated that women aged 15 to 24 are at high risk.

"Data shows girls of that age are at risk of contracting HIV in 2018 and one of the reasons was GBV, poverty, forced marriages and bad practices," she said.

She added that due to the trend leaders are supposed to educate the public on gender equality to facilitate access to information.

According to her, if the local leaders may stand firm to educate the society about the matter, then the world may achieve the goals of having a generation of free HIV infections.

UN-Women AIDS programme coordinator Jacob Kayombo called

upon the society to be involved in the fight against stigma hence asked those living with HIV to continue their doses and follow advice by professionals.

He said stigma has been a challenge especially in rural areas due to bad practices such as inheritance and cleansing.

One of the participants at the meeting, Elice Simonile said despite the implementation of the various initiatives, traditions and cultural practices has been the main challenge.

Earlier, a lecturer from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDMS) Lucas Kitula said another reason which has been thwarting the war against HIV/Aids is lack of friendly language and sometimes services to patients of HIV.

ACSEE best performers cite discipline as one reason for their outstanding results

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

STUDENTS who performed well in this year's Form Six results (ACSEE) have cited discipline and seriousness in studies as among the major secrets to their outstanding performance.

Speaking to this paper yesterday, Godwinner Joseph and Vailet Kahyoza of Baobab secondary school in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region, who emerged in the top ten, said they spent their time at school by behaving well and concentrating in studies.

They are calling on their young fellow students who are still at school to concentrate on their studies because by doing so they will be able to perform well in exams and thus achieve their

educational dreams.

Godwinner said seriousness in class is the main secret of achievement for any student which includes adhering to the teachers' directives. "Am always serious in class because I know education is my future, my parents pay a lot of money for my education so I don't want to let them down. They invest heavily in our education so we must make sure we do better," she said.

In her part, Vailet who also emerged number three in top ten also hinted on the note that seriousness and attentiveness in class is the only secret to her achievement.

She said students all over the country should be serious and consider the huge investment that

their parents are putting in their studies so that they perform better during their final examinations, something which will make them smile.

Venance Hongoa, the school's head teacher said almost all 337 Baobab students who sat for this year's form six examinations have passed and have qualification to join universities inside and outside the country.

He said among them 62 got division I, 163 (II), 108 (III) and four of them got division IV.

Hongoa mentioned the secret behind his school's achievement as commitment by teachers who tirelessly work to prepare students academically and ensure that they do better in their final examinations.



Yara Tanzania Ltd digital solutions manager Deodath Mtei (2nd-L) gives instructions yesterday to an input agent at the launch of a YaraConnect programme in Njombe involving training on how to attend to farmers. One worry, though: evident lack of preparedness against Covid-19 infections. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

CIVIL Society Organisations (CSOs) have been urged to seek external support from global partners in the provision of the Covid-19 vaccines as a means of promoting the government's efforts in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic.

This comes after the discovery of the Covid-19 Delta Variant which according to medical experts is more ferocious than the former viruses and has a higher affinity to replicate themselves than the Beta and Alpha viruses.

The National Coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Onesmo Olungurumwa during an interview with this newspaper encouraged members of the civil society all over the nation to take a step forward ahead of this and be part of the government's efforts in the fight against the Covid-19.

"Civil society should use its resources to join hands with the government to ensure that apart from providing education they also support in one way or the other that the vaccine reaches a wider part of the country," he emphasized.

He recalled that given the fact that 40 per cent of health services in Tanzania are supported by civil society including major projects like malaria, HIV and other related health challenges where CSOs play a major role adding that CSOs can also support the government

CSOs urged to seek external help in fighting COVID-19 pandemic

through its external partners to ensure the influx of the Covid-19 vaccine.

"Civil society has a lot of partners at global level who are mostly interested in health issues within Tanzania and this is the right time they need to negotiate and be part of the government team in charge of vaccine services here in Tanzania," he intoned.

Olungurumwa also stressed that the government should use this opportunity through civil society and external partners not only to increase the influx of vaccines in the country but to ensure equal distribution of the vaccine to all health facilities within the country and this requires a collective effort from

the government together with other stakeholders including the civil society, faith based organisation and home based international organisations.

He appreciated the government through President Samia Suluhu Hassan for involving other key stakeholders in the fight against this deadly virus.

He also recognized contributions already made by the civil society through its numerous sensitisation campaigns in educating the public and also providing key facilities like hand sanitizers while encouraging them to continue being part of the government's efforts in the fight against the pandemic during this third wave.

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COVID-19 scare liaison talks with EU positive

President Samia Suluhu Hassan is at present engaged in high level talks especially by virtual meetings, for instance with the President of the European Council, Charles Michel at which the two leaders discussed measures to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and cementing Tanzania-EU ties. The European Union is happy that the country has moved from a situation of relative denial of the coronavirus scare into transparency, meanwhile as there is another stage of the virus that is stalking even countries where vaccination rates are high. The picture is mixed but calm.

A State House statement early in the week affirmed that during the talks Michael commended Tanzania's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the European Union is ready to assist the country in acquiring vaccines. This is an area that has proved to be rather complex, as global arrangements will take time, while vaccines are sorely needed right away. Thus the council president indicated steps where the EU is working with a number of COVID vaccine producing firms in African countries to explore capacity building opportunities. The idea is really to seek to get raw materials to manufacture the vaccines locally, not joining long queues as suppliers prioritise own local demand.

The council president positively said that the EU is willing to extend such support to Tanzania, assuring President Samia that the EU will continue cooperating with Tanzania as a vital partner in steering economic development in the region and beyond. While the conversation focused on the pandemic and what is being done now, other development issues

were't totally left behind as 'life must go on' even with the pandemic. EU countries are coming out of draconian lockdowns which they managed, at least with the resources they could marshal, but lockdowns torture poorer countries.

In that regard President Samia made a point of expressing gratitude to the EU for its continued cooperation in social development and investment in infrastructure projects through the EU Investment Bank. One highlight was the fact that the bank has lately issued euros 50m for the construction and renovation of some regional airports across the country, vital for uplifting the tourism sector, and improving conditions for doing business in general. It is part of current reforms.

Other areas that the talks touched on include developments over the past three months, where Tanzania and the EU signed a euro 111.5m grant accord to be directed to improving the energy sector, especially the use of renewable energy. As capacity is still poor in that direction, there was talk of modern stoves but the campaign really is one of rapidly phasing out charcoal burning. Using a mixture of coal and combustible waste could do, but coal is a hard sell in Europe, even if the alternative is to continue cutting down trees for use in 'modern stoves,' using less charcoal, etc.

So the exchange of views between the president and the council president at the EU makes the latter more aware and definitely more sympathetic with our current efforts. But that doesn't diminish the fact that few countries have actually found methods to control the pandemic at a specific moment, with relief, by and large, coming from the wider use of vaccines. That is what we aim to do as well.

Corruption is crippling African governments

African Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated annually on 11 July, and this year it comes as perceptions and lived experiences of corruption on the continent are sky-high. The bribery rate in Democratic Republic of the Congo is reportedly the highest in Africa, while Mauritius boasts the lowest bribe rate of the continent.

We know that corruption hinders Africa's economic, political and social development and is a huge obstacle to good governance and basic freedoms. Economists Nelson Sobrinho and Vimal Thakoor state in this regard that corruption behaves 'more like sand than oil in the economic engine'.

Corruption also affects the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Although differing significantly across countries and public institutions in Africa, corruption undermines the chances of hundreds of millions of citizens for a stable and prosperous future.

The African Union points out that corruption has 'stolen futures' in Africa, indicating that at least 25 million primary school children alone are its victims.

It's important to point out that foreign role players also contribute to the increase in corruption in the continent. When money that is supposed to support important services such as healthcare and education flows out of countries due to corruption, ordinary citizens are hit the hardest. According to estimates, Africa loses at least \$50-billion a year through illicit financial flows.

Corruption challenges on the continent, as elsewhere, are complex and multifaceted and need to be addressed fundamentally

and systemically. Without discussing them specifically, these challenges mostly have to do with political corruption, state capture, patronage networks, conflict of interests, corruption in development assistance, opaque political financing, vote-buying, and the role of foreign actors such as multinational companies.

Added to these is land corruption which affects women most. Furthermore, gender-based corruption, usually rooted in culture and sextortion, is rarely reported to superiors in the workplace due to fear of retaliation or other consequences. For example, in Zimbabwe, up to 57.5 per cent of surveyed women indicated that they had experienced, in different sectors of the community, sextortion.

We know that land is the bedrock of social, economic and political life in Africa. Unfortunately, land distribution and corruption go hand in hand, with one in every two people encountering it during land administration processes in Africa compared with one in five for the rest of the world.

According to the Global Corruption Barometer – Africa 2019, most respondents indicated that corruption had increased in their country. However, the majority (53 pc) said that as citizens they could make a difference in the fight against corruption, even though 67 per cent of people thought it could lead to prosecution or retaliation.

The bribery rate in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the highest at 80 per cent, while Mauritius boasts the lowest bribe rate of 5 per cent, followed by Botswana and Cape Verde Islands with 7 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

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World political parties called on to shoulder responsibility for pursuit of human wellbeing

By Special Correspondent

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese president, attends the CPC and World Political Parties Summit and delivers a keynote speech in Beijing on July 6, 2021.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping has urged political parties in the world to shoulder their responsibility for the pursuit of people's wellbeing and progress of mankind.

Xi, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chinese president, called on political parties to strengthen cooperation to tackle global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, inequality, terrorism, and climate change.

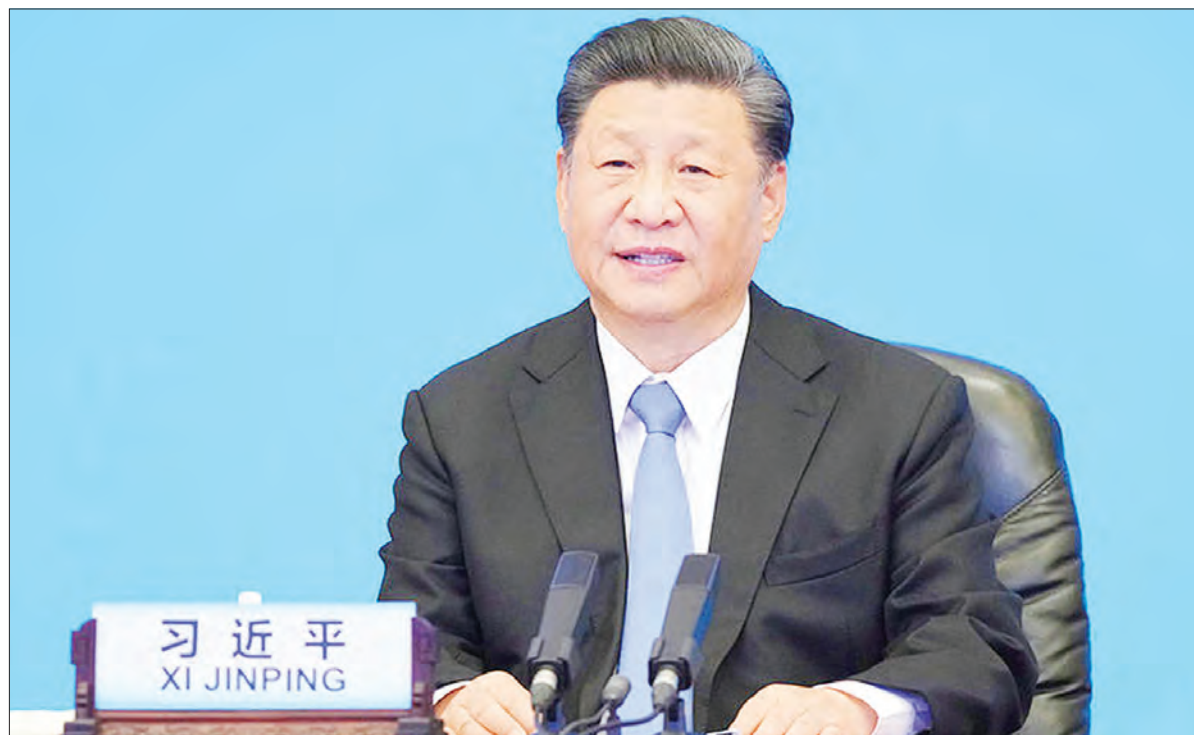
Addressing the CPC and World Political Parties Summit via video link in Beijing, Xi took swipes at practices of seeking technology blockade and decoupling, politicising the pandemic, "political manipulation for the purpose of sabotaging the development of other countries," and practices of "seeking hegemony by way of group politics."

The cloud summit, which gathered leaders of more than 500 political parties and organisations from over 160 countries, was convened as human society has "once again found itself at a historical crossroads" that leads to either hostile confrontation or mutual respect, seclusiveness and decoupling or openness and cooperation, zero-sum game or win-win results. "The choice is in our hands and the responsibility falls on our shoulders," Xi told party leaders.

Political parties, as an important force behind human progress, need to set the right course forward and shoulder their historical responsibility to ensure the people's wellbeing and pursue the progress of mankind, Xi said.

Xi called on political parties to shoulder the responsibility to steer the course by shaping the shared future for mankind, and to build consensus by upholding and promoting the common values of humanity.

"With a strong sense of responsibility for the future of all mankind, we need to champion the common values of humanity, foster broad-minded tolerance toward the understanding of values by different civilizations, and



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respect the explorations of different peoples," he said.

Political parties need to shoulder the responsibility to promote development by bringing greater benefits to all peoples in a fairer manner, Xi said.

Noting that all countries and nations are equally entitled to development opportunities and rights, Xi said political parties should face squarely up to major problems such as wealth gap and development divide, with particular attention and care given to underdeveloped countries and regions, and impoverished people.

He urged political parties to jointly oppose the practice of seeking technology blockade and divide as well as decoupling.

Calling for more cooperation in addressing global risks and challenges, Xi said in the face of the pandemic, political parties should work together to close the "immunization gap", and must oppose the practice of politicising the pandemic or attaching a geographical label to the virus.

Xi also called on political parties to shoulder the responsibility to improve governance by enhancing the capacity to ensure people's wellbeing.

"The judgement on whether a country is democratic or not should be made by their people, not by a handful of others," he said.

It is the unwavering goal of the CPC to run China's house well, ensure a happy life for more than 1.4 billion Chinese people, and

promote peace and development of all mankind, Xi said.

He said the CPC will unite and lead the Chinese people in pressing ahead with the Chinese-style modernisation to make new contributions to humanity's search for ways to modernise.

There is no fixed model for the path to modernisation. The path that suits a country will serve it well, he said. "Cutting one's feet to fit the shoes will lead nowhere," he added.

The CPC will unite and lead the Chinese people in taking comprehensive steps to deepen reform and opening up to make new contributions to shared development and prosperity of all countries of the world, Xi noted.

Xi said the CPC will shoulder its responsibility as a major political party in a major country to make new contributions to improving the wellbeing of mankind.

