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## Editors' Forum wants October voting run, counting all televised

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

The Tanzania Editors' Forum (TEF) has called on the government to allow live coverage of October general election by independent media to enable transparency in the conduct of the polls.

This follows the ruling party decision to broadcast live its National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting in Dodoma at the weekend which voted for the party's presidential candidates for the Union and Zanzibar.

Citing the transparent nature of the party's event, TEF now wants the government through the National Electoral Commission (NEC) to emulate CCM.

In an official letter TEF addressed to President John Magufuli, the forum praised the party chairman for the historic transparency during the just ended presidential candidates nomination meeting of NEC.

TEF said President Magufuli set history in ensuring the ruling party's nomination process was open and transparent.

The incumbent president returns as CCM flag-bearer for the 2020 Union presidency, while Dr Hussein Mwinyi will now run for the Zanzibar presidency, upon retirement of current Isles Head of State, Dr Ali Mohammed Shein.

The Dodoma polls leading to

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# 'JPM has restored CCM dignity, public support'

By Guardian Reporter

ANALYSTS at the University of Dar es Salaam and elsewhere have praised President Dr John Magufuli for restoring the dignity of the ruling party among the public and the youth generation in particular.

Dr Richard Mbunda, a political science lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam, said in an interview that CCM is at present better organized compared to 2015, which has resulted in many young Tanzanians joining it.

"CCM members could not wear the party's uniform and walk into the streets in 2015, but they can now enjoy putting on the party's attire," he declared.

"We expected him to score 100 percent votes from CCM national congress delegates due to the good job in the four years he has worked to implement his 2015 election campaign promises."

He meanwhile said that endorsing Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi as CCM presidential candidate for Zanzibar will enhance the Union. "Dr Mwinyi is humble; and was different from other contestants," he said.

President Magufuli's endorsement as the CCM candidate in the October General Election is tied up with successful implementation of the promises he made in the 2015 election campaigns, Dr Mbunda said.

The party's national congress on Saturday endorsed President Magufuli, who is seeking to be re-elected for a second and final five-year term in office. Magufuli garnered

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CCM national Chairman President John Magufuli exchanges greetings with a Bongo Flava artiste at the Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. The others include her fellow musicians Khadija Shaaban alias Keisha (L), Rajabu Abdul Kahali Harmonize alias Konde Boy (2nd-L, in hat), Ali Saleh Kiba (2nd-R, in cap) and Naseeb Abdul Juma alias Diamond Platnumz (R). Photo: State House

## Dodoma State House works: Non-Tanzanians not eligible

By Getrude Mbago

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday revealed that the government declined several requests by foreign companies to construct the Chamwino State House in Dodoma, limiting the sensitive works to Tanzanian experts.

Speaking at a party banquet he hosted for delegates of Chama Cha Mapinduzi at the facility whose construction is ongoing, the Head of State said the decision was

informed by the fact that the building is a key security establishment.

"It is risky to allow people from outside into your private space because you never know what they can do. This is impossible; allowing your neighbors to come and change beddings in your bedroom may produce negative results, they can even take your wife or daughters," he said.

He said the new State House is designed to be one of the best and biggest

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## CCM outlines key areas for election manifesto

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE ruling CCM has outlined priorities it seeks to put to Tanzanians ahead of the October general elections, one being the

creation of job opportunities especially for the youth.

Addressing delegates during the party's general congress, Secretary General Dr Bashiru Ally said if elected to form the next government, CCM will create at least eight million jobs.

The gathering which brought together 1,822 delegates from across the country nominated President John Magufuli to seek reelection as Union president for a second and last five-year term with Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan as his running mate. As for the Zanzibar presidency, the party nominated Defence and National Service

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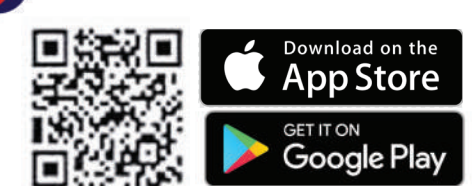


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100 percent of the votes from 1,822 delegates of the CCM national congress held in Dodoma

The president had in five years worked to influence Tanzanians and his non-dissenting endorsement is a clear indication of CCM members' trust in his leadership, the lecturer intoned.

Prof Gaudence Mpangala of the Ruaha Catholic University (RUCU) said that delegates of the national congress were satisfied with the performance of President Magufuli in his first five years.

Prof Mpangala said: "Magufuli has brought various important changes in the party as well as the nation. He has changed the party structure by reducing the number of delegates to the national congress, fought corruption, indiscipline and misuse of resources."

Commenting on Dr Mwinyi, he said many Tanzanians are aware of his good performance in the ministries he has served in the fourth and fifth phase governments.

Constitutional activist Deus Kibamba said that President Magufuli is accepted not only by CCM members but many Tanzanians.

"Even if there were any other contestants for the position, President Magufuli would garner over 60 percent of the votes from national congress delegates," said Kibamba, who formerly chaired the Tanzania Constitutional Forum (JUKATA).

Dr Muhidin Shangwe, another UDSM political science lecturer, said it was expected that President Magufuli would emerge the winner since he was the only contestant for the post.

"Delegates of the CCM national congress had confidence in him," he said.

A cross-section of Zanzibaris, especially CCM supporters, expressed happiness with the party's nomination of Dr Mwinyi as its presidential candidate in the October polls.

Iddi Haji, a CCM member, said the nominee has the ability and qualifications to confront the opposition in the Isles

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presidential election.

"Dr Mwinyi is educated, well-groomed and conversant with the January 12 Zanzibar Revolution as a national virtue," Haji said.

Haji Suleiman, a Michenzani resident in Zanzibar said Zanzibar needs a leader that will make great efforts to unite all people in disregard of their political affiliations or clans.

"Zanzibaris need a president with such qualities... ..because during election time the people of Zanzibar get divided on party lines and forget development issues," he said.

Muhammed Jongu, a trade at Darajani area in Zanzibar city called upon the candidate, if he wins to lead Zanzibar to continue with the strategies to strengthen the business sector to make Zanzibar the hub of free trade.

He said the business sector is still confronted by various challenges including the issue of taxing goods from Tanzania Mainland.

"A big percentage of Zanzibaris are traders and we would like to see in place a good environment to do business without the tax burden," he asserted.

A resident of Kombeni in Zanzibar, Fatuma Juma, said Dr Mwinyi is able to engage the opposition and ensure victory to CCM in the October election.

"I have no doubt about the nominee as I believe he has the ability and qualification to carry through the party to victory," she said.

ACT-Wazalendo political party's head of public relations, Salim Bimani said they had taken note of Dr Mwinyi's nomination. He said they will meet him at political rostrums during election campaigns.

He stated: "We have no problem or doubt on the CCM candidate...we welcome him in the campaign and we appeal for civilized campaigns that will unite the people and not divide them."

He said the candidate is not

a threat to ACT-Wazalendo because the party has solid contentious issues it has listed for the attention of the voters.

TADEA Vice Chairman for Zanzibar, Juma Ali Khatib who is also Isles presidential aspirant through the party congratulated Dr Mwinyi's candidacy for the contest, affirming that their expectations will be in the campaigns with regard to issues that will bring greater changes in the country's development.

"It is the right choice as he has great wisdom and experience in various ministries in the Union Government. He is also MP for Kwahani Constituency for 15 years... ..we shall give him cooperation in the campaign to build unity and solidarity," he said.

AAFP chairman Said Soud who, in his own right is an aspirant for the Zanzibar presidency, said AAFP congratulates CCM members for picking up Dr Hussein Mwinyi to be their presidential candidate.

He said: "Since we are gearing up for a democratic election, it is the right of citizens to elect a leader suitable to lead the nation."

"The problem facing the Zanzibar political environment is well known hence I ask Zanzibaris to remain calm to be able to conduct political activity to elect leaders they deem fit to lead the country," he said.

It was their responsibility to ensure peace and tranquility built during Dr Shein's leadership, foundations to be continued because of democracy, not fighting or conflict, but the right to elect and be elected.

"As for now Zanzibar is moving to a just democracy, and since there are many political parties in place for the people's will to elect leaders of their choice, they should not be coerced to select leaders, but should use their own abilities and yardstick on the qualification of persons seeking to be elected leaders," he added.



Mussa Hassan Zungu (2nd-L, gesturing), Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), has a word with residents of Dar es Salaam's flood-prone Jangwani Valley as a cleanliness operation implemented by Tanzania Breweries Limited began. The company was represented at the event by technical director Richmond Raymond (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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presidential palaces in the world. "Within six months, the construction of the State House will be completed. It will look similar to the (Magogoni) State House in Dar es Salaam."

Apart from building the State House the government is working to implement various projects towards making Dodoma city unique and attractive.

"We shall soon commence the construction of a 10km ring road around the city which will cost over 600bn/-. We are also expanding the Msalato Airport to accommodate bigger planes," he said.

Improvement of Dodoma city

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will also boost tourism as it is centrally located and close to major tourist attractions and other cities in the country, he said, up-voting the centrally located sprawling urban area for a more clement weather condition compared to Dar es Salaam.

In the next few years, Dodoma will be one of the best and attractive cities in the country, he vowed.

Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda commended the good job

done by President Magufuli in taking Tanzania's development forward.

He also hailed Dr Hussein Mwinyi for being voted to represent CCM in the presidential race in the Isles.

Joseph Butiku, executive director of the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation, said that President Magufuli has restored unity, ethics and patriotism in the party.

"President Magufuli is a hero, his works are incomparable and

we should all together support him for the broader interests of our country," Butiku said.

Dr Magufuli retained Samia Suluhu Hassan as his running mate, saying she is hard working and respectful.

The CCM national congress was attended by veteran liberation political parties of China, Vietnam, South Africa and Zimbabwe among others. The congress was also attended by leaders of 18 registered political parties.



Colm O'Flynn (2nd-L), Deputy Country Director of One Acre Fund, poses for a photo call at Mlanda Village in Iringa District yesterday when participating in the harvesting of maize, an event organised by the Fund and attended by more than 200 farmers and government officials. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

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confirmation of the two contenders were broadcast live through mainstream television stations, where the Editors' Forum letter delivered by acting chairman Deodatus Balile, said CCM had shown the way for polls transparency.

"We would like to congratulate the party chairman, Dr John Magufuli for allowing members of the press to cover the CCM elections without hindrance, thus enabling the historic polls to be witnessed by the entire country," reads part of the TEF letter, circulated to the media yesterday.

The Editors' Forum asserted that the

transparency displayed at the CCM-NEC meeting in Dodoma should be the case in the forthcoming elections, underlining that the same sentiment should be exercised for the polls event in three months' time.

Tanzania will be conducting its general elections this year, with presidential, parliamentary and ward

level seats up for grabs to all potential runners representing various parties including the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM); Chama Cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (CHADEMA); Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT - Wazalendo), Tanzania Labour Party (TLP) and NCCR-Mageuzi, among others.

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minister Dr Hussein Mwinyi as its candidate.

Another priority in the 2020-2025 manifesto approved by the National Executive Committee is building a modern, competitive industrial economy to ensure that Tanzania, recently classified as a lower middle income economy by the World Bank moves steadily towards high middle income status.

"We are also resolved to protect human dignity, equality, justice and good governance as a means of maintaining peace and solidarity in our country," he said.

The manifesto also prioritizes the modernization of agriculture through mechanization, investments in new ways of animal husbandry as opposed to pastoralism so as to ensure that the country becomes food secure and improve livelihoods of farmers.

Dr Bashiru also mentioned enhancement of access to clean water, free basic education, health services and electricity as well as better settlements in both urban and rural areas.

The party will place emphasis on the use of research findings, information and communication technology (ICT) as well as support creativity to attain social and economic empowerment.

The CCM national congress was preceded by the NEC meeting which, among others, forgave and welcomed to its fold erstwhile estranged former secretary general and veteran presidential election campaign manager, Abdulrahman Kinana.

The party national chairman and president, Dr Magufuli led NEC members in welcoming Kinana back to its ranks.

Kinana who served as campaign manager for two CCM presidential candidates seeking their first terms of office towards the third and fourth phases, comes as the party readies for the fifth phase president's reelection campaign.

Several senior CCM cadres were last year implicated in an audio clip said to speak unfavourably of the party's chairman but two months ago the former secretary general formally apologized to the president.

On the other hand, the gathering endorsed the decision made earlier by the NEC Central Committee to expel veteran minister Bernard Membe. The former presidential election nomination aspirant was noticeably implicated in the said audio clip.

Unlike his colleagues, Membe did not express remorse and has since said that he is interested in vying for the Union presidency in the October polls. However, the former long serving Mtama MP did not identify the party by whose ticket he will seek election.

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A resident of Vilabwa village in Kisarawe District, Coast Region, fills plastic bottles with petrol reportedly for sale to motorcycle operators - as found by Our Correspondent at the weekend. However, given the nature of the fuel, this amounted to courting danger.

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Minister Luhaga Mpina has instructed executive directors from 82 councils in Tanzania mainland to begin livestock vaccinations as soon as possible.

Mpina issued the instructions at Kinyangiri village in mkalama district, singida region when launching the national livestock vaccinations campaign against anthrax.

Mpina disclosed that 103 local councils out of 185, or 56 per cent have been administering vaccinations to livestock whereas for 2019/20 a total of 53,851,850 doses were administered.

"This is just small quantity compared

## Minister instructs 82 councils to start livestock vaccinations

to the number of the livestock in the country and the quantity of priority vaccinations to be administered, hence I would like to take this opportunity to direct 82 DEDs in the country who not started vaccination to the livestock in the areas or that who have partly done so to start full vaccination immediately," he said.

He stressed the law on animals' diseases was clear on the need for livestock vaccination and the responsibility of every local council and the veterinary official thereof in administering vaccination.

Speaking on the local councils that procure vaccination drugs but do not remit funds thereof to Tanzania

Veterinary Laboratory Agency (TVLA), Mpina said in order to attain achievement in the production of vaccination drugs, he instructed all local councils that owe funds to TVLA to effect payments thereof by August 30 this year.

However, he said many local councils have been abiding by the requirement

of fund remission to TVLA, and added that only a few are still long time hardcore debtors.

TVLA Managing Director Dr Furaha Mramba said the aim to establish TVLA in 2012 were among others, was examination and diagnosis of diseases so that when the animals become sick they should know what was to be done

centers, classrooms and teachers' houses. Other projects are the construction of laboratories, dams and hostel for secondary school students.

Mbawi said they have also assisted villagers to initiate income generating projects such as beekeeping in three villages in Chamwino District.

One of the residents from Tungamalenga village in Idodi ward, Nisan Fungito said that previously poaching was widely conducted in the park but villagers did not consider it a problem.

He said: "Some villagers participated in poaching activities and others were used to provide accommodation to poachers under special agreements. They were doing all these because they benefited with the presence of the park."

Fungito noted that villagers were also not educated on the importance of wildlife conservation.

He acknowledged that the situation has positively changed as villagers are happy with the implemented projects. He said youth were previously involved in poaching because they had no other source of income.

Idodi Ward Executive Officer, Abdulatifu Issa said that establishment of the good neighborhood units has facilitated information sharing between the villagers and park officers.

According to Issa, a number of youth in the area have benefited with job opportunities at the park.

The Ward Executive Officer called for strengthened relationships between the park and villagers to make them contribute more in wildlife protection.

and which kind of drugs are suitable for treatment.

Livestock and Fisheries Direct of Livestock Services Prof Hezron Nonga said in order to fight various types of animals' diseases, the Ministry purchased 12,540 litres of chemicals for dipping of livestock that was able to administer 211,037,290 dips.

He said the dips were administered to 149,954,080 cattle, 45,477,778 goats and 15,605,431 sheep.

Mkalama District Commissioner Eng Jackson masaka disclosed that the aim of his district was to give 100,000 vaccinations, but until the time the exercise was launched a total of 45,000, cattle, and 37,000 sheep had been vaccinated.

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# CCM's NEC meeting, national congress memorable events



Delegates to the just-ended CCM National Congress, which was held in Dodoma, in visibly cheerful mood on the big day (Saturday) that witnessed the endorsement of party national Chairman President John Magufuli as its presidential candidate in late October's General Election - and Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan as his running-mate. The posters show the regions the delegates represented.



Former presidents Jakaya Kikwete, Benjamin Mkapa and Ali Hassan Mwinyi break into a song alongside and CCM Vice Chairman (Zanzibar) and Zanzibar President Dr Mohamed Ali Shein at the congress.



CCM national Chairman President John Magufuli in a jovial mood in Dodoma at the weekend after being announced the party's presidential candidate in late October's General Election. With him are former prime ministers Joseph Warioba and Cleopa Msuya.



Defence and National Service minister Dr Hussein Ali Hassan Mwinyi speaks on Friday shortly after the CCM National Executive Committee endorsed him on Friday as the party's candidate in the race for the Zanzibar Presidency in the



Former CCM secretary general Abdulrahman Omar Kinana moves towards to the podium, from where he made brief remarks, at the party's National Executive Committee meeting on Friday.



CCM national Chairman President Magufuli chairs a meeting of the party's National Executive Committee in Dodoma. He is with CCM Vice Chairman (Zanzibar) and Zanzibar President Dr Shein and CCM Secretary General Dr Bashiru Ali Kakurwa.



Delegates to the CCM National Congress symbolically participate in construction work at the Chamwino State House in Dodoma at the weekend.



Delegates to the CCM National Congress in celebratory mood at Chamwino State House in Dodoma, where CCM national Chairman President Magufuli hosted lunch for them yesterday - with a Bongo flava artiste in action. All Photos: State House



By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

# Amref support helps deliveries at health centres rise by 88 per cent

AMREF Health Africa, the international non-governmental organisation (NGO) has assisted in the increase of pregnant women to deliver at health centres by 87.9 per cent in 2019.

In addition, the NGO provided equipment for the improvement of infrastructures for service delivery for mother and child and also enabled clinic attendance for pregnant mothers and children to reach 88.4 per cent in 2019 as

compared to 85.8 per cent in 2017. Speaking at the weekend when receiving medical equipment against Covid-19 infections provided by the NGO, the Acting Simiyu Regional Medical Officer Dr Khamis Kulemba said through the second phase of the

Birth and Life project they have made great changes by removing obstacles that had been in place.

“Joint supervision in the health sector between AMREF and the Regional authorities have born fruits from the increase of clinic attendance

and for pregnant women giving birth at health centres, and to us this is great pride,” said Dr Kulemba.

AMREF Lake Zone Coordinator Gaspary Misungwi said his NGO has solved various challenges in child and

mother health care service delivery as so far the number of deaths have gone down significantly.

“AMREF has done a lot in ensuring the health service for pregnant women and children is properly given in the

required standard,” he said.

Earlier while receiving items for protection against Covid-19 infections valued at 23.7m/- the Simiyu Regional Administrative Officer (RAS) Mariam Mbaga thanked the NGO for its efforts to ensure good health for all Tanzania citizens, and promised the items received will be properly utilized.

So far AMREF Health Africa has a total of 25 projects in the country's various regions and about 45 per cent of them are being implemented in the Lake Zone regions.



Jovith Ikate (L), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's sales manager in Musoma, pictured in Musoma municipality at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 128m/- to Prisons Sergeant Celestine Kalemezi for emerging winner of the firm's 'Tusua Mapene' raffle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Youths living with HIV/AIDS among persons to gain from empowerment programme, says minister Mhagama

By Guardian Reporter

YOUNG People Living with HIV/AIDS (NYP+) are among persons who will benefit from a 5bn/- programme for empowering Tanzanians economically, in order to improve livelihoods countrywide.

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and the Disabled), Jenista Mhagama said when speaking during a meeting organized by the Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS—under the National Council of People Living with HIV (NACOPHA) in collaboration with USAID held in Dodoma.

According to Mhagama, the government last week launched an empowerment programme which is being implemented in collaboration with the ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the ministry of Trade and Industries and that about 5bn/- had been allocated for the programme.

NACOPHA, under the auspices of USAID had convened young people living with HIV/AIDS so that they can air their requests to the Prime Minister's Office, which aims at improving their lives. NYP+ under its campaign dubbed Tuyajenge sought to push for their demands to the government after seeking to meet Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

The Premier sent Mhagama to represent him at the successful meeting, where the latter pledged to work on all the demands.

Presenting their requests before the minister, NYP+ Chairperson, Pudenciana Mbwiliza requested the government to put up best services for young people living with HIV/AIDS so that they can fully participate in national development building.

“We also want to see the government putting up a strategic plan for economic empowerment especially people living with HIV/AIDS,” she said.


Ms Mbwiliza further requested the Prime Minister to be the guardian of NYP+, basing on the fact that Mr Majaliwa had always been on the fore front on the awareness campaign for voluntary testing.

The recent HIV/AIDS indicators survey indicates that about 40 per cent of youth in the country are living with HIV/AIDS out of which 80 per cent of the population is young girls.

This is why NACOPHA in collaboration with USAID decided to help the youth to meet officials from the Prime Minister's

Office to push for their demands. The meeting was also attended by the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) Executive Director, Dr Leonard Maboko. TACAIDS is an Independent Department under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

NACOPHA is the umbrella organization established by People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV) to serve as the Apex body and ultimate voice to advocate for issues and concerns of the PLHIV in Tanzania. At the meeting, NACOPHA was represented by the Chairperson of an organization, Ms Leticia Kapela.



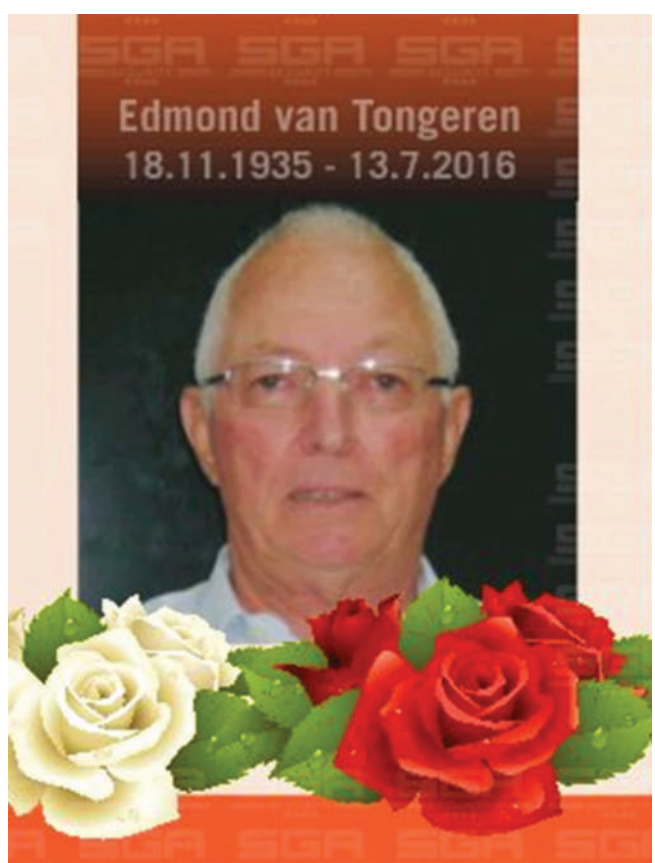
## We Remember Our Founder

The SGA family remembers today the fourth Anniversary of the passing of the Company's founder Edmond van Tongeren.


