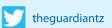


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Two senior South African ministers hospitalised with the coronavirus

JOHANNESBURG

TWO members of the South African cabinet have been admitted to hospital with Covid-19, the presidency said yesterday.

Thembelani Nxesi, Employment and Labour minister, and Gwede Mantashe (Mineral Resources), were taken to hospital on Monday. They were self-isolating after testing positive for the novel coronavirus around a week ago.

"We wish both minister Nxesi and minister Mantashe well and a speedy recovery," the presidency said in a statement, noting that being in hospital would give them access to better medical attention and monitoring.

Nxesi (61) became the second high profile government official to be hospitalised for Covid-19 in under 24 hours.

He was the fifth MP to test positive for the coronavirus last week on Friday and was in domestic self-quarantine.

Cabinet spokesperson Phumla Williams (pictured) said Nxesi's admission to

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Not all ministers, CCM MPs 'glitter'



Ecstatic CCM members swarm around former Tanzania Investment Centre executive director Geoffrey Mwambe (in yellow shirt) the nomination of the party's candidate for the Masasi constituency (Mtwara Region parliamentary seat in late October's General Election. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

OUTGOING ministers and prominent former lawmakers are among high-profile parliamentary aspirants who have posted a poor showing in the CCM nomination race in their bids to return to the House.

After unimpressive performance in preferential votes on Monday and yesterday, these former powerful state officials will now be praying for presidential nomination to

Among those who trailed their opponents in the races is outgoing Information, Culture, Arts and Sports minister Dr Harrison Mwakyembe. The academic-turned-politician was shown the dust in the Kyela constituency primaries, coming third with 245 votes behind newcomers Ally

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SHARE FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.



Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

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You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

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- · Shortness of breath
- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms AND
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

cdc.gov/COVID-19

NEC alters Sunday polls day tradition

By Henry Mwangonde

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has set Wednesday October 28 as the date for this year's General Election—a break from the tradition of conducting the polls on Sundays since independence.

For decades, there has been agitation from some quarters, especially religious ones, for the polls to be held

on other days but not those designated for prayers by major religions.

NEC Chairman Judge (rtd) Semistocles Kaijage outlined the campaign schedule in a statement yesterday, without explaining why the changes were made.

Political parties will file names of presidential candidates and running mates, members of Parliament and

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JICA seminars to generate industrial competitiveness

By Guardian Reporter

THE Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade



is implementing programme aimed strengthening manufacturing enterprises through quality and productivity improvement.

A statement released yesterday by JICA said the renewed Kaizen programme includes a cluster development support project through the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO).

This year JICA, the ministry and SIDO (Small Industries Development Organisation) combined two projects to provide Kaizen service to industrial

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a word with Ruangwa District officials at his home village - Namahema in Lindi Region - before returning for Dodoma yesterday after an official tour. Next to him is with his wife, Mary Majaliwa. F

Covid-19: 642 more declared cured as new cases hit 14,000

NAIROBI

Kenya recorded the highest Covid-19 recovery rate yesterday after 642 patients were declared recovered within a period of 24 hours.

The number of patients who have recovered from the virus is now at

Chief Administrative Secretary Rashid Aman said 587 of the new Covid-19 survivors were on homebased care and 55 were in hospitals across the country.

The coronavirus caseload in the country reached 14,168 after the Health ministry announced 397 additional

Kenyans and eight foreigners, 336 sent to stakeholders for consultation, a were male and 61 female. The youngest patient is aged one and the oldest 90.

Twelve more patients died overnight, raising the death toll to 250, Dr Aman

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health has initiated the process of banning the sale of alcohol to sit-in customers in business establishments as a measure to curb the rise in Covid-19 cases.

The ban, which currently is at the consultation stage, will affect "restaurants, eateries, bars, food courts, entertainment joints, supermarkets, liquor shops and any other business establishment".

Already, the Attorney General's office

source said.

Nairobi News understands that the rules have sent to the Kenya Association of Manufacturers for consensus building. This was confirmed on Tuesday during the daily Covid-19 briefings by Dr Francis Kuria, the Head of Public Health.

The proposed Covid-19 Sale of Alcoholic Drinks Rules 2020, provide that businesses, where alcohol is sold, will operate between 9am-7.30pm.

"A person who commits an offence under these rules shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding Sh20,000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or Of the new patients, 389 were has drafted the rules which have been both," reads part of the Public Health

The proposed rules further state that any person who consumes any alcoholic drink in a public place will have committed an offence.

According to the proposal, such

public places include; a public park, restaurant, parking lot, eatery, bar, entertainment joint, supermarket or a wines and spirits shop. The proposal come after Kenyans

took advantage of the partial reopening of restaurants to troop back into pubs and bars, contravening existing Covid-19 rules.

Kenya has recorded an upsurge in the daily number of confirmed Covid-19 cases since the relaxation of rules.

Not all ministers, CCM MPs 'glitter'

Kinanasi (493) and Hunter Mwakifuna

In Zanzibar, three outgoing ministers who sought to retain their presence in the House of Representatives trailed other aspirants in results announced yesterday, clouding chances of being nominated by the ruling party.

They include Zanzibar Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Khamis Juma Mwalimu, whose bid to retain Pangawe seat saw him poll 53 votes behind Ali Suleiman Ameir's 57 votes.

Zanzibar's Information, Tourism and Heritage minister Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, seeking reelection in Kiembe Samaki constituency, got 30 votes while Suleiman Haroub Suleiman got

The Zanzibar Minister for Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries, Mmanga Mjengo Mjawari, also slipped in efforts to retain his Mkoani seat after getting 52 votes while Abdallah Hussein Kombo polled 57.

In his attempt to make a comeback to the National Assembly, former for Natural Resources and Tourism minister Prof Jumanne Maghembe trained his eyes on Mwanga

constituency where he polled 130 votes behind advocate Anania Thadayo's 176.

In Buchosa constituency, writer and entrepreneur Erick Shigongo came out neck and neck with former Agriculture minister Dr Charles Tizeba after both aspirants garnered 354 votes.

Former Home Affairs Minister Charles Kitwanga, who is seeking to retain Misungwi constituency was given a run for his money by youthful challenger Alexander Mnyeti, who polled 406 against incumbent Kitwanga with 259. Mnyeti earlier served as Regional Commissioner for

Outgoing Kilombero lawmaker Peter Lijualikali who decamped to CCM and sought the ruling party's ticket to return to the National Assembly polled five votes, watching Abubakar Asenga (368), Vitus Lupagila (54) and Bhimji Rocky (22).

CCM started screening its aspirants for parliamentary slots at constituency levels on Monday, and will today forward three names for each seat to the party's regional committees for recommendations to the Secretariat, which shall hand the recommendations to the Central Committee to pick the

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councillors by late Tuesday, August 25. Campaigns will kick off countrywide on August 26 and end on October 27, ready for polls the following day.

Currently, political parties are nomination conducting their processes, where CCM chairman President John Magufuli has directed that the CCM nomination process be conducted transparently.

Magufuli instructed that votes for the 10,321 aspirants seeking CCM nomination to contest vacant anyone to vie for any political post parliamentary seats be cast and through CCM, asking party members to counted in a transparent manner to avoid complaints.

He recommended adoption of a system used early this month during the nomination of the CCM presidential candidate for Zanzibar whereby voting and counting of votes were broadcast

This means that candidates who prepared for 'business as usual' and the manaeuvring that comes with it were surprised and had no time to go back to the drawing board due to the time constraint.

President Magufuli had reiterated several times that he hasn't sent thoroughly scrutinize aspirants as per person's competence and record.

JICA seminars to generate industrial competitiveness

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clusters for the purpose of propagating the Kaizen philosophy and boosting industrial competitiveness in Tanzania.

"As a starting point, the parties organized sensitization seminars for Dodoma and Morogoro clusters from June 1st to 11th with key objective as to introduce the three Kaizen tools. The first is the five-S in workplace organization, listed as sorting, setting in order, shining, standardizing and sustaining, while the second is described as 'Muda-dori' (waste elimination) and finally there is a 'Whywhy analysis' which targets figuring out root-cause identification of issues or bottlenecks.

The seminars were conducted in small groups of people in accordance with instructions given by the Ministry of Health regarding Covid-19 precautions. Mbeya Region is also expected to hold the seminars.

A total of 90 technicians from different industrial clusters attended the on Kaizen techniques conducted by Kaizen trainers from the Tanzania Kaizen Unit (TKU) housed in the ministry, with offices at SIDO and in the private sector.

"These seminars will be followed up by in-depth training and on-site consulting at a few companies selected from the cluster members as pilot sites. Morogoro is ahead of other clusters and started accepting individual Kaizen consulting service at selected pilot companies since last month," the statement noted.

The agency said it will continue supporting industrial clusters through technical cooperation and the provision of some necessary funding,

"so that we can get through these tough times together."

Kaizen is a Japanese word meaning improvement, applied as management philosophy and know-how for continuous quality and productivity improvement organizations.

approach fostering teamwork, mindset change, self-reliance, creativity and ingenuity to come up with ideas for solutions to the problems faced by organizations" in Tanzania and elsewhere, it emphasized. Industrial cluster development is

an approach to drive industrialization by taking advantage of clustering, that is, grouping geographically proximate and interconnected companies and associated institutions in a particular

The proactive involvement of various actors along and around value-chains and inducing collaboration among them help to promote innovation and local industrialization, it added



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Germany's Ambassador to Tanzania, Regina Hess (C), exchanges views in Arusha yesterday with East African Community deputy secretary general (Productive and Social Sectors) Christophe Bazivamo (L) and Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority chief of air transport regulation Daniel Malanga after opening training for members of the Kilimanjaro International Airport management team. Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

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hospital was on the advice of his doctors. "His admission to hospital on

Monday night comes on the advice of National Assembly chairperson his medical doctors for him to have responsible for committees, oversight proper monitoring," Williams said.

On Monday, Cedric Frolick, the Covid-19.

technology, also tested positive for

Africa's most industrialised economy now has one of the highest rates of access to better medical attention and and information and communications infection of the novel coronavirus in the world, with 372,628 confirmed cases and 5,173 deaths





Eric Kidyalla, one of CCM's aspirants for Dar es Salaam's Kibamba parliamentary seat in the upcoming (late October) General Election, "sells" himself at a nomination meeting held in the constituency yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Reporter

THE Managing Director of the National Ranching Company (NARCO), Masele Mipawa, has suspended the manager of West Kilimanjaro ranch, in Arusha Region, Hezron Kyaruzi, for lack of safeguard to state property and loss of 32 head of cattle.

During his visit at the West Kilimanjaro ranch at the weekend Mipawa said he came up with the decision following many challenges facing the ranch due to poor leadership by the manager, and added that more legal and disciplinary measures will

NARCO suspends its manager in Arusha over loss of cattle

Mipawa said his inspection visit at the ranch was spurred by reports that showed loss of cattle of which NARCO had no official knowledge.

"The visit has helped us know that there is rampant theft at the ranch due to poor relations between the manager and the surrounding community, lack of professionalism and diligence on his

part that caused the loss of 32 head of cattle," he said.

He added: "Out of the 32 animals that were lost, 15 have been recovered while 27 others were slaughtered without permission from the Head office,"

Mipawa said they have also decided to suspend Kyaruzi's for failing to well advise him with claims that he was also collaborating with Kyaruzi by going to private people to loan their cattle to show the ranch has a big number of cattle.

Mipawa called on other workers at the ranch to continue working hard, with discipline and patriotism and cautioned them that the Phase V Government will not tolerate any one sabotaging public assets.

PS calls on police to invoke existing law to reconcile wrangling parties

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Legal Affairs, Prof Sifuni Mchome, has called upon police personnel in the country to use existing laws curb crimes by reconciling the wrangling parties instead of taking them each crime to courts.

Prof Mchome was speaking yesterday in Mbeya when opening a two-day training for some of the police personnel from Mbeya and Iringa regions on legal aid to minors who committed crimes.

He said in 2017 the government enacted regulations which allowed the police to reconcile some of reconcilable crimes and by bringing together the warring sides, saying the aim is to reduce the number of court cases as well as inmates in prisons.

"Amendments done to the Criminal Procedure Act (No 1 of 2017) Cap 20 has inserted a procedure for the reconciliation of crimes and strengthen settlement to reduce case logs and congestion of remandees at police stations, and prisons, so use that system," he said.

He also told the police who have received the training to be ambassadors by showing good example in using the procedure which legally exists and also train their colleagues to do the same.

The training's coordinator Giffrin Mwakapunje said the aim of the training is to build up capacity for members of the police in Mbeya and Iringa regions on how to fairly deal with crimes committed by minors.

He said the ministry believes the

police have the capability to help minors who violate the laws as well as reducing violence against child abuse.

Some members of the police at the seminar said they were ready to address the challenge when they come across cases involving the minors.

Bihem Mayengela, a policeman from Kyela police station said among motives that make children to be in trouble with the law is failure by parents and guardians to meet their needs.

Earlier, welcoming Prof Mchome, Senior Judge of Tanzania High Court for Mbeya Zone John Utamwa said the training will enable the police to have good relationship with the community especially in dealing with criminal justice for the minors.



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TPSF promises to promote private sector

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) yesterday pledged to remain sincere to advancing the interests of the private sector and linking its members to chief stakeholders inside and outside Tanzania.

TPSF chairperson Angelina Ngalula told reporters in Dar es Salaam recently that she wanted to assure all members countrywide that the foundation remained committed to providing a platform for the private sector to engage in private-public dialogues at local, national and international levels. TPSF has 318 direct members and uses the member network to serve more than six million entrepreneurs in formal and informal private businesses.

"Our foundation is strong. We shall continue to work with sincerity on issues that led to formation our foundation. TPSF and the

government enjoy very strong cooperation. We shall continue to work very closely with the government in promoting the development interests of Tanzanians by building a strong national economy," she pledged.

Ngalula said the foundation had made leadership changes and called on TPSF members to remain united, saying the foundation would ensure members profit from emerging local and international opportunities.

TPSF, she said, would ensure members benefited from and increase the share market for their products and services. "Our current strategy is to focus on providing services outside Tanzania, strengthen local markets, participate in building physical infrastructures and increase investments in existing infrastructures," she explained.

The acting managing director, Zachy Mbenna, praised work of the Godfrey Simbeye whose

office term has ended, saying time had come to ensure the private and public sectors worked together to promote national development.

He said cooperation between the TPSF and government had unveiled challenges that had to be discussed by the two sides in order to promote economic reforms and increase national wealth.

Mbenna said the glaring proof of strong cooperation between the TPSF and the government was the strong participation of TPSF members in fighting the COVID 19 disease by providing money and medical equipment and materials.

TPSF cooperates with the government in formulating and implementing policies that spur economic growth, create wealth and jobs countrywide. TPSF members belong to 14 clusters based on the structure of national economy.



ABANDONED? NO GOODS?: Tanga city's Chumbageni fish market all but deserted yesterday, with sources blaming the situation on scarcity of fish.





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After the deadline for applications, the applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee set up for this purpose. The Selection Committee will prepare a short-list of candidates who are considered to be the most suitable for the post on the basis of a preliminary assessment of the information provided in their application letter and the supporting documents. The short-listed candidates will be invited to an assessment phase which may include an interview if necessary – during this phase, the Selection Committee will assess the suitability of the candidates for the post.

The candidates who have not been short-listed will not be contacted individually; however, the Delegation will use the same means of publication as for this Vacancy Notice to inform the remaining candidates once the recruitment procedure has been completed and that a candidate has (or has not) been recruited.

The deadline for applications is: 10 August 2020

Zanzibar govt calls upon investors to build tourist hotel at Pemba Airport

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR second Vice President Amb Seif Ali Iddi has advised investors in the business sector to look into the possibilities of building a tourist hotel at Pemba Airport to cater for visitors including residents who use the airport.

He said the hotel system at various airports in the world aims at minimising inconveniences for air

Amb Iddi was speaking during his short inspection visit at the Golden Tulip Hotel project being built by the

Royal Group on the peripheries of construction of the hotel was planned

He said the Zanzibar government opportunity for the construction of a Hotel at Pemba Airport.

initiate the big project that will help in beefing up national revenues, service to to the citizens.

Hassan Mohammed Raza said the

the Abeid Aman Karume Airport in to take 16 months and will be completed in October this year.

He said the hotel will have 62 through its investment institutions bedrooms, parking for 150 vehicles intends to see investors grabbing the at a time and costs USD 7.5 million equivalent to 17.1bn/-.

He said among others, the hotel He congratulated the leadership of will have sports services, a swimming the Royal Group for the decision to pool and a training area for travelling sportsmen.

Operation Manager of Zanzibar the hotel will have bus services to Royal Group Managing Director take passengers from the hotel to the



Residents of Mbalizi in Mbeya Region are attracted to the scene of a road crash in the township involving three motor vehicles and a Bajaj. The incident, which occurred yesterday, left three people injured. Photo: Correspondent Nebart

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

GOVERNMENT leaders at district and regional levels have been directed to have a special focus in percent within three months.

Tanga regional administrative officer Iudica Omari issued the directive on behalf of the Regional Commissioner Martine Shigella during a meeting for the mobilisation of registration of children under five years of age attended by regional and district leaders convened here at the weekend.

She said in addition to other duties they may have, they are required to bring the exercise to a success hence they should come up with resolutions that will act as focus for the registration of children.

"Please my fellow leaders, from now we have to utilise various opportunities available for mobilising the people through various ways to make the

Tanga Region to inaugurate child registration campaign

especially during this election time, but make this as a priority issue in vour timetables due to its national importance," she added.

She also impressed upon the Registration. Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) not to hesitate to involve her whenever they needed any assistance within the regional government's ability, and added that if the programme was successfully implemented in other regions, it can also be successfully implemented in Tanga Region.

The Acting Administrator General Emmy Hudson said the programme is sustainable and will be implemented in two different phases whereas there will also be improvement in registration using IT.

the implementation of registration of exercise a success... ... I know you have She said the programme is not children under five years of age by 100 many other pressing responsibilities discriminative and has a special importance as it abides by the principles of fairness and protection of a child, equality in disregard of gender, income status or where the family comes from.

"Every child with qualification to be registered must be registered and that is why the government has abolished certificate fee to enable every child to benefit," said Hudson.

She thanked development partners who are working together with the government in the implantation of the programme including the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the Canadian government through its Department of Foreign Affairs. Trade and Development (DFTAD) and TIGO, the telecom provider.

By Guardian Reporter

WORKERS whose duties allow close contact with passengers at the nine international airports within East African Community (EAC) member states are undergoing coronavirus vigilance training ahead of reopening of skies.

The capacity building measures are facilitated by the German government through its development agency GIZ, coordinated by EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) and implemented by AMREF Flying Doctors.

A statement released yesterday by Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Dar es Salaam said the two-day training programme is funded by part of the additional Euros 1 million (2,5bn/-) the country committed to its Euros 6 million joint initiative with EAC Secretariat called support to pandemic preparedness in the EAC region since March 2017.

The statement said that emergency at the Kilimanjaro International Airport that serves major tourist hubs of Arusha and Kilimanjaro kicked off yesterday.

Covid-19: EAC airport staff drilled ahead of reopening

at a critical point in time, before international travel picks up again," the German Ambassador Regine Hess said."The German government is proud to support these measures so that Kilimanjaro International Airport is in a better position to detect and respond to COVID-19 and prevent further spread of the disease."

The trainings involve a wide range of staff with close contact to passengers and or their luggage, such as airport medical service providers, aircraft and airline operators, selected crew members, staff at immigration and customs, cargo and baggage handlers according to the advisory.

The aim of the training, the statement said, is to build the knowledge of staff on safety measures, surveillance, prevention and control strategies and relevant regional guidelines. Through the Training of Trainers the airports will be enabled to develop their own staff Airport."

"These trainings are implemented training and surveillance regimes. As a result, surveillance capacities will be strengthened, early-warning systems improved and public health responses at the airports better coordinated.

A total of 270 key airport personnel will become trained trainers across the region and will subsequently develop and conduct their own classes to rollout the training sessions, says the statement.

The course design and curriculum development is based on the International Health Regulations, best practices of the World Health Organisation and the US Centers for Disease Control as well as the Standards and Recommended Practices of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

"The trainings have recently also been conducted at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam as well as Zanzibar International

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DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC



COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020"

(ALL AMOUNTS IN TZS)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	Previous Quarter Group	Current Year Commulative Group	Previous Year Commulative Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary
Non Current Assets	31st Mar 2020	30th June 2020	30th June 2019	30th June 2020	30th June 2020
Property and equipment	305,144,503	260,568,660	496,001,955	252,313,575	8,255,084
Non-current prepayment	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	2,819,584,220	0,200,004
Intangible asset	76,892,226	67,059,145	110,962,350	42,252,791	24,806,354
Leasehold land	190,021,238	190.021.238	319,021,238	190,021,238	24,000,004
Deferred tax asset	4,457,517	4,743,517	65,738	100,021,200	4,743,517
Investment in Subsidiary	.,,	•		100,000,000	.,,
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Current Assets					
Trade receivables	1,047,883,082	591,273,152	371,615,248	365,359,120	225,914,033
Prepayment & Other Receivables	1,765,132,518	1,136,694,684	982,270,521	1,031,191,302	105,503,382
Government Securities	4,176,604,000	4,755,905,500	5,699,728,794	4,755,905,500	
Shorterm Deposits	14,454,814,905	15,324,293,140	10,836,295,844	14,779,846,086	544,447,054
Cash and cash equivalents	505,612,480	534,795,066	565,294,747	392,997,218	141,797,847
	21,950,046,985	22,342,961,543	18,455,205,155	21,325,299,226	1,017,662,316
TOTAL ASSETS	25,346,146,690	25,684,938,322	22,200,840,658	24,729,471,051	1,055,467,272
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES					
Shareholders' Funds					
Ordinary Share Capital DSE	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	9,529,608,000	-
Share Premium DSE	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	1,850,374,351	
Ordinary Share Capital to Subsidiary			-		100,000,000
Retained Earnings	11,355,705,360	11,951,959,505	8,329,688,869	11,309,283,971	642,675,534
Car Loan Fund	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000	
Revaluation Reserve	151,655,000	151,655,000	331,195,000	151,655,000	
Total Shareholders Funds	22,922,342,711	23,518,596,856	20,075,866,220	22,875,921,322	742,675,534
Non-Current Liabilities					
Capital Grants	1,057,249,273	1,047,590,756	1,247,173,974	1,047,590,756	-
Current Liabilities					
Contract Liabilities	732,547,008	410,086,732	263,652,400	315,586,732	94,500,000
Current Income Tax	6,838,150	<u>-</u> _	-		•
Trade Creditors and Other Payables	627,169,546	708,663,978	614,148,063	490,372,241	218,291,737
Total Current Liabilities	1,366,554,705	1,118,750,710	877,800,463	805,958,973	312,791,737
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	25,346,146,690	25,684,938,322	22,200,840,658	24,729,471,051	1,055,467,272

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE 2020

	(AMOUNT IN TZS)								
'	Previous Quarter Group	Current Quarter Group	Current Year Cummulative Group	Previous Year's Quarter Group	Current Quarter Company	Current Quarter Subsidiary			
	31st Mar 2020	30th June 2020	30th June 2020	30th June 2019	30th June 2020	30th June 2020			
Revenue Listing Fees Transaction Fees Registry & CSD Fees Investment Income Other Revenue	689,850,649 382,981,436 270,937,305 531,770,299 146,026,988	835,544,084 144,041,109 186,656,227 589,741,360 59,095,037	1,525,394,733 527,022,544 457,593,532 1,121,511,659 205,122,024	608,163,213 177,342,131 51,500,000 446,459,662 77,801,249	835,544,084 144,041,109 - 569,475,606 59,095,037	186,656,227 20,265,754			
Total	2,021,566,676	1,815,077,816	3,836,644,492	1,361,266,254	1,608,155,835	206,921,981			
Total Revenue Operating Costs	2,021,566,676	1,815,077,816	3,836,644,492	1,361,266,254	1,608,155,835	206,921,981			
Staff Costs	723,546,296	764,232,453	1,487,778,749	634,228,808	561,941,346	202,291,107			
Administrative Expenses Operating Expenses Total Expenses	165,429,336 272,182,751 1,161,158,383	167,486,050 214,553,359 1,146,271,862	332,915,386 486,736,109 2,307,430,244	256,280,200 80,690,354 971,199,362	142,694,877 192,621,817 897,258,041	24,791,173 21,931,542 249,013,821			
Profit Before Tax Tax Provision	860,408,293 10,804,326	668,805,954	1,529,214,247 10,804,326	390,066,892	710,897,794	(42,091,840)			
Profit After Tax	849,603,967	668,805,954	1,518,409,921	390,066,892	710,897,794	(42,091,840)			
Basic Earning Per Share Diluted Earning Per Share	36 36	28 28	64 64	16 16					

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW (COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS) **AS OF 30TH JUNE 2020**

(AMOUNT IN TZS)

	Current Quarter (Group)	(Company)	(Subsidiary)
	30th June 2020	30th June 2020	30th June 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before Tax	668,805,954	710,897,794	(42,091,840)
Adjustments :			
Interest received	(589,741,360)	(569,475,606)	(20,265,754
Current Tax	(6,642,040)	-	(6,642,040
Amortization of Capital Grants	(9,658,517)	(9,658,517)	-
Depreciation and Ammortization of Intangible Assets	57,847,833	53,901,371	3,946,463
Operating Cashflows Before Changes in Working Capital Items	120,611,870	185,665,042	(65,053,172
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Receivable	456,609,929	407,679,447	48,930,482
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments and other receivables	598,283,872	628,068,228	(29,784,356
Increase/(Decrease) in short term deposits	(793,878,235)	(788,423,989)	(5,454,246
Increase/(Decrease) in governement deposits	(579,301,500)	(579,301,500)	
Increase/(Decrease) in contract liabilities	(322,460,276)	(275,210,276)	(47,250,000
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Payables	(37,314,929)	(97,279,514)	59,964,584
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(557,449,269)	(518,802,562)	(38,646,708
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest Earned	589,741,360	569,475,606	20,265,754
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	(3,103,000)	(3,103,000)	-
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	586,638,360	566,372,606	20,265,754
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	29,189,091	47,570,044	(18,380,954
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	505,605,980	345,427,178	160,178,802
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	534,795,066	392,997,218	141,797,849

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Guardian

'Government will not allow existence of fake residences to gain from TASAF support'

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE government will not have mercy on anyone who will fail to fully supervise Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) programme by failing to remove fake households in their areas of operation."