Since the 18th CPC National Congress, all the 98.99 million rural residents living below the current poverty line in China have been lifted out of poverty, enabling the country to meet the poverty reduction target set out in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 10 years ahead of schedule.

The CPC is willing to contribute more Chinese solutions and Chinese strength to the poverty reduction process worldwide, Xi said.

The country will spare no effort to support international cooperation against COVID-19 and to enhance

the accessibility and affordability of vaccines in developing countries, and will contribute more to the global fight against climate change, he added.

Xi said the CPC will actively improve global governance to make new contributions to humanity's joint response to common challenges.

"We should stand opposed to the practice of unilateralism disguised as multilateralism, and say no to hegemony and power politics," he said. "China will never seek hegemony, expansion or sphere of influence," he added.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, also president of the African National Congress, and 20 other leaders of political parties and organisations, spoke at the summit. They agreed with Xi that political parties should shoulder the responsibility for the people's wellbeing, and said they were willing to work with the CPC to build a better world.

Wang Huning, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and other senior CPC officials, attended the summit.

Over 10,000 representatives of political parties and various circles attended the event.

The summit issued a joint statement of proposals, which expressed the common will of political parties attending the event to safeguard world peace and development and promote the wellbeing of the people.

TARI invites stakeholders to its centres for agricultural technologies suitable for investment



Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (R, foreground) and senior agricultural research officers take part in a demonstration of new technologies at the TARI pavilion at a just-ended exhibition. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TANZANIA agricultural research Institute (TARI) has called farmers, investors and other stakeholders along the value chain to visit its centres scattered across the country obtain knowledge on different agricultural technologies suitable for investment in agriculture.

Speaking to media at Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), TARI director general Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo said TARI has different technologies ranging from improved seed varieties to post harvest management.

The current priority of the research institute is to scale up production, achieve agricultural productivity, food and nutrition and spur the nation's economy.

He said in this 6th phase government of President Samia Suluhu TARI's high agenda on the table is to generate and promote application of knowledge, innovation and agricultural technologies to enable farmers and the nation achieve sustainable agriculture and ensure food security.

"Given high demand of different technologies, it is not a time for walking any more but running. We are confident that our research activities and technologies will ensure great change in the way our farmers and stakeholders conduct agriculture and productivity," he said.

Besides, strengthening national agricultural research system to enhance development and dissemination of technologies, innovations and management practices are on the agenda to ensure farmers needs are adequately addressed.

"We are exhibiting different technologies here to bring them closer to the farmers and other stakeholders along the value chain. TARI is determined to ensure that improved technologies reach the end users using different dissemination pathways, among them is the use of DITF opportunities.

Citing an example he said TARI started to showcasing the technologies to the farmers at all agricultural exhibition grounds across the country. In recent years, the research institute has launched agricultural technology transfer hubs. The first agricultural technology transfer hub started in 2020 as pilot at Nyakabindi in Baridi, Simiyu region and recently the Institute launched similar hub at Mwalimu Nyerere agricultural exhibition ground in Morogoro. He Dr. Mkamilo named the available technologies which can benefit the farmers as: Improved crop varieties which offer much higher yields, better quality, and more stable production. TARI in collaboration with partners has undertaken research and produced improved varieties on crops including cereals, roots and tubers, grain legumes, oil seed, banana, cotton, coffee, tobacco, sisal, cashew, sugarcane, and horticultural crops.

At DITF, TARI is also demonstrating post harvest management which focuses on enhancing the use of affordable and effective post-harvest and storage technologies by developing and promoting post-harvest and handling technologies; standards of different crop produce and by products; and improved storage technologies.

Food processing and value addition technologies are other technologies being showcased at the fair for improved nutrition and food security.

The farmers and other stakeholders also learnt about good agro practices. Foreexample, at cotton pavilion, researchers showcased sowing space to the cotton crop. They said the farmer can use spacing of 90cmX40cm for more yield.

The performance of new spacing can increase yield weight by 50 percent compared to the traditional method.

TARI Mlingano centre director Dr. Catherine Senkoro explained called on the farmers to establish soil quality and status first before they can invest in agriculture.

She said soil TARI has mapped the country's soil and other natural resources at a scale that is used for planning at farm, district, regional and national levels.

The Institute has conducted research on various aspects of soil and identified production systems.

It has also developed plant nutrition recommendations packages specific for selected soils, agro-climatic and social circumstances.

Citing an example of Sunflower crop which is being given emphasis due to its importance in curbing shortage of edible oil, she said that TARI Mlingano centre has already prepared and produced soil maps for Dodoma, Singida and Simiyu regions. The maps show highly suitable places for growing the crop.

Currently the country need a total of 570,000 metric tons of vegetable Oil but current production stands at 40 percent of the required edible oil while 60 percent is actually imported, costing approximately 443 bn/- annually

Therefore, she said TARI has decided to produce maps that show potential districts and regions for growing the crop.

"The government's mission is to boost boost Sunflower crop. The available information are very important to be considered by the farmers, investors, traders and stakeholders along the value chain before they venture into agriculture.

She said TARI has produced well researched information and reports which the investors can use to select appropriate areas for investment.

"As the country embarks on short term plans to reduce importing edible oil, TARI has produced reports showing areas suitable for cultivation of Sunflower crop. For Dodoma foreexample, the areas which are highly suitable for Sunflower crop is around 38 percent of the total area and in terms of highly, medium and low suitable areas is almost 82.5 percent of the total area," she said.

Likewise sisal crop, TARI has soil map showing highly suitable areas for the crop which small and large farmers can use to produce the crop and other crops.

"Therefore, all prospective investors should visit TARI pavilion to learn more information about the crop and other crops," she said.

TARI's director of technology transfer and partnership Dr. Juliana Mwakasendo farmers, welcomed agricultural stakeholders saying TARI provides advice good agricultural practices for each crop, where to grow it and related technologies.

"As TARI our main mission is to address challenges facing the farmers and promoting application of knowledge, innovation and agricultural technologies to stakeholders along the value chain. That's why we have improved seeds which the farmers and other stakeholders can use to increase production and productivity," she said

She said TARI has 17 centres, each with a certain mandate. Foreexample, TARI Mlingano centre in Tanga region has already prepared and produced soil maps for Dodoma, Singida and Simiyu regions. The maps show highly suitable places for growing the crop.

She said that through TARI Makutupora centre in Dodoma the farmers can learn different technologies and

value addition on grapes.

TARI Naliendele centre in Mtwara, one can learn agricultural best practices Cashewnuts and value chains.

At TARI-Kihinga in Kigoma, the farmers can learn technologies and good agro-practices for oil palm farming.

She said currently the centre has researched new oil palm seeds called Tenera which produces almost five times the traditional Dura seeds. Military Institutions namely Kwitanga Prison service and Bu-

lombora 821 KJ and some district councils in Kigoma region are effectively and efficiently playing their key role of speeding up production and dissemination of the improved seeds to the farmers, investors.

TARI Kibaha centre is one of Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute centres that carries out sugarcane research activities.

It also produces different technologies for the farmers.

TARI Kibaha centre has reliable technologies related to improved varieties, good agricultural prac-

tices or diseases and paste management. They are all available here at DITF. They are being transferred to the farmers through farmer field days, agriculture exhibition, and media. For example, seven good improved varieties already available for sugarcane cultivation are N41, N12, N19, N25, R570, R575, and R579.

"All these technologies are available here at TARI pavilions each centre with specific technologies which the farmers and other stakeholders can come and learn," she stressed.



TENDER NOTICE

Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) is a non-governmental and non-profit environmental management and protection organization that combines policy research, advocacy and public interest litigation in the intersection between environment, human rights, social justice and sustainable development. LEAT has received a grant from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement a five-year Activity entitled "Usimamizi Endelevu wa Maliasili" from 6th March, 2020 to 5th March, 2025. Among tasks under this activity include:

- Printing a set of training manuals on natural resources management (NRM) and Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM).
- Facilitate provision of Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCROs) to villagers' in Nkasi and Sumbawanga districts.

Consequently, LEAT hereby invites quotations from two separate reputable companies/suppliers for printing 3000 copies of the Training Manual on Social Accountability Monitoring and for the supply of herein below mentioned stationary materials.

A: The Manual:
Size: B5;
Pages: 52 + cover page.
Paper: Cover 250gsm. Full colour, inside 135 glossy full colours.
Binding: Perfect binding.

B: Stationary supplies:

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3	Form 21(b) (Ream paper- A3 size)	150 -Reams
4	Claim receipt books	5-Books
5	Print cartridge Laserjet 59A	60-Catridge
6	Adjudication books	5-Books
7	File tags (bundles)	84-Bundles

Qualification of a Supplier

- Registered Company/Supplier with experiences in performing similar works
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- Sealed application/quotations should be mailed to LEAT's offices in Mikocheni "B" or be sent through the post address below.

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Dar Es Salaam.

Submission deadline: **July 27, 2021 at 4:00pm**

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Need for access to food safety and nutritious food

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

FOOD and nutrition stakeholders in the country have called for food safety and nutritious food to protect peoples' health.

They have raised concern over the access to food safety and nutritious food saying currently food is increasingly becoming toxic and unsafe for consumers due to different challenges ranging from production to consumption.

Speaking at the national food systems dialogue held in Dodoma over the weekend, they said safety and health of consumers are put at risk due to many challenges such as huge, unregulated and rampant use of agro chemicals, industrial fertilizer, and pesticides.

The food systems summit drawn participants from civil society organizations on the first day

and the youth for the second day. There were also representatives from the government, policy and decision makers, research institutions and the private sector.

Prof. Davis Mwamfupe, a mayor of Dodoma said food safety uncertainty has enveloped a number of issues from production, transport, markets to consumption saying there is a need to shift and develop sustainable consumption.

Prof. Mwamfupe who is a former lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam said that people have commercialized rural area production systems, raising concern over food safety.

Professor Mwamfupe warned that currently the food being consumed by majority has lost its legitimacy of being called safe and nutritious due to many challenges.

Some of the main areas of discussion as far as food safety is con-

cerned were: When are the people going to shift to sustainable consumption patterns? When are the people going to boost nature for positive production?, when the people going to advance equitable livelihoods, and when are the people going to build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stress.

A member of parliament (Special seats) Neema Rugangira said at this time, safe and nutritious food is crucial than any other time. She said food has been affected right from production to consumption. This pose huge risk to consumers.

"We have to find solution to the challenges facing food systems because you find tomatoes are being sprayed today and sent to the market. Cows are being vaccinated today and produces milk or sent to the market for meat, she asked.

We can't go this way, we need

to review the country's food and nutrition policy to accommodate current issues," she said.

Principal agriculture officer in the Ministry of agriculture Margaret Natai said the nation need safe and sustainable production that will positively contribute to the nutrition and food security.

Executive Director for Agricultural Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF) Audax Rukonge, said some of the challenges facing safe food systems include access to facilities especially to rural producers. Such facilities could be infrastructure in terms of energy, infrastructure in terms of rural roads, market systems.

Another challenge is the capacity of rural producers, processors, financial capacity to engage optimally and climate change which need the players to be climate resilient.

There are also other challenge such as lack of technologies for production and processing. The rural producers lack reliable water resources. All these have complicated the whole safe food systems.

"We have good policies and strategies but we need to effectively and efficiently operationalize them. All these issues need a combination of different players to overcome these challenges," he said.

He called on civil societies and other stakeholders along the value chain to come together and address these challenges which he said have affected different sectors such as production of crops, fisheries, manufacturing industries, water resource, transport, and trade.

For their part the youth were challenged to use their innovative



ideas to contribute to addressing the challenges facing food systems in the country.

Prof. Davis Mwamfupe said solutions to food and sustainability of food systems partly depends on innovative youth engagement in agricultural sector.

Food security nutrition officer at FAO Stella Kimambo said there is a need to improve and maintain good public health and nutrition.

"As we discuss the national food systems, we need to consider traditional means of production and food consumption to ensure safe and nutritious food for all.

Policy Advisor and National Coordinator for youth in agriculture Revellian Ngaiza said the youth government strategy in agriculture does not only encourage youth to self employment but also they should be part of decision making organs

Re: Invitation for tender to supply three new fiberglass boats.

Summary:
Organization The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Project name TUUNGANE
Name of assignment Supply of three new fiberglass boats with three outboard 25 HP engine (YAMAHA)
Geographical Location Kigoma, western Tanzania
Contract Type Short time (Two month)

1.0 Background and introduction

1.1. About Tuungane Project

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Pathfinder International (PI) in Tanzania are jointly implementing an integrated Project known as TUUNGANE which is addressing Collaborative Fisheries Management through Population-Health-Environment (PHE) approach for fisher communities living in 23 coastal villages along Lake Tanganyika in Kigoma and Katavi regions.

One among project goals is to achieve sustainable fisheries under community-based approach through among others, formation and capacity building of Beach Management Units (BMUs) via community-based fisheries management (CBFM).

Under this tender the organization invites the tenderers to supply three (3) new boats made of fiberglass materials, each with a 25 HP (YAMAHA) outboard engine.

2.0 Specifications

2.1 Boat;

LENGTH: 30 feet/9,2 meters
 DRAUGHT: 30 cm
 WEIGHT: 400 KG Approx.
 HULL TYPE: Canoe shaped low drag hull
 HULL MATERIAL AND AGE: Fiberglass
 DECK LAYOUT: Open deck with 4 bench seating and front inside anchor rope supporter
 CARRYING CAPACITY: 12 people plus 300 kg load

2.2 Engine

Horse power: (HP 25)
 Make: YAMAHA

3.0 Requirements


- Registered company/firm with experience on making/supplying fiberglass boats.
- We reserve the right to carry out clarifications if necessary.
- This work should be completed in two months from the date of the signing contract.
- Supplier have to deliver the 3 boats at Kigoma.

4.0 Expression of interest

Tenderers will be evaluated against a set of the following criteria

- Legal compliance - registered tax payer, business license/permit and any legal certification
- Financial capacities i.e. attached 3 months bank statement.
- Work experience and workmanship capacity eg attached completed works certificates, referees and staff CVs
- Meeting the bidding specification and requirements in section 2 and 3 , evidenced attached photos.
- Competitive price,

Interested company/firms/Institutions that meet the requirements above should send a letter (through an email) of "expression of interest" to hshilinde@TNC.ORG detailing: estimated itemized price for the items to be supplied not later than 26/07/2021.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT LEVY ON MOBILE MONEY TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS

As you are aware, the Government has introduced a new levy on mobile money transfer transactions through Finance Act 2021 which amended the National Payment Systems Act Cap 437 by adding Section 46A. The Act empowers the Finance Minister, after consultation with the Minister responsible for communications, to make regulations prescribing the manner and modality under which the levy shall be collected and accounted for.

