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President Samia Suluhu Hassan congratulates Hakainde Hichilema yesterday shortly after he was sworn in as the seventh President of Zambia, succeeding Edgar Lungu. The event was held in the country's capital, Lusaka. Photo: State House

Archbishop: Clergy must get the jabs

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE ARCHBISHOP of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam, Jude Thaddeus Ruwa'ichi yesterday directed that all clergy in the zone go for the Covid-19 vaccine, describing the situation as alarming.

In concluding remarks at the requiem mass for the director of Tumaini Media, Fr Paul Haule who died on Wednesday last week, the archbishop said by taking the jab, the clergy will not only protect themselves from serious complications caused by the disease but they will also build vaccine confidence amongst the faithful.

He said currently, there were dramas setting confusion among the public about the vaccine an causing fears, which he appealed to those

“The disease will kill all of us due to negligence. Up to now it has killed dozens of people in the country and millions around the world

listening to him to put them aside and take the right course of action.

Archbishop Ruwa'ichi said the spread of the disease was alarming, reiterating the maxim that prevention is better than cure, thus everyone must take precautions.

“Let me tell you, His Holiness Pope Francis has been vaccinated. I was among the first people in Dar es Salaam to get the vaccine. I have shown you the way - do so,” he said.

The prelate also reminded believers and other Tanzanians whose ages require that they take the vaccine (50 years and above) to do so instead of waiting until the situation becomes dire.

“Forget dramas,” he said, citing vocal parliamentarian and cleric, Bishop Josephat

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‘Food safety not TBS regulation function’

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Caucus on Food Safety has expressed concerns on food safety in the country, calling for review of policies, regulations and laws on the issue. Committee members aired the view that

the decision to restructure the Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA) to create the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) while transferring food related responsibilities to the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) compromises food safety.

They told an awareness raising workshop on food safety here yesterday organized by the International Trade Center in collaboration with the parliamentary caucus that they find that decision to be faulty, in which case there is need to review the policy initiative made dating back look into the decision.

During the meeting, the MPs watched a presentation made by experts from the European Union and the East African Community (EU-EAC) Market Access Upgrade Programme (MARKUP), a regional development initiative

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Sabaya case: Court winds up hearing, judgment October 1

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

JUDGEMENT in Criminal Case No. 105 of 2021 at the Arusha Registry facing the former Hai District Commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya (34) and two others will be delivered on October 1.

The case at the Arusha Resident Magistrate's court was heard for 37 days up to yesterday

as the third defence witness wound up his testimony.

Other accused persons in the case are Silvester Nyegu (26) and Daniel Mbura (38), who faced three counts of robbery using firearms.

Senior Resident Magistrate Odira Amworo said in court yesterday that he will deliver

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EU inks L. Tanganyika fishing uplift projects

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Kigoma

FISHERMEN along Lake Tanganyika are set to get more income and improve their living standards, thanks to a project that safeguards the fishing sector value chain.

The project is part of a strategy for unlocking the potential of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, where at the Lake Tanganyika zone it targets the sardine, sprat and perch value chain.

The project, abbreviated as FISH4ACP project is being implemented by the Food

and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries with funding from the European Union (EU).

Briefing journalists here on the first day of a research validation workshop yesterday, FAO national professional officer responsible for fisheries and aquaculture value chain, Hashim Muumin said that in Tanzania the five-year project launched last September is expected to improve earning of men and women engaged in fishing.

The sprat, sardine and perch value chain in Lake Tanganyika needs to be more sustainable, as investing in inclusive growth contributes to food and nutrition security, economic prosperity and job creation. This proceeds from ensuring the economic, social and environmental sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture value chains, he stated.

Enhancement of fish handling and processing methods shall limit post-harvest losses and boost fish product quality, reduce harmful health impacts of fish smoking and accelerating energy use efficiency by



Small trader Majaliwa Emmanuel Materu of Kibirizi ward in Kigoma Region pictured yesterday showing fish he had just bought from local fishermen. He said the particular species has become especially rare "owing to the long-running use of poor fishing methods". Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu



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Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (L) and other mourners pay their last respects in Mbeya city yesterday to five Tanzania Revenue Authority officials killed in a road crash in Songwe Region on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

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Gwajima by name that he uses the platform to air wrong information about Covid-19 vaccines that contradicts health experts, expressing sadness on the ongoing debate about the jab.

The debate is not constructive for the future growth of the nation, he said, noting that the church kept praying to God to get the vaccine. "Thanks to the Almighty the vaccine has come. Where does debate and misunderstandings about it come from?" he demanded.

Even after taking the vaccine, the community must adhere to health regulations outlined by experts, he emphasised, noting further that people should ignore the drama, likening

the anti-vaccination campaign with childishness.

"The disease will kill all of us due to negligence. Up to now it has killed dozens of people in the country and millions around the world," he pointed out.

The prelate's statement comes days after embattled independent Glory of Christ Church Bishop Gwajima crossed swords with the Health ministry and even the legislature about taking the jobs.

On July 24 the government had confirmed 29 deaths with 176 new coronavirus cases recorded, bringing the total number of cases since the outbreak of the third wave to 858.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said the figures were

recorded in one day, with the possibility that more deaths could have occurred.

Despite the government's continued efforts to bring people to take all precautionary measures against the disease, a large section of the public was still negligent, she stated.

The government restarted on June 28 to issue data on Covid-19 infections and fatalities, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan declaring that there were 100 new cases and 70 critically ill patients at that time.

However, as of 22nd August, a total of 218,621 vaccine doses had been administered, with the more heavily affected regions being Kagera, Arusha, Mwanza, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma.

Tax exemption delays weighing bridge construction project - RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella and CCM chairman Zelothe Steven have called upon the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to speed up the process of tax exemption on the weighing bridge construction project in Longido District to enable it to start operating.

He made the remarks yesterday when inspecting construction work of the weighing bridge along Longido-Namanga highway in Arusha Region and learned that the tax exemption issue was the main cause for the delay of the project.

Steven hailed the government for providing more than 14bn/- for the weighing bridge project. He said the completion of the project will simplify various activities along the road including improving Kenya-Tanzania relations and smooth movement of people and goods.

For his part, Arusha Regional Commissioner

John Mongella said the weighing bridge in Longido District will speed up and streamline trade activities.

He said the government in Arusha Region in collaboration with TRA and TANROADS will continue to supervise the project to make sure it starts operating as soon as possible.

Longido District Commissioner Nurdin Babu said the weighing bridge will be of great assistance as it will reduce inconveniences experienced by vehicles along the Longido-Namanga road stretch.

TANROADS Weighing Bridge Project manager, Eng. Samuel Mtawa said project work that began May 2020 was supposed to be completed August this year but so far it is 88 per cent complete.

He said TANROADS will make sure the project is completed as early as possible to start operation and that they were pursuing the issue of tax exemption of weighing bridge components from TRA.

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supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

MARKUP aims to increase exports of agricultural and horticultural products, along with promoting regional integration in accessing the EU market.

Caucus chairperson Lilian Lugangira said as champions of food safety they are ready to spearhead the campaign in the legislature to bring the desired changes so as to improve food safety especially as relating to imports.

The seminar was geared at empowering the committee members on matters of food safety and security, as the caucus was formed two months ago and its members are still new to a range of issues, she remarked. "We feel there is serious need to review the decision that brought about changes in TFDA," she said, pointing out that there are numerous private sector firms importing foods, hence the need for greater regulatory presence in that area.

Ramadhan Suleiman Ramadhan, deputy secretary to the committee, said that committee members are concerned that

the public isn't safe "and it is our role as representatives to push for their protection."

The presentation showed that food safety is a chain that starts from the farm until food reaches the table, thus the need for the government to increase measures on food safety and protect members of the public.

Earlier, MARKUP senior regional technical officer for its Africa Office, Safari Fungo cited World Health Organization (WHO) data to the effect that more than 600 million people fall ill and 420,000 die every year from eating food contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites, toxins or chemicals and heavy metals.

"Since unsafe food remains a threat to human health and economies, the practice of food safety plays a critical role in ensuring that food stays safe at every stage along the food chain," he declared. The chain entails production, harvest, processing, storage and distribution, all the way to preparation and consumption, while in historic terms Tanzania has experienced impacts of substandard products, for instance the ban on Nile Perch exports to the EU, he added.

By Guardian Correspondent, Pangani

Deputy minister orders police to arrest people stealing from PWDs

Deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office (People with Disabilities) Umyy Nderiamanga has instructed Pangani District Police Commanding Officer (OCD) to make sure people who steal bicycles from people with disabilities (PWDs)

are arrested and stern legal action taken against them.

She issued the directive here during her one-day official visit to various areas of people with disabilities including the Huruma Disability Group where she spoke to

the group at the old Pangani District Council Conference Hall.

She said: "It is totally unacceptable for the disabled people to create their own projects to rent out bicycles for income generation while other people decide to hinder

their efforts, these people must be dealt with severely according to the laws.

She added: "In the District Commissioner's report I have listened to here, there is this challenge facing the people with

disabilities who rent bicycles to some people who later disappear with them, I as you Panagani OCD to deal with the issue sternly."

She said she takes the issue in two ways - first it displays humiliation on the disabled people knowing

that they cannot run after them, and secondly it is the issue of pure theft.

However, she encouraged and mobilised the people with disabilities, especially girl students in the coastal areas to make sure they study hard.

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judgement on October 1 after hearing evidence from both sides and examining exhibits tendered in court.

After the court wound up evidence from the defence side, Chief State Attorney Tumaini Kweka told the court that the hearing of the case has ended and asked the court to summarise the case in writing on the basis of evidence given in court.

He also asked the court to grant the prosecution even days, up to September 1, to summarise the case and submit their view to the court, to set the date for delivery of judgement.

For his part, advocate for the accused Duncan Oola told the court that they will submit their summary in writing and were ready for the court to set the date for delivery of judgement.

In the first count, the accused are alleged to have committed robbery using firearms on February 9 this year in Bondeni area in Arusha City. They allegedly robbed one Mohamed Saad, a shop owner,

of 2,7690,000/- and used a firearm to scare those present at the shop.

In the second count also involving armed robbery, it was claimed in court that the three accused, in Bondeni area of the city, robbed one Bakari Msangi of 390,000/- and handcuffed him, beat him up and used a gun to scare him.

In the third count, also involving armed robbery, it was claimed in court that Sabaya and co-accused on February 9 this year at Bondeni area, stole a Techno mobile phone and 35,000/- belonging to Ramadhani Rashid after which they beat him up and scared him with a gun.

Earlier, during cross examination by State Attorney Baraka Mgayu,

defence witness Bakari Msangi claimed in court that the three counts of robbery facing the accused were fictitious.

He told the court that before his arrest he used to live at Shamsi area in the city in a rented house with three other tenants.

The witness claimed that he never lived at Bomang'ombe Town in Hai District as alleged in the charge sheet.

For his part, State Attorney Felix Kwetukia, asked the witness which person he recognised at the identification parade.

The witness told the court that Bakari Msangi, the sixth state witness, touched the shoulder telling the court that he identified the police officer from the identification parade at Arusha Central Police Station.

The witness claimed that when he arrived at the police station on February 16, he found the statement had already been recorded and given to the police on the robbery incident.

He claimed that he was taken to court on robbery charges that happened on February 9 at the shop owned by one Mohamed Saad along Bondeni Street.

For his part, accused Mbura told the court that from July 17 to August 24 he has appeared in court over robbery charges which he was not aware of.

He confessed in court that the ninth prosecution witness, Insp. Evarest Mwamengo identified him by touching his shoulder, noting that he was the one who managed the identification parade at the police station.

He claimed that on February 9 he never left home and was never at the area of the robbery incident at Mohamed Saad's shop.



Jerry Silaa (C), the CCM legislator for Dar es Salaam's Ukonga constituency, arrives at National Assembly grounds in Dodoma city yesterday ready for interrogation by the Parliamentary Privileges, Ethics and Powers Committee. He was summoned in connection with various allegations, one being that he had shown disrespect to the legislative body. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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expanding best practices in fish smoking techniques like using kilns, he elaborated.

Capacity building on sustainable fishing practices and use of gear, strengthen value chain governance and empower institutions for sustainable fisheries management.

During a field visit to fishing camps at Kibirizi and Katonga on the outskirts of Kigoma town along the lake, smallholder fishermen said they faced are constrained by lack of capital for advanced fishing and processing facilities.

Mashaka Mashaka, a fisherman, said most of the fishermen get low catches due to skimpy canoes they use, while skyrocketing fuel prices limit them to sailing with canoes over long distances.

"We would do well with support from the project, to provide us with modern fishing gears as currently we cannot fish in deep waters and obtain a profit with the canoes," he said.

Kasia Hamim Rukoba, a fisherman at Kibirizi, said poor fishing methods and poor fishing gears cause some of the fish to start rotting before reaching the market.

"We need better drying sites and techniques, instead of drying traditionally, as it lowers the fish quality even for local markets," he stated.

Francis John, fish trader and leader of fishing associations in the region said that small fishermen are eager to see fishing improves and graduates from subsistence to commercial levels, but they are hindered by lack of capital and good markets.

He asked that deliberate efforts be done linking the government, the private sector and other stakeholders among financial

institutions to work to improve the fishing sector.

Lake Tanganyika is the world's second largest lake by volume, shared by Tanzania, DRC, Burundi and Zambia. Millions of people rely on the rich aquatic biodiversity reserves for food and income. Tanzania is Lake Tanganyika's principal producer of sardine, sprat and perch, accounting for up to 40 percent of the annual catch.

Most of the catch around Lake Tanganyika derives from artisanal methods, with industrial fishing non-existent, he added.



Tumaini Frederick (L), head of product quality at Zanzibar's Azam milk factory, briefs members of the secretariat of a joint committee comprising senior officials of the Union and Zanzibar governments yesterday on the supply-related and other challenges the facility commonly faces. Photo: Rahima Suleiman

DIT, German firm team up to train rural health technicians

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) and German health technology company, Action Medeor have teamed up to train health technicians from rural hospitals to address the challenge of malfunctioning of equipment.

In the first phase of the training, technicians from referral and zonal hospitals across the country received basic training on health equipment troubleshooting and other technical know-how.

Speaking during the opening ceremony DIT Principal Prof Prekshedis Ndomba said the second phase will involve in-depth technical issues for major health equipment.

"This is the first training because we know hospital equipment uses different technology and they become dormant due to lack of trained personnel," he said.

Yesterday, a group of technicians from the regions of Ruvuma, Njombe, Mbeya, Rukwa, Arusha, kagera, Iringa, Morogoro, Singida, and Musoma started the training which will run for three days.

Ndomba said the institute believes that results of the training will trickle down to benefit 80-percent of Tanzanians who reside in rural areas.

He said the German company works directly with manufacturers of the machines hence has the technology to solve technical challenges which arise.

The Director General for Action Medeor Tanzania Gerald Masuki said the company has seen that there are challenges among hospitals especially on technology of the equipment that they purchase

from abroad.

"We decided to train technicians from hospitals so that they are able to solve technical challenges which arise in their day to day operations.

He named some of the equipment which need technology known as CT-Scan, hematology equipment and X-rays.

Chief Executive Officer for Medeor Action Christoph Bonsmann said this was the beginning of a series of other such training to be done in collaboration with DIT will continue.

Theft allegations see DED, 7 others arrested

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

EIGHT government officials including Gairo District Executive Director (DED) in Morogoro Region Asajile Mwambambale were yesterday arrested and interrogated by the police over theft allegations.

The officials are accused of stealing 1,172 iron sheets worth over 31m/- which were meant for construction of Kidete primary school in the district.

According to Morogoro Regional Police Commander, Fortunatus Musilim the roofing sheets were stolen while at a store in Mbumi B village in Kilosa District.

He said they arrested and grilled the officials after they were suspected of colluding to steal the construction materials after their allegations unearthed on July 17, this year.

"Mwambambale who was once DED in Kilosa District is allegedly accused in the theft incident with seven other leaders including four extension officers and three drivers. Mwambambale was this year appointed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan as the DED for Gairo District," said the RPC.

It is alleged that the iron sheets were once stored at the village for construction of the school, but they were silently taken back to Kilosa DC and later stolen without even breaking the store.

"The iron sheets were stolen in the council's store, but the doors, locks were also not broken, there was no breach, but only the iron sheets were gone, with this environment, it clearly shows that there is something wrong," he said.

Commander Musilim used the opportunity to warn public servants from engaging in theft and other criminal incidents including embezzlement of public funds and properties. He said the police force will not tolerate such actions.

He added: "Prime Minister

Kassim Majaliwa has already instructed Regional Commissioners to ensure strong supervision of public properties and projects. As a member of the regional defence and security committee, I have heard the directives and let me warn you that I will strongly supervise this to ensure that public resources remain safe. We will continue hunting for criminals in every area," said Musilim.

Kidete primary school is said to have received funding for various development projects from different stakeholders including the government and the Turkish contractor-Yepi Markez implementing the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) which supported construction of the school's toilets.

While in a meeting recently to discuss preparations to receive Form One students in 2022, Morogoro Regional Commissioner Martin Shigella received a report on the theft of iron sheets and directed those involved to return them immediately. He also ordered the police force to take appropriate measures against the accused government officials.



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Commission to strengthen management of industrial and construction minerals

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania Minerals Commission has said it will strengthen the administration of industrial and construction minerals to achieve the target of collecting 650bn/- a year.

Acting Commissioner for minerals Yahya Samamba made the remarks when he presented the commission's annual report before the parliamentary committee on energy and minerals in Dodoma.

According to the report, during the year 2020/2021 constructing minerals contributed 2-percent to the GDP while industrial minerals contributed two percent respectively.

Samamba said since the establishment of mineral

markets in the country in 2018 about 32,592.84 kilogrammes of gold has been sold.

He added that during the period, 249,869.53 karates of Tanzanite were sold and the government collected 258.17bn/- during the period.

"The contribution of markets to the mineral sector has increased from 2.62percent in 2018 to 26.44percent in 2021.

Samamba said one of the priorities for the commission was the mineral sector saying more actions will be to further promote the Mining Industry

and increase its contribution to Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

He said the sector has seen several reforms which have brought positive impacts not only to the mining sector, but also to the protection of the country's natural resources in general.

One of such milestone decisions initiated by the government in the last five was the coming of the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, which were included in the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act No. 7 of 2017, following the amendments of the Mining Act of 2010.

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Culture, sympathy check COVID-19 data updating

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

UPDATING the public on the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, including levels of hospitalisation and frequencies of fatality have only marginally improved since a change of orientation was effected by the sixth phase government.

Random impressions from day to day reporting of fatalities of COVID-19 cases especially from the northern regions of Kilimanjaro and Arusha show that not much is forthcoming from district or regional authorities on the actual spread of the disease or fatalities, though countrywide updates are now available especially on hospitalizations.

A recent traveler to a home village in Mwangi district (name withheld) told this correspondent yesterday that when driving to the village and back on any day (which he did recently to attend two burials of close relatives) it is virtually unavoidable that one meets two or more corteges of people being sent home for burial.

At one point in the past, around two weeks ago, residents in Mwangi town, lying at the lower end of the mountainous range that leads to the two main divisions in the district, said there were 21 burials at Usangi division on Monday of that week, a

figure that wasn't disputed even a week later in other family accounts.

Still hardly anyone would have expected such a figure or updating to be released by the district health authorities - partly because many burials are of people succumbing to disease elsewhere, and being taken for burial in ancestral grounds.

The situation reported in the district compares with what is usually being heard from other districts in the region, and further beyond in the northern tourism circuit, leading some observers to link the spread of the virus with hectic tourism activities.

Some opt for the climatic explanation that the zone is much colder compared to the coastline and grasslands lying beyond, thus seeing the rate of infections as natural in terms of predisposition of infection for climatic reasons.

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Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga makes a cleanliness check of latrines at Ng'ang'ange Secondary School during a routine tour of Kilolo District yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DEPUTY minerals minister Prof Shukrani Manyi has said the ministry will make sure its aims to collect 650bn/- during 2021/22 FY are attained in time due to strategies in place.

He made the remarks here on Monday at a seminar with members of the Minerals and Energy Parliamentary Committee that focused to empower them to

Govt to collect 650bn/- from mineral sector in FY 2021/22

implement their responsibility in overseeing the sector fully.

"We have mobilised ourselves to make sure the targets set are attained and even surpass them

from the views and advice given by members of this panel as we believe we can jointly enhance the sector's contribution to the national economic growth," Prof Manyi said.

For his part, the Committee's chairman, Dunstan Kitandula said the members have been facilitated with knowledge on the 2017 Mining Act, the system governing

the granting of mining licences, mineral research and Tanzanians' participation in the mineral sector. Elaborating, Kitandula said Committee members have been

provided with ample understanding on Tanzanians' involvement in the mineral sector, the benefits they would acquire from their country's minerals resources if the sector is well managed.

Acting Secretary of Tanzania Mining Commission, Eng. Yahya Samamba said among other aims, the seminar focused in empowering panel members to educate the public in their areas as well as overseeing the sector.



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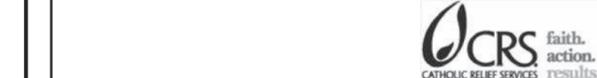
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- Promote, uphold, and model a commitment to the efficient use of agency and donor resources. Ensure compliance with USAID grants, including financial tracking and oversight of partner budgets, finance, administration and reporting to USAID. Approve program expenditures, budget adjustments, and cost modification requests to donors.
- Oversee the development of communication strategies and materials, complying with donor and CRS' branding and marketing requirements and procedures.
- Coordinate relationships with consortium partner organizations, including organization of review/planning workshops. Contribute to coordination of the roles and activities of staff from other consortium member organizations in implementation in line with CRS partnership principles.
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Basic Qualifications

- Master's degree in Business Administration, International Development, International Relations, or a relevant technical area. PhD preferred.
- At least 5 years' experience in private sector working in Horticulture / high value agricultural crops, preferred horticultural experience in export and national markets.
- 7 or more years' relevant management and technical experience.
- 5 years' experience managing donor funds, including multi country assistance agreements and USAID contracts. Strong knowledge and experience in budget management.
- 5 years of staff management experience and abilities that are conducive to a learning environment. Experience in mentoring and coaching senior program staff.