The words were spoken by TASAF managing director Ladislaus Mwamanga when presenting a report on the implementation of the Round Two of Phase III of the programme to rescue households in abject poverty at the opening of a meeting of heads of departments and TASAF officials from local councils.

vardsticks to be used to assess whether concerned officials should remain in their positions.

He also said the continuation in the existence of fake households in their areas of implementation will be great shame to district and regional leaders.

He said the training, the first one in the

TASAF programme aimed at educating them in harmony.

According to him, assessment for the implementation of TASAF Round One of Phase III showed that to a large extent the programme has contributed to the government target in the reduction of poverty in the country.

"Implementation of the TASAF programme has enabled the targeted households to engage in productive activities for their economic wellbeing including livestock keeping, fishing, farming and small businesses," said Mwamanga in his opening speech.

Igunga District Commissioner John Mwamanga said success or failure in their Mwaipopo stressed that the aim of the areas of implementation will be one among training is to build the capacity for the officials concerned in the programme in identifying the targeted households and in the verification thereof.

He also congratulated TASAF officials in Igunga District for good supervision of TASAF funds making it hold Number 10 position countrywide.

The meeting held at Igunga District Council



Higher Education Students Loans Board executive director Dr Abdul-Razaq Badru (C) updates journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the issuance of loans to students for the 2020/2021 academic year. With him are HESLB head of communication Omega Ngole (R) and senior loans officer Josephat Bwadhondi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

implementation of Round Two Phase III of headquarters was attended by 47 participants.



Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd.

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2020

	(Amount in Million TZS)			
		Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	
		30th June 2020	31st March 2020	
A	ASSETS	868.48	796.63	
	1 Cash	9,141.69	17,653.40	
	Balances with Bank of Tanzania Investment in Government Securities	27,017.89	18,619.79	
	4 Balances with other banks	623.14	777.39	
	and Financial Institution			
	5 Cheques and item for Clearing	108.86	61.95	
	6 Inter branch float items 7 Bills negotiated	_	-	
		_	_	
	8 Customer Liabilities for Acceptances	33,767.13	30,836.28	
	9 Interbank Loan Receivables 10 Investment in other securities	33,707.13	50,030.20	
	Loans ,advances and			
	Overdrafts (Net of	36,268.16	38,521.20	
	allowances for probable losses)	·		
	12 Other Assets	850.70	857.05	
	13 Equity Investments	-	-	
	14 Underwriting Accounts	-	-	
	15 Property ,Plant and Equipment	1,350.25	1,452.86	
	16 TOTAL ASSETS	109,996.28	109,576.53	
В	LIABILITIES			
	17 Deposits From Other Banks	26,845.00	29,050.00	
	18 Customer Deposits	44,206.80	42,081.30	
	19 Cash Letters of Credit	-	-	
	20 Special Deposits	-	-	
	21 Payment Orders / Transfers Payable	-	-	
	22 Bankers cheques and Drafts issued		- 1 127 00	
	23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,310.63	1,137.08	
	24 Acceptances Outstnding	-	-	
	25 Interbranch float items	_	_	
	26 Unearned income and other deferred charges 27 Other Liabilities	673.95	819.25	
	28 Borrowings	-	-	
		73,036.38	73,087.63	
	29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	36,959.90	36,488.90	
	30 NET ASSETS /(LIABILITIES) 16 Minus 29	30,939.90	30,488.90	
C	SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	32,830.00	33 830 00	
	31 Paid Up Share Capital	880.66	32,830.00 788.02	
	32 Capital Reserves	2,256.62	2,349.26	
	33 Retained Earnings 34 Profit(Loss) Account	992.62	521.62	
	35 Other Capital Accounts	-	_	
	36 Minority Interest	_		
	37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	36,959.90	36,488.90	
	38 Contigent Liabilities	16,878.33	14,538.72	
	39 Non Performing loans and advances	4,219.68	4,032.28	
	40 Allowances for Probable Losses	110.72	282.27	
	41 Other non performing Assets	-	-	
D	SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS			
	(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	33.60%	33.30%	
	(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	11.60%	10.42%	
	(iii) Gross loans and advances to Total Deposits	51.18%	54.41%	
	(iv) Loans and advances to Total assets	32.97%	35.15%	
	(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	88.80%	81.00%	
	(vi) Deposit Growth	-0.11%	1.76%	
1	(vii) Assets Growth	0.38%	1.45%	

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2020			(Amount in Million TZS)		
	Current Quarter 30th June 2020	Comparative Quarter Previous Year 30th June 2019	Current Year Cumulative 30th June 2020	Comparative Previous Year Cumulative 30th June 2019	
1 Interest Income	2,076.28	1,980.91	4,204.70	3,817.06	
2 Interest Expenses	789.45	652.09	1,571.07	1,193.13	
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	1,286.83	1,328.82	2,633.63	2,623.9	
4 Bad debts written off	1,200.03	1,320.02	2,033.03	2,023.9	
5 Impairment Losses on loans and Advances	(171.55)	60.00	(52.18)	120.0	
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6 Non - Interest Income 6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(loss)	147.48	300.55	339.50	495.6	
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6.2 Fees and Commission	87.16	265.05	243.26	408.9	
6.3 Dividend Income	-	200.00	240.20	-	
6.4 Other Operating Income	_	_	_	_	
7 Non - Interest Expenses	984.85	1,029.77	1,672.69	2,088.5	
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	325.61	408.39	645.76	745.0	
7.2 Fees and Commissions	4.57	8.48	9.35	13.	
7.3 Other OperatingExpenses	4.57 654.67	612.90	1,017.58	1,329.	
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	621.00	539.60	1,352.62	911.0	
9 Income Tax Provision	150.00	160.00	360.00	280.0	
10 Net income (loss) after income tax	471.00	379.60	992.62	631.	
11 Number of Employees	25	25	25	051.	
12 Basic Earnings Per Share	14	12	30		
13 Diluted Earnings Per Share	14	12	30		
14 Number of branches	1	1	1		
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
(I) Return on average total assets (%) Annualized	1.75%	1.54%	1.84%	2.56	
(II) Return on average shareholders' funds(%) Annualized	5.13%	4.35%	5.44%	7.22	
III) Non interest expenses to gross income (%)	68.66%	63.20%	56.26%	66.99	
TV) Net Interest Income to average earning assets					

5.97%

5.51%

7.37%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

(Amount in Million TZS) CURRENT QUARTER PREVIOUS QUARTER CURRENT YEAR

	30th June 2020	31st March 2020	CUMULATIVE 30th June 2020	CUMULATIVE 30th June 2019
I Cash flow from operating activities				
Net Income (Loss)	471.00	521.62	992.62	631.03
Adjustment for	-		-	-
Impairment / Amortization	107.35	111.70	219.06	480.00
-Net change in loans and advances	2,253.04	(2,887.18)	(634.15)	245.33
Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets		-		-
-Net change in Deposits	(79.50)	1,231.84	1,152.34	(4,855.88)
 -Net change in Short term negotiable securities 		-		-
-Net Change in Other Liabilities	234.96	98.60	333.55	606.95
-Net change in Other Assets	(2,688.16)	1,217.81	(1,470.35)	216.16
-Tax paid	(150.00)	(210.00)	(360.00)	-
-Others	-		-	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	148.68	84.39	233.07	(2,676.41)
II Cash flow from Investment activities				
Dividend Received		_		_
Purchase of fixed assets	(4.74)	(8.38)	(13.12)	(9.54)
Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets	- ′	`- ′	_ ′	`- '
Purchase of non-dealing securities	(15,011.15)	5,611.17	(9,399.98)	(8,090.02)
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	- 1	-	- 1	
Others	-	-		-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(15,015.89)	5,602.79	(9,413.10)	(8,099.56)
III Cash flow from financing activities				
Repayment of long-term debt	_	_	_	_
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	_			_
Proceeds from issuance of share capital				
Payment of cash dividends				-
Net change in other borrowings				-
Others - Payment of lease liability	(56.83)	(74.57)	(131.40)	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(56.83)	(74.57)	(131.40)	-
IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash	(14,924.04)	5,612.61	(9,311.43)	(10,775.97)
equivalent	(21,721.01)	5,512.01	(5,011.10)	(10,7,7,51,57)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of	53,982.48	48,369.87	48,369.87	42,092.56
the Quarter/Year	20,00010	,	20,207107	, 2100
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of	39,058.44	53,982.48	39,058.44	31,316.59
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30th June 2020

(Amount in Million TZS)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 30/06/ 2020	1		1				
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Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	2,870.88	788.02	-	-	36,488.90
Profit for the year	-	-	471.00	-	-	-	471.00
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(92.65)	92.65	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	_ ` - `	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	32,830.00	-	3,249.23	880.66	-	-	36,959.90
	•	•	•				
Previous Year 31/12/2019							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	2,308.69	828.58	-	-	35,967.28
Profit for the year	-	-	521.62	-	-	-	521.62
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	40.56	(40.56)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	_ ^	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	32,830.00	-	2,870.88	788.02	-	-	36,488.90

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES

the Quarter/Year

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous y nges be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8) ents (if there were changes during the quarter, the cha

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ADHILI PETRO SANGA	HEAD OF FINANCE	Signed	17-07-2020
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We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been amined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Report tandards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view

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Over 2,000 'needy' women in Dodoma profit from organic agriculture training

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 2,000 women living in vulnerable conditions in Dodoma Region are currently benefiting from a project which empowers and trains them on organic agriculture, small-scale businesses as well as access to finance so as to increase food security and improve their income.

Dubbed Dodoma's Women in Agriculture and Business Initiative (DWABI), the project is carried out in Chamwino and Mpwapwa districts and implemented (SAT) with support from the Austrian Development dry land region of Dodoma. Agency (ADA).

Ianet Maro, executive director said in an interview that the threevear project focuses on equipping the women with essential skills; knowledge and equipment to enable them improve their income and nutrition intake and food security through agroecological farming and home gardens.

"We launched the project in 2019 and its implementation will go until 2022. The project also aims to increase women's income through income-generating activities as a result of entrepreneurship training. It will also improve access to market information through Information Communication Technology (ICT)," she said.

According to her, in the first component, the project strengthens agricultural production. Through coaching by SAT facilitators, the women establish demonstration fields and get trained in agroecological agriculture.

"Besides, there is a special training in watersaving methods growing vegetables that is particularly suitable for improving nutrition. Here, women establish small gardens in their homes areas which in turn help them to get enough veggies for family and surplus for sale. While growing various types of vegetables, the groups are also taught on soil and water management techniques," she said.

further said income. Maro

that, so far over 90 saving groups have been introduced and linked to SAT Saving and Lending Group (SSLG) Model so as to get access to micro-

financial services. She further noted that the women are also quipped with mobile phones to facilitate the use of ICT for market information delivery and share market information markets on a weekly basis.

Some of the beneficiaries on their part expressed their joy commending SAT for coming up with the Sustainable the project which has Agriculture of Tanzania transformed lives of a number of women in the

> "Since I completed primary school six years ago, I've been trying hard to find opportunities to make my life better. I felt I need more education. So, when I heard, there would be this project implemented by SAT in our village, I took the chance. Since then, two years ago i have made big steps. Producing and selling baobab sweets is very profitable. Then, I learnt how to save money and to get loans for further business activities," said Eides Ndeya, a beneficiary from Kingiti village.

> She added; "In the meantime, I have bought three acres of land, and groundnut seeds and my kitchen garden produces enough to sell vegetables on the market. When I got sick, my group assisted me through the social security fund in which we all contribute in." Mariam Jonas,

> beneficiary from Kikombo village said "With what I earned from farming this year, I bought one male and three female rabbits. Two of them already gave birth to nine bunnies. I consider this and my other activities as long-term projects. After two years, I expect to have enough income and savings to construct a new house, and to enable my daughter Jane to study further."

> According to her, the training she attended in Morogoro, has made her become a farmer-to-farmer facilitator, a job which has raised several poor women towards having improved



National Electoral Commission chairman Judge (rtd) Semistocles Kaijage (L) and director of elections Dr Wilson Charles (R) draw curtain in Dar es Salaam yesterday

EU funds southern Africa's drought and Covid-19 fight

By Marcus Mushonga, Harare

THE European Union (EU) has made available €64,7 million (US\$82.169 million) in humanitarian aid for Southern African countries dealing with the coronavirus (COVID-19) and persistent drought.

Funding from this aid package will go for humanitarian projects in Angola (€3 million), Botswana (€1,95 million), Comoros (€500 000), Eswatini (€2,4 million), Lesotho (€4,8 million) and Madagascar (€7,3 million).

Other member states for Southern African Development Community (SADC) region comprise Malawi (€7,1 million), Mauritius (€250 000), Mozambique (€14,6 million), Namibia (€2 million), Zambia (€5 million) and Zimbabwe (€14,2 million) will benefit.

A further €1.6 million is allocated to regional disaster preparedness actions.

"The EU is helping to provide lifesaving assistance to impoverished households suffering from crop and livestock losses due to drought," said Janez Lenar i, Commissioner for Crisis

Management.

He said the aid package would also strengthen the preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic for countries in the region.

"In parallel, the EU is helping communities better prepare for natural hazards and reduce their impact."

The humanitarian aid assistance announced on Monday comes on top of the more than €67 million allocated to the region in 2019 following the impact of the two cyclones, drought, and the economic and humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe.

The southern Africa region has had just one normal rainy season in the last five years, with the last quarter of 2019 being one of the ten driest since 1981 for most areas, causing large-scale livestock losses and damaging harvests.

"In parallel, the EU is helping communities better prepare for natural hazards and reduce their impact."

Institute set to develop modernised evaluation and seed certification standards for oil palm

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) is in the process to develop variety evaluation and seed certification standards for oil palm seed production with an eye that the vital cash crop can be regulated in the country.

According to TOSCI's Director General, Patrick Ngwediagi, to date, there is no oil palm variety that has been released in the country.

However, according to him, there is a locally adopted variety dubbed tenera, which is being used to multiply more seedlings for farmers in the growing areas under the close supervision of the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and in close cooperation with TOSCI.

He said the institute was working round the clock to ensure that the oil palm varieties are made available in the county through new variety verification in a move that will give a fresh door for mass cultivation of the strategic economic crop in Tanzania.

According to the national coordinator for oil palm in Tanzania, Dr Filson Kagimbo, lack of enough improved oil palm seed varieties and poor awareness on best practices among farmers and agricultural officers stand among chief actors thwarting the pace of oil palm in the county.

Dwelling on over other challenges facing the sector, most farmers still do not use any input on oil palm farms added: "Uses of poor agronomic practices associated with the use of fire in weed management, lack of water supplements during a dry spell, soil infertility, improper pruning and harvesting technique attributing to tremendous yield losses,"

Records show that in 2018. Tanzania produced a total of 40,500 tonnes of palm oil, out of which, and 31,750 tonnes were produced from 19,640 hectares in Kigoma.

The amount produced, according to him, is equivalent to 1.6 tonnes per hectare which is lower than the average produced in Malaysia, of 8 to 9 tonnes per hectare, and the low palm oil produced is contributed to the use of low yielding oil palm varieties, small areas of land devoted to palm production, poor agronomic practices, use of low quality planting material, old palm trees which have not been replanted for over a century, pot processing facilities as well as lack of extension services.

Tanzania imports 365,000 metric tonnes of edible oil annually which costs the government at least 443bn/-.

Palm oil is the most consumed edible oil in Tanzania due to its widespread availability and cost- effectiveness. In 2016, domestic edible oil consumption was estimated to be 570,000MT, 64 percent, of it being palm oil, 30 percent sunflower, and 2 percent cottonseed oil.

In recent years, the government opted to revamp production of palm oil in concerted efforts to curb increased importation of the crop into the country despite Tanzania having the opportunity to enable production.

In Tanzania, oil palm production is still mainly concentrated in the Kigoma Region, which accounts for more than 80 percent of all oil palm production in Tanzania, and thus, that's why the centre had decided to start imparting the extension officers in the region with the best practices.

Another oil palm production regions in the country include Mbeya, Morogoro, Kagera, Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Coast, and Zanzibar.

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DISCLOSURE UNDER REGULATION 12 OF BANKING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS 2014

1. INTRODUCTION (UTANGULIZI)

The Complaints Resolution Desk (the Desk) has been established by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) as a cost effective and efficient mechanism to resolve complaints between banking institutions and their customers. The Desk, which is fully funded by the Bank, is intended to resolve complaints (small claims) whose monetary value in respect of both the claim amount and remedy awarded does not exceed fifteen million Tanzania shillings (15,000,000) Mn.

2. HOW TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH OUR BANK (JINSI YA KUWASILISHA MALALAMIKO KWA DAWATI)

When you are dissatisfied with our services or you have any complaint pertaining to our staff or bank or otherwise, you may lodge complaint to us in writing by post or fax or through your regi address on the following contact addresses.

General Manager (Operations) Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd, Dar es Salaam Branch, Post Box 491 Dar es Salaam Phone: +255 (22) 2112532

Fax: +255 (22)2112534 The Nodal Officer, Grievance Redressal Cell,

Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd Post Box 491 Dar es Salaam, Phone : +255 (22) 2112530; Fax: +255 (22)2112534 pliance.cbtl@canarabank.co.tz

For lodging complaint with BOT please use Complaint Form No 1.

For detailed information for lodging compliant with BOT please visit BOT website https://www.bot-tz.org.

3. INTERNAL COMPLIANT RESLUTION MECHANISM (MCHAKATO WA KUTAFUTA UFUMBUZI

WA MALALAMIKO)
We through our internal complaint handling mechanism shall resolve your complaints within 21

vorking days from the date of lodging the compliant. The Internal Complaint handling mechanism in

our Bank is as under:

Receiving and timely processing consumers' complaints

Keeping complainants updated throughout the process. Keeping a record of all complaints and submit it to the Bank of Tanzania on quarterly basis.

Resolving all consumer complaints within 21 working days from the date of lodging the

In exceptional circumstances if we are unable to resolve the complaint within 21 working days. we will immediately inform the complainant of our inability and reason for the inability and what measures are being taken to resolve the matter urgently and in any case not more than 14

CUSTOMER COMPLAINT REDRESSAL MECHANISM: To The Esteemed Customers Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd Tanzania working days thereafter.

4. HOW TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THE DESK AT BANK OF TANZANIA (BOT) (NAMNA YA KUWASILISHA LALAMIKO KWA DAWATI LA BOT

If you are dissatisfied with the decision of our Bank in respect of your compliant or do not receive a response from our Bank within 21 working days from the date of lodging your complaint, you may within 14 working days lodge your complaint with the Desk at BOT. However, before lodging your complaint with the Desk at BOT, you are required to exhaust the Internal Complaints resolution mechanism of our Bank first.

The compliant with Complaints Resolution Desk at Bank of Tanzania shall be lodged in the prescribed form (Schedule A), duly signed by the complainant and shall be submitted in any of the following ways:

a) By hand or by post to:

Complaint Resolution Desk

Office of the Secretary to the Bank of Tanzania, 10 Mirambo Street, 11884, Dar es Salaam.

b) By electronic mail: complaints-desk@bot.go.tz d) By facsimile to fax no: +255 22 2234067 e) By phone: +255 22 2233265/ +255 22 2233246

a) Complaints shall be lodged with the Desk from 9.00 AM to 12.30 Pm

b) Your complaint must be lodged before expiry of two years after the cause of action arose

PECUNIARY JURISDICTION OF THE BOT DESK (MAMLAKA ZA KIFEDHA ZA DAWATI) The desk shall handle complaints whose total monetary value in respect of both the claim amount and remedy to be awarded does not exceed Fifteen Million Tanzania Shillings (TZS 15,000,000/-).

6. ELIGIBLE COMPLAINTS (MALALAMIKO YA HAKI)

Only the following categories of complaints are eligible for submission to the Desk;

a) A complaint against a banking institution which is either a member of the Tanzania Bankers
Association or regulated by the Bank.

b) A complaint which is lodged within 14 days after a banking institution has delivered its decision
or base failed to respond

r has failed to respond c) A complaint in respect of an incident which occurred less than two (2) years ago.

7. INELIGIBLE COMPLAINTS (MALALAMIKO YASIYO NA HAKI)

In terms of the Guidelines issued, the Desk considers the following complaints as ineligible:

a) A complaint which has been the subject of legal proceedings before a Court or Tribunal.

b) Where the complainant has not suffered any financial loss, material inconvenience or distr

A complaint which would be more suitably dealt with by a Court or under other dispute resolution

d) A complaint whose resolution would prejudice the rights of other parties who have not

consented to the resolution by the Desk. A complaint which is vexatious or frivolous or not in good faith.

f) A complaint which was not first reported to the banking institution concerned.
g) A complaint which is lodged more than 14 days after a banking institution has delivered its decision or failed to resolve the complaint.

h) A complaint which is beyond the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Desk.

INFORMATION YOU MUST INCLUDE IN THE COMPLAINT (TAARIFA MUHIMU ZA KUJUMUISHA KWENYE LALAMIKO)

Your name and address.

a) Your name and address.
 b) The name and address of the banking institution against which the complaint is made.
 c) Details of what your complaint is about including exactly what the bank did that it shouldn't have done or what it didn't do that it should have done.
 d) What you have lost in terms of personal injustice, financial loss, hardship or inconvenience.

What you would like the Desk to do to put things right and details of what you have done so fa

to try to resolve the complaint
f) Include documentary evidence, if any.

9. WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPLAINT (KUFUTA LALAMIKO)

A complainant may, at any time before the Desk's determination, withdraw his complaint in writing from the Desk, and the matter shall be closed by the Desk.

Resolution of banking consumers' complaints is free of charge as the Desk does not charge any fee

11. MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION (NJIA YA MAWASILIANO)

REMEDIES AWARDED (SULUHISHO LILILOPATIKANA)

The function performed by the Desk is different from that performed by courts. The Desk is enjoined not to have regard to technicality and legal form but resolve complaints using criteria that would not usually be used by courts, for instance whether an explanation for the conduct was not given when it should have been given. A banking institution may be required to issue an apology, change its practices, effect payment or compensation as the case may be. The Desk is not bound by the legal principles of handling complaints such as rules of evidence but adheres to the general principles of natural justice.

