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Flora Andrea, mother of late Defence and National Service minister Elias Kwandikwa, bids her son final farewell beside his grave at Butibu village in Ushetu District, Shinyanga Region, moments after he was buried yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

# File petitions, judges of the High Court tell Chadema team

By Guardian Reporter

HIGH Court judges in Dar es Salaam have granted an application by Chadema national chairman Freeman Mbowe to submit additional petitions in a constitutional case filed by the chairman against violations of his constitutional rights, demanding that he is allowed to attend the case hearings.

Advocate Peter Kibatata filed the petition, and the High Court decision was pronounced yesterday by a three-judge panel when it was brought for mention.

In the petition, the party leader's advocate

requested the court that he submits additional petitions, and was ordered by the court to submit them by Sunday, August 15.

The judges—John Mgeta, Steven Magoiga and Leila Mgonya ordered the state side to respond to the petition within 14 days, setting Monday, August 30 for hearing the case.

The advocate requested the court to allow his client to attend the court hearing sessions and the permission was granted. Mbowe will be brought to the High Court on the particular date, the court affirmed.

State attorneys Pius Hilla, Christopher

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## Inflation goes up by 0.2 pc in July

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of July 2021 has increased to 3.8 percent from 3.6 percent that was recorded in June 2021, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said yesterday.

Releasing the statistics yesterday, the Acting Director of Population Census and Social Statistics, Ruth Davidson (pictured), said the consumer price index (CPI) has shown relatively stable price movement from July 2020 to July 2021.

The increase in headline inflation means that the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended July 2021 was faster compared to the speed recorded for the year ended June 2021.

"In addition, annual headline inflation rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges from 3.0 to 3.8 percent" she said, noting that the overall index went up from 100.49 recorded in July 2020 to 104.32 in July 2021.

The increase in the annual inflation rate for July 2021 was attributed to inflation trends for some food and non-food items, including wheat grains by 6.5 percent, wheat flour (6.1

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## PM Majaliwa leads mourners at ex-minister Kwandikwa's burial

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government is implementing all constituency plans pledged by the late Minister for Defence and National Service, Elias Kwandikwa.

He said the government holds in high esteem those plans and will make sure what he pledged to see implemented during last year's election campaigns in his Ushetu constituency is put into effect.

He made the remarks yesterday as chief government representative at the burial of the late minister at his Butibu home village in Shinyanga Region, appealing on his fellow constituents and the public at large to value the good that he left behind.

"We have lost a leader who was leading our defence forces. He did a very good job during all the time in the service



**We have lost an able leader, hardworking and CCM has lost a person who loved the party. May God continue to comfort his family, Ushetu and Shinyanga residents and Tanzanians in general**

of our government; he was, humble diligent and accountable and worked professionally," the premier affirmed.

Conveying condolence messages on behalf of cabinet ministers, Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene said late Kwandikwa was a leader who implemented his responsibilities correctly and made sure the results were discernible.

Dr Faraji Mnyepe, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Defence and National Service said the late minister has departed when the ministry needed him most due to his outstanding work performance. "He was a leader who was highly admired by all and he treated others justly," he said in tribute

The Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Venance Mabeyo said the late

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## Minister to reassign TFRA's bulk procurement manager

By Beatrice Philemon

AGRICULTURE minister Prof Adolph Mkenda (pictured) has directed the removal of the acting manager for bulk procurement at the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) to report at the ministry's head offices to be assigned other duties.

The procurement specialist, Nganga Nkonya has remained in the unit since the government waived that arrangement to allow traders and wholesalers to import fertilizer and put it on the market.

The minister told a fertiliser dealers' meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday that there was implementation sabotage that explains the failure of the bulk



procurement system (BPS) that is illustrated by the manager failing to perform his duties in accordance with government's expectations, to ensure that farmers get adequate fertiliser and on time.

Seemingly irritated by the performance of the unit and how the procurement liberalization directive was being taken up, the minister said that "to us, fertiliser is not an issue to be joked upon as he was doing," insisting that "there was a man trying to play with BPS," causing delays in the availability of farm inputs and on time.

The government will continue reviewing the procurement system to

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Msingwa and Hang Changa face off with the defendant's side where advocate Kibatata is assisted by John Malya and Frederick Kihwelo.

On August 2, the lead advocate filed a petition calling for the High Court to declare Mbowe's arrest and arraignment over unbailable terrorism and economic sabotage charges unconstitutional.

Mbowe filed the appeal against the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the Attorney General (AG) demanding the court to declare that his arrest by those agencies had violated his constitutional rights by failing to give him a chance to be heard.

In his application, Mbowe complained that the bodies have violated the Criminal Procedures Act as well as the Economic and Organised Crime Control Act.

Detailing that view, advocate Kibatata asserts that as per the two laws, a suspect should be given time (over 48 hours) at a police station and upon reaching the court, the judge should have broad understanding on the alleged offences.

Kibatata said that Mbowe was held in custody for five days (July 21 to 26) before bringing him to the Kisumu Resident Magistrate's Court and charged with terrorism.

"In this regard, it is evident that

the suspect stayed at the police station for more than 48 hours, sleeping on the floor without even considering his health safety. This is unlawful; they have violated his constitutional rights," he declared.

He said that the police force went against the law for not giving the suspect opportunity to be heard as well as they didn't inform his lawyers or family members on his arrest and intent to prosecute.

Mbowe was taken from the police station without knowing where he was headed to, he stated, slapping the same accusation on the court, that it also violated constitutional rights by failing to ask the defendant he was aware of the charges.

"Mbowe should have been informed of his charges clearly. Serious charges like these even the court didn't ask him whether he was aware rather than saying that it has no jurisdiction to hear the case," the advocate intoned.

Mbowe was not given a charge sheet until July 27 when his lawyers went with it to Ukonga prison, he added.

*"Mbowe should have been informed of his charges clearly. Serious charges like these even the court didn't ask him whether he was aware rather than saying that it has no jurisdiction to hear the case"*



Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga pictured shortly after launching a Covid-19 vaccination campaign in Iringa municipality at the weekend. The region has so far received 30,000 doses of the vaccine alongside 135,000 syringes through the Medical Stores Department. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

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per cent), meat (3.7 percent) round potatoes (8.4 per cent) and fresh cassava (6.4 per cent).

On the other hand, some nonfood items contributing to the increase in headline inflation for July 2021 include garments for women by 6.4 percent, footwear for men (7.1 per cent), footwear for infants and children (6.4 per cent) and actual rentals paid by tenants (4.9 per cent).

Food and non-alcoholic beverages price trends for July 2021 saw an increase of 5.1 percent from 4.7 percent in

June, 2021.

Annual inflation for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages stood at 3.3 percent in July 2021 from 3.2 percent recorded as month earlier

The director made comparisons with Kenya and Uganda, where the annual inflation rate in Kenya for the year ended July 2021 stood at 6.44 percent from 6.32 percent a month earlier.

In Uganda, the annual headline inflation rate for the year ended July 2021 had also increased to 2.1 percent from 2.0 percent recorded for the year ended June 2021.

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Kwandikwa was unique, a good listener and courteous.

He said he was quick to learn military matters, and according to his ability, assisted the army during his entire period as minister, he declared.

"He was a leader who did not like to stay long periods in his office. He liked to visit commanding officers in their work places to know challenges they faced," he pointed out.

Conveying condolences from the ruling party, Secretary General Daniel Chongolo said late Kwandikwa has left a big gap as during his period entire period as minister, he made a big contribution in the government, CCM, Ushetu constituency and with the public at large.

"We have lost an able leader, hardworking and CCM has lost a person who loved the party. May God continue to comfort his family, Ushetu and Shinyanga residents and Tanzanians in general," he prayed.

Earlier, Moshi Catholic Bishop Ludovick Minde said the late minister was a humble man, had great wisdom and ardent about development.

The late Kwandikwa was distinguished in contributions to social and spiritual needs in the community, the prelate affirmed.

The late minister was born on July 7, 1966 in Kahama district, Shinyanga Region and died August 2, 2021 in Dar es Salaam at the Muhimbili National Hospital as he received treatment.

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find better ways to assist farmers in accessing input, he said, noting that the rising fertiliser prices reflect a global problem as the price has gone up in world markets, along with transportation costs.

Already the government has

directed TFRA to start issuing export permits instead of the ministry, he told the gathering.

In order to attain better results, the permits will be issued online and the ministry will only have the responsibility of being informed on any issues or disputes arising from the new procedure, he added



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (2nd-R), a member of the opposition ACT-Wazalendo, exchanges greetings with the party's Leader, Zitto Kabwe (right behind him), and other officials upon landing at Pemba Airport for a party function. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## IGAD ministers meet to discuss conflict in South Sudan's SPLA-IO

JUBA

THE internal clashes within the Sudan People Liberation Army-In Opposition (SPLA-IO) have forced the Council of Ministers of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to hold an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss the situation.

In a statement, the second most powerful organ of the regional bloc invited the member states' foreign affairs ministers for an urgent meeting on Monday.

"The agenda for its emergency meeting will be to discuss the current political situation in South Sudan that requires the urgent attention of the council," read the statement.

The pressing call came after reported clashes between forces loyal to former SPLA-IO Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen Gatwech Dual fought in Magenis over the weekend.

According to the spokesman of First Vice President Riek Machar, at least twenty-seven soldiers from Gatwech's faction were killed during the weekend military clashes.

Col Lam Gabriel Paul said among those killed on the enemy side included two prominent generals.

Reacting to the incident, Edmund Yakani, the executive director of Community Empowerment for Progress Organisation - a civic education, human rights and peacebuilding advocacy institution, called on the conflicting parties to cease military action and resolve their grievances in a non-violent manner. "The citizens of South Sudan are tired of the armed violence. The leadership of the conflicting SPLM-IO factions should take responsibility for dialogue and find a solution for sorting out their misunderstanding immediately.

"This negative development that undermines the process for transitioning the situation across the South Sudan from violence to peace is a clear demonstration of some political and military leaders' lack of will for implementing the signed revitalised peace accord," said Yakani.

Yakani, who is a civil society signatory to the peace deal, urged the conflicting factions to respect the cessation of hostilities agreement.

"Protection of civilians and human rights should not be compromised with by any one of the conflicting parties in Magenis," he said.

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## Somalia PM Roble contradicts President Farmaajo as rift grows

MOGADISHU

SOMALIA'S Prime Minister Hussein Roble on Sunday countered a presidential ban on foreign agreements during the electioneering period, instead suggesting that the executive arm of the government continue to perform its full duties.

It came a day after his boss, President Mohamed Farmaajo issued a decree banning Somali government institutions from entering into deals or MoUs with foreign sides during the election season.

"This decree suspends, until

elections are held, the state institutions including the executive and other institutions, from entering agreements with other countries, institutions and international companies," he said.

But in a contradiction of this directive, PM Roble instructed all institutions to continue serving the nation under the provisional constitution and laws of the state.

In a statement, government spokesman Mohamed Ibrahim Moalimu said the premier wants government business to continue as usual.

"The provisional constitution grants the Council of Ministers full

authority until the ongoing elections generate a new government," he said.

Citing Article 103 of the constitution, PM Roble insisted that his government had the authority to enter into agreements during the election season until a new government takes over.

"The government is fully responsible for enforcing the law, maintaining security, protecting the interests of the country and the people of Somalia," he said.

"The national constitution mandates the government to negotiate with foreign entities on aid, trade, treaties or other issues that

are important for our international relations and agreements."

"The executive power of the Federal Republic is vested in the Council of Ministers according (to) Article 97, Clause 1 of the provisional constitution... The (provisional) constitution grants the cabinet the highest authority," added Roble's statement.

Farmaajo's decree forbade state institutions including the executive and the government from entering into agreements with other countries, institutions and international companies. It also forbade talks that could impact the future of Somalia,

its sovereignty and territorial boundaries.

"No commercial agreements can be entered with foreign parties in the course of the election season," it stated.

The decree had referred to a press statement by Villa Somalia, the presidential palace in Mogadishu, released on January 19, 2018, limiting the powers to exercise public-sector contracts, concessions and procurement.

President Farmaajo's orders came as PM Roble prepared to host Raychelle Omamo, Kenya's Foreign Affairs Cabinet secretary, in Mogadishu on Sunday.

The CS met with her counterpart Mohamed Abdirizak and then PM Roble, handing him an invitation from Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

But Ms Omamo left the country without paying President Farmaajo a courtesy visit, which contradicts earlier remarks by Mr Abdirizak. The foreign minister said on Saturday that CS Omamo was "going to hold talks with me and then brief Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble before paying a courtesy visit to President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaajo."

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Frank Nyabundege (R), appointed Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director mid last week, exchanges office handover documents with his predecessor, Japhet Justine, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Minister calls on MSMEs to improve quality of products to compete in wider markets

By Felister Peter

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has highlighted the need for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to improve the quality of their products to compete in wider markets.

The minister made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the inauguration of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) Tier II Phase I project worth US\$2.6 million aiming to strengthen MSMEs capacity to improve competitiveness in domestic, regional and international markets.

The project, entitled 'Strengthening of MSMEs Capacity to Improve Competitiveness in Domestic, Regional and International Markets of Selected Value Chains' is co-funded by EIF (US\$2.1million) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)–US\$0.5 million. It seeks to unlock the maximum potential of the trade sector focusing on honey, palm oil, horticulture, seaweed and anchovies. It will be implemented in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

"I have met a number of small and medium enterprises, one of their complaints has been that sometimes at some occasions their products are not buyable and not even sold at some of our supermarkets; reasons being poor quality," Prof Mkumbo said.

He described the project as critical because it is going to enhance the sustainability of locally manufactured products and aligns with the ministry's plan through the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to ensure that products produced by MSMEs are of recommended quality.

He said the government is determined to enhance production of palm oil in Kigoma Region but also improving horticulture in Mara and Simiyu regions.

According to him, the EIF project will help the government to implement its development agenda.

"The project is critical especially at this point when we are reviewing a number of our national policies. It focuses on increasing volumes of our products because one of the critical problems we are facing is low productivity in all aspects. A number of factories are operating below capacity due to shortage of enough raw materials, lack of efficiency and effectiveness," he said.

The Minister informed that Tanzania is in the process of ratifying the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement to open a wider market for locally produced products and to expose Tanzanian MSMEs regionally.

Zanzibar's Minister for Trade and Industrial Development, Omar Said Shaaban said a total of 22,000 youth and women will directly benefit with the project. He said the EIF is in line with Zanzibar's blue economy policy.

It will be implemented in North Pemba (sea weed) and North Unguja (anchovies).

Christine Musisi, UNDP Resident Representative urged the government to ratify the AfCFTA agreement, promising to provide the needed support. She said they are committed to continue working with the government in its efforts to alleviate poverty.

Main beneficiaries of the project include ministries in trade and industry, TBS, local government authorities (LGAs), Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), Small and Medium Industrial Development Agency (SMIDA) and MSMEs in selected value chains.

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## Judgement in case against former ATC chief Mattaka due August 20

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM'S Kisumu Resident Magistrate's Court is on August 29, this year expected to deliver judgement on a case involving a former Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) managing director, David Mattaka, and two others.

The judgement is anticipated to be read by senior Resident Magistrate Janeth Mtega after hearing testimonies from both sides.

Mattaka and his co-accused are faced charges of abuse of office, forgery and occasioning 71bn/- loss to ATCL. State Attorney Joseph Kiula alleged before the court yesterday that the case was brought for judgement and that they were ready.

Senior resident Magistrate Mtega said the judgement was not yet ready, hence she adjourned the case to August 20 this year for judgement.

Alongside Mattaka, other accused are the former Public procurement

regulatory Authority CEO, Dr Ramadhani Mliga and its former legal officer, bertha Soka.

The accused faced six counts including abuse of office and occasioning 71bn/- loss.

The prosecution called more than 20 witnesses including various exhibits, whilst the defence defended themselves and other witnesses they called.

In the original case, Mattaka is alleged that on October 9 2007,

whilst implementing his duties as ATCL CEO, abused office by signing a contract to lease an airbus plane, the agreement of which allegedly caused more than 71bn/- loss.

In the forgery count, Dr Mliga on March 19 2008 in PPRA offices was alleged to have forged the minutes of a meeting that allegedly sat on that day that purported to show that PPRA sat and discussed the request from ATCL to approve the plane's lease.

By Special Correspondent

THE Board of the African Development Bank Group has approved grants of \$2.5 million to advance intra-regional harmonization of electricity regulations of electricity regulations and drive cross-border power trading in the COMESA (link is external) and SADC (link is external) regional blocs, which cover 28 African countries.

The grants, \$1,500,000 for COMESA and \$1,000,000 for SADC, will be sourced from the African Development Fund, the Bank Group's concessional financing window. The projects will be implemented through the Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA) and the Regional Energy Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) respectively.

The grants will fund technical assistance to promote the development and adoption of regional electricity regulatory principles, enhance capacity to monitor utility performance across the region, conduct a cross-border analysis of electricity tariffs, and develop a centralized database management system in both blocs.

Elijah Sichone, Executive Director of RERA, said: "These two projects will be implemented through a combination of studies, capacity building and development of tools with the objective to facilitate the harmonisation of

## AfDB endorses US\$2.5m grants to advance electricity regulations in SADC, COMESA

regulatory frameworks across SADC and COMESA regions to enhance electricity trade among SADC member states as well as improve access."

"These projects will contribute to ensuring that soft infrastructure requirements for the development of a regional power market are addressed to complement investments in hard infrastructure that the Bank and other development partners are making in the region," said Dr Mohamedain Seif Elnasr, RAERESA Chief Executive Officer.

COMESA member countries have immense untapped energy potential, including hydropower in the Democratic

Republic of Congo and Ethiopia, as well as solar, wind and geothermal reserves in Kenya and Uganda. However, the region faces inadequate infrastructure, uncompetitive electricity tariffs and an overreliance on traditional fuel sources such as wood and charcoal.

Despite SADC having the highest generation capacity of all African regions and ample water, biomass, solar, and wind energy potential, energy access within the bloc, particularly in rural areas, is low. This is partly because of an inadequate regulatory environment, a need for new infrastructure and an overreliance on coal and hydropower.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The establishments of the members of the Dawoodi Bohra Community will remain closed on the following dates and times, to enable the Members of the Community to attend sermons and prayers commemorating the Martyrdom of Imam Husain (A.S.), the Grandson of Nabi Mohammed (S.A.W.), who sacrificed his life in Kerbala (Iraq) to protect Islam.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021-  
to  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021  
From 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021  
CLOSED FOR WHOLE DAY being ASHURA DAY.**

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### Reference: PAT/EOI-PR/2021 - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SUPPLY OF SERVICES AND TRAININGS TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

1. PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential suppliers to express their interest for the supply of the following Services and Trainings.

SERVICES	TRAININGS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual 3rd Party Lifting Plant Equipment Inspections, Testing and certifications</li> <li>2. Repair Works On DANIEL Gas Chromatography, USM and Floboss</li> <li>3. Repair Works On the GUTOR UPS System and 24VDC System</li> <li>4. Lloyds Annual Plant Surveys for Insurance Validation</li> <li>5. Pressure Vessels Inspections, Testing and certifications as per API Standards</li> <li>6. Condensate Tanks Internal Inspections and certification as per API Standards</li> <li>7. Annual Eddy Current Inspections on heat exchangers</li> <li>8. Wireline Blow out preventer (BOPs) and Lubricators Sections Leak Test and Certifications</li> <li>9. Wells Slick Line Operations Downhole Gauge Removal and replacement</li> <li>10. Gas wells Calliper Logging equipment hire, operations and reporting</li> <li>11. Wells flow lines Pigging Operations</li> <li>12. Metal Fabrications QA/QC</li> <li>13. MODCON DCS Hardware and software maintenance and Repair works</li> <li>14. HIMA ESD hardware and software maintenance and Repair works</li> <li>15. Generator Controls, Software and Hardware Troubleshooting and Repair Works</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NEBOSH Training and Certifications to SSI staff</li> <li>2. Waukesha V36 Gas Engine Technology, Overhaul and Maintenance training</li> <li>3. Operational Excellency Training, Managing Performance in O&amp;G Industry</li> <li>4. ATEX Training and Certification</li> <li>5. Gas Chromatography Maintenance and Operations Training</li> <li>6. Training On ESD and PCS Software and hardware</li> <li>7. Operations, Maintenance and HSE Superintendent Training and Certifications</li> </ol>

2. This call for Expression of Interest (EOI) signifies the start of an open, transparent and objective tender process. Tenders with detailed Scope of Work will be issued to qualified bidders upon demand. The Contract for these works shall be for the initial period of 1 year and thereafter, following good performance of the Supplier, shall be extended for 2 more years' subject to the relevant Contract termination clause.

3. The Potential Supplier should be a well-established and reputable company and shall indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced and competent in supplying the said Trainings and Services preferably to the Oil & Gas or Mining Industries. Failure to clearly so indicate may result in disqualification from the bid list.

4. Potential Suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience as a minimum. This must include the following:
  - (i) Proof of experience in providing said Trainings and Services preferably in Oil & Gas or Mining industries.
  - (ii) Registration in EWURA's LSSP Database as a Local Service Provider.
  - (iii) Proven technical capability.
  - (iv) Specific payment terms in Tanzania Shillings.
  - (v) Proof of registration with the local authorities. This shall include but not be limited to a certificate of registration with BRELA, TRA (TIN & VAT), Valid Business Licence, Regulatory license (if applicable), permits etc.
  - (vi) Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved

- audited financial statements for the past 3 years).
- (vii) Provide current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System.

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

5. All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail otherwise the potential supplier may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

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

All responses to be sent to the following address before 3pm Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

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

Attn: Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director. (all electronic copies of the EoIs to be sent to the email ([ntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com](mailto:ntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com)) and a copy to ([peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com](mailto:peter.sololo@panafricanenergy.com)) on the last day of submission).

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (JOB ANNOUNCEMENT) FOR PROJECT MANAGER, ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER, ACCOUNTANT, DRIVER AND SECRETARY

1. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania obtained a loan from BADEA, Kuwait Fund and Saudi Fund for Rehabilitation and Expansion of Mzazi Mmoja Hospital Project – Zanzibar. The Ministry of Health Social Welfare Elderly and Children Zanzibar representing the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania intends to apply parts of this loan to finance the management of the Project through the establishment of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for rehabilitation and expansion of Mzazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar. The duration of the implementation phase is three years and Operation & Management phase is one year, the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024. The following staff will be recruited in order to facilitate the Project.

#### i) PROJECT MANAGER- ONE POST

##### Responsibilities

- Assures the management of the Project activities, planning, procurement, results analysis, and reporting on the work executed according to stated terms.
- Reports on the progress of activities implementation and conducts preliminary evaluation of Project achievements.
- Monitors the implementation of contracts between the Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Consultant, Contractors and Suppliers.
- Coordinates closely with the MOH and the Funders and establishes and maintains relations with Stone Town Conservation Agency, other government entities and other stakeholders, which will contribute to the realization of the Project.
- Support the MOH on the preparation of development and implementation of the project.
- Is responsible for quality control of all written outputs produced by the PIU or its contractors or Consultant
- Leading the PIU team to the best delivery of the Project.
- Any other task that will be requested by the MOHSWEGC

##### Qualifications - 55% marks

- Registered Professional in Civil Engineering
- A degree in civil engineering (a Master's degree is an added advantage).
- Outstanding organizational and reporting skills
- Familiarity with the [donor's] operational procedures.