Required Languages – Excellent command of written and spoken English required, Swahili highly desirable.

Travel – Must be willing and able to travel up to 30 %.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Strong strategic, analytical, systems thinking, and problem-solving skills, with capacity to see the big picture and ability to make sound judgment and decisions.
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- Strong background in commercial financial management, experience with FINTEC preferred.
- Team leadership abilities with diverse/multi-disciplinary teams. Coaching skills.
- Strong communications and presentation skills; able to develop tailored and persuasive messaging for varied audiences.
- Proactive, resourceful, solutions-oriented and results-oriented.
- Familiarity with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR)

Preferred Qualifications

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- Experience in commercial transaction with international buyers, considerable experience in horticultural management and food safety regulations.
- Solid understanding of BRC and FSMA regulations, phytosanitary regulations and processes, HACCP knowledge to meet international and national food safety and quality assurance standards.
- Experience engaging partners and strengthening partnerships. Knowledge of CRS partnership strategy a plus.
- Ability to represent and present at high levels.
- Experience in MS Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio), Web Conferencing Applications, and information and budget management systems.
- Experience implementing and managing USAID contract mechanisms including, but not limited to, Cost-Plus Fixed Fee and Firm Fixed Price type agreements.

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- These are rooted in the mission, values, and guiding principles of CRS and used by each staff member to fulfill his or her responsibilities and achieve the desired results.
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- Develops Talent
- Strategic Mindset
- Accountability & Stewardship

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By Guardian Reporter

USAID: Ensure resources help in promoting health service delivery

THE United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has called for establishment of a strong and coordinated system for management of health promotion to ensure proper use of resources and positive outcomes.

USAID Tanzania Health Director, Anathy Thambinayagam made the remarks during the Tanzania Annual Health Promotion Conference in Dodoma Region.

USAID has supported Tanzania via the Tulonge Afya project through the Health Promotion Digital Platform (HPDP), an information hub which will be used by the government to disseminate health information to the public.

Thambinayagam said the established system of health communication will facilitate, maintain alignment of policy implementation and health outcomes.

"The future of health promotion lays the appropriate use of information to make evidence based decisions at both institutional and individual levels, we are happy to have been part of this support, which has enabled the health promotion section to achieve its current milestones. We hope to continue working together as partners in improving the lives of

Tanzanians," she said.

As part of the support for improving coordination of Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) activities, USAID Tulonge Afya supported the establishment of SBC communities of practice in 12 regions, which brings together stakeholders in those regions and mobilize locally available resources to address prevailing social and behaviour change needs at local levels.

She explained that in partnership with the government, in 2017 the US government launched the USAID Tulonge Afya project which combines messages across HIV, reproductive health, maternal and child health, malaria, and tuberculosis to reach communities through messages targeted to specific audiences.

"We know that health promotion and social and behaviour change play a critical role in addressing the behavioural and social aspects of disease prevention and control. If done well, social and behaviour change provides the public with accurate, clear, relevant and timely information to help them make decisions that will ultimately lead to healthy and more prosperous communities," she added.

In addition to campaigns and platforms, USAID has supported the Health Promotion Section of the ministry of health to improve SBC coordination in Tanzania.

She said: "For example, we have supported development of guidelines for the content review committee 1, operational guidelines for community health workers 2 and national health promotion communication strategy. I am informed that some of these guidelines will be launched during this conference. We are proud to be part of that success.

As the world faces the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, USAID, through the Tulonge Afya project, has supported risk communication and community engagement activities since the beginning of the pandemic.

Thambinayagam said they are supporting the development of a communication strategy to increase demand for COVID-19 vaccines.

The strategy is expected to increase the uptake of the vaccines using evidence-based SBC approaches, providing authentic information to target beneficiaries, and addressing all rumours, misconceptions and misinformation.



National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai (2nd-L) poses for a photo in Dodoma city yesterday with a Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank delegation comprising (from-L) board chairman Ishmael Kasekwa, managing director Frank Nyabundege and finance and resource mobilisation director Derick Lugemala. He said the legislative body would continue supplementing the bank's efforts to promote agriculture, livestock keeping and fisheries in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

250 Kilwa District women set to receive customary title deeds, access bank loans

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of 250 women from 14 wards of Kilwa District in Lindi Region will soon receive customary title deeds, something that will enable them to access loans, thus engage fully in economic activities including agriculture.

This has been possible through the Kilwa Local Rights Programme that is being executed by ActionAid Kilwa.

Briefing journalists and ActionAid staff who visited Miguruwe village in Miguruwe ward recently, Pili Kuliwa, Secretary of Tumaini Jipya kwa Wanawake Kilwa (TUJIWAKI)

women group said under the programme women were trained on land ownership and how to access the Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCROs).

The training was offered by a land officer from Kilwa District council in collaboration with ActionAid Kilwa.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from land officers and ActionAid-Kilwa, women have now begun to apply for the CCROs as they are aware of their rights.

The main goal of the visit was to oversee progress of the women and witness what has been achieved since they were trained on land

ownership, women rights, how to access loans services, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and identify the main challenges they encounter in agricultural activities.

"To start with a total of 250 women from TUJIWAKI have already filled in all necessary details so that they can acquire CCROs from Kilwa District council and later own land similarly to men," she said.

She thanked ActionAid Kilwa and Kilwa District Council for introducing the Local Rights Programme (LRP) because it has opened their eyes and women are massively applying for the documents.

"Before ActionAid Kilwa

intervention, women were lagging behind to own land, were not aware of their rights and many of them were utilizing land without CCROs or title deeds," she said.

Community development facilitator from Njinjo ward, Farida Chaukulu said women in Njinjo ward are now ready to access CCROs after understanding their rights.

"So far we have already received 100 CCROs application forms from Kilwa District Council and more than 30 women have been able to fill application forms to access CCROs," she said.

Although women were trained on land ownership, knowledge on

women rights, especially the right to access land and control land is still required to enable behavioural change in the community.

Also after attending several training sessions from ActionAid Kilwa, Chaukulu has also trained other 30 women on tax issues encouraging them on voluntary tax payment for the country's development.

Kilwa Local Rights Programme project coordinator, Steven Benard said: "ActionAid Kilwa is conducting LRP in eight villages in partnership with women reflection cycles, TUJIWAKI and Kilwa Youth Development Initiatives (KIYODI) to

provide training."

"Many of women were left out due to tradition and cultural practices, as they were not allowed to make any decision about land ownership," he said.

The training has brought positive results because right now women are aware of their rights and can report land disputes in court and demand their rights, something that was not there before.

Said Malenga, chairman of Matandu hamlet said women in Kilwa District having the land titled deeds guarantee women to access loans facilities from the financial institutions to run their business.



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India leads the way in promoting relations with US, reducing debts

By Correspondent Nimi Mweta

FOLLOWING the recent visit by Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, where only a number of details were released on her talks with President Samia Suluhu Hassan, observers are beginning to get the picture on the possible range of issues discussed, and policy initiatives suggested.

This indication comes in the wake of moves by the government of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to put on leasing list a range of infrastructure units, including railways, airports, roads and telecommunications, areas where the United States traditionally has a keen interest.

US cable television channel CNN reported early this week that the Indian authorities expect to obtain over eight billion US dollars in the leasing effort, whose other advantage is that it cuts the growth of the national debt and enables arrangements to liquidate or pare off existing debts.

This change of outlook on running infrastructure units is of relevance to African countries, including those in the East African Community (EAC) trying to reach a common currency arrangement by 2024, and top officials in the EAC Secretariat in Arusha say the currency is likely to start being used as early as next year.

One area where common currency arrangements focus upon is diminishing the national debt and retaining the deficit in national budgets to around three percent of the Gross Domestic Product, to cite the norm used by the European Monetary System (EMS).

Early this month Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta was defending the country's debt situation saying it is manageable, in a London conference where he joined Prime Minister Boris Johnson moving a wide ranging initiative to uplift the condition of education in poor

Commonwealth countries.

In Tanzania the legislature was told in the Budget Speech for this year, that around nine trillion shillings out of 22trn/- expected in revenues in the current financial year will be directed to servicing the debt, which is manageable but costly for the government.

Infrastructure investment is a field where US companies have considerable interest to pick up in Asia and other emerging markets which aren't tormented by unending civil wars, especially in the wake of sharply decreasing US investments in China, and altering its global investment and supply chain strategies.

Opening the infrastructure sector to investments via leasehold and equity arrangements provides a framework for US firms and others to be involved in creating new centres of innovation and manufacturing in the global supply chain, which the US is now building in South Asia in particular.

Only the Bagamoyo port project has been developed as a private sector-based initiative but still attracts controversy as it isn't anchored in a competitive projection but as a protected turn-key project, which would imply additional burdens to debt servicing prospects, observers noted.

The sixth phase government via the Ministry of Investments has kicked off new consultations on the project after the fifth phase shut it down for unacceptable conditions imposed by the prospective Chinese investor on the fourth phase government that was keen on the project.

The new orientation by the Indian authorities as well as the ramped up image of Africa in US foreign investment prospects can be taken up proactively by the Tanzanian authorities in their outward reach for foreign investments at present, a city analyst asserted.



Seuri Meijo, a manager with CRDB Bank Plc, pictured in Zanzibar yesterday making a presentation at a seminar for people engaged in the running of SMEs. It was held as part of the ongoing Kizimkazi Festival. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

RC forms team to probe 500m/- spent on Kyela Hospital ward construction

By Guardian Correspondent, Kyela

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has formed a five-man team to probe usage of 500m/- provided by the government for the construction of mother and children ward at Kyela District Hospital.

Homera made the disclosure early this week when he visited the project site and witnessed that all the money provided was spent to construct the ward's foundation

only.

Earlier he called on Kyela District Executive Director Ezekiel Magehema to provide in-depth explanation on how the money was spent.

Magehema told the RC that the money was spent to construct the building's foundation.

He said the two-foot high foundation incorporated iron rods, stones and bricks that cost huge amount of money.

For his part, the District Planning Officer Mosha Mwakatobe said the Council has already received a total of 1bn/- for the construction of the ward at Kyela District Hospital.

Elaborating, Mwakatobe said they received the initial 500m/- that was used to buy building materials, paying builders and begin foundation work.

He said the work used 460m/- and later the government provided another 500m/- which is yet to be

spent.

He added that there are also other development stakeholders who contributed funds towards the construction of the ward including NMB and CRDB banks who contributed 50m/- which has already been spent.

Following the explanation, RC Homera was still not satisfied with how the government money was used and decided to form a team to probe into the issue.

25 arrested in connection with illegal liquor business in Z'bar

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

TWENTY-FIVE people including bar sales managers have been arrested and charged for doing business without a license in an operation conducted by police in collaboration with the chairman of the Zanzibar's Liquor Board, Abdulrazaki Abdulkadir.

The operation took place on the night of August 22, this year in the Urban West Region of Unguja.

All the suspects including seven men and 18 women were arraigned before

the Malindi Magistrate Court where only one defendant pleaded guilty and was required to pay a fine of 800,000/.

Prosecutor from the police force Suleiman Masoud, noted that the suspects are facing charges of conducting a liquor business without a license, contrary to the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Board Act No. 9 of 2020.

Earlier, Court Magistrate Mwanahidi Abdalla Othman said the bail for the accused was clear on the condition of having two sureties with 200,000/- cash, IDs and 300,000 written warrants before

increasing the cash bail to 400,000 for each defendant.

Mwanahidi stressed that the cases will continue to be heard on different dates pending evidence from the prosecution side.

Defendants' lawyer Alexy Paul asked the court to reconsider the bail conditions because it is not possible to file a single charge but have different conditions for bail.

Speaking to journalists here shortly after the hearing, a senior official of the Zanzibar's Association for Liquor

Traders (JUWAVIZA), Hussein Ali Kimti said they were saddened by the Zanzibar Alcohol Regulatory Board's breach of the High Court's order to suspend the implementation of the new bar licensing levy until the primary case filed end in Zanzibar.

He said after Act No. 9 of the Alcohol Board Act of 2020 came into force, the Zanzibar Alcohol Dealers Association decided to file a lawsuit to object new licensing levies after an increase of more than 200 percent without the involvement of stakeholders in the

Zanzibar liquor sector.

Kimti stated that while they are required to pay the same amount they are also required to pay 500,000/- every month, pay tax on salaries of employees and municipal sanitation fees.

"We have filed a case against the license fee which increased from 2 million to 4.8 million per bar, condition that the bars should be 1000 meters from social services such as schools, houses of worship, hospitals and residences," he underscored adding that they have agreed that all bars will be closed in accordance with the law.

He further explained that through Case No. 2021 under Judge Fatma Hamid the Liquor Dealers Association against the Attorney General and the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Board demanded suspension of new licensing levies until the basic case was over but the Liquor Board failed to respect it.

JUWAVIZA's senior official argued that government authorities should respect the three pillars of the state but the act of arresting bar sales managers and prosecuting them when there is a court order is a disrespect to the judiciary.

"The act of going out at night and arresting them with firearms and detaining them as bandits did not bring a good image in developing the business sector and uplifting entrepreneurs in Zanzibar," he lamented.

He further explained that among the people arrested one had a six-month-old baby but failed to breastfeed until the next day at around 4pm after being released on bail.

Meanwhile, Zanzibar Attorney General (AG), and ZRB have been charged with violating the Alcohol Control Act No. 9 of 2020 by the Zanzibar Imams Board after issuing liquor licenses to more than three companies in contravention of section 33 (1) in addition to failing to comply with the conditions of locating bars at a distance of 1000 meters from social service areas such as schools, houses of worship, hospitals and settlements contrary to the provisions of section 28 (K) of the Act.

Zanzibar High Court Judge Abdulhakim Ameir Issa has scheduled the case to be heard on September 19 but has sparked a heated debate in the community, including religious leaders, citizens and some activists on the island.

For his part, chairman of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Board, Abdulazaki Abdurikadiri, said they had acted in good faith to protect government's revenue after receiving the blessings of two senior White House officials.

Secretary of the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Board Zainab Makame Sululu said until February this year a total of eight companies have been granted permits to import alcohol.

However, Human Rights and Good Governance Activist Ali Makame Issa said the ongoing violations by the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Board were not acceptable on the basis of good governance.



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SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 150,000,000	2.9% Inclusive of excise duty and VAT	N/A
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Loans/OD Secured by Fixed Term Deposits from 10,000,000 and Above	from 1.5% to 2.9% Inclusive of excise duty and VAT	N/A
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MICRO LOANS TZS 500,000 to 35,000,000		20,000.00 N/A
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SME LOANS/ODs 35,000,000 to 150,000,000		20,000.00 N/A
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Mimutie Women Organisation Director Rose Njilo (L) speaks on gender-based violence at a meeting with women from pastoralist communities in Ngorongoro District yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Allan Isack

UHI to reduce treatment burden for low-income families, states ministry

By Guardian Reporter

THE Zanzibar government has said the establishment of health insurance scheme for all citizens would help to improve availability of better service.

The Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children Director, Dr Abdallah Suleiman made the remarks yesterday when opening high-level two-day workshop on health financing through Universal Health Insurance in Zanzibar.

The workshop being hosted by Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (JMK) Foundation, Zanzibar Research Centre for Socio-economic and Policy Analysis (ZRPC); Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP) Zanzibar; and Embassy of Switzerland aims at accelerating national efforts of establishing Universal Health Insurance (UHI) as an effective financing instrument to provide adequate health services to everyone.

Dr Suleiman said that the move would reduce the cost of treatment for low-income people, adding that people who use health insurance receive guaranteed service including availability of medical equipment and medicines.

JMF director Vanessa Manyota, said in partnership with the ministry of Health, they would ensure all Zanzibar people have access to health insurance to improve medical provision in the country.

Representative from Embassy of Switzerland, Esther Majani says they will work with the government of Tanzania to find other financial sources without affecting the system.

Director of Zanzibar Research Centre for Socio-economic and Policy Analysis (ZRPC), Professor Mohamed Hafidh Khalfan said the

purpose of the workshop was to support government's efforts in strengthening health services to all people.

In recent years, the provision of health care in Zanzibar has been facing many challenges that cause the health services to be of a relatively low quality. Partly, the inadequacy of health services can be directly attributed to the limited funds for financing the sector and the apparent wasteful public health administration system.

As it has been the case with many other developing countries with a growing population and narrow fiscal space to finance health sector, Zanzibar does view the universal health insurance (UHI) system as the most appropriate mechanism to mobilize domestic resources for ensuring the health services is adequately delivered in a more sophisticated and sustainable fashion compared to the current system.

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Police in Kilimanjaro Region hold two suspected criminals

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

POLICE in Kilimanjaro Region are holding two suspected bandits for allegedly committing crimes using sharp objects.

The two suspects, according to Kilimanjaro Regional Police Commander (RPC), Simon Maigwa robbed a motorbike driver—Amiri Simba (22), a resident of Kisiwani in Same District and stole his

motorcycle.

He said the incident occurred on August 18th, 2021 around 19:30hrs in Jjinyu village, Kiwani ward, in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region.

RPC Maigwa said during that particular day, the motorbike taxi driver was attacked and beaten by sharp objects on his head before the robbers disappeared with his motorbike with registration number MC 156 CRH.

“We arrested the suspected robbers at the Majevu check point. Police started to inspect all the motorcycles crossing the check point from Same as soon as they were informed of the robbery incident,” said the RPC adding they are still searching for one suspect who escaped from the police during interrogations.

The police commander added that both suspects will be arraigned

as soon as police investigation is completed. He said the condition of one of the suspects who was beaten by citizens is now improving.

Meanwhile, the police force in the region has arrested 161 suspects in connection with various drug offenses including being found in possession of marijuana, cannabis and illicit brew.

Among them, 132 suspects have been arraigned.

CRS JOB VACANCY

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Job Responsibilities:

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- Provide technical solutions to Tanzania Horticulture program and other CP teams, remotely and on-site, for strategic planning and how to best apply standards, best practices, partnership principles, tools and M&E, helping to ensure high-quality implementation.
- Contribute to, and in some cases lead, the development of the technical design for proposals. Support the process of preparation, design, submission and approval of project concepts and full-fledged proposals. As needed, act as a technical writer on proposal development teams. Advise project teams on integrating donor strategies, priorities and technical requirements into CRS' approach.
- Support capacity strengthening initiatives in MEAL programming for staff and partner through helping develop learning and training strategies and agendas/curriculums, conducting trainings and workshops, and coaching.
- Collect and analyze program data, capture and share lessons learned and best practices for specific projects to facilitate improvements in decision-making and contribute to the Tanzania Horticulture program and CP learning agenda.
- Integrate commercial private sector business relations, production and financial performance data alongside more traditional monitoring and evaluation data for project performance.
- Contribute to maintaining relationships with donors, peer organizations, research and other institutions, participate in forums in the area of MEAL to collect and share best practices and promote CRS' work.
- Consolidate quarterly reports from program partners, summarizing results for program management, and providing partner-specific feedback and follow up.
- Support with program semi-annual and annual reporting; consolidate, analyze and support with writing up results for the semi-annual results report and annual results report. Oversee and coordinate with partners the execution of the program Annual Results Survey.
- Convene and facilitate the quarterly program MEAL Technical Working Group meetings.

Typical Background, Experience & Requirements:
Education and Experience

- Master's Degree in project management, development, research design, monitoring and evaluation, or organizational development, public administration, epidemiology.
- Minimum of five years of relevant work experience in monitoring and

evaluation with progressive responsibilities, ideally with an international NGO, with minimum of two to three years of working for programming interventions in multiple countries.

- Minimum of two years of experience with partnership activities and institutional strengthening.
- Knowledge of technical principles and concepts in monitoring and evaluation. General knowledge of other related disciplines to ensure proper cross-sectoral approach.
- Experience in project design and proposal development. Experience in writing content for proposals and knowledge of regulations of major donors.
- Knowledge of and experience with capacity strengthening best practices; experience with capacity building, including training mentoring as well as developing training materials.
- Experience with program monitoring and evaluation and analysis.
- Experience and skills in networking and relations with donors, peer organizations, and faith-based and civil society partners. Understanding of partnership principles.
- Strong English writing skills.
- Proficient in MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), Web Conferencing Applications, information and budget management systems, knowledge-sharing networks, data collection platforms (e.g. iFormBuilder, KOB0, CommCare), statistical analysis and visualization software (e.g. SPSS, STATA, R, Atlas.TI, NVivo, Power BI, Tableau).
- Experience working under USAID contract mechanisms preferred, but not required.

Personal Skills

- Strong relationship management skills with ability to influence and get buy-in from people not under direct supervision and to work with individuals in diverse geographical and cultural settings
- Good strategic, analytical, problem-solving and systems thinking skills with capacity to see the big picture and ability to make sound judgment
- Strong technical writing skills
- Strong data collection and research skills and ability to interpret and analyze data
- Presentation, facilitation, training, mentoring, and coaching skills
- Proactive, resourceful and results-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities

Required/Desired Foreign Language: Excellent command of English and Kiswahili required.

Travel Required: More than 60% travel in the program areas.