When Aggrieved by Desk decision

Either party may request the Desk to reconsider any of its decision. Each party also has a right to seek redress before a competent court when it is not satisfied with the decision given by the Desk

CANARA BANK (TANZANIA) LIMITED **SERVICES CHARG**

	TZS	USD	D. REMITTANCES		
A. S	AVINGS BANK			TZS	USD
1. Monthly Maintanance Charges	FREE	FREE	1. TISS	11,800.00	\$11.8
2. Non Maintanance of Minimum Balance	FREE	FREE	2. E Remittances		42210
3. A/C Statement Charges		1100	Upto USD 1000 or Eq. TZS	20,000.00	\$10
a) Monthly	FREE	FREE	1001 to 5000	24,000.00	\$12
b) Interm	5,000.00	\$5	5001 to 10000	48,000,00	\$25
4. Cash Withdrawl Charges	FREE	Upto 5000 Free Above 5000 - 0.3%	10,001 and above	100,000.00	\$50
5. Cash Deposit Charges	FREE	FREE	3. SWIFT		400
6. Balance Confirmation certificate	15,000.00	\$7	a) Swift Outward		
7. A/c Closure charges	15,000.00	\$15	Upto 5,000	NA	\$45
8. Activation of Dormat A/c	6,000.00	\$6	5,001 to 10,000	NA NA	\$60
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B. CU	RRENT ACCOUNT		b) Swift Inward	1411	970
1. Monthly Maintanance Charges	FREE	FREE	Upto 5,000	NA	\$12
Non Maintanance of Minimum Balance	FREE	FREE	5,001 to 10,000	NA NA	\$12 \$18
3. A/C Statement Charges		TKEE	3,001 to 10,000	14/1	\$10
a) Monthly	5000	\$5		NA	
b) Interm	5000+500 for each page	\$5+1 for each page	above 10,000	1411	\$30
4. Cash Withdrawl Charges	UPTO 25 MIO- FREE ABOVE 25 MIO0.12%	Upto 5000 Free 5000 to 10,000 - 0.3% Above 10,000 - 0.5%		AN/ADVANCES RELATE	ED CHARGES
5. Cash Deposit Charges	UPTO 50 MIO- FREE ABOVE 50 MIO0.12%	Upto 10,000- Free > 10,000- 0.3%	1. Processing Charges	Upto 5 Mio - 25,000 5 Mio to 10 Mio - 200,000 10 Mio to 25mio - 400,000 25 mn to 500 mio - 1.5% >500mio1.25%* *minimum 7.5mio	Upto 5,000 - \$100 5000 to 10,000 - \$200 Upto 20,000 - \$300 20,000 to 500,000 - 1.5% >500,000-1.25%* *minimum 7,500
Balance Confirmation certificate	25,000.00	\$15	2. Documentation Charges	Upto 100 mioNIL >100 Mio 0.3% -Min 300,000	Upto 50,000NIL >50,000 - 0.3% Min 150
	30,000.00	\$15	3. Upfront fee on Term Loan	Upto 5Mio - 25,000 5 Mio to 10 Mio - 200,000 10Mio 25mio - 450,000 25 mn to 500 mio -1.8% >500mio-1.5%* *minimum 9mio	Upto 20,000 - \$300 20,000 to 500,000 - 1.8% >500,000-1.5%* *minimum 9000
6. Stop Payment Charges					
7. Cheque Return Charges			4. Inspection Charges	Upto 100 Mio -25,000 >100 mio - 50,000	Upto 50,000 - 25 >50,00050
a) Inward	30,000.00	\$15		F. LETTER OF CREDIT	Γ
b) Outward	30,000.00	\$20	Import	Letter of Credit (per qrtr of Part	thereof)
8. A/c closure charges	25,000.00	\$20	Opening commission	NA	1.2% (Min \$ 200)

C. MOBILE BANKING CHARGE 2,000.00 NA Upto 100,000 \$40 201,000 to 400,00 1.2% (Min \$200) 6,000.0 16% Till Payment 8,000.00 2. Funds Transfer/Mob 500.00 Upto 100,000 0.5% (Min \$150) 2,000.00 251,000 to 500,000 0.5% (Min\$75) 5,000.00 NA 501,000 to 1,000,000 1.2% (Min \$200) 10,000.00 lection of Export LC 1,001,000 TO 10 M (Min \$75+cuc Mobile Banking Serv ees (Local & Int 500.00 1.2% (Min TZS 75,000) 1.20% A) Monthly Subscription Charge onds & Guarantee 5 per quarter TZS 75,000) 2,500.00 40% of actual charge B) PIN Reques Cash Margir S RENT YEARLY 2. MEDIUM 1. Base or Prime Lending Rate a. For non compliance on Terms of Saction b. For Overdrawing/Excess drawing due to non 5% p.a over regular rate of interest interest/installment/charges b. Savings bank depo i. Fixed Deposits of TZS ii. Fixed Deposits of USD 181-364 days

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Africa will have learned many lessons from COVID-19 crisis

cleanliness is something very rare in Africa. Most people do not take it seriously as it should be. About 60 per cent of cities in Africa, in general, are mostly suffering from careless waste disposal as a result of the extension of careless personal hygiene and cleanliness attitude. This is causing a big problem for a lot of African countries on waste management and its associated cost and health issues.

Bathing and hand washing is not part of the majority of Africans. It is believed that 3 out of 10 males bath twice a day and 7 out of 10 baths twice a day. On the part of handwashing, only a few Africans wash their hand after visiting the washroom with soap or sanitizer. The majority are good at washing with only water or not at all. The Coronavirus Pandemic has suddenly brought about the old personal hygiene spirit of Africans.

Today, regular hand washing and bathing becomes part of our key daily routines because of Covid19. We hope that these positive hygiene behaviours will not easily fade but may last for life even after this pandemic.

Cleanliness is both the abstract state of being clean and free from germs, dirt, trash, or waste, and the habit of achieving and maintaining that state. Cleanliness is often achieved through cleaning. Cleanliness is a good quality, as indicated by the aphorism: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", and may be regarded as contributing to other ideals such as health and beauty.

In emphasising an ongoing procedure or set of habits for the purpose of maintenance and prevention, the purity, which is a physical, moral, or promote human welfare.

ERSONAL hygiene and ritual state of freedom from pollutants. Whereas purity is usually a quality of an individual or substance, cleanliness has a social dimension, or implies a system of interactions. Cleanliness, observed Jacob Burckhardt, is indispensable to our modern notion of social perfection A household or workplace may be said to exhibit cleanliness, but not ordinarily purity; cleanliness also would be a characteristic of the people who maintain cleanness or prevent

On a practical level, cleanliness is thus related to hygiene and disease prevention. Washing is one way of achieving physical cleanliness, usually with water and often some kind of soap or detergent. Cleaning procedures are of the utmost importance in many forms of manufacturing.

As an assertion of moral superiority or respectability, cleanliness has played a role in establishing cultural values in relation to social class, humanitarianism, and cultural imperialism.

Cleanliness is linked with proper hygiene. A person who is said to be clean usually depicts cleanliness.

Humanitarianism is an active belief in the value of human life, whereby humans practice benevolent treatment and provide assistance to other humans, in order to better humanity for moral, altruistic and logical reasons. It is the philosophical belief in movement toward the improvement of the human race in a variety of areas, used to describe a wide number of activities relating specifically to human welfare. A practitioner is known as a humanitarian. Humanitarianism is an informal ideology of practice; it is concept of cleanliness differs from the doctrine that people's duty is to

Blue economy could well serve as lifeline for African continent

HE Blue Economy can play a major role in Africa's structural transformation. sustainable economic progress, and social development. The largest sectors of the current African aquatic and ocean based economy are fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, transport, ports, coastal mining, and energy.

By efficient management, the sustainable exploitation of resources in oceans, seas, lakes and riversalso known as the blue economycould contribute up to \$1.5 trillion to the global economy, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, an intergovernmental organization comprising of 36 countries.

In November last year experts, government officials, environmental activists, policy makers and academics converged in Nairobi, Kenya, for the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference.

With the theme "Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," the conference, convened and hosted by Kenya, with Canada and Japan as cohosts, looked at new technologies and innovation for oceans, seas, lakes and rivers as well as challenges, potential opportunities, priorities and partnerships.

Africa has 38 coastal and island states and a coastline of over 47,000 km, and hence presents an enormous opportunity for the continent to develop the sectors typically associated with the blue economy, says Cyrus Rustomjee, a blue economy expert and a senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Blue economy is a term in economics relating to the exploitation and preservation of the marine environment. Its scope of interpretation varies among organisations.

According to the World Bank, the blue economy is the sustainable use growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs

while preserving the health of ocean

European Commission defines it as "All economic activities related to oceans, seas and coasts. It covers a wide range of interlinked established and emerging sectors."[2]

The Commonwealth of Nations considers it an emerging concept which encourages better stewardship of our ocean or 'blue' resources.

Conservation International adds that blue economy also includes economic benefits that may not be marketed, such as carbon storage, coastal protection, cultural values and biodiversity

The Center for the Blue Economy says it is now a widely used term around the world with three related but distinct meanings- the overall contribution of the oceans to economies, the need to address the environmental and ecological sustainability of the oceans, and the ocean economy as a growth opportunity for both developed and developing countries.

A United Nations representative recently defined the Blue Economy as an economy that comprises a range of economic sectors and related policies that together determine whether the use of ocean resources is sustainable. An important challenge of the blue economy is to understand and better manage the many aspects of oceanic sustainability, ranging from sustainable fisheries to ecosystem health to preventing pollution. Secondly, the blue economy challenges us to realize that the sustainable management of ocean resources will require collaboration across borders and sectors through a variety of partnerships, and on a scale that has not been previously achieved. This is a tall order, particularly for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) who face significant limitations. The UN notes that the Blue Economy will aid in achieving the UN Sustainable of ocean resources for economic Development Goals, of which one goal, 14, is "Life Below Water".

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By Toluwalola Kasali

HE world is experiencing a high number of children, women, and men who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, violence, natural disaster, and human rights violations. Figures by the UNHCR show that 79.5 million people around the world are living in forced displacement. Today, displacement situations are becoming increasingly protracted, with many people being displaced for more than five years. The daily stressors of living in displacement for prolonged periods such as exploitation, discrimination, idleness, abuse, anxiety, uncertainty about the future, negatively affects the overall well-being of displaced persons. This underscores the need for sustainable solutions that reduce their vulnerabilities, help them attain self-reliance, and end prolonged displacement.

Forcibly displaced persons often live in camps, non-camp settlements, or urban areas. In the early phase of displacement, humanitarian aid is essential to meet their basic needs of food, water, and temporary shelter. Displaced persons adopt different coping mechanisms to meet their needs when assistance is insufficient, unreliable, or unavailable, which increases their vulnerability to abuse and exploitation. As the period of living in displacement becomes prolonged, it is imperative that the humanitarian response incorporates resources and livelihood promoting activities that would empower them to rebuild their lives and regain their dignity.

The displaced population is diverse, and so are their needs. Therefore, improving their standard of living should be a needs-based assessment rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. Access to non-financial support such as vocational training, apprenticeship, psychosocial support, access to market, and information should be combined with access to financial services, including opportunities for savings, payments, small business & equipment grants, and micro-credit (for productive activities rather than

Over two million people have been displaced by the BokoHaram conflict in the North-East of Nigeria. The needs of displaced persons continue to evolve with each phase of displacement, and this necessitates a continuous review and feedback process into the humanitarian and development response framework. While the emergency phase response of basic needs and services may be just right for recently displaced persons, the needs of others who have lived in camps or non-camp settlements for longer periods, have evolved. Rashida, a 26-year old female, has been living in an internally displaced person camp in

Moving displaced persons from aid dependence to self-reliance



Area 1, Abuja, for more than five years. From an independent humanitarian actor, she received a combination of counselling support and vocational training. She acquired hair-making skills relevant to the market demand in and near the camp and received a business and equipment grant, which helped her to start a small business and meet her needs. Receiving further help from her social ties (network), she has been able to open a small home-based salon, leave the camp, and integrate into a neighbouring community.

While Rashida's story is inspiring, not every displaced person has a social network or the opportunity to receive a combination of support services.

Like Rashida, other displaced persons need to be empowered through a multisectoral approach to meet their needs in a safe, sustainable, and dignified manner. Also, options for secure, quick, and low-cost financial services are vital. But displaced persons face several challenges in accessing traditional financial services because of factors, including identification, communication barriers, lack of confidence, low levels of financial education, and fear of discrimination. Furthermore, formal financial institutions often avoid providing displaced persons with financial products because they require smallsized loans that are expensive to administer. They are considered risky borrowers who have unpredictable incomes and no personal assets to be used as collateral. In the absence of these services, they rely on informal mechanisms such as storing cash

at home, informal moneylenders, a neighbour's account, and group savings schemes.

Therefore, donors, humanitarian and development actors, financial service providers, mobile network operators, regulators, and policymakers must assess their situation to provide flexible and innovative financial solutions tailored to their needs, such as mobile money services. To get this done, significant coordination and collaboration will be required in the design and delivery of a framework to achieve sustained financial inclusion of forcibly displaced persons in the long-term. This includes incentivising providers, mobile network operators, and agents to expand access points in locations providers may not otherwise be inclined to serve. Therefore, as the country improves on its low level of financial inclusion, there needs to be a deliberate effort to understand and incorporate the financial needs of forcibly displaced persons within the context of the national financial inclusion strategy.

Flexible transfer services can also be used to provide secure cash transfers from the government or other relief programmes directly to beneficiaries to maintain consumption and address vulnerabilities during difficult periods such as the COVID-19 Pandemic. Empirical evidence from M-PESA, a mobile-based digital solution in Kenya, demonstrates that households were able to reach deeper into their network to receive help and maintain consumption during economic and health shocks. When forcibly

displaced persons are financially included through a combination of banks, mobile money services, and payments/agent networks, assistance during times of crisis or otherwise, can be deployed more securely and faster. Digital delivery of these support services can also improve efficiency, reduce leakages, and provide additional security and convenience. For displaced persons, access to social safety net programmes is extremely critical. Forcibly displaced persons should not be allowed to fall into extreme poverty and indignity. While the social safety net will provide a floor (living standard) below which displaced persons should not fall, access to resources and livelihood promoting activities to achieve selfreliance will pull them up into a state of sustainable economic activity and dignity.

When displaced persons are empowered by combining livelihood promoting activities, psychosocial support, financial services, and safety net programmes, we boost their long-term standard of living and create a path to self-reliance. It also enables them to leave the camps and move towards a preferred form of reintegration into the society with dignity (settling in their current state, moving to a new state, or returning home). They become contributors to the economic activities of their local communities and the nation as a whole.

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USAID 'Uhuru Tuberculosis and Family Planning Integrated Facility Solutions' Activity

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under nongovernmental organization act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the Ministries of Health Community Development Gender Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) and Presidents Office Regional Administration and Local Governments (PORALG) and Ministry of Health in Zanzibar with a goal of ensuring accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through strengthening of health systems for quality health services. THPS is currently implementing projects in comprehensive HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, Support and Treatment among general populations in Pwani and Kigoma regions; key and vulnerable populations across 25 district councils across 13 mainland Tanzania regions and Health laboratory services strengthening in all mainland regions and Zanzibar. Additionally, THPS implements research and evaluations across health programs to generate evidence that informs public

THPS has been awarded a five years USAID Cooperative Agreement number 72067120CA00004 -Uhuru TB &FP LON Activity, aimed at improving access and use of quality Tuberculosis (TB) and family planning (FP) services for better health outcomes for Tanzanian citizens. The Activity will be implement painting (F7) Set vices to deter nearly ductions for tanzanian cutzens. The Activity will be implemented in Katavi, Kigoma, Rukwa and Songwe regions, THPS therefore is seeking competent, experienced, dynamic and qualified candidates to fill the positions listed below.

Tuberculosis (TB) Services Manager Deputy COP/Technical Director Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The TB Services Manager is responsible for overall technical leadership and guidance in TB programming. Designs, plans and oversees implementation of TB services workplans in line what the programming and standards. Provides technical support to Central and Zonal teams, regional and health management teams (R/CHMTs), healthcare providers and other stakeholders to implement quality TB services.The position involves at least 40% field travel.

- Provide overall guidance to the technical teams in the area of TB interventions, implementation and ensure that the program interventions are in line with the National priorities, policies and
- Ensure the timely preparation and implementation of TB services work plans Design, plan and monitor the implementation of 1B services work plans

 Design, plan and monitor the implementation of TB, multidrug resistance (MDR)TB activities across all supported health facilities.
- an supported nearth ractities.

 Coordinate the implementation of TB/HIV activities in compliance with national guidelines and provide leadership in implementation of the TB infection prevention control, detection and
- treatment of TB and MDR TB Participate in the coordination meeting at central level and provide updates on the implementation
- of TB and MDR TB interventions in the two zones.

 Develop/adapt effective TB and MDR TB interventions and ensure that they are implemented in the
- project areas

 Conduct regular site visits and provide supportive supervision, clinical mentoring and data review
- to identify emerging needs and program challenges on TB services.

 Ensures all equipment and supplies for TB and MDR TB interventions are available.

 Represents THPS in the National and Regional meetings on TB and collaborates closely with NTLP to ensure program implementation is as per national guidelines.
- Ensure timely drafting of all necessary technical reports; especially quarterly reports, and semi and
- annual reports
 Provide technical assistance to regional and district health management teams in establishing and strengthen under one-roof TB/HIV activities in THPS supported regions.
- re work plans and periodic progress reports including quarterly and annual reports on TB/HIV programs.
- Perform any other duty as directed.

Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required

- Doctor of Medicine degree

 Master of Public Health (MPH) is an added advantage

 A minimum of five years' experience at senior level TB programming and implementation.

 Experience in working with USAID supported programs.

 Substantive knowledge of current best practices in TB programs in Tanzania

 Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders at national, regional and district levels.
- Excellent documentation skills including drafting of reports, presentations and best practices
 Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines.
 Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team.

Laboratory and Supply Chain Management Manager Deputy COP/Technical Director Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The Laboratory and Supply Chain Management (Lab/SCM) Manager is responsible for provision of technical support in the planning and implementation of high-quality laboratory systems strengthening and supply chain management for improved TB and reproductive health services at supported regions. Provides supervision and coordination of the laboratory team and state of the art technical support for TB and drug resistant MDRTB prevention, detection and linkage to treatment services in collaboration with the Tanzania Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC), National TB and Leprosy Program (NTLP), regional and council health management teams (R/CHMTs). Improves coordination for continuous availability of reagents, equipment functionality, supplies and commodities for efficient, uninterrupted TB and reproductive health services and advocates laboratory data utilization to improve services. The position involves at least 50% field

- Key Responsibilities:

 Lead the planning and implementation of laboratory and supply chain management activities required for TB and reproductive health services and capacity development in supported regions and health facilities (HFs).
- Participate in regular joint supportive supervision in supported regions and at HFs including mentorship to ensure uninterrupted, accessible quality TB and TB/HIV testing services at all supported HFs. Provide technical
- quantification of TB and reproductive health commodities and supplies at national, R/CHMTs and HFs and to promote good inventory management practices for relevant TB and RH commodities at HFs for uninterrupted services.
- Provide technical support for TB laboratory information systems (TB LIS) including integrated specimen referral system to enhance laboratory data management and implen laboratory quality management systems.
- Support the development and adaptation of tools for recording and reporting laboratory testing and service data from HFs to national level particularly on TB and TB/HIV services, conduct assessments and evaluation of laboratories and HFs to focus laboratory and health system strengthening investments.
- Support development of laboratory training materials and organize, coordinate and oversee personnel and healthcare providers (HCPs).
- Provide technical support in the development/review of laboratory tools: laboratory standards SOPs, job aids, laboratory data management tools (registers, logbooks, and sample referral forms) as needed based on national and international guidelines and standards to improve TB diagnostic
- To provide technical support to the MoHCDGEC in the evaluation and validation of new TB tools including diagnostics and RHS. To represent THPS and the Project on laboratory-related issues at the donor and MoHCDGEC
- technical meetings as well as work dosely with both the donors and the MoHCDGEC in harmonizing TB and Reproductive health services.
- · Carry any other duties as assigned.

Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required:

- Basic degree in medical laboratory sciences from a recognized medical school. Post graduate degree in health sciences discipline; microbiology, molecular biology, public health,
- mycobacteriology. Qualification in supply chain management is an added advantage. A minimum of 5 years of successful experience as senior-level technical advisor/expert in health laboratory support services including TB diagnostics.
- · Experience in working with USAID supported programs Technical knowledge and experience in the areas of TB, HIV and DR TB diagnostics and HIV diagnostics in accordance with the national guidelines and Manuals.
- Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant national, regional and district leaders.
- Excellent documentation skills including drafting of reports, presentations and best practices.
 Demonstrated excellent organizational, analytical, oral, and written communication skills
- Experience and proven skills on the use of computer Office packages. · Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines

3. Position Title:

Senior Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer Senior Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Reports to: Position Location:

Overall Job Function

The Senior Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer will provide strategic vision, management guidance, oversight and technical support in the planning and implementation of monitoring, evaluation and learning activities required for tuberculosis (TB) and reproductive health services programs; provide technical support in data demand and use for management of public health evaluations as needed in collaboration with regional and council health management teams (RCHMTs, CHMTs), Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) through national TB and Jeprosy program (NTLP) and the reproductive, child health services (RCHS) unit. The

Key Responsibilities:

- ovide technical assistance to Zonal M&E Officers to implement paper based and electronic M&E systems for TB and reproductive health services including data management, data quality assurance, data summarization and analysis, and performance review.
- To serve as a resource to the project in the evaluation of ongoing TB and reproductive health programs and data feedback to MOHCDGEC, NTLP, RHMTs, CHMTs, health facilities and other contents.
- · To build the capacity of personnel in the region to better implement M&E systems
- To collaborate with regional partners implementing HIV/AIDS activities to ensure timely and accurate reporting across program areas.
- . To coordinate with zonal teams and health facilities to implement timely and regular reporting of key program indicators to USAID.
- Provide technical assistance in strengthening the national M&E system for all TB and reproductive health supported programs
- In collaboration with Zonal M&E Officer to build capacity of site staff and headquarters staff teams
- to set a functional groundwork for efficient data collection, entry, compilation and timely reporting
- Contribute to development and implementation of the organization's MEL framework including indicator mapping.

 Support the development and implementation of standard operating procedures for data
- collection, collation, verification and use at each level of the health information system.

 Prepare quarterly, semi-annual and annual progress reports within described deadlines.

erformance to program team and senior management team. Carry out any other responsibilities as assigned. Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required

and MOHCDGEC partners.

· A degree in Demography, Epidemiology, Statistics or equivalent. · Master's in public health (MPH) or Monitoring and Evaluation, Demography will be an added advantage. A minimum of three years' experience in monitoring and evaluation of TB and reproductive health

· Facilitate utilization of reports at site level and district level for program planning, management and

Lead the preparation of M&E based quarterly feedback reports to R/CHMTs and health facilities

Participate in periodic data quality assessment activities to track progress in data management at individual sites focusing in different supported program areas.
 Liaising with the Evaluation and Research unit in identifying areas for operational research.

Participate in writing and dissemination of lessons learned and best practices.
 Oversee timely site and district level target distribution and monitor and report monthly on target

- related interventions.