The Minister has issued NPS Regulations 2021 and henceforth Mobile Money Service Providers shall collect the new levy on behalf of the Government from 15th July, 2021. The levy below for sending money and withdrawal shall be in addition to existing rates charged by each operator as follows:


AMOUNT (TSH)				CUSTOMER FEES (TSH)			
FROM	TO	SEND MONEY TO AIRTEL MONEY		SEND MONEY TO OTHER NETWORKS		WITHDRAW MONEY FROM AGENT/ ATM	
		FEES FOR SENDING MONEY (AIRTEL - AIRTEL)	GOVERNMENT TAX	GOVERNMENT TAX	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	FEES FOR WITHDRAWING MONEY	GOVERNMENT TAX
100	999	10		15			
1,000	1,999	20	10	30	50	10	60
2,000	2,999	30	16	46	50	16	66
3,000	3,999	50	27	77	100	27	127
4,000	4,999	60	56	116	100	56	156
5,000	6,999	120	100	220	200	100	300
7,000	7,999	130	125	255	200	125	325
8,000	9,999	130	125	255	200	125	325
10,000	14,999	350	320	670	550	320	870
15,000	19,999	350	610	960	550	610	1,160
20,000	29,999	370	960	1,330	600	960	1,560
30,000	39,999	390	1,100	1,490	680	1,100	1,780
40,000	49,999	400	1,500	1,900	750	1,500	2,250
50,000	99,999	600	2,050	2,650	1,250	2,050	3,300
100,000	199,999	800	2,530	3,330	1,600	2,530	4,130
200,000	299,999	800	2,940	3,740	1,900	2,940	4,840
300,000	399,999	1,000	3,500	4,500	2,300	3,500	5,800
400,000	499,999	1,000	4,100	5,100	2,500	4,100	6,600
500,000	599,999	1,000	5,200	6,200	3,200	5,200	8,400
600,000	699,999	1,000	6,400	7,400	4,300	6,400	10,700
700,000	799,999	1,000	7,100	8,100	4,300	7,100	11,400
800,000	899,999	1,000	7,520	8,520	4,300	7,520	11,820
900,000	1,000,000	1,000	8,900	9,900	6,000	8,900	14,900
1,000,001	3,000,000	1,000	9,400	10,400	6,000	9,400	15,400
3,000,001	5,000,000	1,000	10,000	11,000	6,000	10,000	16,000
5,000,001	10,000,000	1,000	10,000	11,000		9,000	10,000

SERVICE	FROM (TSH)	TO (TSH)
Depositing money at an Agent/ Airtel Money Branch	1,000	10,000,000
To withdraw money from a customer with no Airtel Money or uses other networks	1,000	1,000,000
Send money to a non-Airtel Money customer or from other networks	1,000	1,000,000
Change PIN number		FREE
Payments through Airtel Money		Fees to check balance

NOTE
 A customer can cash in or receive up to 10,000,000 TSH within a day and send up to 5,000,000 TSH within a day if registered to Airtel Money is complete
 Whenever sending money remember to make sure that the number of the receiver is correct in order to avoid any inconveniences
 Airtel Money will provide you with the standing order amount free, whenever you check your balance, or your last two transactions, information of your transaction, previous day transactions or last month's transaction. You will be charged 50 tsh for each transaction
 For any assistance call 100 for customer service for free or visit any Airtel Shop or Airtel Money Branch

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 SELECT 0

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- TIMIZA - LOANS
- ASK A FRIEND
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*ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO 18% VAT AND 10% TAX ARE DEDUCTED FOR THE AMOUNT TRANSACTED.

Charges Applicable Effective 15th July 2021

CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI

JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Cultivating rural women's economic empowerment with agro-ecology weapon

By Guardian Reporter

SEXUAL and gender-based violence (GBV) is a daily reality for a large part of Tanzanian women and girls. Reports show that nearly 40 percent of them have experienced physical violence in their lives and 25 percent are victims of sexual violence from the age of 15 years. 44 percent of married women experience physical and sexual violence from their husbands. These rates are even higher in rural and less educated areas.

Faced with this situation, the government, local NGOs and development partners are stepping up programs to combat GBV year after year.

Recently, the Msichana Initiative in collaboration with the Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), and Practical Permaculture Institute of Zanzibar (PPIZ) launched a new project which is aimed at promoting young women's empowerment through organic agriculture and thus help address GBV.

Dubbed 'Girls Empowerment through Agro-Ecology and Permaculture (GAPE)', the two-year project worth over 1.6bn/- (\$720,000) will be implemented in Dodoma, Tabora and Zanzibar. It is funded by the French Embassy.

Rebeca Gyumi, executive director of the Msichana Initiative told The Guardian in an interview that the project will benefit 2,000 selected individuals in the three regions with 90 percent of them expected to be women.

She said the project will support girls in a vulnerable situation through a holistic approach that includes both personal and social emancipation and economic empowerment.

"On one hand the project aims at building the confidence of girls and their ability to stand up for their rights and on the other hand provide them with vocational training and support them in creation of micro/small businesses around agro-ecology."

It will improve preservation of biodiversity and support smallholder farmers towards an ecological transition.

Gyumi noted that many studies in recent years agree that the fight against gender violence, to be effective, must be accompanied by the economic empowerment of women, without which women face processes of "revictimizations".

She said that the NGO is targeting to empower girls with knowledge and skills to understand their rights. Girls and especially the victims of early motherhood will be capacitated to attain economic resilience.

"The project focuses on enabling the young farmers move closer to the more than 50 percent of women engaging in micro, small and medium-sized enterprises so as to achieve their targeted goals," she said.

She said that 1000 girls will be reached in Kongwa District, Dodoma and Nzega District in Tabora Region and 1000 other girls will be reached in Zanzibar.

She said the Isles institute will train girls and women on agro-ecology practices and entrepreneurship skills, with about 1000 youth set to be reached in Zanzibar.

"Adolescent girls who have given birth will be assisted to establish income generating activities through agriculture. We also empower them on



value addition to tap all the potentials in the crops," she said.

Gyumi further said the beneficiaries will be organized into 35 beneficiary groups. However, these groups will include 5 percent men, aged between 15 and 35, in order to involve them more easily in the dialogue that will be put in place throughout the project with the communities concerned on GBV.

Tanzania has in recent years experienced an increase in frequency and intensity of extreme events such as strong winds, heavy rainfall and higher temperatures.

Steven Kiboko, project officer at Msichana Initiative hinted on the note that despite the critical role rural women and girls play in agriculture and management of the family,

their role in agriculture planning and decision making is marginalized.

"There is a great need to advance these problems to holistic projects and programmes that include improving food and nutrition security, increasing income for sustainable livelihoods and increasing their participation in all policy and decision making processes. And to ensure that all programmes are gender responsive," he said.

According to him, rural women and girls generally have limited access to productive assets including land, agriculture inputs, extension services and technology, so this project is going to support address these challenges.

Joyce Joseph (22) from Nzega, Tabora commended Msichana Initiative and its implementing partners for coming up with the project as it is going to help them acquire vocational training and support them in the creation of small businesses around agro-ecology.

"The project has come at the right time when majority of girls and women are still grappling to fight several kinds of violence that affect their development, so capacitating us with the skills will enable us embark on agriculture projects which also in turn project our nature and ecology for sustainable development," she said.

She was echoed by Asha Emmanuel who said that that project is

going to them to gain self-esteem and awareness of their rights and the means to enforce them, which allows them to minimize the risk of violence and to cope better with persistent cases.

Speaking at the project launch in Dar es Salaam recently, French Ambassador Frederic Clavier said GAPE will be implemented as part of the embassy's efforts to support this innovative approach for climate adapted agriculture. It helps to ensure the preservation of biodiversity and inclusive growth of smallholder agriculture.

Supporting women's organic agriculture activities shall increase productivity and enhance food security in the community, he said.

G20: World must invest at least \$75 billion to prevent COVID-19 repeat

By Kizzi Asala

THE World Trade Organisation Director-General Nigerian Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala at the G20 finance ministers summit in Venice, Italy over the weekend, urged the attending officials to ramp up efforts of coronavirus

vaccine donations, distribution and manufacturing support. The efforts are in order to combat the ongoing global health crisis.

"In the continuing pandemic, vaccine inequity of access between developed and developing countries are a real

problem and we need to address it."

In addition, a report presented by the High Level Independent Panel of experts recommended that the world's governments commit to increase collective financing for preparedness for the next

global health crisis.

The experts state that the sum of at least \$75 billion over the next five years will be necessary in order to prevent a repeat of the global multi-layered impact the coronavirus pandemic. The panel also warned, "The world is far from

equipped to prevent or stop the next pandemic. There is every likelihood that the next pandemic will come within a decade - arising from a novel influenza strain, another coronavirus, or one of several other dangerous pathogens."

"Its impact on human health

and the global economy could be even more profound than that of COVID-19."

The suggested financing initiative would fund a coordinated surveillance and research network for infectious diseases, more resilient health-care systems, better govern-

ance to manage crises and an improved global capacity to produce vaccines.

"We must learn the right lessons from this pandemic in order to be well prepared for the next one," added Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, director general of the World Trade Organization.

Lure women into construction sector to improve income - CCI

By Getrude Mbagi

"At first community members were despising me when I started engaging in construction activities especially building toilets, they usually thought that maybe I had lost my mind or had nothing else to do," says Asma Seif a resident of Mbezi Dar es Salaam who is currently engaging in construction activities in several parts in the country.

Asma decided to invest heavily in construction profession after acquiring skills and knowledge from a special training provided by the country's Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) about ten years ago.

Reports show that the number of women in the construction sector is still very low something which needs more coordinated efforts to lure more women in the sector so as to stimulate economic growth and promote equality.

She says that in most communities, seeing women doing such works (construction activities) which are perceived to be men's jobs, it taken negatively. But as days goes on there has been a growing trust from the community after seeing the work that women are able to do.

Asma says since she received the training in 2012, her life has changed for better through various construction tenders she gets thus injecting more income.

"Through the job I have been traveling in various part of the country to implement various construction tenders, I thank CCI for bringing me into this profession. I am happy because I also receive

full support from husband and the family and this gives me courage to continue working and being more innovative," she says.

Like Asma, Janeth Dismas (50) from Keko Machugwa in Temeke district, Dar es Salaam, was able to utilise the skills and expertise gained to also advance his family's opportunities. The new source of income she gained by constructing toilets allowed her to support her children's education.

"Earlier, I could never imagine educating my three children with a subsistence living. Earnings from constructing toilets have helped me support my family, purchase plots as well as constructing a new house at Kivule in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam," Janeth says.

Janeth says: "Toilet construction has doubled my income. I encourage every other woman to do something for her own unique identity." Janeth is proud to have challenged the gender-based barriers that existed in her community, and hopes to share these lessons about perseverance and agency with her daughters.

Chuki Balama also from Keko Machugwa says: At first during practical training of toilet construction, we were supervised and getting support from professional architects. But due to our attentiveness, most of us have now become good builders."

She commends CCI for also financing them to take a two-week entrepreneurship course at the Vocational Educational Training Authority (VETA) something has enabled them to be more innovative in coming up with other income



generating activities apart from construction.

Balama however says that the construction activities do not make her forget her everyday family duties which include making sure that her children, husband and members of the family eat as well as making the house clean and organized.

Balama further says not only have the federation members worked to improve sanitation within Keko Machugwa but also, with the assistance of the CCI, water boreholes have been drilled and water kiosks established. Buckets of water are sold to community members at

each kiosk. The system is managed by a water committee and maintained by the community. A number of kiosks are dotted across the area.

Stella Stephen, CCI monitoring and evaluation officer says that the organization has supported training of over 100 women in the country to become toilet masons, providing them with the skills to expand their expertise to other construction opportunities.

She says CCI as a nongovernmental organization supporting and empowering poor community living in informal settlements in Tanzania, has been empowering com-

munity in particularly women to take different initiatives to improve their living condition individually and the community at large.

This is done through formation of small savings groups known as Tanzania Urban Poor Federation (TUPF) who are united not only to do savings but to tackle other challenges they are facing within the community in collaboration with other stakeholders.

"The idea of empowering women to participate in the construction came after empowering the women to take lead on opportunities available so that they can get income.

Different women came up to participate in toilets construction.

They were motivated by seeing other women doing the same in different regions here in Tanzania and in other countries as well.

A total 103 have been capacitated by CCI through construction trainings theoretical and practically in different regions including Dar es salaam. Keko machugwa settlement was the first settlement to have women in construction here in Dar es Salaam. They are able to get income out of the toilet construction works within and outside of Dar es Salaam," she says.

Stella adds: "Some of these women have traveled in different regions in Tanzania to build the capacity of other technicians and some have gone to Uganda and Kenya to participate in trainings and share their experience.

So apart from the income they are getting to support their families eg, paying school fees for their children, purchasing piece of land etc, they have been able to get the exposures, acquiring skills and building their confidence."

NOTICE OF COMPANY VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

MLFS LIMITED
(COMPANY NUMBER 140272)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 334 OF THE COMPANY ACT 2002 AT GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS HELD ON 08 OCTOBER 2019 PASSING OF RESOLUTION OF VOLUNTARY WINDING UP THE COMPANY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT BY REASON OF ITS LOSS, CANNOT CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS AND THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO WIND IT UP.

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CHAIR OF THE MEETING

RECOGNITION

Nsekela basking in Global Finance magazine awards success yet again

By Guardian Reporter

GLOBAL Finance Magazine of the US has declared CRDB Bank Plc winner of Best Bank in Tanzania for the third year in a row. The GF also named the bank as the most innovative in the local market thanks to investments in digital banking channels.

CRDB's CEO and Managing Director, Abulmajid Nsekela said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the bank was among 35 African banks identified in various categories this year. "We are proud to win this prestigious award for third straight year and dedicate this to our clients and shareholders without who this could not have been possible," Nsekela told journalists in

the commercial capital yesterday.

He said for the past three years, his management has been undertaking a major business transformation exercise which has led to improved services and products in the market hence the global recognition.

"This award is not for CRDB alone, but it's for all Tanzanians whose support has made this possible," he said while promising to continue investments in digital banking channels as the coronavirus pandemic ravages the global community.

He further pointed out that despite the Covid-19 setbacks, the bank which has the largest digital network in the country, has continued to perform well by making billions of shillings in profits thanks to public

and shareholder support.

"Because of our prudent pursuit of the business strategy, non-performing loans are down to 4.4 percent compared to 5.5 percent in 2019," the CRDB chief noted saying that due to sustained profitability, the bank made a new profit of 165.2bn/- last year being an increase of 37.5

percent compared to the previous year.

Nsekele said the bank has been working closely with the government and Medical Association of Tanganyika in fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic while promoting alternative banking channels for the public to utilise.

"We conducted a campaign to encourage customers use digital banking outlets through 'Popote inatiki' initiative during the period," he added saying as a result of such mobilizations, over 89 percent of transaction take place outside banking halls thanks to SimBankig, SimAccount, CRDB Wakalas and ATMs.

In a statement, Global Finance's Director and Managing Editor, Joseph Giarraputo said for the past three years or so, CRDB Bank has shown consistency in investment in digital banking channels which is good beat the Covid-19 pandemic.

"CRDB Bank has contributed significantly in 2020 among its customers and the entire economy because of allowing people to transact seamlessly without visiting a banking hall," Giarraputo said adding that Covid-19 protocols require that banks provide services to their clients at a distance.