##### Experiences- 40%-marks

- Experience of at least 10 years in a similar Construction and at least 2 Health Project
- has worked as Project Manager from the public sector and Donor Assisted Projects and familiarity with its operational procedures.
- Has worked with at least 1 BADEA finance Project.
- Previous experience from working in similar projects

##### Languages -5% marks

- Excellent command of the English and Swahili languages

##### Working conditions

The Project Manager will be stationed at the premises of the MOHSWEGC/MMH/KCH

##### Period of Performance and remunerations

The Project Manager will be a full-time position within the Project. He/she will be offered a 4 years contract with six months' probation period.

##### Reporting

The Project Manager of the PIU will report monthly to a Principal Secretary of the MOHSWEGC and will liaise with the funder also quarterly. Means of communication will be writing other alternatives are conference calls and the meetings

#### ii) ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER- ONE POST

##### Responsibilities

- Review the work of the technical consultants: project designs, bid specifications and tendering of bidding documents for the projects.
- Working closely with the Project Manager, MOH and MMH tasking his/her work and assuring that it is well coordinated with Stone Town Conservation Agency and other government entities and with the consultants and contractors.
- review contract documents for projects and supervising commissioning of projects.
- Ensuring compliance with funder procurement guidelines as well as governments building codes and engineering standards.
- Coordinating the monitoring and control of Project delivery
- Quality control of technical issues.
- reviewing project documents, organizing and coordinating meetings and communicating issues to consultants and contractors.
- Ensuring timely delivery of reports.
- Developing a monitoring tool, tracking system and project reporting.
- Assisting in supervision and quality control of works on site.

##### Qualifications and skills-55%

- At least university bachelor's degree in Engineering preferably civil or architecture. Master's degree shall be considered a plus;
- Computer literate
- Good management and reporting skills.

##### Experience- 40% marks

- Has at least 5 years of experience in engineering or construction projects related to hospitals
- Experience with Works or Supplies contracts, either in design, writing of specifications, bills of quantities, tender procedures or site works supervision. Has worked with Donor Funding Project (SAUDI FUND, KUWAIT FUND and BADEA has added advantage) with experience of donor funding procurement procedures shall be considered a plus.
- Fluent in English and Swahili languages

##### Working conditions

The Assistant Project Manager will be stationed at the premises of the MOH/MMH /KCH

##### Period of Performance and remunerations

The Assistant Project Manager will be a full-time position within the Project. He/she will be offered a 4 years contract with six months' probation period.

##### Reporting

The Assistant Project Manager of the PIU will directly report monthly to the Project Manager

#### iii) ACCOUNTANT – ONE POST

##### Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- Set administrative guidelines and procedures.
- Maintain financial administration and accounting records (including systematic filing of all underlying documentation);
- Prepare financial reports, such as financial management reports.
- Monitor compliance with agreed financial management procedures in the Project.
- Prepare and adjust disbursement plan with the collaboration with other PIU members.
- Assist in preparation of annual budgets.
- Organize annual external audits and act as primary contact with the external auditors.
- Organize the reporting system according to funder rules and procedures.
- Correspond with the bank which hold the project funds.
- Prepare replenishment requests to be sent to the funder;
- Prepare and maintain a result monitoring tool

##### Requirement and Qualifications – 55% marks

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, business finance or similar field;
- Good communication and social skills.
- Excellent computer literacy with emphasis on preparing spreadsheets.

##### Experience - 40% marks

- At least 5 years of experience in financial management.
- Experience with national accounting and bookkeeping procedures.
- Experience in financial management and has worked in donor funded projects or projects financed by KUWAIT FUND, SAUDI FUND and BADEA would be an advantage.

##### Language 5% marks

- Excellent knowledge of English and Swahili languages.

##### Working conditions

The Accountant will be stationed at the premises of the MOH/MMH /KCH

##### Period of Performance and remunerations

The accountant will be a full-time position within the Project. He/she will be offered a 4 years contract with six months' probation period. Remuneration will be monthly.

##### Reporting

The Accountant of the PIU will directly report monthly to the Project Manager.

#### IV. SECRETARY – ONE POST

##### Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- Front desk management both for visitors and handling telephone communications.
- Prepare and manage correspondence, reports and documents.
- Maintain updated address and phone lists of Government officials and stake holders.
- Organize and coordinate program meetings, meetings for visiting missions/delegations, conference and travel arrangements.
- Implement and maintain office systems.
- Filing and safe keeping of project documentations and database to ensure timely and correct flow of information to all relevant stakeholder
- Maintain a proper record of all incoming and outgoing documents to and from the project which includes management of file, letter and memo scroll, hardcopy and softcopy storage of all documents etc;
- Communicate verbally and in writing to answer inquiries and provide information.
- Coordinate flow of information both internally and externally.
- Filing and safe keeping of project documentations and database to ensure timely and correct flow of information to all relevant stakeholders.

##### Requirement and Qualifications – 55% marks

- Intermediate degree in Management (Bachelor degree preferred).
- Good command in basic computer skills.

##### Experience - 40% marks

- At least 5 years of experience in secretarial services.
- Experience in financial management and has worked in donor funded projects or projects financed by KUWAIT FUND, SAUDI FUND and BADEA would be an advantage.

##### Language 5% marks

- Excellent knowledge of English and Swahili languages.

##### Working conditions

The Secretary will be stationed at the premises of the MOH/MMH /KCH

##### Period of Performance and remunerations

The Secretary will be a full-time position within the Project. He/she will be offered a 4 years contract with six months' probation period. Remuneration will be monthly.

##### Reporting

The Secretary of the PIU will directly report monthly to the Project Manager.

#### V. DRIVER – ONE POST

##### Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- Drives official vehicles
- Responsible for keeping driving license valid and for conforming to the traffic code and for meeting requirements for driving motor vehicles driven by him/her
- Responsible for the day maintenance and record
- Perform daily cleaning of the vehicle
- Keep inform the line managers for any irregular happen to the project vehicles and suggest the necessary steps
- Keep inspect the vehicles document of licensing.
- Report log book as monthly record and report.
- In case the vehicle is involved in accident, ensure that the necessary steps conforming to rules and regulations are taken.

##### Requirement and Qualifications – 55% marks

- Secondary Education. Valid Driver's license of at least 3 classes.
- Certificate in Mechanics is an added advantage

##### Experience - 40% marks

- 5 years' work experience as a driver; safe driving record; knowledge of driving rules and regulations and skills in minor vehicle repair.

##### Language 5% marks

- Excellent knowledge of English and Swahili languages.

##### Working conditions

The Driver will be stationed at the premises of the MOH/MMH /KCH

##### Period of Performance and remunerations

The Driver will be a full-time position within the Project. He/she will be offered a 4 years contract with six months' probation period. Remuneration will be monthly.

##### Reporting

The Driver of the PIU will directly report monthly to the Project Manager.

2. All Application letter should be addressed to Principal Secretary Ministry of Health Social Welfare Elderly, Gender and Children and must be submitted by hand at the office Procurement and Disposal Management Unit P.O. BOX 236, Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elderly, Gender and Children at 09:00 morning up to 3:30 afternoon not less than the day of 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 Late Application will no longer be considered, this application is only for Tanzanian citizen.

3. A detailed Curriculum Vitae must be provided on how the requirements specified in this document match the capability, experience and knowledge

4. The Application must be submitted on one original and one copy and envelop must be marked "Original" and "Copy" as appropriate. If there are any discrepancies between the original and the copy the original governs. The outer envelope shall be labeled with the submission address, reference number and title of the Post

5. The Application must be submitted in the English language or Swahili all required information must be provided, responding clearly and concisely to all the points set out.

6. The Application document should comprise of the following:

- Covering Letter;
- An application letter duly signed on all pages by applicant

7. Applications shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

- Comply with required qualifications
- Comply with Experience
- Comply with Language English and Kiswahili

## 'Lack of expertise on budgeting main factor behind failures by many SMEs'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

SMALL entrepreneurs in the country are failing to meet targets in their activities due to lack of expertise on better budgeting starting at family level.

Lack of expertise on budgeting has hindered development of many businesses that thereby failing to meet set targets resulting in accumulation of debts and depression for them.

The observations were given here at the weekend by the director of Elimisha, Festo Sikagonamo, saying the aim in establishing the institution is to facilitate unemployed youth and women through teaching them ways to

obtain legal business activities for their own sustainable development.

He said due to various obstacles caused by lack of proper budgeting beginning at family level, he decided to establish a programme to empower entrepreneurs on how to manage their budgets.

"We made some research and discovered that many people lack knowledge on budgeting thereby failing to meet their set targets, and we have seen their response and many say they have begun witnessing changes after receiving the knowledge," he said.

He said so far more than 100 entrepreneurs and other traders in Mbeya City have been provided with

education on budgeting beginning from the family level.

Sikagonamo added that in addition to giving them education on budgeting, they have also educated them on leadership to both men and women aiming to mobilise to vie for various leadership committees in streets and villages.

Sinde Ward executive, Hawa Kajula who was one of the instructors in leadership, urged women to vie for various positions in leadership committees in order to be heard.

Some of the training beneficiaries, including Regina Sanga said budgeting beginning family level was important for the country's development as well as individually.



Members of the Rural Energy Agency board on a tour of an electric power station project at Ifakara in Morogoro Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE National Irrigation Commission (NIRC) is looking for potential local and foreign partnerships to develop over 150 new irrigation schemes across the country.

NIRC acting director for design and research, Eng Gregory Chigwiye told The Guardian over telephone that the move will complement the government efforts of having 1.2 million hectares of irrigated land by 2025.

Eng Chigwiye said the targeted schemes are part of the 274 schemes which have been identified by the government across the country. He said the schemes once developed would increase crop production and enhance food security.

According to him, priority will be given to schemes in five regions due to its potential in food production. They are Morogoro, Mbeya, Iringa, Rukwa, and Katavi regions.

"The government will start developing at least 2,000 hectares where a rice project will be executed. The project will be implemented at the Luiche irrigation scheme in Kigoma Region.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) is in the final stages of introducing regulations to guide livestock research in the country.

The regulations will among other things require researchers to seek permission from the institute before conducting research on the sector.

TALIRI's Principle Researcher, Dr Jonas Kizima told the Guardian during an interview that the development was targeted to help improve performance of livestock research in the country.

"Livestock research is a very sensitive exercise and that's why we want to ensure all research being conducted meets the standards, but also, they reflect the set regulations," he explained.

TALIRI's Director General Prof Erick Komba, said the institute was planning to continue implementing a number of useful research with an aim of improving productivity of beef breeds through strategic crossbreeding.

According to him, the focus is also to improve livelihoods among the

## NIRC seeks potential local and foreign to develop over 150 irrigation schemes

Chigwiye added that the government is further seeking funds also to develop irrigated projects in the lake zones.

"We must invest in these schemes if we really want to improve our crop yields. Investing in irrigation farming would not only ensure food security but also farmer's welfare," he said.

He said there are investors from the private sector who have already invested in irrigation schemes in Morogoro Region and the sugarcane plantations developed by Bakhresa Group of Companies.

Data from NIRC indicates that at least 10trm/- was needed to renovate 1,112 dormant irrigation schemes all over the country by 2035(seventeen years).

In the first phase (2018-2025), the commission will spend \$ 2052.9 million to renovate and improve 469 schemes covering 248,120 hectares while in the second phase (2026-2035) a total of 2437.4 million to renovate and improve 643 schemes covering 312,110 hectares.

## 'TALIRI in final stages of introducing regulations to guide livestock research'

livestock farmers by heightening incomes and food security through breeding suitable beef cattle that fit pastoral and agro-pastoral production environments.

"We're working round the clock to ensure the impressive development of the livestock sector within the country, not only through research, but also through encouraging the rural smallholder pastoralist to embrace hybrid cattle as well as adhering to recommended livestock keeping practices," Prof Komba detailed.

The livestock industry in Tanzania plays important socio-economic roles that include contributing to building a strong national economy, household food supplies and incomes, employment opportunities as well as nurturing natural resources.

The country has a total area of 945,000km<sup>2</sup>, whereby 62,000km<sup>2</sup> of the surface area is covered water, and 60 million hectares is rangelands that is suitable for livestock production.

The available rangeland resources and varied forage and fodder resources are suitable for grazing to the available 33.4 million cattle; 21.3 million goats and 5.65 million sheep, more than 1.85 million pigs, 47.4 million indigenous poultry and other non-conventional species such as donkeys and rabbits.

As per the 2012/13 National Panel Survey, 50 per cent of all households keep livestock (4.6 million households), 62per cent of which are rural and 23 per cent urban, with ownership patterns dominated by chickens (86pc households), goats (48pc), cattle (35pc), pigs (9pc) and other livestock 10 per cent.

Traditional breeds and processes dominate the Tanzania livestock sector with Tanzania Short Horn Zebu is the most widespread cattle breed in the nation.

Agro-pastoralists households' account for 80 per cent of livestock production, pastoral communities 14 per cent and remaining 6 per cent comes from the commercial ranches and dairy sector.

# THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF TCB INTERNET BANKING



The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mr Emmanuel Tutuba, presses a laptop key to officially launch the TCB Internet Banking service last Thursday. Looking on from left are Tanzania Commercial Bank's Chief Manager Business Solutions, Mr Leonard Katamba, Chief Executive Officer Sabasaba Moshingi and the Acting Director of Technology and Operations, Mr David Ngh'ambi.



Treasury Permanent Secretary Emmanuel Tutuba speaks at the event to launch the upgraded TCB Internet Banking digital solution at the bank's head office in Dar es Salaam.



The Chief Executive Officer of Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB), Mr Sabasaba Moshingi, addresses the audience before launching of the new online banking service.



The chief guest, Permanent Secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (second left), in a group photo with the top management of the bank after launching of the TCB Internet Banking service.



Mr Emmanuel Tutuba (third right) and TCB's senior officials Sabasaba Moshingi (second right), Leonard Katamba (left) and David Ngh'ambi follows closely the unveiling of the new service.



Permanent Secretary Emmanuel Tutuba comprehends a point being made by TCB boss Sabasaba Moshingi before unveiling of the new service that is fully integrated with national payment systems.



Chief Manager Business Solutions, Mr Leonard Katamba, explains how the TCB Internet Banking system operates during the function to launch the digital proposition.



Permanent Secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (left) and CEO Sabasaba Moshingi shake hands after launching of TCB Internet Banking, which was internally designed and developed at no cost by the bank's ICT experts.

## K'njaro authorities urged to go for services at NHC

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

THE National Housing Corporation (NHC) has urged district executive directors and heads of public entities in Kilimanjaro Region to make the corporation their priority contractor when implementing various projects.

Juma Kiaramba, NHC manager in Kilimanjaro said yesterday in an interview that by using NHC as the contractor, they will guarantee timely completion of quality projects.

"NHC constructs buildings at low cost and on time, we have constructed a number of buildings including the Hai District Commissioner (DC) building, Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) building in Rombo as well as residential houses for public servants," he said.

According to him, all the projects have proven that the corporation is committed to providing service in the construction industry thus calling on the leaders to utilise the opportunity well.

Kiaramba further wanted tenants in the corporation's houses to adhere to set conditions and stop putting other tenants in the houses illegally.

"If there are tenants who are currently residing in the houses without authorised contracts they should visit NHC offices so as to be identified and given legal contracts for them to stay peaceful.

He also wanted all tenants including government entities to ensure that they pay their outstanding renting charges before the mentioned date.

"NHC depends on the tenant payments to implement various plans and projects, so failing to clear their arrears on time affects the corporation's operations and development," he added.

He said that in the 2020/21 fiscal year, NHC Kilimanjaro aimed to

collect 2,807,367,758.83 /- but it surpassed the goal by collecting 2,810,539,664/- equivalent to 100.1 per cent.

The manager however said the corporation still owes 66.7m/- to its tenants in the region.

Godwin Chacha who spoke on behalf of the regional officials commended NHC for the job well done.

He also called for the corporation to invest in more innovative strategies so as to be competitive.

"Work hard and try to have more cost effective projects with required qualities. This will differentiate you from other contractors. We will not only use NHC just because it is a public-owned corporation, but only if it provides timely and quality projects," he asserted.

Residents in Moshi municipality in the region called on the government to hire NHC to construct buildings in various dispensaries and health centres for the projects to be completed on time and thus enable the public to access services easily.



**NHC depends on the tenant payments to implement various plans and projects, so failing to clear their arrears on time affects the corporation's operations and development**



Grey Msungu, a trader at Iringa municipality's main mixed-goods market, waits for customers for his smoked fish yesterday. He said the going price had recently shot up following a decline in fishing in the nearby Mtera Dam. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

## Illegal fishing at Mtera Dam causes fish scarcity in Iringa

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

THE Iringa Municipality main market is now faced with acute shortage of dry fish due to the ongoing crackdown at Mtera Dam aimed to eradicate illegal fishing activities.

Speaking to this paper yesterday, fish traders at the market said there has been an acute shortage of the fish in the past two months consecutively that has seen the rising of price from 1,000/- to 2,500/- for a small size fish.

Grey Msungu, one of the fish traders at the market said they used to depend on Mtera dam in Iringa Region for their fish supply but now there has been scarcity of the commodity.

He said many fish dealers at the market are forced to rise early and go to bus station to look for any fish consignments from Mtera and fight for themselves for the limited stocks that arrive.

He said due to low fish supply from Mtera, they have now turned to fish supply from Singida Region,

even though the supplies are also limited.

Msungu called upon fish dealers in Mwanza and other regions in the country with ample fish to grab the opportunity to send the commodity to Iringa as the municipality has many fish consumers.

Ignasi John, a fisherman at Mtera Dam said the scarcity of fish is not only confined to Iringa, but even in Mtera itself as many fishermen fail to go into the dam to fish.

He said the main reason behind the scarcity is that some fishermen

used illegal fishing nets, hence authorities have been seizing their fishing gear while others shifted to the Dodoma side of the dam due to the ongoing crackdown on the Iringa side.

Iringa Municipal Council chairman Steven Mhapa said as for now they plan to meet with all the three local council officials that borders Mtera Dam including Chamwino, Mpwapwa and Iringa to put in place strategies to control illegal fishing practices in Mtera dam.

## Two held over smuggling of 34 bags of tobacco

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

AUTHORITIES in Mbeya Region have detained two people for allegedly smuggling to Malawi 34 bags of tobacco.

The two were apprehended on Sunday at Makongolosi Town road block in Chunya District whilst transporting the tobacco in a lorry.

Speaking on the incident, Chunya District Commissioner, Mayeka Simon said those arrested were tobacco farmers.

He said when the two reached the Makongolosi road block, the guards stopped the lorry and upon inspection they found the 34 tobacco bags and subsequently seized them.

He said the practice adversely affects farmers who joined

cooperative societies, as well as to the national income through loss of levies.

"This is the second time in the current tobacco buying season to seize bags of tobacco being smuggled to Malawi, we are preventing this practice as it has impact on other law abiding farmers and to the nation as a whole," said DC Mayeka.

He said tobacco farmers in Chunya are engaged in contract cultivation through their cooperatives whereby they get farm-inputs on loan, only to be repaid after selling the crop.

He said all tobacco has to be sold through the cooperatives where the loans are deducted while the government gets its levies.

"In case a farmer who received inputs loan does not sell his crop to

the cooperative, his fellow farmers are forced to repay the loan for him as the loan was extended collectively, with the government missing its revenues," he added.

For his part, Acting Chunya Tobacco Cooperative Union (CHUTCU) general manager Daniel Migasupi said the arrested farmers had committed an offence according to the law governing cooperative societies and would be dealt with in accordance with the laws.

He warned other tobacco farmers who plan to smuggle the crop out of the district against the laid down laws, saying they could incur great loss because where they plan to sell offer low prices compared to that offered by their cooperative societies.

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Manyara regional commissioner Charles Makongoro Nyerere (C, with microphone) seated with Chief Dodo Secondary School students during a visit to the school in Babati District at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey



Tanga regional administrative secretary Pili Mnyema (L) symbolically presents a vehicle to the Kilindi District office of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Authority at the weekend to help in the distribution of water in the district. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

## Covid-19 vaccinations vital, disaster management official tells human rights defenders

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

DIRECTOR of Disaster Management Department in the Prime Minister's Office, Jimmy Said has urged human rights defenders to get vaccinated, which is a safer way to prevent and manage Covid-19 calamities.

Said made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when addressing rights defenders during the human rights defenders empowerment session on laws, policies and plans governing disaster management in Tanzania and how to safely respond to natural calamities.

"It is better to prevent and mitigate disasters before they happen because it is very expensive to invest in response rather than having invested in preparedness and mitigations," the official said.

He added: "If one is vaccinated he or she will be safe and his neighbor too hence avoiding a heavy loss of lives and other consequences on the economy insisting that everyone should follow and abide by instructions given by health experts and government though the issue of health still remains a human right."

"The president has brought the vaccine into the country so as to ensure the safety of her citizens, let us show cooperation and preserve our first human rights which is the right to life,"

he encouraged, warning people not to take for granted the fact that the vaccine is voluntary because the consequences for dodging are detrimental.

The director further urged human rights activists to educate citizens on how they can manage disasters around them.

National coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Onesmo Olungurumwa underscored that rights defenders are key stakeholders in fighting natural calamities and also the right to life so they really needed this training so as to effectively play their role in fighting against natural disasters.

"The right to life should not be taken for granted so we all need to play our role in protecting it therefore it should not be left only to the government," he urged.

"We need more reforms so that our policies and laws can be accommodated by all actors in the fight against natural disasters," he requested.

*"It is better to prevent and mitigate disasters before they happen because it is very expensive to invest in response rather than having invested in preparedness and mitigations"*

## Bakwata urges meat consumers to consume locally certified products

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Muslim Council (Bakwata) has called on meat consumers to imbibe a culture of consuming locally produced and certified products for their health safety.

Secretary of the Bakwata affiliated MICO Halal International Certification Bureau, Jumanne Kasonso made the call yesterday during an interview with this paper.

The bureau certifies halal products to be used in the country and outside the country.

"Halal is an Arabic word meaning lawful, it refers to things or actions permitted by Shariah law without punishment imposed on the order and the opposite of halal is haram which means forbidden," he said.

Kasonso said halal certification means that food has been subjected to an approved certification system which guarantees to consumers that nothing in the food has any forbidden components.

The bureau recently got international recognition from Hafsa Halal Certification and Food Import and Export Limited of Turkey and certified to be the only halal agent in the country.

Speaking on the importance of having halal international certificate, Sheikh Kasonso told this paper that Tanzanian products will be easily accepted in the international market especially meat and help economic growth of the country through different taxes which will be paid.

"We were getting losses because our Tanzanian companies were forced to find halal certification outside the country when they needed to export their products but now that is no longer the case because we have our own MICO halal certification which is the agent of Bakwata," he said.

He added that in order to improve halal services in the country Bakwata and its partner MICO Halal International are requesting the government to enable

He said the government should help to tell the business community that halal certification is currently available in the country and there is no need to find it outside the country as it was the case before.

them to have a modern halal laboratory.

## Holy Ghost Fathers due to host 21th general chapter congregation in Bagamoyo

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

HOLY Ghost Fathers Tanzania is expecting to host its 21st General Chapter congregation in Bagamoyo, Coast Region in October 2021 appealing for financial support from individuals, religious and non-religious institutions.

Head of Holy Ghost Fathers General Chapter, Father Phillip Massawe said the congregation will bring together over 100 people from six continents. He said that estimated budget for the occasion is over 100m/-, hence the need for people to support it.

He said: "We are honoured to host this General Chapter Congregation for the second time; I am kindly asking for help from good hearted people to support us to facilitate the 22 days conference to take place here in Tanzania."

The conference will be held from October 3rd to 24th this year in Bagamoyo, Coast Region.

Massawe was speaking during a special dinner gala which was held at St. Peter's Church Oyster bay in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. The event was meant to raise funds from invited guests.