 Experience in working with USAID supported programs
- Knowledge in various statistical data packages including Epi info, Stata, etc. is very essential.
 Excellent written and oral communication in English and Kiswahili
 Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines.
- · Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team.
- Quality Improvement and Community Linkages Manager Deputy COP/Technical Director

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Overall Job Function The Quality Improvement Community Linkages (QI/CL) Manager is responsible for planning, co-coordinating and managing the implementation of continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities. Provides technical support for integrating quality improvement and gender sensitive approaches and initiatives to all project zonal clinical teams on tuberculosis (TB) and reproductive health services implementation across all supported health facilities (HFs). Provides technical assistance to HFs and USAID Uhuru Activity teams including Facility Community Linkages Officers to ensure effective client linkages and referrals for TB and reproductive health services. Provides guidance to Facility Community Linkages officers to facilitate treatment adherence among TB and multidrug resistance TB patients. program areas and documentation of success stories and best practices for scaling up. Supports program teams integrate CQI and use program data for monitoring. The position involves at least 50% field travel. Provides leadership in designing, planning, coordination and implementation of OI projects across key

- Lead planning and implementation of CQI activities for improved program performance.
- Integrate QI approaches and methodologies in TB and reproductive health services.
 Work with zonal teams and R/CHMTs to formulate quality improvement indicators and solutions for potential barriers to access quality TB and reproductive health services including family
- Coordinate training and mentorship to build R/CHMT, facility management and HF staff capabilities
- Coordinate training and mentorship to build R/CHM1, facility management and HF staff capabilities to implement the plan, do, study and act (PDSA) cycles and implement QI initiatives.
 Engage with CHMTs and HFs to conduct regular QI learning sessions and collaborative forums to increase experience sharing and effective monitoring of quality data and use.
 Lead and coordinate development of all SOPs, job aids, training materials, monitoring tools, and
- other materials needed to implement quality TB and reproductive health services
- In collaboration with the program M&E team, provide mentorship to zonal technical teams, R/CHMTs and facility QI focal persons to collect, analyze and use data, share results, best practices and lessons learned to foster the identification and spread of improved service delivery
- Integrate gender sensitive approaches including screening and appropriate referral and linkage to medical treatment and /or psychosocial support for cases of gender-based violence and violence
- against children.
 Work with zonal technical teams to develop QI/CL work plans, identify and monitor best practices for documentation and scaling up across supported HFs.
- Review and input all technical QI/CL monthly, quarterly, semi annual and annual progress reports
 prior to submission to ensure there is programmatic explanations for results achieved. · Prepare reports and other technical papers and provide periodic progress reports and monitor
- progress through agreed timelines.

 Perform any other duties as assigned by superviso

- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required

 MD, Degree in Sociology or equivalent Health or Social Sciences related area.

 Master's Degree in Public Health is an added advantage.
- A minimum of five years' experience in quality improvement (QI) related programmatic initiatives across health-related interventions including TB and reproductive health.
 Experience in working with donor supported programs and knowledge of US Government policies
- Technical knowledge and experience in the areas of GBV and VAC is an added advantage Demonstrated experience in leading and supporting multi-disciplinary teams in program planning
- and implementation for maximum productivity

 Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant national, regional and district leaders

 Proven experience in producing high quality English-language communication products such as
- progress reports, case studies, presen
- onstrated excellent organizational, analytical, oral, and written communication skills

Sub Grants Officer Senior Finance and Administration Manager 5. Position Title:

Overall Job Function

The Sub Grants Officer is responsible for all issues related to sub awardee efficient management of THPS funds and monitoring the financial and administrative systems for proper utilization of such funds. S/He will work with THPS sub grantees in building their capacity towards compliance and efficiency in managing donor funds including timely reporting. Under the leadership of the sub grants manager, he will facilitate and coordinate the subs budgeting process and provide ongoing feedback to THPS on the ntation of the subs work plans. The job entails frequent field travel of up to 40%.

Key Responsibilities:

- sist in assessing the financial and administrative requirement for the sub awardees. Adapt administrative and financial policies and procedures for the sub awardees which includes; manuals, user guides and templates to be compliant with donor and THPS requirements
- Provide training and technical support to sub awardees staff to improve administrative and financial systems by using THPS management tools and general management of fund procedures.
 Ensure consistent application of THPS financial and administrative policies/standards, as well as
- donor, and THPS rules and regulations Act as resource person for tracking and monitoring systems, reporting policies and procedures to
- Ensure that sub awardees provide their reports accurately and on time
- Monitoring of sub awardees invoices and advances from THPS

 Monitor the need for external audits of sub awardees, and manage the audit as needed
- · Coordinate with THPS finance staff and field finance managers to correct sub awardees account Train new sub awardees staff on matters related with financial management and perform project
- · Assist in provision of procedures for sub awardees closing by making sure that all steps and
- regulations are followed properly

 Supervise and train the Sub award Finance Staff in donor rules and regulations and the Financial Reporting. Carry out any other duties as assigned
- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required
- The candidate must hold Bachelor degree in Finance or Accounting.
 Business Administration, or Corporate Management with CPA or ACCA full qualification will be an At least four years work experience in the related field and Experience working with donor funded
- High level of integrity Minimum of five years working experience in senior level finance, auditing or accounting position Knowledge of finance, accounting, budgeting, cash flow forecasting and cost control.
- Skills in analyzing financial data and prepare financial reports. Strong analytical skills in applying accounting principles of accounting and ensure that best practices
- Knowledge of automated financial and accounting reporting systems Knowledge of federal and state financial regulation
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision Position Title:

Senior Finance and Administration Manage Dar es Salaam, Tanzania **Overall Job Function**

offices.

Key Responsibilities: To work as part of the team to achieve departmental objectives.

Maintain accounts payable modules

Will be involved in receiving, processing all invoices, issuing checks, entering cash receipts and disbursements data into various forms. Process expense forms and requests for payments from

The Accountant is responsible to provide financial maintenance for Dar es Salaam and zonal field

- To validate invoices and ensure timely and accurate payment of those expenses.
- Maintain control account for expenses with many transactions a month, such as air tickets to avoid double payments Make arrangement for upcountry office payments, such as fund transfer to up country staff.
- To prepare all travel advances and post into system · To ensure adherence to THPS policies and procedures and donor financial management Maintain a separate memorandum of payments made to ensure we have enough cash flow in both
- account every month. · Undertake banking activities for all bank accounts; checking balance, collecting bank statements,
- To ensure all filing is done in a timely and accurate manner · To perform other duties as assigned
- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required The candidate must hold Advanced Diploma in Accountancy, or Bachelor degree in Finance or Accounting, Business Administration, or Corporate Management with accounting profes
- Minimum of three years working experience in finance or accounting position will be an added
- advantage.

 Knowledge of donor funded project preferably USG.

- Knowledge of finance, accounting, budgeting and cost control
- Skills in analyzing financial data and prepare financial reports.
 Strong analytical skills in applying accounting principles and ensure that best practices are observed.
- Knowledge of automated financial and accounting reporting systems · Knowledge of federal and state financial regulations
 - Zonal Project Manager Kigoma & Songwe, Tanzania

Overall lob Function The Facility – Community Linkage Officer is responsible to establish, and facilitate implementation of TB treatment adherence, psychosocial support and community linkages including to establish/strength-In treatment agnerence, psychosocial support and community linkages including to establish/strengthen facility - community partnership/linkage mechanism; build capacity of R/CHMT to establish/strengthen and implement APSC program; build capacity of health care providers in enhancing adherence and retention and treatment completion for TB preventive therapy and TB treatment. Additionally, the incumbent will enhance skills of health care providers to facilitate referrals and linkages between various service units within the health facilities for TB, HIV and reproductive health services, and conduct supportive supervision and mentorship. The position involves field travel of at least 70%.

- **Key Responsibilities:**
- Conducting mapping of existing facility community partnership/linkage. · Establish facility- community partnership/linkage where they do not exist
- Strengthen facility- community partnership/linkage where they exist.

 Assist in conducting selection of Peer educators • Provide technical assistance to HCPs at supported health facilities to implement protocols on
- adherence support for clients on TB preventive therapy and TB treatment.

 Assist in the assessment of specific standards of care (SOC) at the supported health facilities.

 Conduct supportive supervision and CMEs on clinical treatment adherence support to HCPs as
- per THPS site support guidelines
 Distribute to facilities the relevant job aids and materials related to adherence counselling and
- To prepare monthly summary report and provide periodic progress reports and provide input for the preparation of the quarterly reports.

Performs other related duties as assigned

- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required
 Diploma or Advanced Diploma in Nursing or Social Work
- At least two years' work experience with community-based support groups or related tasks
 Familiarity with district-level health care systems in Tanzania is highly desired

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (2 Positions) Zonal Project Manager Kigoma & Songwe, Tanzania

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer is responsible to provide technical support in implementing high-standard paper-based and computer-based health facility record keeping systems for patient record management of tuberculosis (TB) and reproductive health services in the USAID UhuruTB and Family Planning Integrated Facility Solutions Activity supported health facilities within the zone as per MOHCDGEC, NTLP and RCHS unit. To provide technical support in data management for public

- Lead in maintaining and updating zonal databases for TB and FP services and other databases as Assist to provide technical assistance to Zonal supported facilities in collaboration with Project
- Implementation and evaluation of monitoring tools and data m Ensure that DQA is carried out quarterly according to DQA SOPs and that recommendations following the site DQA visit are implemented.
- following the site DQA visit are implemented.
 Ensure Zonal compliance to policies for data quality assurance and reporting requirements.
- · Train and supervise data entry clerks to ensure timely data entry, cleaning on a routine basis, generation of data queries and routine progress reports.

 Collaborate with other team members to prepare weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and
- annual reports on supported program areas Develop and respond to queries related to data analysis.

Oualifications, Experience & Skills Required Bachelor's degree or certified training in Computer Science, IT/HMIS, data management or a

- A background in nursing, health science or a related discipline are an advantage
 Minimum three years relevant experience with MS Access application development and use, data analyses with standard software packages and implementing protocols for data quality assurance.
- Advanced skills in computer programming and analytical software an advantage.

 Strong supervisory and management skills

 Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders at national, regional and district
- Kigoma & Songwe, Tanzania Overall Job FunctionThe Zonal Project Manager is responsible for provision of leadership, management and technical support in the overall implementation of the USAID Uhuru; Tuberculosis and Family Planning Integrated Facility Solutions Activity in zone A i.e. Kigoma and Katavi regions, and zone B i.e. Songwe and Rukwa regions. Specifically, the Zonal Project Manager is responsible for the planning and

- Key Responsibilities: Oversee the overall planning, initiation and implementation of TB prevention, early detection and
- supported health facilities (HFs) in the zone implementation of the program and compliance to the national guidelines and standards
- Ensure that all technical teams in the zone support program implementation by building good working relationships and enhancing capacity of R/CHMTs in program management and various technical domains for sustainability.
- Participate in THPS strategic planning sessions including planning with sub grantees in the region, development of Country Operational Plan (COP) activities and other planning related activities as
- curricula/guidelines, SOPs. Coordinate procurement of equipment and consumables for the sites in the zone.
- Prepare budgets, work plans, monthly and quarterly reports and other technical documents.

 Coordinate the training of relevant healthcare providers in line with the approved budgets
- · Assist in the program in Monitoring and Evaluation activities in the zone · Perform any other related duties as assigned from time to time
- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree Master of Public Health or postgraduate degree in health disciplines is an added advantage
- Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders at national, regional districts and
- Excellent documentation skills including drafting of reports, presentations and best practices. · Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines · Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team

The Tuberculosis and Family Planning Program Officer is responsible for provision of technical support to clinical staffing multidisciplinary teams focusing on TB and integrated reproductive health services including family planning supported by the USAID Uhuru TB and FP Integrated Facility Solutions Activity in Kigoma and Katavi (zone A) and Rukwa and Songwe (zone B) regions. Ensures quality service delivery in integrated reproductive health services and TB and multidrug resistant TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment success is achieved in collaboration with regional and district health ent teams and supported facility service providers. Extensive travel of up to 70% is expected in all the districts of the assigned regions.

Key Responsibilities

- and FP Integrated Facility Solutions Activity such as; sites assessment and development, training staff in the clinical management of individuals with TB, clinical mentoring, patient flow analysis improvement of adherence support systems, improvement of referral and linkages systems for TB and reproductive health services etc.
- Assist health care providers at designated points of service in TB case finding and strengthening entry points in order to increase the number of referrals to TB clinics from CTC, RCH, PMTCT, OPD and IPD and outreach services.
- Coordinate implementation of integrated reproductive health services and ensures high
- Prepare technical narrative draft reports for timely submission to facilitate regional reporting

- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required Doctor of Medicine degree.
 A minimum of three years' experience in working on TB programming and implementation of
- reproductive health services. Experience in working with USAID supported programs.

 Substantive knowledge of current best practices in TB and reproductive health programs in
- Ability to build strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders at regional and district levels.
- Excellent documentation skills including drafting of reports, presentations and best practices.
 Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines. · Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team.

Laboratory and Supply Chain Management Officer Zonal Project Manager Kigoma, Tanzania

Overall Job Function The Laboratory and Supply Chain Management Officer is responsible to provide technical support to ensure supported health facilities in focus regions operate in accordance to Ministry of Health Community Development Gender Elderly (MOHCDGEC), NationalTB and Leprosy Program (NTLP) standards, guidelines and protocols for TB diagnostics and supply chain management. To maintain continuous functionality of health laboratories to support clinical services, TB and HIV diagnosis, and management of other co-morbidities. Support implementation of laboratory quality systems and training of laboratory and other health care providers in the supported regions and health facilities. To support continuous quality improvement of laboratory quality improvement using national and international laboratory standards and support all laboratory and non-laboratory testing to the highest quality possible. Participate in project and joint supportive supervision in the supported regions and HFs to ensure availability and accessible quality laboratory services. Works in close collaboration with

position involves at least 60% field travel

Key Responsibilities: To support implementation of laboratory and supply chain management activities required for TB and reproductive health services and capacity development in supported regions and health facilities (HFs)To provide technical assistance to facility-level lab personnel, including regular and systematic observation of TB testing procedures and ongoing site level supportive supervision and

zonal and regional teams to ensure the goals and objectives of the Uhuru Activity are achieved. The

- To build capacity of Regional and District laboratory technologists (RTL and DTL) in providing ongoing mentorship and supportive supervision to laboratory and non-laboratory health providers in supported health facilities.

 Support proper management of TB and reproductive health commodities and supplies at
- R/CHMTs and HFs and promote effective inventory management practices for relevant TB and RH commodities at HFs for uninterrupted services.

 Work closely to THPS zonal teams and regional, council and hospital management teams (R/CHMT,
- Build capacity of laboratory health providers in appropriate lab logistics management to ensure uninterrupted lab services across all supported health facilities. Support laboratory staff in in health facilities at supported zones to implement laboratory quality To provide ongoing mentorship to laboratory staff and health care providers on performing quality

and HMTs) and other laboratory stakeholders to improve laboratory performance

- laboratory services and interpretation of laboratory parameters.

 Assist in the preparation and delivery of proficiency testing for EQA from laboratory and non-laboratory sites.
- Conduct supportive supervision and mentorship to laboratories under accreditation process and organize/ coordinate training programs/continue medical education as appropriate to address gaps identified during supportive supervision. Provide technical assistance to facility level lab managers, Quality Officers including: establishing
- routine workflows; developing/refining SOPs and job aides including planning of lab activities to improve tests performance and reduce turnaround time.

 To help implement and monitor efficient documentation of laboratory results at the sites, as well
- as effective linkage between laboratories and clinical services
 Perform any other duties as assigned. Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required

 • Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Science, or Molecular Biology and Biotechnology or its
- At least three years' experience in TB laboratory related services. At least time years experience in Bladon acry Heated services.

 Knowledge and skills in general clinical laboratory science including clinical chemistry, hematology, HIV and TB diagnostics National specimen referral systems, eLMIS and LIS for HIV and TB services.
- Knowledge and practical experience Laboratory Quality Management Systems and laboratory Ability to work under minimum supervision. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Kiswahili
- Basic computer skills with minimum of Microsoft Office package.

Program Driver (3 Positions) Administration Officer Dar es Salaam, Kigoma & Songwe Tanzania

Key Responsibilities:

- The Drivers will be responsible for driving project vehicles in the respective regions, to support the implementation of Uhuru activities. He/she will also be accountable to maintain and provide the general maintenance and services for the USAID Uhuru TB and FP Integrated Facility Solutions vehicles.
- Drive THPS program vehicles as directed and providing safe and efficient transportation to the staff and its visitors. Deliver parcels, letters and other relevant items to offices and businesses as appropriate Drive long distance with or without THPS staff when required and adhere to the rules and
- Ensure that the vehicle is always clean and in good order and all the documentation e.g. insurance and road license are up to date.

 • Perform routine vehicle inspection and maintenance including checking oil, fuel, brakes, lights,
- windshield wipers, waters and tire pressures. Keep track of maintenance record of vehicles to ensure that service schedule is adhered to and to remind the employer in advance when vehicle (s) service is due.
- Provide information and other general assistance to the organization staff and its visitors. Maintain record of work performed; Fills up all necessary forms, makes timely reports of accidents,
- Ensure necessary steps are taken as required by rules and regulations in case of involvement in an · Abide to all THPS rules and regulations. Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned by Supervisor.
- Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required At least form four with a valid driving license class D or above. · Minimum of three in filed based activities driving experience.
- Work well independently, open and transparent communication Must have a clean driving record. Must be focused, confident and observant. Must have computer literacy.
- Administration Officer (3 Positions) Zonal Project Manager Dar es Salaam- HQ, Kigoma & Songwe, Tanzania Reports to: Position Location: Overall Job Function The Administration Officers will be responsible to organize, coordinate and supervise administra-
- Key Responsibilities: Support the administrative office processes affecting procurement, utilities, internal transport
- services, stock control and inventory management, reconciliation of vendor accounts.

 Coordinate meetings, agendas, materials, minutes, and follow-up activities with key Project
- partners. Organizing the coordination of events, site visits, workshops, and conferences

Resolve administrative problems for the project.

tive activities that facilitate timely and smooth running of the zonal teams.

· Handling office tasks, such as filing, generating reports and presentations, setting up for meetings, and reordering supplies. Screening phone calls and routing callers to the appropriate party.

• Maintain front desk procedures including contact information, directions and frequently

- requested company information. In collaboration with Program Staffs compile list of participants, write invitation letters and Liaise with the Finance team to ensure that people in the trainings and meeting are paid on
- Preparing administration and program purchase requisitions, necessary Advance requests,
- Work hand in hand with the field team to ensure that their travel authorization is done on time and they are paid on time. Contribute to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
- Bachelor Degree or equivalent in Public Administration, Business Administration, or related subjects from a recognized College/University. Minimum three years office administrative support experience is preferred. Experience
- working for a health-related NGO will be an added advantage. Good computer skills particularly use of power point and word processing.
 Excellent organizational skills including the ability to multitask, prioritize and work efficiently.
- Proven record to work under minimum supervision and meet deadlines Self –motivation and good office management attributes. Reading, written, and verbal fluency in English and Kiswahili.
 Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines.

Be of high integrity and able to maintain confidentiality.

Carry out any other duties as assigned by supervisor

Qualifications, Experience & Skills Required

Interested applicants should send their application cover letter one page maximum and CV four pages maximum to (hr.thps@gmail.com) by 31 st July, 2020 with a subject line of 'USAID Uhuru TB & FP LON Facility Solutions Activity - Position' e.g. USAID Uhuru TB & FP LON Facility Solutions Activity – Zonal Project Manager. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Please do

- Strong people's supervisory and management skills Ability to work independently with strong problem-solving skills
 Good verbal and written communication skills
- health evaluations as needed. The position involves field travel of at least 50%. **Key Responsibilities:**
- Ability to work under pressure and timely meet deadlines.
 Ability to plan, implement independently or in a team.

coordination of TB and reproductive health program supported activities in collaboration with regional and district authorities. Creates good working relationships and accountability for improve performance across all key intervention program areas. The position involves at least 30% field travel.

- linkage to treatment services as well as the integration of reproductive health services at Liaise with the RHMT, CHMT, MOHCDGEC officials and other stakeholders in coordinating
- Work closely with the USAID Uhuru TB and FP Facility Solutions Activity central technical team in programmatic aspects of the supported TB and reproductive health services activities.

 Supervise and oversee overall activities implemented by zone Program Officers and other Staff in
- will be deemed necessary. Participate and represent THPS in National Program related activities e.g. Development of
- A minimum of five years' experience at senior level TB and FP programming and implementation Experience in working with USAID supported programs.
 Substantive knowledge of current best practices in TB, HIV and FP programs in Tanzania
- TB and Family Planning Program Officers (2 Position Zonal Project Manager Kigoma & Songwe, Tanzania
- Provide direct technical assistance to health care facilities supported by the USAID Uhuru TB
- Support implementation of TB treatment adherence strategies in health facilities and linkage to former TB patients' groups for psychosocial support among newly diagnosed TB clients.

 Facilitate integration between FR,TB and HIV services and infection control within health
- performance on key indicators for this component of the program Conducts comprehensive site supportive supervision visits and provide feedback on successes
- · Ensure that all supported clinical care activities at multiple delivery sites conform to the national
- guidelines and standards.

 Perform any other duties as may be assigned by from time to time

- THPS is an equal opportunity employer; women, people living with HIV/AIDS and people living with disability are encouraged to apply.

- Ability to manage time and routes for streamlined program activities.
- Booking and arranging travel, transport and accommodation for the team. Carry out administrative duties such as filing, typing, copying, binding, scanning etc. liaising with staff, suppliers and clients.

Protecting community rights to manage forest resources - Part 2

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

ANZANIA rural communities implementing community based forest management, environmentalists, foresters and other forest Stakeholders have appealed to the government and other stakeholders to support village governments to formalise their user rights and manage about 17.6 million hectares of unreserved forests within the village land sustainably.

They said community rights to manage their forests should be protected, including deciding on forest harvesting, as set out in the Forest Act and Village Land

Speaking to The Guardian recently, they said experience, show that Community Based Forest Management (CBFM) approach when integrated with forestbased enterprises, provide incentives for communities to manage the forests on the village land sustainably and at the same time enhance rural development.

The stakeholders from Morogoro DC, Kilosa and Mvomero said they have seen the benefits of CBFM in their areas where the villagers in collaboration with TFCG and Mjumita are implementing CBFM through Transforming Tanzania Charcoal Sector project (TTCS). TTCS is a new model for conserving and protecting forests on village land and for generating revenues for community development projects. The village natural resource committee Secretary Victoria Ndekelo said CBFM has improved charcoal producer livelihoods. Since the introduction of sustainable charcoal a couple of years ago, the revenues have improved more public services such as schools, water, health services, infrastructures, introduced income generating projects, and enhanced socio-economic development.

Ulaya Mbuyuni village chairman Seleman Hashim in Kilosa district Morogoro region said that through CBFM, the village has managed to raise more than 100m/- that has never been raised by any project in the history of the village.

"We used 20m/- to build water well, we constructed two classrooms and teachers' office at more than 37m/-, we paid for health insurance for our villagers and used the rest of the money for other development projects," he said.

Having seen the benefits, the villagers have appealed to the government to uphold community rights to manage the forests on village land and ensure that the revenues accrued from the forest products particularly sustainable charcoal are well managed and retained in

They aid to conserve the forest on village land through CBFM increases community resilience to climate change. Forest and tree products such as timber and non-timber forest products for example charcoal, firewood, wild fruits, mushrooms, roots, and fodder) constitute important safety nets and are part of income diversification strategies for many communities and the country at large facing increased climate variability and climate hazard risks

Citing an example of TTCS project, trative Secretary Yohana Kasitila before



they said it has also supported the government to conduct village land use plan, established village land forest reserves, improved micro-finance scheme and forest governance.

This CBFM financing has been mostly donor dependent and recent Government Notice (GN) number 417 has imposed new recentralization models of VLFR enterprises, thus disincentives communities to formalize these resourc-

The stakeholders also recommend that the government should maintain favourable policy environment for CBFM, including removal of the policy barrier imposed through GN 417 of 2019. The government need to develop and implement national CBFM strategy. There is also a need to develop partners to support the government and local communities through International climate financing to implement CBFM

Tununguo ward councillor in Morogoro district council Bonus Ndonga said that TTCS has improved socio-economic services from the village level to the district level. Through capacity building, some villagers have been trained and have become entrepreneurs.

"These Councillors and financiers should make sure that the project is sustained and extended to other villages as

Kilosa district natural resource officer John Mtimbanjayo said during the first phase, the project started in 2012 which phased out in 2015, then the econd phase which phased out in 2019. In all the two phases, CBFM through TTCS has registered many achievements.

He said that in the second phase, there were four villages that had not started implementing the project, but were in the process to start implementation last year but could not do so because of the Government Notice (GN) number 417 that imposed new recentralization models of VLFR enterprises.

According to Kilosa District Adminis-

village Chairman (front) and some members of the natural resource committee in Kilosa district walk out of the village office

which is con-

structed through

CBFM after an

interview with

Photo by corre-

spondent Gerald

our reporter.