Key Working Relationships:
Supervisory: TBD
Internal: Deputy Chief of Party and other technical advisors
External: Partner MEAL staff

Agency-wide Competencies (for all CRS Staff):
These are rooted in the mission, values, and guiding principles of CRS and used by each staff member to fulfill his or her responsibilities and achieve the desired results.

- Serves with Integrity
- Models Stewardship
- Cultivates Constructive Relationships
- Promotes Learning

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CRS JOB VACANCY

Job Title : Deputy Chief of Party I

**This position is contingent on receipt of donor funding*

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Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS works to save, protect, and transform lives in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding. In Tanzania, CRS has served vulnerable communities for over 50 years and implements its programs through partnerships with the Government of Tanzania, International and local organizations and community entities for maximum impact and sustainability.

Job Summary:
As Deputy Chief of Party, you will work as part of a team on a large project and provide oversight of a key function of the USAID-funded Tanzania Horticulture Activity to support the commercialization of poor and vulnerable farmers and farmer organizations focused on horticulture markets. Your management and technical knowledge in financial management will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming. As a senior leader you will proactively manage security and mitigate security risks. This position will also support diligence assessments of private sector clients in relation to business performance and access to investment capital.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Manage a key aspect of the development, implementation, and consolidation of the Tanzania Horticulture Project with a specific focus on finance and linkages with financial service providers. Serve as a point of contact on area of responsibility to USAID as well as public, private and non-government stakeholders, when needed.
- Manager key function of the project to meet donor expectations in terms of timely and quality results and budget. Contribute to ensuring coordination between program, private sector partners and operations leads. Contribute to ensuring the CRS program quality standards are adhered to per MEAL policy and procedures.
- Support financial partners and integrate innovative financial solutions, including digital payment channels between formal international and national partners and informal partners in the horticulture value chains.
- Support the introduction and use of investment options through local banks and alternative investment strategies such as impact investment using debt, quasi equity, and equity instruments for working capital and capex needs.
- Effectively manage talent and supervise. Manage team dynamics and staff well-being. Provide coaching. Strategically tailor individual development plans and complete performance assessments for direct reports. Contribute to the development of staffing plans and the recruitment process of senior staff.
- Manage and mitigate risk through monitoring national and regional issues that may impact staff and programming. Ensure all staff understand and adhere to CRS staff safety and security policies and plans.
- Promote, uphold and model a commitment to the efficient use of agency and donor resources. Help ensure compliance with USAID grants, including financial tracking and oversight of partner budgets, finance, administration and reporting to USAID.
- Maintain relationships with key staff of consortium partner organizations in regard to area of responsibility. Contribute to coordination of the roles and activities of staff from other consortium member organizations in implementation in line with CRS partnership principles.
- Create and maintain proper conditions for learning. Establish a safe environment for sharing of ideas, solutions, and difficulties and the capacity to detect, analyze and respond quickly to deficiencies. Identify performance gaps and training opportunities for CRS and partner staff and recommend trainings and technical assistance.

Business Services: financial service providers, national and international buyers.

- 5 years' relevant management and technical experience.
- 3 years' experience managing donor funds. Knowledge and experience in budget management.
- Knowledge of the local Tanzanian context.

Required Languages - Excellent command of written and spoken English and Swahili required.

Travel - include percentage of required travel, if applicable. Could be stated as Must be willing and able to travel up to 50%.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Very good strategic, analytical, systems thinking, and problem-solving skills, with capacity to see the big picture and ability to make sound judgment and decisions.
- Very good relations management abilities. Ability to relate to people at all levels internally and externally. Strategic in how you approach each relationship.
- Team leadership abilities with diverse/multi-disciplinary teams.
- Proactive, resourceful, solutions-oriented, and results-oriented.
- Familiarity with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR)

Preferred Qualifications

- Recognized technical experience and qualifications in sector
- Demonstrated experience of successful management, including management of functions of complex, multi-activity projects.
- Staff management experience and abilities that are conducive to a learning environment.
- Experience engaging partners and strengthening partnerships. Knowledge of CRS partnership strategy a plus.
- Experience in MS Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio), Web Conferencing Applications, and information and budget management systems.
- Experience implementing and managing USAID contract mechanisms including, but not limited to, Cost-Plus Fixed Fee and Firm Fixed Price type agreements.

Agency-wide Competencies (for all CRS Staff)
These are rooted in the mission, values, and guiding principles of CRS and used by each staff member to fulfill his or her responsibilities and achieve the desired results.

- Integrity
- Continuous Improvement & Innovation
- Builds Relationships
- Develops Talent
- Strategic Mindset
- Accountability & Stewardship

Key Working Relationships:
Internal : Country Manager, Head of Programming, Chief of Party, Finance Officer
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Every need to encourage more women to venture into science

THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has called on organisations and individuals to support more women in the fields of science and technology.

We should affirm the vital role that women play in contributing to the global progress of science and technology, as well as to realise that women, although representing half of the world's population, are often excluded from fully participating in the economy.

According to the resolution, women and girls working or training in any science, technology, engineering and mathematics (Stem) field should be celebrated in an effort to promote equal access to full employment and decent work.

The resolution further maintains that women have a vital role to play in achieving sustainable development.

We should call for a world where all people have equal rights, where gender equality is the norm, where all genders are paid equally for equal work and, where women are not afraid of walking home late at night and men are not trapped in oppressive masculinities

Women have equal say in decisions that affect their lives, their bodies, their policies and their environment, from villages to cities.

Indeed full equality for women would be the surest hallmark of civilisation and would double the intellectual powers of the human race. Despite girls doing as well as boys in mathematics in school, women only account for 30 per cent of scientific researchers.

Unesco is calling on the international community, states and individuals to work together so that equality in the sciences and other fields can finally become a

reality. We need to harness our full potential. That requires dismantling gender stereotypes.

Against the backdrop, African universities should foster gender equality, parity and mentoring of girls and early career women scientists in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), in order to facilitate economic transformation and other developmental challenges affecting the East African region.

According to a study conducted in 14 countries and quoted in an official concept note, female students' likelihood of graduating with a bachelor, masters and doctoral degree in science-related fields are 18 per cent, 8 per cent and 2 per cent respectively, while the percentages for male students are 37 per cent, 18 per cent and 6 per cent.

Indeed science-related fields will continue to play a significant role in the well-being of people and the continent cannot afford not to explore the full potential for creation and innovation that women and girls can bring to the table.

The under-representation of women and girls in STEM courses in our higher education systems will definitely translate into a loss of a critical mass of talent, thoughts and ideas, which hinders countries in reaching their maximum development potential.

Women also represent a minority in research and at high levels of responsibility in science both in academia and in decision-making structures. At the same time, girls continue to be subject to social and cultural restrictions in some communities, while in others, their limited access to education, science and to funding for research continues to curtail their advancement.

Is slave trade tragedy inscribed in the memories of all peoples?

THE night of 22 to 23 August 1791, in Santo Domingo Haiti and the Dominican Republic saw the beginning of the uprising that played a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

It is against this background that the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is commemorated on 23 August each year.

This International Day is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples. In accordance with the goals of the intercultural project 'The Slave Route', it should offer an opportunity for collective consideration of the historic causes, the methods and the consequences of this tragedy, and for an analysis of the interactions to which it has given rise between Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean.

The Director-General of UNESCO invites the Ministers of Culture of all member states to organise events every year on that date, involving the entire population of their country and in particular young people, educators, artists and intellectuals.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition was first celebrated in a number of countries, in particular in Haiti (1998) and in Senegal. The year 2001 saw the participation of the Mulhouse Textile Museum in France in the form of a workshop for fabrics called 'Indiennes de Traite' (a type of calico) which served as currency for the exchange of slaves in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The history of slavery spans many cultures, nationalities, and religions from ancient times to the present day. Likewise, its victims

have come from many different ethnicities and religious groups. The social, economic, and legal positions of slaves have differed vastly in different systems of slavery in different times and places.

Slavery occurs relatively rarely among hunter-gatherer populations because it develops under conditions of social stratification. Slavery operated in the first civilisations such as Sumer in Mesopotamia, which dates back as far as 3500 BC. Slavery features in the Mesopotamian Code of Hammurabi (c. 1860 BCE), which refers to it as an established institution. Slavery was widespread in the ancient world found in almost every ancient civilisation, including the Roman Empire. It became less common throughout Europe during the Early Middle Ages, although it continued to be practiced in some areas. Both Christians and Muslims captured each other as slaves during centuries of warfare in the Mediterranean. Islamic slavery encompassed mainly Western and Central Asia, Northern and Eastern Africa, India, and Europe from the 7th to the 20th century. The Dutch, French, Spanish, Portuguese, British and a number of West African kingdoms played a prominent role in the Atlantic slave trade, especially after 1600.

Although slavery is no longer legal anywhere in the world, human trafficking remains an international problem and an estimated 25-40 million people were enslaved as of 2013, the majority in Asia. During the 1983-2005 Second Sudanese Civil War people were taken into slavery. Evidence emerged in the late 1990s of systematic child-slavery and trafficking on cacao plantations in West Africa.



Nine Nigerians die of malaria every hour

By Special Correspondent

THE recent report that nine persons die from malaria every hour in Nigeria, is as disheartening as it is scary. This is not because the figure emphasises the deadliness of the disease as we have always known that malaria is among the top killer diseases in the country, but because it is an indication that after all these years, no significant progress has been made in the fight against the disease.

In fact the figure is alarming enough to put any serious government to task. Of significance is the fact that this figure was released barely a few weeks after the People's Republic of China was certified free of the disease.

The number was given by the Minister of Health, Osagie Ehanire, while speaking through a representative in Ogun State.

Speaking, the minister through the Ogun State's Commissioner for Health, Dr Tomi Coker, noted that cases of malaria were significantly higher in rural areas. He quoted a report which indicated that Nigeria contributed 27 per cent to the world's malaria burden, and constitutes 23

percent of deaths from the disease globally.

The People's Republic of China recently marked a major milestone of eradicating the disease. Following that nation's 70-year effort, it was in June awarded a malaria-free certification from the World Health Organisation (WHO), underscoring the laudable feat for a country that reported 30 million cases of the disease annually in the 1940s.

While China is the first country in the Western Pacific Region to get a malaria-free certification in more than three decades, other countries in the region that have achieved it include Australia in 1981, Singapore in 1982, and Brunei Darussalam in 1987. In Africa, Algeria became the third country to be officially certified malaria-free as recently as in 2020, after Mauritius in 1973, and Morocco in 2010. It is important to note that Algeria's malaria elimination programme was fully funded through domestic sources.

If smaller African countries can eradicate malaria, why is the giant of the region yet to do so? While it appears as if the fight has been on for long in the country, in actual sense, the commitment and will to eradicate the disease have been

lacking. A large percentage of the fights against malaria is funded by international donors, with minimal intervention from the Nigerian government. And once such projects end, Nigeria folds its arms and waits for the next intervention.

We must understand one fact and that is, malaria is our problem and we must address it. International donors could come in through support, but since it is not their problem, they may not fully appreciate the impact of the disease on citizens and the nation's economy. Apart from the huge amount of money spent on treatment, man-hours are lost due to people falling ill from the disease.

It is incomprehensible that despite the frequency with which this disease afflicts Nigerians and several interventions, there are no statistics of citizens who are malaria-free, which in turn means there is no proper way to gauge the level of success in the unnecessarily long-drawn fight. Also, research ought to have been carried out to figure out why those interventions have not eradicated malaria, to serve as a guide for future efforts.

States, federal governments and other relevant stakeholders must come together to seek a solution to

this health crisis. The coronavirus broke out only about two years ago and already several vaccines have been produced to check infections while many others are in the stage of production.

Why have the scientists and research institutes in Nigeria not produced a vaccine/vaccines for this killer disease? They must be tasked to embark on a research to this effect. It is also unfortunate that even the big pharmaceutical companies have not considered or commissioned a research into malaria, instead what we have on the shelves in pharmacies is a proliferation of malaria drugs, some of which do not even work.

Government at all levels must sit up; funds should be provided to tackle mosquitoes, the carrier of the parasite that causes the disease. They should embark on constant fumigation exercises, clear drainage and provide mosquito nets for citizens.

They can also study other African countries that have eradicated this disease and see how they can adopt their methods taking into consideration Nigeria's peculiarity. Nigerians do not have to die from malaria. Government must act now.

By Tim Cohen

A long time ago, I attended a talk given by the American diplomat Chester Crocker, who was Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs in the 1980s. Crocker was a remarkable figure, and is credited with being instrumental in securing Namibian independence.

The extent of Crocker's role in Namibian independence is somewhat controversial; some claim his role has been overstated. My personal view is that his role has been massively understated by historians and politicians, who have all kinds of reasons, political and otherwise, to minimise the remarkable and delicate diplomacy involved.

I'm somewhat bolstered in my view by the fact that Crocker himself tends to minimise the role he played, which is what exceptional negotiators always do. Negotiators' ability to sublimate their egos is a sine qua non of successful negotiations. And the awareness of the need of politicians to claim success when things turn out well is a crucial tool in the negotiations process, and one Crocker himself utilised with great dexterity.

If you think for a moment what Crocker had to do, the extent of the challenge becomes clear. He had to bring together apartheid

The emigration of South African youth is now becoming an unspoken crisis

apparatchiks, Angolan Marxist revolutionaries, Cuban military commanders and Soviet power brokers. The Russian part was especially tricky given that the official position of the Soviet authorities at the time was that they were not in fact involved in the Namibian border war at all.

In the end, Crocker managed a piece of remarkable diplomacy. Namibia became independent, the Cuban forces left Angola and the apartheid government relinquished its Namibian mandate. None of those things was inevitable in 1985.

How did he do it? Crocker was interesting in so many ways, but one of the points he made has always stuck with me: he distinguished between overt and subterranean currents in the miasma of positions adopted, and views held, and particularly in information flows. And, he said, the subterranean currents are by far the most important.

What we read on the official level is so often only a partial reflection of the truth. Call it, if you will, the Schrödinger's cat syndrome - the very fact of looking at something changes its complexion. Public views are designed and geared

towards public consumption, and are changed by that fact. Virtue signalling, personal interests and individual experiences all play a role in how we present ourselves publicly.

So where do you find these iconoclastic subterranean currents? The short answer is, with difficulty. By definition, they present themselves poorly, if at all. It takes instinct and intuition.

With all that in mind, I was recently reading the South African subreddit on the website Reddit, which is an open forum for views of many kinds, and on which people pose questions for anyone to answer. Someone asked an odd question: Was there anyone who had emigrated from South Africa to Botswana, and what was their experience? A discussion followed, with lots of people chipping in. Canada came up, and was summarily dismissed as too cold. Canadians then joined in, defending Canada and inviting South Africans to emigrate there.

It was an absorbing exchange, and it had that crucial thing - a ring of honesty, that ephemeral sense you can't define but recognise instantly. But think about the broader question: is it truly possible that

young South Africans are so worried about the future of this country that they are honestly thinking about emigrating to Botswana? Apparently so.

This is not to denigrate Botswana, a fabulous country, which has managed its post-independence period with extraordinary aplomb. But the overt view is that most emigrants are essentially racist, and are leaving to avoid a "black" government. If Botswana is the target, that caricature cannot apply.

This all confirms my suspicion that South Africa's youth of all races feel they are overlooked, ignored and denigrated. No doubt the Covid-19 crisis has exacerbated this sense, and it's not just an SA issue. The World Economic Forum recently published a huge survey of young people around the world, which discovered, among other things, that incredibly young people tend to trust algorithms more than they trust politicians.

If young people can't see a future, a fundamental strut in the superstructure of society is threatened. It's been said so often before but it bears saying again: bridges are officially burning.

Is a college degree necessary?



I was recently on a round table discussion and a lady in her 50s asked if she should earn a college diploma so she could work as a caterer.

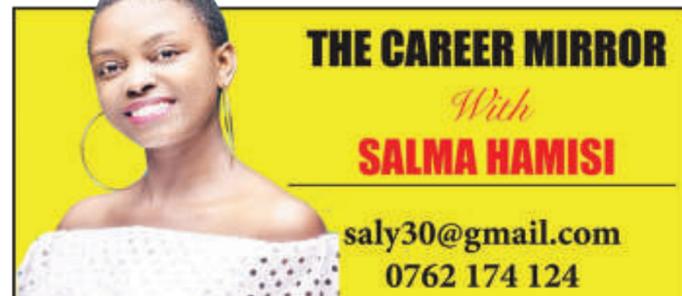
Well, that's a large decision to make, especially for someone with massive life experience.

But her query was one that many individuals at different stages of their professions have: "Do I need to go back to school to progress my career?"

I always counsel people in this scenario the same thing: don't take out a ransom amount in student loans until you know you'll be able to repay them.

For many who rely on social security to get them through retirement, this is a terrible situation, so consider twice before enrolling in a costly degree program. To pursue a degree or not to pursue a degree, that is the question.

If you want to pursue a career in business, you'll need a college diploma to get a job with a major corporation. A bachelor's degree, on the other hand, is today's equivalent of a high school diploma. Fortunately or unfortunately enough everyone has one, you'll need at least a mas-



ter's degree to stand out literally!

On the other hand, returning to school as per this lady's case is not necessary if you wish to freelance or start your own business. It's all about using knowledge to get results in this scenario where she wants to pursue the cluttery business. Mind you in the entrepreneurial world, it's all about performance, what you can deliver. Credentials, academic papers are irrelevant. Udemy, Coursera, and EdX are examples of online sites where you can learn business skills for free and apply the knowledge in real life. Also, people who wish to progress professionally but haven't had formal skills training since college would benefit from online learning platforms that enable the development of cutting-edge skills

without going back to school.

However, when job hunting it's also important to pay attention to how you write your résumé, many people send old-fashioned CVs that are nothing more than lists of facts and dates don't let that be you. That isn't the way to stand out. Companies are interested in your qualifications and the value you bring to the table not facts and figures. Help them see the big picture by integrating your experiences into a story about why you'd be a good fit for their team. Make your objectives clear.

This not only exhibits your skill set and problem-solving ability, but it also demonstrates the precise value you'll offer to the organization. The interaction becomes richer and more engaging, and you stand a bet-

ter chance of being hired than if you just handed in a standard résumé.

As a whole, in today's work environment, having marketable skills and being proactive about your continuous education is essential. On the other hand, as a piece of advice to this lady, formal education is not a requirement for professional success. But, in order to construct a fulfilling career around the work she enjoys, she must be willing to seek out learning opportunities, develop skills and apply what she has learnt. I believe this will drive performance is most relevant to them, continuing to add value to the product, ensuring that people can see and experience that value, and reactively, as people are trying to cancel, trying to re-engage them to get them back on board."

By Nicole Hao

More than 3,000 fake Covid-19 vaccination cards from China have been seized by federal agents in Memphis, Tennessee, en route to other cities in the United States.

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) caught a shipment from Shenzhen, China, to New Orleans that contained 51 blank counterfeit vaccination cards, CBP said in an August 13 statement. "It was the 15th such shipment of the night," the statement reads.

The FBI stated on March 30 that buying, selling or using counterfeit Covid-19 vaccination cards is a crime, and violators will face a fine and up to five years in prison.

White House coronavirus response coordinator Jeff Zients also said on August 13 that it's "a crime" to falsify Covid-19 vaccination cards, amid new restrictions set by several major cities in the US.

After New York City announced that it would mandate vaccine passports at certain businesses starting next month and as a growing number of colleges and universities across the country are requiring vaccination for students to attend in-person classes, there has been a surge in the fraudulent documents.

The counterfeit Covid-19 vaccination cards that were seized in Memphis come with a CDC (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) logo on the top.

"This fiscal year to date, Memphis has made 121 seizures totalling 3,017 of these vaccination cards," the CBP statement reads, adding: "They are always from China."

The shipments were all described as "Paper Greeting Cards/Use For-Greeting Card" or "PAPER CARD".

"The cards have blanks for the recipient's name

Thousands of fake Covid-19 vaccination cards from China impounded in US cities



and birthdate, the vaccine maker, lot number, and date and place the shot was given, as well as the CDC logo in the upper right corner," the statement reads.

However, CBP officers knew that the cards were fake because "it was imported by a non-CDC or medical entity, and this was not the first time they had seen this shipper".

Such counterfeit cards have typos (typing errors), unfinished words, and some of the Spanish verbiage on the back was misspelled.

"If you do not wish to receive a vaccine, that is your decision. But don't order a counterfeit, waste my officers' time, break the law, and misrepresent yourself," said Michael Neipert, CBP area port director for Memphis.

The city and university policies have resulted in an active black market for vaccination cards. On Instagram, Telegram, Reddit, Twitter and similar social media platforms, users can get the contact information of vaccination card sellers, who sell them from US\$25 to US\$200 each. These cards might not be genuine.

According to a tally by The Chronicle of Higher Education, at least 675 colleges and

universities require proof of Covid-19 inoculation in the US. The process to confirm vaccinations at many schools can be as simple as uploading a picture of the vaccine card to the student's portal, The Associated Press reported on August 9.

While Covid-19 vaccines are easily available across the US, some people are reluctant to vaccinate because of religious reasons, personal beliefs or philosophical reasons, safety concerns, or a desire for more information from healthcare providers.

Some social media users share the cases of death and side-effects associated with the vaccine, while others express concerns that the vaccination can't protect people from being infected with Covid-19.

According to USA Facts, 60 per cent of Americans had received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine by August 13, while 51 per cent of the population had been fully vaccinated.

• Nicole Hao is a Washington-based Epoch Media Group reporter focused on China-related topics.