He added that through the organized function, they have been able to collect 77m/- as cash and pledges, three goats and 100 kg of rice. He insisted that they are still in need of more funds to ensure a successful meeting.

Assistant Head of Holy Ghost Fathers General Chapter (Rome), Father Joseph Shio said the previous general congregation conducted in June 2012 in Bagamoyo was a wonderful one and that it was supported by the people.

He acknowledged the readiness of the people to donate for the sacred events.

The meeting coordinator who is also supervising contributions, Sylvia Matovu encouraged people to dedicate themselves and be willing to give to the church, saying by so doing they will be rewarded.

The Holy Ghost Fathers first arrived in Zanzibar in 1863 and crossed to Tanzania mainland, Bagamoyo in 1868.



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Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) wishes to inform the public that the Statement of Tax Withheld for **other payments** for the month of July 2021 is due for submission by 07th August 2021 as provided for under Section 84(2) of the Income Tax Act, Cap. 332. Currently, the Statement of Tax Withheld for **other payments** is not available for filing through our electronic filing system due to technical reasons. Therefore, the Authority regrets to inform the public that the requirement for filing of the Statement of Tax Withheld for **other payments** is hereby stayed until the completion of the System Upgrade. For the time being there will be no legal consequences for failure to file the Statement of Tax Withheld for **other payments** until when the Authority advises otherwise.

All withholding agents are required to continue to withhold taxes from other payments and pay the respective tax withheld through the Revenue Gateway System as usual.

In addition, you are reminded to complete filing of Statement for tax withheld from employees (PAYE) and Skills and Development Levy returns using the e-filing system available on our website ([www.tra.go.tz](http://www.tra.go.tz)) on or before 07th August 2021.

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## Digital COVID-19 job database is huge relief

HEALTH ministry officials are already working to shift to a digital format the data on the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination campaign now being conducted by manual paperwork. The data will be digitised for ease of access and safe keeping, implicitly facilitating quick check as part of identification, for all kinds of need. After the standard passport, the vaccination certificate especially for those in upper middle age will be a requirement for all sorts of travel, and indeed for all except school children if they are thinking of travelling outside. It is the latest addition to what usually makes elements of personal identity, biodata.

The Health ministry Permanent Secretary, Prof Abel Makubi, said in a statement on progress in the vaccination drive at the weekend that digital copies of the Covid-19 vaccination certificates will be internationally recognizable. This is another step in the programme set out by President Samia Suluhu Hassan upon taking office, namely the need to brush up the country's image globally by moving into step with international requirements of the managing of the pandemic. The first step was admitting it was there, then to reintroduce specific policy on prevention and roll out mass vaccination drive; now it's here.

What though is salutary at this stage isn't firstly the number of people vaccinated - though this lowers the pressure significantly as it stops a whole range of individuals from being easy carriers and transmission agents of the virus. What is laudable is to make the progress attained easy to ascertain, and since this is an aspect of identification, not really different from biodata, as vaccination status is pivotal to one's potential exposure in a Covid-19 atmosphere is something

that should be handy when needed. It is this assurance that the ministry is now projecting, thankfully not piled up with the wider national identification paralysis.

The ministry's top medical officer similarly cautioned about taking stern legal steps against all those found to obtain such certificates fraudulently. It would appear from this worry that those who are often vocal about vaccination would outwardly wish to be recognized as vaccinated, and with the manual forms and certificates - or cards - issued chaotically all over the country, our 'vaccine passports' would soon start being rejected around the world's airports. They would have to take own tests to ascertain the presence of vaccine input, which is altogether different from testing the presence of Covid-19 particles.

It is definitely true that the ministry at present has records on the number sequence of people who took the jab and at which centre, in which case writing a fake certificate requires repeating a number, on the basis of the top medic's observation. The idea that such a number repeat would be sorted out by conducting an investigation from the vaccination staff and those with any such identical certificates is valid if those cases are few and far between. But if as it threatens to be the case some people especially in the ministry start looking for easy cash that way, such a method can't work. It would be easier to lodge the data with the local offices of the World Health Organisation (WHO) 'where neither thief nor moth doth destroy.' That way everyone would have to vaccinate as no trade in vaccine certificates would start; better prevent it than try to cure it, and shaming the country in the process. A stitch in time saves nine, as they often say

## Africa still has an urgent need for gainful youth employment

THE international community has a new set of development goals. They reflect Africa's aspirations much more closely than the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) they replaced. Now Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to a maintained focus on the eradication of poverty, their single most important contribution is to recognise that sustainable development, especially in Africa, means creating good jobs - jobs that pay living wages and offer a chance to develop new skills.

In Africa today, only one in five workers finds employment in the wage economy. The rest are forced to settle for low-paying jobs, often through self-employment or in the services sector, where output per person is only about twice that in agriculture.

The Sustainable Development Goals, which took over from the MDGs, also suggest how to grow good jobs. Goal 9 of the SDGs sets as an objective to "by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product". Industry is singled out because it is a high productivity sector capable of absorbing large numbers of moderately skilled workers. Between 1950 and 2006, about half of the catch-up by developing countries to advanced-economy levels of output per worker was explained by labour moving out of agriculture and into manufacturing, combined with rising productivity within industry. In Africa, manufacturing output per worker is six times that in

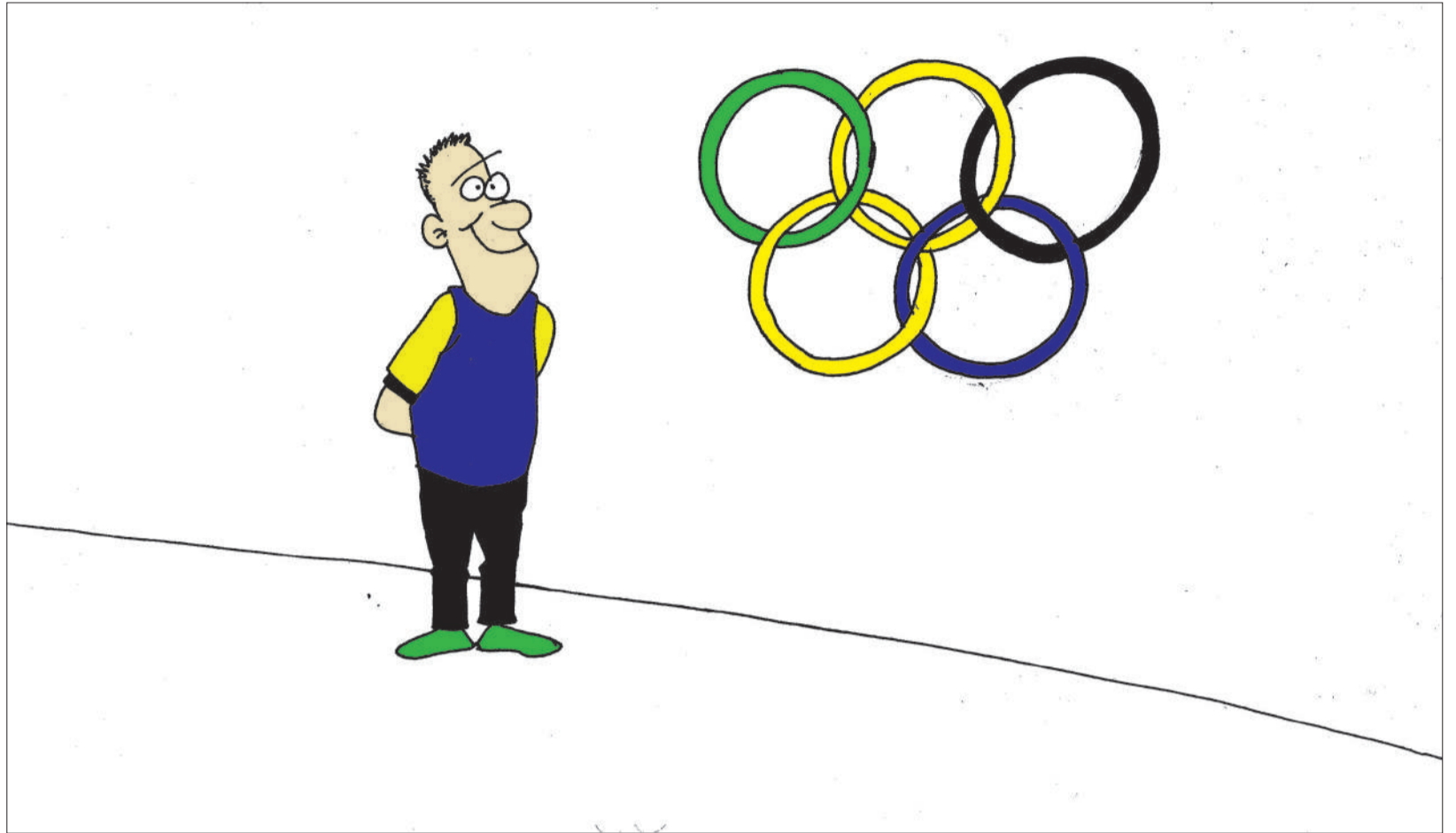
agriculture.

For more than 40 years Africa's industrial development has been disappointing. In 2013 the average share of manufacturing in GDP in sub-Saharan Africa was about 10 per cent - the same as in the 1970s. Africa's share of global manufacturing has fallen from about 3 per cent in 1970 to less than 2 per cent in 2013. Manufacturing output per person is about a third of the average for all developing countries and manufactured exports per person, a key measure of success in global markets, are about 10 per cent of the global average for low-income countries. Clearly, Africa needs more industry to create more good jobs.

Most of the heavy lifting in terms of public action will need to be done by African governments. To industrialise successfully, Africa will need to revisit the policy orthodoxy and break new ground. The "investment climate reforms" of the World Bank, supported by some bilateral donors, have not and will not bring industry to Africa on their own. Industrialisation cannot succeed without the development "basics" that include infrastructure, skills and institutions. But these building blocks, while necessary, are not enough.

Three closely related drivers of firm-level productivity - exports, agglomeration and firm capabilities - have been largely responsible for East Asia's industrial success, and their absence also helps to explain Africa's lack of industrial dynamism. These three drivers of productivity and industrial location are fundamentally interrelated.

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By Special Correspondents

BY spreading agroecological practices and strengthening farmers' knowledge of agroecological farming, the project "Building Local Economies in East Africa Through Agroecology" has come to an end.

Funded by the AgroEcology Fund, the project was launched in September 2019 to boost local economies and improve the livelihoods of communities in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Throughout 22 intense months of activities, the Slow Food network supported the development and strengthening of agroecological food systems as key to future food security, improving knowledge and communication on agroecology and including agroecology in policy frameworks.

Remarkable results have been obtained, despite the difficulties encountered also due to the worldwide emergency of Covid-19.

Samson Ngugi and Elphas Masanga, local project coordinators in Kenya report: "The activities that have unfolded during the project were focused in particular on training local producers on the potential of agroecology in the local food system by working in the field through collaboration with technicians and academics, courses for young producers and farmers on sustainable agriculture."

"They were also carried out by enhancing market opportunities based on direct contact between producers and consumers, which generates higher incomes, more employment and well-being (as a deep multiplier effect) and contributes to a new narrative around agroecology."

In terms of results, the project trained 40 young food leaders - five from Tanzania, 15 from Uganda, 15 from Kenya, and five from D R Congo) through the Slow Food Academy.

Additionally, 102 producers, leaders and coordinators acquired specific skills on agroecology through the capacity building workshops/sessions conducted in Kenya and Uganda.

Meanwhile, 52 agroecological gardens have been established - 15 in Tanzania, 15 in Kenya, 20 in Uganda and two in DRC - at community and school level, involving around 2,400 participants.

A total of 5,400 people participated in the events, increasing their awareness on the benefits of agroecology and conscious food choices.

A combined two million or so people have been reached through 31 radio talk shows/programmes conducted in Kenya and Uganda on agroecology, land grabbing and climate change.

Finally, 14 local authorities in Kenya and Uganda have been influenced to prioritise agroecology and

## Slow Food promotes agroecology as East African nations' agriculture of the future

biodiversity protection in local laws and agriculture.

In order to guide local producers and farmers towards a new agricultural system and to build future food leaders, the Slow Food network organised the academics and events to create regional coordination linking all Slow Food projects and their practices on agroecology.

The aim was to reinforce and spread effective and cost-efficient agroecological solutions.

During four Slow Food Academies training sessions and as many capacity building workshops, 142 participants from the four countries acquired practical knowledge and skills.

This was achieved through field visits and participation in online meeting engagements and helped participants share how they have been able to translate the knowledge and skills acquired to their communities, as well as share how they have been able to adapt to the Covid-19 situation.

In December 2019, involving more than 296 delegates from Burundi, DRC and Rwanda as well as 2,200 visitors, a regional event was organised in RDC.

It focused on the management of the region's lake fisheries, on the knowledge and practices of indigenous peoples, and on the active involvement of youth in the future of agriculture.

The project also planned six local events in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda (an Earth Market/Seed and Food Fair, Food Wise, a one-day open air Farmers Market, a Community Food Experience, participation to Tanzania's annual Nane agricultural fair and a special edition of Mangulwa Earth Market.

The initiative sought to create strong relationships between consumers, producers and local institutions, raising awareness of the importance of choosing local, seasonal and sustainable food.

An online forum has been organized, built around three cases studies on Slow Food agroecological projects developed in collaboration with two local experts in Uganda and Kenya.

The case studies were presented in order to provide documented evidence of the centrality of agroecological food systems to advance agroecology as the future of farming in Africa and globally.

Limited government support, unfavourable policies and lack of research on the benefits of agroecological solutions to face the current food system are some of the challenges centred on agroecology that Slow Food needs to address to pave the path towards food sovereignty in the communities amid the growing crises in Africa.

John Kiwagalo, local project

coordinator in Uganda, notes: "It's very important to collaborate with authorities at the local, regional and national level. It is vital in promoting local food systems and amplifying agroecology and urban, peri-urban and kitchen gardens are key in guaranteeing food and nutritional security at the household level."

He added: "We arranged two policy dialogue meetings in central Uganda to prioritise agroecology in local legal and policy framework, one to discuss the awakening of the local food and agriculture by-laws as well as prioritise agroecological production techniques, local food biodiversity and small-scale farmers in the local by-laws. The other one was, for prioritising biodiverse food production techniques at the expense of sugarcane monocrop expansion in the area."

The results of all these activities were not long in coming. There are numerous stories of all manner of people who have been able to draw inspiration and benefit from the project.

One example from within the project is that of Shadrack Karanja, a young farmer and SFYN Kenya member who identified an opportunity in agroecology. After participating in the Slow Food Kenya Academy as a member of Kiashong'e community garden, he decided to start his own agroecological farm.

Located in Wanyororo, Nakuru county, the garden has become a centre of excellence and an inspiration to his fellow youth and the community at large.

In Uganda's Nabbaale village, meanwhile, there is an ongoing transition of food communities from chemical-based conventional farming to agroecology.

This transition was initiated by members of the Youth Framing Centre who had been using agrochemicals and commercial seeds on their land as promoted and trained by the input dealers until four of the members were invited to be part of the Slow Food Uganda Academy.

These members decided to adopt agroecological production methods, explained to other members of the community what they had learned and set up an ecological demonstration garden for the community.

Thanks to the increasing interest in, and adoption of, agroecology, the garden has now attracted all the 26 members who now use it as a learning centre. They have also started to set up agroecological gardens in their homes.

"The notions on agroecology contributed to change my eating behaviour, helping me to revive the traditional food culture of my ancestors and their ways of surviving

during difficult times of food crises," explains a woman from the Slow Food APAC Kisimbosa community in Walikale territory, DRC.

She elaborates: "Through this learning, I became aware of the importance of safeguarding traditional foods which are favourable to my health as well as to the survival of the forest habitat."

"Thanks to the awareness raising training received within the project, the yam variety that was at risk of disappearing is now available on our land of Kisimbosa Chamakasa and we are already experiencing an environmental restoration because of the community engagement in the forest resources management"

In Africa, agroecology has a potential in addressing food security chiefly because the practices allow farmers to have multiple sources of foods regardless of extreme weather conditions such as drought.

Collaborating with other like-minded organisations and authorities at the local, regional and national level is vital in promoting local food systems and amplifying agroecology, as making investment in youth is crucial in guaranteeing the future not only of agroecology but of the continent.

In this framework, Slow Food is committed to continuing to work towards strengthening alternative food distribution systems in addition to connecting small-scale farmers to cooks' and supporting local farmers' markets.

This will enhance market access for small-scale farmers through the creation of a direct link between food producers and consumers by eliminating go-betweens and thereby guaranteeing fairer prices to both farmers and consumers.

Meanwhile, working with communities, Slow Food will continue to participate in, and/or organise, multisectoral forums focusing on agroecology.

It will also continue to support farmers in advocating policy changes together with other organisations creating linkages between smallholder farmers, SMEs (producing biological/organic farm inputs) and service providers (extension officers) to boost the demand for agroecological products and extension services.

Slow Food is a worldwide network of local communities founded in 1989, primarily to counteract the disappearance of local food traditions and the spread of fast food culture. It has since grown into a global movement involving millions of people in more than 160 countries and working to help populations across the globe have access to good, clean and fair food.

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# Things you could do with your money before quitting a job to start a business

By Eric Roberge

**I**NTERESTED in starting your own business? You're not alone. Applications for business formations have exploded since the autumn of 2020, according to Census Bureau data.

I'm certainly biased towards entrepreneurship. It's the path I chose for myself and found far greater success with than I believe I could have achieved in a more traditional employee role.

But that doesn't mean that starting a business is for everyone, or that if you choose to make the leap, you can skip over the planning phase.

If you want to launch your own venture, financially preparing yourself will go a long way towards allowing you to stick around long enough to find your own success.

One of the points you'll want to consider is knowing where you stand today.

Doing a bit of an audit of your finances can help you better understand what leverage you have, where your weak spots might be, and what actions you can take now to strengthen your position before you take the risk of starting your own business.

Do you have an emergency fund or some kind of cash reserve? You'll likely want more liquidity than normal or that you might have maintained previously before you explore entrepreneurship.

In other words, it is decisive that you assess your current finances, figure out how much start-up cash you'll need, and have an exit plan before starting a business.

Are your consumer debts paid off? If you have a lot of credit card debt or hefty student loans, making a plan to pay those down first might be the right way to go so that you don't have to manage that burden alongside the stresses and challenges of starting a business.

Do you have a lot of financial responsibilities or obligations you need to consider as you launch

your business? This might need to factor into your planning, too.

Someone who is single and renting may be able to take more risks than another aspiring entrepreneur who is married, has children and a mortgage, and is currently the main breadwinner of the family.

This isn't to say that you can't launch a business if your life looks more like the latter, but you may need to do more planning or consider different paths towards your end goal to make sure that you don't take on too much risk that you can't actually afford.

Two: Understand what you need to start. Hard work and a commitment to your goals and values will get you a long way. But you might need some tangible support too, in the form of assets or capital, to get your business up and running.

There are a lot of options when it comes to managing startup costs and they can range from simply minimising expenses in every possible way to pitching your idea to venture capitalists who will provide the funding you need to begin.

Can you bootstrap your business and run as lean as possible? Can you finance yourself for a few months until you generate revenue, or will you need to go through investors? Do you have family members, other relatives or friends who are interested in supporting you in some way?

The right avenue depends on a number of factors, but in this financial planning stage, the most important thing is to accurately estimate your upfront costs and identify potential sources of funding for them.

Three: Set your runway - and know how to bail or opt out. It might sound negative, but two critical aspects of financially preparing yourself to start a business are (1) knowing your runway, or how much time your finances will give you to allow your business to reach a profitable state and (2) knowing when that runway is coming to an end and it's time to bail to avoid future financial harm.

Understanding your runway can help you plan better and make smarter decisions. For example, if you know that you have a cash reserve that will cover your personal needs for six months, then you know that your business needs to start producing a profit before then if you want to continue on without incurring debts.

Knowing when that runway might be getting short can also help you evaluate choices like: Should you get a part-time job to give your business more time to generate the income you need? Or, do you need to seek out more investors, or should you look for a partner who can contribute?

Setting this benchmark before you start will also help you stay more objective if you have to make the tough decision to call it quits.

Four: Have a Plan B (and C, and probably D, too). In a perfect world, you can create a nice, organised, neat business plan and execute that to the letter. In the real world, however, you need to be quick and nimble and willing to change. Having at least a Plan B is key so that you know how to iterate (redo) or pivot if things don't play out precisely how you expected.

If you map out a few different scenarios and how you'll react to each, you can simply focus on changing as needed if those situations come to pass - and you won't need to spend time, energy or money scrambling to figure out what to do.

Looking at all of these factors in combination can help you determine what you need to start your business. That will vary from person to person; perhaps you realise that you need a larger emergency fund before you get started, or you need to spend some more time adding contingency planning to your overall strategy before you launch.

Once you know where you stand today and what you'll need to move forward, you can reverse-engineer your way to the ultimate goal: starting your business.

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## READVERTISED INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF D10 DOZER BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring the service of Supply and delivery Of D10 Dozer and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01271	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF D10 DOZER

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
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List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.7%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.7%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.7%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01058)</b>	
Supply CAT D10T Dozer as per Technical Specifications.	20
Testing and Commissioning of the Supplied D10T Dozer and its components to CAT specifications.	15
Carry Warranties of the Supplied D10T Dozer and its components.	20
Conduct trainings for the Supplied D10T Dozer if required	10
Supply history of CAT equipment's as an added advantage.	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than **0830 A.M 20th August 2021** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## Invitation to Tender

### Supply of Building Materials for Renovating Thirteen Village Liaison Committee Offices in Mafia Island Marine Park – "MIMP"

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, Energy 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 Mafia Island Marine Park – MIMP" which is work package number one (WP 1). WWF TCO intends to use part of project funds support renovation of thirteen (13) Village Liaison Committee (VLC) offices of Baleni, Kungwi, Kifinge, Marimbani, Kiegeani, Bwejuu Su, Mlongo, Miburani, Chem chem, Juani, Jibondo, Chole and Kibada. This will help MIMP to achieve its conservation and management objectives through community involvement.

3. WWF TCO invites applications from competent, qualified, reputable, reliable and experienced local service providers preferably, hardware, wholesalers and distributors (for building materials) who are willing to submit their tender to supply as per the above tender category.

4. Interested bidders should visit WWF Tanzania website [wwf.or.tz](http://wwf.or.tz) to obtain the full tender document. For any clarification or inquiry please contact [pndaki@wwftz.org](mailto:pndaki@wwftz.org) copy [mfeisal@wwftz.org](mailto:mfeisal@wwftz.org).

5. The payment of non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000/= for tender document shall be paid through:  
Bank Name: NMB  
Account No. 70910003703  
Account name: WWF FOR NATURE TZ COUNTRY OFFICE

6. All applicants should direct their **soft copy bids attached with the scanned payment slip** to the procurement e-mail at [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org) Deadline for submission is **10am, Tuesday 24th August 2021**. Thereafter tender opening will take place at **11am** same day on WWF premises (see the address stipulated in #7. Below)

7. Only **Form of Tender attached with a copy of payment slip should be submitted in a sealed envelope** clearly marked tender numbers and addressed to:

Secretary,  
Procurement Committee,  
WWF Tanzania Country Office,  
Plot 252 Kiko Street, Off - Mwai Kibaki Rd, Mikocheni  
P.O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam.