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Edmond van Tongeren  
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**“We also want to see the government putting up a strategic plan for economic empowerment especially people living with HIV/AIDS**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Tanzania** announces a request for proposals for services and procurement of goods for human and animal health laboratories.

Qualified vendors may contact [intprocure@asmusa.org](mailto:intprocure@asmusa.org) within seven days from the date of **13<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020** for a copy of the request for proposals.



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

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<b>Working Station:</b>	<b>Dar es Salaam</b>

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Only shortlisted candidate will be contacted.





Livestock and Fisheries minister Luhaga Mpina (R, with stick) participates in leading cattle into a pneumonia vaccination cage in Singida yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jembe Ismailly

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

## Adopt policy to recognise the private sector reforms

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in Dodoma Region has appealed to the government to adopt a policy that would recognise and develop the country's private sector for nation economic growth from the middle income status recently announced by the World Bank.

The appeal was made here yesterday by a TPSF representative in Dodoma Region Ringo Iringo when speaking to reporters.

Ringo said as TPSDF they hail the government over its efforts that has helped the nation to enter the list of world countries with middle income.

He said despite the middle income status, there was still need for the government to ensure to bring up a policy to recognize the country's private sector to increase the pace of

economic growth.

"There is neither policy nor law for the recognition of the private sector because it is an important pillar for economic growth, hence we ask the government to bring up this important policy," said Ringo.

He said the policy will enable the private sector to advance as it will be certain in accessing long term loans from financial institutions, that would assist in the increase of production of goods for export and earn foreign exchange.

"Our Kenya neighbours attained the

middle income status a long time ago and that is why you can see they are exporting more than us due to access to finance," he added.

He also called upon the country's financial institutions to change their view in the provision of loans and start funding the agriculture, livestock and tourism sectors.

"These sectors will assist in the nation's economic growth as through agriculture we can obtain raw materials that will assist produce better products for export and earn foreign currency," he said.

Eva Mpagama, a Dodoma entrepreneur hailed the government, especially the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) for working in a friendly environment with traders.

"In the President John Magufuli phase, we traders have not been running away from TRA, and this is because they work with us in a friendly atmosphere, quite different as it was in the past," she said.

She also called upon the government to ensure it puts in place a friendly environment in accessing loans by removing the current tough conditions.

## Tanzanian bank nominated in prestigious African Bank Awards for the year 2020

By Guardian Reporter

NBC Tanzania bank has been nominated in the prestigious African Banker awards 2020 which celebrates excellence in banking and finance sector in the continent.

With over 200 banks from across the continent competing for the awards, NBC bank has made it to the top five list of nominees in the category of SME Bank of the year, a big milestone for the local bank this year.

NBC Tanzania is the only contender from Tanzania in this year's awards competing with Bank of Industry, Sterling Bank both from Nigeria, Bank of Misr (Egypt) and Ecobank in the category. The category attests for the excellence in supporting and transforming SMEs in the continent.

"We are truly excited to be nominated in these reputable awards in Africa. We want to extend our gratitude to customers and stakeholders for their continuous trust, cooperation, feedback and involvement towards improving our SME business in our country," marked the bank's Director of Business Banking, Elvis Ndunguru.

He said the Bank has positioned itself as a One shop for all the SME banking needs leveraging on improved products and tailored solutions that suits local business environment aiming at fostering growth and development of the sector in Tanzania.

In ensuring that, the bank has developed a business club dubbed 'NBC-Club' that networks SMEs and give them access to business trips, free business consultation and preferential freebies in some of the services, an initiative that ensure seamless transition of the sector, according to Ndunguru.

Studies shows that, SMEs sector contributes to 35% of the GDP employing more than 5.2 people in the country. The sector has been facing challenges like limited access to finance and ineffective use of financial services that is why NBC bank has

been investing heavily to improve the business environment by offering reliable and affordable solutions.

"Other factors are such as strong customer relationship management, quick loan decision making, reliable digital footprint whereby customers are able to do their transactions at their convenience through internet banking, mobile banking and through Wakalas," he added.

The African Banker Award 2020 ceremony will take place virtually on the 26th August during the African Bank Annual Meetings under the High Patronage of the African Development Bank.

The African Banker Awards bring together industry leaders from Africa and the world to celebrate the achievements of those who are driving growth and development and creating new economic opportunities for citizens and communities all over the continent and inspire new generations of bankers who are shaping Africa's future.



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### Procurement Opportunities Pre-qualification



Funding provided by the United States Government

Medical Teams International is Non-Government Organization (NGO) which was found in 1979, provides life-saving medical care for people in crisis, such as survivors of natural disasters and refugees.

Medical Teams International, Kasulu Tanzania is inviting interested suppliers to express their interest in provision of Health Insurance Services for the year 2020-2021. All interested parties are requested to participate.

Procuring Entity:	Medical Teams International
Tender No:	PRM19/VEHICLES-003
Tender Name	Invitation for Pre-qualification for Procurement of Vehicles
Vehicle Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4X4 Manual Transmission. 10 seats</li> </ul> With: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value Plus Maintenance Plan (up to 75,000 KM or 3 years) Included in cost of vehicles</li> <li>Bumper (Front Bumper Iron Bar)</li> <li>Spare Tire Rack</li> </ul>
Source of Fund	Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration
Eligible Firms	National (Registered in Tanzania)
Method of Procurement	National Competitive Bidding
Mode Application	Via Email; <a href="mailto:procurementtz@medicalteams.org">procurementtz@medicalteams.org</a> (Please send an introduction email for document inquiry)
Deadline	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020 12:00PM
Bids Submission	Effective 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 from 8AM to 4:30PM

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### TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



#### INVITATION TO TENDER

#### TENDER NO. TP/07/2020/ICB/G/005 - SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATIC TANK GAUGING (ATG) FOR TANK S7

13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) hereby invites experienced and reputable Suppliers to bid for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Tank Gauging (ATG) for Tank S7 via International Competitive Bidding (ICB).
- All bids properly filled and hardcopies enclosed in plain envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and enclosed in plain envelopes marked TP/07/2020/ICB/G/005 - SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATIC TANK GAUGING (ATG) FOR TANK S7. All bidding documents must be delivered physically to, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 10.30 am local time on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020
- Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document through the following email: [tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz](mailto:tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz) or may obtain a softcopies of tender documents at TIPER-PROCUREMENT OFFICE from 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Monday to Friday between 10:00AM and 16:00PM.
- Interested tenderers are invited and strongly advised to attend Pre-Bid Site visit to be conducted at TIPER Kigamboni Depot Site-1 on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 from 09:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. promptly.
- During site visit all bidders(persons) will be required to come with their own PPEs (Personnel protective Equipment) which meet TIPER standards. This includes as a steel toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat or Anti-static reflective vests and a Worker's Helmet. Any tenderer or person missing PPEs will not be allowed onto the site.
- Both hardcopies and electronic or softcopies of tender documents must be sent by bidders. Electronic copies should be submitted in a flash drive sealed in the "COPY" envelope.
- There shall be NO public opening of bids.
- Late bids and portion of bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,  
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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

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**Job title :** Country Director  
**Location :** Tanzania Country Office Dar es Salaam  
**Contract :** Fixed Term Contract 24 months  
**Hours :** Full time

Sightsavers is seeking an experienced and capable Country Director who will be responsible for the overall leadership of Sightsavers operations in the Tanzania country office. This is an exciting time to join Sightsavers and the Country Director will be key to the continued success of Sightsavers objectives in Tanzania.

Through working with implementing partners, you will lead and direct the country team to manage and deliver high quality and cost effective programmes, advocacy with agencies and government, assess programmatic fundraising opportunities and research appropriate baseline data in support of programmatic development.

You will ensure the delivery of the programme activities and demonstrate good governance and compliance within financial management framework to meet funding/donor requirements. You will develop and maintain strong relationships with government agencies, donors, international agencies, media and communities to raise the profile of Sightsavers, with the ability to advocate and influence at senior levels.

Your strong leadership skills, integrity and ability to empower your team will allow you to build on an already effective team and to grow this team by focussing on delivery; recruiting high calibre individuals and supporting them and the existing team with focussed development plans to ensure successful delivery of programme objectives.

#### Other responsibilities include:

- Networking and influencing both within and outside the organisation
- Encourage learning and driving for continuous improvement
- Develop and use effective plans and monitoring systems to ensure appropriate use of resources
- Acts as a role model for overcoming challenges and delivering against commitments and plans. Maintains consistency and effective performance despite pressures and changes

#### Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Extensive experience of working within an INGO/NGO environment in a management position
- Proven experience of managing a team
- Post graduate qualification in relevant subject or equivalent experience
- Experience of project management, budget development and monitoring, and resource management
- Confident in overcoming challenges and delivering against commitments and plans
- Ability to maintain consistent and effective performance despite pressures and changes
- Able to present complex information in a manner appropriate to a varied audience.
- Decision making skills
- Demonstrates the ability to deal with detail as well as the 'big picture'
- A high level of integrity

This is not an exhaustive list of duties or required professional skills, please read the complete Job Description for further details.

**Closing Date: 26 July 2020**

**Interviews:** Expected to take place the week commencing 10 August. Interviews will be conducted remotely using online software due to current travel restrictions, health and safety concerns and for the ease and safety of candidates and staff.

As an equal opportunities employer we actively encourage applications from all sections of the community. Sightsavers is a Disability Confident Leader and qualified people living with a disability are particularly encouraged to apply.

#### How to apply

To apply, and for further details about the role, please follow the below link to the Sightsavers Jobs Page. Please be aware that you will be prompted to include your CV or Cover Letter, please ignore this. Only information included in the online application form will be considered. We cannot accept CV applications for this role.

<http://www.sightsavers.org/vacancies>



MSPH Tanzania LLC, 7th Floor, Jangid Plaza, Plot No. G6, Chaburuma Road (Off-Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road) P.O. Box 80214, Dar es Salaam, email: [icap-tz-info@columbia.edu](mailto:icap-tz-info@columbia.edu) phone: +255 (0) 22 270 0719+255 (0) 22 270 0725

## TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS/SERVICES

### ICAP/TZ/02/2020-2021

#### Introduction:

Mailman School of Public Health Tanzania LLC (hereinafter referred to as "MSPH Tanzania LLC" or "the organization") is a not-for-profit organization registered and operated by The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, in the United States of America. MSPH Tanzania LLC is also known locally as ICAP, has been operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In line with the countrywide scale-up of HIV services in Tanzania, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), ICAP has been successfully implementing an HIV prevention project to provide comprehensive community-based HIV prevention services in multiple regions, and conducting various research and evaluation projects across the country. MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP is currently implementing FIKIA project with overall objectives of implementing community services based on approved national guidelines to increase coverage of comprehensive package of evidence-based HIV prevention interventions for venerable Populations with the goal of strengthening the HIV cascade.

#### Scope of Service

Subjected to funding availability MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP has set aside funds for the operations of the Organization it is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contracts. Now we intend to identify and enlist reputable and registered suppliers and service providers to go through the prequalification process and those selected we will enter into contracts as potential pre-qualified suppliers and service providers on various supplies and services for FIKIA project needs under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites quotes from eligible and registered service providers for the following Lots;

Lot No.	Description of the Services
Lot 1	Provision of Statutory Audit Services
Lot 2	Provision of Medical Insurance
Lot 3	Provision of Life Insurance
Lot 4	Provision of motor vehicles Insurance
Lot 5	Provision of property insurance
Lot 6	Provision of Catering
Lot 7	Provision of car hire service
Lot 8	Provision of Flight booking ticketing service
Lot 9	Provision of Internet service
Lot 10	Provision of courier service for luggage, cargoes and parcel
Lot 11	Provision of Security Services
Lot 12	Provision of office cleaning service
Lot 13	Provision of sanitary supplies.
Lot 14	Provision of fleet management & fuel sensor system service
Lot 15	Provision of monthly electricity top up, water bills and airtime top up service
Lot 16	Provision of garage services for ICAP Fleet
Lot 17	Supply of Office Stationeries
Lot 18	Supply of motor vehicle tyres
Lot 19	Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
Lot 20	Provision of Cargo Transportation services
Lot 21	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Meeting Venue Mwanza, Geita, Dar, Pwani, Kagera, Kigoma, Mara
Lot 22	Provision of Periodical/ Monthly fire extinguisher service
Lot 23	Provision of Plumbing repair, Electricity repair, Air condition repairs, and general maintenance for Geita, Mwanza, Kagera, Sengerema, Mara and Kigoma ie (Emergency plumbing, Leak Repairs, Drain Cleaning, Toilet and sink repairs)
Lot 24	Supply of IT equipment (Printers) and other IT related supplies for all Regional office
Lot 25	Provision of Printing and Promotion services and Binding Materials.
Lot 26	Supply of Medical, Laboratory and Pharmaceutical supplies
Lot 27	Provision of Mobile Data Services

#### Note:

1. For the Provision of Insurance services only Insurance companies are encouraged to apply
2. Please clearly indicate lot numbers, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
3. The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
4. Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
5. Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
6. The tender validity period is 90 days.
7. Selection criteria will be lowest price technically evaluated/ acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
8. MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
9. MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
10. MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
11. Lot No. 22- 26 intend to pre- qualify vendors. MSPH Tanzania LLC- ICAP invites eligible and registered service provider/Suppliers to submit their company profiles with all supporting document as indicated in the tender document
12. The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

#### How to Apply:

Interested, eligible bidders should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at [TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu)

The Tender Committee,  
 MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,  
 Jangid Plaza 7th Floor – Chaburuma Road  
 P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania  
 All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings

**The deadline for the submission is 11:00am East Africa Time on 27th July 2020.**

All tenders should be electronically submitted to [TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu)  
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## NOW RECRUITING FOR EXCITING LEADERSHIP POSITION WITH THE NATIONAL TANZANIA ECD NETWORK (TECDEN)

**Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN)** is a national umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Civil Society Organizations which are working to promote Early Childhood Development in Tanzania by influencing change in policies, programmes and practices that impact on the holistic development of the child, inspired by a vision that the rights and needs of all infants and young children must be realized in order to survive, grow and develop to their full potential.

TECDEN is in a phase of institutional reform and national repositioning as lead platform for coordinating civil society engagement in ECD policy and programming in Tanzania. Funding has been secured for the next three years 2020-2022 to support this process. Building on the momentum of the National ECD Stakeholders Forum conducted in 2018 that led to the formation of the National ECD Task Force, and current roadmap process to develop a National Multisectoral ECD Programme, these are exciting times for TECDEN and the wider ECD ecosystem. Moreover, an organisational review has identified key areas of institutional consolidation for reinforcing TECDEN's leadership role as national network for engagement in ECD policy and programming. To this end, the TECDEN Board of Directors is initiating an important recruitment process for the Network leadership position:

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director is responsible for overall planning, organising, coordinating and overseeing operations of the National Secretariat including its programming, finances and staffing, in line with TECDEN's constitution, policies and guidelines as established by the Board of Directors. S/he is expected to efficiently manage a strong network that brings together members, partners, and resources in support of the Early Childhood Development (ECD) sector in Tanzania by ensuring that programme activities run smoothly and accountably. As a team leader the Executive Director works independently performing a wide range of duties to support ECD programmes, collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders in driving strategic direction and programming to further ECD goals.

Detailed **JOB DESCRIPTION** and **APPLICATION FORM** for this position can be requested by email from: [info@tecden.or.tz](mailto:info@tecden.or.tz)

**Only applications by TECDEN Application Form will be considered.** Please email completed Application Form to: [info@tecden.or.tz](mailto:info@tecden.or.tz). Only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

**Closing date for applications: 11pm EAT, Wednesday 29 July 2020.**



## Don't take it lightly, a house is incomplete without a toilet

ACTIVISTS and a breadth of government officials have for nearly two years worked to raise awareness on the building of proper toilets in each household, as scores of households in innumerable number of wards in each district countrywide don't have appropriate human waste disposal areas. The campaign is focused on the idea that the heart of the house is the toilet, and thus to live a completely modern life each household needs to improve toileting as a whole. It is to build and use accessible toilets for all household members; any exception dents the purpose.

That is why campaigners emphasise that a toilet is not sufficiently improved without a basin for hand washing, or running water close to it. A write up by the official website of the campaign says that the campaign is part of strategies of the government to improve the health status of the people by controlling water and sanitation related diseases. It points out that campaigns of this sort have been there in past decades, to induce behaviour change at the household level, whose starting point is given as 1973.

The 'Mtu ni Afya' campaign was implemented from 1973 to 1978, instigating remarkable improvements including increasing the coverage of basic sanitation from 20 per cent to 80 per cent. As it often happens, some will start slipping off, losing the pace.

In the past decade there was a renewed effort in that direction, in the National Sanitation Campaign, Phase 1 (2012 - 2016) and Phase 2 (2016 - 2021) which thus continues at present. It has an explicit aim of transforming communities to construct and use improved toilets rather than the traditional toilets built during the 'Mtu ni Afya' Campaign.

However, a survey by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) in 2016 indicated that between 55 and 65 per cent of households were still using unimproved facilities while eight to 12 per cent had no toilet facility.

The current campaign focuses on the datum that currently between 55 and 65 per cent of households still use unimproved facilities, while around 10 per cent have no such facility. In addition, hand washing with soap at critical moments during the day is low, somewhere around 20 per cent overall. This brings up the need for the National Sanitation Campaign, appealing to households to construct and use improved latrines as well as practice hand washing with soap at the most of exiting such facilities. Remarkable achievements have been observed in some communities that have taken to heart this campaign and put up effective mobilization to do so.

The worries and fears that came up with the Covid-19 threat of spreading has improved awareness on handwashing, but the crucial aspect is the presence of proper toilet facilities with running water or clean vessels for dipping and reuse. Activists have reached most districts and wards countrywide, with artistes or a few of them specifically having played a crucial part in spreading the message. Other media have participated in different ways like highlighting activities going on in relation to the theme, and relaying remarks and evaluations on these efforts by various national leaders.

There should be no let up until each household has an improved toilet facility, and rented premises make an effort to ensure that toilet facilities aren't used by too many people. The same goes for installing toilet facilities in schools, where many gaps still arise.

## Seaweed farming an opportunity to ensure sustainable livelihoods

THE economic significance of seaweed farming was recognised in Tanzania in as early as the 1950s when wild seaweed was exported from Zanzibar. Following the collapse of export trade in the late 1970s, seaweed farming started on the Zanzibar Islands in 1989. In this regard, the development of seaweed farming as a marine resource was seen as an alternative source of income that could play an important role in improving the living standards of the people in the areas. Before the commencement of seaweed farming people relied more on subsistence farming, small scale business (petty business trading) and fishing as their major sources of income. After the commencement of seaweed farming, peoples' economic activities were replaced by seaweed farming as the major source of income, followed by subsistence farming and small-scale business. Furthermore, studies have shown that more women abandoned subsistence farming in favour of seaweed farming as compared to men. Ownership of items such as radio cassettes, kitchenware, furniture, and clothes increased significantly after the introduction of seaweed farming. Other results include an increase in the number of bank accounts for the respective villages, improved homes for the seaweed farmers, and a reduction on the number of children suffering from malnutrition.

Seaweed farming has had widespread socio-economic impacts in Tanzania, and has become a very important source of resources for women, and is the third biggest contributor of foreign currency to the country. Ninety per cent of the farmers are women, and much of it is used by the skincare and cosmetics industry.

Seaweed farming or kelp farming is the practice of cultivating and harvesting seaweed. In its simplest form, it consists of the management

of naturally found batches. In its most advanced form, it consists of fully controlling the life cycle of the algae.

Seaweed farming has frequently been developed as an alternative to improve economic conditions and to reduce fishing pressure and overexploited fisheries. Seaweeds have been harvested throughout the world as a food source as well as an export commodity for production of agar and carrageenan products.

Several environmental problems can result from seaweed farming. Sometimes seaweed farmers cut down mangroves to use as stakes for their ropes. This, however, negatively affects farming since it reduces the water quality and mangrove biodiversity due to depletion. Farmers may also sometimes remove eelgrass from their farming areas. This, however, is also discouraged, as it adversely affects water quality.

Seaweed farming helps to preserve coral reefs by increasing diversity where the algae and seaweed have been introduced, and it also provides an added niche for local species of fish and invertebrates. Farming may be beneficial by increasing the production of herbivorous fishes and shellfish in the area.

Seaweed culture can also be used to capture, absorb, and eventually incorporate excessive nutrients into living tissue.

There has been considerable attention to how large-scale seaweed cultivation in the open ocean can act as a form of carbon sequestration to mitigate climate change. A number of academic studies have demonstrated that nearshore seaweed forests constitute a source of blue carbon, as seaweed detritus is carried by wave currents into the middle and deep ocean thereby sequestering carbon. It has therefore been suggested that growing seaweeds at scale can have a significant impact on climate change.