In Loving Memory of Mr. Peniel Uliwa



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The Management and members of staff of Match Maker Associates Limited (MMA) and Match Maker Fund Management Limited (MMFM) and the entire Match Maker Group wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following sad loss of our Founding Director Mr. Peniel Uliwa.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, associates, clients, neighbours and well-wishers who visited Peniel's family home, attended the burial service, those who sent touching tributes and condolences contributions. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to Peniel's family and his colleagues at Match Maker Group

It was touching to see how Peniel's profound personality is memorable; he touched so many lives and outpoured tributes, emotional and practical support given to his family and colleagues manifested and cherished the memory of his charisma, enthusiasm, hardworking capabilities, skilfulness, professionalism, integrity, humility, well planned, well-disciplined and well lived life. Some of pioneering work in value chain development and enterprise development will go a long way to benefit many generations.

Peniel will live in our hearts forever and will be remembered for his integrity and steadfast love for his wife, children, family, and friends.

May His Soul Rest in Peace

What it means being a journalist in crisis-hit Haiti

By Indhira Suero Acosta

Violence in Haiti has escalated over the past few years. The number of “kidnappings, homicides, armed robberies and acts of gender violence” has increased, according to reports from Human Rights Watch, National Network for the Defence of Human Rights and the United Nations Integrated Office in the Caribbean country.

Since 2020, four to five people are abducted every day on average. The morning of July 7, 2021 was the most recent example of this, as the world woke up to the news of the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

The chaos in the country worsened further earlier this month after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. According to recent reports from the Haitian Civil Protection Directorate, it resulted in more than 2,000 deaths, 332 people missing and around 12,268 injuries.

Amid the insecurity, journalists are forging ahead. And those aren't the only crises that reporters in the country have endured.

Violence against media professionals in the country is constant, as is the impunity that follows. It surrounds cases such as that of journalist Diego Charles, who was murdered in late June during a shooting in Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital. Antoinette Duclaire, a journalist for LaRepublik and a political activist, was also murdered that day.

The Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) condemned the murder of Charles, who worked at Radio Vision 2000 and the digital newspaper Gazette Haïti. “We have been following with great concern the climate of hostility and violence in Haiti, and the exposure and level of risk that journalists



have during their daily coverage,” it said.

In 2019, the IAPA report on press freedom in Haiti assessed that journalism in the country was also affected by poverty, lack of infrastructure, lack of essential services, and insecurity.

The situation has deteriorated this summer owing to the assassination and political turmoil that followed. On the day of Moïse's funeral, July 23, journalists were caught in the crossfires between supporters and detractors of the assassinated president.

In a statement, Amnesty International explained that journalists and human rights defenders were increasingly under attack amid

the chaos surrounding the president's murder, violent crime and the human rights crisis affecting the country.

Diego Charles' murder is the latest in a long list of unsolved journalist deaths. In March 2018, photojournalist Vladimir Legagneur left his home to report on the Grand-Ravine neighbourhood, in Croix des Bouquets. He never returned home.

In June 2019, Pétion Rospide, a Radio sans fin presenter, was assassinated in Port-au-Prince on his way home from work. In October 2019, journalist Néhémie Joseph was found in the trunk of his vehicle, shot to death.

Colleagues confirmed that Joseph, who had been covering Haiti's political and economic crisis, had received threats on his life - but as to who committed the crime remains unknown.

In February, 2019, journalist Robenson Sanon, a correspondent for Reuters, was shot in the arm while covering confrontations between protesters and police. But that wasn't the only violent episode for him.

Sanon said for this article: “As a journalist with only one profession - journalism - I cannot take my camera out in public without attracting threats.”

He added: “On the night of February 13, 2020, unidentified individuals broke into my home. They took a laptop and various electronic equipment. I lodged a formal complaint at the Central Judicial Police, which unfortunately was dismissed.”

This summer, armed individuals attacked journalist Fritz Pinvin near the neighbourhood where he lives. He was shot several times before being driven to the hospital.

Journalist-bloggers Alvaes Destiné and Jeanril Méus were shot and wounded in February this year as police officers attempted to break up protesters. December 2020 saw armed bandits attack Vario Sérant.

Meanwhile, after being injured during a demonstration on February 10, 2021, photographer Dieu-Nalio Chéry had to leave Haiti with his family following threats from armed groups.

Chéry was a 2020 Pulitzer Prize finalist for images from Haiti, “conveying the horrors of lynching,

murder and human rights abuses as the country wrestles with ongoing unrest”.

According to Sanon, government officials used to collaborate with armed gangs to intimidate journalists, civil society organisations and other opponents who dared to criticise the government.

“Human rights activists are threatened by armed gangs in broad daylight in the capital, journalists are murdered and wounded. Scenes of looting in the daytime, without any action on the part of the security forces,” he said.

The United Nations condemned the attacks against journalists, as did the Association of Haitian Journalists. Despite the pronouncements, though, the situation hasn't improved.

For Cyrus Sibert, a journalist with Reseau Citadelle, there is often a political aspect linked to either an influential leader or a sector with the capacity to retaliate against judges and court officials. As a result, legal proceedings move slowly.

“There is also the system of evidence tampering. Over time, the evidence is gone, the witnesses demotivated and the complainants discouraged,” noted Sibert.

Journalist Robenson Geffard, from the newspaper Le Nouvelliste, agrees: “For each assassination of a press worker, the authorities condemn, and justice remains silent.”

• **Indhira Suero Acosta is a journalist and “ambassador” for SembraMedia & Connectas in the Dominican Republic.**

By Great Opara

Launching a media outlet merely months before Covid-19 swept the entire globe takes the phrase “baptism by fire” to a whole new level.

However, for Caleb Okereke, the pandemic just might have provided the necessary pause to figure out how to run such an outlet, find a suitable organisational structure and balance academic life - all at the same time.

Created in November 2019, Minority Africa uses data, immersive and mobile journalism to provide solutions by reporting on African diverse communities. Among the key objectives are to offer context for target readers about the impact of policies on traditionally under-represented groups of people.

Okereke studied sciences in school and had vague plans to become a medical doctor. But in 2018 he changed course, deciding to pursue a career in journalism instead. He left Nigeria to study in the Ugandan capital, Kampala, and later began to report as a freelancer.

Writing for some of the biggest media organisations in the world fed a growing interest to report on underprivileged communities, as he

Minority Africa using innovative storytelling for inclusion

realized that many stories were not being told with the context they deserved.

“At the root of freelancing and pitching, the problem is that you are sort of defending why your stories have to be told, and I wanted to change that. I didn't want to have to defend my stories,” he said.

He added: “There's so much misrepresentation of minorities in the mainstream media. When people have been misrepresented for so long, it might start to look like they have no agency of their own, or like they just passively experience problems.”

Okereke founded Minority Africa with an eye towards creating a regional platform to remedy this. With a grant from the Solutions Journalism Network to get the ball rolling, this diverse team itself has made significant strides to “un-break the news” surrounding African communities, countering their mis- and underrepresentation along the way.

“We realized that so much of the

news around minorities is broken. ‘Gay man burnt to death in Kakuma refugee Camp’ was an actual headline,” said Okereke.

He elaborated: “We did a piece on the same incident, but we spoke from a much larger context - and that's basically what ‘un-breaking news’ means: providing context to what would have just been a singular statement. It's telling a more wholesome story in a way that allows people to see minorities in the fullness and agency I think they deserve.”

Minority Africa has reported on a beauty pageant in Uganda raising awareness about skin cancer among people with albinism, spoken with participants of Africa's first-ever Pride march 31 years ago, and reported on the racist politicisation of Black hair in African schools.

The most important question Minority Africa's coverage strives to answer throughout their reporting is “why”, said Okereke: “When you feel like there are no more ‘whys’

to ask, then you know you've done right.”

Okereke's vision of success for Minority Africa is not focused on the number of clicks or social media followers, but on audience retention. It's a philosophy that separates his newsroom from many other news outlets that rely heavily on numbers and advertising.

“I don't think followership is an accurate measure of impact,” he explained, adding: “We want our audience to remember us and we don't need to have a big following -and I think we have that already.”

Minority Africa is currently working on an e-learning platform to host short courses on the issues that under-represented communities face. The outlet wants to reach other journalists, members of those communities and allies, but Okereke admits that funding is an issue.

They hope that their Minority Africa Learn initiative can serve as a more immediate revenue model as they work to partner with universi-

ties and corporate organizations to teach courses around diverse communities and how people can become better allies.

“Our biggest challenge is money. As co-founder and managing editor, I have a lot of insight into our processes and, really, we just need money. Plus, we know the work we do and how sensitive it is, so we've had to learn how to navigate that space and find out how to do the work and still keep everybody safe,” said Okereke.

He added: “When you're a young media house, everybody expects you to know what you're doing because it looks like you know what you're doing. It turns out that we really didn't know what we were doing, so we had to find out what worked.”

Okereke said that trust is also one of the biggest issues the media industry faces to remain viable. “As minorities reporting on minorities, it does not exonerate us from the possibility to cause harm,” he said, adding: “We don't count ourselves

as perfect, but we want our audience to trust us - and the foundation of this trust is to know that we will always try to do better.”

Ultimately, Okereke hopes to normalise stories about under-served communities in Africa so that people recognize the need to include them in policy-making, data collection and demographic surveys.

“I want us to be the home of minority stories and, in particular, for African minorities to find a community with us,” he said.

He explained further: “I think the primary reason we exist is for minorities to feel loved and to be seen, and secondarily we exist for allies who want to learn how to do better by, and for, minorities. We want to create a space where we can listen and then change existing stereotypes without debating people's human rights.”

• **A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists. Great Opara is a writer, filmmaker and freelance journalist based in Lagos. His work focuses on the intersection of culture, media, tech and entertainment.**

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Request for Quotation

RFQ Title: Provision of Documents Storage Services
RFQ Number: 2021-K08/01
Date of Solicitation: August 25, 2021
Closing Date and Time: September 07, 2021, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by September 03, 2021
Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: September 30, 2028

Introduction to Pact:

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses, and the government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

About USAID Kizazi Project:

USAID Kizazi Kipya Project is a five-year United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) funded project implemented by Pact Tanzania in collaboration with Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF), the Aga Khan Foundation, Railway Children Africa, and the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) working to transform lives of vulnerable children and youth.

The project aims to enable more Tanzanian Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) – children, adolescents, and young people orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV and other adversities – to use age-appropriate HIV- and AIDS-related and other services for improved care, health, nutrition, education, protection, livelihoods, and psychosocial wellbeing. The overall goal of USAID Kizazi Kipya is to ensure children and youth thrive and survive through sustainable improvement and social wellbeing. The project is working across all regions of Tanzania.

Overall Objective:

To obtain a reputable and capable service provider to furnish off-site document storage and related services.

A. Requirement/ Technical Specifications

To qualify for submission of the bid, each bidder should meet the following technical criteria:

- The vendor must be a locally registered company under Tanzanian Laws.
- As per current local content policies, vendor shareholders should be at least 50% Tanzanians.
- The bidder should have a minimum of 3 years of experience in storing and managing physical records for organizations in Tanzania. The bidder shall submit the Certificate of Incorporation in respect of this requirement.
- Three years audited financial statements.
- The vendor should have aggregate space exclusively for storing records and a allot required storage space for Pact's records when needed. They should also have good scalability in storage space in the locations over the contractual period for added records.
- The title of space acquired by the vendor should be legally managed by the vendor only. Subcontracting the work is not permitted. The title of the space should be clear, and it should be free from any encumbrances. The vendor should certify that all legal and technical formalities are completed for this storage space.
- The storage area should be insured against liability cover besides theft, burglary, etc., and the vendor will bear the cost of such insurance.
- The preferred location is the safe zone, which does not have a history of being hit by natural calamities like floods, cyclones, inundation, earthquakes, etc.
- Storage space should be equipped with 24 x 7 Security measures and the latest electronic security technology, including CCTV Surveillance Cameras with Recording. The storage area should be a restricted area fitted with an access control system allowing only authorized person entries.
- Storage space should be equipped with a smoke and fire detection system.

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line **"TOR for Provision of Documents Storage Services"** to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org before Closure of Business in September 03, 2021.

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line **"Request for Clarification: Provision of Documents Storage Services"** before the end of Friday, September 03, 2021.

B. Eligibility

To be considered for the award, vendors must be currently legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the Requirements/Technical Specifications outlined in Section A;
- Ability to deliver the items/services specified in Section A no later than the date(s) required.

C. Submission Instructions

The following information is to be included by the vendor in the quotation:

1	A completed copy of the Form C "Quotation Coversheet" is attached to the ToR
2	A quoted price is for each item or service specified in Tanzania Shillings. This price should be all-inclusive, delivery, and taxes if applicable
2	The validity period of the offer (Offer should be valid for at least 45 days).
3	Credit Payment Term: Pact prefers payment with 1-month credit after delivery of goods.
4	Indicate delivery duration weeks to supply and deliver of goods after PO issue.
5	Your quotation must be on the official letterhead with an authorized signature and stamp.
6	Specifications of the products offered in Section A fully addressed.

Vendors who wish to answer this RFQ should send their quotations in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania office at the following address, by September 06, 2021, 11:00 am, **PACT TANZANIA** Standard Time and please label your sealed envelopes as **"PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS STORAGE SERVICES."**

Office Address :

The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

Quotes must be containing a completed quote cover sheet (attached to the ToR appendices)

- All proposals/tenders will be publicly opened before the bidders on September 06, 2021, at 11:30 am.
- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted
- All quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for a period of ninety at least 45 days following the submission due date mentioned above.



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BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 45km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south.

BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-21-08-04	DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR 1600 M3 TANKS CARBON IN LEACH TANKS WITH STEEL STRUCTURE PLATFORM – PROCESS PLANT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 10 years of experience in similar projects, certificate of work completion to be submitted / Purchase order copies to be submitted Process , Design & Engineering team (Submit CV's of key personnel – Process, Civil & structural, Mechanical and Electrical & Instrumentation design engineers) Consultancy / Engineering firm following international standards – FIDIC and API 620 / API 650 or equivalent for Tank design Team members should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts. Companies HSE policy to be submitted

The above Services/goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead **referencing the work package reference number** should your company qualify as **per the pre-qualification criteria** together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile;
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.;
- BRELA – Register of Companies detailed information certificate
- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Years' service and experience of key personnel to be assigned to project
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work

Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest close of business on the **31 August 2021**. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of **BGML**.

For and on behalf of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**

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INVITATION FOR TENDER – IFT SUPPLY OF MARINE PATROL BOATS

1. WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non- Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- conserving the world's biological diversity;
- ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
- Promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

2. WWF TCO through Marine Programme is implementing a five-year project titled *"Strengthening Marine Protected Areas Management in Rufiji, Mafia and Kilwa District in Tanzania"* with funding from the Blue Action Fund (BAF), which effectively started in August, 2019. One of the main work packages is *"Improved management effectiveness of Collaborative Fisheries Management Areas"* (CFMAs) WWF TCO intends to support the coastal communities achieve their conservation and management objectives through implementation of monitoring, controlling and surveillance activities, by procuring three (3) patrol boats to be operated by Beach Management Units (BMUs) in designated CFMAs. Below are the specifications for the same

PATROL MOTOR BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

Items	Specifications	quantity
Hull	Trimaran	03 units
Length	30ft(10M)	
Material	Fiber glass High quality	
Design	Covered outriggers (ngalawa)	
Pressure points/bang points of the hull	Strengthened with, durable non-slippery rubbers, stainless steel metal plates, screws appropriately.	
Capacity	10 persons	
Seating	3 Mold Benches	
Storage	Large water proof storage hatch in-front	
Anchor	Anchor hatch	
Shade	PVC cover supported by stainless steel frames.	
Engine mounting	Outboard	
Engine	Four stroke 40HP Yamaha, long shaft manual start	
Safety	10 life jackets	

3. WWF TCO invites applications from competent, qualified, reputable, reliable and experienced local service providers preferably, manufacturers and distributors (for motor boats & engines) who are willing to submit their tender for supply of 3 patrol boats.

4. Interested applicants may obtain the full advert with complete specifications from **WWF website at www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/jobs/**

5. **Mode of application:**
 Interested applicants are requested to direct their soft copy applications/bids only to the procurement email at procurement@wwftz.org by or before **1000hrs, Friday, September 10th, 2021**, please, address your application to:

Secretary,
Procurement Committee,
WWF Tanzania Country Offices
Plot 252 Kiko Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road, Mikochoeni,
P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
Website: www.wwf.or.tz

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Govt on brink of missing its mobile money levies target

By Francis Kajubi

MOBILE payment also referred to as mobile money, mobile money transfer, and mobile wallet generally refer to payment services operated under financial regulation and performed from or via a mobile device.

Instead of paying with cash, cheque, or credit cards, a consumer can use a mobile to pay for a wide range of services and digital or hard goods. Although the concept of using non-coin-based currency systems has a long history, it is only in the 21st century that the technology to support such systems has become widely available.

Mobile payment is being adopted all over the world in different ways. The first patent exclusively defined "Mobile Payment System" was filed in 2000.

In developing countries mobile payment solutions have been deployed as a means of extending financial services to the community known as the "unbanked" or "underbanked", which is estimated to be as much as 50 percent of the world's adult population, according to Financial Access' 2009 Report "Half the World is Unbanked". These pay-

ment networks are often used for micropayments.

The use of mobile payments in developing countries has attracted public and private funding by organisations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States Agency for International Development and Mercy Corps.

Mobile payments are becoming a key instrument for Payment Service Providers (PSPs) and other market participants, in order to achieve new growth opportunities, according to the European Payments Council (EPC). The EPC states that "new technology solutions provide a direct improvement to the operations efficiency, ultimately resulting in cost savings and in an increase in business volume.

Ado Shaibu, Secretary General of the opposition political party ACT Wazalendo, said that not only mobile money levies but in the Finance Act 2021 there are a lot of nuisance levies and taxes such as the property tax.

"The president and her government must rethink reviewing all these nuisance levies because they don't relate to ordinary Tanzanians' financial capabilities," said Shaibu.

Mussa Azzan Zungu, Legislator for Ilala CCM, had during the budget



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba

sessions in June this year called upon the ministry of Finance and Planning to impose levies on mobile money transactions to source funds for financing mega projects.

"For all these years the government has been struggling with mobile money revenues. Ethiopian mega projects are being financed with funds generated from mobile levies. For instance, if we levy 50/- per Simcard we are mostly likely to attract 30million subscribers and end up getting 540bn/-.

Honorable minister, we must find new revenue sources," appealed Zungu. The endorsed levy that has triggered resistance and uproar among consumers, is due fresh debate in the coming National Assembly session to see if minor reforms can be adopted to make it func-

tion smoothly. Speaker of the House Job Ndugai has already pledged to work on the matter starting with the September parliament sessions.

Previously, mobile money levies were subjected to the ministry of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) and the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) that received the collected mobile money levies by the ministry.

But with the Electronic and Postal Communication Act Cap 306 of the Finance Act 2021 amendments, the ministry of Finance and Planning is now mandated with collecting the levies that are directly sent to the treasury account.

At the ICT ministry, revenues collected from mobile money transactions levies were categorized

into the local goods and services driven charges.

Senior economist, Professor Samuel Wangwe argued in an interview with The Guardian that the revenue collected in the first month of the current financial year is a bad omen for the targeted annual amount.

Speaking to this paper recently, Prof Wangwe argued that to meet the 1.254trn/-, the government should have collected 100bn/- and that should be its monthly benchmark.

He said that there is a possibility of the revenue collections to further go down or not pile up any further from what has been collected in the first month due to double taxation that has sparked consumers' outcry.

According to him, it is a responsibility for people to pay taxes but there should be careful research and surveys on consumers' behavior and on the possible negative impacts of taxes or levies prior to endorsement.

"The government should have opted either to levy the transactions from senders or withdrawals. But as for now both the sender and the receiver are levied on the very same transaction. In that case, consumers' appetite has been discouraged. We should therefore

expect a further decline in the revenues if not a major increment," said Prof Wangwe.

According to the government's target of sourcing 1.254trn/- during the 2021/22 fiscal year, it has to collect 100bn/- every month but on the real ground situation it has started with 48.4bn/- just in the first month of the levies adoption.

"Because anything can happen in the economic cycle where factors like inflation are most likely to affect purchasing power by consumers, you cannot collect the exact intended amount. But at least it shouldn't be less than 70bn/- a month;

The way forward is reviewing the levying mode by deciding who should be levied between the sender and the receiver. But this will pose a negative impact on the targeted collections. There should be a win-win situation between the telecommunication companies and the government. One should be levying the sender and the other levying the receiver," suggested Prof Wangwe.

Prof Wangwe's argument can be backed by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority's (TCRA) Quarterly Communications Statistics for September last year that states, there

were 299.26million mobile money transactions worth 11.56trn/- at the end of September last year.

"As of September last year, transactions went up by 9.8 percent from 272.34million transactions registered in June 2020 worth 10.65trn/- to 299.26million mobile money transactions worth 11.56trn/-.

However, on a monthly bases, the government earned 109.08bn/- just for July 2020," reads part of the TCRA report. Speaking during a special workforce meeting late January this year between the Parliament Infrastructure Committee and some institutions under the ministry of Information, Communication and Technology, ICT Minister Dr Faustine Nduguli said about 300 million transactions worth 18trn/- were being made every month through mobile money transactions.

"The transactions have earned the government around 80bn/- in fees and taxes every month," said Dr Nduguli.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said last week that the government had collected 48.4bn/- in the first month since the levy came into effect on July 15. The minister said that Tanzanians have continued using mobile money

services almost the same way they used before introduction of the levy.

"In the first four weeks of the levy execution period about 9.9 million transactions were made. This has no big difference to the figures prior to the levy where the mobile money transactions ranged between 10 and 11 million a month," said Dr Nchemba as he hesitated to reveal the difference in the amount of money collected between the two periods.