8. WWF TCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.

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



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REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01278)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Brand New Mercedes Benz Arocs 3358 (6x6) Right Hand Drive ZIGLER Advancer FLF 60/60-10+250P	15%
Warrant 12 months cover	10%
After sales support	10
Dealership letter from the manufacturer/OEM	10
Previously experience in supplying the same equipment	10
The fire truck must be purchased from Mercedes Benz Dealer or OEM	10
Ensure the scope is part of the EOI and whole NEW fire truck purchase process as it contains all required useful specification.	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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By Zukiswa Pikoli

**A**S people, there is never a time that we are unchanged or unmarred by our experiences - particularly those that stem from traumatic periods in our lives.

Some of these changes may appear in our physical being - maybe our backs bend and shoulders hunch a little from the strain. Our faces may age faster or we may become extra cautious. The lilt of our speech may even change. At the extreme, we may develop chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, cancerous growths or fertility problems.

According to wellness experts at Integrated Physical Therapy: "Whenever we store trauma in our tissue, our brain disconnects from that part of the body to block the experience, preventing the recall of the traumatic memory."

"Any area of our body that our brain is disconnected from won't be able to stay healthy or heal itself. The predictable effect of stored trauma is degeneration and disease."

In 2011, 29-year-old Zukiswa was working at her desk on an unremarkable day when I heard a strange cracking and rumbling above my head. Turns out our office roof was caving in and, quite literally, the roof fell on my head.

My colleagues and I made it out without too many scrapes, but ever since that day I always think about the structural soundness of ceilings and how I would get out should they cave.

This is something I never cared about before but developed as a result of the residual trauma of that event. I'm not deathly afraid of ceilings but I notice that sometimes I become hypervigilant about them, particularly in times of stress.

Trauma is, by definition, an emotional response to a terrible event such as an accident, rape or natural disaster. Immediately after the event, shock and denial are typical. Longer-term reactions include unpredictable emotions, flashbacks, strained relationships and even physical symptoms such as headaches or nausea.

I remember having a discussion with friends about this very thing as we traced some of the "hereditary" diseases in our families that were previously unexamined and were just taken at face value. The truth is, our body keeps score of everything.

The more traumatic experiences we have, the more our minds and bodies are eroded, making it more difficult to heal. It is therefore necessary that we stop to take stock and listen and feel what our bodies and minds are communicating to us during those times.

The pandemic is one of those times. We are living in a time of great human suffering - an almost unnatural kind of suffering that stirs up with it responses that may not always be rational.

It also triggers within us our learnt behaviours and previous responses to traumatic events. Some of us retreat, some of us get angry, some of us absorb everyone else's pain and some of us flat-out deny the reality of trauma rendering us inert.

Whatever our reaction, though, our bodies are trying to communicate something to us - and we need to be present enough to hear it. The pandemic has been a season of unimaginable loss that has sometimes seen whole families vanquished in the blink of an eye. What becomes of their friends and loved ones left behind?

Yes, they may be survivors, but what becomes of their quality of life and relationships? It is not enough to

merely survive yet live with the gaping wound of such profound losses.

In my circle of family and friends, it is almost every other day that we get news of someone we know and love having died from Covid-19, or is in hospital in a critical condition. Each message brings with it fresh pain and shock - and sometimes even thoughts of: Am I next?

This season is also a time in which we put to the test our capacity to work towards our collective survival, healing and subsequent thriving in the midst of this constant loss.

How do we extend our empathy and kindness even when we are tired, sore, don't feel like it, hurt, confused, bruised, empty, angry ... scared?

This is why getting vaccinated becomes so important because it means extending yourself beyond your own survival to do your bit to ensure that the tapestry that is our society does not erode and fray into scraggly threads.

We are responsible for each other and the urgency has never been greater to ensure that we do all that is within our power to stem the continued pain and havoc being wreaked by Covid-19.

Our choice to take the vaccine has to be steeped in the critical understanding of the effect that the pandemic is having on people's bodies and minds that will show up whether or not we rebuild as a more compassionate and empathetic society post-trauma.

We have grown too used to making decisions based on the individual and not on ensuring the collective thriving of ourselves as a society.

It is unethical to place others under the threat of unnecessary pain because democracy means freedom to take the vaccine but also freedom not to.

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# Rangers raise alarm over poaching increase in Africa

By Special Correspondent

THE Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a rise in poaching across Africa as wildlife rangers are stretched to the limit, causing alarm and worry for activists and conservationists.

A survey conducted by conservation encouragement charity Tusk, and Natural State, which implements large scale restoration projects, questioned 60 field organizations across 19 countries in Africa, and found that rangers see no sign of relief as the pandemic continues to impact Africa's communities and wildlife.

Cuts to resources, reduced number of rangers and a rise in poaching are among the causes for concern highlighted.

The Conservation and Wildlife Fund at Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe said it had seen an 8,000 percent increase of traps and snares between May and July 2020.

"There has been an alarming spike in the rate of ivory-related arrests made by our team over the last year. The poachers will not rest despite the pandemic, so it is up to us to maintain operations and the moral high ground by protecting and caring for our teams... We stand strong in our commitment to patrol the vast wilderness areas we are entrusted with, and protect those that can't fend for themselves against poachers," said Nyaradzho Hoto, a sergeant at the International Anti-Poaching Foundation in Zimbabwe.

The International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation found that 78.5 percent of surveyed African countries reported that COVID-19 had impacted their ability to monitor the illegal wildlife trade, and 53 percent re-



Rangers from Lewa Wildlife Conservancy's (LWC) general security unit, Purity Wamuyu (2R) and Fridah Kinyanjui (R) mediate a human-wildlife conflict incident residents of Manyangalo village in Kenya

ported a high level of impact from COVID-19 on the ability to mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

Edwin Kinyanjui, senior wildlife community officer at Mount Kenya Trust in Kenya, said rangers had needed to be more vigilant in the past year.

"Illegal activity due to widespread loss of income is on

the rise and while combating this activity, rangers are at risk of contracting COVID-19. Poaching methods are also increasingly becoming sophisticated and the justice system overstretched. We keep going because we understand that what we are fighting for is bigger than us," Kinyanjui said.

Essential funding for wildlife tourism has also been in crisis due to the pandemic. A spokesperson from the Frankfurt Zoological Society said the impact of COVID-19 is being felt in Nsumbu National Park in Zambia.

"This reduced tourism has impacted jobs and related livelihoods and provided a challenge in linking the value of nature with the value to human life," the society said.

Charity Rhino Ark, which assists Aberdares National Park in Kenya, said tourist revenue for the Kenya Wildlife Services dropped by 96 per-

cent, which triggered budget cuts to government wildlife and forest security programs.

In a bid to tackle the problem, more than 150 ranger teams are taking part in the 2021 Wildlife Ranger Challenge, a series of mental and physical challenges culminating on Sept 18 in a 21-kilometer race across the varied and challenging terrain of Africa's protected areas.

Funds raised will cover the operating costs for at least 5,000 rangers, enabling them to provide for their families, protect communities and wildlife in some of the Africa's most vulnerable areas.

"Rangers are the lifeblood of our conservation efforts and are simply too precious to lose," said Judi Wakhungu, Kenya's ambassador to France, Portugal, Serbia, Monaco and the Holy See.

## Equipping retirees with financial management and investments skills key in sustaining their livelihoods

By Guardian Reporter

POTENTIAL retirees from public and private organizations should establish the best use of financial resources together with acquiring appropriate knowledge about the financial services and investments so they can reap benefits of their pension when they retire.

A Dar es Salaam-based banker Mtenya Cheya made call recently when speaking at one of the seminars in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Mtwara and Zanzibar. The seminars were organized by the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) and sponsored by various stakeholders including the bank.

Cheya, who is the NBC Bank's credit manager, advised the staff to regard and keep money in reliable institutions in line with designing new sources of income by following effective advice from experts.

"These seminars are meant to help prospective and current pensioners which are the reasons that apart from taking active part in these seminars, we have been at the forefront coming up with strategies and different services for retirees including providing loans that best match their needs," she said.

Mtenya said in an effort to liberate retirees, bank has planned to increase its efforts on tailored products for prospective retirees.

At NBC Bank we have special products for prospective retirees, we have loans, special accounts and we also teach businesses that



will pay them according to the market, she said.

According to Mtenya, the bank offers an agency opportunity where enthusiast retirees can act upon as it is one of the businesses that can provide them with income.

On the importance of agricultural sector, she added that the bank operates a special farmers' account called NBC 'shambani' which aims to cater to large, medium and small farmers.

She further said: "We're closer to our clients and we believe there are retirees who will focus on agriculture so we welcome them."

Speaking in Mtwara on the same seminar, the bank's branch manager, Emmanuel Mseti asked the prospective pensioners to ensure that they involve financial experts when they think of new business ideas, investment and proper use of their loans to ensure the effectiveness of their pension.

He said: "That's the reason the bank came up with a system to train customers through various programs like business clubs and the providing entrepreneurship training in partnership with various stakeholders aiming to build

their capacity to conduct business before giving them loans."

Bank's head of Products and Sales in Zanzibar, Abel Kaseko, where he commended the prospective pensioners in Zanzibar to ensure they keep their money in formal financial institution to avoid commens.

"We also need to make sure that we start investing early in order to build experience that will help us prepare for the future life. It should also be noted that the proper use of these funds will help many of us overcome dependence after we retire," he said.

In addition to thanking the bank for the counsel, the participants of the seminar from the various institutions described how they have benefited from the training as they admitted that many of them have been facing various challenges including failure to save, incorrect use of their pensions and lack good ideas for the investment with these funds.

"I am very grateful to the PSSSF people for including various experts in these seminars including banks like NBC for they have enlightened us on a number of issues and helped us acquire knowledge that will help us so much," said Ali Mselem Ali, a prospective pensioner from Zanzibar.

The seminar was attended by senior government officials in the regions, including Morogoro RC, Martine Shigela, Mtwara RC, Brigedia General Marco Gaguti and Deputy Secretary, Zanzibar President's Office Finance and Planning, Rashid Said Rashid.

## Mobile firm launches 'Kimbiza' campaign

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania has announced its network connectivity campaign-Kimbiza na 4G ya Ukweli' aiming to inform the public on the speed and reliability of its network enabled by the company's strategic and unmatched investment in technology.

The announcement at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Rosalynn Mworira, the company's Director of Corporate Affairs.

She said: "We have been continuously investing and improving our network to make sure we provide our customers with the latest cutting-edge technology as well as the most innovative products and solutions

available in the market. This dedication has resulted in the most robust, reliable and widest 4G network in the country."

Vodacom Tanzania has been making unmatched investments in its network and presently maintains over 3,000 3G and 2,000 4G sites, giving it the widest and fastest network coverage in the country that reaches 92 per cent of the population.

Mworira briefed journalists on the positive impact that Vodacom's network on communities and individuals saying the impact has come from the company's dedication to its social contract, which drives it to work towards building a digital society, inclusion for all and caring for the planet.

She said the company leverages its network to provide vital services and reliable network connection with a user-friendly experience thus allowing more Tanzanians to experience the digital lifestyle.

Mworira said: "Vodacom aims to transform the country into a knowledge-based society through the application of ICT while bridging the digital divide as well as strengthening the competitive edge of our domestic data and voice services. This focus has seen us add more services to the portfolio we offer to our users to the point that we now provide much more than just telecommunications services"

Mworira explained on the reason for the network connectivity cam-

paign noting the 'Kimbiza' campaign intends to get users to be aware of the speed and reliability of the network and to familiarize themselves with the special individualized bundles on offer to further increase the utility they get from the super network.

"We call on Vodacom customers to continue to enjoy superior connection speeds on our network," she said adding to access the special bundles, users are required to dial \*149\*01# and select option 2 - "Just For You" then pick a personalized bundle from the options presented.

The event was also graced by an experiential area where various technologies and services were demonstrated.



### CARE TANZANIA - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and social injustice with a special emphasis on women and girls. CARE Tanzania is part of CARE International, whose vision is to seek a world of hope, tolerance, and social justice, where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. CARE International is a global force and a partner of choice within a worldwide movement dedicated to ending poverty. We are known everywhere for our unshakable commitment to the dignity of people. CARE Tanzania and partners contribute to the empowerment of the most marginalized and vulnerable rural women and girls to exercise their rights.

CARE Tanzania is implementing a four years' project in Mkinga District -Tanga (Innovating the Cashew Value Chain Project-DMDP) with the overall development objective of accelerating inclusive and sustainable locally driven economic growth in the Tanzanian cashew value chain through local processing, collective investment and green value addition. CARE and Out-Growers will work together, alongside cashew smallholders and DUGA AMCOS (the Mkinga cashew cooperative), to addressing all related supply and demand side barriers, and coach the value chain into fruition. Establishment of sustainable, accountable and user-owned value chain, that continues to strengthen and grow long beyond CARE's exit is one of the major expectation of DMDP project. The development outcome of this project is to see farmers enjoying an inclusive, green, profitable and sustainable value chain through improved farm productivity, and green and climate safe farming production while the commercial objective is that farmers and Out-Growers Company Limited benefit from equitable and transparent co-ownership of a commercially viable local processing and enabled local and international market system

CARE Tanzania seeks to recruit dynamic qualified Tanzanians for four (4) positions for a new project to be implemented in Mkinga district and all positions to be based in Tanga.

#### 1. PROJECT TEAM LEADER

The **Project Team Leader** will provide technical leadership and represents the interests of the organization by overseeing project to meet its commitments to donors, partners and clients, ensuring best practices and implementation plan. S/he is responsible to ensure that CARE and partners timely complete the project start-up phase as per CARE guidelines and contract. Overall responsible for the implementation of project activities and achievement of the targets, proper budget management, human and other resources. S/he is responsible for managing all components around Monitoring, Evaluation, Evidence and Learning of the project. S/he is responsible for timely, quality and cost effective implementation of procurement process by ensuring the adherence of guidelines, procured goods and services are effectively and efficiently delivered. Incumbent will also be responsible for performance management of staff under her/his supervision. Risk Management & Compliance and provision of quality and timely reporting. The position will report directly to the **CARE Tanzania Program Director**.

The ideal candidate will have a Master's Degree in Agri - business, Business Administration or Agricultural and Applied Economics and other relevant field or equivalent combination of education. Minimum of 6 years' experience in managing programs of an International Non-Governmental Organization, funded by a donor with strict rules and regulations; S/he has minimum of 6 years' recent experience in designing and implementing high quality programs capable of proving the program impact in at least two of the following areas: Value Chain development initiatives including cashew value chain, increasing resilience to climate change and collective investment experience. Minimum of 4 years' experience in working with Private Sector and high experience in working with Cooperative Societies in Tanzania.

#### 2. TECHNICAL SPECIALIST

The **Technical Specialist** will be responsible for establishing Farmer Field and Business Schools (FFBS) and organize refresher trainings to farmers on learning how to improve skills, contributing to improved production and livelihood. S/he is responsible for providing deliberate leadership to DUGA AMCOS in Mkinga District with the aim of ensuring the AMCOS is established as a well-founded organizational entity competent in handling considerable cash streams from interlinking member farmers and the cashew factory (Kilimo) of which the AMCOS will be a co-owner. The Technical Specialist must monitor production and market information's, by closely working with on Cashew Market trends and requirements, ensure data accurateness and completeness, analysis, learning and presentation of information. The position will work closely with the KILIMO factory team to participate in quality assessment and to be able to convey to Duga AMCOS members' processes and costing for their thorough understanding of the value chain elements. The position will ensure business partnership with the stakeholder and other actors is enhanced to establish market linkage, network and win-win partnership on shareholding Model between AMCOS and the Commercial partner. The incumbent will also be responsible for performance management of staff under her/his supervision. The position will be responsible for managing budget Risk & Compliance and timely provision of quality reporting. The position will report directly to the **Project Team Leader**, with dotted reporting line to Duga AMCOS Chairperson.

The ideal candidate will have a BSc. Degree in Agricultural economics and agribusiness, sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, climate change adaptation /other relevant field from a recognized institution. S/he has Agriculture and Agribusiness background with more than 5 years of working with smallholder farmers in groups, processing and marketing value Chains. Proven Knowledge on Cashew Quality production and management Certified from TARI. Has proven ability to Develop MoU, Initiate developments of legal contracts and develop and test training Manuals and curriculum. Working with Commercial Institution on linking them to farmers in particular crop value chain. Excellent report-writing and communication,

#### 3. PROJECT OFFICER-VSLA AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

The **Project Officer-VSLA and Community Mobilization** will provide technical and operational leadership to support VSLA and similar saving groups who are the main producer of cashew increase financial resilience and that invest into profitable and environmentally sustainable enterprises. S/he will be responsible to train VSLA or similar groups on inclusive financial and business models that promote sustainable economic development and incomes particularly women. Facilitate awareness creation and registration of key service providers, including agro-dealers, financial service providers, input suppliers and outlet markets, and registering on Chomoka. S/he will provide support to VSLA groups in developing business plans and creating linkages with key service providers, with a focus on financial service providers. Introduce Collective Investment to VSLA groups and support its roll out for group input purchase and investment in small scale pre-processing equipment. The position will report directly to the **Project Team Leader**.

The ideal candidate will have a BSc or B.A. in Community Development or business administration, agribusiness, agriculture extension or relevant field from an accredited university. Proven experience in VSLA or other Savings Groups methodology is mandatory. s/he has proven experience in collective investment innovation /Model and working with Digital Applications is an added advantage. Has a minimum of 3 years' field experience in related saving and credit groups and or sustainable investment or related activities.

#### 4. PROJECT OFFICER-MONITORING, EVALUATION, EVIDENCE AND LEARNING

The **Project Officer- MEEL** will be responsible to provide support to the project team in planning, monitoring, learning and reporting of project activities. S/he will be responsible for developing, testing, training and implementing a variety of data collection and management approaches, including through mobile data collection tools. S/he will support and ensure that DMDP technical staff, partners, community beneficiaries and other stakeholders provide timely, accurate and reliable qualitative and quantitative data and analysis to the project. S/he will review, verify, compile and analyze DMDP project results for adaptive management, lessons learned, success stories, donor reports and other communications materials. Works closely with the CARE Monitoring and Evaluation Lead and project staff to design a M&E plan and ensure accurate and reliable data collection through appropriate tools and database management. The position will report directly to the **Project Team Leader**

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of Bachelor's from a recognized university in Project Planning and Management, Agri-business Economics, Statistics, Environmental/social, Development Studies, Natural resources management or similar field, good experience in data collection, analysis and reporting are fundamental. Has at least 3-5 years' experience in data collection, data entry management, data quality assurance review and verification, data analysis and good report writing skills. The incumbent will have previous working experience in project monitoring and evaluation, ideally for non-governmental organizations engaged in Agriculture and/or development activities.

#### SUCCESS FACTORS FOR ALL POSITIONS

- Must be innovative and resourceful in creating an awareness of new initiatives which respond to the needs and practices of project beneficiaries.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate, take direction, assume leadership, and make rational decisions while working remotely from country leadership.
- Knowledge of livelihood and/or food security programming
- Ability to train and facilitate dialogue among a diverse group of individuals with various skill sets and work styles.
- An ability to work successfully in remote and challenging settings with limited resources.

#### COMPETENCIES FOR THE POSITIONS

Planning and Organizing; Initiating Action; Communicating with Impact; Strengthening Partnership; Stress Management; Adaptability; Contribute to Team Success; Facilitating Change; Adaptability, Stress Tolerance, Strong partnership engagement and capacity building skills

Only a letter of application and updated CV including names of at least 3 reputable referees from previous jobs (preferable line Managers) with reliable contacts should be sent by email to [TZAHumanResourcesDepartment@care.org](mailto:TZAHumanResourcesDepartment@care.org) by CoB 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 17:00 hours

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# What Raisi's presidency means for Iran, world

TEHRAN

**E**brahim Raisi was sworn in on Thursday as the new president of Iran, a country now standing at a juncture with critical domestic and global challenges ahead.

Talks between Iran and other related parties, which started in April in Vienna to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), or the Iran nuclear deal, have been paused awaiting the green light from Iran's new administration.

Meanwhile, Iran's economy has suffered the dual impact of U.S. sanctions and the COVID-19 pandemic over the past nearly two years, which have aggravated people's livelihood. In his speech after inauguration, Raisi (pictured) reiterated his vows to lift the country out of economic recession, set in motion diplomacy to remove sanctions, and prioritize expansion of ties with regional states. His policies bear significance for not only Iran, but also the region and the world at large.

## PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD

According to Iranian political and economic experts, Raisi should put much emphasis on addressing the durable impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy and people's livelihood.

As Iran is suffering from a resurgence of infections, the new government needs to speed up vaccination in any way possible by importing vaccines or prioritizing mass production of domestic vaccines, they stressed. On Saturday,



Raisi set a one-week deadline for health authorities to finalize a plan to deal with the spread and resurgence of COVID-19, official IRNA news agency reported.

Acute water shortages, which have led to recent protests in the southwestern Khuzestan province and other provinces across the country, also require Raisi's attention.

The issues, if not addressed appropriately,

will add to Iran's security and economic problems. Moreover, Raisi said in his recent remarks that he should spread justice, fight corruption and discrimination, and try to improve people's livelihood by removing economic hardships.

"If he (Raisi) forms a technocratic cabinet that looks wisely at the issues and problems of the people, we can hope that the cabinet of the 13th government will move in the direction of solving

the problems of the country and the people," political activist Dariush Qanbari told Iran's Arman Melli daily Tuesday.

Economic expert Ebrahim Nekoo said Wednesday in an interview with Iran's Ebtekar daily that apart from dealing with liquidity, rampant inflation, unemployment and budget deficit, Raisi should pay special attention to people's livelihood, and deal with corruption and a widening wealth gap in the country.

## NUCLEAR TALKS

If the talks around the JCPOA in Vienna succeed, Washington will return to the deal and lift its unilateral sanctions on Iran, while Iran will resume its commitments to the deal, the implementation of parts of which it have been gradually stopped in response to U.S. withdrawal from the JCPOA in 2018.

But the prospect of the talks is still dim, as they have been on hiatus since late June amid stalemate between the negotiating parties, waiting for the new Iranian administration to take over the job.

On many occasions, especially after being endorsed by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as president on Tuesday, Raisi has noted he "will certainly seek to lift the sanctions" on Iran through possible diplomatic means. "We believe that the oppressive sanctions must be removed, and no effort should be spared" in this regard, Raisi said earlier in a presidential debate.

In a Tuesday report, Arman Melli daily quoted Iranian international affairs analyst Seyyed Mehdi Zakerian as saying that "the power to decide on the nuclear issue is not in the hands of the president alone; the leadership, the (Iranian) National Security Council, the head of the judiciary and all members of parliament comment on the nuclear issue."

Qassem Moheb Ali, an ex-diplomat and international relations analyst, told the daily on Wednesday that "Iran's economy is tied to foreign policy, and what happens in the foreign policy environment affects the country's

economy." For this reason, "if nothing positive happens about the JCPOA in the future, and we do not see any openings in this field, it is not possible to predict the conditions in which Iran's economy will move towards prosperity," he said.

## INT'L RELATIONS

Raisi reiterated on Thursday that the most important and main priority of his foreign policy is "to improve relations with neighboring countries," while also putting "constructive and extensive interaction with the whole world" on his agenda.

"I extend my hand of friendship and brotherhood to all the countries of the region, particularly to the neighbors," he said. In the eyes of Moheb Ali, "one of the most important issues for Iran after the JCPOA and international sanctions is the revival of the peaceful relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which can have a direct impact on the equations in the Middle East and improve Iran's role in the region."

Also on Thursday, Raisi stressed that Iran will support regional resistance against Israel, and enhance ties with Asian and Latin American states. Since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, distancing from the West has played a major role in Iran's foreign policy.

As Raisi assumed office, experts believe that the new Iranian administration will follow the tradition and make no significant changes in this regard.