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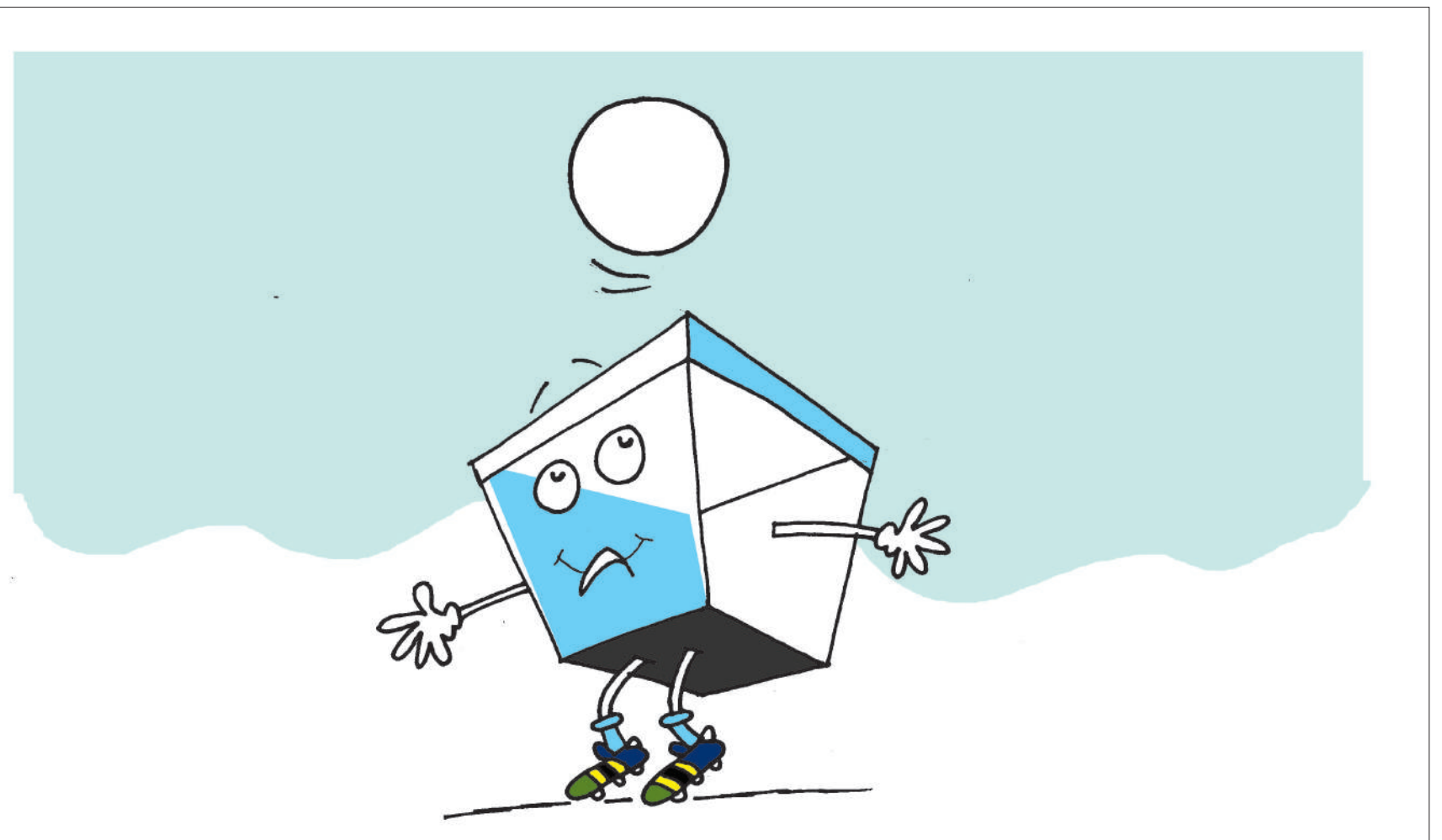
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## Seizing the moment: Tackling entrenched inequalities to end epidemics

By Winnie Byanyima - Executive Director, UNAIDS



Like the HIV epidemic before it, COVID-19 is exploiting the extreme inequalities between countries and within them to take root among disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. I am proud that decades of experience in responding to HIV are being used in the fight against the coronavirus and that activists all over the world are working hard to make sure that the disruption to HIV services is minimized. But I am also deeply concerned.

Even before the onset of COVID-19, the world was failing in its commitment to end the HIV epidemic by 2030. The UNAIDS new Global Report, *Seizing The Moment: tackling entrenched inequalities to tackle epidemics*, shows that there were 690 000 AIDS-related deaths in 2019 and 1.7 million new infections—far from the global targets of fewer than 500 000 deaths and 500 000 new infections a year that were set for 2020.

The collective failure to implement and sufficiently invest in comprehensive, rights-based HIV responses has come at a dreadful price. There were 3.5 million more HIV infections and 820 000 more AIDS-related deaths from 2015 to 2020 than the world had aimed to achieve.

This is unacceptable when we have medicines to keep people living with HIV alive and well and an array of prevention tools to stop new infections. We are being held back by entrenched inequalities that put vulnerable and marginalized groups of people at higher risk of becoming infected with HIV and dying of AIDS-related illnesses.

Of course, there are bright spots. South Africa has massively expanded the numbers of people on treatment in the last decade, from 1.4 million people in 2010 to 5.2 million people in 2019. Countries such as Eswatini and Lesotho are showing that new infections can be driven down by rolling out combination prevention options.

But in too many countries the epidemic is worsening. Infections have risen by 72% in Eastern Europe and Central Asia since 2010, with rises of 22% recorded in the Middle East and North Africa and 21% in Latin America.

As ever, it is the most vulnerable who pay the price. Every day, marginalized groups such as gay men, sex workers, transgender people, people who use drugs, prisoners and migrants are prevented from receiving proper health care and are criminalized and marginalized. Denied their right to health, these groups and their sexual partners comprised 62% of all new adult infections in 2019.

Meanwhile, women and girls are too often denied their sexual and reproductive health and rights, while gender-based violence and gender inequalities continue to drive the epidemic forward among



young women and girls. In 2019, young women and adolescent girls accounted for 1 in 4 new infections in sub-Saharan Africa, despite making up about 10% of the total population.

It is estimated that globally 243 million women and girls aged 15–49 years have been subjected to sexual and/or physical violence perpetrated by an intimate partner in the past 12 months. Meanwhile, we know that women who experience such violence are 1.5 times more likely to acquire HIV than women who have not experienced violence. Among marginalized groups, a high prevalence of violence is also linked with higher rates of HIV infection. Female sex workers have a 30-times greater risk of acquiring HIV than the general population.

All this must change, and we have to act on multiple fronts. A multisectoral approach that respects the rights and dignity of women and of all marginalized groups is urgently needed to reduce HIV infections and guarantee their right to health and other essential services.

For example, completion of quality secondary education reduces the HIV vulnerability of adolescent girls and young women by half and also yields multiple other social and economic outcomes for advancing health, gender equality, economic empowerment and addressing gender-based violence.

vulnerable people and their lack of access to health services, education, protection from violence and social, economic and psychological support.

And we need a global commitment that diagnostics, medicines, and an eventual vaccine against the coronavirus are available free at the point of use to everyone everywhere. When a vaccine becomes available it must be a People's Vaccine.

Successful pandemic responses are grounded in human rights, implement evidence-based programming, and should be fully funded to achieve their targets.

Unfortunately, the funding gap for HIV responses is widening. Increases in resources for HIV responses in low- and middle-income countries stalled in 2017, and funding decreased by 7% between 2017 and 2019 after adjusting for inflation. The total HIV funding available in these countries in 2019 amounted to about 70% of the 2020 target set by the United Nations General Assembly.

HIV has been slipping down the international agenda for some years. Now, I am calling on leaders to convene a new United Nations High-Level Meeting On Ending AIDS next year to address with urgency the outstanding issues that are holding us back from ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

We cannot drop the ball on HIV. The futures of millions of people are at stake.

The UNAIDS 2020 global report is a call to action. It highlights the terrible scale of the HIV epidemic and how it runs along the fault lines of inequalities.

We can and must close the gaps.

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Ms Byanyima was the Executive Director of Oxfam International from 2013 to 2019. Prior to that, she served for seven years as the Director of Gender and Development at the United Nations Development Programme.

Ms Byanyima began her career as a champion of marginalized communities and women 30 years ago as a member of parliament in the National Assembly of Uganda. In 2004, she became the Director of Women and Development at the African Union Commission, working on the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa, an international human rights instrument that became an important tool for reducing the disproportionate effect of HIV on the lives of women in Africa.



# Forest Regulations of 2019 pose big risk to forest conservation at the village level

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

On 24th May 2019, the government published The Forest Regulations, 2019. These regulations differ from the Forest Act 2002 and previous regulations. The new regulations have introduced different changes which environmental and forest experts, aside from other stakeholders say they may pose a big risk on modalities of community-based forest management (CBFM).

The establishment and management of village land forest reserves by village governments is provided by policy statements number 5 and 6 of the National Forestry Policy of 1998 and sections 32 to 41 and 65 (3), 78 (3) along with 97 (1) (b), of the Forest Act No. 14 of 2002. The process starts with preparation of village land use plans, based on provision of sections 12, 13, 22, 33 and 35 of the Land Use Plan Act of 2007, through which villages allocate areas for village forests. The government in collaboration with development partners has been implementing CBFM since 1986, and led to establishment of about 1.4 million hectares of village land forest reserves (VLFs) across the country by 2019.

## CBFM in Kilwa district, Lindi region

Through CBFM, Kilwa residents in Lindi region recognized that forests have wide environmental, social and economic benefits for them, other people, the nation and the planet. They also understand that forests play a significant role in the livelihoods of the rural poor through their provision of goods and services. They therefore, keen to protect their forests against any illegal forest practice. In Nanjirinji village for example, the villagers have raised a total of eight hundred million shillings (800m/-) from CBFM. They have managed to turn their forest into opportunities for wealth. Nanjirinji village chairman Mohamedi Mussa said the village in collaboration with Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI) started implementing CBFM in 2012. They worked on a land use plan and set aside village land forest reserves from Bumbila forest. Within a very short period, revenues accrued from the first village land forest reserve led to establishing the second village land forest reserve, so they have two VLFs. Since then, the villagers have been using their forest revenues to support improved health facilities, build schools, the village guest house and drill water wells, among other benefits. The village success story is worth emulating for other villages and decision makers. This tells us that forest conservation is possible and tangible results can be derived from forests. "So if there are any new regulations, they will only be discouraging our efforts to conserve the forest and taking away our rights and economy of the village", he said.



Nanjirinji villagers pose for a souvenir photo in front of the new village government office built under the Community-based Forest Management programme in Tanzania.

Commenting on CBFM, village executive officer Hassan Mkunguru said the village is proud of community-based forest management as this arrangement gives rural communities like Nanjirinji means of supporting their economic empowerment. The project has added value to local forest uses by developing local forest-based enterprises. Since 2012, CBFM has facilitated attitude shift among villagers to move beyond a focus wholly on local subsistence use, to a range of commercial initiatives and ventures.

"We are also supporting social services in our village. For example we support 100,000/- for each primary school pupil who passes standard seven examination to join form one, and we are also providing 50,000/- for each expectant mother to facilitate them with labor accessories," he said.

To date, Nanjirinji village through Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) is promoting forest conservation and at the same time creating opportunities for communities to benefit from managing forest reserves under their village land. It has so far attracted many people especially the youth from outside the village. Any attempt to implement GN 417 will be setting back efforts and achievements registered by the villagers and their partners, he emphasised.

At Mchakama village, CBFM has played a key role to conserve natural forests and associated biodiversity. Revenues from forest-based enterprises are enough to support communities to opt for forest conservation than any other income generating activity. They are no longer clearing forest for charcoal and farming. The forest and land management programs implemented in CBFM project sites have also educated them on sustainable harvesting and technologies. These programs have significantly contributed to natural forest and biodiversity rejuvenation in village land forest reserves.

Former village chairman Salum Msusa explained that since the intervention of MCDI with support from WWF Tanzania a couple of years ago, the villagers have benefited a lot from Uchungwa village land forest reserve.

"In fact, the forest has turned

out to be the pearl of Mchakama village as money accrued from forest products have been used to buy solar power for Mchakama village dispensary and building a house for the clinician-in-charge. Unlike in the past, all round availability of power has helped the villagers to access medical and health service at the health facility day and night," he said.

Clinicians said before the installation of solar power, they were using torches but with the new solar technology, they can administer medical services throughout day and night.

The installation of power has helped to administer emergency services during night like attending to expectant and delivering mothers.

The secretary of the Village Natural Resources Committee Ahmadi Abdallah Ligambe said from 2016 to 2018 the village earned millions of shillings from timber harvests. 50 percent was village dividend, 5 percent went to the Kilwa district council, MCDI received 5 percent as voluntary contribution by the community, and the remaining went to the village natural resource committee as operational funds.

"The 50 percent from the forest proceeds is allocated for village development activities. For example, beside building a new toilet for pupils, the village has constructed the clinician house for 44m/- and renovated the village government office with 1m/-," he said.

"Some of the money has been used to start a goat project and build capacity of the Natural Resources Committee like buying a patrol motorcycle, uniforms and meeting other operational costs," he said.

Commenting on individual benefits, the villagers said they have been trained on different aspects. For example good governance training enabled the committee to effectively play their role in managing the forest and supervise benefit sharing. Women engagement has improved their confidence and now some of them hold good positions in village land forest reserves.

Liwiti village in Kilwa district is another village implementing CBFM. It is one of 14 such villages, endowed with well conserved Miombo woodlands in the Ruvuma landscape, certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). FSC certification

improves the villages' prospects to benefit from a high and better timber price at the international market compared to local markets.

The villagers in collaboration with the District Council, Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI) and WWF have implemented a project on community sustainable harvesting and timber processing at Namatuli and Liwiti village land forest reserve. With the certification, they managed to raise enough money to build two classrooms at 26m/- in 2011, built a teachers' office at 5m/-, and in 2016 to 2018, constructed two teachers' houses at more than 40m/-.

In 2017, the village government gave 22 students around 2.2m/- as they passed to join secondary school, each student receiving 100,000/-. From 2013 to 2019, the village managed to provide 30 bags of food for the pupils' midday meal worth 500,000/-, in purchasing buying and transport costs.

"In January 2015, we managed to buy food for the villagers with 800,000/-, which helped to rescue the villagers from effects of a grain shortage, said the village chairman.

Some money was used to buy textbooks for teachers, for 600,000/-, another 750,000/- was used to buy two school national flags, equipping the school band and allowances for the buyers.

Also in the list, the village managed to pay National Health Insurance at about 7m/- for the Village Natural Resources Committee at its expiry in 2017. They bought uniforms at a total of 12m/- at different occasions. However, from 2018/19 the budget increased for their NHIF where by the village paid 30,000/- for each member, spending a total of 4,500,000/- "If it happens that I meet neighbouring villages, I will advice them to certify their forest so that they can get better prices and increase their income," he said.

## Women benefits

Commenting on how women have benefited from forest conservation, a member of the Village Natural Resources Committee Salima Msham said that women have acquired knowledge and skills

on forest conservation.

"A few years ago, the village faced hunger. The village convened the meeting and decided that we should use part of the money to buy some food for the villagers. We wrote to the Kilwa District Executive Director and he approved our request. The food was bought and distributed among the villagers. As women we think this was big support," she said. Forest products have helped them in many ways, as community sustainable harvesting and timber processing, Grumeti timber company placed an order for large number of sawn timber pieces from the village.

She said the income accrued from the certified sawn timber has motivated villagers to now collaborate with development partners like MCDI and WWF to properly manage the forests, she said.

"As a woman I have benefited a lot from forest conservation. For example, in December last year I participated in the patrol team and received an allowance of 10,000/-. I used the money to buy three counter books for my school child.

"After a short time, I was picked up again to join the patrol team and paid 10,000/- which I used to buy uniforms for my secondary school child," she adds.

"A few years ago, my husband was involved in a car accident and broke his leg. The village gave me 30,000/- from the village development fund and I took him to hospital. These are some of the benefits and personal achievements registered on account of forest conservation," she said.

## Individual benefits

A villager and beneficiary, Rashid Abdallah who was trained to operate the chainsaw said he has worked for four years now and managed to buy a plot and iron-sheets, built a house.

"Before getting trained in chainsaw, I was engaged in farming, but could not realize actual benefits. Forest conservation has more benefits because it provides employment as well," he said.

Citing an example he said the village processed 100 cubic meter logs, so if the villagers sold the logs as they are, they would get 26m/- but after

processing the timbers the village got 67.2m/-.

Other benefits include employment, technical training and individual income for auxiliary tasks at the mobile sawmill area.

Forest certification has its own importance because if the forest is certified, the products would be accepted internationally as they are considered to come from the forest conserving communities. This adds more value to the forest products than conserving uncertified forest.

How do the new regulations differ from the Forest Act 2002 and previous regulations and what are the implications?

Having seen how CBFM works and the benefits accrued from it, now let us see what the new regulation entails and the new changes.

In fact the new regulations differ from the Forest Act and previous regulations in the following ways: first is the reallocating of responsibility for the preparation of Village Land Forest Reserve (VLF) harvesting plans from the Village Council to the Director of Forestry. The Forest Act 2002 states that Village Councils are responsible for preparing management plans for Village Land Forest Reserves. This includes planning for harvesting and sustainable use, in Village Land Forest Reserves. Village Councils' right to decide over the management of village land and village land forests, is further provided for under the Village Land Act 1999 and the Local Government (District Authorities) Act 1982. The 2019 regulations reallocate responsibility for the preparation of harvesting plans on village land, to the Director of Forestry. The implication is that decision-making power over the use of village land forests has been taken away from the village council and reallocated to the Director of Forestry. The regulations contradict the 'mother law' which is the Forest Act which grants decision-making powers to the village council. The regulations contradict the Village Land Act 1999 which also grants decision-making powers over village land management to village councils. Furthermore, the regulations contradict the Local Government (District

Authorities) Act 1982 which grants the Village Councils the right to pass by-laws on all affairs and business of a village. Also the regulations run counter to the National Forest Policy which stipulates community-based forest management as the policy tool for the management of forests on village land.

About the reallocating responsibility for issuing harvesting permits in village land forest reserves from the village council to the district forest produce harvesting committee, the Forest Act 2002 states that Village Councils are responsible for the management of Village Land Forest Reserves. This includes issuing harvesting permits in Village Land Forest Reserves. The 2019 regulations reallocate responsibility for issuing harvesting permits in village land forest reserves (and throughout all village land) to the District Forest Produce Harvesting Committee. Now the implication is that the regulations contradict the 'mother law' i.e. the Forest Act 2002. The regulations also contradict the Village Land Act 1999 which grants decision-making powers to the village council. The regulations contradict the Local Government (District Authorities) Act 1982 which grants the Village Councils the right to pass by-laws on all affairs and business of a village. Decision-making power over forest management, has been taken away from communities and granted to the District Forest Produce Harvesting Committee. Community-based forest management is undermined and communities are disempowered, as decision making over productive use has been shifted from the village.

Contacted for comment, Kilwa District Executive Director Renatus Mchau and the District Commissioner Christopher Ngubiagai explained that CBFM is very useful, noting that the new regulations introduced by the government shall compromise CBFM and forest conservation.

"CBFM has managed to protect forests and has improved rural livelihoods. With support from MCDI and WWF, communities of Likawage, Nanjirinji, Liwiti and Mchakama are among village obtaining significant economic benefits from forest resources, said Ngubiagai.

The villagers have managed to control illegal harvesting and encroachment. MCDI and WWF have trained them a system for sustainably harvesting and selling forest products to generate income for the community hence supporting the district and government efforts to improve their livelihood. Some villagers such as Liwiti have managed to achieve Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification and their forests have been recognized in the world market. Now they have greater market access and potential price premiums for certified timber harvested from the VLFs. Therefore any changes on the CBFM and the regulations would have negative effects on the forest conservation drive and the environment at large.



By Eugene Tuan-Wleh Williams

Dear AMERICA:  
Regards!

On Monday, May 25, 2020, a disturbing video of a 46-year-old man (George Floyd) being murdered in broad daylight by four (4) white police officers, seized our various news feeds on every social media platform, and other online media outlets. Floyd, according to the video on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWzkgKPZwCw>, walked to the Police car from a distant, probably ready to go for investigation for whatever offence, when he dropped on the ground and started getting strangled by three (3) of the four (4) police officers at the scene.

In the video on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCMyPz2t3o>, it is clearly shown that Floyd got arrested in his car, and was pulled on the sidewalks by two (2) police officers who took him across the street where he met his unfortunate death. It is speculated that the victim was resisting arrest, for which the police had to apply force. But until this moment, all the videos we have seen are yet proven that Floyd was resisting arrest for which the police had used force.

Like Floyd, several BLACK folks have been maltreated by the US Police Forces according to many online News and videos publications in our possessions. Though difficult to watch, but serving as living evidence for our frustrations in the indefensible manners and forms in which the US Police have been abusing African-Americans since the ages of times; permit me therefore, to share with you links of few difficult to watch, but heart-touching videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPQimBNWytY>  
This link talks about the followings:

- The killing of a 43-year-old BLACK man (Eric Garner) on July 17, 2014 for "illegally" selling cigarettes in New York. Like Floyd, Eric repeated cried "I can't breathe" until his demise.

- The killing of an 18-year-old BLACK boy (Michael Brown) on August 8, 2014, by a white police officer (Darren Wilson) for some reasons yet known. It is equally reported that the grand jury defended the perpetrator and said it wasn't necessary for the officer to face criminal charges.

- The killing of a 25-year-old mentally ill BLACK man (Ezell Ford) on August 11, 2014. It is reported that Ford was shot three times in a close range by two (2) LA Police officers, despite the fact that he was unarmed.

- The killing of a 12-year-old BLACK boy (Tamir Rice) on November 22, 2014 in Cleveland, Ohio, by police officers for carrying a toy gun.

- The killing of a 50-year-old BLACK man (Walter Scott) by a 33yrs old white Police officer (Michael Slager) on April 7, 2015 in North Charleston - South Carolina.

- The death of a 25-year-old BLACK man (Freddie Gray) who died in police custody a week after his arrest. His autopsy says he had severed spine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RkctxoLQI>  
This link talks about the followings:

- The brutalizing of a 64-year-old BLACK, deaf man (Pearl Pearson) in Oklahoma by a white police officer (Eric Foster) in 2014.

- Three years later, the police force in Oklahoma again shot another BLACK, deaf man (Magdiel Sanchez) right in his yard, believed to be 25yrs of age.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Q1qMp5\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Q1qMp5_o)  
This link talks about:

- The unjustifiable arrest of a BLACK man (Clarence Evans) whom the police took for someone else. According to the victim, he was in his yard with his kids when the Police moved on him. In this documentary, it's noted that BLACKS are often arrested 2.5x as WHITE in the USA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSktBppDiLg>  
This link talks about:

- A CHP officer beating a BLACK woman for walking

# An open letter to America



along the highway roadside.

... and on and on, I could keep sharing links of daily violence and police brutalities being perpetrated against blacks in the USA.

Prior to the Floyd's saga, which has prompted the writing of communication, I watched a video on Facebook showing some physical education exercise by little school children; challenging one another by pulling each other to their respective finish lines drawn by their teacher.

The Title of the Video is:  
"WHEN THE LITTLE BLACK BOY WON, THE TEACHER MOVED THE FINISH LINE".