According to him, from the collected amount, 22.5bn/- shall be allocated to the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities for financing 90 health centers. About 15bn/- will be allocated for construction of another 60 health centers to make a total of 150 new health centers.

The levies are however collected from both sides of the country, Mainland and Zanzibar. The Guardian sought to know how much is the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar receiving from the collected levies.

Reached for comment, Jamal Kassim Ali, minister of State, Office of the President, Finance and Planning Zanzibar preferred not to comment on the matter.

By Khadija Mrisho

Secure land rights for Tanzanian youth missing link towards rural economic growth

LAND is a vital source of income, livelihood, status and security across the world - especially in rural communities.

Secure land tenure is also fundamental to a career in agriculture, and no wonder today there are more and more efforts to secure land rights for groups with historically constrained access to land, such as women and indigenous peoples.

However, young women and men are often excluded from land governance and efforts to strengthen land rights for historically marginalised groups.

In Tanzania, youth aged between 15 and 35 have been identified as key in driving economic transformation, not unlike other countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tanzania's youth form the largest part of the population and labour force, amounting to over one-third of the total population. Harnessing their potential through agriculture, a vital sector in Tanzania's economy that employs as many as three-quarters of the country's youth, is paramount for the country's devel-

opment and economic growth.

Without secure land rights for youth, Tanzania will continue to miss a valuable opportunity to strengthen human rights and bolster rural economic growth.

According to an in-depth youth land rights assessment conducted by Landesa in 2020, Tanzanian youth access land through five common mechanisms: purchase, rentals, municipal allocation, inheritance, and family allocation. However, each mechanism comes with its own host of challenges and barriers that weaken success in addressing youth landlessness.

Youth commonly struggle to acquire land through rental and purchase because they lack finance to buy or rent, and restrictive lending conditions that constrain youth access to capital and finance. Young people, especially young women, also tend to be excluded from vital information and social networks that enable others to participate in land markets. Additionally, land markets are underdeveloped, resulting in costly and complex proce-

dures that make it difficult for youth to access land through market.

Land granted formally through municipal or village-level allocation programmes is often not accessible to youth. Rural land administration is done at the village level, but most decisions are made by elders, and these traditionally favour older adults in land allocations.

Additionally, resource limitations, costs, cultural norms and lack of specific policy provisions that prioritise youth all contribute to low youth participation in land allocation programmes.

As a result of the challenges commonly face in buying, renting or receiving allocated land, access of land by Tanzanian youth often depends heavily on family inheritance or family allocation.

This reliance on inheritance can be especially problematic, as the process is usually governed by customary practices that mostly limit and discriminate against youth, especially young women and girls.

Additionally, land inheritance is often delayed chiefly owing to long-

er life spans, and prohibits youth from choosing the size, quality and location of the land they would have been happy ending up with.

However, these barriers and challenges to secure land for Tanzanian youth are not insurmountable. There are actionable steps that stakeholders, right from the national and local government level and all the way down to the level of local communities, can take to facilitate youth inclusion in land governance and agriculture.

Tanzania has already made some strides towards increasing youth involvement in agriculture and access to land. The National Agriculture Policy (2013), the National Strategy for Youth Involvement in Agriculture (2016-2021), and the National Youth Development Policy (2007), all acknowledge the challenges the country's youth face and the important role access to land and finance plays in agricultural growth and youth economic empowerment.

This progress has proved a strong foundation for current and future endeavours meant to harness the

potential of engaging youth in the sector. There are myriad policy and programmatic options that could support the government of Tanzania's efforts to strengthen land rights for youth and bolster agricultural growth.

To build on previous national development plans and policies, the government would be well-advised to undertake land policy reform that recognize the magnitude of the challenges facing youth and favour the needs of youth.

This includes including specific provisions for youth into the National Land Policy, the Land Act and the Village Land Act.

These youth-specific provisions would ensure policy consistency and efficiency as well as encourage local government authorities (LGAs) and other actors to prioritize youth in land allocation programmes.

That would enable or facilitate the setting set aside of land for rent for youth aspiring to become engaged in agriculture in accordance with existing national strategies meant to increase the involvement

of youth in the sector.

Additionally, the government ought to prioritize the amendment of gender-discriminatory inheritance laws, promoting youth engagement in land governance and administration.

This would be effected through, among other things, capacity-building and youth representation on village councils, creating pro-youth credit and finance facilities, and facilitating media campaigns focused on behaviour change awareness.

Overall, the approach to strengthening youth land rights and youth empowerment must be holistic and cross-sectoral if it is to create lasting change.

Surely, a stand-alone youth land rights approach focusing solely on land rights legislation is unlikely to yield significant youth engagement in agriculture without also having in place conditions enabling rural youth economic empowerment.

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Shumete Gizaw, director general of the Information Network Security Agency.

SOVEREIGNTY

Ethiopia now plots own social networks, seeks to replace global offerings

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia is in the process of developing its own social media platform to take on global offerings WhatsApp, Facebook and Twitter, Reuters reports. However, an ICT and telecommunications analyst at Africa Analysis says while a local social network could be well received, its sustainability is very much a matter of scale.

Reuters news agency reported that the Ethiopian government does not intend to block international services, but rather replace these with a local platform, and quoted Shumete Gizaw, director general of the Information Network Security Agency (INSA). Gizaw said Ethiopia will rely on its own expertise to develop the network. Statista suggests that the country is home to six million Facebook users, and the projected number of social media users in the country is pegged at 48.59 million by 2025.

Dobek Pater, Director, Business Development at Africa Analysis, believes that a locally developed social network will be successful once they gain scale. "They are possible in China (WeChat) due to the large population and the government's strong push in that direction. It could be possible in India and perhaps one or two other large markets, e.g., Indonesia or Brazil. A key question is regarding the funding model. If people have to pay for an app like this, they are more inclined to use free versions. Will the government fund it? Probably not a long-term sustainable model. Will it be based on advert revenue? This typically requires economies of scale (a large audience)."

Pater added that global apps (like WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram) have the attraction of being used globally, no geographic limitation. With the (probably

large) Ethiopian Diaspora globally, it is probably easier to communicate using one of these large apps than ask Diaspora members to use the home-grown Ethiopian app.

"Currently, the number of smartphone users (3G/4G) in Ethiopia remains small and data use limited. This is not conducive to developing economies of scale quickly. Which leads to the question: who will fund the initial development and subsequent maintenance / upgrades? There are a number of smaller apps of this nature globally but these typically have a user pays funding model (and the user base remains small)."

In March ITWeb Africa reported that according to Surfshark, in 2020 there were nine political cases of social media restriction across the continent, including in Ethiopia. Another report Digital Rights in Closing Civic Space: Lesson from 10 African Countries found over 100 examples of technology tactics and techniques used to control or censor the internet. According to the report, the most common methods used by governments included digital surveillance, internet shutdown, disinformation, introduction of laws reducing digital rights and arrests for online speech.

"In Ethiopia and Zimbabwe for example, when the government arrested journalists and banned public demonstrations, young people responded creatively using the internet and mobile phones to open civic space. Using SMS, social media, encrypted messaging and even satellite television to connect, organise and develop policy alternatives and successfully challenged government narratives," the report said. It added that the number of international shutdowns by African governments rose to 25 in 2020 from 21 in 2019, with Algeria, Ethiopia and Sudan being the worst affected countries.

OPTIMISM

US investor promises to rejuvenate cashew nut industry by ensuring lucrative market

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

SMALL-SCALE cashew nut processing entrepreneurs have been urged to invest more in production and processing in order to serve both the growing local and export markets.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the introduction of a new cashew nut buyer from the US, JF Braun and Sons to stakeholders, Chairman of Tanzania Association of Cashewnuts Processors (TACP), Bahati Mayoma said that the American commodity dealer is ready to any available volumes of the nuts at a reasonable price.

Mayoma urged cashew nut farmers and processors to seize the opportunity that JF Braun and Sons is representing because the US is one of the world's major markets for the commodity.

"We need to increase volumes of cashew nuts that we process because for more than a decade processing has been less than 10 percent which has led to loss of jobs as they are exported too," he said.

The TACP chairman further noted that if all entrepreneurs take the opportunity seriously,



Ward Holding Tanzania president Godfrey Simbeye.

more cashew nuts will be will processed meaning revival of many closed processing factories hence creating more jobs.

He further said Tanzania has a substantial potential to increase production while also adding value to the commodity before supplying the market. "We have more than 24 cashew nut processing factories in the country and we work together with 180 small processing plants which if we work

extra hard, the US market is ours to exploit," he added.

Mayoma said the Cashewnut Board of Tanzania (CBT) targets to mobilise stakeholders so that production should be increased from the current 500,000 metric tons to a million tons in the next five years.

Seconding Mayoma's remarks, Ward Holding International's CEO, Lloyd Ward, said that the reason which pushed the US based in-

vestors establish Ward Holdings Tanzania Limited, was help find a reliable market for local cashews.

Ward said the US consumes 150,000 metric tons of processed cashew nuts per annum hence Tanzania is a good source of the product because of its high quality. "It is really exciting to think about the economic benefits of market driven industrialization when linked to the growth of the cashew nut crop and to the expansion of processing capacity in Tanzania," he said.

He further added that WHT has created a strong foundation for a global cashew nut enterprise headquarter here in the country including building a consumer brand, designing best in class consumer packaging, establishing a strategic buyer, arranging supply within country processors and developing a broad network of cashew nut industry stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, WHT President, Godfrey Simbeye said the new investment will completely change the country's cashew nut subsector. "Our strategic partner, JF Braun has agreed to buy thousands of tons of cashew kernels when they are certified for export to the US and our first container is expected to leave Dar es Salaam before the end of this cal-

PRECAUTION

Kebs now probes suspect Spanish olive oil

NAIROBI

The Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) is investigating the safety of a popular brand of Spanish olive oil after the product was withdrawn from supermarket shelves in some markets, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE), for allegedly containing cancer-causing chemicals.

Spanish authorities last month banned exports of pomace olive oil amid claims that some consignments contained high levels of potentially cancer-causing chemicals in oil extracted from pulpy residue.

Pomace oil is extracted from olive pulp left over from the production of higher quality oils using chemical solvents. The grade four olive oil was found to be contaminated with the chemical alpha benzopyrenes, which is carcinogenic. An export ban on other grades of the product has since been lifted by Spanish authorities.

Kebs managing director Bernard Njiraini said samples of the Spanish olive oil in the Kenyan market would be tested for safety before a decision is taken. "Kebs is therefore undertaking sample collection for analysis and results will help us make the decision," he told Business Daily in an e-mailed response.

Consumer Federation of Kenya (Cofek) last week urged Kebs to verify the safety of Spanish olive oil in the Kenyan market. Mr Njiraini said Kebs would contact its Pre-Export



A bottle of pomace olive oil.

Verification of Conformity (PVOC) agents to ascertain the results of the certificate of analysis of the products on sale in the Kenyan market.

"Our mandate is to protect safety and health of consumers and we get information regarding products from different sectors, including consumers, press, manufacturers and other stakeholders, including Cofek," he said.

"Our procedures include in-depth investigations before reacting to any allegations, which entail collection of random samples and subjecting them to Lab analysis. If the products are imported and had been issued with a certificate of conformity, we contact the in-

speciation agency to ascertain the results of certificate of analysis of that product."

Olive oil has become popular in diets in the world – propped by its numerous health benefits, including cutting the risk of heart attacks. It is an oil high in an ingredient known as monounsaturates needed to control cholesterol levels, and vitamin E, which helps to stave off heart disease. The popularity of olive oil has, however, become problematic globally amid concerns that some crooks may be taking advantage of the craze to sell cheap and unsafe versions.

Reuters reported Italian police in 2017 saying they had busted a crime ring exporting fake extra vir-

gin olive oil to the United States – highlighting the Mafia's infiltration of Italy's famed agriculture and food business. The gang reportedly shipped cheap olive pomace oil to the US where it was re-labelled the more expensive "extra virgin" variety and distributed as such to retail stores in New Jersey.

Such shipments often contain harmful ingredients or misrepresented quality, triggering calls for the recall of products from the market. The push for Kebs to investigate the safety of olive oil on supermarket shelves comes days after it directed the millers of a number of maize flour brands to recall them for not meeting the required safety standards.

Castel of France to probe claims of African militia support

PARIS

Groupe Castel has started an inquiry into a report that said a unit of the French beverage maker aided militia accused of "mass atrocities" in the Central African Republic in exchange for the security of its sugar assets.

The announcement by Castel came after The Sentry, a Washington-based anti-corruption group co-founded by actor George Clooney, published a 28-page investigation into the sugar-producing unit on August 18.

Once "general management of Castel became aware of the serious allegations made," it decided to start a probe "in accordance with its internal procedures" and will "communicate on the outcome of this investiga-

tion," the company, which also sells beer in a number of African countries, said in a statement.

The Central African Republic, one of the world's least-developed countries despite diamond and gold deposits, has been beset by conflict since 2013, when President Francois Bozize was ousted in a coup. Rebels are now pitted against a government backed by Russia, which has provided some military support.

In late 2014, African Sugar Refinery of the Central African Republic, a unit of Paris-based agro-food company Somdiaa, in which Castel is a significant shareholder, allegedly negotiated a security arrangement with an

armed group, according to The Sentry. The Sentry said Castel owns 87% of Somdiaa. Castel didn't respond to a question from Bloomberg about its shareholding.

Through the pact the sugar producer secured its factory and cane fields and ensured free movement on key roads necessary for the provision of supplies, The Sentry said. The arrangement also reinforced the company's monopoly on distribution in several regions, including through the seizure of smuggled sugar, The Sentry said.

A "sophisticated, informal system" was established to fund the militia "through direct and indirect cash payments, as well as through in-kind support in the form of ve-

hicle maintenance and fuel provision," The Sentry said its research showed.

The pact was active through March, "but its future remains uncertain due to the deployment of governmental and Russian forces in territories formerly controlled" by the armed group Union for Peace in the Central African Republic, known as UPC.

UPC, formed in 2014, has been linked to mass killings, abductions, torture, child soldier recruitment, and sexual and gender-based violence, The Sentry said, citing interviews with witnesses. Human Rights Watch has linked the group with civilian displacements and the United Nations issued a report that detailed attacks on villages by UPC

and the recruitment of children as soldiers.

Castel, a major bottling partner for Coca-Cola in parts of Africa, declined to comment further to Bloomberg than its statement about its probe. Castel was founded by Pierre Castel in 1949 and, while still controlled by his family, today operates a group of companies.

Alexandre Vilgrain, Somdiaa's chief executive officer, and Jean Louis Liscio, the company's operations and risk manager told The Sentry that "to our knowledge, there are no such arrangements made," with the UPC by its Central African Republic unit's management and "no support of any kind has been provided."

PARTNERSHIP

NIT, NAS Dar sign 5-yr agreement to cooperate in air transport training

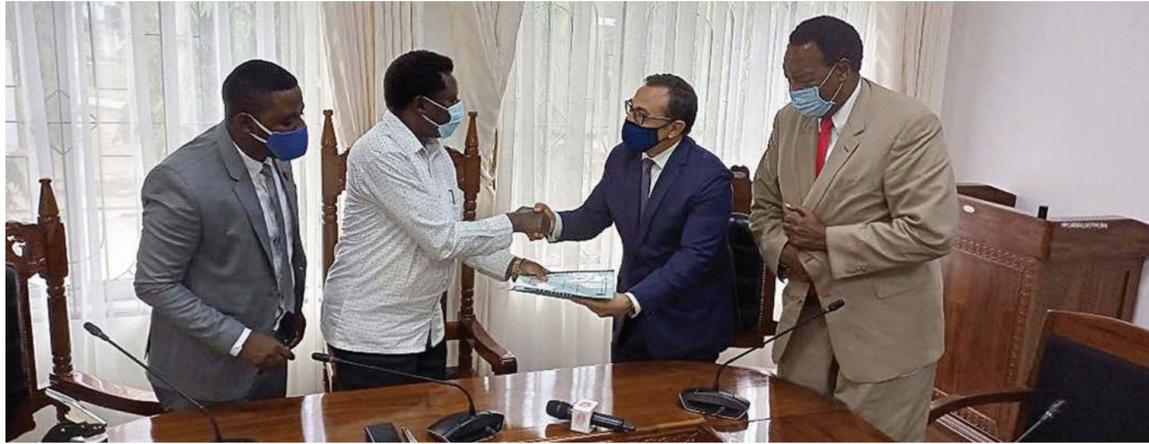
By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to increase a number of trained experts in aviation and transport logistics industry, National Institute of Transport (NIT) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NAS Dar Airco Tanzania to collaborate in trainings of aviation and transport logistics.

Speaking at the signing ceremony held in Dar es Salaam on Friday, NIT Rector, Professor Zacharia Mganilwa and NAS Dar Airco Tanzania's General Manager, Miguel Serra said the deal will help them improve professionalism. Serra said that NAS which started in Kuwait in 2003 and officially came to Tanzania in 2016 is aggressively expanding in emerging markets to develop into a comprehensive airport management company.

"Before coming to Tanzania in 2016, NAS has been a phenomenal growth company which started as a ground handling agency in Kuwait with one airline as customer, but quickly transformed into a leading aviation services provider with a presence in more than fifty (50) airports across the Middle East, South Asia and Africa currently," Serra said. He pointed out that NIT aviation and transport logistics students who will get practical training at NAS Dar Airco will have international exposure with the possibility of working anywhere in the World.

"Apart from getting chances for practical training, the students will also have an opportunity being employed with us and be sent to any of the twenty (20) countries and more than fifty (50) airports



NIT rector, Prof Zacharia Mganilwa (2nd-L) and NAS Dar Airco Tanzania's general manager, Miguel Serra, exchange contract documents after signing them in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

worldwide where we operate," he said. Serra added that the Kuwait Company has state-of-the-art engineering equipment to serve its customers with safety and dispatch reliability being of vital importance.

"The services we provide under our engineering umbrella include; technical ramp handling, operation control center, ground support equipment, maintenance workshop and supporting services," the NAS Dar Airco Tanzania GM noted.

Speaking at the same ceremony, NAS Dar Airco's board member, Professor Costa Mahalu said the collaboration with NIT will support training of aviation and transport logistics students who will serve the growing market

demand.

"The programmes being offered here will make NIT one of the best transport institutes in Southern African Development Community (SADC) and in Africa as well," he said adding that through the deal, NAS will provide practical training to aviation student's theory at NIT hence graduating as competent professionals ready to serve the market.

On his part, NIT Rector said Prof Mganilwa said the MoU will provide opportunities to the institute's aviation and transport logistic students to get practical training at NAS Dar Airco in line with professional needs of the industry. "The partnership will also improve and strengthen the functioning of NIT's School of

Aviation and Technology to produce more and quality professionals who serves the market," the NIT Rector noted.

He added the plans are under way to launch airport vehicle driving and operation courses. "We have prepared a curriculum that will be used to train airport vehicle drivers, soon we will commence the programme," he added.

NIT has secured US\$21.25 million from World Bank through the Eastern Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (2019- 2024) aimed at improving training of modern experts covering all modes of transport with the established of a Centre of Excellence in Aviation and Transport Operations (CoEATO).

ALERT

Regulator warns MTN Rwanda over poor network connection

KIGALI

Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA) has ordered local telecommunications company MTN Rwandacell Plc to solve all problems related to its call services. In a statement released on Monday, August 23, the utilities regulator said sanctions will be taken if MTN Rwanda fails to comply with the directive.

"The Regulatory Board hereby issues an Enforcement Notice directing MTN RWANDACELL PLC to solve all network connection issues related to poor calls connections (first attempts failures), drop calls and silent/garbled-speech calls," RURA said in a statement dated August 19.

The notice added that MTN Rwanda had to comply with 2019 regulations determining the quality of cellular network services by October 29, 2021 in Kigali City and by November 30, 2021 in the rest of the country.

In case the deadlines are missed, the utilities regulator warned that "further regulatory sanctions, including the monetary sanction shall be applied immediately." Members of the public have over the past months been raising concerns about MTN Rwanda's call and internet connections services.

However, RURA's statement said nothing about the telecom company's internet services, which have also been criticized by the public, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic when they were obliged to use digital means to access most services or attend meetings.

MTN Rwanda, which started in 1998, boasts of having the largest market share with over six million subscribers. It is part of the South Africa-based telecom company MTN Group.

RELIEF

Mozambique receives €261 million in IMF allocation of SDRs

MAPUTO

The Government of Mozambique will receive 216 million units of Special Drawing Rights (SDR), worth around €261 million, according to a distribution proportional to its share in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

According to a document approved by the IMF's board of directors and which will today begin to increase the foreign exchange reserves of all members of the Fund, Mozambique will receive 216 million SDR units, corresponding to US\$305.9 million at the current exchange rate.

"The proposal makes a case for an allocation of US\$650 billion (about SDR 456 billion), based on an assessment of IMF member countries' long-term global reserve needs. It also includes measures to enhance the transparency and accountability in the reporting and use of SDRs while preserving the reserve asset characteristic of the SDR," reads a technical note from the IMF on the issue.

The note also notes that "the allocation will help many member states to ease the



Mozambican finance minister Adriano Maleiane.

need for adjustment in the face of liquidity constraints and avoid unbalanced policies, while providing room to increase spending on crisis response and vaccines." Developing countries and emerging markets will receive US\$275 billion (€235 million) of the total, IMF executive director Kristalina Goergieva said on August 2nd in the Fund's approval of the issue.

Member countries began discussing an SDR issuance as early as last year because of the impact of the Covid-19 pan-

dem, which has thrown the global economy into a 3.5% recession, but is expected to grow by 6% this year, according to the latest World Economic Outlook forecasts.