Xinhua

# The 'Covid-19 timebomb' - dispelling the single-story humanitarian narrative for Africa

BRIGHTON,

**A**n article published in April 2020 by the World Economic Forum warning that Africa was facing a Covid-19 time bomb was widely shared among the humanitarian sector, with increasing alarm.

Some anticipated a perfect storm in terms of violence against children while others talked about the potential for a hunger pandemic in the Sahel. But none of these catastrophic scenarios have been borne out in either the first or second waves of the pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa.

There are current concerns regarding an increase of third wave cases, but so far the continent has recorded a far lower fatality rate than Europe.

Yet, despite the many innovations developed by Africans during the pandemic, there has been no acknowledgment that African agency played a part in keeping the numbers of dead and dying from Covid-19 in check.

Instead, this lower fatality rate was attributed to fate, the natural setting or demographics. It is another example of the humanitarian sector acting as a willing accomplice to racial stereotyping.

Instead of challenging an over-simplified or "single story" narrative (to use Chimamanda Adichie's words), it opted to share on a disempower-

ing, attention grabbing headline to describe how Covid-19 had impacted Sub-Saharan Africa.

It points to the glaring gap in stories relating to African ingenuity and innovation - despite the number of examples that exist. These were highlighted in the range of responses to Covid-19 seen across the continent.

For example, an ongoing project on African resilience found that villagers in Côte d'Ivoire dealt with the heavy impact of the pandemic on crop production and trading by borrowing money from micro-finance institutions, leveraged by trading on their personal connection and reputation.

By mobilising their social capital, villagers were able to forego trust and hope as bankable commodities in rural agriculture.

This innovation challenges the traditional relationship between micro-finance institutions and villagers, and continues to redefine lending procedures even after lockdown. But this type of social innovation and community resilience is barely reported by the media and the humanitarian world.

For too long the humanitarian sector were part of reinforcing a vision of Africa as a rural continent plagued by civil war, state corruption, and suffering from the effects of climate change.

This narrative does not allow for



any recognition of how the continent is changing driven by trends including, high population growth and urbanisation, digitisation and economic advancement.

The emergence of a middle class in countries including Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania illustrate the continent's potential for growth and economic innovation. The failure of the humanitarian sector in general to acknowledge such trends has significant ramifications to the type and nature of work undertaken.

The importance of recognising

and dealing with African agency and diversity are fundamental questions for the humanitarian sector, especially at a time where localisation and the humanitarian-development nexus are put forward as the main paradigm and policies to address the sectors' effectiveness and legitimacy.

The dominance of localisation in humanitarian work relies on a simplified understanding of what 'the local' is and who 'the locals' are, which can result in problematic backlash.

Other research on humanitarian protection in DRC showed that many organisations working in Eastern

DRC would categorise Lingala-speaking people from Kinshasa (2400km away) as locals and hire them as local experts, even when they do not speak Swahili and have little understanding of the local context.

Those that are hired have to 'speak in the northern way', that is, to use the jargon and standards developed by international organisations (Sphere, Core Humanitarian Standards), or guidelines and processes (cluster mechanisms, response cycles and Humanitarian Response Plans, Humanitarian Needs Over-

views). As a result, participation of 'affected communities' are superficially sought as an 'add on' rather than essential to better understanding of local contexts.

The challenges for the sector are to go beyond creating single story narratives and prioritise instead space for African agency and diversity. Of course, funding and political barriers complicate things.

Justifying aid expenditure to domestic audiences means that donors have a low tolerance for financial and reputational risk. As such, aid continues to be provided on the basis of what agencies and donors want to give rather than on what people say they need and want.

In such a supply-driven relationship, paternalistic attitudes that donors know best, make a mockery out of any attempts to enable localisation.

We need a better way forward, focusing on transdisciplinary, decoloniality and reinforce the partnerships between humanitarians and researchers on the one hand, and the collaboration amongst Global North and practitioners and researchers on the other.

To move away from a narrow, single-story narrative of Africa, humanitarian and research relations must at their most fundamental level change from functional and ad hoc collaborations to more equitable partnerships.

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# Bank board, management impressed by investments in SGR, JNHHP projects

By Smart Money Reporter

**B**OARD of directors and senior management at CRDB Bank Plc are impressed with construction work at Dar es Salaam to Morogoro Standard Gauge Railway but also the 2115 megawatts Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project.

CRDB Board Chairman, Dr Ally Laay and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said after a field visit to the two projects that the bank's decision to invest in them was a well calculated move. "I can assure shareholders that their money has been better invested, we expect to leap profit from these projects," said Dr Laay who led the high powered delegation which visited the two projects a fortnight ago.

He pointed out that the two mega strategic projects by the government are important to the country's development saying, completion of JNHPP will lower power tariffs but also improve reliability of electricity.

"As a country targeting to be industrialised we need more cheap but reliable electricity which is what the government is investing in. But we also need reliable transportation for easy movement of cargo and people," he argued saying the bank is eager to provide more financing for any future strategic projects.

"We are ready as a bank to support any future strategic projects by the state," he assured saying CRDB as a local bank with majority shareholders being Treasury through pension funds and the public.

Seconding Dr Laay, the bank's chief executive Nsekela said CRDB has the financial muscles and expertise to continue assisting local contractors and suppliers get financing to smoothly execute such mega projects.

"We are ready and willing to provide financing in any future projects such as lot 3 and 4 SGR project in case you need funding," Nsekela told Turkish contractor, Yapi Merkez's managers and engineers during the visit.

He said the bank has so far provided over Itrn/- in financing to contractors and suppliers of the JNHPP and over 240bn/- to those implementing the SGR project who include a number of small local companies.



Turkish Yapi Merkez SGR coordinator, Fehmi Nasman briefs CRDB Bank Plc's board members and senior management officials on the project's implementation during a field visit at Dar es Salaam main station last week. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

"Apart from enabling the local contractors and suppliers implement the project without hiccups, we are also helping them build capacity by interacting with foreign contractors," the CRDB chief stated while

stressing that the government's mega projects will help stimulate rapid economic growth while creating jobs.

Engineers at Yap Merkez and the joint venture of

Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Contractors implementing the SGR and JNHPP respectively said they have completed over 50 percent of the works. While the SGR is over 90 percent complete, the JNHPP is over 50 percent complete.

## Global food prices decline in July

ROME

ACCORDING to the latest Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations report, global food commodity prices fell in July for the second consecutive month. The FAO Food Price Index averaged 123.0 points in July 2021, 1.2% lower than the previous month although still 31.0% higher than its level in the same period of 2020.

The index tracks changes in the international prices of the most globally traded food commodities. The July drop reflected declines in the quotations for most cereals and vegetable oils as well as dairy products.

The cereal price index was 3.0% lower in July than in June, pushed down by a 6.0% month-on-month drop in international maize prices associated with better-than-earlier projected yields in Argentina and improved production prospects in the United States of America, even as crop conditions in Bra-

zil remained a concern. Prices of other coarse grains such as barley and sorghum also dropped significantly, reflecting weaker import demand.

However, wheat quotations edged 1.8% higher in July - reaching their highest level since mid-2014 - in part due to concerns over dry weather and crop conditions in North America. At the same time, international rice prices hit two-year lows, impacted by currency movements and a slow pace of sales caused by high freight costs and logistical hurdles.

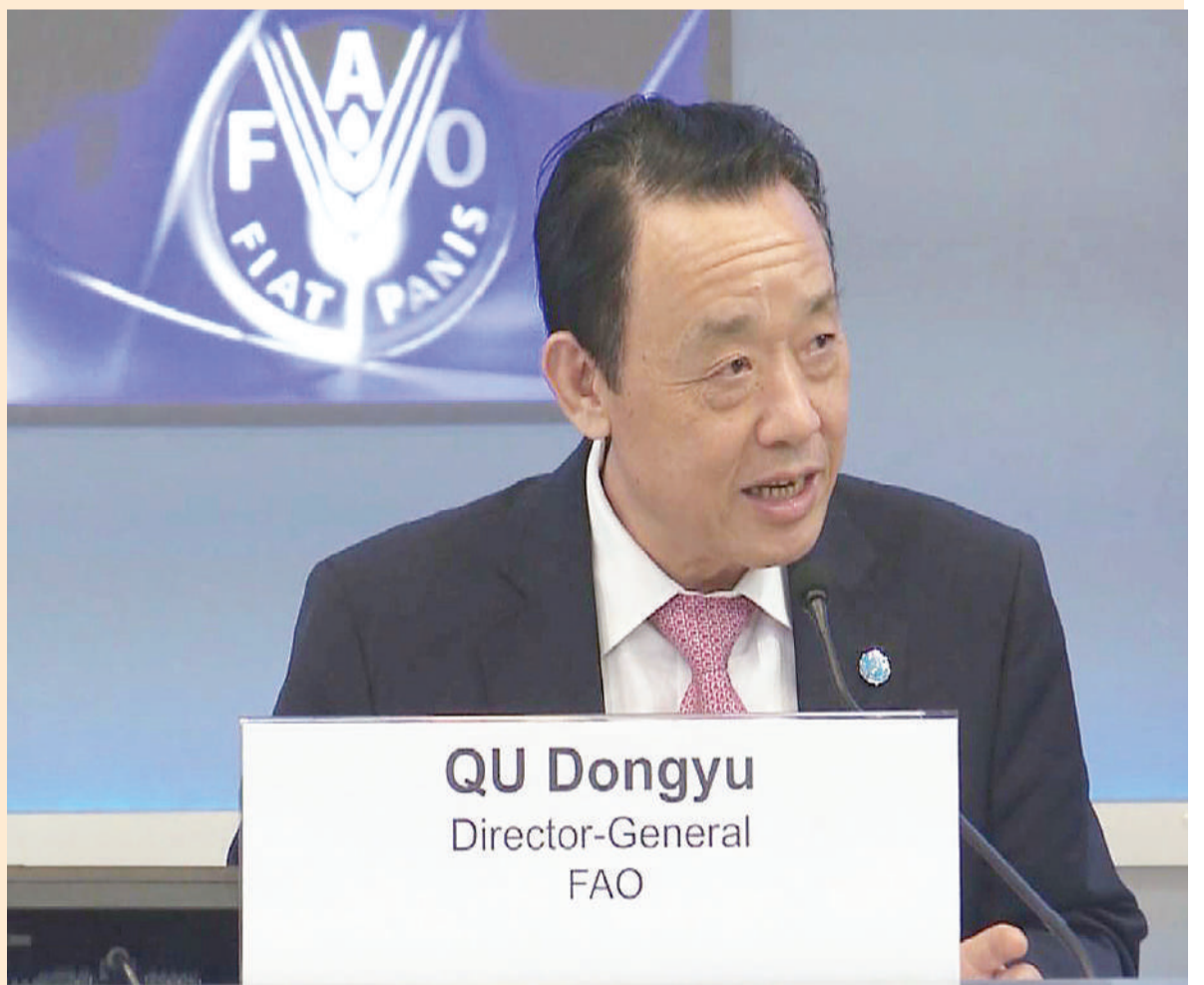
The dairy price index declined 2.8% from June, impacted by slower market activity in the Northern hemisphere due to ongoing summer holidays, with skim milk powder registering the largest drop, followed by butter, whole milk powder and cheese.

The vegetable oil price index reached a five-month low, declining 1.4% from June, as lower prices for soy, rape and sunflower seed oils more than

offset rising palm oil values. A lower biodiesel blending mandate in Argentina pressured soy oil prices lower, while those for rape and sunflower oils were influenced by prospective record supplies for the 2021/22 season.

In contrast, the sugar price index increased by 1.7% in July, its fourth monthly increase. The rise was mostly related to firmer crude oil prices as well as uncertainties over the impact of recent frosts on yields in Brazil, the world's largest sugar exporter, while good production prospects in India prevented a larger jump.

The meat price index rose marginally from June, with quotations for poultry meat rising the most due to increased imports by East Asia and limited production expansions in some regions. Bovine meat prices also strengthened, buoyed by high imports from China and lower supplies from major producing regions. Meanwhile, pig meat prices fell, following a decline in imports by China.



QU Dongyu  
Director-General  
FAO

FAO director general Dr QU Dongyu.

## Glencore returns \$1.18bn to investors after record profit

LONDON

Glencore Plc will pay out \$1.18 billion through dividends and share repurchases after surging metal prices helped drive first-half earnings to a record.

Glencore is the latest of the big miners to report record profits, following Rio Tinto Group and Anglo American Plc. Producers and traders are cashing in after a broad rally in commodity prices in the first half, as governments around the world unleashed trillions of dollars in stimulus packages to help the global economy emerge from the pandemic, boosting demand for raw materials.

"The subsequent economic recovery has seen prices of most of our commodities surging to multi-year highs amid ac-

celerating demand and lingering supply constraints," said Chief Executive Officer Gary Nagle, who succeeded long-time boss Ivan Glasenberg at the end of June. "Fiscal and monetary stimulus, successful vaccine roll-outs and increasing momentum in relation to decarbonisation of energy systems should continue to underpin sector sentiment going forward."

The world's biggest commodities trader reported core earnings of \$8.65 billion for the period, compared with \$4.83 billion a year earlier. The company said in a statement Thursday it would pay \$530 million in dividends and buy back \$650 million worth of shares. Glencore said its net debt fell to \$10.6 billion, at the bottom of its long-term range.



Glencore CEO Gary Nagle.

The company's powerful trading business benefited from the volatility in commodities markets, with core profit of \$1.8 billion, almost on a par with the record \$2 billion it reported last year. While trading earnings in the first half of 2020 were driven by energy, more than

half of this year's earnings came from metals and minerals as prices surged for commodities from copper to aluminium.

Glencore said last week that trading profit was expected to hit the top end of its guidance range of \$2.2 billion to

\$3.2 billion this year, which would bring earnings from the trading business close to the record \$3.3 billion for 2020.

Still, despite the record earnings, Glencore's returns to shareholders are dwarfed by the amounts being paid out by its rivals. Rio, Anglo and Vale SA all benefited from surging iron ore prices, a commodity that Glencore doesn't produce. The company's mines, which posted profits of \$6.6 billion, have also seen some operational setbacks and Glencore last week lowered production forecasts for some commodities.

Glencore took \$862 million of write-downs for the period, including \$625 million on its troubled Koniambo nickel project in New Caledonia. The company plans a "thorough review" of the asset over the next six to 12 months, Nagle said Thursday.

Glencore also booked \$216 million of legal related costs for the first half, which it said included provision for "one specific narrow aspect" of probes it's facing from several regulatory and enforcement authorities around the world. While thin on details, it's the first time the company has set aside money for the investigations, which include probes by the US Department of Justice, the UK Serious Fraud Office and Brazilian authorities.

## Mkumbo says Ubungo needs 14.65bn/- to improve public schools infrastructure



NMB Bank Plc's head of government business, Vicky Bishubo (L), exchanges greetings with legislator and Industry and Trade minister Prof. Kitila Mkumbo (R) and Ubungo district commissioner Heri James at the handing-over of tables and chairs donated to some public schools in the district last week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

By Smart Money Reporter

INFRASTRUCTURE of public schools in Ubungo needs an investment of a whopping 14.65bn/- to fix infrastructure hence Minister for Industry and Trade Professor Kitila Mkumbo has called upon stakeholders including NMB Bank Plc to continue supporting the government.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last week after receiving tables, chairs and construction materials for public schools in his constituency all valued at 20m/- that Ubungo which has 35 primary schools and 10 secondary schools needs massive investment in infrastructure.

"My appeal is to our partners in development to emulate NMB's example by remembering Ubungo district's education system whenever planning annual budget and strategies," Prof Mkumbo said adding that the government alone cannot fix all the public schools infrastructure needs in the country.

He explained that Ubungo constitu-

ency public schools need 340 new classrooms worth 6.8bn/-; 1,173 pit latrines worth 2.4bn/-; 3,312 desks valued at 331m/-; and 36 staff rooms with a price of 1.8bn/-.

"I thank NMB for this assistance and hope that they will continue supporting us improve the learning environment in public schools," he added.

NMB's Head of Government Business, Vicky Bishubo said the 150 chairs and tables plus 175 iron sheets are donated to Saranga and Mashujaa Secondary Schools of Kimara and Sinza respectively while the sheets are for Mianzini Primary School of Magomeni Makurumla.

Bishubo said annually as part of its good corporate citizenship, NMB allocates a percent of its net profit to invest in social services with priority in education, health and relief aid in case of disasters. "Our bank understand that how the government is struggling to

improve education and health sectors hence as NMB have allocated 2bn/- this year to support such efforts," she said.

The NMB Head of Government Business further noted that so far, the country's most profitable bank has already spent 1.3bn/- is supporting various social services between January and this month. "For Dar es Salaam region alone, the bank has donated 207.9m/- of which 144.5m/- has gone to education and 93m/- has been invested in the health sector.

Ubungo DC, Heri James also commended NMB management for the support saying the bank is a real development partner for his district. "NMB have continued to support Ubungo district since the day that I was sworn in as district commissioner and now when I am leading the people to improve our social services," James said while urging recipient schools to make good use of the donation by excelling in national examinations.

## CBK gets powers to control mobile loan rates

NAIROBI

MPs have offered the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) express powers to control lending rates of digital mobile lenders under a proposed law that will see the regulator control their products, management, and sharing of borrower information.

The parliamentary committee on Finance and National Planning approved the Central Bank Amendment Bill 2021 and added a clause that gives the CBK powers to price interest rates for digital loans.

Now, the key aim of the government-backed Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which seeks to empower the banking regulator to supervise digital lenders for the first time, is to curb the steep digital lending rates that have plunged many borrowers into a debt trap as well as predatory lending.

The Bill was initially silent on the lending rates, only stating that the digital lenders were to play under the same rules as commercial banks that seek the CBK's nod for new products and pricing that includes loan charges. The report of the committee is now before Parliament for debate and approval ahead of it becoming law. "The committee has explicitly granted CBK powers to determine pricing parameters.

This will ensure that CBK does not necessarily set the lending rate but rather provide parameters within which digital credit providers shall set the cost of credit," Kevin Mutiso, chairman of Digital Lenders Association of Kenya (DLAK) said. Tens of unregulated microlenders have invested in Kenya's credit market in response to the growth in demand for quick loans.

Their proliferation has saddled borrowers with high interest rates, which rise up to 520 percent when annualised, leading to mounting defaults and an ever-ballooning number of defaulters. From having little or no access to credit, many Kenyans now find they can get loans in minutes via their mobile phones.

The CBK says borrowers tapping digital loans from unregulated lenders grew from 200,000 in 2016 to more than two million in 2019. The Bill also comes amid complaints that digital lenders do not provide full information to borrowers on pricing, punishment for defaults and recovery of unpaid loans.

Digital lenders have been accused of abusing personal information collected from defaulters to bombard relatives and friends with messages regarding the default and asking third parties to enforce repayment. The push to control the activities of digital lenders comes more than a year after Kenya removed the legal cap on commercial lending rates.

The cap, which was introduced in September 2016, slowed down private sector credit growth as commercial



Central Bank of Kenya governor Patrick Njoroge.

banks turned their backs on millions of low-income customers as well as small and medium-sized businesses deemed too risky to lend to. The subsequent credit crunch triggered an appetite for digital loans, attracting unregulated microlenders in response to the growth in demand for quick loans.

Market leader M-Shwari, Kenya's first mobile-based savings and loans product introduced by Safaricom and NCBA in 2012, charges a "facilitation fee" of 7.5 percent on credit regardless of its duration, pushing its annualised loan rate to 395 percent.

Tala and Branch, the other top players in the mobile digital lending market, offer annualised interest rates of 152.4 percent and 132 percent respectively. In April, the CBK barred unregulated digital mobile lenders from forwarding the names of loan defaulters to credit reference bureaus (CRBs).

The committee dropped the requirements for the banking regulator will be expected to determine minimum liquidity and capital adequacy requirements for digital credit providers akin to conditions set for operating a bank in Kenya.

The committee rejected the proposal on capital and liquidity, saying digital lenders do not take deposits and, therefore, pose no danger to public funds. The CBK had earlier raised the alarm of the credit-only mobile lending institutions being easily used to launder illicit cash.

Money laundering, which involves transferring and disguising illegally obtained cash to make it look legitimate, is mostly used by criminals and the corrupt to clean their wealth. The Bill demands that the firms disclose to the CBK the source of funds that the institutions are lending to curb money laundering and terrorism financing.

## Inspections find underweight bottles of gas in Mozambique

MAPUTO

THE Portuguese fuel company Galp has been caught selling some of its Mozambican customers cylinders of domestic cooking gas that are underweight.

Inspectors from Mozambique's National Norms and Quality Institute (INNOQ) visited GALP sales points in Maputo and the neighbouring city of Matola on Wednesday. In Maputo, they visited five sales points but found that at only one of them was any gas available.

Here they checked 32 bottles of gas, each of which should have weighed 11 kilos. 29 of them were underweight, weighing an average of only 10 kilos. INNOQ reacted by banning the sale of the entire consignment of 485 bottles from which those inspected came.

In Matola, the inspectors visited four sales points, three of which had gas available. Out of a sample of ten bottles, six were found to be underweight,

weighing between nine and ten kilos. The inspectors found that a second company, Petrogas, was also short-changing its customers. 13 Petrogas bottles which should have weighed nine kilos were found to weigh an average of 8.87 kilos. Larger bottles are supposed to weigh 14 kilos, but the inspectors found 13 that weighed an average of 13.78 kilos.

INNOQ promised that it will continue these inspections in order to protect the rights of consumers. GALP immediately issued a protest claiming that the INNOQ inspections were "not credible". It said that the process of filling its gas bottles "is undertaken with the greatest of rigour and is subject to adequate control, both internal and external." GALP added that it has been present in Mozambique for 60 years and "always fought for a posture of seriousness, good quality services, and a contribution to the development of the country."



Inspectors from Mozambique's National Norms and Quality Institute check cooking gas cylinders in Matola last week.

## Commodity markets on tenterhooks

SINGAPORE

GLOBAL commodity markets are hitting heavy turbulence in August, with fears over Fed tightening and China's coronavirus outbreaks set to dominate sentiment in coming days after a brutal opening on Monday.

Gold tumbled the most since January after U.S. jobs numbers posted bigger-than-expected gains, fuelling bets on the central bank reining in stimulus. Investors will be on alert for any other hints at tightening, which only adds to global uncertainties as China and other Asian nations grapple with Covid-19's delta variant. Crude added to its worst weekly slump since October to start Monday.

Oil-watchers can look to a triptych of key market assessments due this week, including one from OPEC, that should offer more grist on demand risks. Elsewhere, watch gas markets after a 1,000% price-surge, or iron ore as futures almost give up this year's gains. On the earnings front, there's No.2 gold miner Barrick Gold Corp, a swathe of European power utilities including Germany's RWE AG, plus meat giants Tyson Foods Inc. and Brazil's JBS SA.

**Delta blues**

Asian nations from Indonesia to Thailand and Japan are grappling with surging caseloads, but it's China's flare-ups causing the biggest concern for commodity markets. The delta variant is testing China's largely successful zero-tolerance approach in quashing the pandemic. Investors are awaiting signals that Beijing has managed to turn the tide – or that it will have to impose even tougher restrictions. On Monday, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. lowered its growth forecast for China in light of delta's spread.

Heading into the weekend, cases in China jumped to a six-month high on Friday, and delta has reached regions that together account for 38% of the country's gross domestic product. So far, the restrictions are hammering transport activity, with road traffic in affected cities down to just 70% of normal levels, and daily flights lower by a third. Elsewhere, falling hog prices point to possible ripples for food demand as more people stay at home.