See link below: [https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=2501403603259585&external\\_log\\_id=9f67b0d8c18253f1f2762eee9b11961a&q=Club%20R%C3%A9silience%20when%20the%20little%20black%20boy%20won%2C%20the%20teacher%20moved%20the%20finish%20line](https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=2501403603259585&external_log_id=9f67b0d8c18253f1f2762eee9b11961a&q=Club%20R%C3%A9silience%20when%20the%20little%20black%20boy%20won%2C%20the%20teacher%20moved%20the%20finish%20line).

In this video, the two boys (Black and White), representing their respective teams, are pulling one another in opposite directions. Though the Black boy (who seems younger) applied much energy to pull his opponent to his finish line, the Teacher denied him the victory over his white counterpart who looked older and stronger. At the end, the helpless BLACK boy got defeated.

I must admit that the scene in that video gave me the sense of belief that even our little black brothers and sisters in your schools of early preparatory primary educations are yet to receive the fairness of the sweetness of the "FREE LAND OF LIBERTY".

Considering the above, I write to remind you of Article-1 & 2 of the Universal Declarations on Human Rights, a promissory note signed in the presence of 57 nations at the adoption of the "Resolution-217" on 10th, December, 1948 - in Palais de Chaillot, Paris, at the third UN General Assembly of the "then" 58 member States; which states:

Article - 1: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

They are endowed with reason and conscience and

should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

Article - 1: "Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, COLOUR, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty."

With the outlined of facts gathered from very credible sources, backed by videos showing the frequent abuse and lynching of the BLACK race by state security officers, only but explain why I chose to write this letter.

Using this time, it is also important to remind you that history has not been so kind to us as a race. From the establishment of the slave industry - fueled primarily by the labour of capture freed and skilled Africans to the partitioning of our land amongst western hegemonies, which laid the foundation for centuries of mineral exploration and exploitation out of Africa in the name of colonialism to the colonial legacy we have in the neo-colonial economies that continue to make us the chief supplier of devalued raw materials in the capitalist market; it's been almost entirely a pain to deal with. Our brothers in the Europe and the Americas are engaging in sub-human labor kinds just to get ends meet while they are constantly being chased, molested, and negatively branded as "undocumented/illegal immigrants". In real sense, our brothers are out there collecting the crumbs of your massive exploitation ensure a decent live for our kind. These labels are the main reasons why they remain the targets of police brutality/murder.

By this, I am not inferring that America or Americans are evil in totality. Instead, I am arguing that the American society or justice system accommodates this act either in action or inaction. As students of history I have read tales of

American heroism; I have read how America joined forces with other progressive nations to end the narcissist reign of Hitler that nearly wiped out the Jews as a people. I have read and continue to read legends of an America fronting the causes of oppressed people even away from home. As an adolescent, I witness the restoration of people and stability to my dear Liberia; having been torn apart by over 14yrs of civil and ethnic uneasiness, by America and her ally nations.

However, the uncountable cases of the shooting and killing of BLACKS in America indicate that there is something fundamentally wrong with the justice system. It leaves me to believe that white supremacist ideologies have a place in America. Such happenings weaken our faith in the universal leadership America has championed over the years.

In lieu of these and many more unmentioned, I have, through this means, come to remind America, if she has forgotten the inscriptions of her founding fathers' creed as stated in paragraph two of the declaration of independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness".

These are not just words - but expressions of accepted values that demonstrate the dignity of all men regardless of color or creed. I am therefore asking America to ensure security and justice systems reforms.

For it befits a nation such as yours to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, especially minorities. Let Floyd's death, which shouldn't have happened in the first place, set the stage for a renewed American commitment to the ideals of an equal and nonracial society, enshrined in the universal convention on the human rights which preamble states:

"Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,"

Till then, like your White citizens, BLACKS lives matter, TOO!

*Yours respectfully,*  
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By J.Patrick Flomo

## The name Monrovia (capital of Liberia) should be changed

Monrovia, the capital city of the Republic of Liberia, is named in honour of President James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States--and a slave owner. This honouring of a slave owner is a travesty to the autochthonous and should be an abomination to the children of the settlers (the Americo-Liberians). The 1810 census record shows that 49 enslaved individuals lived at Monroe's Plantation in Highland, Virginia. This made Monroe one of the country's largest slave owners (National Archives and Record Administration). Today, we are experiencing an epiphany from the lynching of George Floyd and must join the chorus to bring down and eviscerate the legacy of the symbols of slavery--the anathema of our humanity. It is time to change the name Monrovia.

The lynching of George Floyd by a Minneapolis White Police Officer has shed new light on the 17th-century African enslavement by Europe and the United States as its ugly legacy continues today--racism and bigotry. Globally, the symbols commemorating slave traders and slave owners are being toppled or eviscerated, e.g., Edward Colston (Bristol, England), Confederate statues in the



American South and in Congress, the Confederate Flag, the statue of Christopher Columbus (at the State House of Columbus, Ohio), etc. This psychological trauma of black enslavement is being caught up in a vortex of the rapture of liberal Awakening.

To the Members of the Liberian Senate and the House of Representatives and the People of Liberia: We cannot in good conscience continue to honor a slave master with the name of our capital, Monrovia. If we do, we validate a racist maxim that White is superior to Black. Others may argue that as president of the United States, James Monroe was able to get Congress to appropriate \$100,00.00 (David Lamb) to fund the American Colonization Society (ACS) to facilitate the settlement of Liberia in 1820. I suggest that Monroe's action was not motivated by

the love of humanity or his disdain for the subjugation and bondage of the African slaves. Rather, like the majority of members (slave owners) of the ACS, he was fearful of a slave uprising.

In the course of human events comes a moment when a society with an ugly past must reckon with it. I believe, WE THE PEOPLE OF LIBERIA, must seize this moment in history to amend this ugly chapter of our history - the naming of our capital city in honor of a slave master. Liberia is said to be the land of liberty for the free slaves from America and captured slaves on the high seas. It is confounding and incomprehensible that the settlers and the PEOPLE OF LIBERIA today will continue to honor a man associated with the abomination of humanity called slavery.

I think the time has come for us, the PEOPLE OF LIBERIA, to join the rest of the "civilized" world to desecrate the symbols of Black subjugation. It will be unconscionable and abhorrent if we do not seize upon this awakening of America's and Britain's original sin - slavery and the continued institutionalization of racism -- to remove the name of a slave master (James Monroe) from our capital city. This moment calls for a vigorous civil debate. I believe it is fitting and proper that WE THE

PEOPLE OF LIBERIA change the name of our capital city.

Liberia officially the Republic of Liberia, is a country on the West African coast. It is bordered by Sierra Leone to its northwest, Guinea to its north, Ivory Coast to its east, and the Atlantic Ocean to its south-southwest. It covers an area of 111,369 square kilometers (43,000 sq mi) and has a population of around 4,900,000. English is the official language and over 20 indigenous languages are spoken, representing the numerous ethnic groups who make up more than 95 per cent of the population. The country's capital and largest city is Monrovia.

Liberia began as a settlement of the American Colonization Society (ACS), who believed black people would face better chances for freedom and prosperity in Africa than in the United States. The country declared its independence on July 26, 1847. The U.S. did not recognize Liberia's independence until February 5, 1862, during the American Civil War. Between January 7, 1822, and the American Civil War, more than 15,000 freed and free-born black people who faced legislated limits in the U.S., and 3,198 Afro-Caribbeans, relocated to the settlement. The settlers carried their culture and tradition with them.

The Liberian constitution and flag were modeled after those of the U.S. On January 3, 1848, Joseph Jenkins Roberts, a wealthy, free-born African American from Virginia who settled in Liberia, was elected Liberia's first president after the people proclaimed independence.

Liberia was the first African republic to proclaim its independence, and is Africa's first and oldest modern republic. It retained its independence during the Scramble for Africa. During World War II, Liberia supported the United States war efforts against Germany and in turn, the U.S. invested in considerable infrastructure in Liberia to help its war effort, which also aided the country in modernizing and improving its major air transportation facilities. In addition, President William Tubman encouraged economic changes. Internationally, Liberia was a founding member of the League of Nations, United Nations, and the Organisation of African Unity.

The Americo-Liberian settlers did not relate well to the indigenous peoples they encountered, especially those in communities of the more isolated "bush". The colonial settlements were raided by the Kru and Grebo from their inland chiefdoms. Americo-Liberians developed as a small elite that held on to po-

litical power, and indigenous tribesmen were excluded from birthright citizenship in their own land until 1904, in an echo of the United States' treatment of Native Americans. Americo-Liberians promoted religious organizations to set up missions and schools to educate the indigenous peoples.

In 1980 political tensions from the rule of William R. Tolbert resulted in a military coup during which Tolbert was killed, marking the beginning of years-long political instability. Five years of military rule by the People's Redemption Council and five years of civilian rule by the National Democratic Party of Liberia were followed by the First and Second Liberian Civil Wars. These resulted in the deaths of 250,000 people (about 8 pc of the population) and the displacement of many more, and shrank Liberia's economy by 90 per cent. A peace agreement in 2003 led to democratic elections in 2005, in which Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected President. National infrastructure and basic social services were severely affected by the conflicts, with 83 per cent of the population now living below the international poverty line.

The Pepper Coast, also known as the Grain Coast, has been inhabited by indigenous peoples of Africa at least as far

back as the 12th century. Mende-speaking people expanded westward from the Sudan, forcing many smaller ethnic groups southward toward the Atlantic Ocean. The Dei, Bassa, Kru, Gola, and Kissi were some of the earliest documented peoples in the area.

This influx of these groups was compounded by the decline of the Western Sudanic Mali Empire in 1375 and the Songhai Empire in 1591. The area now called Liberia was a part of the Kingdom of Koya from 1450 to 1898. As inland regions underwent desertification, inhabitants moved to the wetter coast. These new inhabitants brought skills such as cotton spinning, cloth weaving, iron smelting, rice and sorghum cultivation, and social and political institutions from the Mali and Songhai empires. Shortly after the Mane conquered the region, the Vai people of the former Mali Empire immigrated into the Grand Cape Mount County region. The ethnic Kru opposed the influx of Vai, forming an alliance with the Mane to stop further influx of Vai.

People along the coast built canoes and traded with other West Africans from Cap-Vert to the Gold Coast. Arab traders entered the region from the north, and a long-established slave trade took captives to north and east Africa.



# TARI breeds drought-resistant seed to enhance sorghum production

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

**T**HE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Hombolo) has produced more than 10 tonnes of improved sorghum seeds to scale up production.

The initiative, meant to comply with expanded demand for researched and certified sorghum seeds within the country and it goes in tandem with a move to sensitize for wider uses of sorghum in the country, as well as training the farmers over best agronomic practices.

Being the pilot project, the center, TARI-Hombolo, have cultivated at least 20 acre-farm of the said improved seed varieties by involving at least 40 growers in the ward.

Speaking to The Guardian over the weekend during harvesting exercise by using a special thresher machine, Senior Plant Breeder for TARI-Hombolo, Dr. Lameck Nyaligwa said the country was experiencing an uptick in demand for sorghum seeds, especially in Lindi, Mtwara, Songwe, Tabora and rest central zone regions, while potential outside markets based in Burundi, South Sudan and

Zambia, to mention but a few.

Dr. Nyaligwa expressed concern over shortage of certified sorghum seed varieties in Tanzania, a move which he observed calls for collective investments in order to cut the seed dependency from outside the country, especially from neighboring Kenya.

"After being mandated by the government to invent, produce and distribute seeds to relevant stakeholders, the center has decided to start producing the improved sorghum seeds to ensure for enough accessibility with a major focus to enable mass

cultivation of the key socioeconomic crop," he asserted.

He added that the produced variety was useful in terms of high nutrition, but also, if used professionally will help the farmers in the country to cheat challenges of climate change which often deny them (farmers) to yield bumper.

Giving their successive testimonies, some of the project's beneficiary sorghum growers in Hombolo ward admitted to have started realizing good yields, ever before, after being trained by TARI experts on better agronomic practices.

"Formerly, I used to get only one sack per acre, but after receiving the training I am currently managing to harvest between five to seven sacks per acre," said Musa Hamis, a beneficiary farmer.

For her part, Lilian Machite thanked the TARI for imparting them (farmers) with best agronomic practices, including uses of suitable fertilizers, recommended seeding spaces as well as how to mitigate common sorghum diseases.

Other sorghum varieties produced by the center include Tegemeo, NACO 1, Hakika and Wahi varieties.

Assuring wider and reliable markets for sorghum farmers, the center has assisted at least 200 farmers to strike a deal with the Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) for the production of sorghum grains for brewing beers.

"Through the contact, our role, TARI, apart from conducting the needed seed research, is to impart farmers with recommended agronomic practice with an eye to enable them meeting the set standard seeds required for brewing the targeted brand beer," Dr Nyaligwa detailed.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) WFP-X: Dar es Salaam

July 13th, 2020

PCI is seeking proposals from qualified contractors who specialize in communications and creative branding to document and broadcast the novel WFPX: Dar es Salaam project.

### Background

Together with WFP Innovation Accelerator and WFP Innovation Hub Tanzania, PCI is implementing an exploration of break-through innovations for urban food security in megacities, starting with Dar es Salaam. As one of the fastest growing cities globally, the population is expected to increase 59% in 10 years, from 7 million to 12 million by 2030—a growth rate that could make it the world's third largest city by 2100. It is estimated that 5 million people might be unable to access the food they need for a balanced, nutritious diet. Meeting that demand over the next decade, while simultaneously strengthening the pillars of availability, access, utilization and stability, will require solutions beyond current capabilities or incremental improvements. The project is planning to build a team of 10 local innovators and guide them through a rigorous process to generate 100 ambitious moonshot ideas in 100 days to radically reshape the future Dar es Salaam food systems.

### Project phases

The project is planned to be conducted in five phases from July to December 2020. Phase 0 (July 2020) will be dedicated to start-up and innovator team formation. Phases I-III (August-November 2020) will take innovators through a series of sprints to understand current and future food system challenges in the urban context, define the most critical and impactful problems to solve, ideate bold solutions, and finally prototype and pressure-test the most promising few. Phase IV (December 2020) will round out the program with a potential virtual culminating event for innovators to pitch the shortlisted ideas to potential investors or donors to possibly further develop and scale their moonshot solutions.

### Services to be provided

1. Co-develop a communication and branding strategy for the project
2. Set up and manage project website and social media channels
3. Provide editing and finishing of public facing materials in accordance with established brand guidelines
4. Document the internal program process using various media forms and compile for periodical broadcasting and publishing, such as a bi-weekly basis
5. Serve as project public relations liaison
6. Broadcast the program to national and international media outlets
7. Co-develop and conduct social campaigns/appeals to engage and involve the public
8. Create content for use on relevant social media channels, including existing WFP-operated social media accounts.
9. Support coordination and documentation of final event (either fully virtual or hybrid virtual + physical)

All communication activities will need to be coordinated with the relevant stakeholders as defined by PCI and WFP.

Deliverables	Estimated delivery date
Project communication and branding strategy	July 31st, 2020
Campaign strategies and plans	August 15th, 2020
Periodically published project documentation	Ongoing throughout project
Project website and social channels set up	August 31st, 2020
Social media content creation	Ongoing throughout project
Program documentation final report	November 31st, 2020
Campaign results report	November 31st, 2020

The entire program is expected to be conducted virtually due to COVID-19. Please bear this in mind when compiling your proposal.

### I. General rules:

1. Service delivery period: July 22 – December 15, 2020
2. Currency: All quotations should be in USD.
3. Submission requirements:
  - Proposal must be submitted on/before July 19th, 2020 (11:59 PM EAT) to [jwagaman@pciglobal.org](mailto:jwagaman@pciglobal.org) on company letterhead and signed by an authorized person of the company.
  - Proposals received beyond the deadline will not be considered.
4. Evaluation criteria: All quotes will be evaluated on the basis of a combination of factors such as responsiveness to PCI's requirements, price, quality, creativity, and past performance. PCI reserves the right to request additional information from prospective applicants and reject any or all bids that do not meet the specifications, or when considered to be in the best interest of the agency and/or the people it serves.

### II. Required Information:

1. Contractor Contact Information  
[POINT OF CONTACT NAME]  
[ADDRESS]  
[PHONE NUMBER]  
[E-MAIL]
2. Company profile (an overview of your capacity)
3. Detailed description of how you will fulfill the proposed services (be sure to specifically explain how your approach will be successful if the entire project runs virtually with no physical meetings)
4. Detailed budget not exceeding \$13,000 USD inclusive of VAT
5. Level of effort (how many people are needed and how many working days are expected for each required service)
6. CVs of key staff
7. Portfolio examples of similar work
8. Contacts of references from clients in Tanzania



## Request for Quotations (RFQ)

RFQ No. 3823

### FOR LEASING OF OFFICE SPACE IN DAR ES SALAAM

Due Date and Time for Receipt of Offers: Friday, 24 July 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Jhpiego (pronounced "ja-pie-go"), is an international non-profit health organization affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University. For more than 45 years and in over 40 countries, Jhpiego has empowered front-line health workers by designing and implementing effective, low-cost, hands-on solutions to strengthen the delivery of health care services for women and their families. By putting evidence-based health innovations into everyday practice, Jhpiego works to break down barriers to high-quality health care for the world's most vulnerable populations. Jhpiego's focus is on training and support for health care providers—including doctors, nurses, midwives and health educators working in limited-resource settings throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Jhpiego's program management strategy recognizes the technical complexity and geographical, cultural, socio-economic and political diversity among our programs. We develop global program initiatives and technical interventions that can be adapted for country-specific applications. In support of this field-driven philosophy, Jhpiego uses a decentralized organizational structure that consists of a global "delivery system" designed to implement the entire portfolio of Jhpiego awards with assistance from key technical, programmatic and administrative staff.

Jhpiego Tanzania office hereby invites interested companies/firms/property owners to submit quotations/offers for leasing of office space in Dar es Salaam to be used as Jhpiego Tanzania Office for two years on renewable contract basis.

#### The property should have the following features: -

Well-maintained property located in Dar es Salaam with 1,000 s.q.m. A minimum of 15 office space rooms and a conference room. A minimum of four public toilets. It should also include kitchen space and ample parking area for minimum of 30 vehicles. A standby generator and air conditioners for all office and conference rooms. It should have running water and clean water storage for at least 10,000 Liters. Preferred stand-alone building fenced and should have alarm control system. The property should also be easily accessible by road throughout the year.

Bidders should also submit within their proposals/bids a copy of certificate of occupancy and relevant legal documents for renting of the property. Proposals submitted should clearly indicate monthly rent and any other costs. Indicate VAT and any other taxes if applicable.

#### Upon submission of offers, the most responsive bidders will be visited for physical verification.

A prospective company/firm/property owner having any question regarding this RFQ shall send an email prior to 3 days before the due date and time for submission of offers to the following address: [TZ-jhpiegobids@jhpiego.org](mailto:TZ-jhpiegobids@jhpiego.org).

All quotation/offers in enclosed sealed envelopes, properly filled in, and marked with "RFQ 3823 for Leasing of Office Space in Dar es Salaam" on top of the envelope must be delivered to the address given below before Friday, 24 July 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Jhpiego reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation/offer(s), and to annul the bidding process and reject all quotation/offer(s) at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to companies/firm/property owners. Jhpiego is under no obligation to accept the lowest quotation/offer (s).

Late quotation/offer(s), quotation/offer(s) not received shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances. Offers must be delivered on to the address below;

**Country Director,  
Jhpiego Tanzania,  
Plot No. 72, Block 45B, Victoria Area, New Bagamoyo Road  
P.O. Box 9170, Dar es Salaam,  
Tanzania  
Tel: +255 756 888 388**



By Neil Coleman

Finance minister Tito Mboweni's austerity Budget betrays the President's R500bn rescue package – we need to pull back from the precipice.

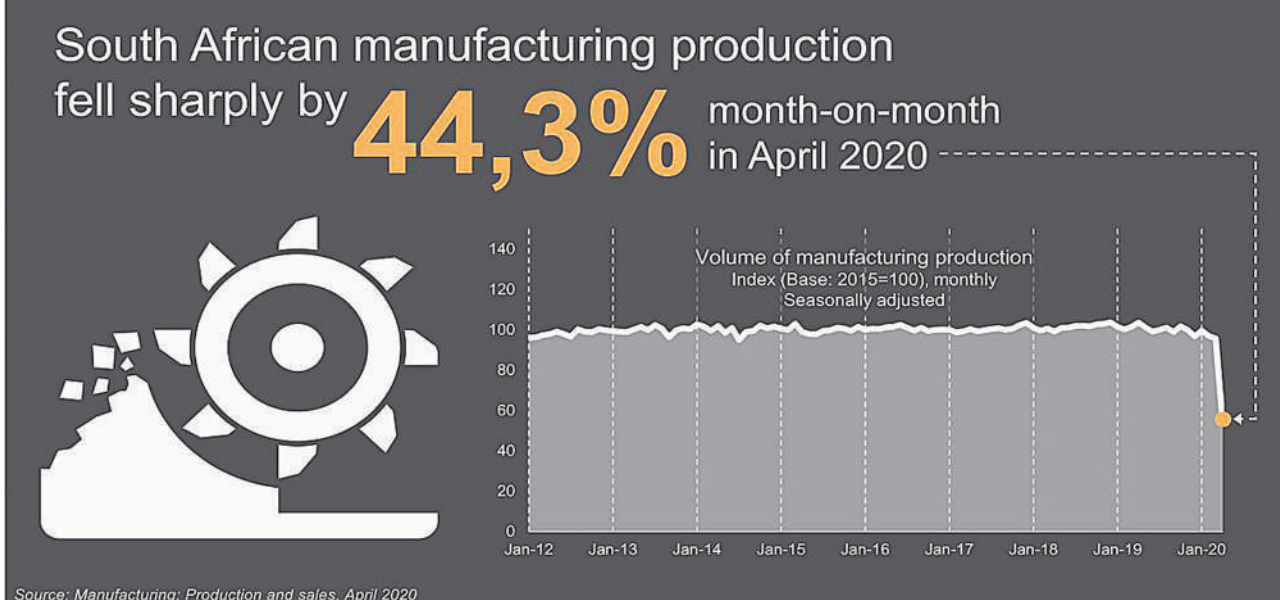
A group of 122 economists and policy experts, called the Economists Initiative, and the Budget Justice Coalition (a coalition of important civil society formations) made submissions to Parliament last week in response to the Supplementary Covid-19 Budget tabled by Tito Mboweni on 24 June.

The Economists Initiative took the extraordinary step of calling for Parliament to reject the Budget and send it back for reformulation. The BJC comprehensively critiqued the Budget, and suggested that it was so regressive that it was probably unconstitutional. In their oral submission, the Economists Initiative suggested the Budget was tantamount to committing "economic suicide".