The issuance of SDRs is an instrument created by the IMF to provide liquidity and expand the resources available to states with financial needs, working as a kind of capital increase for the IMF, reinforcing the fight against the pandemic and helping re-launch economic growth.

In an SDR unit, the US dollar has 41.73% of the weight, the Euro 30.93%, the Chinese yuan 10.92%, the Japanese yen 8.33% and the pound sterling 8.09%, and has a value quote published daily by the IMF. On Sunday, 1 SDR corresponded to €1.2107.

Of CPLP members in Africa, Angola is to receive the largest allocation, the equivalent of €852 million, followed by Mozambique with €261 million, Equatorial Guinea with €181.6 million, Guinea-Bissau with €32.6 million, Cabo Verde with €27.8 million, and Sao Tome and Principe, which is to receive almost €17 million in foreign exchange reserves. In all, Portuguese-language Countries in Africa (PALOPs) are to receive a reinforcement of €1,372.2 million euros, or 1,134 million units of SDRs.

The SDR issuance will help countries having difficulty balancing their accounts and strengthening their commitment to combating the spread of the pandemic, and has been described by African countries as essential

for re-launching economic growth in the region.

African countries, notably those in sub-Saharan Africa, have argued that their share of SDR is disproportionately low given their needs, stressing the low vaccination rate and the need to maintain funding of projects with the capacity to strengthen infrastructure and thus guarantee the attractiveness of new investments that make the region grow.

The IMF has urged that those (advanced) countries least in need of this capital injection should transfer part of their increased SDRs to developing countries, with the main powers having agreed to channel at least US\$1 billion, equivalent to around €854 million, to countries with the most difficulties.

FALLOUT

Uganda: COVID-19 deals decisive blow to Smart Telecom

KAMPALA

A source within the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) has confirmed that Smart Telecom (Sure Telecom) will cease its operation in Uganda on 31 August 2021 due to operational challenges caused by COVID-19.

Speaking under condition of anonymity, the source said the UCC and Smart Telecom have reached an agreement on the company's exit strategy, which includes refunding all prepaid subscriber purchases that runs beyond the exit date.

"Discussions have been going on between the UCC and Smart Telecom over its plans to exit the Ugandan market and how the issue of prepaid customers will be settled. That has been agreed and the company is ceasing operations this month

end.

You see, there is so much competition in Uganda's telecommunications market and as a result so many operators are currently struggling financially. We expect a few more operators to exit the market if the status quo continues as many operators do not have the financial muscle to expand and grow their networks," the source stated.

In July, UCC assured industry players and other stakeholders that the sector continues to demonstrate resilience as it weathers challenges caused by COVID-19 and that subscriber numbers and revenue were both up in the first quarter of 2021 compared with the same period of 2020.

The regulator stated: "The number of customers in country had grown from 27.7 mil-

lion in December 2020 to 28.3 million at the end of March 2021 with penetration rate at almost 70%." Neither the UCC nor Smart Telecom responded to requests for comment. The operator's website is already inaccessible.

Smart Telecom launched its operations in Uganda in 2014 after purchasing the Sure Telecom licence which had failed to attract subscribers when it launched in December 2012. At that time, the company said it intended to invest US\$300-million in Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania.

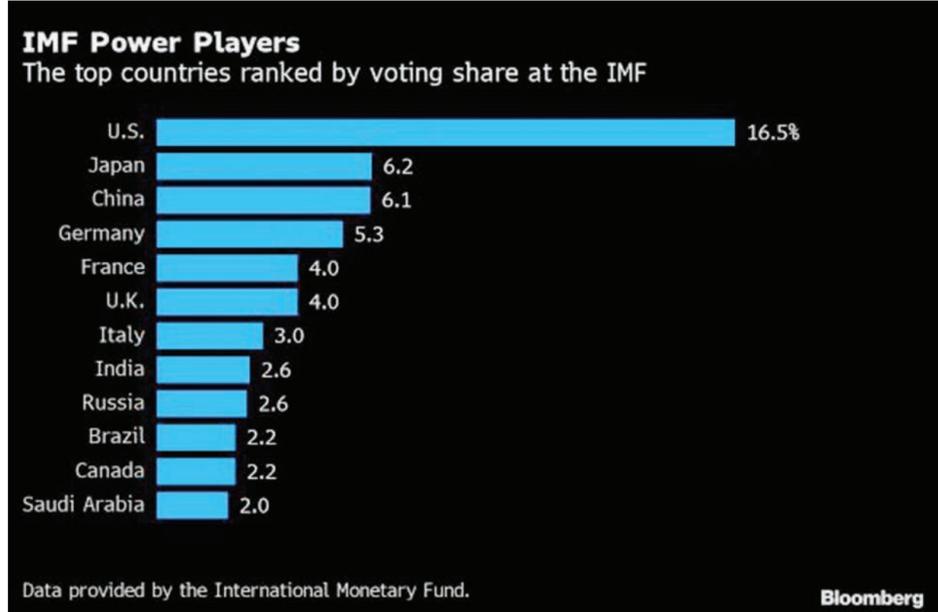
Uganda's telecommunications market is home to several mobile phone operators, including market leader, MTN Uganda, as well as Airtel Uganda, Africell, Smile Telecom, Lycamobile and Telecom Uganda.



Uganda Communications Commission executive director Godfrey-Mutabazi.

BALLOUT

IMF wants \$650bn SDR injection directed to Covid's hardest hit



IMF major contributing countries.

WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund's record \$650 billion resource injection came into effect Monday, with Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva urging wealthy states to direct some of their allocation to countries lacking the means to cope with the Covid crisis and future challenges.

The creation of the reserve assets – known as special drawing rights – is the first since 2009, just after the global financial crisis. The IMF is setting up special vehicles to assist in channelling reserves to developing countries and already has the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust that provides concessional loans, it said in a statement Monday.

The fund is discussing with members the possibility of a new Resilience and Sustainability Trust, "which could use channelled SDRs to help the most vulnerable countries with structural trans-

formation, including confronting climate-related challenges," Georgieva said in a statement. "Another possibility could be to channel SDRs to support lending by multilateral development banks."

The record allocation aims to address the long-term need for reserves and to build confidence and foster resilience and stability in the global economy. It comes at a critical time as the highly contagious delta variant of coronavirus wreaks havoc in some countries and threatens to set back the world's recovery.

The reserves are allocated to all 190 fund members in proportion to their quota. Some 70% will go to the Group of 20 largest economies, against just 3% for low-income nations. As a result, of the \$650 billion, about \$21 billion will go to low-income countries and \$212 billion to other emerging market and developing countries, without counting China, according to U.S. Treasury Department calculations. "Countries can use the space

provided by the SDR allocation to support their economies and step up their fight against the crisis," Georgieva said. The Group of Seven advanced economies in June endorsed a plan to reallocate \$100 billion of new SDRs to poorer countries.

Reallocation will be crucial to help countries in Africa, for which only about \$33 billion is earmarked in the SDR issuance. France has committed to reallocating part of its SDRs for countries on the continent.

To support countries and help ensure transparency and accountability, the IMF is providing a framework for assessing the macroeconomic implications of the new allocation and how it might affect debt sustainability, according to the IMF statement. The international lender will provide regular updates on all SDR holdings, transactions, and trading, including a follow-up report on the use of SDRs in two years.

CENSURE

Beijing's Didi suspends Europe expansion plan owing to data concerns

BEIJING

Didi Global has suspended plans to expand in Europe partly because of concerns over how the Chinese ride-hailing company handles passenger data.

Plans to challenge Uber in Europe, including several British cities, have been tabled and some jobs will be cut. The European expansion will be paused for at least a year, according to the Telegraph, which earlier reported the news of the suspension.

"We have established an international talent hub in the UK, recognising the exceptional quality of people in the market," a company representative said. "Beyond that, any personnel matters remain strictly confidential."

The Didi representative also said that the company will "continue to explore additional new markets", and had recently launched services in South Africa, Ecuador and Kazakhstan. The Chinese transport company had initially considered extending its services to European markets such as the UK, France and Germany during the first half of this year, Bloomberg reported in February.

At the time, the company was hiring locally and setting up a team dedicated to Europe, they said. News that the company, which is dominant in China, might be expanding sent shares of potential rivals such as Uber and Berlin-based Delivery Hero lower.

Didi began offering car-hailing services in Russia last year, marking its first direct foray into Europe, and it is already an investor in Estonia-based Bolt Technology OU. But since then, China's regulators began clamping down on ride-hailing fees.

The new restrictions could cut Didi's margin in the business in half and "accelerate an exit from unprofitable international markets where it faces unrelenting competition in ride sharing", Bloomberg Intelligence analysts wrote in a report.

"Didi's position internationally in markets such as Australia and Europe is fairly weak while marketing costs to acquire users from rivals may sustain hefty losses. With much smaller domestic profits to offset international losses, Didi may need to rethink its international strategy," said the analysts, Matthew Kanterman and Tiffany Tam.

Last month, Didi said it would halt registration of new users during a Chinese government review into its cyber security practices. The Cyberspace Administration of China said the move is to prevent data security risks and protect national security and the public interest. In an article in the Times earlier this month, UK MPs had also called for Didi's expansion into the country to be closely monitored over concerns that China could have access to local user data.



A Didi driver in Beijing.



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WORLD

Haiti quake survivors fear for children's future

CAMP-PERRIN

MANY survivors of an earthquake that killed more than 2,200 people in southern Haiti are worried about providing for their children, with more than half a million minors feared to be at risk from the fallout.

The Aug 14 quake hammered infrastructure, destroying or damaging some 130,000 homes, cutting off roads and pitching thousands of families in the Western Hemisphere's poorest country into an uncertain future.

When the magnitude 7.2 quake struck, homemaker Lovely Jean was resting inside the general hospital of the southern city of Les Cayes, while her three-day-old baby, Love Shaiska, was in the neonatal ward being treated for an infection.

Les Cayes was one of the areas worst hit by the quake, and as the hospital walls trembled, Jean sent her husband, Pierre Alexandre, to grab the infant while she fled the building.

"The earth was shaking and I was crying, so scared of what was happening," the 24-year-old said, cradling her child on the porch of their damaged home in

a tiny village outside the town of Camp-Perrin, northwest of Les Cayes.

The three survived, though the hospital suffered damage that forced some of its departments, including the neonatal ward, to operate outside for days after the disaster.

But the problems were only beginning for Jean and her husband, a subsistence farmer.

Alexandre's fields were buried by landslides during the earthquake and rain unleashed by Tropical Storm Grace, which pummeled Haiti last Tuesday. His entire potato and yuca crop was unreachable, leaving the family with barely any food to eat.

Meanwhile, Love Shaiska was struggling to suckle, forcing her parents to pull together cash to buy formula.

"I don't know what we'll do," said Alexandre, 30.

More than a dozen other parents who spoke to Reuters in the quake zone expressed similar concerns about how they would cope.

Over half a million children were affected by the earthquake, the UN children's agency UNICEF said.

The tremor claimed the lives of at



Girls carry water jerry cans at a camp for people who lost their home during the Aug 14 earthquake in Les Cayes, Haiti, on Monday. (AFP)

least 2,207 people, injured 12,268 more and left 344 missing, according to Haitian authorities, and followed an even more destructive earthquake in 2010 which killed tens of thousands of Haitians.

Still, there are a few encouraging developments. Late on Sunday, civil protection authorities said 24 people who had been reported missing, including four children, had been found and taken by helicopter to Camp-Perrin to be looked after.

Recovery efforts have been impeded by flooding and damage to roads, feeding tensions in hard-hit areas. In the past few days, residents have looted aid trucks in several towns across the south, stirring concerns about security.

Deep in the mountains of Haiti's southern peninsula, in the department of Grand'Anse, near the town of Duchity, about a hundred farmers

are living in slender tents of wooden poles and bedsheets they erected along the highway. The quake destroyed their homes, crops and the deep concrete-lined holes used to collect and store rain water.

Now, with scant food and water, many of the young children suffer from hunger, fevers and infections, said Evelyne Michele, a mother of five living in the encampment.

At least a dozen children had broken out in rashes.

"The children are very vulnerable; there is no water so we can't even wash them to keep them clean," Michele said.

Her older children had taken off earlier that morning, walking to a nearby village in search of food.

"I didn't send them; they just left without even asking me because they are hungry," she said.

Agencies

What lessons could be drawn from China's combat against latest Delta outbreak?

BEIJING

THE Chinese mainland reported zero new local cases for the first time in over a month on Sunday, marking an initial success in containing the most severe COVID-19 outbreak since the beginning of this year.

The mainland Sunday reported 21 imported COVID-19 cases but no new locally transmitted cases, the National Health Commission (NHC) said in its daily report on Monday.

The latest resurgence since mid-July, caused mainly by the highly contagious Delta variant, has prompted resolute actions, including targeted lockdowns, travel restrictions, mass testing, and swift medical actions to contain its spread.

"Practices have proven that our prevention measures are effective. We must continue to implement these measures, strengthen weak links, and consolidate work in key areas," said Ma Xiaowei, head of the NHC, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

China's measures, widely supported by the public, have brought each outbreak under control. What lessons could be drawn from China's combat against the latest Delta outbreak?

IS LOCALIZED LOCK-DOWN NECESSARY?

Local Chinese governments have taken swift measures to stem the spread of COVID-19. Measures such as timely medi-

cal treatment of confirmed cases, concentrated quarantine of close contacts, closed-management of residential communities, and suspended passenger traffic, have proven effective in rapidly controlling the epidemic, said Yu Chuanhua, an expert in epidemiology and health statistics at Wuhan University.

China's measures to control COVID-19 follow the basic principles of infectious diseases prevention and control, and have brought the epidemic under control in a short period, said Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

This strategy has proven effective in rapidly controlling more than 20 imported outbreaks since the epidemic began. It is the most effective way to control acute infectious diseases like COVID-19 while controlling the economic cost, said Wu.

The latest Delta epidemic affected more than half of the provincial-level regions on the mainland. East China's Jiangsu Province reported a total of 818 local confirmed cases in this round, the most among the affected provinces.

"We have invested a lot in manpower and material costs, and the control and prevention measures have kept most of the Chinese provinces, regions, and cities free and open," said Wu. Wu added that "without the 'local control,' there would likely be a nationwide loss of control."



Staff members check a passenger's identity information and health code at Nanjing Railway Station in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, Aug. 23, 2021. Nanjing cleared all medium- and high-risk areas for COVID-19 on Aug. 19. (Xinhua)

DO WE STILL NEED TO WEAR MASKS?

The entire world is still struggling to cope with the crisis. Although China reported zero new local cases, the possibility of another imported outbreak is still high, warned Wu.

"Therefore, we must always adhere to the prevention and control measures of COVID-19 regularly. Previous practices have proven that vaccination, wearing masks, frequent hand-washing, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding crowds are effective," said Wu.

"If the virus mutates again, as long as you wear a mask, wash hands frequently, and keep social distance, the prevention effect will be good," Wu added.

Wu's opinions were echoed by Zhu Ligu, with the Jiangsu Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Zhu said mask-wearing and washing hands frequently could help reduce the transmission of the highly infectious Delta variant, which is also transmit-

ted through respiratory systems.

HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THE VACCINES?

More than 1.94 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines had been administered in China as of Sunday, data from the NHC showed Monday.

Preliminary studies on the latest COVID-19 outbreak in south China's Guangdong Province show that China's homegrown vaccines are effective against the Delta variant. Top epidemiologist Zhong Nanshan shared China's experience in epidemic prevention and control via videolink on Aug. 20.

According to Zhong, the overall protection efficacy of China's domestic vaccines is close to 60 percent against the Delta variant and 100 percent against severe cases.

The latest data showed that antibody levels increased more than 10 times when a third dose of the domestic vaccine is given six months after

the second dose, Zhong added.

"With more than 80 percent of the population vaccinated, the country could achieve an effective herd immunity," said Zhong, adding that the vaccination rate in China will likely reach more than 80 percent at the end of this year.

HOW CAN MASS TESTING STOP THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS?

Qiu Haibo, an expert with the State Council joint COVID-19 prevention and control mechanism team, said China has been able to control the epidemic faster and faster since the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. It is mainly because rapid nucleic acid testing can identify the infected and control the source of infection.

The existing nucleic acid testing method can detect the Delta variant in time, said Zhu Ligu.

In the mass testing and testing among key population groups, the country continued to use nucleic acid testing technology and increased the testing frequency to maximize the timely detection of all infected persons, said Zhu.

Zhu Shida, director of a nucleic acid test laboratory named Huoyan, or Fire Eye, which was established by the Shenzhen-based biotech company BGI Group, said mass testing in China has now generally adopted a ten-in-one mixed testing approach.

Xinhua

Ethiopia to build local rival to Facebook, other platforms

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA has begun developing its own social media platform to rival Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp, though it does not plan to block the global services, the state communications security agency said on Monday.

Ethiopia has been engulfed since last year in an armed conflict pitting the federal government against the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which controls the Tigray region in the country's north.

Supporters of both sides have waged a parallel war of words on social media.

The government wants its local platform to "replace" Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp and Zoom, the director general of the Information Network Security Agency (INSA), Shumete Gizaw, said.

Shumete accused Facebook of deleting posts and user accounts which he said were "disseminating the true reality about Ethiopia".

Facebook's Africa spokesperson, Kezia Anim-Addo, declined to comment on Ethiopia's plans and did not respond immediately to a query about Shumete's accusations.

Ethiopia, a country of about 115 million, has about 6 million Facebook users according to Statista.

In June, days before national elections, Facebook said it had removed a network of fake accounts in Ethiopia targeting domestic users which it linked to individuals associated with INSA, which is responsible for monitoring telecommunications and the internet.

Twitter declined to comment. Zoom did not immediately reply to a comment request.

Shumete declined to specify a timeline, budget and other details. He said Ethiopia had the local expertise to develop the platforms and would not hire outsiders to help.

Shumete referred Reuters to comments he made on Friday to a local language media outlet in which he accused Facebook of blocking users who were "preaching national unity and peace".

He also told Al-Ain Amharic that authorities were working on the platform to replace Facebook and Twitter, while a trial has already been completed of a platform to replace WhatsApp and Zoom and that platform will soon be operational.

East Africa adopts draft framework to set up regional youth peace, security platform

NAIROBI

THE East African Community (EAC) has adopted a draft framework for establishing a regional youth peace and security platform.

The EAC Joint Sectoral Council on Inter-State Security and Foreign Policy Coordination, which was chaired by Peter Odoyo, Kenya's Chief Administrative Secretary of Ministry of Defense observed that the draft framework has received inputs from partner states at both national and regional levels.

"The draft framework for establishing the regional youth peace and security platform has been reviewed and finalized by partner state experts," Odoyo said in a statement released on Monday. The EAC member states include Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan.

The joint sectoral council further directed the EAC secretariat and member states to operationalize the platform and develop a peace and security communication strategy to facilitate awareness creation on the existing peace and security structures and to promote coordinated and meaningful participation of youths at all levels in implementing the platform.

The council also urged the trading bloc to undertake a baseline survey to establish the current state, gaps and challenges of the youth engagement and participation in the peace and security matters in the economic bloc.

Peter Mathuki, secretary-general of EAC noted that job and wealth creation is a solution to the youth bulge in the region because it will engage idle youth in gainful employment and create a disincentive towards choice of criminal activities.

"The engagement of youth in the peace and security sector will strengthen our common resolve to ensure that the young people are productively engaged," he added.



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Camellia oleifera lifts environment, brings economic benefits to residents in central China

AS the spring returns, hills in Hengyang, central China's Hunan Province, are turned again into a sea of green, stretching afar with ups and downs.

"The woods you see include ecological forests, as well as camellia oleifera," said He Enguang, deputy mayor of Hengyang.

Working vigorously to develop the camellia oleifera industry in recent years, the city now has nearly 4.5 million mu (300,000 hectares) of such plants. They have turned barren mountains into vast greenness that bears huge economic potential, laying a solid foundation for

the promotion of the rural vitalization strategy.

Guihua village of Hengyang's Da'an Township had abundant hillside fields, but limited arable land. The red soil on nearby mountains is ideal for growing camellia oleifera, so the local government believes that camellia oleifera planting would be a great business to expand residents' income.

However, most of the villagers were skeptical about it. They thought that land reclamation was costly, and it was a slow process requiring much labor input. "We can't get any return in the first five years, so why should we do it?"

To mobilize residents' enthusiasm, officials of the Da'an Township government visited the residents door-to-door to persuade them to join.

"The climate and soil are perfect for growing camellia oleifera. Though it takes five years to see the first batch of fruits, the business might bring decades of harvests," the officials said.

To eliminate the doubts of the residents, the officials invited entrepreneurial leaders from other regions who became well-off after planting camellia oleifera to share their experiences. Besides, they also offered training courses in vil-

lages, introduced leading enterprises in the industry, and established a cooperative for demonstration.

Finally, the township established its first 1,000-mu camellia oleifera plantation. Later, more and more villagers were mobilized, and the plant now covers over 8,000 mu of land in the township, making barren mountains a "gold mine" for the residents.

Zhang Qifeng is a farmer from Bajiao village, Dashi Township of Leyang, Hunan Province. She could only earn around 1,000 yuan (\$153) a year by growing corns in the past. Riding on the wave of the camellia oleifera industry, she joined a pro-

fessional cooperative of the village and planted camellia oleifera in all of her 10 mu of land. Two years ago, her family bid farewell to poverty.

"The cooperative offers seedlings and fertilizers, and helps us sell the products, which makes it easier for us. I earned a net income of nearly 30,000 yuan last year," Zhang said.

At present, the total area of poverty alleviation camellia oleifera plantations in Hengyang adds up to 93,800 mu, and 42,400 households were lifted out of poverty because of this business.