**Crude setback**

Oil's the clearest early casualty of delta's rapid spread. West Texas Intermediate prices are heading for their worst week since March as the highly infectious variant threatens recoveries across Asia. This week's surprise expansion in U.S. inventories didn't help either. In one sign of the weaker dynamic, Saudi Arabia's attempts to push up the price of its oil in Asia are backfiring as demand slows down while supply competition stiffens.

The demand headwinds come just weeks after OPEC and its allies agreed to go on easing the supply curbs imposed last year. The risk is that more prolonged or broader curbs on activity in China and Asia might leave the cartel moving too quickly. No doubt that Riyadh and the other oil capitals will be scrutinizing demand data more than ever. OPEC releases its latest monthly market outlook on Thursday, the same day as an offering from the International Energy Agency, and after the U.S. Energy Information Administration on Tuesday.

**Gasping for gas**

Energy prices are rising around the world as the global economy emerges from the pandemic, fuelling concerns about inflation and power shortages. European gas surged to a record last week amid tight supplies from Russia. In the U.S., natural gas traded near 31-month highs as a global supply crunch and hot summer weather limit the restocking of inventories for winter. Deliveries of gas to Asia are near all-time highs for this time of year.

Higher commodity prices are giving a boost to power utilities – usually a boring corner of the market – as they pass higher costs through to electricity consumers. Germany's RWE AG, which reports earnings on Thursday, is up has already lifted its outlook for the year, as did France's Engie SA. Adding to the power earnings, Uniper and E.ON SE also report next week.

# Brewer now pledges 'KilimoViwanda' scholarships to 100 students in 2021



SBL managing director Mark Ocitti (in cap) in a group photo with Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute students and Silverlands farm staff members during a recent visit. Photo courtesy of SBL.

By Smart Money Reporter

THE number of students who will benefit from Serengeti Breweries Limited's 'KilimoViwanda' scholarships will increase from 70 last year to 100 this year as the brewer beefs up support to government's efforts to increase extension workers.

The move is exciting beneficiaries who are children with an agriculture background of economically struggling families. The company said the scholarships will also help the economically struggling families gain economically and improve their living conditions.

"As a responsible corporate citizen, we feel obliged to assist children from economically struggling families with an agriculture background in areas where SBL also works with farmers to boost their productivity," said SBL Corporate Affairs Director, John Wanyancha.

Wanyancha said the decision to increase the number of scholarships was made in order to speed up training of the extension officers who will play a key role in the country's agrarian revolution drive as a pre-requisite towards industrial revolution.

"The more that we have qualified

experts in the agriculture sector, the better because smallholder farmers need a lot of advising to improve quality and yields," he said while pledging that SBL will continue investing in agriculture where it gets much of its raw materials for beer making.

One of the beneficiaries of 'KilimoViwanda' Scholarships, Lucy Urrio from Kilacha Agriculture and Livestock Training College in Moshi, Lucy Urrio said the SBL investment has not only equipped them with knowledge and skills but also helped their families attain better standards of living.

"It was almost impossible to study here without fees and before getting the SBL Scholarship I often sat in class without doing any examinations because of unpaid fees," Urrio who is completing a diploma in agriculture noted.

She that attests after hearing from her college head about the SBL opportunity, she rushed to apply and fortunately got selected. Urrio acknowledged that the scholarship has completely changed her life and that of her family.

"During this course, I was also privileged to visit SBL plant in Moshi where we saw how raw materials from farms are used in beer-making," she noted saying the cereals used by SBL include barley, sorghum and maize coming from their parents farms.

The Kilacha diploma student said she wants to take her unwavering experience and skills acquired to her community where apart from becoming a prominent farmer, she will also assist other farmers follow better crop husbandry practices to

improve quality and yields of commodities.

The SBL scholarship programme has currently 70 students study agricultural-related courses at KaoleWazazi College in Coast region, Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute in Iringa, Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture in Kagera.

In a report by National Council for Technical Education in 2020, it cited low skilled workers dominate in the local market with 84 percent classified as low, 13 percent medium skilled and only three percent highly skilled which is a major challenge frustrating efficiency.

The NCTE data is poor compared to the average in lower middle-income countries with 55 percent low skilled, 33 percent medium skilled and 12 percent highly skilled workers.

The trend has resulted into low productivity in various economic sectors of employment, business and entrepreneurship which has prompted companies such as SBL back state efforts to invest in skills development.

Apart from offering the scholarships, the brewer which envisions the students as becoming professional farm extension officers, also wants them to join its vast network of over 400 smallholder farmers located in eight regions of Mwanza, Mara, Shinyanga, Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Singida and Iringa who are contracted to produce raw materials. Currently, SBL sources 70 percent or an equivalent of 17,000 metric tons of cereals per annum from the 400 farmers for use as raw materials in beer production.

## Seeking local solutions to a global pandemic

ABU DHABI

AFTER the country received over a million Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccines from the United States recently, the national inoculation drive has taken off to a good start. Tanzania is also waiting for the delivery of millions of Covid-19 vaccines doses from the African Union any time this year.

The AU has secured 400 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson one-dose COVID-19 vaccine for supply to African nations under the Covax scheme which is due to start being shipped to AU member countries this month. Tanzania is one of the biggest recipients the vaccines.

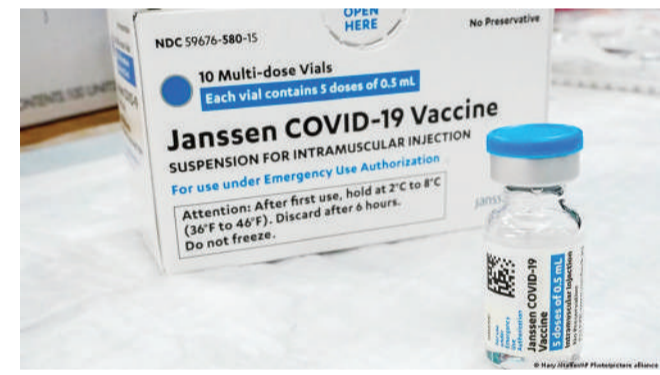
On the whole the planning and logistical requirements to ensure that the vaccines no matter where they come from arrive in time and in perfect condition are massive and require thorough thought.

On the global stage the HOPE Consortium, comprising of leading Abu Dhabi entities, Department of Health - Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi Ports, Etihad Cargo, Rafed, SkyCell, and Maqta Gateway, have developed one of the most extensive and integrated, end-to-end supply chain solutions in the world, capable of delivering millions of vaccines from the point of production to the point of vaccination, safely, effectively and transparently.

The HOPE Consortium has pooled the collective expertise of its partners to provide multi-faceted logistics services to handle transport, demand planning, sourcing, training and digital technology infrastructure, to facilitate vaccine availability across the world. The partners, which are industry leaders within their own sectors, have come together to leverage their unique capabilities to offer the world a complete end-to-end vaccine delivery solution covering both the physical movement of the vaccines in parallel with a digital solution monitoring and reporting on the supply chain progress and compliance.

As a growing international effort, the consortium has added a number of world-class logistics partners, including Aramex, Bollore Logistics, Agility, DB Schenker, DHL, FedEx Express, MICCO Logistics, Hellmann and Kuehne + Nagel, RSA Global and UPS to its list.

Speaking through a webinar session with Tanzanian journalists Chiara Venutti, Head of Airline Partnerships at SkyCell said, "We are in a race against the virus and it is our responsibility to make sure there are no losses in the supply chain." SkyCell is an award-winning provider of temperature-controlled container solutions, with a special focus on serving global pharmaceutical companies. Abu Dhabi Ports operates an advanced 19,000sqm cold storage and ultra-cold storage facility, which is one of the largest of its type in the region and beyond. The Ports have the capability to store all types of vaccines at temperatures ranging from +8 °C to -30 °C. With a specialized Freezer Farm handles and stores 11.4 million vaccine doses requiring -80 °C.



VIEW FROM THE TOP

# Farmers replace property developers as biggest loan defaulters in Covid-19 era

NAIROBI

FARMERS overtook property developers and traders in loan defaults in the first year of Covid-19 shutdowns and restrictions, highlighting the struggle players in the key agricultural sector endured in sustaining the market for fresh produce.

About 23.67 percent of outstanding Sh109 billion loans advanced to the sector were not being serviced as of the end of March compared to 16.03 percent a year earlier, making it the sector with the highest non-performing loans (NPL) ratio.

Agriculture's NPL ratio - the amount defaulted over outstanding loan portfolio to the sector - marginally zoomed past building and construction (23.52 percent) and trade (19.14 percent) sectors, latest Central Bank of Kenya industry statistics shows.

Borrowers in the sector endured a torrid year at a time farming was the notable bright spot at the height of pandemic knocks on economic activity in the second quarter (April-June) of 2020, growing 7.3 percent on the back of favourable weather.

This was when economic activity slumped into a trough with the gross domestic product (GDP) - a measure of economic output - shrinking 5.7 percent, and more than 1.7 million workers losing jobs, according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) data.

Analysts attribute the elevated defaults on loan repayments in agriculture to depressed demand from sectors such as hospitality, which was hardest hit by the restrictions and shutdowns imposed to stem the spread of the pandemic.

Samuel Tiriongo, head of research at the Kenya Bankers Association, says reduced demand for farm produce likely forced some farmers to look for alternative markets, which offered relatively lower prices while others struggled to find buyers.

"We appreciate that as much as agriculture was doing much better, the food that is produced has to be demanded by hotels. The produce has to be absorbed in other sectors for complete value chain," Dr Tiriongo said.

"In the event that one sector that absorbs

the produce from another sector is hit, you can see there is a backlash in terms of challenges with servicing of loans." Kenya's public health authorities initially shut down hotels and restaurants during the first wave of the pandemic before allowing them to re-open under social distancing rules, including intermittent directives to restrict service to take-way orders amid scaled-down hours of operation.

The authorities further banned the service of food in social gatherings such as weddings and burials, partly also pounding the demand for farm produce such as meat, fruits and vegetables. That deepened the cash flow challenges for farmers and jolted their loan repayment plans, the data suggests.

NPLs in the agricultural sector, which account for more than a third of Kenya's economic output, increased to Sh25.8 billion in March 2021 from Sh15.1 billion a year ago - a growth of 70.86 percent, which is only dwarfed by tourism and hotels, transport and communications as well as energy sectors.

The struggle in the sector was further reflected by the financial performance of listed plantation firms such as Williamson Tea, Kapchorua Tea and Limuru Tea, which either posted a drop-in in profit or sunk into losses, largely blaming weaker demand amid an oversupply of the beverage. "Even for the farmers who do not sell food to hotel industry either had to sell the same food at lower prices in alternative markets or actually not sell at all," Dr Tiriongo said.

"So you can see in one way or another these sectors are interlinked and would be affected in case of a shock in one or some of the sectors." The banking industry data shows about 15.67 percent of the Sh104 billion outstanding loans to tourism, restaurants and hotels were non-performing at the end of March, a jump of more than three-quarters compared with a year earlier.

The hospitality sector has been the hardest hit by the pandemic shocks, particularly intermittent travel bans, resulting in more than doubling of actual non-performing loans. By the end of March, investors in tourism, restaurants and hotels had not repaid Sh16.3 billion which were due to



Samuel Tiriongo, head of research at Kenya Bankers Association.

commercial lenders, a 108.97 percent surge compared with Sh7.8 billion a year earlier.

"Tourism and food industry definitely has been hit hard, especially during the first wave was affected because restaurants were completely shut," Standard Chartered Bank Kenya chief executive Kariuki Ngari said. "Tourism has been a subject of travel advisory...and, therefore, it is always very sensitive to these disruptions because it is linked to global travel and security."

The CBK data, nonetheless, shows the hospitality sector's NPL ratio at 15.67 percent was lower than agriculture's (23.67

percent), building and construction (23.52 percent), trade (19.14 percent), transport and communications (17.67 percent), manufacturing (15.98 percent) and real estate (15.88 percent).

The growth in loan defaults in building and construction as well as real estate sectors has been linked to the slow uptake of housing units.

Most businesses scaled down operations, set up remote working stations and shed workers on the back of partial trade shutdowns and restrictions such as nighttime curfew, hurting demand for more office

space and residential houses for fired employees.

This deepened cash flow challenges for property developers who have for years been battling flagging sales and rental prices in an economy, which was already softening even before the pandemic struck.

The CBK data shows 23.52 percent of the Sh125 billion loan portfolio to the building and construction sector was non-performing end-March compared with 20.48 percent of Sh117.2 billion outstanding loans the year before.

"The slow uptake of space and units has affected the rate at which borrowers in that sector can pay loans," said Dr Tiriongo. "But there could be a small component of that, which went to construction related to tenders by government." Covid-induced job losses, on the other hand, affected servicing of mortgages (real estate loans) taken on monthly payrolls.

"For the mortgage book, servicing ability was largely impaired by job losses. For those who had taken mortgages on the account of their salary and the pay was no longer forthcoming, the loan got impaired," NCBA Group chief economist Raphael Agung' said in an earlier interview on April 13.

Restrictions in movement and social-distancing rules to curb the spread of the life-threatening Covid-19 pandemic also hit the public transportation hard, cutting earnings for public service vehicles owners and taxi operators, and jolting their loan repayment plans. About 17.67 percent of Sh223 billion outstanding loans to the transport and communications sector were in default in the review period compared with the 11.56 percent NPL ratio a year ago.

## WORLD

# Mozambican, Rwandan forces retake port town from insurgents

JOHANNESBURG

MOZAMBICAN and Rwandan security forces have recaptured the port town of Mocimboa da Praia, an insurgents' stronghold, the two countries said on Sunday, adding to a growing list of retaken towns and villages.

Mozambique's northern-most province of Cabo Delgado, which has gas developments worth some US\$60 billion, has since 2017 harbored an Islamist insurgency.

Since last year, the unrest has escalated as insurgents, linked to Islamic State, seized entire towns, including the strategically important Mocimboa da Praia.

Last month, the Rwandan government deployed a 1,000-strong force to Mozambique to fight alongside Mozambique's forces and troops of the 16-member Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Mocimboa da Praia, 60 kilometres south of the gas projects, previously served as the main airport for international workers flying into the gas developments and its port is used for cargo deliveries.

Rwandan defence forces spokesman Ronald Rwivanga told Reuters the insurgents, who have fled to nearby forests,



A military convoy of South Africa National Defence Forces (SANDF) patrols in Pemba on August 5, 2021. AFP

were greatly weakened by losing Mocimboa da Praia. They have held it for nearly a year, and it was a stronghold for their supplies.

"It was a critical port for their survival. Losing it is going to be a significant blow to their ability to maintain the insurgency," Rwivanga said, adding the army would remain in the recaptured areas until stability returns.

He said there had been heavy fighting.

"We are just waiting for the final count but generally speaking the enemy had many casualties," he said.

Colonel Omar Saranga, Mozambican Ministry of Defence spokesman, told a news conference the forces took control

of public and private infrastructure, including government buildings, the port, airport, hospital, markets and catering establishments.

He said operations continued to consolidate control over critical areas, including an area where a water treatment facility is situated.

The army has also regained control of Awasse - a small but also strategic settlement near Mocimboa da Praia.

Almost 800,000 people have been displaced in Cabo Delgado and the fighting has brought a US\$20 billion natural gas project led by oil giant Total to a halt.

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## Lavrov, Azerbaijan's top diplomat discuss situation on border with Armenia

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and his Azerbaijani counterpart Jeyhun Bayramov discussed ways of normalizing the situation on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border over the phone yesterday.

"A substantive exchange of views took place on various aspects of the implementation of the statements by the leaders of Russia, Azerbaijan and Armenia of November 9, 2020, and January 11, 2021, and on the ways of normalizing the situation near the Armenian-Azerbaijani border," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

According to the Foreign Ministry, the two top diplomats also discussed pressing issues on the bilateral, regional and international agenda.

"[They] highlighted the importance of the early resumption of the activities of the trilateral working group co-chaired by the Russian, Azerbaijani and Armenian deputy prime ministers on reviving economic and transport ties in the region," the report said.

"[They] discussed issues related to further deepening cooperation on international platforms, including the UN, the OSCE and the Caspian Five."

The ministers noted with satisfaction "the progressive development of multifaceted Russian-Azerbaijani relations, the steady growth of trade and economic ties." "They reaffirmed their mutual commitment to implementing the agreements reached during Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev's working visit to Russia on July 20," the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

"An agreement was reached on further contacts between the Foreign Ministries," it added. **Agencies**

## Uganda resumes vaccination after weeks of having no jobs

KAMPALA

UGANDA yesterday resumed its COVID-19 vaccination exercise after weeks of stock-out, an official said here yesterday.

"Please reach out to the nearest vaccination center for your second COVID-19 jab of the AstraZeneca vaccine. It is free, safe and effective," Emmanuel Ainebyoona, spokesperson for the ministry of health, said via Twitter.

After running out of vaccines last month, the country received donations of AstraZeneca vaccine doses from Norway and Sinovac vaccine doses from the government of China.

The east African country, according to the health ministry, expects to receive at least 12.3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines by early 2022.

Uganda aims at vaccinating about 22 million people, or nearly half the population as a measure to put the pandemic at bay. According to data from the ministry, about 1.1 million people have been vaccinated since the exercise started in March this year.

## EU looks at fresh travel ban from US

THE European Union will discuss this week whether to reimpose travel restrictions on the United States after a rise in COVID-19 cases in the US over the past weeks and after Washington failed to lift a ban on EU travelers.

The EU conducts regular reviews of the list of countries from which travelers can arrive in the bloc, with its ban on travel from the US being lifted in June after the epidemiological situation in the US improved to meet EU standards.

However, the US has now far exceeded the EU limit of 75 new cases per 100,000 residents over a 14-day period to be close to 270 cases per 100,000 people.

The US recorded close to an average of 100,000 new cases daily in the week to Friday, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. This is the highest number of infections in the past six months.

An EU official, quoted by both Reuters and Bloomberg, referred to the possibility of new restrictions on the US, but said they would only apply to nonessential travel. Those who are fully vaccinated should be able to enter EU member states, the official said.

Removing the US from the list would require approval by a qualified majority of the 27 member states.

Last week European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen voiced dissatisfaction over the US for not reciprocating the EU's lifting of its travel ban on the US.

"We are in contact with our American friends to solve this problem as soon as possible," she told the German media RND on Wednesday. "The situation can no longer drag on for weeks."

EU citizens have been unable to travel to the US since early last year, with the exception for people such as relatives of US citizens, diplomats and employees of international organizations.

Von der Leyen's words came after widespread public discontent about the US policy. US President Joe Biden told the visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel early last month that his administration was "in the process" of considering how soon the ban on inbound travelers from Europe could be lifted. But Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, dashed that hope on July 26 by saying the US has no immediate plans to lift existing travel restrictions, citing concerns over the spread of the highly transmissible Delta variant. **Agencies**

## Xiplomacy: Xi calls for international vaccine cooperation

BEIJING

May 18, 2020

CHINESE President Xi Jinping attaches great importance to the fair and reasonable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines across the globe as they are crucial to the fight against the pandemic still raging worldwide.

Xi has been leading China to fulfill its responsibility as a major country and promoting global vaccine cooperation. China has been donating vaccines to more than 100 countries and exporting vaccines to more than 60 countries, with the total amount exceeding 770 million doses, ranking first in the world.

Xi has, on various bilateral and multilateral occasions, called for closer international vaccine cooperation. The following are some highlights of his remarks in this regard.

When addressing the opening of the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly via video link, Xi said "COVID-19 vaccine development and deployment in China, when available, will be made a global public good."

"This will be China's contribution to ensuring vaccine accessibility and affordability in developing countries," he added.

Nov. 21, 2020

Addressing the Group of 20 (G20) Riyadh Summit via video link, Xi said that China actively supports and participates in international cooperation on COVID-19 vaccines, has joined the COVAX facility and stands ready to step up cooperation with other countries on the research and development, production and distribution of vaccines.



"We will honor our commitment of giving assistance and support to other developing countries, and work to make vaccines a global public good accessible and affordable to people around the world," he said.

May 21, 2021

In a speech delivered at the Global Health Summit via vid-

eo in Beijing, Xi said, "A year ago, I proposed that vaccines should be made a global public good. Today, the problem of uneven vaccination has become more acute."

"It is imperative for us to reject vaccine nationalism and find solutions to issues concerning the production capacity and distribution of vaccines, in order to make vaccines more accessible and affordable in developing countries," he added.

July 16, 2021

Addressing the Informal Economic Leaders' Retreat of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation via video link in Beijing, Xi said that overcoming the challenges of its own mass vaccination program, China has provided more than 500 million doses of vaccines to other developing countries, and will provide another 3 bil-

lion U.S. dollars in international aid over the next three years to support COVID-19 response and economic and social recovery in other developing countries.

Aug. 5, 2021

In a written message to the first meeting of the International Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine Cooperation, Xi said that China will strive to provide 2 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses to the world throughout this year and offer 100 million U.S. dollars to COVAX, the global COVID-19 vaccine equity scheme, for the distribution of vaccines to developing countries.

"We are willing to work with the international community to promote international vaccine cooperation and build a community with a shared future for humanity," he said. **Xinhua**

## Virus-free NZ plans border reopening amid labor shortage

SYDNEY

UNDER pressure from businesses and public sectors facing a worker shortage that policymakers fear will fuel inflation, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is due to unveil plans this week to reopen the country's borders.

Ardern (pictured) garnered global praise for containing local transmission of COVID-19 via an elimination strategy, imposing tough lockdowns and slamming New Zealand's international border shut in March 2020.

However, that tactic is now straining an economy heavily

reliant on an immigrant workforce, leading to higher costs and lower output.

The dairy, horticulture, housing, services, health and broader public sector have all reported acute staff shortages, and called on the government to raise border blocks.

The pressures were visible yesterday when around 1,500 hospital midwives walked off the job, citing overwork due to "critical shortages". More than 30,000 nurses are due to strike later this month for the second time since June, seeking better pay and working conditions amid the staff shortages.



The hospitality sector has been similarly stretched. About 2,000 eateries stopped

service and turned off lights last month as part of a two-month campaign to draw the government's attention to the severe shortages chefs and other skilled labor.

Ardern has indicated she will remain cautious when she outlines her government's six-month plan for public health and border control on Thursday.

So far, more than 2.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in New Zealand, according to the Ministry of Health on Monday.

The ministry reported on the same day two new im-

ported cases. The two patients came from Iraq and have remained in managed isolation and quarantine facilities in Auckland.

Also yesterday, New Zealand, which has not seen a community case since February, said that 11 of the 21 crew on a container ship, the Rio De La Plata, off the north coast had tested positive for COVID-19.

As a precaution, 94 port workers who spent time on the vessel while it was in port are being contacted and stood down until negative test results are returned. **Agencies**

## First negative list for trade in services manifests China's determination to open its door wider

CHINA'S Ministry of Commerce recently released a negative list for cross-border trade in services in the Hainan Free Trade Port (FTP), south China's island province Hainan. It is the first negative list for cross-border services trade in the country.

The list set out 70 special management measures in 11 categories for overseas services providers. For areas not included in the list, domestic and overseas services providers shall have a level playing field and enjoy equal market access in the Hainan FTP.

As an institutional arrangement

for opening-up, the negative list represents a major breakthrough in the administration mode of services trade. It is not only helpful in further liberalizing trade in services, but has manifested China's determination to open its door wider.

Unlike trade in goods, services trade refers to economic activities that involve the purchasing and selling of services. Closely linked with people's daily lives, trade in services takes place in many fields, including overseas travel, education, health care, as well as information communications.

In recent years, the fast growth of

digital economy has promoted the emergence of new business forms and models of services trade, and further facilitated its development.

For nearly 10 years (last year excluded), global cross-border trade in services has registered an average annual growth rate twice that of trade in goods. It can be expected that cross-border services trade will become a key driver of global trade in the future.