The emergency Budget had been tabled ostensibly to give effect to the R500-billion package announced by the president on 21 April. The package had been widely welcomed as an important start to assist businesses, households and workers, although certain shortcomings had also been identified by the IEJ and others.

The Economists Initiative, BJC, and other submissions laid out how the Budget departed from the R500-billion package and strenuously opposed the brutal austerity package to be introduced over the next two to three years, involving cuts of more than R400-billion. The Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ) explained in clear

## Supplementary budget puts South Africa on the edge



detail how the Budget, which was supposed to take forward the R500-billion package, failed to implement the commitments contained in it. The most blatant example of this was that instead of implementing the R100-billion jobs package, the Budget contained a mere 6% of this promise. But the Budget fell short in virtually every respect: National Treasury had torn the guts out of the promised package.

In response to these criticisms, Director-General of Treasury Dondo Mogajane and his team made a number of startling claims: he told the committee not to be "deceived and misled" by the submissions, or be used as a "platform for false, misleading statements"; attacked the BJC and Economists Initiative inputs as being "politically motivated" and aimed at attacking Mboweni; said the submissions were empirically false and misleading; that the BJC and Economists Initiative had falsely claimed that the president had committed to R500-billion in new spending; and that this was "the most expansionary Budget in years", "massively counter-cyclical" and so on.

These were all blatantly inaccur-

rate or provocative statements. It is unfortunate that such an important institution as Treasury appears to live in a parallel universe.

The statements of the DG were so offensive that the Chair of the Committee, Yunus Carrim, hauled him over the coals for wanting to dictate to Parliament how it should respond to civil society inputs. Carrim said this was outrageous and insulting. Interestingly, he observed that the DG is normally a mild-mannered man, creating the impression that he was instructed to make this attack by his political principal.

It is disingenuous for Treasury to claim to Parliament and the country that they have not embarked on an austerity path and that they are actually embarking on large countercyclical spending in response to the crisis. This is frankly bizarre when:

- Estimates from economists are that projected Budget cutbacks over the next couple of years will range from R400-billion, according to business economist Nazmeera Moola to as much as R600-billion, according to Duma Gqubule.

- The amount of new spending contained in the Budget is only R36-billion which is less than 1% of GDP as compared to the President's R500-billion ("10% package"), with around R100-billion promised new spending. It is true that the original rescue package envisaged a reprioritisation of some of the spending, something clearly acknowledged in the Economists Initiative and BJC submissions. However, since April even the limited amounts which had been allocated as extra stimulus have been whittled down to a fraction of what was originally proposed, and less than half of the package has materialised.

It is likely that we are looking at Budget cuts of as much as 10% of GDP, which is more than 10 times the size of new spending allocated to the rescue pack-

age. Cuts of this magnitude defeat the purpose of an emergency response. Intellidex has estimated that the likely drop in GDP in 2020, if the R500-billion rescue package were fully implemented, would have been 10%. However, they say without the rescue package being properly implemented the drop in GDP could be more than 16%. This is totally plausible.

Is the Finance Minister, or National Treasury, prepared to publicly debate these issues with civil society representatives, on a live platform of their choice, mediated by experts, so that the South African public can judge for themselves as to who is telling the truth on these matters?

There is little doubt in our minds that by embarking on this brutal programme of cutting back on resources available for delivery of basic rights to the population, the government is in violation of its constitutional obligations to progressively realise the socio-economic rights, which are outlined in the Constitution. Various statements make it clear that Treasury and government have not ensured the maximum use of available resources to protect the socio-economic rights of a population being brutalised by the effects of the Covid pandemic. There is a strong view therefore in civil society that the constitutionality of this Budget needs to be tested in court.

Debates over whether Treasury has indeed embarked on a massive austerity programme and

whether the Budget fails to take forward the rescue package should consider the following questions:

- Has there been real per capita cuts in expenditure over the past five to six years or have we seen growth? The claim by Treasury that South Africa has embarked on an expansionary fiscal stance for more than a decade is blatantly false. The so-called reprioritisation of R130-billion through cuts to other budgets, are over and above the many cuts that we have experienced over the past five to six years (their own budget reviews and the details of the minister's speeches will bear this out). Therefore what has been taken from budgets to allocate to the rescue package amounts to robbing Pamela to pay Paul, and has very negative impacts on important areas of government spending which people rely on in relation to key services as well as infrastructure.
- Did the Budget constitute a significant stimulus package or a rescue package? If our GDP is estimated to contract by at least around 10% this year, as predicted by many economists, then the required magnitude of a response would be in the order of 10% of GDP. But the Budget provides a net increase in spending of less than 1% of GDP,

or R36-billion. Is it not correct to say that the R500-billion package has largely been implemented and that it is only the detail of reprioritisation which has changed the intended allocations outlined by the president in April? There are massive discrepancies between the April package and the June Budget which cannot be ascribed to technical issues of budgetary reprioritisation. For example, Treasury allocated R6-billion for the jobs programme. Yet the original commitment in the emergency rescue package was R100-billion for jobs.

- Doesn't a rising budget deficit reflect the fact that the Budget is expansionary, as claimed by Treasury? The rise in the budget deficit is largely a result of the collapse in taxation which has been caused by the lockdown of the economy, and the economic impact of the Covid-19 crisis. The huge spending cutbacks and failure of the state to inject stimulus into the economy can only lead to further contraction, business closures, household reduction in income and therefore further contraction in the tax revenue which the state receives. So the rise in the budget deficit and debt is completely consistent with the fact that the state is massively cutting back its expenditure.

To be Continued

In an Interview with ETHealthworld, Dr. Hemalatha Pugalendhi (pictured), Director, ICMR- National Institute of Nutrition talks Smridhi Uppala about the intake of nutrition and its importance at all stages of life and not only during infection, when immunity is high at demand.

**QUESTION:** Why is it important for countries such as India to ensure integration of nutrition in pandemic response/prevention strategies?

**ANSWER:** It is indeed important to consider nutrition in the pandemic response as well as for prevention, because nutrition has a direct bearing on the immune regulation of the individuals and immune response as well. Lower Respiratory tract infection (LRTI) is a major cause of morbidity and mortality and is the leading cause of infection related deaths worldwide.

Although there is not much evidence with COVID-19, the preliminary data shows increased severity among those with higher BMI and among the elderly and those with comorbid conditions, who are invariably known to have impaired nutrition status, thus suggesting a possible link between the nutritional status of the host and the clinical outcomes of COVID-19.

India already has a high burden of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiency and infections which may further increase the risk of deficiency due to increased metabolism and heavy demand on nutrients.

## Micronutrients play synergistic role in supporting immunity



Wasting may increase among children with infection if additional protein, calorie and micronutrient rich foods are not provided during infection and during convalescent phase.

**Q:** Though studies have pointed that there is low fatality amongst women due to the pandemic, we can anticipate secondary impact on their health and nutrition. How do you ensure that efforts to preserve and promote proper nutrition for women are part of COVID-19 prevention strategies?

**A:** Females are naturally endowed with higher antibody response and therefore are less susceptible to viral infections; but can develop immune-pathogenic tissue/organ damage due to unchecked proliferation of immune cells and hyper immune responses.

Severe infection can impair nutrition status and health of a woman through a variety of mechanisms. Some acute and most chronic infections cause transient loss of appetite and decreased food intake. If the infection is severe and pro-

longed, nutrient absorption may be compromised. Fats, proteins and certain fat-soluble vitamins like vitamins E and A may be poorly absorbed during infection. Conversely, there is additional demand on energy, protein and micronutrients during infection due to viral multiplication and associated oxidative stress, rapid proliferation of immune cells and immune response. Hence, it is important to ensure adequate intake of nutritious food not only during infection, but at all stages of life, because stored nutrients play a significant role during infection when intake and absorption are compromised and nutrient demand is high.

As for pregnant women, poor nutrition status and nutrient intake during gestation can adversely affect immune response imprinting and respiratory organ development in the foetus. This not only has adverse consequences on the baby during childhood but also in adult life. The respiratory tract and lung development in the foetus depends on the nutrient intake and stored nutrients of the pregnant woman. A healthy respiratory organ is more capable of preventing infection at the initial stages itself.

**Q:** There is growing research that suggests consumption of Vitamin D helps build resilience/immunity against diseases and illness. What are your views on this?

**A:** It is important to understand that the baseline nutrient status makes a lot of difference and all micronutrients play a synergistic role. Vitamin D, like other micronutrients (vitamin A, C, E, zinc, selenium, iron), is important for innate and adaptive immune response against viral infections. These micronutrients play synergistic roles in supporting immunity, and are required in adequate amounts to scavenge toxins and modulate inflammation during infection.

While it is true that micronutrients play a significant role, there is no conclusive evidence and therefore there is no direction or recommendation with regard to prophylactic or therapeutic role of any micronutrient supplements in respiratory infections. However, analysis of COVID 19 data from ten different countries showed a correlation between low vitamin D levels and hyperactive immune response.

Inflammation rush is characteristic of COVID-19, which is associated with poor prognosis. While this needs further study, the data may illustrate the mechanism of mortality, which if proven, could lead

to new therapeutic strategies.

**Q:** Since fortified foods provide us with essential micronutrients that may be lacking in our diets, is it now necessary more than ever to scale-up fortification of easily available staples?

**A:** People of all socioeconomic strata - both low and high socioeconomic groups, both undernourished and overweight are prone to vitamin and mineral (micronutrients) deficiencies. It is not only about affordability, but also about making poor food preferences that stem from lack of nutrition knowledge and awareness about impact of foods on health.

Fortification is no doubt cost effective, sustainable and ensures better compliance, there can be challenges such as weak distribution, fortification of multiple staples with same nutrients, overdose and finally poor absorption and availability of nutrients.

FSSAI, the food regulatory body, has come up with regulation for mandatory fortification of wheat flour and rice with Iron, Folic acid and B12, and milk and oil with vitamins A and D, and salt with iron and iodine. These fortified foods are now available in open market and are distributed through safety net pro-

grams such as PDS, ICDS, MDM in India.

**Q:** What short- and long- term impact do you foresee on the nutrition security and health of the disadvantaged? Has NIN shared recommendations on measures to offset impact on nutrition?

**A:** The government has rendered gigantic efforts to keep India hunger-free and healthy by providing staple foods and incentives for the low-income families/migrants. In order to continue the nourishment received by the ICDS beneficiaries, the anganwadi workers were directed to do carry out door-to-door delivery of ration or cooked food to <5 year old children, pregnant and lactating mothers, and adolescents.

Despite the best efforts of the government, the NGOs and volunteers, it is prudent to prepare ourselves to challenges of food/nutrition insecurity. ICMR-NIN has also given recommendation on amounts of foods to be distributed as free ration for the economically deprived, daily wagers and migrants during the lockdown.

NIN is the central depot in Telangana state and continues to contribute towards SARS- COV 2 by providing human resource, testing kits to different hospitals and research institutes. Also, ICMR-NIN is spear heading large community based sero-surveillance of SARS-COV2 in the rural and urban regions of Telangana to study the burden and trends of SARS-COV2 infection.



## BUSINESS



Kurt Moore, CEO of the SA Liquor Brand Owners Association.

## RESISTANCE

## SA's alcohol industry warns against new ban

JOHANNESBURG

In what may become round two in the battle over the sale of alcohol, the industry has warned the government that reinstating the booze ban could have detrimental consequences for the economy and the fight against the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus.

Various government figures - including Health Minister Zweli Mkhize and several premiers - have stated they are lobbying the national command council to reconsider the decision to lift the booze ban under level 3 of the lockdown.

They have argued that trauma cases have risen since the June lifting of restrictions on the sale of alcohol, resulting in the clogging of hospital emergency units that are needed for Covid-19 patients. During a visit to the Tshwane District Hospital this week, Mkhize told reporters that trauma cases had risen 40% to 50% since the restrictions were lifted.

"We have now been receiving in this hospital, and many other hospitals, lots of complaints about the fact that the alcohol-related trauma is causing a lot of pressure," News24 reported Mkhize as saying. As a result his department had tabled a recommendation to the council about how to deal with this problem.

His comments followed those of other government leaders who have called for an outright ban or restricted sales as the country heads into the peak of the virus. On Saturday night the alcohol industry came out strongly against this, saying it would not achieve the result the government hoped it would. A joint statement by the SA Liquor Brand Owners Association, the Beer Association of South Africa, VinPro, Liquor Traders Association of SA and the Liquor Traders Council of South Africa said reimposing restrictions "would have a disastrous economic impact on the industry and continue to exacerbate the loss of excise revenue."

Up to one million people who are

part of the liquor industry's value chain would be affected by the resumption of restrictions, the forum said. Kurt Moore, CEO of the SA Liquor Brand Owners Association, said the industry was concerned about the surge in infections but feared that restrictions such as an outright ban and shorter trading hours "would likely increase panic buying and overcrowding at retail outlets, which would increase the risk of transmission of the virus."

Moore further argued that renewing restrictions would reignite the illicit liquor market, which had none of the Covid-19 safety measures that the legitimate industry had agreed on with government and was adhering to.

Various government figures - including Health Minister Zweli Mkhize and several premiers - have stated they are lobbying the national command council to reconsider the decision to lift the booze ban under level 3 of the lockdown. Allowing the illicit liquor industry sway would also spur irresponsible consumption, he said.

VinPro CEO Rico Basson said the industry had used its "extensive distribution and retail networks nationwide" to supply much needed personal protective equipment and hand sanitisers in support of government's efforts to combat the spread of Covid-19.

Convener of the Liquor Traders Council Lucky Ntimane said his organisation had developed and implemented innovations such as "click-and-collect" apps that helped their 34 000 members avoid queues at their outlets and thus improve social distancing.

The Beer Association's Patricia Pillay argued that the industry was "committed to working with government to find solutions which includes prioritising lives and safeguarding livelihoods across the sector during this pandemic." The forum said it was in ongoing discussions with the national and provincial governments.

investigation into the allegations and that no SIM card will be issued to any institution until the investigations have concluded. UCC acting director general Irene Kaggwa Sewankambo said the organisation has received complaints of operators either failing to or refusing to adhere to the official SIM card registra-

## OUTSTANDING

## NMB's loan book soars to 3.7trn/- with more focus on local content

By Guardian Reporter

**N**MB Bank Plc's loan book has soared to over 3.7trn/- as the domestic market's most profitable bank continues to support financing local development projects, including the government's strategic ones.

NMB Bank's project funding and local enterprise backing was disclosed in Dar es Salaam over the weekend by its Head of Trade Finance, Linda Teggisa when talking to journalists at the ongoing 44th edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair which ends today.

Teggisa who also briefing a high level delegation of eight ambassadors and high commissioners who accompanied Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture leaders when they visited the bank's pavilion, said the lending has involved big strategic projects like Standard Gauge Railway and Nyerere Hydro Power Project along Rufiji River.

The bank's mega projects loaning ability is backed by its healthy balance sheet comprising of assets worth 6.5trn/- as well as robust customer deposits worth over 4.7trn/- which is an increase of over 1bn/- compared to 2019.

She stated that the bank's healthy financials puts it in a better position to serve both local and foreign investors particularly those involved in the government's mega projects.

The NMB Trade Finance Head further noted that the bank is actively involved in various sectors and projects that are aligned with economic and development priorities of the government notably in agriculture, infrastructure development, energy as well as involvement in funding health and education activities.



NMB's head of trade finance, Linda Teggisa briefs the ambassadors of Uganda, Kenya, Turkey, Russia, Pakistan, Sweden, UAE and Egypt on the bank's activities when they visited its pavilion at the 44th DITF. The ambassadors were led by TCCIA's president, Paul Koyi (not in photo). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

"We are extremely pleased to inform you that as a bank we are here to serve the nation but we are also equally here to serve people who come to invest into Tanzania," Teggisa told the TCCIA delegation.

The top diplomats who toured the NMB pavilion and learnt of its committed involvement in backing the government's growth and development agenda were from Kenya, Uganda, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Pakistan, Turkey and Egypt.

"What is key and critical to us is to ensure that as a bank we are able to deliver the services that our customers need

whether it is in the retail space where we are very strong especially with the digitization process," she noted saying heavy investment in digitization means that NMB continues to be a market leader in almost all aspects.

Equally important, she added, was the bank's ability to serve 98 percent of all districts in the country through its physical branch network of 225, the largest in the market. In addition, NMB also offers bancassurance and competitive mortgage facilities in the wholesale banking proposition.

Teggisa said that as far as financing big development projects, beneficiar-

ies include foreign companies such as Turkish contractor of the SGR project, Yapi Merkezi.

In remarks made on behalf of the delegation, TCCIA president, Paul Koyi commended NMB for providing financing needed by any size of investment in backing government's development efforts. "Your strong performance and backing of development projects is what brought us to visit this pavilion," Koyi said while saluting the lender for prioritizing Tanzanians interests in its operations and equally support endeavours to improve public welfare.

## DIGITIZATION

## Lukuvi salutes Azania Bank for 12m/- laptop donation

By Guardian Reporter

Decentralization of management of land related matters to regions from zones has received a boost from Azania Bank which donated 10 laptops valued at 12m/- to help digitise the services.

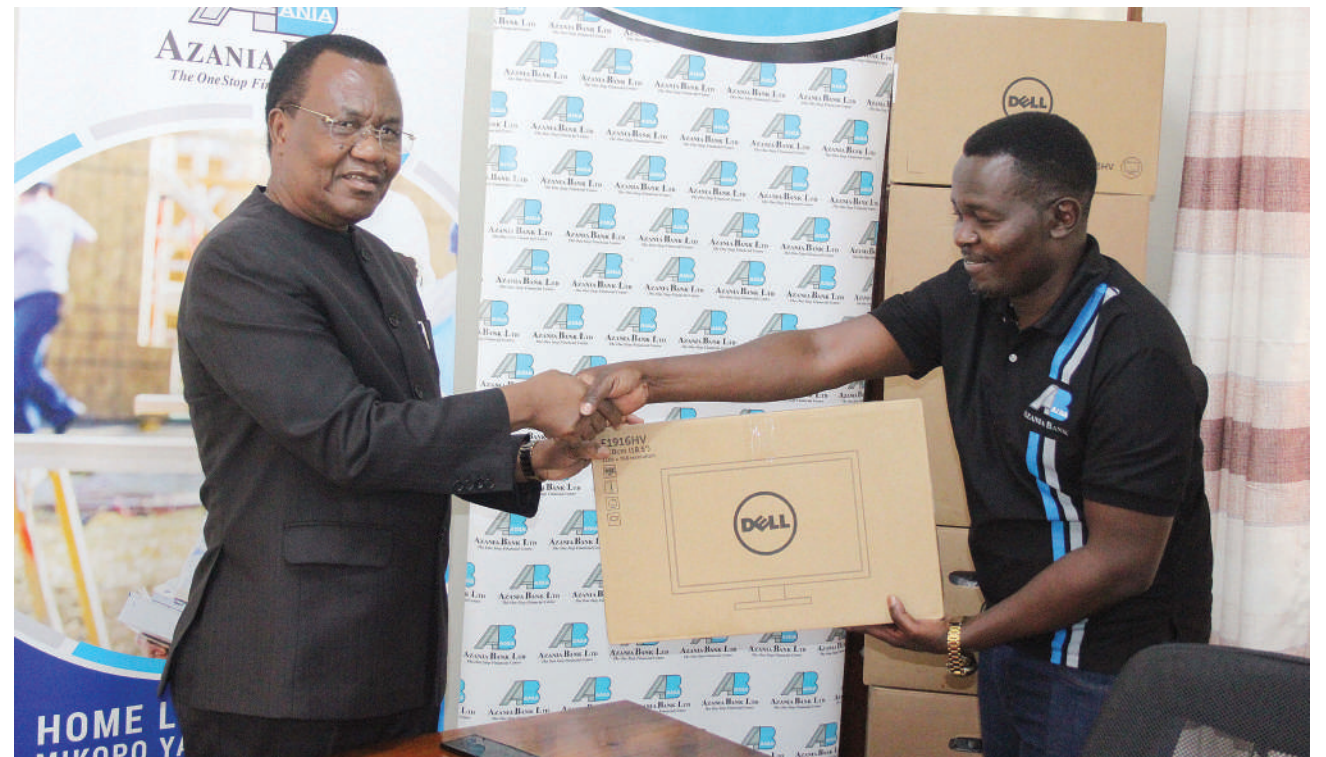
Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, William Lukuvi said the donation will assist the ministry to have all regional offices computerised hence modernise the keeping of land related documents including title deeds.

"On behalf of the government, I would like to thank Azania Bank's management for the decision to support government efforts to decentralise but also modernised land documentation in the country," Lukuvi said.

He further noted that the decentralization of the ministry's land management issues from zonal to regional level needs heavy investments in equipment and manpower hence the computers will complement state's efforts to achieve the feat.

"I would like to call upon my ministry's officials who will make use of these computers to ensure that accuracy and efficiency are improved so that we offer better services to the public," the Lands Minister added while stressing that officials should work hard to ensure that all land related conflicts are solved timely.

Speaking at the same ceremony, Azania Bank Sokoine Branch Manager, Makalla Mbura said as a bank that operates in the country, its management has been impressed by Ministry of Lands efforts to decentralise and digitise its activities. Mbura said Azania's leadership backs Minister



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi receives a laptop from Azania Bank Limited's Sokoine branch manager, Makalla Mbura (R), being a donation to back the ministry's decentralization and digitization exercise. Photo courtesy of Azania Bank.

Lukuvi's efforts to address land conflicts affecting the public countrywide.

"As a financial institution, we found it necessary to support your ministry's efforts in addressing challenges facing the public in land related matters which includes conflicts," he added saying that as a major mortgage lending bank, Azania understands challenges that the ministry faces.

"We have given out mortgage loans to enable members of the public who seek to construct or buy family houses at affordable rate but also for longer repayment periods," Mbura added while revealing that borrowers have up to 25 years to repay their mortgage loans.

Established in 1995, Azania Bank was the first indigenous private bank to operate in the domestic market

following the government's liberalization of the banking sector. "We currently provide banking services at 23 locations in Tanzania. We also have 12 standalone Bureau De Change units and forex exchange windows in all our branches across the country but also offer services through our various digital banking platforms such as Internet banking and mobile application," he stated.

Azania's major shareholders are Public Sector Social Security Fund with 51.95 percent, National Social Security Fund with 27.99 percent; National Health Insurance Fund with 17.42 percent; Workers Compensation Fund with 1.79 percent and East African Development Bank with 0.51 percent while minority shareholders who include the bank's staff hold 0.34 percent.