Kitabu

 $TTCS, some \ villages \ implementing \ CBFM$ Ulaya Mbuyuni faced several challenges including land use conflicts but after the project such conflicts have ceased because the project started with land use plan and the villagers have been united.

For his part, former Mvomero district commissioner, Mohamed Utaly said CBFM has many benefits, one being conducting land use plan. "in fact much has been done in terms of forest management, revenues collection and improving livelihood of the villagers in the project areas," he said.

Kilosa District Executive Director Asajile Mwambambale said the government must ensure that community based forest management (CBFM) continues because it has supported the villagers in the district to build classrooms, village offices, introduced micro-finance scheme, among many other benefits.

"As Kilosa district, we have benefited a lot from this project. The forests and the environment have improved through TTCS. The forests on the village land are being protected and harvested sustainably. Unlike in the past, the village have put in place proper process and procedures for issuing permits," he said.

He said that through CBFM, the district is receiving 10 percent as dividend from the villages adding that the district is ready to support CBFM because it has shown positive results in many villages for a short period of time.

Morogoro district council said CBFM has positive impact in the several villages such as Matuli, Diguzi, Lulongwe and Mlilingwa were the villagers have used sustainable charcoal to raise the standard of education in their respective villages while conserving their forest.

"Before the project started in the villages in 2015, the standard of education in primary school such as Diguzi was bad, but currently the project has improved the students' performance and they are all passing and joining secondary school," he said.

In the past the main activity here was illegal charcoal and timber harvesting. There were even some people coming from Chalinze to harvest valuable trees such as Mpingo but now the villagers have turned security guards of their natural resources and the forests.

Citing an example on how some villages have managed to improve primary school, Ngerengere ward councillor Kibena Kingu explained that using the benefits accrued from CBFM, the village leadership decided to camp standard seven pupils several month and bought some learning and teaching materials, they also bought food stuffs such as beans, maize flour and cooking oil to prepare them for their national examination. Through the project, they all passed and joined secondary school.

Matuli ward councillor, Lucas Lemomo said that before the project, only 10 primary school pupils were passing the examination to join secondary school but today, all pupils are confident to join secondary schools.

Besides improving education, the villagers have also been trained on good governance, rule of law, book-keeping and financial management.

"I call on the government to work together with the villagers to scale up CBFM because it is possible to protect and conserve their forest from illegal charcoal, timber harvesters and shifting cultivation while using our natural resources to improve education in rural communities," she said.

The villagers have developed a sense of ownership and now they have what we call continued wise and sustainable use of natural resources.

Stakeholders call on the government to support the scaling-up of CBFM. Support forest-based enterprises that generate employment and revenues, and also embed incentives for communities to manage forests sustainably that is support village councils to benefit from the revenues from their forests.

They also request the government to review accountability mechanisms e.g. around issuing harvesting permits in the absence of forest management plans. Principal Forest Officer for TFS Samuel

Nyabange recognizes the forest Act and village natural resource committees. He said CBFM has contributed to reduce illegal harvesting of forests because illegal activities taking place in the forest is being carried on by the villagers themselves either directly or indirectly.

"These VNR's must be capacitated in terms of equipment and allowance to carry out CBFM fruitfully otherwise, they may start involving in illegal harvesting of forests, he said.

The revenues were retained in the village but later on it was decided that the revenues should go to the district council, this somehow discouraged them because the revenues were no longer going back to the villagers.

"If you follow process and procedures properly, CBFM has good results," said Nyabange who is also forest manager in

It's trouble if politicians do not really understand the coronavirus time lag

By Andy Slavitt

T turns out that understanding basic mathematics is important to fighting the coronavirus. Short-term memory doesn't hurt either.

I hate to sound like one of those "elite intellectual" types, but if state governors in the US don't learn to understand (or remember from two months ago, but whatever) what a time lag is between Covid-19 cases and hospitalisations and deaths, we will keep repeating second grade over and over.

Recent news growth of cases, increased hospitalisations - is not the result of today's action. It is a result of actions in May.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said the spike in cases has "nothing, nothing" to do with the reopening. I think his explanation was "goblins" or "magic fairies." - but definitely not him. He and others fail to understand time.

Vice President Pence, recently forced out of his "I know nothing" slumber, was forced to have a media session on the "task force". He came out, took a bow, and praised how well things were going. Also not much for telling time...

He insisted that deaths were still not increasing. Again I can't stress enough that the concept of a time lag is a difficult one. You know those 20 per cent of people immune to Covid-19 in New York? They are all the untested people who were infected in March.

Those later became older people and then hospitalisations. But the 'stop testing take away healthcare it's all rosy' administration is taking the lying and praying approach to the pandemic. Unfortunately, they're also aiding and abetting.

Did VP Pence once say: 'Be careful?" Did he say: "Wear a mask?" Did he mourn the losses? Did he warn how contagious this is? Did he ask America to pull together? Did he tell us to brace for tough times? No. He said: "America. It's not as bad as you think." He's talking about May.

Pence performs for only one audience - and no taxpayers, it turns out. He was pushed out for one reason and one reason only: the stock market. And he spent some time trying to talk the stock market up. I think it worked about as well as praying away "evil" thoughts.

Now, a word about the stock market. The stock market doesn't care about you. It cares about your productivity. President Donald Trump views the stock market as his hope for re-election. Unless your last name is Trump, he doesn't care about you either. And he doesn't care about you, Don Junior.

He's happy to have you not wear a mask, gather in crowds, risk your life. But in the Oval Office at the White House, everyone wears a mask but one person.

Because Trump, Pence and many governors can't tell time very well, they didn't put out surveillance tools. They didn't believe it when people told them that the number of Covid-19 cases was growing. They didn't believe it when hospitals started to fill. They waited until they were tipping over.

Remember when "alarmist" New York governor Andrew Cuomo warned that they needed to act or their hospitals would be overrun? That's because you're supposed to pull the alarm when you smell smoke, not wait until you see fire. Unless you're Trump, Pence or one of the three not-sowise men, that is.

In the middle of May when a number of us put together our Open Safely guidelines, I asked many people to endorse them. And many did.

But one prominent Republican, who was advising a number of governors, refused. He told me that the Republican governors had had enough of the public health. They were opening the economy. And it was unrealistic to ask them to Open Safely.

"You're tone deaf Andy," he emailed. Maybe. I was asking that they have tools in place to contain the virus and commit to pulling back before hospitals were 70 per cent full. Now, no contact tracing is possible in Arizona. You see time. Give yourself time.

This week I received a call from a familiar voice. "Andy, what do you suggest they do?" "It's simple arithmetic." I wanted to a say that, but see I'm not a smart-ass. I actually couldn't find any coherent words worth saying.

Governor Doug Ducey, you will now be dealing with this likely through the end of the summer at a minimum. You are not New York at peak, given your density. But that leads to the next "math-y" point. Exponential growth.

There's more to learn besides addition, cause and effect, short-term memory, science and humility. Although that is a lot to learn. There's also the concept of exponential math. Things will get worse, much much worse, for every day you don't change course.

The lag between opening, people testing boundaries, feeling symptoms, deciding to get a test and getting a result is weeks. Hospitalisations a couple weeks later. If you don't understand how two becomes four becomes 16 becomes 256 then, and you're a governor, stop what you're do-

Texas didn't need to start building field hospitals. But now they do. Florida and Texas are now closing bars and building hospitals. We are certainly not unique in getting hurt by the coronavirus. But we are unique in not understanding the lesson after it unfolded.

If you live in a state outside the hot zones, don't let your governor get puzzled by the fact that things aren't getting better worse yet. Or, if in a hot zone, that they close the bars but the numbers keep going up. But if they play dumb you shouldn't have to.

Now we know why we studied these complicated subjects in grade school. They do apply to real life. While Trump was in the hall picking on children who didn't have nice watches and Pence and Ducey were cheering him on, something important was going on.

Others were learning how to be basically numerate. Not to mention at least a little bit kind.

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Six trustworthy resources for relevant information on COVID-19 pandemic

By Bo Stapler

S a doctor who cares for hospitalised patients with Covid-19, I need to be efficient, stay current and avoid fluff. Here's where I turn: the news has been saturated with information on the novel coronavirus going on half a year now.

The remarkably relentless virus and its subsequent fallout continue to dominate headlines. As a result, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the unending deluge of information and even become indifferent to it - like someone who ignores the constant drone of an air conditioner or dishwasher.

In the midst of the downpour, there are six places I find myself returning to regularly for the best information on the pandemic. Although I do believe that mainstream television, radio and newspaper sources are valuable, I am excluding them from this list since many have a political bent and often report on similar information spun in a particular right- or left-sided direction.

I should note, however, that I do pay attention to these types of outlets and attempt to absorb information from both sides of the political aisle as best I can.

Without further ado, I must say that ONE of my preferred information resources is national and international

health authorities. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centres for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) all maintain frequently updated pages dedicated to Covid-19.

Despite the fact that none of them is perfect, they are all trusted resources and particularly useful for one looking for statistical data as well as widely applicable

TWO is the Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP). This organisation headquartered at the University of Minnesota emphasizes being frank and honest with the public rather than attempting to manipulate others to serve an agenda. Their homepage contains knowledgeable articles from expert journalists in the field of infectious disease.

THREE is Our World in Data. Based out of the University of Oxford, this is arguably the most comprehensive open-source location for statistics on Covid-19. Their site is a compilation of vast amounts of data from many nations regarding cases, testing, deaths, mitigation trends, healthcare capacities, patient demographics, etc. If you need a great looking chart or graph, this is the place to go.

FOUR is Google News' Covid-19 Resource Webpage. The CDC actually lists this page among its recommended 'quality public health literature and resources'. Google's site features an interactive map at the top and relevant headlines from multiple news sources compiled chrono-



FIVE is Medscape. Designed as a hub for medical providers, Medscape presents succinct summaries of the latest medical literature. Many people will often use this site to decide what journal articles are worth a deeper dive. They have a page dedicated to Covid-19. In a segment entitled 'Impact Factor', internal medicine physician F. Perry Wilson regularly shares his astute observations on the pandemic. SIX is Primary Literature. If you're look-

ing to dig into the latest medical studies, these journals are among the best and, as with the other sources mentioned, their coronavirus-related content is free of charge. The journals include the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Lancet, and the Journal of Hospital Medicine.

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NEWS/ NEWS FEATURE

Kariakoo Market Corp in strategies to invest more in commercial deals

By Guardian Reporter

KARIAKOO Market Corporation (KMC) continues to strengthen by implementing various development projects as one of its strategies to invest more in business.

KMC general manager Hetson Msalale says during the fifthphase government, the corporation has undergone great revolution that has both increased its income base as well improving services to the people.

He says KMC has been in strategic plans to implement huge projects refurbishment to its minor market by building a huge modern commercial building to cost 23bn/-.

Msalale says KMC is also in the process for the implantation of another project - the construction of a market at Mbezi Beach Makonde area in the Kinondoni Municipality, and adds that the project is estimated to cost 500m/- after completion.

He says another investment in the pipeline will be made at Tabata Bima grounds in Ilala Municipality.

He said it is hoped that under the phase fifth government of President John Magufuli KMC will continue making economic strides to become among public corporations that contribute to the country's development in general.

Judith Magoto, a Dar es Salaam resident advises KMC to continue improving it services, including general cleanliness to its markets.

She says Kariakoo is a famous commercial centre not only for the country but also for East and Central Africa.

Msalale said KMC was established by an Act of Parliament (Act No 36 of 1974) and has passed through various development stages as well as haven been faced with many challenges. He says in the five years from FY 2016/16 to 2019/20 the Cor-

poration has achieved the following: Increasing of its income from 2,114,836,256/00 for FY 2015/2016 to 3,351,087,049/29 FY 2019/2020, equivalent to 63.1 per cent increase.

He said this was made able by the use of electronic system



in revenue collection - Local Government Revenue Collection Information System (LGRCIS) that plugged all loopholes in the loss of KMC's revenues.

Other achievements, according to Msalale are the improvement to the general cleanliness at the market particularly in refuse removal and the environment in general.

Air conditioning system in the market's basement that has undergone repairs from time to time, he said, noting that KMC also installed CCTV cameras aimed at enhancing security at the market for the traders and their goods.

KMC has constructed a total of 84 stalls around the main market, a roof at the adjoining open market and construction of 19 shops along Tandamti Street, making the number of ad-

ditional shops constructed in the five years to 113.

Msalale said this increase also saw the increase of KMC income of 56m/- on average each month or 678m/- per year. Another achievement is in the meeting the cost for the in-

stallation of equipment - 24 CCTV cameras and street lighting to enable the main market area operate 24 hours. "The idea is to make traders do business comfortably," he

said, adding that the corporation plans to build another market at Mbezi Beach Makonde in Kinondoni Municipality. The proposed market is estimated to cost 500m/-.

in Ilala Municipality," he said.

"We also intend to develop our plots located at Tabata Bima

the first President Julius Nyerere in 1975, KMC has increased revenue collection from 2.1bn/- in 2015/2016 to 3.3bn/- in the 2019/2020 financial year, an increase which is equivalent to 63.1percent.

"The increase is due to the deployment of the Local Government Revenue Collection Information System (LGRCIS), which has plugged loopholes of KMC revenue losses," he said.

Cleanness improvement and solid waste management are among of the important successes recorded by the market corporation.

"We've also improved air system in the basement the situation that makes trader do business comfortably," he said, adding that the corporation has also installed CCTV cameras to reinforce security of the market-one of the well-known facilities for traders from East Africa and some parts of Southern Africa converge.

He also said that the corporation has improved working conditions of its staff by ensuring that working tools such as computers, office supplies and vehicle are available. In 2018/2019 fiscal year, the corporation paid 50m/- to the central government as part of its contributions.

"We've also synchronized boundaries of the market through the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Developments' Surveys and Mapping Division (SMD) to ensure that the market is secured and remain free from encroachers," he says.

He adds: "The Corporation is working hard to re-take a storey building located at Tabata-Bima area in Dar es Salaam which was sold through court auction. The market has also managed to re-take plot number 2002 -2003 located in Mbezi Beach Makonde."

For the past five years, the market has created new employment opportunities to 45 people, whereby 29 in permanent employments and 16 on contract basis.

Between 1999 and 2015, KMC had no leadership, the situation that made the corporation to get into debt worth 1.3bn/-. This was in terms of Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE), Skills Development Levy (SDL) and land annual levies.

A long time trader at the market, Ali Shija commended the market for improving business environment at the market, saying: "This market is clean and safe as compared to the past." He suggested the need for the market management to invest outside the city to bring services to people living in peripherals.

For the past five years, KMC has increased budget from 2.5bn/- in 2015/2016 to 3.7bn/- in 2019/2020 fiscal year. "This For the past, 45 years since the facility was established by increase is equivalent to 8.1 per cent annually."

Mexico presents trade veteran Jesus Seade as candidate for WTO Director General

By Guardian Reporter

MEXICO has nominated its trade veteran Jesus Seade as candidate for the next Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

In a statement issued and signed by the Ambassador of Mexico in Kenya and Permanent Representative of Mexico to UNEP and UN-Habitat Erasmo Martínez stated that Dr Seade has gained enough experience to lead the organization well.

knowledge and experience of the entire WTO membership. Dr. Seade played a key role in the complicated negotiations ous challenges facing WTO and a constructive leadership with

that gave birth to the WTO. He gained a deep understanding of the Organization from its original design, as a negotiator, facilitator of effective solutions, and founding Deputy Director-General. This highlights his experience in negotiating and solving global trade tensions in the framework of the WTO.

It said Seade, a global man whose experience and relevance would help to build a strong, inclusive and open multilateral trading system. It would be an honor for him and

the world, the government of Mexico presented the candidacy of Jesus Seade to lead the organization, Mexico considers that the global trajectory, experience, and capacity of Dr Seade make him an ideal candidate for such a position. Specifically, three main reasons make his candidacy remarkable," read part of the statement.

It further stated that a revitalized, strong, inclusive, and functional WTO is needed to meet the global challenges of the pandemic and bring economic According to the statement, for Mexico to rejoin efforts with recovery for all. This will only

proven experience in major global negotiations.

"Mexico has a long tradition of supporting the international multilateral system. It was one of the 51 founders of the United Nations and is an active member of all the UN agencies, participating in the work of the organization. In June 2020, Mexico was elected for the fifth time as a non-permanent member of the **United Nations Security Council** and will occupy a seat -alongside Kenya, Niger and Tunisia- as of January 1, 2021.'

The statement noted that the come from the collective will WTO is currently facing three "In order to help address varior of its members, supported by major challenges which include reaffirming its relevance given

the limited progress made in negotiations, the paralysis of its Appellate Body, and the urgent need to modernize the administration of existing agreements.

The WTO also faces a challenge to promote the traditional issues of trade negotiation, such as fisheries and agriculture, and to revitalize the economic issues facing the 21stcentury. This enhancement should fully take into account e-commerce and the development of an ambitious sustainable vision. It is necessary to re-establish a functional dispute settlement mechanism, and to improve monitoring of compliance.

"In the short-term, to assuage

the economic impact of the pandemic, the WTO must encourage its members to limit barriers that restrict the flow of goods, and to take measures that contribute to the recovery of economic activities. At the same time, members should follow international protocols to preserve public health at the global level," it stated.

It also noted that Dr. Jesús Seade has connections across the members and regions that make up the WTO: from Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, to Europe, Asia and North America. His work in China, his of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

and his long training residency in Europe have given him a unique understanding of the global environment.

"We hope that African countries and many others support this candidacy aimed at strengthening the multilateral trading system. In these difficult times for the world and for the WTO, in which even the future role of this organism is being discussed, the answer must be a renewed commitment of its members and to choose the right person to lead it. The WTO must regainits confidence and participation in the negotiation its leadership," the statement further read.

AJISO launches child protection committees in Mwanga District

By Guardian Reporter

FOLLOWING an increase in violence against children and women in Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro Region, Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) in collaboration with the area leadership, has officially launched and empowered two committees that will deal with the issue.

two committees' consist of 50 different stakeholders from Mwanga District among others including ward leaders, religious leaders, teachers and students who underwent a two day training that will enable them to effectively implement the National Plan of Action to end Violence Against Children and Women under a special program known as TUWALINDE - Let's Protect

executive director, Zefrin Lubuva said violence against children and women has become a big challenge in the district hence they were forced to request for assistance from AJISO so they can implement the program and ensure the committees run effectively. He said the district has a

total of 20 wards but only three have been reached so

"It is our wish that all 20 wards are reached so we can together tackle the ongoing violence against children and women," he said.

He lauded members of the committees for accepting to take up the responsibility as it is on voluntary basis for the benefit of children and women in the so-

"We will continue working together with AJISO and launch of the two commit- the same vision of elimi-

tees, the Mwanga district

nating this kind of violence in Mwanga Dis-

trict," he said.

The AJISO executive director, Virginia Silayo said they received funding amounting to Tsh 30 Million from the Foundation for Civil Society which will enable them to Speaking during the any other NGOs that have implement this programme from June-De-

She said initially, they were able to reach only one ward-Mji Mdogo in Mwanga District and it has since then done a tremendous job that has attracted a lot of praises from the region leadership because of the manner in which they were able to tackle the issue effectively.

"Through funding from PROBONO, which

is a German based NGO, we were able to implement the Child Protection program in Dr Asha Rose Migiro Secondary School and trained teachers and students,'

According to the director, they formed a Child Protection Policy that was to be used in the school and later they sat down with different stakeholders and reviewed the policy so it could be used by all schools in Mwanga District following its effectiveness in the school.

She said AJISO will continue collaborating with government officials in respective areas in implementing this programme to ensure that all the 20 wards are covered by



Two -day training for two committees dealing with child protection issues in Lembeni and Kirongwe Wards in Mwanga District in progress on Monday during the launch of the committees by Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) in collaboration with the Mwanga District Council at the Teachers' Centre in Mwanga.

FEATURES

Reports about link between blood types and Covid-19 infection risk: Reliable?

By Markham Heid

ECENTLY, the New England Journal of Medicine published a study that found links between Covid-19 and certain genetic and blood-type vari-

The authors emphasized the potential usefulness of their gene-related findings, which implicated clusters of genes on a specific chromosome in severe Covid-19 cases, but most of the media attention centred on the bloodtype findings.

Among the more than 1,500 Italian and Spanish patients with the coronavirus included in the study, infection appeared to be less common among people with blood type O and more common among people with blood type A. The type Bs fell somewhere in between.

The study's blood-type findings closely mirrored the results of an earlier paper from China, which also found an elevated infection risk among type As and lower risk among type Os.

"There are now several studies confirming the association, which is also seen for SARS (Severe acute respiratory syndrome)," says Tom Karlsen, MD, PhD, co-author of the new study and a professor of internal medicine at the University of Oslo in Norway.

SARS and Covid-19 stem from genetically related coronaviruses. So it makes some sense that if a certain blood type is associated with a lower risk for one of these infections, it could also lower a person's risk for the other.

There are also several well-established connections between blood type and infectious diseases; for example, type O blood is protective against malaria but is associated with more severe cases of cholera.

The new Covid-19 findings surely produced some relief in people who are type O and dread in those who are type A. But some experts who have looked at the research say that the findings are questionable - and may ul-

timately prove to be either inaccurate or misleading.

"I keep getting emails from people asking me if they should get blood typed, and I tell them definitely not!" says Laura Cooling, MD, a professor and associate director of transfusion medicine at the University of Michi-

Cooling says that some American researchers, herself included, have been looking at blood-group data since the early days of the Covid-19 outbreak and they have not seen meaningful correlations.

"I don't think it's going to pan out," she says of the new paper's findings, adding: "I think that the contribution of blood group to an individual's risk is going to be minor compared to underlying heart disease or obesity or hypertension, or those other risk factors that have been identified."

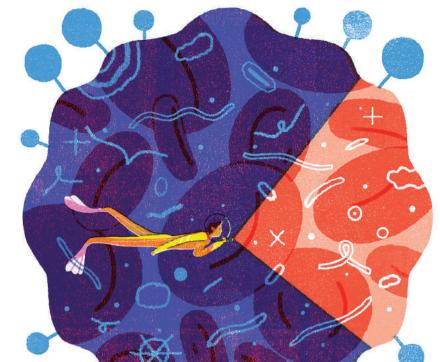
Cooling is not alone. "I think the apparent associations are not correct and are based on a methodology flaw," says Walter Dzik, MD, a pathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital who has examined the relationship between A-B-O blood types and Covid-19 and has not found a link.

To understand their skepticism, it helps to know how blood groups and infectious pathogens interact - for better or worse.

Link between blood type and infection risk

The surface of every red blood cell is coated with various protein and sugar molecules. These molecules shore up the walls of blood cells, assist in chemical reactions, and perform other jobs. There are hundreds of these bloodcell molecules, which vary from one person to the next and are sometimes termed "antigens" because they elicit a response from the body's immune

Experts lump some of these molecules together into "blood groups". One example is the A-B-O blood group, which refers to certain sugars that



decorate red blood cells. Different versions of a single gene lead to the presence or absence of sugars, which determine if someone is blood type A, type B, or type AB. In the case of type-Os, that single gene is mutated and nonfunctional.

What do blood groups have to do with the novel coronavirus or other infectious diseases? The antigens and immune antibodies associated with each blood group may explain some associations, says James Fleckenstein, MD, a professor of medicine and molecular microbiology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

"It's possible that people with different blood groups mount different immune responses to pathogens such as SARS-CoV-2," he says.

Alternatively, the professor says, blood groups can be "receptors" for

pathogens or the proteins they produce. "Many pathogens rely on glycans - sugars - to attach to their host targets," he explains.

Fleckenstein elaborates: "Because molecules present on red blood cells are also expressed on mucosal surfaces that the virus might encounter" - such as the walls of the lungs or intestines - "they could be involved in the viral binding or uptake required for viral proliferation."

There are still other potential explanations. Some research has linked Covid-19 to abnormal blood clotting, and some blood-group antigens can influence how blood coagu-

Why these blood-based differences?

One theory relating to why human beings possess these blood-based differences is that this variability helps ensure that not everyone will succumb to whatever form of plague or pestilence is making the rounds.

In areas where certain forms of infection are present, and have been for a long time, some infection-fighting blood groups are more common.