While pushing ahead with high-quality development, China, the only developing country among the top five traders of services in the world, has seen its trade in

services continuously expand. The country's size of services trade market is estimated to reach several trillion yuan in the future.

The launch of the negative list for cross-border trade in services in the Hainan FTP is expected to benefit many parties. Relaxation of restrictions on market access for trade in services will allow overseas enterprises to find more business opportunities in Hainan, and introduction of high-quality services from abroad will help further satisfy Chinese people's needs for a better life. Besides, by stepping up stress tests, Hainan FTP will be able

to give full play to its role as a pilot ground for opening-up.

Faced with grim and complex domestic and international circumstances, China has not altered its decision and determination to deepen reform and expand opening-up.

The services sector is unique as it is asset-light but heavy in soft factors of production.

As such, it requires, more than other sectors, an open, transparent, inclusive and non-discriminatory environment for businesses to grow. It calls for the concerted efforts of all countries to reduce

border and behind-the-border barriers constraining the flow of production factors and promote cross-border connectivity.

From specifying the entrance of overseas services providers to implementing the policy of "entry unless on the list", from granting overseas services providers access to the Chinese market to regulating and improving such access, China has actively prepared itself for the actual needs for growing trade in services and facilitated open cooperation in the services sector. **People's Daily**



## Taliban overrun Afghan cities of Kunduz, Sar-e Pul, Taloqan

KABUL

TALIBAN fighters overran three provincial capitals including the strategic northeastern city of Kunduz on Sunday, local officials said, as the insurgents intensified pressure on the north and threatened further cities.

The insurgents have taken dozens of districts and border crossings in recent months and put pressure on several provincial capitals, including Herat in the west and Kandahar in the south, as foreign troops withdraw.

The offensive has gathered momentum in recent days after the United States announced it would end its military mission in the country by the end of August.

Taliban fighters seized key government buildings in Kunduz, leaving government forces hanging onto control of the airport and their base, a provincial assembly lawmaker said on Sunday, raising fears it could be the latest to fall to the Taliban.

The city of 270,000, is regarded as a strategic prize as it lies at the gateway to mineral-rich northern provinces and Central Asia.

"Heavy clashes started yesterday afternoon. All government headquarters are in control of the Taliban, only the army base and the airport is with ANDSF (Afghan security forces) from where they are resisting the Taliban," the lawmaker, Amraddin Wali, said.

A security forces spokesman said on Sunday evening that government forces would launch a large scale operation to retake lost areas of the province as soon as possible.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the group had largely captured the province and were close to the airport.

## Russia resumes flights to Egyptian resorts, Dominican Republic, Moldova, Bahrain

MOSCOW/SHARM-EL-SHEIKH

RUSSIA resumes flights to the resorts of Egypt - Hurghada and Sharm el-Sheikh - as well as to the Dominican Republic, Moldova, Bahrain from yesterday, August 9. The relevant decision was earlier made by the operational headquarters for the fight against coronavirus.

Flights to Hurghada and Sharm El Sheikh will be operated five times per week on each route.

Earlier, Russian Transport Minister Vitaly Savelyev told reporters that his ministry plans to increase the number of flights after the commission of Russian experts had made a positive decision on this matter.

On Friday, the airlines Aeroflot, Pobeda, S7, Smartavia, Nordstar, Ural Airlines, Azur Air, Nordwind and Royal Flight received permits to operate flights from Moscow and the Russian regions to Egyptian resorts. They will be able to use these permits if the authorities decide to increase the frequency of flights.

Egyptian air carriers have already announced plans to carry out flights between the resorts of the Arab Republic and Russia. On Sunday evening, EgyptAir announced the launch of seven new flights a week starting August 9, four to Hurghada and three to Sharm el-Sheikh.

Egyptian tourism industry was first affected by the internal political turmoil of the 2010s. After the explosion of a Russian passenger plane over Sinai in 2015, Russia suspended flights to Egypt. During the quarantine due to the pandemic, local tourism lost up to \$1 billion a month.

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## World dangerously close to runaway warming - UN

The UN climate panel sounded a dire warning yesterday, saying the world is dangerously close to runaway warming - and that humans are "unequivocally" to blame.

Already, greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere are high enough to guarantee climate disruption for decades if not centuries, scientists warn in a report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

That's on top of the deadly heat waves, powerful hurricanes and other weather extremes that are happening now and are likely to become more severe.

Describing the report as a "code red for humanity," UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged an immediate end to coal energy and other high-polluting fossil fuels.

"The alarm bells are deafening," Guterres said in a statement. "This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet."

The IPCC report comes just three months before a major UN climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, where nations will be under pressure to pledge ambitious climate action and substantial financing.

Drawing on more than 14,000 scientific studies, the report gives the most comprehensive and detailed picture yet of how climate change is altering the natural world - and what still could be ahead.

Unless immediate, rapid and large-scale action is taken to reduce emissions, the report says, the average global temperature will likely cross the 1.5-degree Celsius warming threshold within the next 20 years.

So far, nations' pledges to cut emissions have been inadequate for bringing down the level of greenhouse gases accumulated in the atmosphere.

Governments and campaigners reacted to the findings with alarm.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, whose country will host the climate conference, said the next decade would be "pivotal" to securing the future of our planet: "I hope today's IPCC report will be a wake-up call for the world to take action now, before we meet in Glasgow in November for the critical COP26 summit."

Agencies

## Frustration, concern mounting in US as daily COVID-19 cases hit six-month high

WASHINGTON

FRUSTRATION and concern are mounting across the United States as the country's new COVID-19 cases, fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant, hit a six-month high at more than 100,000 cases a day.

The seven-day average of daily COVID-19 cases in the United States was more than 107,100 as of Friday, according to data from the Johns Hopkins University. The last time the seven-day average of COVID-19 cases surpassed 100,000 in the country was on Feb. 11.

### "IT'S TAKING NEEDLESS TOLL ON OUR COUNTRY"

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to increase in most parts of the United States, especially in communities with lower vaccination coverage, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a weekly report on Friday.

The situation is especially dire in southern states including Florida, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana where vaccination rates continue to lag.

The Delta variant accounted for an estimated 93.4 percent of all new COVID-19 cases in the country during the last two weeks of July, showed the latest CDC data.

Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has warned that U.S. COVID-19 cases may double to 200,000 a day in the fall unless the country could crush the outbreak "to the point of getting the overwhelming proportion of the population vaccinated."

Fauci said he is concerned the high number of unvaccinated people could lead to a stronger variant emerging that could reduce the efficacy of previously-administered vaccines.

"So wear a mask when recommended, get vaccinated today," said President Joe Biden at a White House event on Friday.

"It's a pandemic of the unvaccinated," Biden said. "It's taking a needless toll on our country."

"The frustrating part is this is all preventable," Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, told CNN's Pamela Brown on Thursday.

"Had we really accelerated throughout May and June and fully vaccinated the country ... we wouldn't have to worry about this so much," said Hotez.

As of Friday, 50 percent of the U.S. population -- about 165.9 million people -- had been fully vaccinated against the virus, according to the CDC. Roughly 193.7 million, or 58.4 percent of all Americans, received at least one dose.

A CDC ensemble forecast, published on Wednesday,



A waiter wearing a mask serves customers at a restaurant in Miami-Dade County, Florida on Friday. Xinhua

day, illustrated that 2,300 to 9,100 new deaths, 6,700 to 24,000 new confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions, and 350,000 to 1,800,000 new cases would be likely reported in the week ending Aug. 28.

The resurgence of COVID-19 came just more than a month after Biden said the United States had "gained the upper hand" and that it was "closer than ever to declaring our independence from a deadly virus" at the White House on July 4, the Independence Day.

In June, the United States averaged about 11,000 new COVID-19 cases per day, a low point since the start of the pandemic.

### "WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO BE POLARIZED"

The latest surge has raised new questions about the significant inadequacies in the U.S. disjointed, piecemeal response to the pandemic, which has been led by governors, mayors and local health departments with the federal government playing a supporting role.

What is worse, nearly 18 months into the pandemic, there's no consensus on masking, vaccination and other mitigation measures because of partisan divide and political polarization, health experts said.

The political firefight around COVID-19 is only getting more intense.

On Tuesday, Biden criticized Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and other Republican governors for banning mask mandates in public schools and other places.

"I say to these governors, please help. If you aren't going to help, at least get out of the way of people who are trying to do the right thing," said Biden.

A day later, DeSantis, whose state is experiencing a dangerous spike in the pandemic, hit back.

"If you're trying to restrict people, impose mandates, if you're trying to ruin their jobs and their livelihoods and their small business, if you are trying to lock people down, I am standing in your way," said DeSantis.

A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll found 47 percent of

## AI flourishes in China Speech Valley

AFTER more than eight years of development, China Speech Valley, an intelligent speech industrial cluster located in Hefei, capital city of east China's Anhui province, saw the number of enterprises that it houses reach 1,024 and its operating revenue rise to 106 billion yuan (about \$16.4 billion) last year.

As China's first national industrial base focused on artificial intelligence (AI), China Speech Valley has served electricity, logistics, medical care, education, and public services, facilitating the application of AI products in many industries and numerous households.

Many well-known high-tech companies, such as Anhui Easpeed Technology Co., Ltd. and iFLYTEK Co., Ltd., are tenants of China Speech Valley. Every building of the industrial base has one or several AI companies, whose products range from algorithms and computing power to applications as well as software and hardware for safeguarding the security of data and network.

In Anqing First People's Hospital of Anhui Province, patients can get appointment slips from contactless self-service registration machine after "tapping" at the air.

Adopting the interactive holographic aerial imaging technology, the contactless self-service registration machine developed by Easpeed enables patients to complete routine medical procedures like making appointments and paying bills without having to touch screen or press button.

Besides big hospitals, smart technologies are also playing important roles in health centers located in smaller towns.

The health center of Sanjue township, Shouxian county, Huainan city of Anhui province has introduced an intelligent system to avoid misdiagnosis. Quan Xunzhi, a resident in Dongbu village of Sanjue township, is one of the patients who have benefited from the system.

After Quan told Yu Zhongping, a doctor of the health center, that she had felt dizzy for over a week and had no strength in her right leg, her condition was preliminarily diagnosed as "insufficiency of cerebral blood supply".

However, after Yu put Quan's previous diseases and current symptoms into the medical record system of the health center, a red message box was displayed by the system,



Aerial view of China Speech Valley in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui province.

suggesting that the patient may have cerebral infarction and should have a CT scan. Yu quickly arranged a CT scan for the patient and found that she really had cerebral infarction.

In 2017, the intelligent system, developed by iFLYTEK, passed the written test of the national qualification exam for clinical practitioners with a high score of 456, higher than that of 96.3 percent of the human candidates that year.

The system has so far been deployed in more than 30,000 grassroots medical institutions of 200 districts and counties across the country, helping 50,000 grassroots doctors make diagnosis. By offering an average of more than 400,000 pieces of advice and recommendations a day on diagnosis of diseases, it has benefited 50 million patients.

It can be seen from the history of China Speech Valley that iFLYTEK has played an indispensable role in the establishment and development of the industrial base. The leading enterprise has in fact driven the formation of the intelligent speech industry, which has gradually developed into an industrial ecosystem, and then the industrial cluster—China Speech Valley.

Over 20 years ago, Liu Qingfeng, founder and chairman of iFLYTEK, set up the company together with a dozen of young people after obtaining his doctor-

ate from the University of Science and Technology of China, and started developing speech technology.

As iFLYTEK grew bigger, Liu realized that the company could only enjoy continuous development if it opened up its resources and capabilities to form an industrial chain and ecosystem. Therefore, the company officially established an open speech platform in 2010.

So far, iFLYTEK's AI ecosystem has supported 4,000 companies, while its open platform has incubated 150 firms. At the same time, the company has made strategic investment in nearly 80 companies.

Over 2.19 million developer teams have been attracted to the open platform of iFLYTEK, which offers users 434 platform capabilities and a total of more than 1.15 million applications. Today, China Speech Valley has become a national leader in intelligent speech industry of the country.

The combined output value of intelligent speech companies in the industrial base accounts for 44.2 percent of the total output value of the industry in China, and intelligent speech technology-driven devices and products developed by relevant companies of China Speech Valley for smart office, education and medical care enjoy a share of 70 percent in domestic market.

People's Daily

## Delta spurs Philippine rush for more jobs

MANILA

THE Philippines is racing to get hold of more COVID-19 vaccines as it struggles with increasing infections of the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus. The surge in COVID-19 cases is also tipping some once-hesitant Filipinos in favor of vaccination.

The country, which was already battling the second-worst outbreak of the virus in Southeast Asia, reported its first locally transmitted infections of the Delta variant in mid-July, and has since confirmed more such cases.

As of Thursday, the country had detected 331 cases of the variant, according to the Philippines' Department of Health.

The government has ordered 164 million doses of vaccines, with more than 34 million of them having been delivered by Aug 2. Chinese-developed vaccines, which helped launch the Philippines' inoculation program in March, account for about 15 percent of the country's vaccine procurement.

But President Rodrigo Duterte said in a briefing on Aug 2 that the country's vaccine supplies are insufficient.

Duterte said most vaccine doses have been administered to residents of the capital region of Metro Manila, given its huge population and the prevalence of local transmissions.

Metro Manila is home to 16 million. The Philippines has more than 1.6 million COVID-19 cases, of which more than 500,000 are in the capital region.

Of the vaccines delivered, 20.8 million doses have been administered, according to Carlito Galvez Jr, the chief implementer of the National Task Force Against COVID-19. He said 9.1 million Filipinos have been fully vaccinated, equivalent to roughly 13 percent of the more than 70 million people that the government is aiming to vaccinate by the end of the year.

### Rising death tolls

Lulu Bravo, executive director of the Philippine Foundation for Vaccination and chairperson of the National Adverse Events Following Immunization Committee, said more Filipinos are now willing to get vaccinated as they have seen how the pandemic has claimed thousands of lives.

"They're seeing that lots of people are dying," Bravo said, noting that this fear of death has neutralized the anti-vaccine sentiment that was prevalent in the Philippines during the early phase of the pandemic.

Bravo said controversy surrounding a dengue fever vaccine, Dengvaxia, four years ago had dented vaccine confidence among Filipinos.

But people's wariness has begun to ease as the pandemic worsens. A survey by Pulse Asia Research in June revealed that 43 percent of 2,400 respondents said they were willing to receive a COVID-19 shot.

This was significantly higher compared with the result of a survey in February that showed that only 16 percent wanted to get vaccinated.

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# SPORT



Zanzibar's KMKM SC

## KMKM ready for Express FC in 2021 CECAFA Cup semis

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ZANZIBAR football giants KMKM's head coach Ali Bushiri says they are ready for today's CECAFA Kagame Cup semi-final game against Uganda Premier League's champions, Express FC.

The two clubs will lock horns in the first of the regional competition's semi-finals.

Bushiri stated in an interview after his side beat Azam FC 2-3 in the Group B match played at Azam Complex last weekend.

He said the game against Azam FC was tough but his charges did their best to come out victorious and reach the semi-finals.

"We are coming from a game where we fought to win and we did that. It was a good result. Now we are looking forward to the game against Express FC. The good thing is that my players are positive," he said.

He said he has advised his charges not to play under any pressure against the Ugandan outfit.

"We are not underrating Express FC, they are the best team, but I told my players not to be under any pressure, we should play our game," he said.

The other semi-final game will bring together Azam FC and guest outfit, Nyasa Big Bullets of Malawi, on Wednesday.

The game between the visitors, Nyasa Big Bullets, and Azam FC is expected to be more interesting as both teams stated they want to win.

Azam FC's information officer Thabit Zakaria noted the squad is ready for the game as they aim to reach the finals of the CECAFA Cup.

"We are ready for any game, we aim to win the CECAFA Cup, hopefully, we will do that," he was quoted saying.

Nyasa Big Bullets head coach, Peter Mponda, also said they are in Tanzania to win the CECAFA Cup, not on a sightseeing mission.

## Gymkhana golfer clinches Corporate Golf Masters tournament title

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s veteran golfer, Joseph Tango, put stellar showing to lay his hands on this season's Corporate Golf Masters tournament, which took place at the club's course last weekend.

The CRDB Bank, Johnnie Walker, CFAO, Minet Tanzania, Total, Simba Couriers, GardaWorld, KTG Travels, The Wheel, Assemble Insurance, and Onomo sponsored the competition, which was organized by Dar-based event management company, TAMU Tanzania.

The golfer was among those who made up the CRDB golf team in the showdown, which brought together over 95 golfers from across the country.

Kiki Ayonga and Martin Warioba were the other players behind the CRDB squad's victory because of their stunning performance as each company, which backed the tournament, was represented by a team of either two or three players.

The CRDB side was awarded a trophy, which will be presented to different winners every year, with winners in three successive years walking away with the top honour.

Tango, the former Tanzania Golf Union (TGU) chairman, continued showing his sparkling form to win the Division A men's title.

He won the title after scooping a marvelous 41 points, while Ally Sharifu hit 32 points to finish third.

In Division B, the category's trophy was won by Baraka Sadiki with 36 points, Kaushik Mangarolia took second place after notching 36 points on countback and Ayonga returned 35 to finish third.

Michael Kiarie returned an impressive 40 points to win the Division C title, Jimmy Myalize had 38 points and finished second, Michael Misago finished third with 34 points.

Ladies category's Silver Division title was won by DGC Lady Captain, Sue Van Zyl, with 33 points.

Maryanne Mugo had a weekend to smile as she took second place with 32 points, she as well won the ladies nearest to the pin and longest drive contests respectively.

Veteran golfer, also from DGC, Fatma Makame, finished third with 29 points.

In the ladies Bronze Division, the event's silverware went to Zahra Somji given the golf player returned 37 points, edging Tomoko Miyamoto on countback, given the latter notched the same score.

Golf player, Mariam Farida, who scored 36 points, finished third.

The tournament was not short of prizes as Michael Kiarie also won the men's nearest to the pin contest's award, Ellis Katwebaze won the longest drive.

Kelly Simon, one of the officials that oversaw the tournament, was excited by the successful hosting of the showdown as, apart from participating for health well-being, the golfers used the competition for business, exchanging ideas, and building friendship.

Many participants were also happy and appealed for the organizers to do it at least twice a year.

The DGC Golf Section Captain, Fred Laiser, complimented the competition's organizers for a good organization.

The official pointed out: "We are happy to host you, but one tournament in a year is not enough, we need more corporate events."

## SPORTS

## Thematic interpretation of the rising vulgarity of youth popular music

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

WHEN national leaders address issues of tonality of music among the youth, they refer themselves to traditions of respecting elders, which by implication also represent common rules of self-respect.

The question arises as to why music groups that appeal to the youth don't seem to have this parameter in mind when composing, recording, or definitely in performing their various numbers, such that vulgar expressions are so common as to be an aspect of the rule, rather than of its flouting.

Music by numerous youth groups is shifting from being provocative, that is, momentary indulgence, to a freestyle.

Freestyle is a situation where the usual rules are not operating, and in the Olympic Games, there is a contest known as 'swimming, freestyle' unlike 'back stroke' and others where the mode of pacing the water is provided.

The youths appear to be singing freely, which means in the absence of the wider society - and that means there is no communication between the two sets of age groups, the considerably young and the rather old, in which case they aren't worried about embarrassing anyone, be it their relatives or anyone else. It is a remarkable testimony of the breakdown of traditional family households in this decade.

That doesn't mean that there are fewer and fewer households where families have adult children with them, or where mother and father still stay together and they have grown-up children.

It is a breakdown of a different sort, of mental space, where each age set has its preoccupations and means of communication, where the traditional household where they are all in the sitting room doing the same thing is forgotten.

Youths have free spaces where they communicate and both parents are seldom at home except after 9 pm.

When youths are older they can stay virtually anywhere, in which case older youths starting from age 16 (male, largely) band together and start 'foraging,' come home or stay for short periods and then move out to their friend.

Here they can do all sorts of things while parents sleep at home, and that is precisely why all imploring about this or



Tanzania's Bongo Flava artist, Faustina Charles Mfinanga, alias 'Nandy'.

that deviation fall on deaf ears as adults will be misguided to pay attention to what youths sing - and then take offense with what they would be hearing.

They are advised to 'mind their own business,' their palaver groups where they meet, the programs they enjoy on TV or radio.

This situation also illustrates the creeping impression that youths who remain sensitive to traditional values and avoid such chaotic music are those who are still close to their parents, and thus seek to show a good example to their younger siblings by doing well in school and embarking on a profession.

When they are reduced to 'foraging' with their friends of chance in the streets, no rules will be applicable as such ties follow 'lines of least resistance,' whether it is relaxing by inhaling a sniff of petrol, or taking a sip of high concentrate alcohol, to get the 'kick' while minimizing ex-

penditure, etc.

They instantly know what kind of music they want to listen to when they are high, and vivid pop is an excellent outlet.

It all begets the question as to what society can bank upon when this sort of youth is gradually a majority in society, freestyle it is easy to see that there is a 'live and let live' situation as only when youths proceed from school to employment is the traditional moral copybook maintained.

When they are left to the vagaries of the streets, where their education is simply pointless in what they can expect from others or hear being spoken about them, the cluster of values tied to family, education, and respectability by founding a family slowly starts evaporating.

And no one can be blamed as they can't compel even family members to be proud of them when they can barely manage to feed themselves, let alone think of feeding a family, etc.

This is the sort of environment where a youth pop group comes out with a number, and an elderly person hears it in a 'daladala' bus as there are no compartments of buses for youths and for elders, where the lead singer is vowing that the next time the (young woman) appears, 'she will run out with underwear in her hand.'

Another of the 'singeli' variety scoffs at a woman wearing 'a new dela and old underwear,' where therefore each of those in the bus is pushed to think of those old knickers underneath, a demeaning sort of situation.

But when wild youths are without jobs and seek to be proud of themselves, what sort of events in their miserable lives can excite them, if not frivolous imagination tied to all types of unseemly events?

These are the sorts of scenarios that the National Music Council (BASATA) had in mind when directing that bands or single artists take compositions there before releasing them. Wouldn't it harm the market?

## Lessons from the Tokyo Olympics

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

THE curtain has closed on the Tokyo Olympics and what an unmistakably memorable sports extravaganza these august Games have been.

As the dust continues to settle, then, on these unforgettably moving Games, the time now has come for reflection on the monumental impact that the Tokyo Olympics have had on a captive global audience.

One of the rich fruits of this reflection will undoubtedly be the life lessons that we can all glean from the last fortnight of spectacularly riveting and rarefied sporting action.

One lesson that sticks out like a sore thumb is the tremendous power of resilience.

Indeed, the resilience displayed by the tech-savvy city of Tokyo has been magnificently exemplary.

It must be recalled that the outset of the Games wickedly coincided with a raging pandemic that was surging to dangerously disturbing new highs in Tokyo.

Still, despite that constant concern, Tokyo courageously took a stab at hosting an exceptional Olympics, and my word, how they resoundingly succeeded.

Yes, it was a bit of a downer to have no cheering fans packing stadia to the gills for the majority of the events at the Games.

However, in the absence of a beautiful atmosphere, athletes from all corners of the globe turned to one another, which gave rise to many an impeccable display of the unbowed human spirit that transcends sports itself.

For those still scratching their heads in bafflement over what the lesson is, it is that despite the towering scale of the challenges that we face in all our lives as we try to make our way in the rat race of this world, we can overcome these hurdles if we can display the same can-do mentality and resilience that Tokyo has shown in hosting quite a remarkable Olympics, which had more than its fair share of timeless and enduringly captivating moments.