## PROHIBITION

## Uganda blocks SIM card registration for businesses, govt

KAMPALA

The Uganda Communication Commission (UCC) has suspended the sale- and registration of SIM cards to corporate and government institutions following allegations of fraud.

The regulator said it has launched an

investigation into the allegations and that no SIM card will be issued to any institution until the investigations have concluded. UCC acting director general Irene Kaggwa Sewankambo said the organisation has received complaints of operators either failing to or refusing to adhere to the official SIM card registra-

tion process - specifically that which involves sale to corporate or government customers. Under current regulations, businesses can have unlimited SIM cards registered in their name - as long as the person registering the SIM cards provides the necessary information, including articles and memorandum of

association. However, it is alleged that individuals are manipulating the system and handing over fake documentation in order to secure multiple SIM cards.

"The suspension is to avert the risk of further breach of law pending the conclusion of the ongoing investigations," Sewankambo added. She said the sus-

pension will remain in place until the process of registration of SIM cards by companies and other corporate entities has been streamlined to plug gaps exploited by fraudsters.

Sewankambo said that SIM card registration for individual customers is not affected and that members of the public

are advised to buy SIM cards from authorised agents in person and provide an original national identity and fingerprint information. To date none of the operators have commented on the developments. In 2019 the regulator suspended the registration of SIM cards using refugees ID cards, also citing fraud.



## PROGRESS

# Mid-sized firms' mergers dominate FCC activities in the past five years

By Francis Kajubi

Eighty percent of activities handled by Fair Competition Commission in the past four years were mergers and acquisitions submitted mostly by mid-sized companies owned by local entrepreneurs.

Addressing journalists at the ongoing 44th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, FCC's Director General, Dr John Mduma said the commission approved such requests submitted by owners. Without disclosing how much were the deals worth, Dr Mduma said a record 274 merger applications mostly from locally owned companies were received during the period.

"This trend by local companies is a good message that the economy is growing because policies kept in place are favorable to such developments," he said. He also noted that the increase in mergers threshold also contributed to the results. It should be remembered that the commission increased the merger threshold from 800m/- to 3.5bn/- in late 2017," the FCC chief stated.

According to him, the received applications during the period were 17 from the agriculture sector, five in mining, 26 were manufacturing industries, 36 were banks and insurance companies, 45 were energy



FCC's Director General, Dr John Mduma speaking at a past event. File Photo.

companies, 22 were in the processing of food and soft drinks, 14 in tourism industry, 38 were in the communication sector, 12 construction companies, 12 were also health companies while 47 applications

were from other sub-sectors.

He pointed out that the commission approved 214 merger applications without conditions; 39 were under specific conditions; one application was rejected while 20 are

still under verification process.

"The rejected one contravened the Fair Competition Act No.8 of 2003 which states that a merger is prohibited if it creates or strengthens a position of dominance in a

market," Dr Mduma added.

During the period, the FCC also worked on a consumer protection strategy which led to the commissioning of the Standard Form Consumer Contracts Regulations of 2014. The regulations came into effect in January 2016 hence the commission successfully abolished draconian rules that are in contracts prepared by service providers and producers to their consumers especially those in the financial sector.

The commission also conducted investigations in the microfinance sector that covered 193 companies from five economic zones namely central, southern highlands, south, north and lake zones. The investigations were aimed at addressing consumer complaints.

The FCC chief also revealed that in fighting counterfeits and sub-standards smuggled into the country, the commission conducted impromptu inspections of 29,529 containers from which 987 were found to be loaded with counterfeits.



Mukuru CIO Sandy Rheeder

## OPTIMISM

## Mukuru perseveres to become African fintech powerhouse

HARARE

A combination of resilience and robust digital technologies resulted in tech start-up Mukuru emerging from humble beginnings to becoming one of Africa's fintech powerhouses. So says Sandy Rheeder, CIO of Mukuru, one of Africa's largest remittance service providers.

Mukuru was launched in the mid-2000s. As Zimbabwe went through hyperinflation, the platform enabled customers in the diaspora to send fuel and grocery vouchers back home via SMS. Eventually, Mukuru started offering money remittances.

The company was founded by Zimbabwean entrepreneur Rob Burrell, who is also an up-and-coming musician, with a number of entrepreneurial attempts under his belt. According to Rheeder, while many view Mukuru as a technology company, its business is centred around helping people at a very personal level.

"From humble beginnings in a London flat in 2005, to African fintech giant in 2020, Mukuru's journey has been one of turning challenges into opportunities for innovation - continuously motivated by a desire to improve the daily lives of its loyal customers."

Today, she notes, Mukuru has 60 partnerships in place worldwide to enable more than 100 brands to provide cash-out points. It has more than 800 Orange Booths (cash collection points) across Southern Africa, and an established footprint in Asia.

"With over two million registered customers and more than 40 million transactions having taken place, Mukuru has highlighted how anything can be achieved if there is commitment, coupled with being agile, resilient and responsive to changing market requirements," comments Rheeder.

Catching global attention

The company recently caught the interest of global remittances giant WorldRemit to forge a partnership to bring world-class financial services to Zimbabweans and generating new synergies for African financial inclusion.

The partnership enables WorldRemit customers in over 50 countries, including the UK, US, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Europe, to send money to their loved ones in Zimbabwe. "In essence, Mukuru has harnessed robust digital platforms in a complex African context to innovate and provide a critical service to many communities," Rheeder says.

"And while technology will always be an important enabler, for Mukuru it is about delivering a service to customers where they are - and finding the best and most robust solution available." She explains that when Mukuru launched, its founders worked with developers to build a platform that would enable family and friends in the UK to send fuel coupons and groceries to families struggling in Zimbabwe.

Although the text-based technology it used had a low barrier to entry, she notes, the service was only usable from the UK. In addition, Mukuru offered an international calling card option to Zimbabwe - allowing loved ones in the UK to call internationally.

"The story in the early days was not one of smooth sailing. For example, database failures put the business at serious risk and threatened future plans. While others may have given up, Mukuru was completely invested into its vision, and everything was rebuilt within six weeks.

"From inception, Mukuru has had a resilience and can-do spirit that has become the interconnecting thread in everything the company does." Rheeder points out that by 2009, Zimbabwe had 'dollarised' and Mukuru saw an opportunity to start sending cash from the UK and Europe.

According to Rheeder, the following year would be the pivotal turning point for Mukuru, as it launched financial remittances from Africa and moved its head office to South Africa, creating a joint venture with a company called Inter-Africa to build the Mukuru known today.

At the time, she notes, people were reliant on an informal market to send money back home, but Mukuru wanted to change this - even though it meant its technology would need to evolve to integrate with Inter-Africa's branch network environment.

## EFFICIENCY

# EPZA connects farmers to industries for raw materials

By Guardian Reporter

Thousands of smallholder farmers in the country have been linked to manufacturing industries to supply them with raw materials hence enabling them to have a reliable market for their produce.

Export and Processing Zones Authority's Investment Promotion Manager, Grace Lemunge said at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair being held at Mwalimu Nyerere grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday that EPZA has been linking the farmers to supply raw materials to industries operating under the authority countrywide.

"Most visitors to our pavilion have been seeking information on how they can benefit from the various incentives provided under the authority," Lemunge said adding that the 44th DITF was an important opportunity to link farmers and other entrepreneurs to reliable markets particularly industries.

"For example, EPZA used



EPZA director general Joseph Simbakalia.

this year's trade fair to link farmers and other potential producers of avocados from different parts of the country to a new industry in Arusha," she added while stating that the authority has been working closely with agro-industries particularly

pigeon peas producers who export the commodity to India and other Asian markets.

She further noted that the EPZA has also linked sesame seeds processors who export the product abroad to farmers who cultivate the beans.

The EPZA Investment Promotion Manager said further a total of 16 industries under the authority's jurisdiction are participating at the international trade fair to provide information to the public for potential collaboration.

## HURDLE

# Gautrain still plans 18 more stations - but money is tight due to Covid-19

JOHANNESBURG

The plans for an 149km expansion of the Gautrain, which will see it reach Soweto, Lanseria and Mamelodi eventually, are still awaiting approval from Treasury - which this week said "alternative funding options" are being considered.

The coronavirus crisis has wreaked havoc on government's finances. Government is expecting to this year earn R300 billion less in tax than it had expected, while it has promised to spend R500 billion to help the economy and citizens amid the pandemic. Money is extremely tight, but the Gauteng Management Agent said this week it is still confident the project will

continue.

According to the Gautrain Management Agency's proposed plans, released last year, government would have to contribute around 30% of the multi-billion rand budget needed for the expansion. With the original Gautrain, the government provided almost 90%.

It is hoped that the private sector will contribute 33% with the next planned expansion. The rest may have to come from national levies such as vehicle licence fees and airport taxes as well as VAT - paid by people across South Africa, whether they use the high-end train system or not, the GMA proposes.

But government is already planning tax hikes of R40 billion in the

next four years just to help prop up its finances following the coronavirus crisis. The first round of tax hikes will be announced in February.

Gautrain expansion

The first phase of the expansion - which is supposed to start in 2024 - will see the network expand by 32km from Marlboro to Little Falls in Roodepoort. It will also consist of three new stations and an additional maintenance depot.

Phase 2 will see it expand into Soweto. When the expansion is completed, the network will stretch into Boksburg, Lanseria, Irene and Mamelodi. The GMA says the expansion project is expected to create over 170 000 di-

rect jobs, with Phase 1 being anticipated to secure over 30 000 jobs.

"Phase 1 has been submitted to National Treasury for Treasury Approval 1 (TAI) that will enable the commencement of the procurement phase of the project. The GMA is awaiting feedback on the TAI application from National Treasury."

For its part, Treasury this week said that "alternative funding options are being considered by the Gauteng Province working together with all stakeholders." Although the GMA anticipates that the project will commence "beyond the COVID-19 event," the agency still has not named any contractors.

"The announcements regarding

preferred and successful bidders and associated costs will be made after the conclusion of the procurement phase which will follow the required approvals from National Treasury.

"TAI approval will however enable the commencement of project preparatory work required to enable the said procurement. Any specialist advisory services that the GMA may require for the undertaking of this procurement will be sourced through the public procurement process," said the GMA. New fares from the expansion are part of national treasury consideration and will be confirmed after approval.



CONCERN

# IMF urges caution on borrowing as global debt rises to record high

WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund called on governments to be cautious as they borrow more money to support their economies and cushion the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has led to global public debt soaring to its highest level yet.

Public debt now stands at more than 100 per cent of global gross domestic product, above the peak experienced at the end of the Second World War, according to Vitor Gaspar, director for the IMF's fiscal affairs department, and Gita Gopinath, the fund's chief economist.

"The need for continued fiscal support is clear, but this begs the question of how countries can finance it without debt becoming unsustainable," the IMF executives said in a blog post. Fiscal deficits this year are expected to be more

than five times higher in advanced economies and will be likely to more than double in emerging market economies. This is an unprecedented jump in public debt of 26 and 7 percentage points of GDP respectively, relative to the IMF's World Economic Outlook projections in January.

Governments will benefit from borrowing costs that are at historical lows and projected to "stay that way for a long time". This allows for continuity of fiscal response as policymakers look to strengthen health infrastructure, stem job losses, save smaller businesses and stave off larger bankruptcies.

The pandemic, which forced governments to close borders and shut all but essential businesses to stem the spread of the virus, has taken a heavy toll on the global economy, pushing it into the deepest recession since the Great Depression.



IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath.

In June, the IMF projected the world economy will contract 4.9 per cent in 2020,

down 1.9 percentage points from its April forecast. It is expected to stage a sluggish

recovery next year, expanding 5.4 per cent. Two thirds of govern-

ments have topped up their fiscal support to offset the effects of the pandemic, pumping about \$11 trillion into their economies, compared with \$8tn in April. The IMF projects a cumulative loss to the global economy of over \$12tn over this year and next, as a result of the virus. Although most economies have started opening up, the rate of infection is still on the rise in the Americas and Asia, including the US, Brazil and India.

The virus has infected more than 12.8 million people worldwide and killed more than 567,000, with the US accounting for about 26 per cent of infections globally, according to Johns Hopkins University, which is tracking the outbreak. The IMF executives said while "caution is advised" on public borrowing, "the top priority is still public health."

"While the trajectory of public debt could drift up further in an adverse scenario, an earlier-than-warranted fiscal retrenchment presents an even greater risk of derailing the recovery, with larger future fiscal costs," Mr Gaspar and Ms Gopinath said. The IMF said that global public debt is expected to stabilise in 2021 - excluding the US and China - spurred by low interest rates and a projected rebound in economic activity.

Borrowing costs, however, could increase rapidly, particularly for emerging

economies and frontier markets, as was the case in March. Countries that entered the crisis with high debt and low economic growth will need to find a way back to sustainable fiscal balances, the fund added.

"The need for fiscal action does not end here, as we are not out of the woods," Mr Gaspar and Ms Gopinath said. "Even as many countries tentatively exit the Great Lockdown, in the absence of a solution to the health crisis, huge uncertainties remain about the path of the recovery."

The Washington-based fund said the international community must ensure vulnerable, low-income, developing countries which lack the resources to support health-care systems get access to concessional financing and, in some cases, grants.

The IMF has so far extended emergency assistance to more than 70 countries battling the pandemic. The fund said poorer nations may require continued debt relief, including through the G20 debt suspension initiative.

The initiative, announced in April, allows poorer countries to suspend debt repayments on bilateral loans for the remainder of 2020 to free up funding to fight the pandemic. Last month, the G20's International Financial Architecture working group heard that so far 41 countries have applied to suspend payments under the initiative.

PESSIMISM

# Indian IT giant TCS warns Donald Trump's visa curbs will cost US

NEW DELHI

Asia's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services warned that a US freeze on thousands of employment visas will only raise costs for American corporations like Wall Street banks, auto manufacturers and drugmakers.

The company's chief executive Rajesh Gopinathan said the move has put massive stress on a huge swath of Indian-born engineers that have lived in the US for years and helped support American clients, who will ultimately be the ones hurt most.

His remarks were among the strongest public rebukes from India's \$181 billion IT industry since the US President Donald Trump's June decree to halt approvals for a range of visas until the end of the year - including those for intra-company transfers.

TCS and peers like Infosys have relied for years on the ability to send talent to work alongside their customers overseas, which include some of the largest electronics manufacturers and global retailers. Investors worry that the inability to do so will hurt their competitiveness in the largest international market.

"The ignorance around this ruling should be addressed," Mr Gopinathan said on Friday. "Playing with the status of people who have moved away from families and committed to spending five-six years in a foreign country without immigrant status to deliver value to customers, is a short-term

gimmick."

On Thursday, TCS reported profit below expectations after the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted operations of its clients from Wall Street banks to Silicon Valley tech giants. The visa curbs had no material impact on TCS's own business but will certainly upset its workers, Mr Gopinathan said. "The attitude towards us in a country where we contribute significantly is unexpected and unfortunate."

Before the onset of the pandemic, TCS and the rest of India's IT services industry faced pressure from structural industry changes. With the rise of artificial intelligence and automation, companies had to retrain thousands of workers and invest in new cloud- and software-based services to address clients' evolving needs. Mr Trump's visa ban last month has added a further layer of uncertainty.

"We invest in skills and make this talent available in a fungible manner for use by customers," Mr Gopinathan said. This helps clients avoid "large fixed costs to have access to this kind of talent." The investment by TCS and its peers helps American firms tap a pool of talent that's continuously adapting to new technology, he said.

TCS has seen a surge in demand for its services from clients enhancing their digital infrastructure and accelerating cloud migration to cope with Covid-19. "Overall, the pandemic has hastened the move towards distributed infrastructure," he said.



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## WORLD

# In first, President Trump wears mask in public

BETHESDA, Maryland

PRESIDENT Donald Trump, who has avoided wearing a mask in public even as the coronavirus pandemic spread, donned one on Saturday at a military medical facility outside Washington where he was to meet with wounded soldiers and frontline health-care workers.

The visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center marked Trump's first public appearance with a face covering since the virus began sweeping across the United States earlier this year.

Trump had previously refused to

wear a mask in public or ask other Americans to do so, saying it was a personal choice, although he had said he would if he was in a crowd and could not maintain distance from others.

"I think when you are in a hospital, especially in that particular setting when you are talking to a lot of soldiers, people that in some cases just got off the operating table, I think it's a great thing to wear a mask," Trump told reporters at the White House just before his visit to Walter Reed.

At the medical facility, Trump walked by media gathered for a carefully staged photo opportunity wearing a navy blue mask emblazoned with



President Donald Trump wears a mask as he walks down the hallway during his visit to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., on Saturday. (AP)

a presidential seal embossed in gold. He said only "thank you" as he passed.

Top public health officials have urged the use of masks to slow the spread of the virus, which by Friday had claimed nearly 134,000 American lives. Critics say Trump's refusal to wear one showed a lack of leadership.

Even as other officials in his administration called for the use of masks and social distancing, Trump, who faces re-election in November, pressured states to reopen closed economies. But since many states relaxed coronavirus restrictions, the virus has found a new foothold. New US cases of COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused

by the novel coronavirus, rose by more than 69,000 on Friday, a third straight daily record.

As of Friday, the number of confirmed US infections topped 3 million, according to a Reuters tally. A spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden said Trump had spent months ignoring the advice of medical experts and politicizing wearing a mask.

"Rather than taking responsibility and leading, he wasted four months that Americans have been making sacrifices by stoking divisions and actively discouraging people from taking a very basic step to protect each other," said the spokesman, Andrew Bates.

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## Kenya mulls recovery of tourism sector as COVID-19 restrictions eased

NAIROBI



A RAY of hope shone over Kenya's tourism and hospitality sector after President Uhuru Kenyatta lifted a partial lockdown that had restricted movement in and out of the capital Nairobi and the coastal city of Mombasa.

The lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions brightens prospects for the resumption of domestic tourism -- the lifeline that the local tourism sector is relying on as the pandemic continues to grip the world.

The east African nation's tourism sector has slumped to its lowest level in decades following the outbreak of the disease in March, as restrictions put in place locally and internationally curtailed travel.

The sector has lost some 81.8 billion shillings (about 770 million U.S. dollars) since March, according to Tourism minister Najib Balala, which is about 50 percent of its average annual revenue.

The pandemic has literally grounded the industry to a halt, with over 2.3 million employees sent home, a majority on unpaid leave while the lucky ones on half-pay.

All the top hotels, lodges and tourism destinations in the east African nation have been shut in the past months as they grappled with a lack of visitors.

However, it is not only the private businesses in the sector and workers that are feeling the pinch, but the government has also lost some 250 million in catering levies, according to the tourism ministry.

As players in the sector reel from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, consensus is that domestic tourism holds the key to the industry's immediate resuscitation.

While unlocking the country on Monday, Kenyatta (pictured) was alive to this fact, giving the sector the much-needed lifeline.

He noted that domestic air travel would resume on July 15 while international to and from Kenya will start on August 1.

"Travel within Kenya is allowed by road, rail, waterways and plane," added President Kenyatta as he urged Kenyans to observe containment measures.

With the lifting of travel restrictions, among transport service providers expected to resume operations is the standard gauge railway, domestic airlines and dozens of bus companies that ferry people between Nairobi and Mombasa, the latter being tourism bedrock.

"I am happy with the lifting of the restrictions," government auditor Victoria Selima said, capturing the sentiments of Kenyans.

"At least I can travel to Mombasa and unwind at the beaches after all those months of being locked up in Nairobi," she added.

Like many other domestic tourists in the east African nation, Selima mainly uses the standard gauge railway train to travel to and from Mombasa as it cuts travel time on the route from eight to four hours and passengers pay 10 dollars as opposed to 1.4 dollars by bus or ten times more by flight.

The train service had, however, been grounded in the last three months due to restricted movement in and out of Nairobi and Mombasa.

In 2018, the train ferried 1.8 million passengers comprising domestic and international tourists between Nairobi and Mombasa, and last year, the numbers rose to over two million due to increased booking.

Besides touring the coast, the number of Kenyans visiting national parks and game reserves is expected to rise after the lifting of the travel restriction and due to several incentives initiated by the government.

Kenya on July 2 reduced entry fees to parks and game reserves by 50 percent for both domestic and international tourists as one of the ways to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on tourism and wildlife sectors.

"We have also given a 50 percent discount on filming fees for both international and local producers filming in Kenya Wildlife Service parks. This is to encourage all filmmakers to profile Kenya as a magical destination," said Balala.

Other raft of measures put in place to support the recovery of the sector include temporary lifting of the ban to hold meetings in private hotels by government agencies and waiver of landing and parking fees at airports to facilitate movement of cargo and people in and out of Kenya.

The government is expected to engage in an aggressive post-COVID-19 tourism marketing, which includes a 30 million dollars loan facility set aside to support renovation of tourist sites and restructuring of business operations by players in the industry.

Xinhua

## Lies and hypocrisy behind Australian politicians' xenophobic mania

BEIJING

AFTER Australia issued its China travel warning in the wake of the newly adopted law in China on safeguarding national security in Hong Kong, many expatriate Australians have dismissed the so-called increased risks.

According to reports by the Australian Financial Review (AFR) published last week, most expats regard the warning as politically motivated, including Geoff Raby, a former Australian ambassador to China, who described it as "provocative."

In another case, Sam Wong, chair of the Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc., who was born and raised in Hong Kong, said Australian politicians should "know the situation of Hong Kong better," in response to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison's recent baseless accusation against the national security legislation on Hong Kong.

These are just two of many ex-

amples which show the hypocrisy of some Australian politicians who are attempting to smear China with lies and push the China-Australia relationship to the brink of an abyss.

Indeed, a long list of similar anti-China claims by certain Australian politicians have proved to be nothing more than brazen slander.

Ironically, the self-claimed former "spy" Wang Liqiang, who was described by Liberal Member of Parliament Andrew Hastie as a "friend of democracy," was later confirmed in video footage to be a convicted fraudster.

Ridiculously, Morrison said in an April 3 interview that COVID-19 "started in China and went round the world," without providing any proof.

Growing recent evidence, including a study by experts from the UK's Oxford University, has shown that the pandemic could have started elsewhere before it was first reported in Asia. Besides, medical experts



Chinese and Australian national flags on a celebration event in Sydney, Australia. (File photo)

should be the only ones to make such a judgement after deliberate scientific studies, rather than politicians jumping to baseless conclusions.