"In the Ganges River Delta there's a lower incidence of type O, and people have widely suspected that's from selective pressure from cholera," Fleckenstein say, adding: "You see these kinds of patterns around the globe."

It may be that, in these areas, people with certain blood types were more likely to survive and pass their genes onto later generations.

But while there is ample reason for doctors and researchers to go looking for connections between blood groups and SARS-CoV-2, Harvard's Dzik says that the findings to date linking type O individuals to lower rates of Covid-19 are likely inaccurate.

Dzik points out that Covid-19 has hit people of African • and Latino ancestry especially hard, but that blood type O **publication about health and wellness. Markham Heid** the ostensibly protective type - is more common among is a health and science writer. these groups than among Caucasians.

By some estimates, 57 per cent and 50 per cent of Hispanics and Blacks are type O, respectively, while that's true of just 45 per cent of Caucasians.

"So, right from the beginning, the reported association was the opposite of what one might expect to find if any association of ABO and Covid-19 existed," Dzik says.

Are the findings flawed?

Regarding the new NEJM study, Dzik says that he sees a potential methodology problem. "It has to do with the comparison group," he says, referring to the non-patient group against which the Covid-19 patient data was assessed.

The majority of this control group was composed of blood donors. "It is widely known that the ABO distribution among blood donors is not representative of the general population," Dzik says.

He adds: "Group O blood donors are preferred always, everywhere, because their red blood cells can be used for any recipient." If group Os were overrepresented in the control group, this would make them appear to be underrepresented in the patient group, which is what the study found, he notes.

University of Michigan's Cooling meanwhile points out another possible issue with the study team's methodology. "They were inferring blood types based on three genetic single nucleotide polymorphisms - they never physically typed the patients' red blood cells," she says.

By this, she means that blood types were assessed based on small pieces of DNA information that correlate - though not perfectly - with blood type. Because of this, she says that the study team "may have overcounted As and Bs and undercounted Os."

The NEJM study authors themselves highlighted some of these same drawbacks in their paper. "We were very aware of these potential issues and made the greatest efforts possible to query for what such sources of bias would potentially mean," says University of Oslo's Karlsen, regarding the problem of relying on blood types collected from donor

He adds: "The A-B-O finding is puzzling, we agree, and caused quite an amount of reflections and extra efforts in our group," noting further that he and his co-authors welcome independent scrutiny and follow-up work on their

Even if the blood-type research pans out, it wouldn't mean much for the average person. These studies have found that type Os are at reduced risk of infection - but not that their risk is zero.

The Chinese study, for example, found that type Os comprised about 26 per cent of Covid-19 patients, while type As made up about 34 per cent.

"You may still get severe Covid-19 with blood type O," Karlsen says, adding: "For now, the insight of these data is relevant to future research, not clinics.'

Cooling says that other aspects of the new study - such as data related to Covid-involved gene clusters - may very well prove helpful down the road. But for now, people shouldn't get wrapped up in the blood-type hype.

"Having blood type O is not putting an 'S' on your chest and becoming Superman," she says, adding: "If there is any protection there, it's going to be weak."

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MAENDELEO BANK Together in Progress

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Maendeleo Bank Plc commenced operations in September 2013 as a Regional Bank with its Headquarters at Luther House, Sokoine Drive - Dar es Salaam. It is the first bank in Tanzania to be registered in Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) from its inception through Enterprise Growth Market (EGM) window.

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'Maendeleo Bank Plc is equal employer however Women are encouraged to apply'

Intelligent transformation unleashes new growth drivers

By Yu Jianbin,

N China, digital technologies, such as big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and 5G are picking up their pace of integration into traditional industries as the efforts to promote intelligent transformation are being extended from online to offline.

Regarding smart manufacturing as a key to transformation and upgrading of traditional manufacturing industry, many local governments of the country have carried out practical actions to boost intelligentization by speeding up intelligent transformation and building industrial Internet platforms, digital workshops, and unmanned and smart

Accelerating the development of smart manufacturing is an inevitable path for the upgrading of the manufacturing sector and an effective way to foster more new growth areas.

China has explicitly stated in this year's government work report that the country will promote the industrial Internet and boost smart manufacturing, which signals that smart manufacturing is increasingly becoming a major trend and a core part in the future development of the manufacturing sector and playing a vital role in advancing the push toward mid- and high-end industries.

Only by accelerating the integration of the new generation of information technologies and the manufacturing sector, and making the sector more digitalized, networked and intelligent, can China further make its manufacturing smarter.

Digital technologies are redefining production chains, with activities extending from consumption to production and from the virtual economy to the real economy. The new automated, digitized and smart manufacturing is just around

For example, all links on the production cost per unit of production after intellition chain in a digital workshop are powered by digital technologies to improve production efficiency. On a smart production line, workers and industrial robots work side by side. Besides, spare parts can be printed in customized shapes through 3D printing, a transformative technology.

The new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation is providing a historic opportunity for the transformation and upgrading of China's manufacturing industry.

In terms of smart manufacturing, priority should be given to the "chemical reaction" of the deep integration of intelligent technologies and the manufacturing sector. As an important part of the "new infrastructure", the industrial internet can straighten the whole value chain from R&D to the market by realizing comprehensive connectivity among humans, machines and things.

In particular, the integration of new technologies such as AI into advanced manufacturing technologies in the process of smart manufacturing can make all links including product design, scheduling and troubleshooting smart. Besides improving efficiency and cutting costs, it can also realize custom-tailored manufacturing and add more value to technologically-advanced products. After intelligent transformation, companies could improve over 20 percent of average production efficiency, cut about 20 percent of operational costs and shorten about 35 percent of the product development cycle, according to a survey conducted in Qingdao, east China's Shandong prov-

Similarly, a sample survey in Changzhou, east China's Jiangsu province showed that local enterprises could increase around 70 percent of the output value and cut about 20 percent of the

gent transformation.

The comprehensive and in-depth intelligent transformation will also generate new manufacturing models such as digital manufacturing, intelligent manufacturing, and service-oriented manufacturing to enhance the market competitiveness of products.

Intelligent transformation is significant because it not only optimizes production and supply, but also ensures targeted alignment between the supply and demand sides with the help of big data and algorithms, thus striking a proper balance between custom-tailored production and assembly-line production.

For instance, some time-honored brands in China, based on the analysis of consumer data, are able to make products that are more favored by the young generation, and thus regain vitality. By using big data technology, some garment enterprises saved all information about customized business suits, including the sizes, materials and sewing processes of each part of the suits, so as to ensure that a single production line is able to make suits with different styles,

Big data and cloud computing analysis can also connect online consumer data and offline production data to optimize manufacturing and open up a new pathway for manufacturing transformation and upgrading.

With the acceleration of new infrastructure, China's smart manufacturing embraces better development opportunities. More than 10,000 5G base stations are newly installed every week in the country. The industrial internet platforms developed by leading companies have helped small and medium-sized enterprises boost intelligent transformation.

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BUSINESS

PROGRESSIVE

Pledging reform, Kenyan emerges one of early WTO frontrunners

GENEVA

KENYA'S candidate to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) top post said on Monday she is seeking Washington's backing and expressed some sympathy with its criticism of the global body as she emerges as one of two reformminded African female frontrun-

Amina Mohamed told Reuters a closed-door vetting session last

week went "really well" as she outlined her platform to steer the body out of crises from global trade tensions and rising protectionism to a COVID-induced dive in business.

Delegates say Mohamed, a 58-year-old minister and former WTO chair, is one of the favourites alongside Nigeria's Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to replace Brazil's Roberto Azevedo as director general, although weeks of campaigning lie



Kenya's former WTO General Council chair, Amina Mohamed, attends a press conference following her hearing before 164 member states' representatives, as part of the application process to head the World Trade Organisation as Director General in Geneva.

The WTO has never been led by a woman or an African. "The rulebook needs to be upgraded because of the concerns that are being expressed about the rules not being fit for purpose," she said, adding that resuming the top appeals court would be a priority and that she hoped this would be on the agenda of the next major WTO meeting in 2021.

The United States has paralysed the Appellate Body by blocking new judges. In an apparent nod to Washington, she referred to concerns about the body's "overreach." Asked if that meant she sympathised with the U.S. position, she said: "Those concerns that have been raised, they would not have been raised if they did not have solid reason to raise them."

Mohamed's supporters say she combines deep WTO knowledge with a drive to overhaulits 25-yearold rules. "The difference between me and them is I have worked this system," she said. However, she must win over those African countries who have expressed support for Okonjo-Iweala.

Over the past week, countries have been hosting Geneva cocktail parties to showcase candidates. The WTO eliminates them in batches, starting with those unlikely to win consensus from 164 members. Microsoft may earn an Affiliate Commission if you purchase something through recommended links in this article

IMPRESSIVE

International Chamber of Commerce official in Dubai lauds 'untapped potential' of UAE-Africa trade

DUBAI

A Dubai-based executive at the International Chamber of Commerce has made realising the "untapped potential" of trade between the UAE and Africa the top priority of her new role.

Valentina Mintah, who late last month became the first black female board member in the chamber of commerce's 100-year history, told The National that the foundation of the trading relationship between the UAE and its partners in Africa was the similarities shared by both sides.

Both parties have "very similar cultures and very similar histories", said Ms Mintah, 47, who spoke via Zoom after returning to Dubai on one of the first available flights from Britain. Most importantly both the UAE and Africa have a "very young, vibrant, dynamic and well-educated populace," she said.

A keen eve for the details of local business as well as being able to step back and work from a global perspective were also common traits she identified on both sides of the relationship. "Those similarities, that's the foundation," she said.

The Ghanaian-British tech executive, who has worked in international trade and development across Africa and Asia, said Africa would be able to "draw a lot of lessons from the UAE", and added that there is "huge potential, which is yet untapped." But boosting ties would be to the benefit both parties: "With the right relationships we can maximise those potentials very quickly and draw lessons from each other."

The chamber of commerce executive hailed the UAE's services culture and manufacturing capacity as two of the characteristics that made it an effective trading partner. Some industries in Africa, she said, "haven't hit the maturity level that is expected", but the UAE has the know-how and

parties can get the most out of their in-

Ms Mintah highlighted technology, infrastructure and manufacturing as areas that were likely to drive a growth in trade between the UAE and Africa. Improving supply chains would enable greater trade to the benefit of both sides, she said, and added there remained obstacles to ensuring technological development could proceed unhindered.

The UAE's relationship with its trading partners in Africa has already grown much closer. A new, younger generation has taken up the challenge of boosting trade on both sides of the negotiating table, and is working "as peers" to change the nature of the relationship fundamentally. "Historically, wrongly or rightly, you'd have raw materials going straight out, where it's just a transaction and a product and an exchange, which sometimes is not a win-win situation for everyone" she

"Now, with a new generation coming in and with a new mind set, this time we're sitting around the table trying to find out 'what's in it for me?' from both sides of the table and ensure that the relationship is of benefit to both sides. "Being able to sit at the table and see what is best for both regions is what I am driving at," she said. The chamber executive said she was

the skill sets to help and ensure both ternational trade relationships. "[The UAE] has the machinery to be able to achieve, and then the services on top of that, to make sure we can realise

"One thing about technology is that in order to realise maximum benefit you have to make sure that all the preconditions are met," she said. "We need to make sure that the road networks, the rail networks, the transportation networks are solidly in place and robust enough."



Valentina Mintah, Dubai-based executive at the International Chamber of Commerce

excited to get working to realise the "huge potential" in the relationship, and added that innovative thinking and coming up with new ways of solving problems was one of the defining characteristics of the Emirates. The UAE, she said, excelled at "thinking

outside of the box and coming up with a simple but yet very effective solution."

Pointing to the UAE's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, Ms Mintah praised the way the country new ways of tackling problems. "It's totally different has used technology to help spread information from what, traditionally, we are used to."

about the virus, lauding the use of smart technology in particular as "very exciting." The UAE, she said, "stands out miles apart" in terms of its ability to find

DEVELOPMENT

GSMA launches mobile money interoperability test platform

JOHANNESBURG

INTEROPERABILITY can help the mobile money industry shift to a higher gear, where customers can pay merchants and transfer money without having to consider which mobile money provider they are using.

More so, end-to-end interoperability may provide more people with access to financial services and enable new services to address the needs of the most under-served user groups. This is according to the GSM Association (GSMA), which underlines the role its Mobile Money Interoperabil-

ity Test Platform (ITP) (launched in March 2020) plays in testing to help instil reliability and trust within financial services.

The organisation says to achieve scale, it is necessary to have a high degree of reliability between all systems involved in enabling those transactions, leading eventually to consumer trust in the financial system. Especially amongst underserved groups, reliability and trust in the financial system are critical for success and adoption.

According to the GSMA, for over a decade, mobile money has been driving financial inclusion, opening access to digital transactions

and giving people the tools to better manage their financial lives.

"Today, there are more than a billion registered mobile money accounts globally, spread across 290 mobile money deployments that are live in 95 countries. In Africa over 50.7 million new registered mobile money accounts were opened in 2019-20 alone, taking the total number of registered accounts in the region to 481 million. The total transaction volume and value for mobile money accounts during this period was 24 billion and \$461 billion (up by 20% and 27%) respec-

tively," the organisation stated. The COVID-19 global pandemic

has accelerated the need for mobile and digital technology on the African continent. This has created a platform for innovation. New companies are emerging with service offerings aligned to a new way of transacting, further unlocking employment opportunities but also highlighting a need for skills development as the world digitally transforms.

The GSMA's Director of Inclusive Fintech for Mobile Money, Bart-Jan Pors, said: "The platform empowers both Third-Party Service Providers and Digital Financial Service Providers to test their software implementation in an end-to-end ecosystem. It solves complex testing scenarios through the simulation of the different ecosystem entities, the different APIs and different use cases."

The GSMA Inclusive Tech Lab is guided by a global Advisory Group which comprises GoPay, IDEMIA, KaiOS, MTN, Telenor, the University of Washington, VEON, Vodafone, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The role of this advisory group is to assess, prioritise and contribute towards potential project ideas that drive financial and digital inclusion for the under-served, including the openness and interoperability of payment systems, service acces-

sibility for women and vulnerable user populations, digital identities for unregistered people.

Under their guidance, it was found that this rapid rise in the need for digitisation has been accompanied by an increasing emphasis on the need for mobile money accounts to be able to work together across different networks, also known as account-to-account interoperability.

"We are pleased to support the Interoperability Test Platform, as a shared industry resource to accelerate the design of digital payment systems that benefit the poor, including the 1.7 billion people, globally, who do not have access to formal financial services," said Kosta Peric, Deputy Director, Financial Services for the Poor, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Max Cuvellier, Head of Mobile for Development, GSMA, added: "To truly transform the financial lives of all citizens, mobile money must become a primary monetisation mechanism, universally available across a greater range of digital transactions. By making mobile money more central to the financial lives of users, greater financial inclusion, economic empowerment and economic growth can be achieved."

BUSINESS NEWS

Guardian

EMPOWERMENT

Maasai activist group targets to empower Longido District youngsters economically

By Guardian Reporter, Longido

THOUSANDS of unemployed youths in Longido District, Arusha Region will benefit economically from the Maasai Women Development Organisation's 32m/- project.

Mwedo Project Officer, Scholastica Porokwa said yesterday that the project which is being financed by a grant from Foundation for Civil Society will benefit an estimated 3,000 youths from Longido district.

"This project targets youth groups who will be directly involved in capacity building training that will have a spill over impact to their villagers economically," Porokwa said adding that so far, 150 youths have been recruited by the pro-

She named the four villages that are taking part in the project as Namanga, Eworendeke, Kimokowa and Longido. The six months project is also focusing on gender equality so that women should also play a key role in economic activities.

Porokwa further noted that among other things, the project will sensitize the youths to

seize the opportunity of funds set aside by their district council targeting women and youths empowerment through loan disbursement.

"Our main objective is to build the capacity of youths from pastoralist communities to be more active in income generating activities using available opportunities in their district," the Mwedo Project Officer added. Porokwa said the training will also involve villager leaders, traditional Maasai elders and district council officials who directly handle finances targeting young people.

The project is phase II after phase I ended last year worth 60m/- and targeted the four villages' capacity building and benefitted the 150 youths who were trained on basic business management, financial skills and entrepreneurship.

"During implementation of the project last year, the beneficiaries formed savings and credit groups to complement their income generating activities such as grain trading, poultry keeping and general entrepreneurship," she added noting that as a result women have also



Maasai women trained in hanidcraft making showcase their wares. File photo.

been able to pay for their children's fees while taking care of their families daily needs.

Mwedo was initiated by three Maasai women founders: Ndin-

ini Kimesera, Maria Kaheta and Josephine Simon who through experiences of their own struggles, decided to support other marginalized women to access

their rights to education, health and economical rights.

Established in 2000, Mwedo was registered in 2003 and has so far over 8,000 members mainly from pastoralist communities in Kiteto and Simanjiro of Manyara region and Monduli and Arusha districts in Arusha region.

CONFIRMED

VP to lead marathon to raise 200m/- for JKCI's heart condition children

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan will lead CRDB Bank Plc's maiden charity marathon that is expected to raise 200m/- to finance treatment of 100 children with heart conditions at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute in Dar es Salaam.

CRDB Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said the marathon that is expected to involve 4,000 participants will be held in Dar es Salaam mid next month. "We thank the Vice President for accepting to grace the event which is important to rescue lives of these kids," said Nsekela in the statement.

He said other A-list participants expected to take part in the 'CRDB Bank Marathon' are Minister of Information, Sports, Youths and Culture, Dr Harrison Mwakyembe and former President Iakava Kikwete.

"Although the government has been investing heavily in JKCI's activities in collaboration with other stakeholders such as CRDB, we still feel obliged to involve our partners," the CRDB chief added. Last week, the bank's Corporate Affairs Director, Tully Mwambapa said the marathon will also include cyclists.

"Minimum surgery costs per child at JKCI is 2m/- hence the donation will benefit at least 100 kids out of over 500 who are waiting for surgery at the centre," said Mwambapa who urged members of the public to back the bank's initiative.

She said the maiden event will be held annually with all collections being dedicated to help various challenges facing communities. "As CRDB we have



CRDB Bank Plc managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (6th R) in a souvenir photo with partners who will take part in the maiden 'CRDB Bank Marathon' to be held in Dar es Salaam next month. Photo courtesy of CRDB

been donating to JKCI regularly but because of the growing numbers of children who are suffering from heart conditions and whose parents have not financial means to meet costs of treatment, we have decided to involve our

partners and stakeholders," the CRDB

Corporate Director added. She named other partners that will join the bank in the fund raising event egis Insurance and Cool Blue. Under a

slogan of 'Kasi isambazayo tabasamu, which casually translates into, 'Speed that generates a smile,' the marathon involve five, 10 and 21 kilometres splint-

as JKCI, Sanlam Tanzania Limited, Strating and 42 kilometres cycling.

PARTNERSHIP

Vodacom, Alipay to develop Super-app mobile payment innovation

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VODACOM Financial Services will work closely with Alipay to develop a super-app that enables customers and merchants to engage in a digital marketplace, underpinned by a progressive digital payments ecosystem. The super-app will be operated by Vodacom Financial Services, with Alipay as the technology provider.

Shameel Joosub, Vodacom Group Chief Executive Officer says, "This partnership is a significant milestone in promoting greater financial inclusion within the communities in which we operate, accelerating our financial services aspirations across Africa.

We already offer South African customers an ecosystem of innovative digital financial services products, but this technology partnership with Alipay will enable us to be on par with leading global digital counterparts quicker and more efficiently.

We see this as an excellent opportunity for us to reinvent the mobile Fintech ecosystem for both consumers and merchants in South Africa and we look forward to achieving this by working with Alipay.'

Alipay is, owned and operated by the Ant Group, an innovative global tech-



nology provider. As of June 30, 2019, Mariam Cassim, CEO of Vodacom Financial and Digital Services.

Alipay serves more than 1.2 billion users worldwide together with its global e-wallet partners. Guoming Cheng, Head of Global Payment Partnerships at Ant Group, says, "Alipay seeks to work with like-minded partners around the world, to bring innovative and inclusive digital daily life services to consumers and small businesses globally.

Vodacom Financial Services' aim is to better serve customers and merchants in South Africa through digital technology, and we look forward to working with them to achieve this.'

Vodacom Financial Services claims to have over 12 million customers using its products and contributes R1 billion in profit to the Vodacom Group. Mariam Cassim, CEO of Vodacom Financial and Digital Services says: "Globally, we have seen an increase in the convergence of industries.

Companies that invest in technology that enables them to understand their customer behaviour better and thereby offer personalised financial, business and lifestyle solutions to their customers are the ones excelling in this space.

Through our partnership with Alipay, we look forward to applying world-leading digital technologies to facilitate merchant and consumer transactions from a digital wallet on their mobile device."

PROGRESS

Development Bank of Southern Africa financing major **Mozambique LNG** project's execution

JOHANNESBURG

THE Development Bank of Southern Africa has committed about R2 billion to fund the flagship Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project.

The private project, headed by French oil and gas giant Total, will explore about 150 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves in Mozambique, and is expected to deliver LNG in 2024. It has attracted funding commitments from banks, development finance institutions and export credit agencies around the world.

The DBSA, a state-owned financier of large infrastructure projects, says it will finance \$120 million (about R2 billion at current exchange rates) of Mozambique's Area 1 LNG project, which is expected to cost approximately US\$24 billion in total.

Other local funders who have committed to finance the project include Standard Bank, Rand Merchant Bank and Absa. On Friday Total announced that it had signed a \$14.9 billion senior debt financing agreement for the pro-

The DBSA said its funding will be used for upward and downstream project development activities required to extract natural gas offshore before conversion to LNG for export. The bank said the project would present significant opportunities for South African equipment suppliers and other service providers, as well as gas export oppor-

"This investment aligns with the DB-SA's mandate which seeks to promote regional development by partnering and leveraging skills and expertise from both the private and public sectors. "Together with other similar initiatives in the Rovuma basin, the project will catalyse South Africa's gas industrialisation aspirations and the implementation of gas to power projects," said Mpho Mokwele, head of project finance at the

FORECAST

Zimbabwe on course to meet 2020 budget deficit target

ZIMBABWE'S finance minister Mthuli Ncube said on Monday the country was on track to meet its budget deficit target of 1.5% of GDP in 2020 in a key update that was absent from his mid-term budget last week.

Ncube, said he would not seek additional funding this year since the national treasury had spent less than half of its budget despite pressure from the COVID-19 pandemic. "I am still focusing on a budget deficit of 1.5% of GDP and we are well on our way to achieving that," Ncube said during a review of the halfyear budget held virtually. This would be an improvement on last year's 4% deficit.

It was not clear why that figure was omitted from last week's presentation. Economic analysts are worried that President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government is trying to balance the budget at the expense of spending more on social services and the health sector, even as it grapples with the coronavirus pandemic. Zimbabwe is in the grip of its worst economic crisis in more than a decade that has seen a sharp devaluation of its currency and inflation running above 700%, one of the highest in the world. The government has spooked investors by temporarily shutting the stock exchange saying it was being used to sabotage the economy.

Ncube said the local bourse would only be re-opened once investigations into its activities are concluded in two weeks and the government receives recommendations. He added that a planned US dollar stock exchange in the resort town of Victoria Falls was set to open next month after parliament enacts a law for its establishment.



RELIEF

EU reaches 'historic' €750bn deal on coronavirus recovery fund

BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Union leaders reached a landmark agreement on a massive €750 billion stimulus package to help its member states cushion the blow of the coronavirus pandemic.

The agreement, reached in the early hours of Tuesday morning, comes after a difficult four-day summit in Brussels that required the unanimous approval of all 27 member states. "We did it! Europe is strong, Europe is united," Charles Michel, president of the European Council said on Tues-

"This is a good deal, this is a strong deal and most importantly, this is the right deal for Europe right now." The deal marks a win for French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who drafted an early outline for the proposal in

"This is an important signal beyond Europe's borders that the EU, even with all the varying backgrounds [of member states], is able to take action," Ms Merkel said on Tuesday during a joint news conference with Mr Macron. The French president tweeted that it was a "historic day for Europe!" after the agreement.

The agreement came after days of difficult negotiations between the EU leaders. Talks neared collapse at several points during the summit, as national interests clashed and a split emerged between fiscally frugal northern states and their southern counterparts. "Europe as a whole has now a big chance to come out stronger from the crisis," Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, said.