CRDB Bank Plc's CEO and managing director, Abulmajid Nsekela brandishes Global Finance Awards which his bank has won. This was at a news conference held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

CONCERN

Vodacom, MTN shut retail stores as criminal looting spreads

DURBAN

SOME of South Africa's largest companies were forced to halt operations as violence erupted in parts of the country, with rioters torching trucks and looting stores.

The biggest four lenders led by Standard Bank and FirstRand (First National Bank) all closed branches in KwaZulu-Natal, the province at the

heart of the unrest, and the economic hub of Gauteng, the companies said in e-mailed responses to questions on Monday.

Makro parent Massmart and mobile phone giants Vodacom and MTN were among others to shut outlets, while the latter is running its main call centre at minimal capacity.

Dis-Chem Pharmacies closed all its stores in KwaZu-

lu-Natal, hampering South Africa's Covid-19 testing and vaccine roll-out, according to text messages sent to customers.

Business leaders are calling on authorities to quell the violence that has escalated since the arrest of former President Jacob Zuma last week, with the army being deployed to help police.

The looting and destruction that followed have emp-

tied the shelves of grocers and closed major roads in the country, including the N3 highway between the port city of Durban and Johannesburg. At least six people have died to date, according to police.

"We are doing all we can to ensure that the disruptions are minimised," Trudi Makhaya, an economic adviser to President Cyril Ramaphosa, said in a webinar organised by the

World Bank.

"Of course, that begins with arresting criminals, intervening in those hotspots where we're seeing challenges."

The impact of the riots has delivered a further blow to industries already contending with lockdown restrictions in South Africa to curb the spread of Covid-19 infections, which were toughened late last month. It's also hamper-

ing efforts to revive an economy that suffered its largest contraction in a century last year.

South African stocks pared losses as investors kept a close eye on the protests, while the extension of the current hard level of lockdown weighed on sentiment. The FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index was up 0.3% by 2.32pm, erasing earlier losses of as much as 0.7%.

"There is definitely a more sombre mood on the JSE today," said Michele Santangelo of Independent Securities in Johannesburg.

"South Africa-centric shares are mostly under pressure today as is the rand. Investors are likely not overly concerned given the recent events but they are certainly not overly optimistic either," he said.



Trudi Makhaya, an economic adviser to President Cyril Ramaphosa.

CENSURE

Mozambique central bank fines Africa's biggest lender over involvement in fraud practices

MAPUTO

THE central bank of Mozambique has fined Africa's biggest lender, Standard Bank, \$4.6 million for engaging in fraudulent activities, Bank of Mozambique said on Monday.

The central bank also fined two of Standard Bank's employees around \$223,000 and \$101,000 each, and barred the bank from engaging in some exchange-related activities for a year, it said in a statement. Standard Bank, which is based in South Africa, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The central bank said following on-site inspections "infringement proceedings were brought against that bank (Standard Bank) and two of its managers ... for serious breaches of a prudential and exchange rate nature."

It alleged the bank and the two employees were involved in fraudulent manipulation of the exchange rate, implementing an illegal payments network based outside the country, and carrying out irregular operations of financial derivatives, among other offences.

Nigeria leads mobile app market growth for Africa

LAGOS

LEADING Global marketing measurement, AppsFlyer in collaboration with tech giant, Google has launched a report that shows a booming African mobile app market, propelled by a growing fintech space, a rise in 'super apps', and the COVID-19 pandemic amongst other factors.

According to the report, over 6,000 apps and 2 billion installs across South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya, between Q1 2020 and Q1 2021 were analysed. The report discovered that the African mobile app market showed strong growth, with overall installs increasing by 41%. Nigeria showed the highest growth, with a 43% uplift, followed by 37% in South Africa, and 29% in Kenya. 33% of 2020's in-app

purchasing revenue was generated in Q3, as consumer spending grows

Showing perhaps the biggest trend, in-app purchasing revenue numbers soared between July and September, with a 136% increase compared to the previous three months. This accounted for a third of the year's total revenue, highlighting just how much African consumers were spending within apps, from retail purchases to gaming upgrades. South Africa's in-app purchasing revenue surged by a massive 213%, with Nigeria and Kenya also showing significant increases of 141% and 74% in the same time frame.

COVID's impact on app installs in Africa With people spending more time at home, the report found overall app installs increased by 20% in Q2 2020 compared to the previous quarter. On a coun-

try level, South Africans were quick to take to their mobiles as the first lockdown hit, with installs of mobile apps increasing by 17%. The situation was more muted in Nigeria and Kenya, with increases of 2% and 9% respectively. These differences are likely due to the varying levels of restrictions experienced by the three countries, with South Africa facing the strictest.

Other key findings

South Africa and Nigeria saw year-on-year growth in finance app installs by 116% and 60% respectively, as the need to reduce social contact has led to even more users adopting digital solutions for their financial needs.

The 'cost per install (CPI) on iOS also increased by 21% between Q2 and Q3 2020, which meant iOS app developers were get-

ting fewer installs for the same budget. Towards the end of the year and into 2021, there was no uplift in non-organic installs on iOS compared to 40% on Android.

Commenting on the trends highlighted in the report, Daniel Junowicz, RVP EMEA & Strategic Projects, AppsFlyer said, "We're proud to combine forces with Google to provide businesses with the insights and technology needed to succeed on mobile in Africa."

The mobile app space in Africa is thriving, despite the turmoil of the last year. Installs are growing, and consumers are spending more money than ever before, highlighting just how important mobile can be for businesses when it comes to driving revenue.

As a result, mobile marketing is becoming increasingly important for businesses

across the continent. Being able to make data-driven informed decisions, and understand the ROI on marketing campaigns will be key to any app marketers' success."

Rama Afullo, Apps Lead for Africa at Google, added: "While it's clear that mobile adoption is increasing, there's still room for growth when it comes to app marketing, with many marketers in the nascent stage of their app maturity journey."

Taking advantage of app promotion and engagement tools like Google's App Campaigns, using analytics and measurement tools, and working with mobile measurement partners like AppsFlyer, will be important for companies looking to grow their user base, drive customer value and continue improving the user experience."

APPRECIATION

Mwinyi salutes NMB Bank for donating construction material

By Guardian Reporter

A DONATION of construction materials worth 13m/- will go a long way in supporting government efforts to improve the health care system, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said.

Speaking after receiving the donation for the construction of Jang'ombe health center on Monday, President Mwinyi said his government appreciates roles being played by corporations in the development of the isles.

"My government will continue supporting activities of NMB Bank because you are true partners in the development of people's lives both through your commercial activities and financing community services," Dr Mwinyi said while vowing to ensure that the isles health sector caters for the majority of the people.

Briefing the president on the donation, NMB Bank's Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar Zone Manager, Donatus Richard said the donation is part of the bank's routine tradition of allocating at least a percent of its profits to community investments.

Richard said NMB management

understand President Mwinyi's commitment to improve the isles health care system hence the decision to donate the construction material to complement such efforts by the state.

"As a local bank, we have a responsibility to ensure that the community in which we operate is health and educated because only such a community can support our banking business," he said. Among the donated items were 255 pieces of iron sheets, 220 pieces of timber and 100 kilograms nails.

The NMB Zone Manager further noted that Jang'ombe health center is unique because most of its beneficiaries are pregnant women and under-five children. He said for the past two years, the bank has invested about 195m/- in the isles education and health infrastructure.

"As NMB Bank, we will continue working with your government by investing alongside the government in education and health but also disaster management," he promised. The largest bank in the country by profitability last year made over 200bn/- net profit.



NMB Bank's Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar zone manager, Donatus Richard (R) briefs Zanzibar president Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi on the 13m/- construction materials donated on Monday. Photo courtesy of NMB.

PENALTY

Chinese hotel to pay ex-worker Sh3m for caning

NAIROBI

THE management of a Chinese restaurant based in Nairobi's Kileleshwa will pay a former Kenyan worker Sh3.07 million for allowing him to be mistreated and for summarily sacking him after reporting to the police.

The man, identified as SOS because he was a victim of sexual violence, was captured on a mobile phone camera being whipped by the head cook, for allegedly refusing sexual advances. The management later said he was late for

work. The video caused an uproar and the Chinese cook and three others were deported on orders of the High Court.

The court said the restaurant "fostered an enabling environment for the inhumane, cruel and demeaning assaults on the petitioner to take place continuously." The court questioned the audacity of the management to summarily dismiss the victim for reporting the crime.

The judge said the dismissal was a violation of his rights and against the Employment Act and therefore entitled to



Justice Nduma Nderi.

compensation. He said the victim was not only sexually molested and physically assaulted continuously but was also tortured psychologically. Employment and Labour Relations court judge Mathews Nderi directed the management of the restaurant to pay the victim for condoning acts that violated the man's rights.

"The petitioner was in addition cajoled to engage in sex with the 2nd respondent and was threatened verbally, abused and given corporal punishment upon resisting the advances by the 2nd

respondent," the judge said.

Justice Nderi said the victim suffered extreme cruelty, humiliation, psychological trauma, pain and suffering as a result of continuous sexual harassment, corporal punishment and verbal abuse, while being humiliated in front of co-workers.

Through lawyer Steve Mogaka, the victim also sued CS Interior, Inspector General of police and the Attorney General but the court said there was no evidence that they condoned the violations. Evidence presented to

court showed that the man was employed as a waiter for a monthly salary of Sh12,000.



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Agriculture minister Celso Ismael Correia.

WARNING

Mozambican minister vows crackdown against dishonest exporters

MAPUTO

MOZAMBICAN Agriculture Minister Celso Correia warned on Thursday that the government intends to crack down on exporters who attempt to defraud the state by falsifying the real value of their goods, stated on the export declarations.

Speaking at Carapira, in Monapo district, in the northern province of Nampula, at a meeting with stakeholders in the government's flagship agricultural development programme, Sustenta, Correia said his Ministry is working with the customs service and other authorities "so that we can bring order to exports."

He called for honesty from all exporters, "since we are in a moment of many adversities, and the lives of thou-

sands of Mozambicans are at stake." This was a time "in which nobody expects to see nations and investments grow, but we are managing to open factories, and to see our warehouses full of food. It must not be the exporting class which puts at risk our path and our objectives."

He urged producers to be vigilant about the prices at which they sell their crops, so that the business is fair, and household income continues to grow. Exporters, he added, should accept their responsibility to make accurate declarations of the value of their exports "because it is important that foreign exchange enters Mozambique, and everybody in this value chain should pay attention because it is the income of Mozambican households that is at stake."

"We are not going to be complacent with situations in which our production is undervalued", he stressed. "We are not going to allow us to be considered a country of thieves because of a handful of people who are making millions. The efforts of thousands of producers must not be endangered because, in ports such as Nacala or Beira, we are not monitoring the value of the products that are leaving the country, and the money that is coming in."

Correia also announced that this year Mozambique has registered an increase of 20 per cent in the production of sesame, cotton and soya, which he attributed to the government's creation of the Mozambique Institute of Oilseeds.

"20 per cent is a significant value in

exports", he said. "But now we must be certain that this production, exported via the port of Nacala leaves at a fair price. When someone who exports a product which is worth 1,000 dollars a tonne on the international market but only registers 500 dollars a tonne with the finance department, that means that only half the foreign exchange that should enter Mozambique does so. Where does the rest of the money go?"

He declared that, on the government's calculation, this year's production of sesame should be in 150 million US dollars. Also on Thursday, Correia inaugurated in Nacala port a unit to pre-process Sesame, owned by the company "Agrico Marketing" which benefited from financing under the Sustenta programme.

ECO-FRIENDLY

More investments 'needed if Rwanda is to achieve targets on clean cooking'

KIGALI

AS the target dates of goals set by the government about clean cooking are fast approaching, there is a sense that, while the government is doing what it can, there is more that needs to be done for the goals to be achieved.

Oreste Niyonsaba, the manager for clean cooking and biogas use at Energy Development Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of the Rwanda Energy Group, said, "we have a target that, by 2024, half our households would have shifted to more clean cooking techniques." He added, "Rwanda is not yet on track but we are trying to put in more effort."

The two primary clean cooking options, according to Niyonsaba, are for households to use more efficient cooking stoves when using charcoal or to move completely from firewood and charcoal to electricity or gas.

While there are many factors that contribute to the environmental deterioration in Rwanda, the Coordinator of Rwanda Climate Change and Development Network, Faustin Vuningoma, said that since cooking is one of the major uses of energy, transitioning to clean cooking is crucial.

"If we don't promote clean cooking, it means that we are cutting trees... it means that we are not being able to fight respiratory diseases that are caused by the use of firewood, we are not reducing the greenhouse gas emissions, so at the end of the day we are increasing global warming," Vuningoma said. The government has been investing in a diverse portfolio of clean energy sources.

According to Vuningoma, the production of biogas has been a primary alternative energy source that Rwanda is investing in. While he said it would be one of the best solutions, it has

faced some adversity in Rwanda.

"I am not sure why it has been with a lot of challenges. The number of biogas stations that have been provided, most of them are no longer working," he said. "There could be an issue on the way of maintenance or the way they are just being handled." He also mentioned that Rwanda has invested in hydroelectricity and recently started investing in solar energy. Vuningoma also said that investing in windmills could be another option for affordable energy sources.

Jean-Pierre Mugabo, Director General, Rwanda Forestry Authority, said that based on a study done by his institution in July last year, every week the City of Kigali alone is responsible for the consumption of 360 hectares of forest for the use of charcoal and firewood. "Kigali consumes 72 per cent of the total charcoal produced in the country," he said. "Having an alternative only for the capital can impact quick reduction of biomass use."

The rate at which trees are currently being cut exceeds the rate at which trees are able to grow to a mature stage, according to Vuningoma. "There is a risk that carbon sequestration will no longer be there and there is even the chance that (the forests in Rwanda) will become a desert." Mugabo said the standing timber per hectare (the amount of uncut wood) is below average particularly in private forests. "The expected standing stock per hectare is ideally expected to be 300 m3 per ha (and) the current standing stock per ha in a small holder forest is 80 m3 per ha," he said. The Rwanda Forestry Authority and the Rwanda Energy Group are tackling the issue of non-clean cooking through increasing the production of tree planting and reducing the consumption of biomass energy, respectively.

WORLD

COVID-19 Delta variant spreading worldwide 'at scorching pace' - WHO chief

GENEVA

TEDROS Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), on Monday warned of the "devastating outbreaks" caused by the Delta variant of COVID-19, saying that the new strain of the virus was infecting people "at a scorching pace."

"Last week marked the fourth consecutive week of increasing cases of COVID-19 globally," Tedros (pictured) said at a virtual press

conference from Geneva, adding that "after ten weeks of declines, deaths are increasing again."

The virus variant first identified in India in October 2020 is continuing the spread around the world and has now been detected in 104 countries, he said.

"The Delta variant is ripping around the world at a scorching pace, driving a new spike in cases and deaths."

Leaders around the world have responded to the new rise in infections in markedly



different ways, with countries such as France adopting new restrictions while others easing them. The United Kingdom (UK), for one, still intends to lift all restrictions on July 19.