Granted, many of us face daunting obstacles daily ranging from health to financial challenges among many others.

Nevertheless, despite these grim hindrances, there is as Tokyo has so vividly displayed, a never-say-die spirit



Marathoner, Failuna Abdi, is one of Tanzania's three athletes that took part in the Tokyo Olympics in Japan.

in every mortal soul that can be roused triumphantly to help us carry the day in our unenviable battles against the arduous impediments that we all face.

Another life lesson that can be drawn from these special games is that sometimes in the trenches of our day-to-day existence, there are far more important things than finishing first and getting all the glory of doing so.

Indeed, this was the lesson that was inspirationally rammed home by Qatari Mutaz Barshim and his Italian friend-cum-rival Gianmarco Tamperi in the high jump event.

After matching each other blow for blow in the high jump, both athletes were still at level pegging, which meant that neither had outperformed the other even after quite an epic contest between the two athletes.

This then prompted Barshim to have a brilliant brainwave. Turning to the referee, the Qatari then asked him: "can we have two gold medals?"

Without skipping a beat, the referee replied almost instantaneously: "yes", and both high jumpers were then free to celebrate the unprecedentedly magical moment.

In life, each one of us nurses has lofty ambitions. But as Barshim and Tamperi have so fittingly reminded us, sometimes, it is infinitely more important for us to display humanity rather than to capture the flashy car, amass untold riches, and live in palatial homes.

Sometimes, displaying the human spirit trumps all other considerations, which, it could be justly argued, was the unforgettable takeaway from these very special Olympic Games.

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## Messi's arrival at PSG would give coach tactical headache

PARIS

IF Lionel Messi does become the latest star to help Paris Saint-Germain's quest to win the elusive Champions League, coach Mauricio Pochettino must work out the best way to accommodate him in a top-heavy attack.

Messi bid a tearful farewell to Barcelona on Sunday. At the same time, PSG was in talks with his team trying to finalize a deal to sign him amid reports Messi had flown to Paris on Sunday for a meeting.

Talk of Messi's imminent arrival led several hundred PSG fans to wait outside Le Bourget airport, to the north of Paris, which is often used by PSG and the national team.

Messi would become the biggest star to arrive at Parc des Princes since cash-rich Qatari owners QSI took over the club 10 years ago.

Messi's arrival would surpass even the fanfare of Neymar's world-record signing for 222 million euros (\$261 million) from Barcelona in 2017, or Zlatan Ibrahimovic's brazenly self-promoting presentation by the Eiffel Tower in 2012.

They never won a Ballon d'Or, let alone the record six Messi has.

The soccer great's staggering tally of 672 goals for Barca includes an extraordinary 50-goal season in 2012; 96 league goals and a remarkable 133 overall across 2012 and 2013; eight Spanish league and six Champions League scoring titles.

Not to mention four Champions League trophies with Barcelona, a record 91 goals in a calendar year for club and country, and a Copa America title with Argentina.

Even Messi's age – he's 34 – will have little impact on the huge anticipation that his arrival would generate within French soccer and beyond.

But there is Pochettino, a fellow Argentine, going to play him in attack which includes Neymar, France's World Cup star Kylian Mbappe, Copa America match-

winner Angel Di Maria and sharp-shooter Mauro Icardi?

Mbappe cost 180 million euros (\$212 million) and netted a career-high 42 goals last season. The club paid 50 million euros (\$59 million) for Icardi. He showed his finishing skills on Saturday night in PSG's league-opener – a 2-1 win at Troyes – and has 34 goals in 64 games for PSG.

Icardi looks certain to fall behind in the pecking order and could even be sold or loaned to take some weight off the club's huge wage bill.

Pochettino needs to decide whether to use Di Maria in a four-man attack at the risk of unbalancing midfield. PSG showed last season – and in the way it conceded a soft goal from a corner against Troyes – that it needs protection at the back.

Here's a look at possible PSG tactical formations with Messi in the side:

**\*4-3-3:** Messi on the right of attack, Neymar on the left and Mbappe playing through the middle in his preferred center forward's role. Messi has played in this role many times at Barca. But while the 4-3-3 also offers greater security in midfield, there's no place for Di Maria.

**\*4-2-3-1:** This time Di Maria takes his place on the right flank with Messi playing behind Mbappe in a playmaker's role and Neymar again attacking from the left side. Great on the eye but a two-man midfield – likely Marco Verratti and new signing Georginio Wijnaldum – would make PSG vulnerable to counterattacks.

**\*3-5-2:** Possibly the best option with Messi pushing up front alongside Mbappe, and Neymar using his slick probing and passing playing behind them. Verratti and Wijnaldum would get welcome support in the middle. But this formation would once again be at the expense of Di Maria, who was arguably PSG's best player last season along with Mbappe and goalkeeper Kyle Navas.

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Lionel Messi cries at the start of a press conference at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. FC Barcelona had previously announced the negotiations with Lionel Messi had ended and that Messi would be leaving the club. (AP Photo)

## Koeman, Barca players pledge to 'compete,' 'turn page'

BARCELONA

BARCELONA coach Ronald Koeman, new club captain Sergio Busquets and veteran defender Gerard Pique paid tribute to Lionel Messi before and after Sunday's Joan Gamper trophy game against Juventus, before pledging to "turn the page" in the absence of the legendary forward.

Almost 3,000 fans turned out at the Johan Cruyff stadium for the event, which also serves as the squad presentation for the upcoming season, but which has been overshadowed by news that Messi will exit the club, with sources telling ESPN that he is set to join Paris Saint-Germain.

Barca could not complete the 34-year-old's new contract, with his previous deal having expired last month, due to "financial and structural obstacles." Earlier on Sunday, a tearful Messi bid farewell to the only club for which he has played, insisting he had wanted to remain and did everything he could to make that happen.

Chants of "Messi, Messi" could be heard across the stadium as players were being presented to the fans, as well as in the 10th minute of the game. Antoine Griezmann, Ansu Fati and new signing Memphis Depay were applauded while Miralem Pjanic and Samuel Umtiti, both on the transfer window list, received a frostier reception.

## Paris calling: After Tokyo, Olympians hanker for 2024 Games

TOKYO

THY'll always have Paris.

That thought, full of promise, has been a lifebuoy for athletes to cling to as they coped, as best they could, with thickets of restrictions at the pandemic-hit Tokyo Games that severely crimped their Olympic experience – and left some hungry for more.

Barred from bringing family and friends with them to Japan, playing in empty arenas and not allowed to sightsee in Tokyo, some athletes found themselves day-dreaming about the French capital's Olympic rendezvous in 2024. If the coronavirus is tamed by then, the Paris Games could quickly become the party games. Already, there is palpable pent-up eagerness among athletes to make up for Tokyo and its disappointments.

"When Paris happens, I'll be like, 'OK, wow, like this is a whole new energy. This is it,'" said U.S. skateboarder Mariah Duran. "Maybe I had to have the appetizer before the whole meal."

For now, Paris officials say they're betting that the pandemic will be over when their turn comes. "Normally, we'll be able to party," the city's mayor, Anne Hidalgo, said Sunday on French TV when Tokyo passed the baton.

But if the coronavirus is still ruining the best-laid plans, then Tokyo has served up a model of how to hold an Olympics even as infections are surging. It pared the games down to their most essential ingredient: competition. No spectators. No city-wide partying. Very little mingling between Olympians and their hosts. Paris officials were watching closely and say that while they hope for the best, they'll also plan for the worst.

Toughest for many Tokyo Olympians was not being accompanied to Japan by loved ones who had no choice but to watch them compete on TV. American surfer Carissa Moore said it was "a huge challenge" being separated from her husband and his "strong constant voice."

Moore ultimately found her footing to win gold in surfing's debut as an Olympic sport. As painful as separation was, Tokyo was also a learning experience for the Hawaiian. "I'm very proud of myself, to be here and



A man unfurls a French flag at the Olympics fan zone at Trocadero Gardens in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. A giant flag will be unfurled on the Eiffel Tower in Paris Sunday as part of the handover ceremony of Tokyo 2020 to Paris 2024, as Paris will be the next Summer Games host in 2024. The passing of the hosting baton will be split between the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo and a public party and concert in Paris. (AP Photo)

stand on my own two feet," she said.

Traveling without her parents for the first time at age 17, U.S. skateboarder Brighton Zeuner compensated by staying closely connected even during her competition, video-calling her father from the Olympic skate bowl "between every single run I did."

To limit infection risks, organizers also asked athletes to arrive in Tokyo no earlier than five days before competing and leave within 48 hours of being done – a rapid turnaround that further truncated the Olympic experience.

Belgian skateboarder Axel Cruysberghs, who competed in week one, and his skateboarding wife Lizzie Armanto, who competed in week two, passed each other like ships in the night. As she took off for Tokyo, his flight back to their home was 20 minutes from landing.

"It worked out for our puppy," she joked. But it wasn't the fairy-tale Olympics they'd planned before the pandemic. "We'd hoped to like be here for a month together and, you know, I could see his event and he could stay for mine," Armanto said. "But because of COVID and everything..."

Armanto came away from Tokyo having not made up her mind about whether she wants to go again in Paris. In an Instagram livestream from the Olympic residential compound where athletes were largely confined when not training or competing, she was wrestling with cabin fever, complaining of rooms that "feel a little prison-like" and wishing that organizers hadn't barred athletes from going to watch sports other than their own in their downtime.

"I've circled the perimeter quite a few times because what else do you do here?" Armanto asked.

Not being able to pass the time at sports venues was a common complaint.

"That's something I would have liked to have experienced as an Olympian, to go watch my other teammates, other than wrestlers, compete," said Elias Kuosmanen of Finland, who wrestled in the Greco-Roman heavyweight class.

At the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Canadian volleyball player Nicholas Hoag took in gymnastics and track and field on off days, went out for drinks with teammates and otherwise absorbed the Olympic experience. But on days with no matches in Tokyo, "I was watching TV pretty much all day, watching all the sports."

Another Canadian volleyballer, Ryan Sclater, said the pandemic games were "a real mix of amazing things and weird things" and somewhat blunted by social distancing and mask wearing. Athletes were asked not to mingle outside their teams and avoid "unnecessary" hugs, high-fives and handshakes – guidance they frequently ignored in the heat and joy of competition.

"We are not quite connecting in the same way that we normally could," Sclater said. "It's funny being so close to all these amazing people who are here to compete but then not quite getting to know them in the same way as you might at a different Olympics."

But because the pandemic delayed Tokyo by a year, Paris is now only a three-year wait instead of the usual four.

"That is exciting, yes, to think about being able to do this again," Sclater said. "To see even more of the beauty and coolness of people coming together and being able to really connect to the Olympics."

AP

## Tearful Messi says goodbye; PSG move imminent

BARCELONA

A TEARFUL Lionel Messi has said his next move is not confirmed at an emotional farewell news conference Sunday, but ESPN sources said a deal with Paris Saint-Germain has already been agreed.

Messi, who has been a free agent since his contract expired at Camp Nou on June 30, had maintained his silence since Barca announced on Thursday that he will not sign new terms because of financial problems.

The Argentina forward said he had received several calls from clubs since the news broke, confirming PSG's interest, and multiple sources have told ESPN that he has already agreed to sign for the Ligue 1 side.

Sources added that Messi is expected to travel to Paris soon before completing a medical in the coming days and signing a two-year deal with the option for a third season. He could be presented at an event at the Eiffel Tower in the coming days.

"[PSG] is one possibility," Messi said. "There's nothing closed at the moment, but we're talking about a lot of things. After Barca's statement, a lot of clubs showed an interest. There's nothing final but, of course, there are talks."

Asked about the prospect of joining a rival, he added: "There is no doubt that I will go to a team that will compete with Barca. I didn't want to leave, but I have to. And I want to keep winning. That's my mentality. I want to win."

Messi said a photograph of him with several PSG players in the Spanish island resort of Ibiza last week, including Neymar and Angel Di Maria, was just a coincidence, although he said they did joke about him moving to Paris.

Instead, in an event at the auditorium to the side of Camp Nou attended by the board, the first-team squad and his family, Messi insisted he had done everything possible to stay at Barca.

"I am really sad because I didn't want



Trophies won while Lionel Messi played for Barcelona are displayed before a press conference at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. FC Barcelona had previously announced the negotiations with Lionel Messi had ended and that Messi would be leaving the club. (AP Photo)

to leave because this is the club I love," he said. "I didn't expect this. I have never lied; I have always been honest and upfront. Last year I wanted to leave; this year I didn't. That's why I am so sad."

"As the president [Joan Laporta] has explained, the club has debt [problems]. It's not possible. Why keep drawing it out if it's nearly impossible? The talks stopped as Barca did not want to go on, they knew LaLiga would not let it happen, it was impossible."

"I did everything I could to stay and it wasn't possible. I offered to reduce my salary by 50% and Barca didn't ask for anything else. They didn't ask for another 30%; that's a lie."

Messi, 34, had agreed to a new five-year contract with Barca, but that would have meant the club's wage bill stood at 110% of their revenue. Their spending cap with LaLiga has dropped from over €600 million in 2019-20 to an expected €200m for the coming season, making it impossible to register Messi's new deal, even with a big pay cut. His previous terms included a base salary of around €70m gross without bonuses.

He wrote a farewell message on social media which read: "I would have liked to leave in another way, although I suppose that a farewell can never be something nice. I would have loved to continue here, I did everything

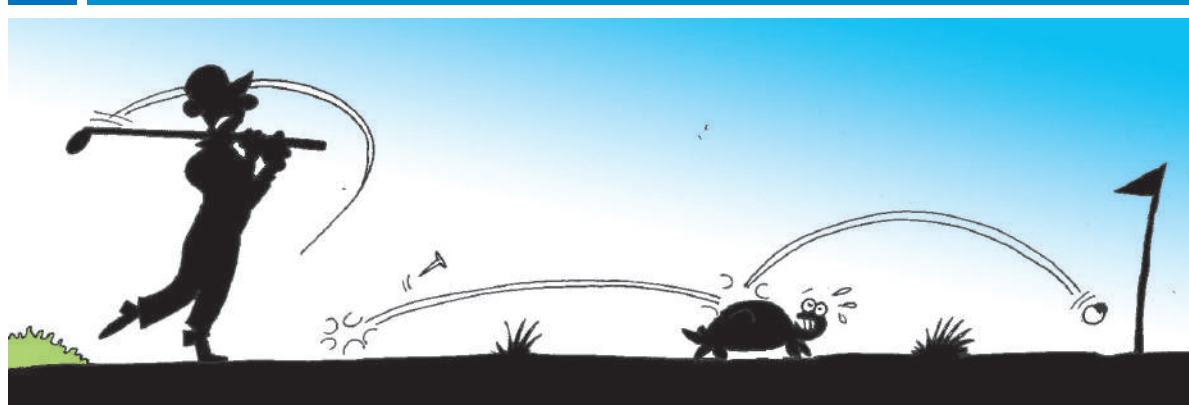
with that objective and in the end it did not happen.

"I only have words of thanks for all those who have accompanied me in so many years at the club. And for our fans, that they gave me all their love and that I tried to give it back to them, also giving everything for this shirt. I'm leaving but it's not goodbye, just see you later. Visca el Barca!"

Messi also lamented that he had been unable to say goodbye on the pitch with the fans chanting his name, bemoaning that his last 18 months at the club have been played in empty stadiums due to the pandemic.

"Without a doubt, this is the most difficult time of my career," Messi added at the news conference. "I have had a lot of tough moments, but the other day, [learning I was] not going back to training, not going to be on the pitch again, that this is the end with this club, yes, it's one of the most difficult moments for me."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Paris calling: After Tokyo, Olympians hanker for 2024 Games



Dar es Salaam's Feza Nursery School's pupils compete in 50m race of a bonanza hosted by the Feza International School yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Olympic runners needed better preps, coach

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's athletics legend, Suleiman Nyambui, has said the country's athletes would have performed well at the Tokyo Olympics if they had camped at a place with similar weather conditions to that of Tokyo.

At the Tokyo Olympics, the country was represented by three athletes, Alphonse Simbu, Gabriel Geay, and Failuna Abdi.

Before the Olympics, the athletes camped for more than a month at West Kilimanjaro.

Simbu, who competed in the 42km race, posted 2.11.35 and came seventh, while Geay did not finish the race. Failuna finished 24th, clocking 2.33.58 minutes.

In an interview yesterday, Nyambui, former Athletics Tanzania (AT) Secretary-General, said the weather in Japan is not similar to that of West Kilimanjaro and he suggested that the local athletes would have camped in Singida.

"The weather in Kilimanjaro is not similar to that of Japan, AT would have arranged a camp in Singida Region, the conditions of Singida are similar to that of Japan but we all don't know why the camp was in Kilimanjaro," he said.

Nyambui, however, hailed all three athletes, saying although they did not win medals, they performed well in the Games.

"Considering the way our athletes prepared for the event, I think they have done well, for Simbu ending seventh at such a big event it is an achievement, even Failuna finishing 24th is also an achievement," he said.

Nyambui, former Brunei national athletics team's head coach, said there is a lot to be done for the country to reclaim its lost glory in athletics.

"In the 1970s and early 1980s our country was a force to reckon with when it comes to athletics and boxing, we were sending more than 35 athletes to Commonwealth Games and Olympics but now we are sending only three athletes, I think it is now time we come together to see where we went wrong," he said.

Efforts to talk to AT vice-president, John Bayo, to know why the camp was held in Kilimanjaro proved futile as his phone went unanswered.

Failuna was reported in the press as complaining of hot weather in Japan, saying it contributed to her poor showing.



Suleiman Nyambui

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## Aces cricketers close in on clinching 2021 Kazim Nasser 50-Over League

By Guardian Reporter

ALAF Aces Cricket Club has inched closer to clinching the 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50 Overs' top honour, cruising to seven-wicket drubbing of Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC) squad in the semi-final in the city last weekend.

The SKLPSC opted to bat first in the clash, which took place at Leaders Club, notching 168 runs all out in 41.5 overs.

The clash witnessed Aces Cricket Club having a somewhat slow start when they were bowling, but it was Ali Mpeka's class that had the squad having an upper hand.

Mpeka, the side's captain, got the better of SKLPSC outfit's skipper, Naran Vekariya, who got out via the former's lovely inswinging yorker in the fifth over of the tie.

Top-order performer, Vinesh Gorasiya, stepped at the crease once Vekariya had exited the crease, Gorasiya, who scored a half-century in his side's previous clash, ended with 25 runs against Aces Cricket Club.

Gorasiya was later cleaned up by Aces Cricket Club's Ankit Baghel, he earlier had luck, given he was dropped twice by Aces Cricket Club's Aclay Paschal from Salum Jumbe's bowling.

There was a brief partnership of 42 runs in 11 overs set by Gorasiya and opener Dinesh Rabadiya. Rabadiya was dismissed by Mohamed Ali, ending with 18 runs.

The SKLPSC wickets started tumbling on regular intervals as Aces Cricket Club's Ali cleaned up Vipul Pindoriya and Khalil Rehemtulla, a seasoned campaigner.

Rehemtulla was caught by Aces Cricket Club's Jumanne Mohamed off the bowling of Baghel.

The senior SKLPSC player was followed by Yahya Giwa back to the pavilion.

Giwa, also the current national U-18 cricket side's coach, was caught by Baghel at short midwicket off the bowling of Ali, which meant both Rehemtulla and Giwa had a bad day when it came to batting.

Middle-order batsman, Athumani Siwa, took the crease and succeeded to take control of the clash.

The all-rounder scored a beautiful half-century, he was the last batsman out, as he was dismissed by experienced all-rounder Azim Thakur, with the SKLPSC recording 168 runs all out in 41.5 overs.

Alaf Aces Cricket Club's bowling was done well by Thakur and Mpeka, taking one wicket apiece, followed by



Aces Cricket Club's Azim Thakur poses with the best player of the match prize he was presented with after his team faced Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC) in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A 50's Overs duel last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

Salum Jumbe and Baghel with two wickets apiece.

The in-form Ali had the best bowling figures, given the all-rounder as the pick of the bowlers, posting three wickets.

Gorasiya also did show some reprieve for SKLPSC when the squad took the crease.

In reply, Alaf Aces Cricket Club did have a decent start, notching 46 runs before the opener, Baghel, got out in the 10th over from spinner Siwa's bowling.

Jumanne followed Baghel back in the hut on a ball that could have gone for runs, he executed a shot that went straight into the hands of SKLPSC's Dinesh Rabadiya.

So when it came to batting, experienced player Thakur came with a style which he has adopted since last year. Thakur, along with the other opener Ali, stitched a lovely partnership of 57 runs with the latter getting out on his score of 36 runs off 74 balls.

Ejaz Aziz took the crease, the cricketer was in a hurry as he scored 31 runs off 21 balls as he wanted to spoil the show for Thakur.

The experienced Thakur composedly posted his half-century off a beautiful six, off SKLPSC's Laksh Snehal's bowling.

Thakur thereafter hit a four to close the game as he came back with not out, scoring unbeaten 55 runs off 58 balls, which included six fours

and a six which brought his half-century. The senior cricketer, speaking after the match, said 50-over format is a game of temperament, focus, and determination.

Thakur revealed he was determined to pull it off and score his half-century as he was eager to prove his worth and have the team bounce back from defeat in a previous match against Pak Stars, which took place July 11.

The senior cricketer disclosed he was inching closer to notching 50 runs against Pak Stars but he got out off the wide ball.

The cricketer noted he is currently playing very well, only that he is upset about getting out from bad balls.

According to the cricketer, he, on Sunday, ensured nothing of such mistake happen and he deservedly was adjudged the best player of the match.

Thakur disclosed a cricketer is required to opt for composure, noting that unleashing big shots at a proper time is important.

He revealed that a cricketer should choose when and where to go for his or her shots.

Thakur was in great form against SKLPSC, the cricketer was appreciated by all cricket enthusiasts and players.

He was presented with the best player of the match prize, which is sponsored by Unimoni Bureau de Change.

## Simba SC players prepare for camp

By correspondents Joseph Mchekadona & Ismail Tano

MAINLAND Premier League giants, Simba SC, have disclosed that all their preparations for the domestic tournaments and CAF Champions League will be known this week.

The outfit's Acting Information Officer, Ezekiel Kamwaga, said all players and head coach Didier Gomes are in the camp ready to start preparations for the coming season.

There have been reports that the club will camp in Morocco for pre-season, but the official stopped short of confirming the reports.

"What I can say is that all players are in camp ready to start preparations for the coming season, this week we will make our plans known," he said.

He also failed short of mentioning players who will be either released by the club or loaned to other teams.

"You just wait, this week there will be more surprises, all players who will be loaned, released, will be known this week," he said.

Simba who will represent the country in the CAF Champions League has so far signed two players, Malawian Peter Banda, and Yusuph Mhulu from Kagera Sugar.

The Mainland Premier League champions are linked to several other local and foreign players, Henock Inoka Baka from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and locals Denis Kibu and Israel Mwenda.

Simba's decision to go for pre-season in Morocco will see the team meet age-old rivals, Yanga, who have also announced to set a camp in the same country to prepare for the next season.

Initially, Yanga planned to set up camp in the Egyptian city of Alexandria, but later the team's leadership relocated the camp to Morocco, claiming that the process of entering Egypt was difficult, unlike in Morocco where there is easy access to all facilities.

Simba's manager Patrick Rweyemamu said their squad entered camp yesterday and after two days they are expected to start a trip to Morocco for the camp.

"As far as I know tomorrow (Monday) the team is set to enter camp and we will be there for two to three days to set up trip and after that the team will go to Morocco for camping until August 28, we will later return," the official stated.

The leader said all preparations for the camp are progressing well and some players have started arriving in the country to join fellow players.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