"Today we have taken a historic step we can all be proud of. But

another important step remains ahead of us: first and foremost, we now have to work with the European parliament to secure agreement. We have a lot of work ahead of us but tonight is a big step forward towards recovery."

The recovery plan will need to

be ratified by all member states, which will mean a further delay in the disbursement of the funds. EU states agreed to borrow and spend hundreds of billions of euros in the next few years and pay them back from new taxes. The emergency fund will provide €390bn of grants and €360bn of low-interest loans. Globally, the number of Cov-

id-19 cases has exceeded 14.7 million while the death toll stands at more than 600,000, according to the Johns Hopkins University's coronavirus tracker. About 8.2 million people have recovered.

The deadly virus has devas-



tated economies, paralysed air travel, hindered global trade and changed the norms of daily life. Italy, which was hit hardest by the coronavirus outbreak early on, is expected to be the biggest beneficiary of the plan.

The country is expected to receive about €82bn in grants and about €127bn in loans, Bloomberg quoted Italian officials as saying. European stocks also climbed after the deal was announced, with the Stoxx Europe 600 Index adding 1 per cent as of 11.10am UAE time

"It's a big deal for the bloc, which will see countries borrow together for the first time," said Jasper Lawler, head of research at London Capital Group. "Now that the recovery fund is secured, one could make the argument there is a better chance an EU/UK trade deal can be secured now too, which is more sterling than euro-positive."

GREEN-ECONOMY



Siemens Energy new chief executive Christian Bruch sees opportunity amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Siemens Energy to invest more in renewables - CEO

BERLIN

SIEMENS Energy plans to increase its investment in the renewable energy sector as it prepares to spin off from the German industrial conglomerate later this year.

The company also intends to derive more value from its wind business, Siemens Gamesa, which is being merged with its power and gas unit, new president and chief executive Christian Bruch said.

Siemens Energy will spin off on September 28 after a proposal to separate the company was approved by shareholders last week, with 99.4 per cent backing the move. Siemens Energy had an annual revenue of €28.8 billion with an order backlog of €77bn as of September 2019. The company had 91,000 employees as of March.

"We are going invest some more money into sustainable technologies and more to further efficiency improvements. But, definitely, I expect our portfolio over the next 10 years to develop to a more sustainable base and to raise the share of renewables and sustainable technology to bigger than it is today," Mr Bruch said.

Mr Bruch joined Siemens Energy in May as part of a series of managerial changes before the spin-off, which will result in the unit listing separately. The former chief executive of industrial gas company Linde sees opportunity amid the coronavirus pandemic and clean stimulus initiatives to grow its renewable energy offering, which currently accounts for about 35 per cent of its business.

"Between transmission and wind, you have more than 50 per cent revenue of the company in this field. And the other, let us say less than 50 per cent, is between oil and gas, generation and so forth. It is definitely our intention now, with the transformation of the energy market, we will transform our company," he said. Electricity interconnec- green hydrogen a day.

tivity is a sub-sector the company intends to grow. Siemens Energy recently began work on a high-voltage, direct current link between the UK and Denmark, which will supply around 1.4 gigawatts of energy. The 765 kilometre Viking Link, for which Siemens is building two converter stations, is expected to begin commercial operations by the end of 2023.

While electricity grids remain fairly robust within the EU and surrounding regions, Siemens Energy is considering more work in the developing world where it plans to build high-voltage, direct current networks to transmit power over long distances.

"Some of the developing world [countries] will become an energy supplier or an energy exporter because some of [them] have good access to energy, solar or wind. And one element which we need to understand is: how do we transport energy out of these countries?"

Producing energy that can be transported could also be done through green hydrogen projects. "This could be [through] hydrogen or other chemical carriers [such as] ammonia or methanol," he said, with a caveat that commercial-scale production of hydrogen as a viable energy source is still some years away.

"I do believe it will be one of the key technologies to solve energy problems. But also, to be very clear, it will be very difficult. It is an area of development, but it's not commercial business yet. I do not see that over the next two, three, four years. It will take some time to make it happen." A bright spot for development of the flammable gas is the Middle East, he said.

Siemens is running a pilot solar-powered hydrogen electrolysis project at the Mohammed bin Rashid Solar Park in Dubai. The plant is eventually expected to produce 240 kilograms of

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Uganda's Museveni picks up papers for re-election push

KAMPALA

UGANDA'S long-serving President Yoweri Museveni has collected papers to seek nomination as the ruling party's candidate in next year's presidential election, the party said yesterday.

Securing a new term would potentially extend the 75-year-old former rebel fighter's rule to four decades.

"Yes, we can confirm he has picked nomination forms for our flagbearer position," Rogers Mulindwa, spokesman for the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM), told Reuters, adding that no-one else had yet shown up to contest him within the party.

Though no date has yet been fixed for the 2021 vote, it is typically held in February. The strongest opposition

presidential aspirant is pop star and lawmaker Bobi Wine, 38, whose music endears him to the young.

Critics complain Museveni has been using anti-coronavirus measures like bans on public gatherings to secure an advantage and stymie preparations by opponents.

Uganda has been relatively sheltered from the pandemic so far, with just 1,065 cases reported and no deaths.

In power since 1986, Museveni's tenure is only surpassed in Africa by Equatorial Guinea's Teodoro Obiang, who has ruled since 1979 and Cameroon's Paul Biya, who has ruled since 1982.

HARASSMENT ACCUSATIONS After years of instability in Uganda

including the despotic rule of Idi Amin,



President Yoweri Museveni

Museveni was initially hailed by the West as part of a new to control and destroy opposition to his generation of African statesmen, praised for his economic rule," said opposition lawmaker Semujju and educational reforms and the continent's most successful fight against HIV/AIDS.

But over the years, he was increasingly criticised for refusing to relinquish power, failing to end corruption and an tion say that to win sympathy," he said. autocratic leadership.

In past elections, the ruling party has ring-fenced the candidacy for Museveni, disqualifying some potential rivals.

Rights groups have long accused him of deploying security forces to intimidate opponents while using public finances to reward loyalists and expand his support.

ings while, critics say, allowing government politicians including the health minister to hold open meetings.

"Coronavirus measures have become a tool for Museveni

Ibrahim Nganda.

Ruling party spokesman Mulindwa denied any double standards. "The opposi-

Museveni has won five presidential elections and in 2017 Uganda's parliament, dominated by NRM lawmakers, removed an age cap from the constitution, allowing him to seek another term.

That parliament vote was marred Police have this month dispersed two opposition gather- by fist fights in the chamber and at one point elite force soldiers entered and removed opposition lawmakers

pate in political activities, the draft said. NZ lawmaker quits after 'sending

indecent photo' to woman

Russia and India to negotiate

terms of military exchanges

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According to a draft deal attached to the order, Russia and India can send military to each other for joint exercises and training, humanitarian aid, and elimination of

It stipulates that no more than five warships, 10 aircraft

and 3,000 troops of one country can be deployed on the

territory of the other unless special conditions have been

The military of one country on the territory of the other

should respect the sovereignty and traditions of the host

and should not interfere in its internal affairs or partici-

consequences of natural and man-made disasters.

WELLINGTON

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MOSCOW

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THE Russian government has approved talks between Russia and India

on the terms of sending military to each other, according to an order pub-

The order signed by Prime Minister Mikhail

tion of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

A lawmaker from New Zealand's main opposition party resigned yesterday after being accused of sending a sexually explicit image to a young woman.

It was the latest in a series of resignations and

scandals at the National Party, which faces the challenge of trying to unseat the centre-left Labour coalition led by popular leader Jacinda Ardern in the September general election.

The lawmaker, Andrew Falloon, said in a statement on Monday that he will not be contesting in the September polls, and apologised for a "number of mistakes" without giving details. He said he had been dealing with some mental issues following the suicide of a friend.

But Falloon (pictured) quit parliament immediately on Tuesday after it was revealed in the media that he had sent an unsolicited and indecent image to a 19-year-old woman.

"I am absolutely appalled by what I have been hearing this morning," National's newly elected leader Judith Collins said.

The matter came to light after a university student made a complaint to Ardern's office last week, who passed it on

to Collins, the Prime Minister's office said. Falloon was not immediately available for comment and the National Party declined give details of his wherea-

Collins was handed reins of the National party just last week amid a series of scandals and an exodus of senior

leaders, which threaten to damage National's chances at the polls.

Earlier this month, National Party member Hamish Walker resigned after admitting to leaking names of coronavirus patients to the media.

Shortly after, former National Party Chief Todd Muller quit just over 50 days into the job, saying it was affecting his health. Just two days later Muller's deputy Nikki Kaye and senior leader Amy Adams also said they will not contest in the elections.

Opinion polls last month showed Ardern's Labour Party would be able to govern alone with 50 percent support while National only had 38 percent.

China strongly condemns UK's suspension of extradition treaty with HKSAR

LONDON

CHINA voiced on Monday strong condemnation and firm opposition after the United Kingdom (UK) decided to suspend the extradition treaty with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) immediately and indefinitely and extend the arms embargo to the HKSAR.

A spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in London said that recently the kingdom has repeatedly made wrong remarks on the national security law for the HKSAR to interfere in China's internal affairs.

"The Chinese side has lodged solemn representations to the UK side on many occasions to express our grave concern and strong opposition," the spokesperson said.

"Now the UK side has gone even further down the wrong road in disregard of China's solemn position and repeated representations. It once again contravened international law and the basic norms governing international relations and blatantly interfered in China's internal affairs in an attempt to disrupt the implementation of the National Security Law for the HKSAR and undermine the city's prosper-

> Together with its Wuhan plant in Central China's Hubei Province, completed on July 1, CNBG's total COVID-19 vaccine capacity will surpass 200 million doses per year. An immunology expert based in Bei-

mediately.

Xi says Palestine question always the core issue in Middle East

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Monday that the Palestine question has always been the core issue in the Middle East region, and China supports the "two-state solution" as the right direction.

During his phone talk with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Xi, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, expressed sincere condolence and firm support to the Palestinian government and people in their fight against the COVID-19 epidemic.

Xi (pictured) said China and Palestine are good brothers, good friends and good partners, and the two sides have always firmly trusted and supported each other on people. issues concerning their respective core interests and major concerns.

China has provided multiple batches of supplies and sent medical experts to Palestine, organized video conferences between Chinese medical experts and their Palestinian counterparts, and offered anti-epidemic assistance to Palestinian refugees, Xi said.

The Chinese side will continue sharing its experience with Palestine with no reservation, and doing what it can in providing material and technical support, said Xi, adding that his country will, according to Palestine's needs, keep on implementing the projects that are conducive to advancing Palestine's economy and improving people's livelihood so as to bring more and better benefits to the Palestinian

China is ready to work with Palestine and other countries to Since the start of the outbreak, strengthen cooperation, support and justice, as well as human conagainst the COVID-19 outbreak.



multilateralism, and jointly promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind,

Xi emphasized that the Palestine question, which has always been the core issue in the Middle East, concerns regional peace and stability, international fairness

science and credibility, saying that China's position on the Palestine question is consistent and clear.

China firmly supports Palestine's just demands, as well as all efforts conducive to resolving the Palestine question, Xi said.

China supports the "two-state solution" as the right direction, and sticks to dialogue and negotiations on an equal footing, Xi said, adding that the international community should take an objective and fair position and build up efforts for promoting peace.

He also said that China is ready to continue making active contributions to a comprehensive, fair and lasting settlement of the Palestinian question at an early date.

Abbas said that the Palestinian side speaks highly of China's important achievements in the fight and sincerely thanks China for providing timely and invaluable support and assistance to Palestine in its epidemic battle.

He also appreciated China's efforts to uphold justice on the Palestinian issue, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the Palestinian people, saying that facts have proved time and again that China is the most reliable friend of the Palestinian

The Palestinian side will continue to stand firmly with China, and support China's legitimate position on Hong Kong, Xinjiang and other matters concerning China's core interests, said Abbas, adding that his country expects China to play a more important role in promoting a just settlement of the Palestinian issue.

EU reaches historic deal on virus recovery after marathon summit

EUROPEAN Union leaders clinched an "historic" deal on a massive stimulus plan for their coronavirus-throttled economies in the early hours of yesterday, after a fractious summit lasting almost five days.

The agreement paves the way for the European Commission, the EU's executive, to raise billions of euros on capital markets on behalf of all 27 states, an unprecedented act of solidarity in almost seven decades of European integration.

Summit chairman Charles Michel tweeted "Deal" shortly after the 27 leaders reached agreement at a 5.15 am (0315 GMT) plenary session.

Many had warned that a failed summit amid the coronavirus pandemic would have put the bloc's viability in serious doubt after years of economic crisis and Britain's recent departure.

Stock markets across the European Union opened higher on Tuesday and the euro touched a four-month high of US\$1.1470.

"This agreement sends a concrete signal that Europe is a force for action," a jubilant Michel told a news conference.

French President Emmanuel Macron, who spearheaded a push for the deal with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, hailed it as "truly historic". Leaders hope the 750 billion euro (US\$857.33 billion) recovery fund and its related 1.1 trillion euro 2021-2017 budget will help repair the continent's deepest recession since World War Two after the coronavirus outbreak shut down economies.

While strong in symbolism, the deal came at the cost of cuts to proposed investment in climatefriendly funds and did not set conditions for disbursements to countries, such as Hungary and Poland, seen as breaching democratic values.

In an unwieldy club of 27, each with a veto power, the summit also exposed faultlines across the bloc that are likely to hinder future decision-making on money as richer northern countries resisted helping out the poorer



European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen (left) and European Council President Charles Michel bump elbows at the end of the news conference following a four days European summit at the European Council in Brussels, Belgium, early yesterday. (AFP)

The Netherlands led a group of 'frugal' states with Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, insisted that aid to Italy, Spain and other Mediterranean countries that took the brunt of the pandemic should be mainly in loans, not in non-repayable grants.

"There were a few clashes, but that's all part of the game," said Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte,

describing a "warm" relationship with his Italian counterpart Giuseppe Conte.

But Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said the frugals' negotiating power was here to stay, suggesting Europe's traditional Franco-German engine will face challenges from smaller states banding together.

ALMOST A SUMMIT RECORD

night as Macron lost his temper with the 'frugals', diplomats said, and Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki branded them "stingy, egotistic states".

Frictions peaked on Sunday

The bickering spun the summit out, making it the EU's second-ever longest, just 20 minutes short of a record set in 2000 in Nice, according to Rutte. "We would have broken the record at 6:05, but we ended at 5.45," he said.

Under the compromise, the Commission will borrow 750 billion euros using its triple-A debt rating, disbursing 390 billion in grants - less than the originally targeted 500 billion - and 360 billion in cheap loans.

Given the difficulties, talk of Europe's 'Hamilton' moment -hailed as such by German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz on Monday in reference to Alexander Hamilton's decision to federalise debts of US states in 1790 - is overblown.

The summit deal does not set the EU on the path towards a USstyle fiscal union, although some see it as a first step. **Agencies**

Work starts on Zhejiang's COVID-19 vaccine production base

East China's Zhejiang Province on Saturday in the Ningbo Free Trade Zone, and the facility is expected to be put in use in March next year.

CONSTRUCTION started on the first

COVID-19 vaccine production base in

Total investment is estimated at 2.5 billion yuan (\$357 million), of which 550 million yuan will be used in the research, development and production of an effective vaccine, according to the Administrative Committee of Ningbo Free Trade Zone (NFTZ) on Monday.

"Under the premise of ensuring quality, we will accelerate the construction of the vaccine workshop and strive to put it into use next March. We will also strive to realize COVID-19 vaccine production in Ningbo in the first half of next year," said Yan Rongjie, director of the administrative committee.

The project will be implemented in three phases, with the first phase costing 1.3 billion yuan to commercialize the production of a COVID-19 vaccine as well as a new rabies vaccine for human use, while also building a highlevel biological laboratory.

As to why a COVID-19 vaccine and rabies vaccine will be made at the same plant, Tao Lina, a Shanghai-based vaccine expert, said that these are both inactivated vaccines, which have the same process and technology.

The base in Ningbo is being built by Ningbo Rongan Biological Pharmaceutical Co, one of the main suppliers of rabies vaccine for human use in China. "But it has not been mentioned as a future COVID-19 vaccine supplier in media reports," Tao told the Global Times

on Monday.

"The production of inactivated COV-ID-19 vaccine uses much the same technology. As long as one company's product is proven to be effective and safe, others can license or share the technology to produce inactivated COVID-19 vaccines," said Tao.

The base in Zhejiang will be the third COVID-19 vaccine production workshop in China.

In the future, inactivated COVID-19 vaccine facilities may be set up by

other companies with large capacity for routine inactivated vaccines, Tao added. A subsidiary of China Electronics Co opened a production workshop for COVID-19 vaccine with an annual output of 100 million doses, media reported on May 12.

Sinopharm China National Biotec Group (CNBG) completed construction of the biggest coronavirus vaccine production workshop in the world on April 15 in Beijing, with an annual capacity of 100 to 120 million doses, the

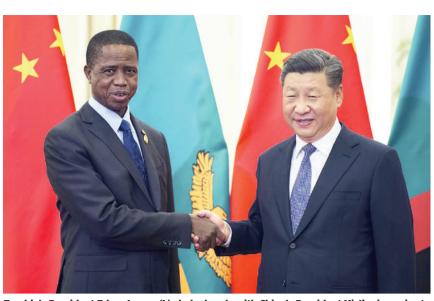
group said on May 29.

ity and stability," the spokesperson said.

jing told the Global Times on Monday that it would take 12 to 18 months to confirm the safety and efficacy of the vaccine candidate in clinical trials, so wide-scale vaccination won't start im-

Global Times

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Zambia's President Edgar Lungu (L) shake hands with China's President Xi Jinping prior to their bilateral meeting in Beijing, China, September 11, 2018. (File photo)

Xi says anti-coronavirus cooperation helps boost China-Zambia ties

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said Monday in a phone conversation with Zambian President Edgar Lungu that the two countries' joint fight against the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to help lift their relations to a higher level, better benefiting the two peoples.

Noting that the novel coronavirus pandemic stands as a grim crisis and test for the world, Xi said that China and Africa, in the face of the outbreak, have firmly stood together, supporting each other and joining hands in the

He said African countries including Zambia delivered invaluable support to China in the early days of its epidemic fight, and China, who empathized with them when they were hit by the virus, took the lead in providing support and anti-epidemic supplies as well as in sharing the experience in virus prevention and control so as to help improve their anti-coronavirus

The Chinese president said that he has repeatedly called for strengthening the support to African countries, adding that China is stepping up the implementation of related measures, and will continue to do what it can to help Zambia and other African countries beat the virus and restore economic and social development.

Xi said he also believes that the normal life and work of Chinese nationals and operations of Chinese enterprises in Zambia will continue to be guaranteed by the Zambian side.

Xi stressed that in recent years, the friendly and cooperative relations between China and Zambia have maintained a good momentum, and they ang, among others, he said. have supported each other on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns.

Although the pandemic has brought difficulties to face-to-face bilateral exchanges, the solidarity and cooperation between China and Zambia have been advancing, Xi said, adding that China stands ready to work with Zambia to tide over the difficul-

ties, implement the outcomes of the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19, and figure out flexible and diverse ways to steadily advance bilateral cooperation while striving to bring the COVID-19 outbreak under control.

The two countries should step up coordination and cooperation to firmly defend international fairness and justice, uphold multilateralism, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries, said Xi.

Xi added that he believes the two countries' joint fight against the pandemic will help lift China-Zambia relations to a higher level, better benefiting the two peoples.

For his part, Lungu said Zambia highly values its friendship with China and is grateful for China's enormous and precious help to his country's economic development over the years.

Zambia speaks highly of Xi's proposals made at the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19 held in June and thanks China for its support to Africa's anti-virus fight, he said, adding that he believes that China's successful experience and achievements in vaccine and medicine research and development results will help step up African countries' confidence and play a significant role in their fight to beat the virus.

China is a great friend of the Zambian people, said Lungu. Zambia will firmly stand together with China on issues regarding its core interests, staying committed to its adherence to the one-China policy and firmly supporting the Chinese government's legitimate position and measures on the issues related to Hong Kong and Xinji-

The Zambian president added that his country welcomes investment from Chinese enterprises, and is willing to conduct close communication and coordination with the Chinese side, and work together to strengthen multilateral cooperation and safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

UN headquarters in New York starts phase one reopening

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations headquarters in New York on Monday started the first phase of reopening after remaining closed over the past four months to mitigate the spread of

"Phase one means that no more than 400 people should be in the headquarters at any given day," Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said at the noon briefing.

"Currently, we have about 200 to 300 UN staff and delegates who have been coming in, including those who handle security, maintenance and cleaning," he added. "So, the moving up of the ceiling to 400 will be quite small and not really visible," said Dujarric, adding that "phase two will be rolled out gradually."

On normal workdays, some 11,000 people including UN staff, delegates and visitors enter the UN premises. The UN Security Council met physically on July 14 for the first time since March 12.

Kremlin hopes British MPs won't make unfounded accusations in new security report

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov hopes that the new report prepared by the Intelligence and Security Committee of the UK Parliament will not contain unfounded accusations and insinuations.

"We hope that at least this time, after so many investigations held by UK allies on [Russia's] interference that led to negative results and did not confirm anything, there will be some documents that will not contain unfounded accusations or insinuations," the Kremlin spokesman said shortly before the document's publication.

"Russia has never interfered in other states' election campaigns, and it does not tolerate interference in its own domestic affairs," the spokesman

"Russia has never interfered in election processes in any country of the

world, be it the United States, the UK or other states. We do not do it ourselves and we do not tolerate it when other countries try to meddle in our political affairs," Peskov added.

"So even if this report contains some ephemeral accusations, I can assure you now that even if such accusations are there, they will be baseless. This will be another set of groundless accusations," the spokesman noted.

The Kremlin spokesman admitted that Moscow is not aware of the contents of the report. "Naturally, first and foremost we monitor what is happening in our country, and currently, our priority is our country's key areas of development until 2030.

With all due respect to the UK, our priority is what is happening in our country," Peskov explained. Earlier on Tuesday, the Russian president signed a decree on Russia's national development goals until 2030.

Yesterday, the British Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee published a report on the activity of UK intelligence services. In the run-up to its publication, the Daily Telegraph informed that British MPs had found no evidence of Russia's interference in the 2016 referendum on Brexit.

According to the newspaper, the 50page report claims that Moscow had tried to interfere in the 2014 referendum on Scotland's independence.

White House's plan to reduce troops in S. Korea draws skepticism in Washington

WASHINGTON

THE White House is weighing the possibility of reducing U.S. troops in the Korean Peninsula, a move that has drawn harsh criticism from inside U.S. President Donald Trump's own party, as well as from U.S. ex-

U.S. media reported recently that the Pentagon had given the White House options for the possible reduction of the U.S. troop presence in South Korea, amid a battle with Seoul in which Washington is demanding significantly more cash to keep U.S. forces there.

A U.S. military official told the Wall Street Journal that the Pentagon reviewed the 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, as part of a broader look at shifting deployments worldwide.

"It looks like Trump is serious," Douglas Paal, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, told Xinhua, adding that he believes the strategy is "disconnected and non-strategic."

Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Michael O'Hanlon held the same view. "I think Trump is serious about the idea," he said.

Troy Stangarone, senior director at the Washington-based non-profit Korea Economic Institute, said that there are good reasons to consider a restructuring of U.S. forces in South



Soldiers attend a briefing during the annual joint military exercise Foal Eagle between South Korea and the United States in Pocheon, northeast of Seoul, March 25, 2015.

the future role for U.S. troops there, Last month the administration an-"it is difficult to view this as little more than the latest effort to extract concessions from South Korea on burden sharing.'

"President Trump has been clear that he does not value U.S. alliances in the same way that prior U.S. presidents have," Stangarone told Xinhua.

The possible move was lambasted by lawmakers in Trump's own party, including from Senator Ben Sasse, who labeled any such decision as "strategic incompetence."

ety in Washington by threatening insula going. allies that he would remove U.S. But in the absence of a vision for troops from various strategic areas.

nounced it would pull thousands of troops from Germany, claiming that allies are not paying their fair share of NATO costs.