At Monday's press conference, the WHO chief warned of the danger of easing measures while many countries in the world still lack vaccines for their population. "The current collective strategy reminds me

of a firefighting team taking on a forest blaze," he said. "Hosing down part of it might reduce the flames in one area, but while it's smoldering anywhere, sparks will eventually travel and grow again into a rolling furnace."

Tedros reiterated his call on governments to share vaccines, adding that "the world should battle together to put out this pandemic inferno everywhere."

Xinhua

Looting, violence spreads in South Africa as grievances boil over

JOHANNESBURG

RIOTERS looted shops and threw stones at police yesterday as violent protests triggered by the jailing of former president Jacob Zuma spread across South Africa.



The military prepared to send in 2,500 troops as outnumbered police seemed helpless to prevent attacks on businesses in Zuma's home province KwaZulu-Natal and in Gauteng province, where the country's biggest city, Johannesburg, is located.

At least 30 people have been killed in days of unrest that broke out last week when Zuma (pictured) handed himself over to authorities. The protests have been fuelled further by frustration over poverty, inequality and the economic impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

Nearly 500 people have been arrested, while shops, petrol stations and government buildings have been forced to close.

"What we are witnessing now are opportunistic acts of criminality, with groups of people instigating chaos merely as a cover for looting and theft," President Cyril Ramaphosa said in an address on Monday night.

Zuma, 79, was sentenced last month for defying a constitutional court order to give evidence at an inquiry investigating high-level corruption during his nine years in office until 2018.

The decision to jail him resulted from legal proceedings seen as a test of post-apartheid South Africa's ability to enforce the rule of law, including against powerful politicians.

But any confrontation with soldiers risks fuelling charges by Zuma and his supporters that they are victims of a politically motivated crackdown by Ramaphosa, his successor.

The violence worsened as Zuma challenged his 15-month jail term in South Africa's top court on Monday. Judgement was reserved until an unspecified date.

Four of the confirmed dead were in Gauteng, the national intelligence body NatJOINTS, said, and 26 in KwaZulu-Natal, the province's premiere said.

The unrest broke out as South Africa's economy struggles to emerge from the damage wrought by Africa's worst COVID-19 epidemic, forcing it to repeatedly impose restrictions on businesses that have hurt an already fragile recovery.

The crisis may have widened the gap between haves and the have-nots. Growing joblessness has left people ever more desperate. Unemployment rose to a new record high of 32.6% in the first quarter this year.

The National Prosecuting Authority said on Monday that those found guilty of looting would be punished.

'Press freedom' not an excuse for Western interference

BEIJING

IN a ridiculous statement posted on the website of the U.S. State Department recently, the so-called "Media Freedom Coalition" pointed accusing fingers to the lawful actions of the Hong Kong authorities against the local Apple Daily newspaper.

Washington is up to the same old tricks by interfering in China's domestic affairs under the guise of "press freedom." No matter what the pretext, nothing will halt Hong Kong's desire for stability and prosperity.

The Apple Daily -- a so-called "media outlet" -- has for years engaged in illegal activities that have seriously endangered China's national security and disrupted Hong Kong's development.

From publishing fake news and spreading hate speech, to hyping up "color revolutions"

and instigating "Hong Kong independence" as well as violent and criminal behaviors, the daily is widely regarded as "a toxic apple" by the people of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong police arrested the directors of Apple Daily, who were suspected of colluding with external forces and jeopardizing national security. The arrests were not about "suppressing journalism" as claimed by the West. Instead, they were a legitimate move to safeguard the rule of law in Hong Kong and a response to the needs of residents who have long yearned for a return to normalcy in their city.

Behind the coalition's "strong concerns" about the newspaper are some of its members' malicious intention to use "press freedom" as an excuse for violence and criminal acts. But media organizations and related personnel are not free to act outside



Jimmy Lai Chee-ying is taken by the police to the headquarters of Apple Daily for investigation in Hong Kong, south China, Aug. 10, 2020. (Xinhua)

the law. There is no doubt that the coalition's statement is part of a Washington-instigated smear campaign against China to contain the Asian country's development. For quite some time, anti-China elements in the United States have been meddling in China's internal affairs concerning Hong Kong and Taiwan, fabricating a "human rights crisis" in the Xinjiang Uygur Autono-

mous Region, and politicizing the coronavirus pandemic to attack China.

The global community needs to keep vigilant over Washington's habitual tactics of twisting facts and truth, creating biased narratives, and deliberately stirring up an ideological confrontation to influence global public opinion. Michael Lueders, a well-known German writer, has revealed in

his new book "The Hypocritical Superpower" that the U.S. government and its interest groups are apt at influencing and shaping public opinion by selecting information and polarizing the public's views.

The so-called coalition is neither a representative of the global majority, nor a reflection of the main voice in the international arena.

Most importantly, its statement cannot shake China's resolve to implement the "one country, two systems" principle, maintain the rule of law in Hong Kong, and safeguard the country's sovereignty and security.

It is time for Washington to abide by international law and basic norms governing international relations and stop talking down to other countries. Finally, it has to stop interfering in Hong Kong's and China's internal affairs under the pretext of "press freedom."

Xinhua

Cuba arrests activists as govt blames unrest on US interference

HAVANA

CUBA blamed historic protests that took place over the weekend on US "economic asphyxiation" and detained some of the highest profile activists, while the Biden administration said it supported the Cuban people's right to demonstrate.

The streets of Havana were quiet on Monday, although there was a heavy police presence and the capitol building, where more than a thousand had congregated the day before, was cordoned off. Outages in mobile internet - the only way many Cubans have of accessing the web - were frequent.

Thousands of Cubans joined street protests from Havana to Santiago on Sunday in the biggest anti-government demonstrations on the Communist-run island in decades. They were protesting against the country's dire economic crisis and handling of the pandemic, but many

went further, calling for an end to communism and chanting "freedom."

At least 100 protesters, activists, and independent journalists had been detained nationwide since Sunday, according to exiled rights group Cubalex - some at the protests but others as they tried to leave their homes.

"It's becoming impossible to live here," said Havana resident Maykel, 21, who declined to give his surname for fear of retaliation. "I don't know if this can happen again, because at the moment, Havana is militarized."

"Still, Cubans are losing their fear," he said.

Others Reuters spoke to said they hoped there would be no more protests, citing fears of violence, and saying they would prefer there to be more dialogue.

The protests erupted amid both Cuba's deepest economic crisis since the fall of former ally the Soviet Union and a surge in



Protesters march in Havana, Cuba on Sunday. (AP)

COVID-19 infections that has pushed some hospitals to the edge of collapse in a country that prides itself on its healthcare system.

The tightening of decades-old US sanctions under former US president Donald Trump and the pandemic have exacerbated shortages of food and medicine, as well as power outages.

A minority of counter-revolutionaries were fomenting

unrest, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel said in a more than four-hour-long televised address alongside his Cabinet.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez blamed US-financed mercenaries. In Washington, US President Joe Biden said the United States stood with the people of Cuba who were "bravely" asserting their right to peaceful protest, while Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Cuban officials

should not blame the protests on US sanctions.

"It would be a grievous mistake because it would show that they simply are not hearing the voices and will of the Cuban people," he told a news briefing.

Some Cuban celebrities who have to date not touched on sensitive political issues publicly came out in support of the protesters.

"Their voices should be heard and their rights to express themselves respected," said singer-songwriter Cimafunk, whose real name is Erik Rodriguez. "We need to unite and find the path forward together, peacefully."

In Miami, home to a large community of Cuban Americans, hundreds turned out in Little Havana on Sunday to express solidarity and celebrate what they viewed as the beginning of the end. On Twitter, Miami mayor Francis Suarez implored the United States to "take action."

Agencies

China establishes e-commerce cooperation mechanisms with 22 countries

IN recent years, countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have constantly enhanced policy communication and coordination to benefit cooperation in and sound development of e-commerce, with the number of countries that have established bilateral e-commerce cooperation mechanisms with China rising to 22, according to official data.

China is home to 26,000 cross-border e-commerce enterprises in business or in existence, among which 5,688 were newly registered in 2020 and 3,130 are from provinces

and cities of countries participating in the BRI, revealed data from China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, many European citizens changed their way to commute from taking trains to cycling. The important shift gave Chinese bicycle brands, which had already joined cross-border e-commerce platforms for a long time, a great opportunity to promote sales.

Not long ago, a student of Ghent University in Belgium bought a bike of the Chinese brand Fenghuang via a cross-

border e-commerce platform. The bike is not only stylish, but highly cost-effective, according to the student.

Chinese consumers have also shown increasingly growing enthusiasm for imports. Chen Tingting, a resident in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, is used to buying cosmetics via a cross-border e-commerce platform.

"The platform sells authentic products of famous brands, and they can be delivered within one or two days. It's very convenient," Chen said. The platform's WeChat mini-

program now offers several thousand types of goods.

A China-Europe freight train fully loaded with furniture, auto parts, and daily necessities departed from Ganzhou International Land Port in Nankang district, Ganzhou, east China's Jiangxi province, to countries including Hungary recently.

"In the past, Ganzhou didn't have customs clearance channel for cross-border e-commerce, so we had to go to Shenzhen to submit export customs declarations. Now we can have our products cleared through customs at the Gan-

zhou International Land Port and directly transported to overseas warehouses by China-Europe freight trains," said Hu Daofeng, an executive of a company based in Nankang district. Hu's company has sent goods via China-Europe freight trains for five times this year.

"The prosperity of Silk Road e-commerce is the result of active win-win cooperation among countries participating in the BRI," pointed out Wang Wen, executive dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China.

As more and more countries join the construction of the BRI and digital infrastructure constantly improves, countries participating in the BRI have gained tangible dividends of development, Wang explained.

The sound development of Silk Road e-commerce has benefited from the online interactions between Chinese and foreign e-commerce platforms and the offline connectivity between logistics services providers represented by the China-Europe freight trains and industrial parks at home and abroad built under

the framework of the BRI, according to Wang.

Domestic industrial structural transformation and upgrading and accelerated new infrastructure construction in China have facilitated the forming of international industrial systems across the country, with each having its own distinctive characteristics, Wang said.

Chinese e-commerce platforms, including JD.com, Suning, and Tencent, have intensified efforts to expand business in overseas markets in recent years.

People's Daily

In symbolic end to war, US general departs Afghanistan

KABUL

THE US general leading the war in Afghanistan, Austin Miller, relinquished command at a ceremony on Monday and quietly left the country, a symbolic end to America's longest conflict while Taliban insurgents gain momentum.

Miller (pictured), America's last four-star commander to serve on the ground in Afghanistan, climbed aboard a helicopter and lifted off from the military base in Kabul that long had been the nerve center for the two-decade-old war effort.

President Joe Biden has set a formal end to the US military mission for Aug 31 as he looks to disengage from a conflict triggered by al Qaeda's attacks on the United States on Sept 11, 2001.

About 2,400 US service members have been killed in Afghanistan and many thousands have been wounded.

Addressing a small group of US and Afghan officials, Miller vowed to remember lives lost in the fighting and called on the Taliban to halt attacks that have given them control of more territory than at any time since the conflict began.

"What I tell the Taliban is they're

responsible too. The violence that's going on is against the will of the Afghan people, and it needs to stop," Miller said.

US Marine General Kenneth McKenzie, whose Florida-based Central Command oversees US forces in hot spots including Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, flew into Kabul to underscore America's future assistance to Afghan security forces, albeit mostly from overseas.

"You can count on our support in the dangerous and difficult days ahead. We will be with you," McKenzie said in his address.

Speaking separately to a small group of reporters, McKenzie cautioned that the Taliban, in his view, were seeking "a military solution" to a war that the United States has unsuccessfully tried to end with a peace agreement between the Taliban and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's government.

"We need to see some gesture from the Taliban here that they're not just completely intent on winning the military victory," McKenzie said. "We're at a crossroads period right now in the history of Afghanistan." He said provincial capitals were at risk and added the Taliban appeared interested in tak-



Gen. McKenzie departs Kabul for Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city and the Taliban birthplace.

While voicing confidence in Afghan forces, he also warned of the consequences a Taliban victory could have for the people of Afghanistan.

"If this government is overthrown, if the Taliban prevail, I think we're going to expect a return to medieval standards here in Afghanistan, particularly in the domain of women's rights, human rights, education and so many other things," he said.

Afghan national security adviser Hamdullah Mohib acknowledged problems resupplying over-stretched Afghan troops but told reporters that planning was under way to focus the war effort on "where we needed to de-

fend the most."

McKenzie will be able to authorize US air strikes against the Taliban through Aug 31 in support of Ghani's Western-backed government.

But after that, the Marine general said that when it comes to US strikes in Afghanistan, his focus will shift squarely to counter-terrorism operations against al Qaeda and Islamic State.

Gathering enough intelligence on the ground to prevent another Sept 11-style attack could become increasingly challenging, as America's intelligence network weakens with the US withdrawal and Afghan troops lose territory.

US Representative Elissa Slotkin, a Democrat and former senior Pentagon official, said many lawmakers were still looking for the Biden administration to explain how the United States will detect any future al Qaeda plot against it.

"I don't need them to tell the entire world what our day-after plan is. But I think it's important that they let us know some of the details on a private basis," Slotkin told Reuters by phone from the United States.

US officials do not believe the Taliban could be relied upon to prevent

al Qaeda from again plotting attacks against the United States from Afghan soil.

The United Nations said in a report in January there were as many as 500 al Qaeda fighters in Afghanistan and that the Taliban maintained a close relationship with the Islamist militant group.

Since taking command nearly three years ago, Miller, 60, spent more time on the ground than any of the previous generals to command the war.

He had a close call in 2018 when a rogue Afghan bodyguard in Kandahar province opened fire and killed a powerful Afghan police chief standing near him. A US brigadier general was wounded, as were other Americans, but Miller emerged unscathed.

Following Miller's departure for the United States, the Pentagon has engineered a transition that will allow a series of generals to carry on with supporting Afghan security forces, albeit mostly from overseas.

Beyond McKenzie's overwatch from Florida, a Qatar-based brigadier general, Curtis Buzzard, will focus on administering funding support for the Afghan security forces, including aircraft maintenance support.

UN report warns of 'dramatic worsening' of hunger in pandemic-hit 2020

ROME

THE year 2020 saw a dramatic worsening of world hunger, which affected an estimated 720 million to 811 million people, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said in a statement on Monday.

The warning came with the launch of "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021" (SOFI) at the FAO headquarters in the Italian capital.

The report, drafted by the FAO in cooperation with other four UN agencies, urged the global community to act swiftly to help the world go back on track to reach Goal 2 of the Sustainable Development Agenda, which is to end hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

While the pandemic has triggered economic recession and jeopardized access to food in many areas of the world, progress on malnutrition had lagged even before this health emergency, said the report.

This was all the more so in nations affected by conflict, climate extremes or other economic downturns, or battling high inequality, all of which the report identified as major drivers of food insecurity.