Maliciously, several Australian politicians, including Foreign Minister Marise Payne, protested against the so-called Chinese "economic coercion" or "boycott" after the

AFR carried out an interview with the Chinese ambassador to Australia. However, according to Robin Matthews, national president of the Australia China Friendship Society Ltd (ACFS), it turned out that such words actually never appeared in the interview transcript at all.

Australian politicians should understand that it will bring no

good to their country and people to deliberately whip up nationalist sentiment. Demonizing China has already caused damage in the country.

An anti-China racism survey published by The Sydney Morning Herald last month suggested that Asian Australians have reported almost 400 racist attacks since the beginning of April.

Last week, a Chinese delivery rider in South Australia was filmed being punched in the face. In another video circulating on social media, an Australian woman was spewing vitriol at a Chinese couple in a supermarket. These are sad scenes for the many Chinese who have visited Australia in recent years, leaving with a friendly impression of the country and its people.

China is Australia's biggest trading partner and the two countries have a long history of good relations. It is in the interest of people from both sides to continue on good terms.

Xinhua

## Sudan to allow drinking alcohol for non-Muslims, ban FGM

KHARTOUM

SUDAN will permit non-Muslims to consume alcohol and strengthen women's rights, including banning female genital mutilation (FGM), its justice minister said late on Saturday, in a reversal of almost four decades of hardline Islamist policies. About 3% of Sudan's population is non-Muslim, according to the United Nations.

Alcoholic drinks have been banned since former President Jaafar Nimeiri introduced Islamic law in 1983, throwing bottles of whisky into the Nile in the capital

Khartoum.

The transition government which took over after autocrat Omar al-Bashir was toppled last year has vowed to lead Sudan to democracy, end discrimination and make peace with rebels.

Non-Muslims will no longer be criminalised for drinking alcohol in private, Justice Minister Nasredeen Abdulbari told state television.

For Muslims, the ban will remain. Offenders are typically flogged under Islamic law.

Sudan will also decriminalise apostasy and ban FGM, a practice which typically involves the par-



tial or total removal of the external genitalia of girls and women, he said.

Women will also no longer need

a permit from male members of their families to travel with their children.

Nimeiri's introduction of Is-

lamic law was major catalyst for a 22-year-long war between Sudan's Muslim north and the mainly Christian south that led in 2011 to South Sudan's secession. Bashir extended Islamic law after he took power in 1989.

Sudanese Christians live mainly in Khartoum and in the Nuba mountains near the South Sudan border. Some Sudanese also follow traditional African beliefs.

The transition government led by Abdalla Hamdok runs the country in an uneasy coalition with the military which helped remove Bashir after months of mass protests.

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## 180 US colleges, universities join lawsuit opposing Trump administration's new visa policy for international students

DENVER

SOME 180 academic institutions in the United States joined the avalanche of opposition to the Trump administration's controversial visa policy for international students, according to an amicus brief document filed to the Massachusetts federal district court and released to the public on Friday.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced a new visa policy for international students and this move prompted Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to launch a legal action against it.

The 22-page document issued by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration representing 180 higher education institutions showed

a nationwide support for rescinding the guidance. "ICE's new policy serves only to severely disrupt international students' educational attainment, and our country is worse off for it," said Miriam Feldblum, executive director of the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration in a statement posted on the group's official website.

"This quasi-international student ban represents another unfortunate assault by the administration against immigrants and higher education," she added.

The Alliance is composed of over 450 presidents and chancellors of public and private colleges and universities, representing over 5 million students in 41 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

The extraordinary number of col-

leges and universities pooling together so quickly is indicative of the serious nature of the opposition to the brash move, academic pundits said.

The ICE announced on Monday that students currently in the United States on F-1 and M-1 visas must depart the country or take other measures, such as transferring to a school with in-person instruction to remain in lawful status, if their schools' classes are entirely online in the fall semester.

The measure also stipulated that those in violation would risk "immigration consequences, including, but not limited to, the initiation of removal proceedings." The White House defended the action Wednesday. In academic circles, the decision hit a stone wall.

As of Saturday, hundreds of thousands of signatures have been collected

online from supporters of several open letters and petitions that slammed the Trump administration's decision.

The University of Southern California (USC), where a total of 12,265 international students were enrolled during the 2019-20 academic year with around 7,000 from China, announced on Wednesday it had joined an amicus brief strongly supporting the lawsuit filed by Harvard and MIT.

The University of California (UC) also announced plans to file suit against ICE.

The UC's 2019 fall enrollment data showed that 27,205 of the university's 226,125 undergraduate students are non-resident international, while 13,995 of the university's 58,941 graduate students are non-resident international.

"I am deeply concerned about the timing, motivation, and substance of this government action," said Alan W. Cramb, president of Illinois Institute of Technology in the statement released by the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration.

"Our university, our city, and our nation are profoundly enriched by the contributions of international students. We stand with them and higher education institutions across the nation to ensure that America continues to be a place where all are welcomed and encouraged in their pursuit of educational excellence."

The public health danger was highlighted by Danny J. Anderson, president of Trinity University, in the statement. "While so many people in the United States are suffering and

recovering from COVID-19, it is even more important that campuses protect and ensure the health and safety of their students," he wrote.

"By issuing such ill-advised guidance, the administration is in effect pressuring campuses to reopen prematurely, thereby endangering their students' health; or to deport their international students, placing their international students' health in danger."

"This ICE policy will have far-reaching detrimental effects on our students and communities," noted Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch, who urged more schools to join the movement and to "resist new federal restrictions that threaten the education and wellbeing of international students."

Xinhua





Photo shows a smart display exhibited at a nursing service center in Dashilan neighborhood, Xicheng district, Beijing.

## Smart home products make life easier

AT an elderly care office in Dashilan neighborhood, Xicheng district, Beijing, a smart display was installed, offering health consultancy and care services for the elderly in the neighborhood through video calls.

Such smart displays were also handed out by the office to some senior residents in need in the neighborhood. "The device not only facilitates the daily life of the elderly, but also improves the efficiency of our service," said Ma Naichi, head of the office, adding that it also reduces human contacts during COVID-19 response.

With the smart displays, the elderly can control household appliances, check weather forecast, and listen to music. Besides, the smart displays are also connected to a nursing service center co-established by the neighborhood and Chinese tech firm Baidu, which offers food delivery, maintenance and consultation services for the elderly.

Smart displays registered a shipment of 45.89 million units last year in China, a year-on-year increase of 109.7 percent, demonstrating the vitality of the market, according to a report by International Data Corporation (IDC), a premier global market intelligence firm.

While employing intelligent voice interaction technology, smart displays suit the application scenarios in families and are a typical application of conversational AI, said Jing Kun, vice president of Baidu and general manager of the company's Smart Living Group.

Many other smart products have also been employed by communities to prevent and control COVID-19 and turned out to be very effective and convenient, including intelligent temperature measuring instruments, cell phone-controlled switches and smart elevators that automatically disperse passengers.

At the same time, smart home devices such as smart locks and robot vacuums have already been widely applied in Chinese people's daily life.

At a prototype smart home designed by a Beijing-based Internet enterprise, lights, air conditioners and air purifiers are turned on automatically under voice control. The television and lights in the living room are controlled by voice, while an intelligent alarm system in the kitchen is monitoring gas, water and electricity safety all the time. Besides, the curtains in the bedrooms are raised automatically in the morning. The robot vacuum can start working even when there is no one in the house through remote control, and the smart locks and cameras installed will generate real-time video and images.

"My robot vacuum and smart washing machine have really made my life easier," said a programmer surnamed Wang in Beijing's Haidian district, adding that these smart home products have relieved him very much from household duties.

An online shopping festival was held from April 28 to May 10 by the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the State Post Bureau and the China Consumers' Association, during which the sales of smart products experienced a 20-percent rise.

China's smart home market is expected to reach over 581.9 billion yuan (\$83 billion) in 2020, according to iResearch, a leading provider of online audience measurement and consumer insights in China.

On April 28, the Shanghai Consumer Council issued a list of 21 consumption experience stores in the city that best integrate science, fashion and culture, including the smart home experience stores of Haier - China's leading home appliances and consumer electronics company, and Chinese tech giant Huawei.

With the full-speed advancement of 5G construction and application, as well as its development and security guarantee, the smart lifestyle displayed in the experience halls will soon become a reality in more and more households in China.

People's Daily

## Russia presents peace treaty concept to Japan, no response yet, says Lavrov

MOSCOW

MOSCOW has presented the conceptual framework of a peace treaty to Japan but received no response so far, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov addressed the Primakov Readings international forum dubbed Russia and the Post-COVID World.

He pointed out that the treaty needed to be in line with today's reality and cover a wide range of bilateral and global issues. "We have put forward the conceptual framework of a treaty but our Japanese colleagues have not yet responded to it specifically," Lavrov said. "The outcome of World War II should be the foundation of all things that determine the future of our relations," he added.

The Russian top diplomat emphasized that the Japanese authorities had repeatedly said they recognized the outcome of WWII, except for the status of the southern Kuril Islands. He added that it was a non-legal position because by signing the United Nations Charter, Tokyo had fully recognized the outcome of the war.

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## Russian-US relations hit rock bottom, Kremlin says

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN-US relations are at their lowest point, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Moscow. Kremlin. Putin program on Rossiya-1 TV channel yesterday.

"Our relations are still nearly at the lowest point," Peskov said commenting on the dynamics of Russian-US relations.

"The situation is very bad - both in terms of bilateral relations and our two countries' responsibility for multilateral affairs, first of all the issue of control over arms and strate-



gic stability," Peskov (pictured) said.

According to him, there were contacts in this field at an expert level. "But they don't bring us closer to understanding between our countries in

terms of preserving any existing documents, first of all New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty), which are now the only documents that can ensure arms control on a global scale," Peskov said, recalling that Russia and the US have the biggest nuclear capabilities in the world.

"None of other countries, including China, by the way, which the Americans are very persistently trying to invite to these negotiations, cannot be compared in terms of its arsenal with either America or us," the Kremlin spokesman said.

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## Uncertainties mount over implementation of AfCFTA amid COVID-19 crisis

ADDIS ABABA

AS African countries brace for the upcoming trading regime under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement, uncertainties are looming as to whether the pact could deliver its expected aspirations amid the unprecedented economic perils exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The AfCFTA, which was launched in March 2018 in Rwandan capital city Kigali, has so far garnered 54 signatories, offering a new hope and continental exhilaration in terms of boosting intra-African trade, and eventually facilitating Africa's development and industrialization.

According to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), once in operation, the African free trade accord has the potential of boosting intra-Africa trade by more than 52 percent by 2022.

### ENABLING FACTORS NEEDED

Initially scheduled for July, the implementation of the AfCFTA agreement was postponed due to COVID-19, and experts and analysts are expressing their doubts whether the African continent could benefit from its ambitious flagship initiative.

Costantino Bt. Costantinos, an economic advisor to the African Union (AU) and the UNECA, told Xinhua that the AfCFTA, which was officially launched by African leaders on July 7 last year in Niamey, capital of Niger, has the potential of "injecting groundbreaking momentum" for advancing intra-Africa trade.

The expert, however, stressed that countries should brace for the realization of "enabling factors" that are deemed necessary for the effective implementation and success of the free trade deal, such as infrastructure connectivity, lifting of economic barriers on cross-border trade, and adjustments to national economic strategies and policies.

Costantinos, who is also a professor of public policy at the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, singled out infrastructure connectivity as the mainstay of an improved trade and economic integration in Africa, warning that failure to bring about efficient infrastructure integration would cost the continent the success of major AfCFTA aspirations.

As countries set to start trading under the AfCFTA anytime soon, the AU has also recently warned that "the timeframe is tight and the stakes are high."

The Institute for Security Studies (ISS), an African non-profit organization, also cautioned African governments and pan-African organizations to carefully analyze global lessons and think beyond short-termism to effectively tap into the AfCFTA.

"While the agreement is lauded as an African solution to African problems, it is worth remembering the pitfalls of



Antonio Pedro, director of the UNECA Sub-regional Office for Central Africa

those who have traveled a similar journey to avoid the same mistakes," it said. "This is even more important as trade agreements worldwide show signs of unraveling."

### RELIABLE ALTERNATIVE AMID PROTECTIONISM

In recent years, African countries have been urged to harness the potential of the AfCFTA so as to withstand ominous global trade and economic scenarios attributed to the growing protectionism sentiment.

Speaking to Xinhua recently, Antonio Pedro, director of the UNECA Sub-regional Office for Central Africa, stressed the need to tap into the AfCFTA as "a much more dependable" option to realize Africa's major economic development and industrialization aspirations amid growing pressure on multilateral platforms."

At a time when the global trade is characterized by much uncertainty and when the rest of the world is becoming increasingly inward-looking, it's good that Africa unites under the AfCFTA and leverages the plentiful opportunities available within the continent," Pedro said.

AU Commissioner for Trade and Industry Albert Muchanga also told Xinhua that although the notion of protectionism is on the rise across the world, Africa is contributing positively to the global multilateral system.

"The AfCFTA is being formed at a time when protectionism and retaliatory trade measures are on the rise," Muchanga said, stressing that it will also allow African-owned companies to enter new markets, with significant reduction in input cost.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the AfCFTA and intra-Africa trade and economic integration ranges from stunting some of the recent success gained in cross-border trading to hampering the progress of some supportive initiatives that envisaged realizing the AfCFTA.

In a recently published report, the UNECA stressed that as at least 42 African countries applied partial or full lockdowns in their quest to curb the pandemic, the lockdowns have helped suppress the virus but "with devastating economic consequences," eventually diminishing recent gains in terms

of enhancing intra-Africa trade.

The impact of COVID-19 on the AfCFTA also includes relinquishing some of the flagship initiatives.

In May, the AU and its partners announced the postponement of the second Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) scheduled for this year due to concerns related to COVID-19.

The IATF, which was formed to serve as a marketplace bringing together continental and global buyers, envisaged providing a continental platform for entry into a single market of over 1.2 billion people in Africa joined together by the AfCFTA.

### BLESSING IN DISGUISE

As countries across the globe are engaged in careful evaluation of their trading endeavors amid the pandemic, African countries have been urged to exploit the unintended opportunity in terms of filling the gap by strengthening intra-Africa trading engagements.

"The coronavirus pandemic has made it difficult for countries, private businesses to trade like before. African business people are not traveling to other parts of the globe to facilitate their import and export endeavors like they used to do before," Pedro said.

"This is a remarkable opportunity for us to look into the potentials of boosting intra-Africa trades," the UNECA sub-regional office director said, stressing the crucial imperative of realizing Africa's trade and economic independence.

Wamkele Mene, secretary general of the AfCFTA Secretariat, said on the occasion of his swearing-in in March that the continent "boasts over 400 African companies that earn annual revenues of 1 billion U.S. dollars or more."

"Citing a Brookings Institute publication, he said that African industries "have the opportunity to double production to nearly 1 trillion dollars within a decade, with three-quarters of that growth coming from manufacturing to substitute imports and meet increasing local demand."

According to the AU, the AfCFTA has "laid the foundation" for what could be the world's largest free trade zone by the number of participating countries, covering more than 1.2 billion people with a combined gross domestic product of 2.5 trillion dollars. Xinhua

## Pompeo had better stop his blame game

SOME U.S. politicians advocating "America first" and unilateralism, who have been sparing no effort to smear and attack China, are even arrogantly trying to establish a "coalition."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Friday to establish "a true global coalition" to cope with the challenges brought by China. Pompeo and the likes, who are addicted to withdrawing from international organizations and tearing up treaties, have probably realized the current awkward situation in which they are responded by none. Therefore, they resorted to forming cliques for ideological confrontation. The so-called "global coalition" is nothing but bravado and a pipedream, because the evil will never prevail and justice is the final winner.

No matter how hard these U.S. politicians are trying to calculate, their efforts will be in vain. Selling the "Wuhan virus" rhetoric at the G7 meeting, they were opposed by their allies; and announcing to quit the World Health Organization, they were criticized by the international community.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said if the U.S. is not willing to shoulder its responsibilities as a major country, Europe has to reconsider its relations with the U.S. Joseph Borrell, European Union's foreign policy chief wrote on an article published on the European Union's (EU) website that the EU has ruled out a transatlantic alliance against China, and promised a "big, positive agenda for EU-China cooperation." German media said the European people's trust for the Americans has completely crumbled. According to a recent poll, at least two thirds of the respondents from Germany, France, Spain, Portugal and Denmark said their view of the U.S. has worsened during the COVID-19 crisis.

A just cause gains wide support, and an unjust one enjoys none. The future of mankind and the destinies of countries have never been so closely connected before. The WHO has repeatedly warned that disunity would only create opportunities for the virus. In the global response to the pandemic, the U.S., rather than shouldering its responsibilities as a major country, is seriously disturbing and undermining the global cooperation on anti-pandemic efforts. Such irresponsibility is seen by all. President of Eurasia Group Ian Bremmer said the world is facing the worst crisis of the time, and the unilateral and transactional practices of the U.S. government would only worsen the crisis.

Instead of thinking why the U.S. is becoming more and more isolated in the international society, Pompeo is again and again tarnishing China's practices to promote global cooperation and win-win results, which will only destroy his own reputation and credit. The Guardian said Pompeo's penchant for undermining America's credibility is top-notch. "Not since Joe McCarthy has the State Department suffered such a devastating blow," remarked William Burns, former Deputy Secretary of State of the U.S. German media commented that U.S. is ill-posed when confronting with China.

Under such criticism, Pompeo is still confronting with China. The only reasonable explain to this unbelievable practice is that he wants to consolidate his position as the "worst Secretary of State" in the U.S. history.

The world needs solidarity and cooperation, not confrontation. Facing the global challenges, countries need to offer mutual assistance. Who's a contributor to global cooperation and who's a destroyer? The answer is clear.

Pompeo and the likes had better stop lying and halt the blame game, and not go too far on the wrong way.

People's Daily

## Beidou Navigation Satellite System mirrors China's ambition of independent innovation

AS a Long March-3B rocket blasted off at the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan province on June 23, sending the last Beidou Navigation Satellite-3 constellation satellite into the space, China accomplished the full deployment of the Beidou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) constellation six months ahead of schedule.

"Beidou", the seven brightest stars of the Ursa Major constellation, has always been a reference of navigation for the Chinese people, and its movement has been used since ancient times to indicate the seasons. In

this day and age, the navigation system named after the seven brightest stars is providing high-quality services for the people around the world.

Growing from strength to strength, the BDS constellation fully reflects the Chinese wisdom, speed, and precision, and is also a Chinese contribution to the global development of satellite navigation. The successful deployment of the BDS constellation indicates that China can independently make breakthroughs in key technologies, as long as it remains committed to innovation.

"The development of the BDS

is made by ourselves," said Li Hongzu, chief commander of BDS-1 navigation system, adding that facing the technological monopoly of the western technology giants, the Chinese engineers had no choice but to become giants themselves.

Today, all the satellites and key components of the BDS are made in China. Apart from the precise positioning service, the BDS will also give the Chinese people full strategic confidence and a stronger sense of security.

Key technologies are often universal and can be applied to a wide variety of sectors in economic and social development,

and the BDS is no exception.

It played a significant role in the measuring of Mount Qomolangma's height in May. Earlier this year, while China was grappling with the sudden outbreak of the COVID-19, it was the BDS that provided high-precision positioning and plotting services, accelerating the construction of the Huoshenshan makeshift hospital in Wuhan, former epicenter of the epidemic. In addition, it also supported drones in spraying disinfectant.

Moreover, the BDS has, in recent years, empowered many industries, seeped further into everyday life and helped yield

positive economic and social effects. It is used in the real-time monitoring and warning of geological disasters. It contributes to agricultural activities across the country and greatly enhances the efficiency. Besides, it supports China's dynamic monitoring system.

As of the end of 2019, more than 6.5 million freight vehicles and more than 70,000 fishing boats and law enforcement vessels had been equipped with the BDS system. And more than 70 percent of China's registered smart phones have access to the BDS services.

It is believed that the BDS will

be further applied in consumption, the sharing economy and public wellbeing, and enable people to live a better life.

From a long-term perspective, the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the digital economy, which has placed a higher requirement for navigation system. Just as water and electricity are indispensable for a city to function, spatio-temporal reference is of paramount significance for digital economy. Many new infrastructure projects rely on the BDS. "It will also lay a foundation for new infrastructure construction," remarked Chen Zhonggui, chief designer

of the BDS-3 satellites.

Meanwhile, the BDS is breaking new ground in emerging application areas including the industrial internet, the Internet of Things and internet of vehicles, accelerating the development of automatic driving, automatic parking and automatic control in logistics.

As "BDS+" and "BDS" industries continuously develop and improve, new infrastructure such as 5G and data center will enjoy a faster speed, therefore usher in a new era of greater development of digital economy and smart society.

People's Daily





Amoma Boxing Academy's boxers in group picture after training in Mbezi, Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AMOS NKONDO

## Dar boxing training center eager for success

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

DAR ES SALAAM boxing training center, Amoma Boxing Academy, has expressed determination to scale great heights in the game in Tanzania by producing competent boxers, who will win both domestic and international titles.

The center's manager and founder, Amos Nkondo, stated the center welcomes men and women, who are keen on learning the sport and taking part in it, to join the center, which is based at Mbezi in the city.

Nkondo, who is also boxing coach, said his center, moreover, congratulates President John Magufuli for his proper supervision of the country's efforts to contain coronavirus outbreak.

According to Nkondo, his center lately has 23 professional boxers, who are taking part in domestic and international bouts.

They are Manyi Issa, Said Mohamed Hassan, Hamidu Kwata, Elly Nkondo, Fred Kobelo, Tony Rashid and John Mzua.

John Mkamati, Iddi Kumemba, Mgyaya Aloyce, Richard Mjilima, Riziki Athuman, Rashid Mzaula, Francis Mzaula, and Ramadhan Kondo are the other boxers.

Richard Mazule, Ally Buggingu, Abuu Omary, John Lukoma, Abdul Juma, Baraka Awadh, Jackson Mhaya and Shauri Ramadhan are as well in the list of the center's boxers.

Nkondo stated the center, which was formed in 2010, had earlier been known as Mbezi Connection Boxing Gym, noting he and fellow officials then opted to change the center's name with the aim of giving it a professional appeal.

He stated the boxers participate in training two times a day for boxers that are not expected to take part in bouts.

"Boxers that are set to take part in fights must train three times a day, when they have 10 days left prior to their respective fights," Nkondo said.

The boxers, according to him, take part in training from Monday to Saturday and have a one-day rest.

Rashid is arguably the most successful boxer to have been produced by the center.