To further drive the development of the industry, Hengyang introduced a number of enterprises

on the industrial chain, from oil manufacture to refining. Camellia oleifera has been made into natural skincare products and cleansing products.

So far, the industry can generate an annual revenue of nearly 22 billion yuan for Hengyang.

In recent three years, Hengyang covered nearly 700,000 mu of slopes and cutover lands with camellia oleifera. For instance, a plantation in Donghuwei Township, Leyang, was a cluster of coal mines years ago, but now it is a picturesque place covered by rows of camellia oleifera.

People's Daily

Biden urges unvaccinated Americans to receive shots amid rapid spread of Delta variant

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden on Monday urged unvaccinated individuals to receive their shots amid the rapid spread of highly contagious COVID-19 Delta variant.

Biden made the remarks after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave its full approval to the Pfizer vaccine earlier in the day. "So let me say this loudly and clearly: I

you're one of the millions of Americans who said that they will not get the shot until it has full and final approval of the FDA, it has now happened," said Biden. "The moment you've been waiting for is here," he said. "It's time for you to go get your vaccination and get it today. Today."

The president also encouraged businesses to require vaccinations among employees.

"Today I'm calling on more companies in the private sector to step up with vaccine requirements that will

reach millions more people," Biden said Monday.

Asked if the FDA's approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine will lead to any additional vaccine mandates from the Biden administration, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said during the press briefing on Monday, "I expect there will be more, sure, as we've said all along."

Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby said during a Pentagon briefing on Monday the Department of Defense would move forward with requiring all U.S. military service members to be vaccinated now that the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has full FDA approval. In recent weeks, the Biden administration has rolled out vaccine requirements among federal workers, members of the armed forces, federal medical facilities and nursing home workers.

As of Sunday, 51.5 percent of the total U.S. population were fully vaccinated, showed CDC data.

US sanctions Eritrea military chief for abuses in Ethiopia

By Bloomberg

THE US Treasury sanctioned the Eritrean army's chief of staff for his involvement in the conflict in neighboring Ethiopia.

General Filippos Woldeyohannes's assets will be frozen because he was "a leader or official of an entity that is engaged in serious human rights abuse," the Treasury said in a statement. Eritrea denied the allegations calling it "utterly baseless" and "blackmail directed against it," according to the nation's Ministry of Information.

The US is trying to stem violence that's seen Ethiopia's federal troops and militia battling dissidents from the northern Tigray region.

Eritrea sided with Ethiopia last year, shelling the area and sending in troops - who've been accused of perpetrating some of the worst atrocities recorded since fighting erupted in November.

The conflict has displaced millions of people from the Tigray, Amhara and Afar regions and placed more than 5 million in need of food assistance. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres last week called for hostilities to end and for peace talks to begin.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has indicated plans for a national dialog to ease tensions, but hasn't said if the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front will participate.

This undated Bloomberg graphic shows the map of Ethiopia locating

Tigray.

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"The Treasury Department will continue to take action against those involved in serious human rights abuse around the world, including in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, where such acts further exacerbate the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis," Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control Andrea M. Gacki said on Monday.

In February, Amnesty International accused Eritrean troops of massacring hundreds of unarmed civilians in the northern Ethiopian town of Axum in November.

Abiy, whose party won this year's elections, won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for ending a long-running conflict with Eritrea.

The prime minister earlier this month urged all eligible Ethiopians to join the armed forces and militia to repel the Tigray forces. His call came after his troops incurred heavy losses, forcing them to retreat. The dissidents have since advanced deep into Afar and Amhara.

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Duterte accepts endorsement as vice-presidential candidate in 2022

MANILA

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte, whose single six-year term ends next year, has accepted the ruling political party's endorsement to run for vice-president in the 2022 elections, Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said yesterday.

Duterte "agreed to make the sacrifice and heed to the clamor of the PDP-Laban party for him to run as vice-president in the 2022 national elections," Nograles, the executive vice-president of the governing PDP-Laban party, said in a statement.

Nograles said Duterte accepted the endorsement "after (being) presented with popular calls" from PDP-Laban's members "aspiring for a transition of leadership that will guarantee continuity of the administration's program during the past five years" of Duterte's administration.

Nograles said the party will discuss Duterte's nomination during their national convention next month.

Duterte, 76, was elected president in the May 2016 elections. The constitution limits Philippine presidents to a single six-year term.

The vice-president is elected separately from the president under the Philippine law. The vice-president can be propelled to the presidency if the president dies or is incapacitated.

Neither Duterte nor his spokesperson has yet to issue an official statement on the endorsement.

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Washington steering origin tracing of COVID-19 into wrong direction

AT present, COVID-19 is still ravaging the world. Any responsible government and scientist with conscience shall pursue solidarity and cooperation to jointly fight the virus.

However, Washington has always been calling black white on the origin tracing of COVID-19, fanning up the groundless and corny hypothesis of "lab leak theory" to constantly politicize the pandemic, stigmatize other countries, and weaponize origin tracing.

The political manipulation by the US is casting a shadow over international anti-pandemic cooperation, and has diverged another approach for origin tracing, which seriously undermines global collaboration on the studies into the origins of COVID-19.

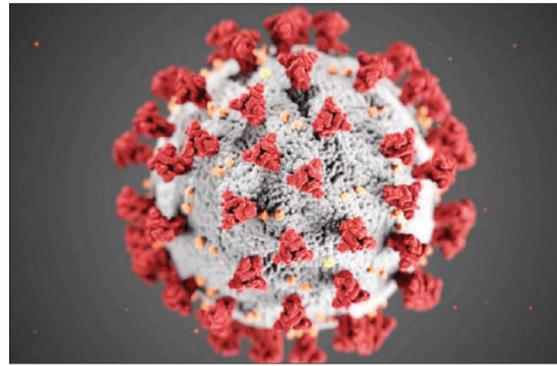
The original approach is the science-based origin tracing advocated and advanced by China, which is how the origin tracing work shall be done.

In the early stage of the pandemic, China was the first to look into the origins of the novel coronavirus in a serious and responsible manner. In May the last year, China stressed at the 73rd World Health Assembly, which was held online, that the world needs to step up information sharing, exchange experience and best practice, and pursue international cooperation on testing methods, clinical treatment, and vaccine and medicine research and development.

The world also needs to continue supporting global research by scientists on the source and transmission routes of the virus.

China twice invited WHO experts to come to China for origin tracing studies.

Earlier this year, a joint expert team comprising leading experts from 10 countries, including the US, the UK, Japan and Australia, conducted a 28-day



joint research in China together with their Chinese counterparts. The expert team jointly analyzed data, went on field trips and carried out in-depth studies. They went everywhere they wanted to visit and met all the people they wanted to see.

Finally, they reached a conclusion that a lab leakage was extremely impossible, and made a series of important suggestions on conducting origin tracing studies in more parts of the world.

The joint research followed WHO procedures and adopted a science-based approach. It is authoritative and science-based and should be widely recognized and respected. It lays a foundation for the next phase of origin tracing studies in multiple countries and regions.

China has submitted its plan for the next phase of global studies into the origins of COVID-19 based on the joint research.

However, the second approach comes with US manipulation and politicized origin tracing, which is disturbing science-based origin tracing day by day.

This approach is contaminated by the political viruses made and spread

by Washington. By shifting blames to others, the US is ducking the political pressure caused by its failure in pandemic control.

It is indeed pursuing hegemony in the name of multilateralism, taking the WHO and scientific cooperation mechanisms as a tool to seek private political interests. It is also slandering other countries with fake information and lies.

Besides, Washington made intelligence communities to lead origin tracing investigations, and oppressed experts and scholars. Ignoring international concerns, Washington has never responded to the suspicions on its Fort Detrick biological lab and its over 200 biological labs overseas.

Such political viruses have seriously poisoned the objectivity and impartiality of origin tracing and undermined the basis for international cooperation on origin tracing.

Science-based origin tracing would be impossible if these viruses are not eliminated.

Facts will never be covered by lies, and justice always prevails. The political manipulation by the US will only be broadly doubted and opposed by the international society, given the complicated and severe pandemic situation around the world.

So far, over 70 countries have sent letters to the WHO Director-General or issued statements to support the WHO-China joint mission report on origin tracing of COVID-19 and safeguard justice. Their voices fully proved that all evil lies will eventually be broken into pieces by science.

Origins of both the novel coronavirus and political viruses must be traced. All parties concerned are responsible for upholding science-based origin tracing and eliminating political viruses.

As a matter of fact, the US is a major suspect when it comes to the possible origins of COVID-19. It is also a major source of political viruses.

If Washington really cares about where the novel coronavirus came from, it should receive international investigations into its labs in Fort Detrick and other places, rather than ignoring facts, challenging science and going all the way down the wrong path to politicize origin tracing.

Xinhua

US FDA grants full approval to Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine

LONDON

THE US drug regulator on Monday granted full approval to the Pfizer Inc/BioNTech SE COVID-19 vaccine that earned emergency-use authorization in December, making it the first to secure such Food and Drug Administration (FDA) validation as health authorities struggle to win over vaccine skeptics.

The FDA approved the two-dose vaccine for use in people over the age of 16. More than 204 million people in the United States have received the vaccine since it was given emergency authorization, based on data from Sunday.

Public health officials hope it will convince more unvaccinated Americans that Pfizer's shot is safe and effective.

Vaccine hesitancy among some Americans has hindered the United States response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated," said Janet Woodcock, the FDA's acting commissioner.

Roughly 51 percent of Americans have been fully vaccinated so far, even as a recent surge of infections spurred by the contagious Delta variant ravages parts of the country with low vaccination rates.

The United States has administered 362,657,771 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the country as of Sunday morning and distributed 428,531,345 doses, the US Centers for Disease Control and Preven-



A healthcare worker prepares a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at West Philadelphia High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. BLOOMBERG

tion said on Sunday.

More young and healthy unvaccinated pregnant people are ending up hospitalized on ventilators during the delta-fueled spike in cases in the US.

Doctors across the country are reporting this trend, not seen in previous surges, largely in the South but also in states like California and Washington. As of Aug 14, 76.2 percent of pregnant people were unvaccinated.

Pregnant women with COVID-19 are 15 times more likely to die, 14 times more likely to need to be intubated, and 22 times more likely to have pre-term birth than those who are uninfected, according to a study published this month in

JAMA Network Open.

Reluctance to get the shots has been widespread among the pregnant population because they were excluded from clinical trials for the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

WHO

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Monday that COVID-19 booster shots should be delayed as priority should be given to raising vaccination rates in countries where only 1 percent or 2 percent of the population has been inoculated.

If vaccination rates are not raised globally, stronger variants of the coronavirus could develop and

vaccines intended as booster shots should be donated to countries where people have not received their first or second doses, he said during visit to Budapest. The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa reached 7,520,393 as of Sunday afternoon, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said.

The Africa CDC, the specialized healthcare agency of the African Union, said the death toll from the pandemic across the continent stands at 188,654.

Some 6,621,026 patients across the continent have recovered from the disease so far, according to the Africa CDC.

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Lebanon grapples with uncertain future a year after Beirut blast

HONG KONG

ONE year after a massive port blast pulverized Beirut, Professor Pierre El Haddad is still rebuilding his heavily damaged school in the capital city of Lebanon, a nation caught in deep economic crisis as well as political uncertainties.

With a new semester starting in a couple of weeks, the academic at Saint Joseph University, or USJ, is unsure whether his students will be able to return to the campus - not solely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Right now, because of the petrol crisis, we cannot find

gas, we cannot force students to come to (the) university," said El Haddad, who is also the founder and chair of the Network of Organizational Development of Experts, a public policy advisory group based in Lebanon.

Lebanon has been experiencing power outages because of fuel shortages after the central bank said this month that it could no longer subsidize fuel imports at a preferential exchange rate. Panic ensued with suppliers scaling back deliveries, prompting reports of smuggling and hoarding.

The Lebanese pound has lost 90 percent of its value. Leba-

nese officials on Aug 21 agreed to a short-term compromise to maintain fuel subsidies until the end of September. On Aug 17, the United Nations' Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon Najat Rochdi warned that the fuel shortages threaten essential health and water services across the country, putting thousands at risk of a "humanitarian catastrophe".

The UN Population Fund estimates that at least 3.5 million out of almost six million Lebanese people are in need of aid.

Lebanon's compounded crisis has dragged on since protests broke out in October 2019

over the government's failure to address worsening economic woes and unpopular tax measures.

On Aug 4 last year, one of the world's biggest non-nuclear explosions ripped through Beirut claiming about 200 lives, injuring no fewer than 6,500 people and damaging an estimated 300,000 homes. The explosion was caused by a warehouse fire, which local authorities admitted had a stockpile of ammonium nitrate for seven years.

"Lebanon is going through a political churning since long especially owing to its conso-

ciational democratic system which has resulted in sectarian politics in the country," said Manjari Singh, associate fellow at Centre for Land Warfare Studies, or CLAWS, a think tank based in New Delhi, India.

Singh explained that a consociational democratic system is usually an arrangement in a divided society where there is power sharing between elites from different social groups. For instance, she said, in Lebanon the prime minister has to be a Sunni Muslim, the president has to be Maronite Christian and the speaker is a Shia Muslim.

"The (2019) October (protests) followed by Beirut port explosions has exposed the level of corruption, stagnant economy and rising unemployment in Lebanon. In short, the two incidents have revealed the fragility of the Lebanese system. Najib Mikati himself was charged with corruption in 2019 on housing loans," Singh told China Daily.

Professor Pierre El Haddad in Beirut during a recent interview with China Daily one year since the Beirut blast. (PHOTO / CHINA DAILY) Billionaire telecoms tycoon

Najib Mikati, a former premier, was recently voted by lawmakers to become Lebanon's new prime minister-designate, and had announced some progress toward forming a cabinet. Mikati has denied the charges of making illicit gains from subsidized housing loans.

Lebanon is being run by a caretaker government since the resignation of previous Prime Minister Hassan Diab's cabinet following the Beirut explosion. The formation of a cabinet has been greatly challenging due to Lebanon's sectarian and factional rivalries.

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Devotha Marwa is the current Netball Association of Tanzania (Chaneta) Chairperson. Devotha and fellow Chaneta officials' leadership term ends this month to pave way for the election scheduled for next month.

Chaneta election now set for next month

By Isack Yohana, TUDARCO

THE National Netball Association (Chaneta) election, which will usher in the body's new leadership, is set to take place on September 16 this year.

The National Sports Council (NSC) will be responsible for supervising the Chaneta polls.

Speaking to The Guardian in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the NSC information officer, Najaha Bakari, said that the election for the Chaneta leaders will involve the association's members from all of the country's regions.

She revealed positions, which will be contested for in the body, include chairperson's, six members of Chaneta executive committee, secretary-general, and the treasurer.

Najaha added that the criteria for a candidate for the treasurer post are that he or she should have at least a secondary school education and an accounting education.

The NSC official revealed: "Any higher education institution's graduate with sufficient knowledge of accounting matters is allowed to contest for the treasurer's post."

According to her, contestants for other positions of chairperson and six members of the Chaneta executive committee should each have completed Form Four and get certificates.

"If you feel you have met these criteria and you are a netball

stakeholder you deserve to compete for these positions," she disclosed.

Netball was one of the most popular sports in Tanzania. The sport was introduced to the country after World War I when the country was under British colonial rule.

The sport was intended for leisure and it was first played in schools.

For this reason, almost all primary schools in the country have a netball court.

Recruitment for the national netball team and other high-level netball clubs started at that level. The Chaneta was created in 1966.

Women have historically dominated in leadership positions in Chaneta but men are still involved, especially in roles like coaching.

During the 1970s and 1980s, there was a push by the International Olympic Committee and the British Council to promote sport and women's sport in Tanzania.

Despite netball being the most popular women's sport at the time, no investment was made into the sport.

Netball's popularity declined during the 1990s as a result of economic liberalization.

Courts were not maintained, leagues were closed and there were fewer competitions.

Trying to raise netball's popularity in the country again has been hampered by the fact that sport is culturally more acceptable for men.

New Geita Gold FC head coach ready to embrace new challenge



Etienne Ndayiragije

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NEW Geita Gold FC head coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, has said that he is planning to make sure the team performs well in the upcoming Mainland Premier League season.

Ndayiragije, who is familiar with Tanzanian football culture, said his main goal is to make Geita Gold FC a competitive team despite participating in the Mainland Premier League for the first time.

"I am happy to be back in Tanzania where I have worked for so long, so I believe through my experience it will greatly help this team to do well in the new season," he said.

Speaking about the reasons for his return to the country, he said that the Mainland Tanzania Premier League has been a major attraction for the east and central African region which was not a hindrance to him when Geita Gold FC officials needed him despite having a high profile.

"Although my 'CV' (profile) is big, I haven't seen a big problem coaching the team that has advanced to the Mainland Premier League for the first time because we've seen so many great European coaches coach regular teams so I'm here for a

new challenge," he said.

Ndayiragije is experienced in Tanzanian football as he has coached Mbao FC, KMC FC, and Azam FC.

The Burundian coach had further coached the senior national football team 'Taifa Stars'.

The tactician and helped the side qualify for the 2019 African Nations Championship final in Cameroon for the first time since the squad took part in the maiden CHAN, which took place in 2009 in Ivory Coast.

The former Taifa Stars' head coach also guided Tanzania to the first African Cup of Nations (AFCON) final after 39 years, which was held in Egypt in 2019.

Geita Gold FC Chairman, George Mbiligenda, said that the club's former head coach, Fred Felix 'Minziro', who promoted the outfit to next season's Mainland Premier League, will remain at the club as Ndayiragije's assistant.

Minziro, who promoted Geita Gold FC from the championship to the Mainland Tanzania Premier League, now officially takes the assistant coach role.

The new rules of the Mainland Tanzania Premier League require all participating teams to have coaches with Grade A licenses from CAF.

POEM: A cry for help

By Pauline Julius, SJMC

AZUMA was a little girl. She lost her parents when she was so young.

Nobody took her to school. She was always crying for help.

Azuma was circumcised at the age of eight. She didn't want to.

She did it because of the traditional elders. She was in so much pain.

They told her that it was useful when she grew up, she will not have sexual urges for men.

Azuma bled a lot. She was still crying for help.

Azuma lived with her uncle, who mistreated her and made her do a lot of work because she was the daughter of his late sister. Azuma worked a lot.

Azuma was a small girl, who deserved to be in school and not toil to work where she was not being paid.

Occasionally, she was being raped

by her aggressive uncle.

She had nowhere to go and report because she was not allowed to go out.

Azuma never had any friends to play with. She was all alone, crying for help.

Azuma decided to escape due to the hard life, she opted to go to the city.

She reached there, she knew nobody and she had nowhere to sleep or any source of food.

Life was so hard. Some days she would carry stones for the builders so that she could get food.

Some days she slept hungrily in the town area.

No one cared about anything that she passed through. She was raped again. She died while she was giving birth.

Azuma was always crying for help.

The government and other institutions need to look out for kids like her. Rest in peace Azuma.



Vijana Basketball Club's youth side's players feature in training at JMK Youth Park in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Even Manny Pacquiao finds Father Time undefeated

LAS VEGAS

MANNY Pacquiao's story is so remarkable that anyone familiar with it can't help but root that it doesn't come with a bad ending.

Fighting his way out of abject poverty in the Philippines was an accomplishment all by itself. Winning titles in eight different divisions and becoming a star pay-per-view attraction cemented his status as a boxing legend.

And don't forget about Pacquiao's second career as a politician. There's an outside chance he could end up as president of the Philippines if he plays his cards right.

The fact Pacquiao has options out of the ring might make it easier to retire following his decision loss Saturday to Yordenis Ugas.

Hopefully he also has some of his millions left over to help him resist the urge to lace up the gloves again.

Yes, he could conceivably still fight, even at the age of 42. And, yes, people would probably still line up for tickets to watch.

But for all intents and purposes, it's over, something Pacquiao himself seemed to acknowledge, even if he wasn't quite ready to announce his retirement.

"Thank you to all of you," he said in a post-fight press conference that sounded a lot like the last one he will have. "Thank you boxing."

Boxing history, of course, is littered with fighters who couldn't quit on their own terms. Even Muhammad Ali wasn't immune, fighting in a cow pasture in Bermuda

in a forgettable last fight and then having to fight Parkinson's the remainder of his life.

Here's hoping we've seen the last of Pacquiao in the ring. Not because it seems like boxing will have a big hole to fill with his departure, but because time has taken its toll on Pacquiao like it has for so many fighters before him.

Golfers can play long past their prime, as evidenced by Phil Mickelson's PGA Championship win at the age of 50. There's a football player Pacquiao's age in Florida who is coming off a Super Bowl win and showing no signs of wanting to hang up his cleats.

But you don't play boxing, where there's always a chance the next big punch may be the last.

No, Pacquiao didn't look horrible in the ring when he dropped

a unanimous decision to Ugas. But he sure didn't look like a fighter who could beat Errol Spence Jr., a dominant welterweight who was scheduled to be his opponent before being diagnosed with a detached retina two weeks before the fight. Pacquiao caught a break by escaping a possible beating. But even the unheralded Ugas was able to beat him going away – a clear sign that after 26 years fighting as a pro it's time to hang them up.

"I am a fighter inside and outside the ring and I have work to do now for my people," Pacquiao said. "In the future, you may not see Manny Pacquiao again in the ring but I am so happy what I accomplished."

Those accomplishments are many, and they are well earned.

Pacquiao fought the best, beat most of them, and – except for his surprisingly lackluster performance in his hugely hyped fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. – delivered every time he stepped in the ring. He's not only a Hall of Famer but an inspiration to fighters everywhere. Once a street urchin, he became one of the most celebrated and highly paid fighters ever – and did it by fighting anyone who was in his path.