If the current trends were maintained, the UN agencies estimated the Goal 2 would be missed "by a margin of nearly 660 million people." According to the report, about 30 million more people may face hunger in 2030 under the COVID-19 scenario than if the pandemic had not occurred.

Xinhua

Russia deliberating with US on possible consequences of Afghanistan troop pullout

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and Washington are in contact over the possible consequences of the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said in an interview with the International Affairs magazine.

"The situation is ambivalent.

I think that based on a set of political, geopolitical, and domestic political reasons, the US will eventually move towards reducing its military presence in Afghanistan," he pointed out.

"It will have multidimensional consequences, we are discussing this all with the Americans," Ryabkov added.

According to him, there are

channels for dialogue between Russia and the US at various levels. In particular, both countries' special envoys for Afghanistan maintain close contact, and the Russian foreign minister and the US secretary of state occasionally discuss this issue.

Ryabkov also said that this topic had been touched upon at the Geneva-hosted Putin-Biden sum-

mit.

"Out of all of its aspects, I would like to emphasize that the movement of US permanent military presence from Afghanistan to its neighboring countries is unacceptable for us.

We made it perfectly clear to the Americans, saying that it would greatly change not only our perception of the develop-

ments in this most important region but also our relations with the US.

We warn them against such steps and frankly discuss this issue with our Central Asian allies, neighbors, and friends, as well as with other countries of the region whom it also concerns," the senior Russian diplomat stressed.

AGENCIES

Better cold chain logistics facilities bring benefits to consumers and sellers of fresh food in China

THANKS to the introduction of cold stores into a farmers' market in Yugan county, east China's Jiangxi province, Ju Dejin, a fish farmer who raises soft-shelled turtle at a modern agricultural demonstration park in Yugan county, now only needs to deliver products to the farmers' market twice a week.

In the past when there was no cold storage in the market, Ju had to take the first batch of soft-shelled turtles to the market very early in the morning, and deliver the rest of the goods for the day to the market in small batches for many times, according to Ju.

Recently, a batch of facilities for cold chain logistics backbone network worth 2 billion yuan (\$310 million) have been officially put into operation in Jiangxi. Such facilities deployed in cities, counties, and villages guarantee instant transportation and delivery of fresh food and have offered easier access to fresh food for urban and rural residents.

The farmers' market in Yugan county is the largest fair of aquatic products in Jiangxi. Tens of thousands of tons of aquatic products are sent from the fair to various areas of China every day.

"As cold stores were not available in the past, we could only purchase 100 to 150 kg of aquatic products at a time. Even so, there were usually losses before we could sell them all," said Zhang Jianfu, a seller at the farmers' market in Yugan county, who disclosed that they can now purchase ten times the aquatic



Refrigerated trucks at an abalone market in Lidao township, Rongcheng, east China's Shandong province. (File photo)

products they used to buy at a time without worrying about food spoiling easily as cold stores have been built.

Merely about two hours after Jiangxi Supply and Storage Logistics Co., Ltd., a logistics services provider based in Nanchang city, capital of Jiangxi province, loaded fresh food onto cold chain trucks, the batch of fresh food was seen on the shelves of supermarkets in Nanchang and other cities.

The company has so far established cold stores covering a total area of about 2,500 square meters, each of which can store as much as 5,000 tons of products.

Fresh agricultural products distribution and cold chain logistics system construction represent an important part of rural vitalization as well as an effective solution to bringing fresh agricultural products to consumers.

In recent years, various parts of China have vigorously built modern agricultural products circulation networks that are centered on cold chain logistics

and feature joint development of multiple forms of logistics through establishing specialized cold chain logistics companies and strengthening the construction of cold chain logistics infrastructure.

Yengisar county located in Kashgar prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, one of the last counties that shook off poverty in Xinjiang, has more than 400 years of history of apricot cultivation. Almost every household in the county grows apricot trees.

However, the county's fresh apricots ran into difficulty reaching more consumers due to short shelf life and long transportation distance.

To address the issue, Xinjiangguoye, a forestry and fruit company in Xinjiang, built in the county an automatic sorting production line and nine nitrogen filling packaging lines in 2019.

After being automatically sorted out, fresh apricots are packaged up in egg-carton boxes filled with nitrogen,

which can prolong the lifetime of apricots on shelves from 7 days to 25 days.

Meanwhile, the company uses ice packs, absorbent cotton wool, and shockproof cotton to protect apricots during transportation and guarantee the products are still fresh even after long distance transport.

According to an executive of the company, it has introduced a new type of intelligent and multifunctional reefer truck that is equipped with technologies enabling comprehensive preservation, intelligent network connection and cloud platform management to bring Xinjiang's fruits to other areas of China.

In July 2019, the new-type reefer truck brought 30 tons of apricots from Yengisar county all the way to Beijing for sale.

"We are no longer worried about the sale of apricots. Last year, the apricots we planted brought us an income of nearly 20,000 yuan," said an apricot grower in Yengisar county confidently.

People's Daily

China, Russia further boost cooperation

LEADERS, officials and scholars have hailed the mature, unique partnership between Beijing and Moscow that outperforms traditional alliances, helps each other ensure strategic security at their doorsteps and provides support for multilateralism and peace across the globe.

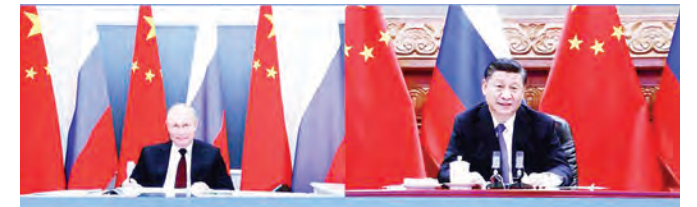
They made the observation as the two countries recently held a series of events to celebrate the upcoming 20th anniversary on Friday of the signing of the landmark China-Russia Treaty of Good-Neighborliness and Friendly Cooperation.

Beijing and Moscow extended the treaty last month, with President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin issuing a joint statement officially announcing the extension.

The two countries have worked together to effectively promote multilateralism, oppose hegemony and power politics and contain the impulses of some Western countries for fanning a new Cold War and bloc confrontation, officials said.

When addressing a grand reception on Sunday in Beijing to mark the anniversary, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi defined the bilateral comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership as "not an alliance, but better than an alliance."

In the past 20 years, under the guidance of the treaty, China-Russia ties have reached historic highs, and the two coun-



President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin meet via video link for talks. (File photo)

tries should further build staunch supporting pillars for world peace and security, Wang said.

He underlined three shared missions for the two countries to step up what he called "side-by-side collaboration": safeguarding their core interests, promoting their development and revitalization, and championing regional security and stability.

The two governments have thoroughly resolved the border issue left over from history and secured constant peace at their shared boundaries of over 4,300 kilometers.

Annual bilateral trade volume has increased nearly 14-fold in the past two decades, from US\$8 billion in 2000 to US\$107.77 billion in 2020.

Recently, Russia's Finance Ministry completed an asset structure adjustment to the National Wealth Fund, the country's sovereign wealth fund, and the share of the Chinese yuan was increased from 15 percent to 30.4 percent.

"It shows Russia's confidence in the prospects of China's economic growth and China-Russia cooperation," Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on Thursday.

At the event on Sunday, Russian Ambassador to China Andrey Denisov said that the two sides have stayed true to the treaty and achieved fruitful results through cooperation in various fields, and Russia-China cooperation has demonstrated strong stability and tenacity, particularly amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the changing global landscape.

Xu Bu, president of the China Institute of International Studies, said the two countries have achieved constant progress in their ties as they "exercise mutual respect and mutual trust, pursue no alignment or confrontation, target no third countries and subscribe to win-win cooperation."

As a result, their strategic cooperation has become increasingly mature, and their ties have "become a role model between major powers in modern times", Xu said at a recent seminar.

In an interview with the US television broadcaster NBC last month, Putin voiced support for China on issues related to the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and Taiwan, and he debunked attempts by some Western countries to alienate or sabotage China-Russia relations.

Agencies

One tenth of global population undernourished last year - UN report

UNITED NATIONS

AROUND one tenth of the global population - between 720 million people and 811 million - were undernourished last year, according to a UN report published Monday.

Global hunger levels have skyrocketed because of conflict, climate change and the economic impact of COVID-19; and one in five children around the world is stunted, according to The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021. New data that represents the first comprehensive global assessment

of food insecurity carried out since the coronavirus pandemic began, indicates that the number of people affected by chronic hunger in 2020, rose by more than in the previous five years combined.

Reversing this situation will likely take years if not decades, according to the World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, World

Health Organization and UN Children's Fund.

"The pandemic continues to expose weaknesses in our food systems, which threaten the lives and livelihoods of people around the world," the heads of those agencies wrote in this year's report.

Some 418 million of the undernourished people last year were in Asia and 282 million were in Africa, according to the report.

Globally, 2.4 billion peo-

ple did not have access to sufficiently nutritious food in 2020 - an increase of nearly 320 million people in one year.

The report also highlights how climate change has left communities in developing countries most exposed to hunger - despite the fact that they contribute little to global CO2 emissions.

These poorer nations are also the least prepared to withstand or respond to climate change, said WFP's

Gernot Laganda, who added that weather-related shocks and stresses were "driving hunger like never before."

"This suggests that it will take a tremendous effort for the world to honor its pledge to end hunger by 2030," the agencies said in a statement, in a call for food production to be more inclusive, efficient, resilient and sustainable.

Children's healthy development has suffered too, with more than 149 mil-

lion under-fives affected by stunting and 370 million missing out on school meals in 2020, because of school closures during the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, 150 million youngsters still do not have access to a school lunch, said WFP, which urged countries to restore these programs and put in place "even better (ones) ... that give children and communities a future."

"The (report) highlights a devastating reality: the path

to Zero Hunger is being stopped dead in its tracks by conflict, climate and COVID-19," said WFP Executive Director David Beasley.

Children's future potential "is being destroyed by hunger," he insisted. "The world needs to act to save this lost generation before it's too late." Speaking ahead of the publication of the report, Agnes Kalibata, the UN secretary-general's special envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, said that "the pandemic is only partly to blame."

Xinhua

SPORT

DCC A hammer Sandy's Super Strikers in Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League opener

By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML) Division B 30 Overs started in Dar es Salaam last weekend, as four teams locked horns at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's cricket oval.

In the first of the two fixtures, Dar Black Panthers notched five-wicket victory over GP Pak Stars.

Dar Cricket Club (DCC) A later recorded 76-run win over Sandy's Super Strikers at the same venue.

The DCC A led by their experienced skipper Adil Kassam, won the toss and elected to bat first in the Group B fixture.

The squad made good use of the conditions, given the side's batting unit started by dispatching the first two balls for boundaries either side of the wicket in Sandy's Super Strikers' bowler Nanda Kumar's first over.

Sufian Usman, opening once again for DCC A side, was given license to attack from the start and he did not disappoint his team, executing solid shots.

The opener notched 22 runs from 27 balls, with a four and a huge six.

Asad Aziz, one of DCC A's key performers, was in next and joined the squad's skipper, Kassam, but the partnership lasted only 11 runs as Sandy's Super Strikers' top bowler, Jitu Ramani, had a last laugh after bowling a googly and getting the prize wicket of Kassam.

Kassam posted 41 runs from 43 balls hitting seven boundaries, Meet Jetha was the next batsman in, the cricketer did not last long, succumbing once again to Ramani's magical spell.

Jetha registered two runs from eight balls. The cricketer went for a shot which has Abhishek Rathod making a simple catch. Dharmin Parmar (nine runs from six balls) was next in and just like Jetha, Parmar's stay at the crease was short lived.

Ramani, once again, got the ball to spin past Parmar's bat and the latter fell victim to an easy stumping by Anand Monani.

Youthful batsman, Ally Hafidh, was promoted up the order to steady the ship as the scoreboard read 101 runs with four wickets down in the 17th over.

Asad Aziz and Hafidh had a good partnership of 28 runs until Sandy's Super Strikers' Mohammed Ali tossed it up to Aziz, the batsman went for a big hit and he was brilliantly caught by Nanda at the deep midwicket.

With seven overs left Sajad Ratansi that scored eight runs from four balls, after hitting a huge six, was stumped by Monani.

Umar Fateh who registered seven runs from six balls, Vraj Shah that notched six runs from seven balls contributed to DCC A ending the innings with 158 runs all out in 27.3 overs.

Sandy's Super Strikers' Ramani had most impressive bowling figure given he ended with five wickets, conceding 42 runs in six overs.

Fellow bowlers, Nanda (two wickets, 29 runs in five overs), Mohammed Ali that recorded two wickets, leaking 20 runs in 4.1 overs, and Narendra Kumar who took one wicket, leaking 26 runs in six overs chipped in well.

Sandy's Super Strikers' chase started on a wrong foot as DCC A's bowler, Hiren Sharma, had two wickets in his first over.

Abhishek Rathod, Sandy's Super Strikers' best batsman, was dismissed for duck, the



Dar Cricket Club (DCC) A team's Hiren Sharma poses with best player of the match prize the cricketer lifted after his team took on Sandy's Super Strikers in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial League (MNML) Division B 30 Overs duel last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DCC

cricketer was beaten by Sharma's slower off cutter and was caught by Hafidh at mid on.

Narendra Kumar, slotted in at number three, was also out for duck, he was beaten by the pace and was trapped leg before wicket.

Sharma had two more wickets in his second over, Sandy's Super Strikers' Mohammed Ali who ended with three runs off four balls, was brilliantly caught by Aziz.

They kept on dropping wickets, with TD Srinanda that ended with six runs from eight balls edging one behind to DCC's skipper, Kassam, who took a diving catch.

With the scoreboard showing 12 runs in three overs, whilst four wickets were taken, DCC cricketers were high in confidence and the introduction of left arm spinner, Abdulwahid Mohammed, bringing immediate success.

The bowler got a wicket off his first ball as he trapped Sandy's Super Strikers' Monani for leg before wicket, with the latter recording four runs from 10 balls.

Sharma, bowling his fourth over, bowled the best delivery of the day, an in-swinging yorker, to break Babu Yakub's middle stump.

The team's score of 31 runs in 7.1 overs, whilst six wickets were taken, soon became 38 runs with eight wickets taken.

Mohammed trapped Sandy's Super Strikers' Mohammed Khan for leg before wicket with the arm ball and dismissed the latter for duck.

Sharma had his sixth wicket bowling out swinger to Nanda, with the latter edging a regulation catch to skipper Kassam behind the stumps. Nanda went back to the pavilion with nine runs from 14 balls.

Ramani was Sandy's Super Strikers' top run getter as he ended with 36 runs from 45 balls.

The cricketer put good partnership of 36 runs with Vasudeva Bissangari that made his way back with no run.

Mohammed had the last laugh in which he first picked Vasudeva, with the latter being caught by Aziz, and later trapped Ramani for leg before wicket.

Sandy's Super Strikers ended with 82 runs all out in 17.5 overs, with DCC A recording a comprehensive 76-run victory.