He currently holds the Africa Boxing Union (ABU) Super Bantamweight title that he lifted after beating Siboniso Gonya of South Africa by Technical Knockout (TKO) in a bout, which was held at Umfolozi Ca-

sino, Empanjeni in South Africa on September 15 last year.

Rashid, one of the first rising boxers in Tanzania, boasts of an impressive record given he has registered 11 victories in 14 fights he has taken part in.

The Super Bantamweight, southpaw boxer has succumbed to one loss and the remaining two fights were declared draw.

In Rashid's other recent two fights he notched victory in one, whereas the other was declared draw.

He registered unanimous decision victory over fellow domestic boxer Haidari Mchanjo in a re-match which took place at 361 KJ Hall in Dar es Salaam in August last year.

He had previously taken the ring to trade blows with the same boxer at Kinesi Football Ground in the city in January last year, with the bout, ultimately, being declared a draw.

Rashid, nicknamed 'AK 47', is rated first in the list of 39 Super Bantamweight boxers in Tanzania by Boxrec.

He holds the 54th spot in the list of 1236 Super Bantamweight boxers in the world, as documented by Boxrec.

Hassan also turns out to be a successful boxer at the outfit.

The boxer, fighting in Featherweight division, has taken part in a total of 25 bouts, winning 16, suffering defeat in seven and the rest were declared draw.

Hassan, nicknamed 'Chino', is rated 13th in the list of 39 boxers in the division in Tanzania by Boxrec.

The network, which keeps records of professional boxers from all parts of the world, rated Chino 572nd in the list of 1553 Featherweight boxers in the world.

In his recent three fights Chino has recorded victory in two and lost one.

He defeated compatriot Hamza Mchanjo by unanimous decision in a fight which took place at National Indoor Stadium in Dar es Salaam on May 4, 2018.

He as well came out victorious in a fight against fellow domestic boxer, Mohamed Bakari, beating the later by TKO in the bout which took place in Dar es Salaam in November last year.

Chino lost to Lodumo Lamati of South Africa by TKO in an international, non-title bout which was held in Johannesburg in June 2018.

## Estim cricketers pulverize MCC in Nasser Memorial League

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

ASHVIN Pindoria put his experience to use to steer Estim cricketers to a resounding 71-run win over Malabar Cricket Club (MCC) in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division B match, played in Dar es Salaam recently.

He was in great form in batting and bowling, helping his outfit post an imposing total during their innings and thereafter led the rest of his squad to put MCC in check during the latter's turn with the bat.

Estim recorded 186 runs all out once they won the toss and chose to bat in the 30-over clash.

They had a wobbly start to their quest for an imposing score, given Mehul Lar, who opened the innings with Ashvin, faced early dismissal with the former posting five runs.

Estim were later pegged back after two top order batsmen, Govind Kerai and Jitesh Pindoria, faced quick dismissals.

Ashvin stood firm at the crease, posting 59 runs which included nine fours.

Safvan Annarathodika, MCC wicket keeper, brought Ashvin's spell to an end after he had caught the batsman from a delivery by skipper Sreejesh Puthiyaveetil.

Lalji Halai had a few knocks at the crease, posting 10 runs which consisted of two fours.

Middle order batsmen, Arvind Rabadiya, Mahendra Kerai and Bhavik Bhudia boosted Estim's pursuit of convincing total, posting 25 runs, 23 runs and 21 runs respectively.

Bhudia and Kerai, to some ex-



Estim Cricket Club's players pictured before taking on General Petroleum (GP) team in the last year's Caravans Cup clash, played in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

turned out to be aggressive at the crease, given the former cracked a four and a six, whereas the latter notched two sixes.

Kelvin Anjelo stood out of the rest during MCC's bowling spell, given he took three wickets and leaked 20 runs in four overs.

Medium pacer Athuman and Puthiyaveetil ended their respective spells with two wickets apiece in four and six overs.

On reply, MCC's efforts to mount successful chase waned, given they were skittled for 115 runs in 25.2 overs.

The club was dealt a blow early on in the innings, as opening batsman, Puthiyaveetil, faced early dismissal with four runs to

his name.

Fellow opener, Nandakishan Pottachira, withstood Estim's challenge to notch 20 runs which included four fours.

They thereafter endured two quick dismissals after top order batsmen, Annarathodika and Zanu Ahmed were dismissed, having managed to post three runs and two runs respectively.

Athuman stepped up to attempt to restore confidence in the squad's chase, registering 23 runs which included two fours.

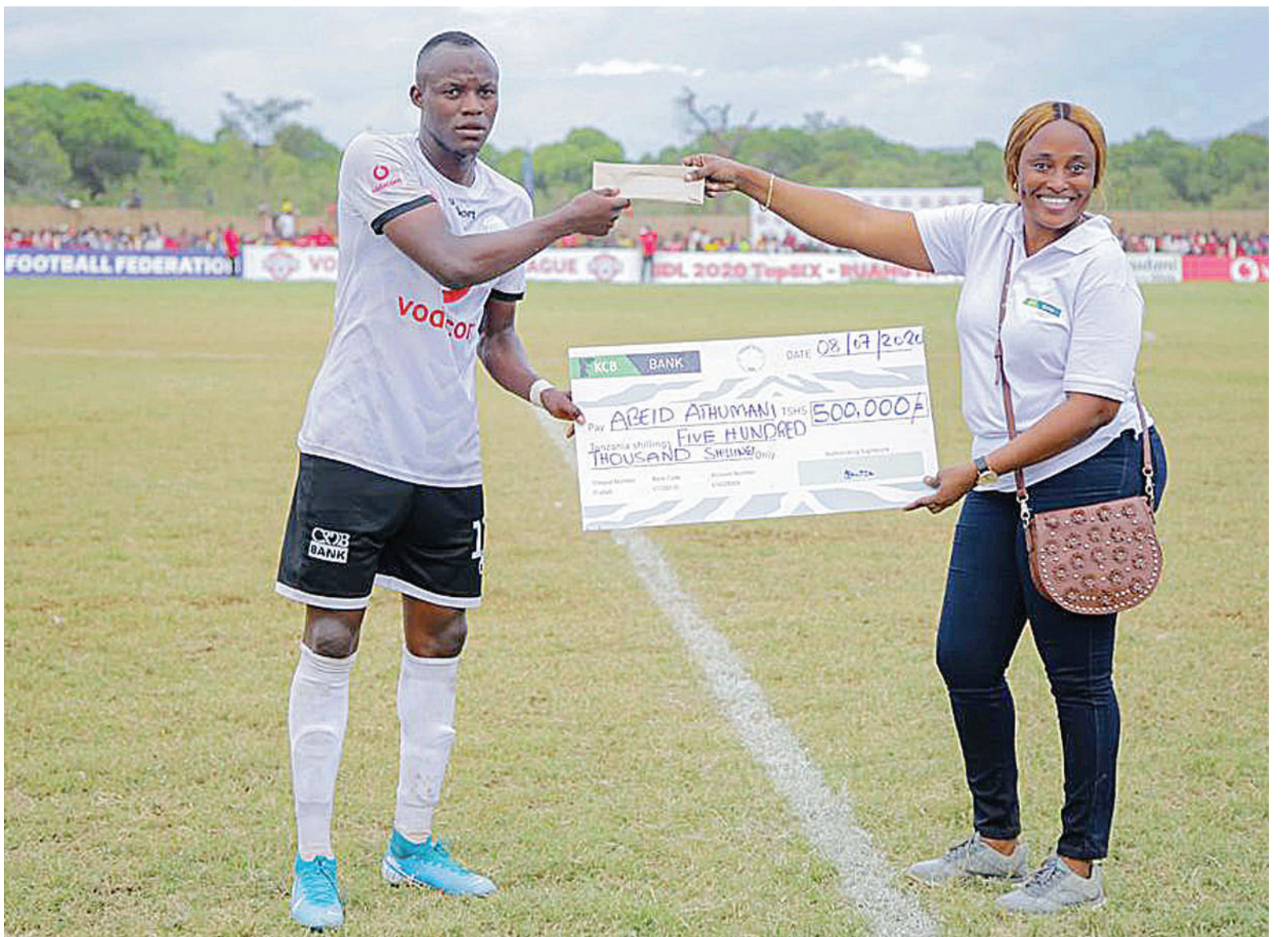
After two more quick dismissals, MCC staged a late surge after James Jeyson had notched 33 runs which consisted of three fours and two sixes.

His efforts to help MCC turn tables on Estim were thwarted by Ashvin that dismissed the former to leave MCC reeling at 115 runs in 25.2 overs.

Bhudia had the best bowling spell for Estim, in which he took three wickets and leaked 23 runs in four overs.

Hitesh Gorasiya and Ashvin piled misery for MCC, taking two wickets apiece in six and 5.2 overs respectively.

The Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-organized league is held annually in memory of Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Event and Tournament Manager, Kazim Nasser, who passed away in the city in 2015.



KCB Bank Marketing Manager, Shose Kombe, presents man of the match award to Namungo FC midfielder, Abeid Athumani, after 2019/20 Vodacom Premier League game between Namungo FC and Simba, which took place in Lindi recently. KCB Bank are the Vodacom Premier League co-sponsors. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KCB BANK

## LeBron won't wear social justice message on Lakers jersey

FLORIDA

LeBron James says his thoughts on social justice can't be contained on the back of a basketball jersey.

The Los Angeles Lakers superstar won't wear one of the NBA-approved social justice messages on the back of his jersey when the NBA resumes competition later this month in the Orlando bubble.

"It was no disrespect to the list that was handed down to all the players," James said Saturday in a conference call from Florida. "I commend anyone that decides to put something on

the back of their jersey. It's just something that didn't seriously resonate with my mission, with my goal."

As part of the NBA's recognition of the nationwide invigoration of the social justice movement sparked by the death of George Floyd, NBA players are allowed to choose from a lengthy list of possible messages for their jerseys during the league's restart. James is among just a few who declined to choose one of the messages, he said.

"I would have loved to have a say on what would have went on the back of my jersey," James said. "I

had a couple of things in mind, but I wasn't part of that process, which is OK. ... Everything that I do has a purpose, has a meaning. I don't need to have something on the back of my jersey for people to understand my mission or know what I'm about and what I'm here to do."

The 35-year-old superstar has a long history of social involvement and advocacy for progressive causes. James speaks frequently of what he feels is a responsibility to campaign for positive social change from his powerful position in sports and pop culture.

"This is the mission I've been on for a long time now," James said. "It's great that a lot of people's ears are opening. A lot of people are understanding, a lot of people are recognizing. A lot of people still don't get it, and a lot of people are still afraid to talk about the racism that goes on in America, especially for our people. ... But we have some ears, and we will continue to push the envelope and let everyone know that we are human as well. We don't want to be just used for our God-given abilities."

JaVale McGee, the Lakers' veteran center, said he will wear "Respect Us"

on his jersey in Orlando.

"It's a blessing to have this platform," said McGee, whose asthma has him being particularly cautious during the pandemic. "We have way more of a voice playing basketball. Our fans are basketball fans over anything. This is the biggest platform we can speak about social injustices. That's the best time to talk about it."

James also said he didn't consider not playing in the NBA's restart, believing the league can be a positive force through its visibility and competition. He expressed no concerns for his health inside the bubble.

"I believe the NBA and (Commissioner) Adam Silver, they took all precautionary measure to make sure that we as a league are as safe as we can be," James said.

"Obviously, in anything that you do, there can be things that can happen, so we will cross that line if it happens. But we're doing everything to make sure everyone stays safe during this pandemic. Adam Silver has given me no reason to not believe him since he took over. I have no concerns. I'm here 100% and in great health."



## Man City 'deserve' Champions League return, says Guardiola

BRIGHTON, UNITED KINGDOM

PEP Guardiola believes Manchester City deserve their place in the Champions League next season as the club wait to find out whether their two-season ban against playing in European competitions will be overturned.

City were handed the two-season sation by UEFA in February over alleged breaches of financial fair play rules, but appealed that decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport which will deliver its verdict on Monday.

On the field, City ensured they will finish in the Premier League's top four with Raheem Sterling scoring a hat-trick in a 5-0 win over Brighton on Saturday.

"Today we achieved one incredible challenge, which is qualification for the Champions League mathematically," said Guardiola.

"We deserve to be there because we won it on the pitch. Hopefully on Monday UEFA can allow us to play like this team and these players deserve to."

For the fourth time in their last six league games, City scored four or more goals in another performance that belied the 21-point gap between them and champions Liverpool.

However, they could still end the season with a treble of trophies as they face Arsenal in the semi-finals of the FA Cup next weekend before recommending their Champions League campaign in August.

"I have the feeling all the team is ready to play good for what we have ahead of us," added Guardiola.

"The levels we've had since the restart, even the games we lost, have been really good."

Too often City have been found wanting for failing to take their chances and punished for defensive lapses at the other end.

However, there was never any chance of Brighton adding to their nine league defeats this season once Sterling curled home his 25th goal of the season with unerring accuracy into the far corner.

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Gabriel Jesus could have the responsibility of leading the line when City's bid to win the Champions League for the first time gets back underway with Sergio Aguero facing a race against time to be fit after knee surgery.

The Brazilian has not always been the most prolific finisher, but showed striker's instincts to tap Rodrigo's flick-on for a corner to make it 2-0 just before half-time with his 20th goal of the season.

## How to avoid handballs? Cut off players' arms, says Gasperini

TURIN, ITALY

THE only way for players to avoid giving away penalties for handball under current rules is to cut off their arms, angry Atalanta coach Gian Piero Gasperini said after his team drew 2-2 at Juventus.

Gasperini saw his side give away two penalties, both for handball, which allowed Serie A leaders Juventus twice to fight back from behind.

Both handballs were accidental, as first Marten de Roon and then Luis Muriel were struck at point-blank range, but because of the position of their arms, the referee had little option but to award a spot kick each time.

"Those are the rules, well, at least, in Italy," said Gasperini. "What do we do, cut off the player's arms?"

"That's not the first penalty given like that, there have been so many. Is the rule interpreted

Sterling notched his second of the night in unusual fashion by crashing home a header from Mahrez's teasing cross.

Brighton did themselves no favours for the fourth as Mat Ryan spiled a Bernardo Silva shot he should have held and Jesus teed up the Portuguese midfielder to roll into an unguarded net at the second attempt.

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Brighton are still not mathematically safe as they remain eight points above the relegation zone, but Graham Potter's men should already have enough points on the board as third-bottom Bournemouth face the daunting task of being City's next opponents on Wednesday.

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# Manchester City to learn fate of Champions League ban appeal

LONDON

MANCHESTER City's Abu Dhabi project and the future of UEFA's financial fair play (FFP) rules face a pivotal day on Monday when the Court of Arbitration for Sport delivers its verdict on City's appeal against a two-season ban from European competitions.

The stakes could not be higher for the English side, who have always strongly denied any wrongdoing over allegations they deliberately inflated the value of income from sponsors with links to the Abu Dhabi United Group, also owned by City owner Sheikh Mansour, to avoid falling foul of FFP regulations between 2012 and 2016.

In February, UEFA imposed a fine of 30 million euros (\$32 million, £25 million) on City as well as suspending them from European competitions for the next two seasons.

Since Sheikh Mansour's takeover 12 years ago, City's fortunes have been transformed from perennially living in the shadow of local rivals Manchester United to winning four Premier League titles in the past eight years among 11 major trophies.

Yet the prize that has eluded them is the one the Abu Dhabi project most desires - the Champions League.

- Guardiola's last shot? -

No matter the outcome on Monday, City will have the chance to do so in August as they resume their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 lead over Real Madrid from the first leg of their last 16 tie.

That could be the last chance for some of City's biggest names to win



Manchester City will find out on Monday if they are to be banned from European football for two seasons (AFP Photo)

the Champions League for the club as a two-year ban would have severe consequences for the club's finances.

Manager Pep Guardiola's contract runs until the end of the 2020/21 season and the Catalan is unlikely to still be in charge in two years' time.

Star players such as Kevin De Bruyne and Raheem Sterling are also unlikely to want to waste two of their peak years without Champions League football.

"Two years would be long. One year is something I might be able to cope with," De Bruyne told Het Laatste Nieuws in June.

It would still take huge fees from rival clubs to

tempt City to sell, but they may be forced to downsize to gain re-entry to the Champions League even after any ban is over.

City made 93 million euros from UEFA prize money and TV rights from last season's Champions League, with gate receipts and extra sponsorship revenue from Europe's premier club competition added to that tally.

It would be almost impossible for the club to lose that level of revenue for two years and remain FFP-compliant without cutting costs on transfer fees and wages, or selling players.

- Man Utd to benefit? -

Even more painfully for City, Manchester United

could be one of the major beneficiaries of their exclusion.

City are comfortably second in the Premier League table, but if they are banned, fifth will be good enough to qualify for the Champions League.

United are currently in fifth with Chelsea or Leicester the other sides likely to profit.

The likes of Arsenal and Tottenham could also look to benefit next season if City's ban is upheld in full.

Losing such a high-profile case would also cause major embarrassment to the legacy of the City project.

It is no secret that one of the major motivations be-

hind the billions invested is to promote a positive image of Abu Dhabi around the world.

That image will for some be forever tarnished if City are found not only to have flouted FFP, but deliberately misled UEFA in doing so.

But the stakes are also high for European football's governing body.

Qatari-owned Paris Saint-Germain have already successfully won an appeal at CAS against UEFA reopening a FFP investigation into the French champions.

The system which limits clubs to not losing more than 30 million euros with exceptions for some costs such as youth development and women's teams over a three-year period has helped cut debt across European football.

But its detractors point to the fact it maintains the status quo with traditional giants like Barcelona, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich always enjoying bigger budgets thanks to their large global fanbases.

Should UEFA lose another case, questions will be asked over how effectively FFP can ever be enforced at the highest level of the game.

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## Chelsea won't win league again until they fix their defending

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND

AS Chelsea continue their attempts to add Bayer Leverkusen winger Kai Havertz to their increasing array of attacking talent at Stamford Bridge, Saturday's 3-0 defeat against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane led to the inescapable sense that they're decorating the outside of the house while water continues to pour through the roof.

With Ajax winger Hakim Ziyech and RB Leipzig forward Timo Werner already added to a squad boasting the likes of Christian Pulisic, Tammy Abraham and Olivier Giroud up front, the capture of Havertz, if Chelsea can pull it off, would give manager Frank Lampard incredible options going forward next season. But the manner of the loss in Sheffield should set alarm bells ringing within Chelsea's scouting department because the real priority for strengthening at the end of this season should be their defence.

Had Chelsea won this game, combined with a failure by Wolves to defeat Everton on Sunday, then Champions League qualification would have been secured in the event of Manchester City's two-year UEFA ban being upheld by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Monday. In the end, a catalogue of defensive calamities against Chris Wilder's team, who are now firmly back in the hunt for a Champions League spot after this win -- they're five points out of fourth place with three games left -- has left Chelsea anxiously awaiting the verdict from CAS.

If City win their appeal and are therefore able to compete in next season's Champions League, this defeat could be the one that costs Chelsea a place in the top four and, as a consequence, deny them a place in Europe's premier club competition. If that proves to be the case, Lampard's failure to address the recurring problems at the back will deserve greater scrutiny than it has received so far.

"We know goals often start with errors," Lampard said. "At 2-0 down, you make it difficult for yourselves. Disappointing. Mistakes. You analyse all season and review and move forward. We need to put that to bed quickly and fight for the top four. I learned a lot and I won't forget that."

The story of Chelsea, post-restart, has been defined by the attacking



Marcos Alonso and Chelsea simply weren't good enough behind the ball and will continue to lose ground at the top until they resolve their defensive issues. (Agencies)

contributions of Pulisic, Willian and Giroud. There have been issues at the back, but Chelsea have largely been able to score enough goals to make up for the errors and secure the points. The 3-2 defeat at West Ham earlier this month was a night when Chelsea's luck ran out, with Andriy Yarmolenko scoring a last minute winner for the Hammers after Lampard's defence had gone AWOL. But if the performance at West Ham was bad, it was much worse at Bramall Lane, to the extent that you have to wonder why Chelsea are focusing so much of their summer spending on forwards.

Don't forget also that

Chelsea offloaded centre-halves Gary Cahill and David Luiz last summer, to Crystal Palace and Arsenal respectively, without being able to replace them due to the club's worldwide transfer ban. Fikayo Tomori and Kurt Zouma were recalled from loan moves to compete with Andreas Christensen and Antonio Rudiger for the two centre-back spots, but while Tomori and Rudiger have impressed at times, Chelsea clearly still need a commanding centre-half.

The deficiencies were evident against Sheffield United, who dominated the Chelsea defence with the physical and committed Oli McBurnie and David McGoldrick

winning virtually every ball, in the air and on the ground, against Christensen and Zouma. McBurnie was afforded far too much space on 18 minutes to volley a shot towards goal, which was palmed out by goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga before McGoldrick netted the rebound as Blues defenders simply stood and watched. The goal was McGoldrick's first ever in the Premier League, and while Kepa has made plenty of mistakes this season, he was let down by his defenders on this occasion.

United scored again on 33 minutes when McBurnie was left unmarked to direct an Enda Stevens cross past Kepa with a powerful near-post header. McBurnie is an ungainly figure, all arms, legs and energy, but Chelsea seemed to underestimate his ability to hurt them in the final third and they paid a heavy price. If they had a commanding centre-half in the team, Chelsea would have been able to deal with McBurnie and nullify his threat, but Lampard simply does not have the options.

It was a similar story of defensive chaos that enabled McGoldrick to score his second, and

United's third, on 77 minutes with a strike from close range. It was the 11th goal Chelsea have conceded in six league games since the restart, and United missed two clear chances to punish them further in the final stages.

"They were better than us, physically, in the mind and with the ball," Lampard said. "So you lose the game. They were stronger than us."

"You feel and hear every noise and all I could hear was Sheffield United voices. They are a good team. If you come here and perform below par, this is what will happen."

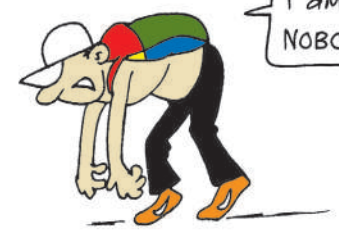
Who knows how costly Chelsea's defensive problems will prove to be? If they do miss out on the Champions League, the cost will run to millions and it could deny them the chance to strengthen at the back.

Havertz will undoubtedly be a fantastic signing if Chelsea can win the race for his signature, but they may be better spending the money instead on a centre-back and goalkeeper. Goals may win games, but clean sheets win trophies, and Chelsea rarely look like posting one of those.

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