His fights were national occasions in the Philippines, where life stopped for a few hours every time he went to battle. He would become famous in America, too, and spent long hours learning English so well that he could easily do interviews in his second language.

Now, there's nothing left to ac-

complish. No more belts, no more talk about a second fight with the retired Mayweather.

And certainly no fights at his age with the likes of Spence or Terence Crawford.

Luckily for Pacquiao, he's got other options.

Already a senator in the Philippines, he has teased the possibility of a presidential run next year. The polls so far don't favor him but Pacquiao has been competitive in any fight he's ever been in.

Boxing will miss him, even as other fighters take his place. He was always entertaining to watch, always faithful to his sport.

But in the end, the one battle Pacquiao was never going to win was with Father Time.

No one does.

Man United's Pogba in a win-win scenario with future in his hands

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

MANCHESTER United midfielder Paul Pogba has set a scorching pace in the race for the 2021-22 Premier League Playmaker of the Season award (given to the player who registers the most assists) so far. Two games in and he has already managed five assists for Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team, more than he delivered in three of his five full seasons at Old Trafford.

Although United failed to build on their 5-1 opening-day win at home to Leeds -- when Pogba created four of United's five goals -- by drawing 1-1 at Southampton on Sunday, it was the France international's build-up play that led to Mason Greenwood's equaliser at St Mary's and Pogba almost won the game late on with a left-footed shot which flew narrowly wide of the post.

Time will tell whether the Southampton result was a point gained or two dropped by United. It is still way too early to assess the prospects of any team this season based on 180 minutes of football against vastly contrasting strengths of opposition, so a draw at St Mary's might yet prove to be a positive result for Solskjaer and his players. But what isn't in doubt is the commitment and contribution of Pogba, despite the uncertainty over his United future that could quite easily have led to the 28-year-old coasting through until the expiry of his reported £300,000-a-week contract in June 2022.

The former Juventus star was one of the stand-out players at Euro 2020 earlier this summer, when those of a cynical perspective might have suggested he was performing to impress clubs such as Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain, who have both held a long-term interest in signing him. But the alternative view is that Pogba has reached an age and maturity that ensures more consistency and responsibility in his game, and he has carried his international form onto the club stage with United during the early days of the new Premier League season.

Perhaps he is playing with the freedom that comes with knowing his destiny is firmly in his own hands now that he has fewer than 12 months to run on his United contract? Pogba is in the fortunate position where every potential scenario suits him and can be viewed as a win-win situation.

He can run down his contract and leave United as a free agent next summer; he can sign a lucrative new long-term deal at Old Trafford before the end of the season; he could even leave for a new club before the transfer deadline at 11 p.m. BST on Aug. 31. And there is also the possibility of assessing his options as a free agent next year and deciding to stay at United by signing whatever terms are offered.

However he chooses to roll the dice, Pogba ends up as a winner, so it's no wonder that he is playing with so much freedom alongside fellow midfielder creator Bruno Fernandes at United. But while Pogba knows he doesn't really have any bad choices in front of him, sources have told ESPN that United are also relaxed about his contract situation. While they want Pogba to stay, and are willing to talk about a new deal whenever it suits the player, there is also an acceptance it is unlikely that he will commit to a new contract with his current one so close to its expiry date.

As reported by ESPN earlier this month, Pogba's departure during this transfer window would unlock significant funds for Solskjaer to further boost his squad following the arrivals so far of winger Jadon Sancho, defender Raphael Varane and goalkeeper Tom Heaton.

Pogba's form so far suggests United would miss him, but if his exit led to the signings of Atletico Madrid full-back Kieran Trippier and Rennes' 18-year-old midfielder star Eduardo Camavinga, then greater depth could prove more valuable to Solskjaer than Pogba's unpredictable talents.

In many ways, Pogba and United are assessing each other closely. Pogba wants to win big honours, and quickly, so he needs to be convinced that Solskjaer can deliver them to Old Trafford, but the United manager, and many others at the club, have seen Pogba shine brightly in the past, only to underperform when his contribution was needed most.

Pogba's talent has never been in doubt at United, but his consistency has always come with a sizeable question mark and his stellar start to the season has now given him the challenge of proving it is not another false dawn. His best season in terms of assists since returning to United in 2016 came in 2017-18, when he created 10 Premier League goals for the team, so he is already halfway to matching that tally after just two games. His other seasons have resulted in four, nine, three and three assists respectively.

Tottenham's Harry Kane won Playmaker of the Year last season with 14 assists, with Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne winning it in 2019-20 with 20 (which tied the league's assist record with Arsenal's Thierry Henry). De Bruyne also topped the charts in 2017-18 with 16, before Chelsea's Eden Hazard came out on top with 15 a year later.

Pogba has never come close to those kind of numbers -- De Bruyne has notched 78 assists in 181 games for City compared to the United player's 34 in 139 -- but he has now given himself the platform to break new ground and make it pay, both for him on a personal level and for United.

All we need to know now is whether he can sustain this form and, five years after arriving at Old Trafford, finally become the consistent game-changer that United and everyone else was expecting.

Vinicius Jr.'s been too busy becoming amazing to hear his critics

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

THE sparkling pair of 24-karat goals Vinicius Junior scored on Sunday for Real Madrid at Levante in LaLiga was so shimmeringly beautiful that it would be easy to be distracted by the duo's majesty.

It would be simplicity itself to be focus exclusively on the killer-clinical finishes, or to hail the theatrical drama of Vinicius having come to the aid of his rudderless, sinking team only to produce two career-best goals within 26 minutes of joining the fray to salvage a 3-3 draw.

It would be natural, too, to point out that if any of the great, elegant, modern strikers -- from Thierry Henry to Didier Drogba, via Ronaldinho and Ronaldo Nazario -- had produced identical finishes, we'd have raved about their sang-froid, about what devastating footballers they were -- no provisos, no "but ..." hovering in the air. However, this is Vinicius.

You don't have to live in Spain to be aware of the monotonous, dull-minded campaign waged against him by some parts of Spain's football media. That he's dopey; that he lacks a thought in his head when it comes to the "killer" moment. That he's all piston-legs and no winning psychology. This kid from Brazil, who's only just turned 21, has been consistently portrayed as a one-trick pony whose trick isn't all that special anyway. He has been disparaged, undervalued and treated as if his feelings, his ambition, his work ethic and his Teflon-tough mentality were mere flotsam and jetsam.

All of his notable character traits were considered irrelevant compared to the fancy, snide adjectives that could be conjured up to damn with faint praise when he successfully contributed, or unleashed mercilessly when (or if) he overran a possible assist, or micro-missed the right decision about whether he was facing a shooting or a passing opportunity.



Vinicius Jr.

Well -- and this is a drum I don't regret having beaten for a couple of years now -- don't let your eye, critical or constructive, be distracted by the sublime quality of those goals at a hot, heated and hyped-up Levante on Sunday. What's actually much more remarkable about this young Brazilian isn't that he can draw a defender at high speed and nonchalantly cut the ball past an advancing goalkeeper without any favourable angle to speak of. Or that he can use the laces of his boots to loft a delicate dink into the far top corner to complete the point-saving brace of goals.

It's truly remarkable that so many have stubbornly taken an eternity to realise that Vinicius isn't just blessed with remarkable talent -- he's improving, he's working really hard at the things he was lacking, and his statistics are startling.

For example, feast on this: aged 21, Vinicius has goal- and assist-per-minute ratios in senior club football that are either equal to or better than those of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo at the same age. Just take a moment to think about that. By the time Messi was 21, he'd scored 42 goals and made 24 assists, and it had taken him 7,369 minutes in Barcelona colours to do so. At the same age, Ronaldo had scored 27

goals and produced 27 assists in 9,552 minutes for Sporting Lisbon and Manchester United.

Those two were, at that stage of their careers, being talked about in hushed terms -- they were phenomena in the making. There was absolutely zero criticism or myopically ignorant reporting of Messi, while the worst that was said about Ronaldo was that he loved a step-over almost as much as a cross or a goal. Sir Alex Ferguson, his manager at United, was already saying that he'd not seen anyone braver in drawing and taking tackles since George Best.

You can't even sniff that type of reverence and patience when it comes to Vinicius. Given his own achievements at this age it startles me he hasn't gone on an outright offensive against his knee-jerk critics. The much-criticised man who wears Madrid's No. 20 shirt has scored 31 senior goals for Flamengo and Madrid (Messi 42, Cristiano 27) while he has assisted 28 more (Messi 24, Cristiano 27). It's taken him 9,007 minutes in Brazil and Spain (Messi 7,369, Cristiano 9,552).

What's more, and I'd argue this is important context, the Brazilian's situation has been significantly more difficult. He has achieved that return across two continents (not something Messi or Ronaldo can boast); he's had to prove himself to

seven different managers, one of whom (Julen Lopetegui) didn't trust him with a single match. Ronaldo worked under only two managers in his early senior career, Laszlo Boloni and Ferguson, while Frank Rijkaard was the only first-team coach Messi had played under at Barcelona.

Given the absolute truth that trust, continuity, development, advice, tactical and strategic equilibrium matter far more when you are young, creative and in the glare of media spotlight for the first time, Vinicius has had it far tougher than either Messi or Ronaldo in that he has had to put up with seven different coaches of six different nationalities (Colombian, Brazilian, Argentine, French, Italian and Spanish).

Some of his goals and assists, remember, have come in empty stadia during a pandemic -- not something the two men regarded as all-time greats had to endure when they were fledglings playing in a foreign country like Vinicius is.

In March this year, Vinicius gave vent to some of the angst surrounding him and his club. He recalled that Pele often commented that victory was more of a relief than the outright "joy" that it should have felt like.

"That's because of the pressure we're under," Vinicius told El Pais. "That's worse than anywhere here, the great-

est club in the world. It doesn't matter whether you're Sergio Ramos after years here or myself, Rodrygo or Ferland Mendy who are more recent arrivals. If you're playing for Madrid none of that counts -- only winning.

"When I arrived they'd won four out of five Champions Leagues -- just as Cristiano, the greatest legend in the club's history, was leaving. All of that was complicated, but I carry the pressure on my shoulders pretty well.

"Scoring a goal is pure joy, more than a relief, because it's the product of all the work we do as a squad. Goals give us confidence, to risk more, to play better, to play with vivacity. Dribbling one vs. one is easier for me than scoring -- I know that a rival is always going to be thinking about what I'm going to do, where I'm going to take him."

There is no need to draw any hasty conclusions from the statistical comparison between Messi, Ronaldo and Vinicius. The data will clearly shock many of his intemperate critics, but there's no point in suggesting that the Brazilian might emulate his peers from Argentina and Portugal who have gone on to rip up the history books. Those two, beyond their quite remarkable skill sets, turned out to be beyond elite in their remorseless hunger to improve, to win and, in each case, there was a "Eureka" moment when seasonal goal tallies of 15-25 suddenly rocketed to new heights (peaking at 91 in a calendar year for Messi).

Frankly, it would be completely unfair to place that kind of expectation on Vinicius. Mostly because it's statistically improbable that another true scoring phenomenon like those two just happens along while Messi and Ronaldo are still playing. (Memo to self: watch out for Erling Haaland.) Also, we have no real way of knowing yet what kind of man Vinicius is going to develop into. Injury free? Ruthlessly ambitious? Blessed with playing in a dominant team for nigh on a decade? We

just don't know.

But, in light of his three goals in 55 LaLiga minutes so far this season (a huge improvement in his rate of a goal every 290 minutes across his career), just let me remind you of something shocking. It is 10 months since Karim Benzema was caught on camera walking back onto the pitch at Borussia Monchengladbach with Madrid losing 2-0 at half-time and telling Mendy, in French: "Don't pass to that guy [Vinicius]. It's like he's playing for the opposition!"

It was a stunning moment. Treacherous, dangerous, mean-spirited. Vinicius learned about it, as we all did, when the remarks went viral. He was only 20, struggling for confidence and still only a handful of months into his recovery from a brutal ankle injury. Unbelievably, in my view, he simply let it bounce off him. No complaints, no physical retribution (the old-school way of settling training ground grudges), no dip in form -- no way he was letting it get under his skin.

Asked about it a few months after Benzema's character assassination, Vinicius would retort in El Pais: "Karim is incredible. I've been a fan of his since I was a kid in Brazil watching him play. He's the best striker in the world right now. Playing alongside Karim is easy, it's like working with your idol. He'll constantly be telling me what I should be doing and I'm certain he likes having me as a teammate. I listen, too, because I'm quite certain he's doing it to improve me so that I give more assists to him and him to me."

So the side note, which I'm sure you saw coming: after Casemiro's world-class assist for Vinicius' first goal at Levante, who was it that set him up for his second with a neat, generous little flick? One which showed trust that Vinicius might produce something remarkable? Monsieur Karim Benzema, that's who. He knows, I've known for a while and hopefully you now realise it, too: Vinicius might be a work in progress, but he's a work of art. Make no mistake about it.

Alba taking 'significant' pay cut at Barca - source

BARCELONA

JORDI Alba has followed Gerard Pique in agreeing to a pay cut to help Barcelona's drive to decrease their wage bill following years of overspending, sources have confirmed to ESPN.

Some reports suggest Alba's reduced his wages by as much as 25 percent and has also deferred another part of his salary. Sources would not confirm the details of the agreement, but said the reduction is "significant."

Alba, 32, has a contract at Camp Nou until 2024. The left-back, prior to Monday's agreement, was earning around €15 million gross annually.

Sources also confirmed that talks are also ongoing for Sergio Busquets and Sergi Roberto to cut their salaries.

Both players are willing to adapt their contracts, but the exact formula is still being worked on.

Pique became the first Barca player to accept a wage reduction earlier this month. The Catalan club announced that the defender's "substantial" sacrifice allowed Memphis Depay, Eric Garcia and Rey Manaj to be registered for the current season.

Barca must adhere to LaLiga's spending limit in terms of salaries and transfer fees. In the 2019-20 season, prior to the pandemic, they had a cap of over €600m. Last season that dropped to €347m and it's expected to fall to around €200m for the upcoming season.

The need for cutbacks made it impossible to formalise a verbal agreement to extend Lionel

Messi's contract this summer, with the forward joining Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer.

However, even with Messi off the wage bill, Barca still needed to make further savings to register their new sign-

ings, like Memphis.

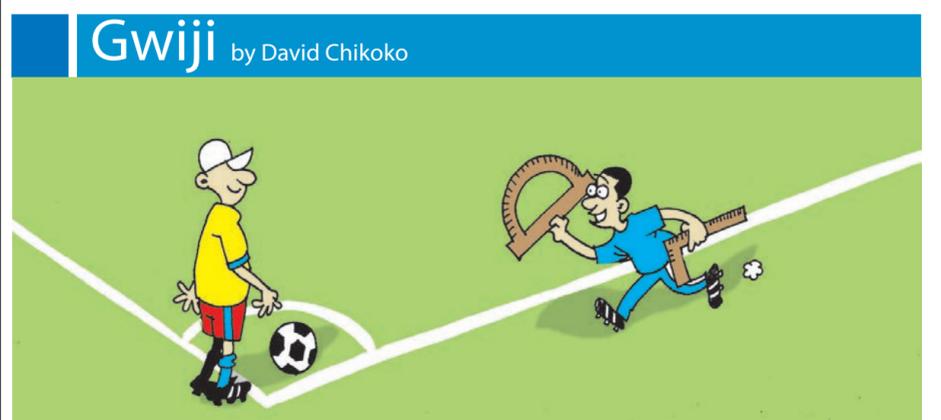
Sergio Aguero is not yet registered -- he's out injured for two months -- but Alba's wage cut and the pending agreements with Busquets and Roberto should make it possible to inscribe the striker with LaLiga.

The club also hope to free up more room on the wage bill before the transfer window closes by moving on Samuel Umtiti and Miralem Pjanic.

Speaking after Messi's departure, president Joan Laporta explained

that Barca's wage bill, without the Argentina international, is around 95 percent of the club's revenue. It needs to be around 70 percent to comply with LaLiga's financial controls.

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Biashara United FC goes for camp in Mwanza ahead of new season



Biashara United's players participate in training in Mara recently to shape up for the Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF BIASHARA UNITED

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MARA's Biashara United has set up camp in Mwanza for the preparation of the new season, including the CAF Confederation Cup.

The Premier League side on Monday started training at Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza.

In the CAF Confederation Cup, Biashara United is scheduled to travel to Djibouti between September 10-12 to confront FC Dikhil in the preliminary stage's away clash.

Should the Mara side manage to post good results in their preliminary stage's two games, it is expected to face the winners of preliminary stage games between Hay Al-Wadi of Sudan and Ahli Tripoli of Libya.

Biashara United got the

chance to play in CAF Confederation Cup after finishing in fourth place in the Mainland Premier League standings last season.

The club collected 50 points in 34 games played, so the outfit will join Azam FC to represent Tanzania in the tournament.

Biashara United's training in Mwanza started under the tutelage of Kenyan tactician, Patrick Okumu, focusing on scoring goals, passing, creating chances,

and crossing.

Also in the practice were some of the newly signed players, including new strikers Kassim Mdoe and Atupele Green, and defender Boniphace Maganga.

The outfit's skipper, Abdulmajid Mangalo, goalkeeper Daniel Mgora and a new winger from Kenya, Tayo Mathew, were absent.

Coach Okumu disclosed they will train at the stadium this week and have

decided to set up camp in Mwanza to get used to the environment after choosing CCM Kirumba Stadium as their home ground for the CAF Confederation Cup matches.

He said the camp will help them find stability, restore physical fitness and create a system and technique for the new season.

Speaking of their CAF Confederation Cup fixture against FC Dikhil of Djibouti, Okumu said they hoped it would be a tough match as

every team that got a chance in the tournament is fit and prepared so they would not take it for granted.

He said six players, including skipper Mangalo, who has been granted a vacation after playing for the national U-23 team in the CECAFA U-23 Challenge finals in Ethiopia, Mathew, who is currently in Kenya, and Mgora, who attended the award ceremony for the national U-23 team, will report to camp soon.

Buffaloes confident of victory at 2021 COSAFA Women's Champions League

PRETORIA

GREEN Buffaloes are on their way to Durban to compete in the 2021 TotalEnergies CAF Women's Champions League, COSAFA Qualifiers, full of confidence that they can bring home the trophy and book a ticket to the continental finals in Egypt.

The side is in Group B along with Zimbabwe's Black Rhinos Queens and TURA Magic from Namibia, with the top two teams advancing to the semifinals.

Buffaloes open their campaign against Queens on Friday and with several players who competed at the recent Olympic Games in Tokyo, are full of confidence.

"We have prepared well," forward Maylan Mulenga says. "We want to achieve many things, and for me, I aim to be the best player at the tournament, or to score the best goal."

"Our aim should be to reach the final. The tournament will be different [from past COSAFA events she has been at with the national team]. This is the club level and we need to put in the extra effort."

She says getting off to a good start will set the tone for their whole campaign.

"When we play the first game, it will determine how far we will go in the tournament. We need to win."

Fellow national team player, Ireen Lungu, concurs and says they have an eye on a ticket to Egypt for the inaugural CAF Women's Champions League later in the year.

"The preparations have been going well so far, we cannot complain," midfielder Lungu says. "We want to come out first and see ourselves playing in the [CAF] Champions League in Egypt. That is our aim."

"The exposure and experience we have are OK coming out from the Olympics. But we can't underestimate any team, we just have to play our game and be focused."

Defender Agness Musase says the team is ready to fight for the whole of Zambia and hopes supporters across club lines will back Buffaloes.

"We are going to fight and conquer the tournament," Musase says. "As a team, the morale is very high in the camp, with it being the first time to go and participate there and represent the whole nation of Zambia, we just need to ask the entire country to support us."

"It doesn't matter if it is the first time, our goal is to win and take home the cup. Each team has been preparing, we just have to go there and do our level best. We must get three points from the first game."

AGENCIES

Former Yanga forward out to help DTB FC secure Premier League promotion

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NEWLY signed striker for Championship side, Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) FC of Dar es Salaam, Amissi Tambwe, has outlined his and the team's expectations for the showdown next season.

Tambwe pointed out the goal is to ensure they get promotion to Premier League in 2022/23 season.

The attacker has returned to Tanzania from Djibouti where he was turning out for AS Police participating in the country's Premier League, dubbed 'AS Arta/ Solar7'.

Before leaving Tanzania, Tambwe featured domestic soccer giants, Simba SC and Yanga, at various times.

"Our goal is to go to the Mainland Tanzania Premier League in the 2022/23 season, we are under pressure to put a good showing in the Championship because it is a tough league that needs a squad to post a series of good results."

Tambwe said that the arrival of experienced players at DTB FC has come about given the squad's coach and leadership is eager to ensure that DTB FC plays in Premier League next season.

The attacker also said his fans and DTB FC fans should expect a good performance from him as he commented on his hopes for the coming season.

"I'm back in Tanzania, I'm in good condition, and if I succeed I will score a lot of goals, there are good players in the Championship who have not had a chance to be signed by top teams that such players and I will be ready to play for if we get a chance to sign for the outfits."

Tambwe declined to comment on the registration of his former teams Simba SC and Yanga, saying



Amissi Tambwe

that he cannot talk about Premier League teams because he is in the Championship.

Commenting on the chances for Simba SC, Yanga, Azam FC, and Biashara United to hold sway in continental club tournaments, the attacker disclosed they will do well as some of them have already enjoyed success.

The forward stated: "Most teams have good

players, they know what to do and we can expect good things from them as some (Simba) have done well in the CAF Champions League."

In addition to Tambwe registration, DTB FC has also completed the registration of Tafadzwa Kutinyu, a Zimbabwean national who has previously featured for local sides, Singida United and Azam FC, and AC Horoya of Guinea.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