Man of the match prize went to DCC A's left arm fast bowler, Sharma, with his career best six wickets, leaking 30 runs in his allotted six overs.

Left arm spinner Mohammed had best figures as well, getting 4/21 in 5.5 overs.

The tournament will continue later this week with Lions Cricket Club locking horns with Aga Khan SC B, Union Cricket Club will confront K&P Constructions Club at the same venue.

General Petroleum Company is the tournament's man of the match prize's sponsors, handing over 30,000/- in cash prize and a medal to the prize's winner.

Baraka Sadick and basketball: Why is Africa's best scorer unnoticed in Dar?

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

HOW far there is little enthusiasm for sports and games, apart from soccer, at the local level was towards end of last week underlined in a radio interview hosting Baraka Sadick, who is apparently a relative of Hasheem Thabeet (the way the name is written in the United States), and is his comparison at least by a distance.

Sadick cited a series of honours that have come his way since joining competitive basketball way back in 2009, and his more recent achievements in the past two or three years including emerging Africa's best scorer in the game.

Those of us, who had doubted his other ambitions, started to believe him.

In short, the basketball star, who can scarcely be said to be noticeable in the city of Dar es Salaam, was of the view that had basketball been receiving more attention than it has usually done locally, he could have found a way to places like Senegal and then the US.

Some of us who prefer modesty to pomposity, or are tuned to noticing it in others, began wondering whether each good basketball player should be dreaming of a stint in the US, as that appeared to relate to the usual 'hazardous journeys' phenomenon.

But when he listed his achievements, especially top scorer in the whole continent, the credibility of his story was vivid.

The player for instance explained how in past days, regulars in teams like Pazi, Oilers and others were well known, and were sure of making a living on the game, which is scarcely the case these days.

There is a way in which this sharply contrasts with the soccer scene, where top players in the past were amateurs but they are now professionals, while those in basketball, whose chances of making a living on the game were comparable to those in soccer at that time, are now virtually incapable of subsisting on the game, while their game ranking mates in football become millionaires. This situation is also true of music, etc.

What looks like a queer situation in games and sports is actually an engendered phenomenon in society, of the 20 years of inflationary trends from



Dar es Salaam's junior basketball players feature in drills at Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park's court recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

1974 to 1994, the thinning out of the basic minimum wage and its inability to keep its rank with commercial (competitive) wages for certain professions.

Athletic ability to survive was harmed by the lower capacity of the same to attract paying viewers, who had to economize their earnings to attend soccer matches foremost, while basketball and others could hardly find someone who can purchase jerseys.

Pitch building was out of reach, with those existing piling, one after another.

The most important source of nurturing talent was schools, but in the 1980s there was hardly anything extracurricular in nature being done in schools but 'learning' how to farm, and actually producing school food, and waking early for a run, then fall asleep in class.

It was a wasted decade until later second phase reforms and multiparty restored a sense of professionalism, but the budgeting still remained low as the new ethos had way to go before it could restore a sense of balance.

Reforms have enabled sports to do so much better in the following decades, but that original imbalance was never changed; darkness still rules.

To be sure, pundits regularly keep the public informed of activities in these areas, the other sports and games apart from soccer, but they find it hard to reach 'top of the charts' mention, as people lost the will or interest to follow what happens there.

Not that there aren't several thousand assiduous stakeholders in basketball, hockey, judo, swimming, athletics, boxing etc. - but only the latter has something approaching popular appeal, as it is a one man show with a macho intonation, where a certain boxer is now 'King of the Zaramo tribe,' perhaps replacing King Majuto or someone else. The latter came from entertainment.

At present there is a new ethos building up where talent is being pursued at the ministerial level on the basis of the need to find own means of eking out a living after school, without asking youths to just go

to some village as they surely won't.

Still, what the professionals under the curriculum bodies are talking about is really about basic woodwork, electrical technician or building, and hardly were sports and games being raised as part of what schools can do.

Nor were arts and entertainment part of what was being hotly debated, as the middle aged higher degree holders are thinking of good certificates for 'self-employment,' not all sorts of talent to help youths find opportunities in life. 'The beautiful ones are not yet born,' right?

Still, with greater liberties being extended to the private sector, this line of public relations activity will be reborn, as earlier it was the military which had the capacity for at least two sports-oriented academies, Jitegemeo and Makongoo.

We saw during the continental U-17 soccer tournament of an academy in far off Karatu having the right facilities.

Let us hope for the best as regards other sports being sponsored too.

Sky is the limit for Paschal Msindo

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FROM 2002 to 2006, the Brazilian football club, Fluminense FC, developed a new football talent in a young man named Marcelo Vieira da Silva Junior.

The youngster had a great ability to play left-back and was known for dispossessing opponents, launching attacks and controlling the ball.

His ability attracted many European clubs to sign him but at the end of the day Real Madrid won the race and officially signed him at 19 and what followed was history.

Marcelo played with great success for Madrid and the Brazilian national team, a job he has done to this day at the age of 33.

Fourteen years later, Tanzania's Azam FC has introduced to the Mainland Premier League, a 'new Marcelo' groomed by the club.

Azam FC trusted him regardless of his age, as was the case with Marcelo and Madrid.

The young fullback is Paschal Msindo, whose first match for Azam FC in the Premier League took place on April 16 this year against JKT Tanzania at the Jambhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Msindo was deployed as right-back in the tie, which had Azam FC winning 1-0. So far he has already shown the quality of playing football, especially in the left back, with the national youth teams as well as his club.

Msindo (18 years) has opened up about his journey to Azam FC and many other details, including his goals.

The fullback disclosed: "I developed passion football from a young age, I played a lot on the street and in primary school as well as at Lupanga Secondary School before my then coach, Juma Michu, discovered my talent and took me to Moro Kids center in Morogoro, where I got the best basics to play football."

"At that time my parents did not trust me, it was difficult for them to let me play football but I struggled to get the support of Michu to convince my parents that



Paschal Msindo

football is a job like any other job and then they believed me and started supporting me," he revealed.

Msindo, a Morogoro native, grew up in the region's talent development center, Moro Kids.

"Azam FC had their trips to several regions in search of talent and when they came to Morogoro I showcased good displays for Moro Kids, my ability attracted them, after which I was told to prepare to come to Dar es Salaam."

"I did all the procedures and the parents allowed me so I joined Azam FC very happier because I saw I was going to a place that will help me a lot to achieve my goals," he revealed.

The fullback said: "In fact, Azam FC's life is good because it makes me learn every hour and it also makes me better due to the infrastructure that is here."

Despite being young, Msindo is one of the players who represented Tanzania in the African Nations Cup (AFCON) finals this year in Cameroon for the first time.

He pointed out: "I was very happy to be called up to the senior national team, it was my long-term dream and I didn't think it would come true soon but I thank Taifa Stars' technical bench for seeing me and giving me a chance as I learned a lot

and will continue to fight for the National team whenever I get a chance.

Msindo disclosed he idolizes Simba SC left fullback, Mohamed Hussein.

"He is a gifted and capable player to play as a full-back, I'm impressed with the way he plays his roles and I wish one day I could reach his level at best and surpass it," the defender spoke of Hussein.

Msindo also explained his ambitions and challenges facing in his journey and how he encounters them, noting: "I thank God I have not had a bigger challenge than before and my parents forbade me to play football but now they are cool and they have given me all their blessings."

He noted: "My goals are big, first I want to serve Azam FC well and win trophies for the side and national team and more importantly I want to play competitive football in any of the major leagues in the world especially in Europe."

So far Msindo has played in more than seven international championships with national youth teams including the 2019 FERWAFU Cup held in Rwanda, the U-17 African Nations Cup tournament twice, the UEFA Assist U-17 tournament held in Turkey, and the CECAFA U-17 Championship and CECAFA U-20 Championship twice.

Tanzania's artistes to receive awards for reaching milestones on Boomplay

By Guardian Reporter

AT least nine Tanzanian artistes will be awarded this week for reaching milestones on Boomplay, through the company's annual recognition scheme, dubbed 'Boomplay Awards'.

The awards, presented for the second year, seek to recognize and appreciate artistes who have achieved significant milestones with their music streaming numbers in the past one year.

Boomplay Tanzania General Manager, Natasha Stambuli, said: "Such artistes like Diamond Platinum, Ali Kiba, Harmonize, Rayvanny, Nandy, Mboosho, Zuchu, Aslay and Darassa, have surpassed certain thresholds on our music service and we are elated to recognize and award them."

"This, in addition to other support that we offer to artistes is a continuous demonstration of our aim to help the music ecosystem unlocks its full potential."

"As the leading music streaming and download service in Africa, Boomplay is at the forefront of recognizing artistes who are making waves in their respective fields and we look forward to more artistes achieving equally great milestones," she stated.

Natasha added that the criteria used for selection is the number of streams artistes accrued on their tracks, albums and overall streams from November 2020 to May 2021.

Italy and England dominate Euro 2020 best XI, Mbappe flops for France

By Ian Darke, ESPN.com writer

AFTER a month on the road covering an excellent and dramatic Euro 2020, ESPN commentator Ian Darke selects his tournament best XI and his most disappointing XI. Who made the cut for the best and worst?

Best XI Goalkeeper

Gianluigi Donnarumma | Italy
Officially named Player of the Tournament, the Paris Saint-Germain-bound keeper capped a marvellous month with crucial saves in the final shootout against England. Yet to concede more than one goal in any game under Roberto Mancini, the 22-year-old will be Italy's No. 1 for at least the next decade. Made from the same cloth as great Italian keepers Dino Zoff and Gianluigi Buffon.

Defence

Kyle Walker | England
The oldest player in England's squad at 31 but still the quickest, and his recovery speed rescued some difficult moments. All in all, the tournament marked a remarkable comeback for a player who seemed to be out of favour with Gareth Southgate a year ago. Among the other right-backs at Euro 2020, Austria's Stefan Lainer had a very good tournament.

Leonardo Bonucci | Italy

His defiant display in the final – grabbing an equaliser and scoring in the shootout – gives him the edge over John Stones of England and Denmark captain Simon Kjær. It's amazing to think he and his friend, Giorgio Chiellini, played and lost in the final nine years ago. They are even going on holiday together with their families this week and probably won't even give away a goal kicking a ball around on the beach with their kids.

Giorgio Chiellini | Italy

What a player, and what a man. Starts a party amongst his teammates and Italy fans every time he stops an attack, which he does frequently. It looked like some nasty injuries were going to bring his career to an end over the past year or so, but he was monumental when it mattered this summer. It's hard to believe he is nearing his 37th birthday.

Luke Shaw | England

Written off in the past as lazy, overweight and lacking a football brain by one former manager in particular, the Manchester United left-back had a brilliant tournament with three assists on top of his second-minute goal in the final, forming part of a miserly defence and always offering a threat going forward. The electric Leonardo Spinazzola of Italy was obviously in the running to fill this spot, until he suffered an Achilles injury against Belgium that would rule him out for several months.

Midfield

Jorginho | Italy

Ran further than anyone in the tournament and was the beating heart of Roberto Mancini's champions, forever dictating the tempo with his intelligent use of the ball in midfield. Strange to think that Chelsea fans once derided him as a bland non-creator when Maurizio Sarri was in charge at Stamford Bridge, especially as he's pulled off a Champions League and Euro double with Chelsea and Italy. His partner, an English singer, may not be talking to him this week!

Paul Pogba | France

Although the World Cup winners made a shock early exit to Switzerland, Pogba showed again that he looks twice the player when wearing the blue shirt of France rather than the red one of Man United. Strolling imperiously through games, spraying some wonderful passes and scoring one memorable goal, the problem was that one or two others around him misfired.

Pedri | Spain

It is almost frightening to think what this 18-year-old might go on to achieve; so clever and mature was this elegant youngster. Barce-

lona look like they have a possible successor to Andres Iniesta. Spain bossed Italy for much of the semi-final too, with Pedri playing a big part of that. He's jetting off for the Olympics this week, but beyond that, he's bound to be a major star at next year's World Cup. His teammates Dani Olmo and evergreen Sergio Busquets shone too for the unlucky Spaniards. Was named Young Player of the Tournament.

Forwards

Raheem Sterling | England

Often out of favour at Manchester City towards the end of the 2020-21 season, it looked like the time on the subs' bench had freshened him up for the Euros, all a goal kick away from the Wembley estate where he grew up playing youth football for a team called Alpha and Omega. Scored three goals, set up Harry Kane's opener against Ukraine and earned the albeit debatable penalty that won England the semi-final. Always menacing.

Romelu Lukaku | Belgium

Scored four goals and carried the confidence of a happy man who had propelled Inter Milan to the Serie A title and wants to stay there. Quick and dangerous, he is now acquiring extra craft, but was this the last hurrah for this gifted Belgian generation? Possibly not, with the World Cup only 16 months away.

Lorenzo Insigne | Italy

The work rate of the little Napoli wide man is off the scale. He scored two lovely goals and was constantly darting here and there, twisting and turning, to engineer openings for his team. Denmark's Mikkel Damsgaard and Spain's shock selection Pablo Sarabia were also in the conversation for this place.

Substitutes

Kasper Schmeichel (Denmark); Aymeric Laporte (Spain), John Stones, (England), Harry Maguire (England), Milan Skriniar (Slovakia), Simon Kjær (Denmark), Joakim Maehle (Denmark), Attila Fiola (Hungary), Martin Hinteregger (Austria), Stefan Lainer (Austria); Marco Verratti (Italy), Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg (Denmark), Declan Rice (England); Antoine Griezmann (France), Federico Chiesa (Italy).

MOST DISAPPOINTING XI

Burn-out and fatigue meant some of the expected stars of Euro 2020 just failed to deliver. Or, perhaps, they were simply out of form. For a few, the tournament would have come as a nasty reality check. Having already picked his best XI, Ian selects a team of players who will not remember the past month with much fondness.

Martin Dubravka | Slovakia

The Newcastle keeper will be haunted by his own goal against Spain, as he turned a routine tip over the bar into a hilarious howler by palming the ball into his own net. Slovakia imploded after that, conceding five goals and exiting the tournament. This otherwise fine operator will be burning every copy of that match tape.

Defence

Benjamin Pavard | France

Scorer of the best goal of the 2018 World Cup for France against Argentina, but shaky at these Euros. Allowed Hungary's Attila Fiola to run in and score in Budapest, and he never inspired much confidence as the World Cup winners crashed out in the quarterfinals.

Matthias Ginter | Germany

Renowned in the Bundesliga for being a king of one-on-one duels, here he looked like the weakest link in a German defence that conceded seven goals in four games. Both England goals at Wembley came down his side on the night Germany were eliminated.

Mehri Demiral | Turkey

Much was made of Turkey's fantastic defending in qualifying when they conceded just three goals. But from the word go at the Euros, they looked vulnerable and Demiral's clumsy own goal in the opener against Italy summed up a bitterly disappointing campaign.

England's potential will be wasted if Southgate can't learn to be bold

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ENGLAND will need time to recover from their penalty shootout defeat to Italy in the Euro 2020 final, but the countdown to the 2022 World Cup has already begun. It will be 499 days between the end of Euro 2020 and the opening game of the next World Cup in Qatar, and the turnaround is tight.

For England, the long, agonising wait for international success goes on following Italy's triumph at Wembley. It is 55 years and counting since the last – and only – major trophy was lifted by an England captain, when Bobby Moore held aloft the World Cup in 1966, so what is another 18 months if Euro 2020 proves to be the catalyst for glory in Qatar?

If England need proof that seemingly endless waits can have a joyous ending, they only need to watch Lionel Messi's reaction to finally winning an international trophy with Argentina, who ended their 28-year Copa America drought with Saturday's 1-0 victory in the final against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. Good times and glory can be enjoyed, even by those teams who appear to be stuck in a perpetual cycle of near misses. Yes, even England.

But in the immediate aftermath of Sunday's defeat to Italy, emotions in the England camp will be raw. There will be a tendency, inside and out, to lurch to extremes and either hype the promise of the country's young talent or bemoan the perennial failure to get over the line and win as Italy, Germany, France and Spain have done repeatedly since England last achieved anything of note.

England manager Gareth Southgate has already said he needs time to digest the disappointment of the Euro 2020 final and recalibrate, both mentally and physically, after taking his team so close to winning the tournament. He says his instinct is to continue in charge until Qatar, but nonetheless left enough doubt hanging in the air to suggest that he has yet to convince himself fully that it is the right thing to do.

But despite going so close to winning Euro 2020, England and Southgate must iron out flaws that were exposed in the tournament. The team and manager ultimately whipped a desperate nation into a frenzy of belief by reaching the final, but let's



England had reached two semifinals under Gareth Southgate before the Euro 2020 final, but a long-awaited trophy still eludes them. (Agencies)

not forget that this was the same team and manager who were booed at the end of a 0-0 draw against Scotland in the group stage just three weeks ago. No international team does boom and bust quite like England and it leads to a lack of focus and scrutiny of the positives and negatives, with emotion too often being allowed to colour judgment and analysis. One of Southgate's strengths is his ability to tread a steady path between the cheerleading and condemnation, but his cautious, deliberate approach has also proved to be a weakness and something which may be holding the team back.

If England are to go all the way in Qatar, Southgate must shed that caution and put greater trust in the attacking players who were under-used during Euro 2020. Marcus Rashford (84 minutes) and Jadon Sancho (97) were both given fewer than 100 minutes on the pitch during England's seven games, while Phil Foden (159) and Jack Grealish (172) were also used sporadically.

When asked why he waited so long to introduce Rashford and Sancho from the substitutes' bench against Italy – the pair had less than two minutes on the pitch before taking, and missing, penalties in the shootout – Southgate spoke about the need to “have the right balance” and insisted: “You can lose the game by getting the balance wrong.” Southgate is right, but his answer to that question summed up his personality and tactical approach. Some coaches – Manchester City's Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp of Liverpool, Italy's Roberto Mancini – will gamble with bold changes designed to win, while others, like AS Roma boss Jose Mourinho and Southgate, will regard that as too risky and play it safe.

Expecting Southgate to go against his natural instincts and become a more adventurous coach is perhaps unlikely, but England has an abundance of attacking talent and it is a waste of that ability to constantly play with the handbrake on.

And between now and Qatar 2022, those attacking riches are likely to grow. Harry Kane will be 29 years old

by the time the World Cup comes around while Raheem Sterling and Grealish will be 27. Rashford (25), Sancho (22) and Foden (22) will still be approaching their peak years, while Saka will be 21 with one tournament campaign already under his belt. Manchester United's Mason Greenwood, who missed this tournament due to injury, will also be 21 and almost certainly a regular for club and country by the time we reach Qatar.

Southgate has an array of attacking talent that can deliver for England, but he has to find a way to get more from it. During Euro 2020, while England were unbeaten in seven games in actual playing time, they only really cut loose and impressed in the 4-0 quarterfinal win against Ukraine. The other games were tense, low-scoring affairs that could have gone either way, so it would be a mistake to suggest England were a free-flowing joy to watch.

The foundations are there, however, for that to happen in Qatar if Southgate is prepared to alter his approach and play to his team's strengths. In midfield, Jude Bellingham is likely to be a starter by the time Qatar comes around and the Borussia Dortmund youngster will add drive and penetration to the team. Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold will also be back in the equation after missing Euro 2020 with an injury and Tottenham Hotspur's Dele Alli may rediscover his best form and become an England regular again.

Jordan Henderson, Kyle Walker and Kieran Trippier who will all be 32 when the World Cup kicks off, may be the only players to drop out of the squad before the World Cup, so Southgate's team will surely benefit from another 18 months of experience and development.

The building blocks are there for England to create a World Cup-winning team in Qatar, but it all now depends on the man charged with putting it all together. Southgate has taken England to a new level since taking over in 2016 and progress has clearly been made, yet unless he changes his own approach, he is in danger of holding the team back. He needs to be bolder and braver, otherwise the cycle of failure will continue.

Euro 2020 stars: Eight players who could earn a big move this summer

LONDON

MAJOR international tournaments usually see some players emerge who go on to earn themselves a big move with their performances. But basing your summer transfer business on a few good games can be dangerous – as Manchester United's move for Czech star Karel Poborsky after Euro '96 or Real Madrid's signing of Colombia midfielder James Rodriguez for €75 million after the 2014 World Cup shows.

Euro 2020 has seen plenty of talent on show, but which in-form players could be considered a safe signing for clubs this summer?

Mikkel Damsgaard, Winger, (Sampdoria, Denmark)

To those who haven't been watching Serie A very closely, Damsgaard might be relatively unknown. But the technically gifted midfielder has been scouted by plenty of top European clubs following an excellent debut season in Italy. Good on the ball, quick and nimble, comfortable with both feet and able to score from distance – as proven with that spectacular free kick for Denmark in the semifinal against England – Damsgaard often makes things happen in the final third with incisive dribbles or a creative pass.

Though mostly fielded in a wide left role by Claudio Ranieri at Sampdoria, Damsgaard, 21, is also at home playing as an attack-minded “No. 8” in central midfield. Sampdoria president Massimo Ferrero has reiterated that Damsgaard will not be leaving the club this summer, though that might change if offers come in around €30m.

Alexander Isak, Striker, (Real Sociedad, Sweden)

Despite not getting on the scoresheet at the tournament, the centre-forward

showed a mature all-round game that has been less evident at club level for Real Sociedad.

Mainly a goal poacher (he has scored 33 goals in 89 games over the past two seasons) who likes to play on the shoulder of the defenders in La Liga, for Sweden he tracked back, dribbled well on the counterattack and displayed an effective hold-up game.

Having broken through as a 16-year-old at AIK, where he then earned a move to Dortmund in 2017, Isak has long been on the radar of top European clubs. Though he struggled to assert himself in the Bundesliga, his new-found ability to impose himself on big games will surely attract attention again. Isak, 21, penned a new five-year deal with Sociedad right after Sweden's tournament exit, while also reportedly raising his release clause from €70m to €90m.

Patrik Schick, Striker, (Bayer Leverkusen, Czech Republic)

For years, scouts have been waiting for this immensely talented centre-forward to kick on to the next level. After the early promise he showed in breakthrough as a teenager at Sampdoria

in 2016, Schick had an unconvincing spell of eight goals in 58 games following a €14m transfer to Roma. He got back on track in the Bundesliga with a loan to RB Leipzig that eventually earned him a €26.5m move to Bayer Leverkusen in September 2020.

At Euro 2020, Schick showed why he's so highly rated for his finishing skills. Against Scotland he opened his account for Czech Republic with a brilliant header (while being marked by two opponents), before he went on to score a candidate for Goal of the Tournament with an effort from the halfway line.

He bagged another against Croatia and in the knockout rounds his opportunistic goal helped to dump out Netherlands.

Denmark proved too good in the quarterfinals, but he still volleyed in a consolation, courtesy of his weaker foot, to level Cristiano Ronaldo on five goals in the Golden Boot standings (though Ronaldo's assist would see him win it).

He is pretty much the complete centre-forward and could be in contention for the Bundesliga top scorer title if his form continues next season. Who

would bet against Schick, 25, to eventually replace Robert Lewandowski at Bayern Munich?

Joakim Maehle, Wing-Back, (Atalanta, Denmark)

One of the revelations of the tournament, the Danish wing-back has proved why Atalanta paid €12m to sign him from Genk in January and why several other top clubs from Italy, France and Germany are clearly regretting that they didn't try harder to land him themselves.

Maehle had already outgrown the Belgian league after three-and-a-half seasons of ever-improving displays. While previously attracting most praise for his solid all-round game, it was his two fine goals, progressive ball carrying, one-on-one skills and ability to deliver a delightful cross – all from an unusual left wing-back position – that got people talking during Denmark's amazing run to the semifinals. He faces stiff competition at Atalanta for both wing-back slots – with Hans Hateboer and Robin Gosens impressing – but despite interest from several top sides, it'll take a fee in the region of €50m for the Italians to consider letting him go.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Mancini promised Italy change. And he delivered

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Tanzania's U-20 football team, Ngorongoro Heroes.

Yanga's Nabi warns leadership to avoid repeating transfer mistakes

By Correspondents Nassir Nchimbi & Ismail Tano

YANGA head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, has told the team's management not to repeat mistakes they made two seasons ago during the transfer window.

For the past two seasons, Yanga has had the habit of signing many new players, while also releasing a large group of players.

For example, last season, the Jangwani Street giants released 14 players and signed 15.

Yanga, who are sitting second on the 18-team top flight table, are determined to make sure they regain their dominance in the various competitions they will participate in next season, a regime that currently is dominated by their age-old rivals Simba SC.

Yanga Information Officer, Hassan Bumbuli, has confirmed coach Nabi has warned them against repeating the previous mistakes and asked them to sign only six players for the new campaign.

"Our coach Nasreddine [Nabi] has said he is pleased with the quality of the squad we have, and, in connection with the areas to improve in the new transfer window, the coach has asked the leadership to bring on board either five or six players for strengthening the squad," Bumbuli said.

He stated: "Coach Nabi does not want to see us release many players at once, as was the case last season and two seasons ago, so we look forward to parting ways with some players including those who are ending their contracts, in order to make way for new stars who will be announced."

Yanga have already signed DR Congo international right-back, Shabani Djuma, and they are being linked with a move for big names including Lazarus Kambole, Henock Baka, Marcey Vumbi Ngimbi, Fiston Mayele, Abubeker Nassir, Anthony Akumu, and Heritier Makambo.

In a recent interview, Yanga's registration committee vice-chairman, Hersi Said, revealed their plans to invest more on the technical bench, saying it will be the only way to grind out positive results.

"We still remember the words said by former President Jakaya Kikwete during the recently held Annual General Meeting when he reiterated that we must invest a lot in the technical bench and not the technical committee," Said stated.

The official pointed out: "Getting such encouraging words from the former President is a big challenge to us and I can assure you that we will work hard to improve our technical panel."

Nabi has also declared his club is set to put spirited displays in the upcoming Vodacom Premier League match against Ihefu SC, which will be played at Benjamin Stadium in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

Coach Nabi moreover revealed the main purpose of having his team giving its all against Ihefu SC in the match stems from the challenges his players faced in the game against Mwadui FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium at the end of last month, which saw Yanga cruise to 3-2 victory.

The tactician revealed: "If the bench we know is not going to be an easy game, we saw the difficulty we had with Mwadui despite the fact that it was downhill, so we can not underestimate Ihefu at all and we will enter in full."

VPL golden boot race heats up as Bocco overtakes Dube



John Bocco

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC striker, John Bocco, and Prince Dube of Azam FC continue their battle for the golden boot award in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League, with the season set to be completed this week.

The leading goal scorers have two games left to stake their claim for the prize in the 2020/21 season.

Both strikers were on a 14-goal tally before Simba SC took on Coastal Union in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Tanzania international, Bocco, moved to 15 goals in the top flight for this season - putting him one ahead of his competitor Dube from Zimbabwe in the golden boot standings.

Simba SC forward Chris Mugalu has continued to rise up the scor-

ing charts since May when his club shifted focus from CAF Champions League where they exited at the quarterfinal stage to domestic campaign.

Mugalu took his tally to 13 goals when he scored against Coastal Union in the emphatic 2-0 victory that confirmed Simba's fourth consecutive league title.

The trio of Bocco, Dube and Mugalu has all scored in the most number of games-11 games each.

Meddie Kagere who has won the golden boot in the past two seasons is in fourth place with 11 goals to his name.

He has reached double figures in all his three seasons since he joined Simba from Kenyan giants Gor Mahia.

In fifth place, Meshack Mwamita (Gwambina FC), Yusuf Mhulu (Kagera Sugar), Luis Miquissone (Simba), Iddi Selemani (Azam

FC) and Danny Lyanga (JKT Tanzania) all have nine goals to their name.

Clatous Chama (Simba), Yacouba Songne (Yanga), Seif Karihe (Dodoma Jiji FC), and Fully Zulu Maganga (Ruvu Shooting) have each collected eight goals so far this campaign.

Meanwhile Chama's brilliant individual season has seen him go four clear at the top of the assists charts. He has been directly involved in 22 goals in the Premier League this season (eight goals, 14 assists), three more goals than any other player.

In second place is Miquissone who has 10 assists to his name.

The 11-month long campaign comes to a conclusion this week. Matchday 33 is scheduled for Thursday while Sunday sees the final matchday 34 take place.

Tanzania handed tough draw in CECAFA U-23 Championship

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA has been handed a tough group in the upcoming U-23 Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) Challenge Cup tournament.

In a draw conducted by CECAFA on Tuesday afternoon, Tanzania has been pooled in Group A which will see a renewal of rivalry with neighbours Uganda and DR Congo, who are the invited guest side in the tournament.

Group B includes hosts, Ethiopia, who will come up against neighbours Eritrea and Burundi, who were set to play Aigle Noir as part of their preparation yesterday.

In Group C, Kenya has landed a kind draw having been pooled against South Sudan and Djibouti.

Ethiopia is set to host the regional tournament in the town of Bahir Dar, starting on Saturday.

Originally the tournament was meant to start on July 3rd, but several CECAFA members requested that kick-off is pushed to July 17 to allow completion of their domestic league campaigns and also ease on travel restrictions.

All member associations that are expected to send teams to the tournament must pay US\$20,000 each.

The teams from Somalia, Sudan and Rwanda will not take part, while the Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) had not communicated their final position by the deadline day set by CECAFA.

In a communication dated July 9, the Rwandan Football Federation, FERWAF, said because of the new COVID-19 preventive measures drawn by the government of Rwanda, imposing lockdown on most activities including contact and team sports, as well as movement restrictions, they have been forced to withdraw the two teams from the competitions.

"The Council of East African Football Associations has been notified of these unfortunate proceedings," said the communication.

The CECAFA decided to restructure the ailing Challenge Cup by restricting it to U-23 players as part of its regional football development plans. This will be the inaugural edition.

The Tanzania squad is set to leave for Ethiopia this weekend after the completion of the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League campaign.

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