For his part, Trump has long said U.S. allies are taking advantage of the United States, arguing that Washington has footed the defense bill for years for several allies.

This comes at a time when the White House has already canceled a number of large U.S.-South Korea military exercises in a bid to keep Trump has caused much anxi- the nuclear talks on the Korean Pen-

Xinhua

Kenyatta to convene crisis meeting to review surge of COVID-19 infections

KENYAN President Uhuru Kenyatta said on Monday he will convene a crisis meeting on Friday to review the surge in COVID-19 infections across the country.

Kenya's State House spokesperson Kanze Dena said the fifth extraordinary session of the national and county governments coordinating summit will assess the counties' state of preparedness within the wider national response to the pandemic and evaluate Kenya's overall national response and capacity.

"The session has been convened following a surge of COVID-19 infections across our nation, with the disease having now manifested in 44 of our 47 counties," Dena said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

She said the meeting will consider the evolution of the disease and the medical models on how COVID-19 may propagate within the country over the months of August and September.

"His Excellency calls on all Kenyans

to continue applying the simple but yet most effective individual and collective measures that are our nation's

best weapon

against COVID-19." said Dena.

According to Dena, Kenyatta called on Kenyans to continue correctly wearing facemasks while in public spaces, apply correct face and hand hygiene at all times, and cooperate with the physical and social distancing guidelines and protocols.

The move came as the Ministry of Health on Monday announced 418 more new COVID-19 cases, raising Kenya's tally to 13,771.

Rashid Aman, Chief Administrative Secretary in Kenya's Ministry of Health said 494 more patients were discharged from hospital, bringing the total number of recoveries in the country so far

Four patients had succumbed to the deadly virus, raising the death toll to 238. The cumulative number of samples tested in Kenya stood at 246,361, said Aman.

Aman said the country's two populous counties, Nairobi and Mombasa, continue to have the highest infection rate in the country and this should be enough evidence for Kenyans to adhere to the COVID-19 social distancing measures and curfew regulations.

He noted that virus community transmission has taken root in most counties with only three out of the 47 yet to report any cases.

Aman confirmed that 526 healthcare workers have so far been infected since the outbreak of the disease.

Meanwhile, The Nairobi Hospital (TNH) has entered into a strategic partnership with the United Nations Office Nairobi (UNON) to increase its COVID-19 care capacity.

US economy at risk of doubledip recession amid COVID-19 resurgence

WASHINGTON

THE resurgence of COVID-19 cases across the United States is raising the risk of a double-dip recession if the country is unable to reign in the pandemic, economists have warned.

A total of 34 U.S. states have seen increasing rates of COVID-19 infection since the Memorial Day weekend in late May, with the majority of new infections occurring in the south and southwest, said Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist at accounting and consulting firm RSM

"Nationally, we registered more than 68,000 reported cases per day in the second week of July. That is twice the April peak of 32,000 cases per day recorded in the first wave of infections centered along major population centers in the Northeast, Chicago and the West Coast," Brusuelas wrote Monday in a blog post.

"Given the current rate of infection, and unless states quickly respond to that spread by reinstating restrictions on social interaction, we expect the number of infections to approach and surpass 4 million cases in late July," Brusuelas said.

As of Monday night, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the United States topped 3.8 million with more than 140,000 deaths, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody's Analytics, believed that the "overly rapid" business reopenings, combined with the "chaotic management" of the healthcare crisis, has reignited the pandemic.

"The economic damage is already becoming clear. Initial claims for unemployment insurance, which fell sharply from mid-April to early June, have been stuck at over 2 million per week," Zandi wrote Monday in an analysis, expecting more job losses later this summer as some businesses are required to close again or at least impose tighter social distancing measures.

"This sounds like a double-dip recession or W-shape outlook. Indeed, the only reason we expect a better outcome, namely a more-or-less flat economy between now and when the pandemic ends with a vaccine that is widely distributed and adopted, is that we expect lawmakers to step up," Zandi noted.

U.S. Congress, which returned to work on Monday, is under immense pressure to craft a new fiscal package, including further aid to households and businesses, before a looming deadline for enhanced unemployment benefits.

Some 25 million Americans are set to lose 600 U.S. dollars a week each in federal unemployment benefits at the end of the month, according to local media.

"If they fail to agree to help out hard-pressed state and local governments; extend the enhanced unemployment insurance benefits, at least in part; and provide more income support such as another round of stimulus checks, then the economy will quickly descend back into recession," Zandi said.

U.S. lawmakers need to approve a package of effective fiscal support totaling at least 1.4 trillion dollars to avoid a double-dip recession, the economist added.

Xinhua

IN China, digital technologies, ac loud computable as big data, cloud computable as big data, cl

such as big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence and 5G are picking up their pace of integration into traditional industries as the efforts to promote intelligent transformation are being extended from online to

Regarding smart manufacturing as a key to transformation and upgrading of traditional manufacturing industry, many local governments of the country have carried out practical actions to boost intelligentization by speeding up intelligent transformation and building industrial Internet platforms, digital workshops, and unmanned and smart factories.

Accelerating the development

of smart manufacturing is an inevitable path for the upgrading of the manufacturing sector and an effective way to foster more new growth areas.

China has explicitly stated in this year's government work report that the country will promote the industrial Internet and boost smart manufacturing, which signals that smart manufacturing is increasingly becoming a major trend and a core part in the future development of the manufacturing sector and playing a vital role in advancing the push toward mid- and highend industries.

Only by accelerating the inte-

gration of the new generation of information technologies and the manufacturing sector, and making the sector more digitalized, networked and intelligent, can China further make its manufacturing smarter.

Digital technologies are redefining production chains, with activities extending from consumption to production and from the virtual economy to the real economy. The new automated, digitized and smart manufacturing is just around

For example, all links on the production chain in a digital workshop are powered by digital technologies to improve production efficiency. On a smart production line, workers and industrial robots work side by side. Besides, spare parts can be printed in customized shapes through 3D printing, a transformative technology.

The new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation is providing a historic opportunity for the transformation and upgrading of China's manufacturing indus-

In terms of smart manufacturing, priority should be given to the "chemical reaction" of the deep integration of intelligent

technologies and the manufacturing sector. As an important part of the "new infrastructure", the industrial internet can straighten the whole value chain from R&D to the market by realizing comprehensive connectivity among humans, machines and things.

In particular, the integration of new technologies such as AI into advanced manufacturing technologies in the process of smart manufacturing can make all links including product design, scheduling and troubleshooting smart. Besides improving efficiency and cutting costs, it can also realize customtailored manufacturing and add more value to technologicallyadvanced products.

After intelligent transformation, companies could improve over 20 percent of average production efficiency, cut about 20 percent of operational costs and shorten about 35 percent of the product development cycle, according to a survey conducted in Qingdao, east China's Shan-

dong province. Similarly, a sample survey in Changzhou, east China's Jiangsu province showed that local enterprises could increase around 70 percent of the output value and cut about 20 percent of the

cost per unit of production after intelligent transformation.

The comprehensive and indepth intelligent transformation will also generate new manufacturing models such as digital manufacturing, intelligent manufacturing, and service-oriented manufacturing to enhance the market competitiveness of prod-

Intelligent transformation is significant because it not only optimizes production and supply, but also ensures targeted alignment between the supply and demand sides with the help of big data and algorithms, thus striking a proper balance between custom-tailored production and assembly-line produc-People's Daily

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Jon Rahm, of Spain, right, is congratulated by Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament, Sunday, July 19, 2020, in Dublin, Ohio. (AP Photo)

Rahm going places in a hurry with his rise to No. 1 in world

DUBLIN, Ohio

JON Rahm made his first trip to Muirfield Village in a dark suit and a royal blue tie, no golf clubs.

He won the Jack Nicklaus Award as the nation's top college golfer. Rahm graduated from Arizona State in four years, despite speaking little English when he arrived on a campus so big he thought he was in a movie theater when he went to his first class in macroeconomics.

That was four years ago.

Far more meaningful was meeting Nicklaus behind the 18th green after an exquisite performance in the Memorial. Rahm built an eight-shot lead at the turn on the toughest Sunday at Muirfield Village in 42 years. He lost five shots of that lead in five holes. And then he showed equal parts grit and flair by getting upand-down over the last four holes.

The victory sent him to No. 1 in the world. It felt like a long time coming, even for the 25-year-old Rahm.

He was No. 1 in the amateur ranking for a record 60 weeks. Phil Mickelson, whose brother was Rahm's coach at Arizona State, has been predicting greatness since before he won the first of his 10 worldwide titles.

"He just doesn't have a weakness," Mickelson said Sunday, the same thing he said in 2017 before Rahm won his first event at Torrev Pines with a 60-foot eagle putt on the last hole.

Mickelson also recognized Rahm's passion, so great it can lead to fits of temper and bursts of birdies. There is rarely a dull moment.

"He knows himself," Mickelson said, "He knows that to relax, sometimes he has to let some of his anger out. He can't hold that in. It might upset some people, but he knows that it

allows him to be at his best. And so I think that that's a big thing, too, is identifying your own self, and he's done a great job of that at a really young age."

Rahm held it together when he was four shots behind on the 13th hole Saturday. He birdied the next four holes for a 68, which he considered the best round of his career given the wind and the fast, crusty turf. So in a span of 15 holes - six to end the third round, the front nine on Sunday - Rahm went from a fourshot deficit to an eight-shot lead.

He is an explosive player, with or without a golf club in hand.

Rahm is the fifth youngest player to reach No. 1 in the world, trailing Tiger Woods in 1997, Jordan Spieth in 2015, Rory McIlroy in 2012 and Justin Thomas in 2018. Woods, Spieth and McIlroy had won majors by then, and that's the next step for Rahm.

For now, he is trying to process a lifetime ambition of being No. 1 in the world.

He recalled a conversation with his coach when he was in his early teens in Spain. The coach asked what he wanted to achieve.

"I said straight up, 'I want to be the best player in the world.' I made that deal with myself very young," Rahm said. "I started working towards that goal, and everything I've done golf-wise has been to become No. 1 in the world and become the best player I can be. It's pretty surreal to think it's happened this quickly. I mean, how many people get to achieve a lifelong dream in their mid-20s?"

McIlroy was 23 when he first reached No. 1 in the world at the Honda Classic in 2012, a year after his winning his first major, and he recalled the sensation of meeting a goal. The hard part is what comes next.

Lakers' LeBron James speaks out: 'Nothing is normal in 2020'

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.

LeBRON James keeps hearing the same questions. How's it going? How's the bubble?

He now has a one-size-fits-all answer. "I just say it's 2020," James said. "Nothing is normal in 2020."

That's not entirely true. The NBA is a few weeks from playoff mode, and James -- just like normal has himself and the Los Angeles Lakers squarely in the mix to compete for championship. It is a rare bit of normalcy for a player who appeared in eight consecutive NBA Finals from 2011 through and including 2018, and for a franchise that has won 16 championships.

Everything else about this year has been most abnormal. A pandemic suspended play. David Stern, the NBA's commissioner emeritus, died. Kobe Bryant, who was the third-leading scorer in NBA history until James passed him on Jan. 25, died in a helicopter crash the following day. And now James, the Lakers and 21 other teams are at Walt Disney World, separated from the rest of the world, trying to salvage a season and decide a champion.

James took Bryant's death - the Lakers' star died along with his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others on the morning of Jan. 26 - particularly

"A day doesn't go by when I don't think about him," James said. "A day doesn't go by where our organization does not remember him and think about not only Kob, but Gigi, (his wife) Vanessa and

their girls. They are a part of this family." Lakers coach Frank Vogel has seen playoffseason James three times before - never liking

how those experiences went. Vogel was coaching Indiana and his three best seasons there saw the Pacers matched up with James and the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Heat in 6 in 2012. Heat in 7 in 2013. Heat in 6 in

This time, Vogel is genuinely and understandably eager to see James at playoff time.

"Obviously, it's been great having LeBron on our side after years of going against him," Vogel said. "But in particular, when we get to the playoff environment, I've just seen how he is this year in some of the bigger regular season games, how he's more mentally locked in, more vocal, more making sure everybody else is locked in. And I anticipate that come playoff time, we'll see that all being done at an enhanced level."

James will have a big say in whether the Lakers win that title. By the time the season resumes July 30, the ballots will be cast to determine whether he or Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo - the two frontrunners - wins the NBA MVP award. James is almost mathematically assured of winning his first assist title; he cannot be caught by second-place Trae Young of Atlanta no matter what happens at Disney. And the Lakers, barring all-out collapse, will be the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference.

By any measure, it's been a good year on the court for James.

A weird year, but a good year. Time will tell if it's a great year. He believes the bubble will work and sees no reason yet why this NBA experiment would fail. And while he detests being away from his family and his inner circle, he's using this chance to be locked in to focus on the opportunity. **AP**

Retired football stars have much to offer

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IT is an incontrovertible fact of what in Portuguese is called 'Jogo Bonito' (English translation: the 'beautiful game') that not all feted immortals of football lore can morph into impeccable football coaches with superb tactical acumen.

Indeed, the roll-call of football greats whose Midas Touch deserted them once they became Head Coaches includes such erstwhile football icons like Jean Tigana, Gianfranco Zola and of course it would be remiss of me not to add Diego Maradona, who is unquestionably an all-time football colossus but whose travails and troubles as a football boss have been well-chronicled indeed.

Nonetheless, on the other hand, there have been some glittering stars in football who have transformed themselves into inspirational success stories as trophy-winning coaches on the technical bench.

This pantheon of legendsturned-coaches with a masterly touch includes the likes of Franz Beckenbauer, who is regarded as the epitome of Teutonic brilliance in football, the late Nigerian Stephen Keshi whose stellar exertions as both a player and coach will never be forgotten and lastly but doubtlessly Not the least, the incomparable Zinedine 'Zizzou' Zidane, whose admirable and rewarding strivings as Real Madrid's boss have arguably surpassed even his already monumental feats as a Gallic playmaker endowed with an extensive repertoire of silky football

Dear reader, you may be groping blindly in the dark as to why I have



Former Simba SC, Yanga and senior national soccer team's midfielder, Amri Kiemba.

been opining about the subject of how some football greats evolve into classy coaches with redoubtable tactical nous while other football stars fall flat on their faces in their efforts to become successful coaches.

Well, for some time now, I have been pondering on the ways and means in which retired giants of the game in Africa can render a contribution to the overall welfare and progress of football on the continent.

Admittedly, I am cognizant of the fact that the trend in the sporting realm nowadays is for ex-football luminaries to work as analysts in the media.

that the especially gifted Yanga winger Edibily Lunyamila, who was renowned for his trademark slalom dribbling runs, now writes a weekly column in a respected daily sports newspaper.

Indeed, this trend also prevails on the money-rich European football landscape.

For instance, in the English Premier League (EPL), which is arguably the globe's most adored football league, the can spark a wider debate likes of the revered Manchester United about the array of ways in midfield general Paul Scholes and the which retired football stars talismanic Newcastle United attacking can contribute to domestic lynchpin Alan Shearer, who are now soccer, that is, apart from both retired of course, presently work working in the media of For example, it is commonly known as football analysts in the ferociously course.

competitive English sports broadcasting industry.

Nonetheless, despite that, this writer still believes that retired football stars can render worthy contributions in more extensive ways than just working as analysts in various mass media.

For example, here on the home front, may it not be possible for the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to set up an independent arm of the federation, which would only be peopled by retired football stars, who remain treasured by all and sundry in the country, household names of yesteryear like Selemani Matola, Monja Liseki and of course the aforesaid Lunyamila.

Indeed, in my thinking, this special arm of the TFF made up of players who have since hung up their boots would meet frequently to deliberate upon the burning issues of domestic football and then from there, they would present their counsel or viewpoints to the upper strata of the TFF.

I concede that this is an idea which has not been fully thought through.

In spite of that, though, I hope that this commentary

A year to go, rearranged Tokyo Games still shrouded in uncertainty

TOKYO 2020 organisers will host celebrations marking the one-year countdown to the Olympics on Thursday but with the postponed Games still shrouded in uncertainty they are sure to be more muted than the first attempt 12 months ago.

On July 24 last year, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach presided over a glitzy ceremony in the Japanese capital and declared Tokyo the best prepared host city he had ever seen. Even six months ago, when fireworks exploded over a giant, luminous set of Olympic rings in Tokyo Bay, organisers were still bullish that their huge financial investment would deliver an

unforgettable Games. Just two months later, however, plans that had been almost a decade in the making were shredded as the COVID-19 pandemic forced the IOC and Japanese government to take the unprecedented decision to postpone the Olympics for a year.

Since the postponement in late March, all 42 venues for the Games have been secured and the competition schedule announced, with the opening ceremony set to take place at the 156.9 billion yen (\$1.44 billion) National Stadium on Tuly 23.

Beyond that, though, questions remain about almost every aspect of hosting what Bach calls the "most complex event on this planet".

The head of the IOC's Coordination Commission John Coates has said rearranging the Games meant focusing on the "must haves" in a simplified event.

In response, Tokyo 2020 Chief Executive Toshiro Muto said over 200 simplification measures were under consideration. FINAL BILL

What has yet to be decided is how much rearranging the Games is going to cost the Japanese taxpayer.

The IOC have said their share of the costs will be some \$800 million but organisers have repeatedly refused to put a number on the final bill for Japanese stakeholders.

The Games were already set to cost over 1.35 trillion yen before the



FILE PHOTO: Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and an official Olympic partner unveil a countdown clock during a ceremony celebrating one year out from the start of the summer games in front of Tokyo Station in Tokyo, Japan July 24, **2019. REUTERS**

postponement and increased expenditure might further alienate a public already turning their backs on an Olympics they once embraced enthusiastically.

A recent poll conducted by Kyodo News found that fewer than one in four favoured holding the Games as scheduled next year.

A third believed the Olympics should be postponed again – which Bach has warned is not an option - with another third wanting the Games cancelled outright.

issues dominate any conversation on the rearranged Games – athlete safety, spectators and sponsorship.

In addition to costs, three major

Organisers have said all efforts will be

made to ensure the 11,000 athletes will be able to travel safely to Tokyo and compete in world class surroundings.

As expert after expert has pointed out, however, it is difficult to see how this can be accomplished without the development and global distribution of an effective COVID-19 vaccine.

The same is true of the desire to have thousands of spectators in the stadiums to cheer on those athletes.

Loss of ticket revenue would be a major blow to the organising committee and that would be compounded if they cannot keep on board the record-breaking number of Games sponsors.

A poll conducted by Japanese public broadcaster NHK last month found two-thirds of Tokyo 2020's corporate sponsors were undecided on whether to continue their support.

The challenges facing Olympics organisers are unprecedented but under questioning from athletes, fans and sponsors, they know they need to find some

answers soon.

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De Gea in firing line but Solskjaer stands by his man

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer says he will stick with error-prone Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea but with a Champions League place at stake many are urging him to drop the Spaniard.

The 29-year-old's blunders at Wembley on Sunday were a hammer blow for in-form United, who went down 3-1 to Frank Lampard's Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-final.

De Gea allowed Olivier Giroud's shot to trickle over the line in the dying seconds of the first half and moments after the interval Mason Mount's shot evaded his weak attempted save.

The Times described his performance as a "horror show".

Solskjaer conceded De Gea should have saved Mount's goal but stood by the player, who recently surpassed Peter Schmeichel's United appearance record for an overseas player, excluding Irish footballers.

"Of course," replied Solskjaer when asked whether he would keep faith with his number one, with Wednesday's Premier League clash against West Ham next up.

"We have been unbeaten for 19 games and both (reserve goalkeeper) Sergio (Romero) and David (De Gea) have played really well in that run.

"I can't speak for his confidence but he is mentally very strong."

Outspoken United legend Roy Keane recently he was "sick to death" of De Gea after the Spaniard failed to keep out Steven Bergwijn's shot at Tottenham and other commentators now insist he must be taken out of the firing line.

"He's unrecognisable from the 'keeper who won (club) four player of the year awards," former United defender Phil Neville told the BBC.

"A confident, assured David de Gea saves all three goals. I would be worried, his inconsistency is costing United games." The experienced Romero is waiting in the wings, with two Premier League games remaining and a tight battle for the final two

Champions League spots.

Solskjaer might rue omitting the Argentine at Wembley, having started him in all the FA Cup ties before the semi-final. Victory over West Ham on Wednesday would see United climb above Leicester into the Champions League places.

Alan Shearer thinks it is time to hand the gloves to English goalkeeper Dean Henderson, who has excelled while on loan from Manchester United at Sheffield United.

The 23-year-old's 13 clean sheets have played a pivotal role in the Blades' eve-catching return to the Premier League. "I think you only bring Dean Henderson back to Manchester United as the number one, or you keep him where he is to keep gaining experience," former England captain Shearer said on the BBC.

"I think that time has come."

- 'See a therapist' -

Shearer's enthusiasm for Henderson to be handed the gloves contrasts with the warning words of United great Gary Neville.

"That's a lonely old place out there to make a mistake if you're a Manchester United goalkeeper," Neville said last month in his role as a Sky

"With respect to Sheffield United, it's very different to make a mistake there. "I've seen it before with players during my time - Peter Schmeichel at the beginning and Edwin van der Sar at the end.

"In between that, there were real challenges for goalkeepers.

"At times we had young goalkeepers who were talented but found it very difficult to cope with the scrutiny, the levels of concentration that are required."

Former Chelsea and Ireland striker Tony Cascarino said De Gea needed to see a therapist to pull himself out of his spiral of decline.

"I went through a period during my playing career when I just could not score goals and it took me a while to realise that I couldn't fix it on the training ground," he wrote in the

this honorary title will not be war-

ranted, especially when it comes to

accounting and preparation: all the

award seekers will not be in the same

boat, some having seen their season

cut short. Therefore, how can we es-

tablish a fair comparison? To avoid

overly convoluted calculations and

projections, we chose the least bad

Instead of awarding the usual four

individual trophies, the organisation

will announce a "Dream Team" at

the end of the year. Eleven players

will feature and will be chosen by the

11 players and the players with the

most votes will make the final team.

is the most prestigious individual tro-

phy in football. In 2018 it added the

Ballon d'Or Feminin to reward the

best football player in the women's

Alongside the Ballon d'Or, the or-

The Ballon d'Or is presided over by

ganisation also gives an award to the

best young player and the best goal-

France Football, having been a FIFA

award from 2010 to 2015. However,

the two companies then split and

football's governing body created the

FIFA The Best award, which has run

Each of the 180 juries will choose

The award was created in 1956 and

of the options."

usual Ballon d'Or jury.

La Liga deserves thanks for putting on a show amid chaos

By Graham Hunter, Spain writer

FOOTBALL is a sport of fantasy, ferocity, failure, fun and phenomenal talent. So when a season ends the normal, reassuring, thing would be to immediately reach for adjectives to help us appreciate Zinedine Zidane's majesty, the brilliance of Karim Benzema, Lionel Messi's misery, another Monchi project which wins A+ marks or tall tales of how Leganes tried to defy all the odds and fought like tigers against harsh circumstances which would have daunted "The Jungle Book's" Shere Khan

Instead, there's something more important to say first. And that is: "Thank you."

Thank you to La Liga chief Javier Tebas at the top, to every footballer, doctor, physio, member of the cleaning and disinfecting staff, ball boy and girl, single kit man, and all the wives and children of those listed above. Plus dozens more.

In Spain, since La Liga declared they were #BackToWin, we have seen such a spectacle. We've witnessed truly remarkable skill, creativity, inventiveness, effort, emotion and disappointment which have vaulted over the brutal, unfair and hard to control events which have recently enveloped the world amid the coronavirus pandemic.

What has happened from La Liga's resumption on June 11, until now, will be remembered not with an asterisk, not for the fact that there were no crowds, nor for what might have been a huge error in attempting to put on a 'failed' football spectacle when so much in the world was dangerous, confused and unpredictable. Football, at least in La Liga, has been utterly beautiful. Riveting, highquality, enjoyable, worth the effort and a panacea for the fact that none of us can be quite sure of what the immediate future holds.

Thus, it would be lacking in judgement not to show huge appreciation for the people who took us from where we were in early April, when serious restart planning began, to now when we've enjoyed so much sporting triumph, endeavour and outright failure which will linger in our memories for a very long time.

Okay, restarting football wasn't simply a utilitarian act, generously provided for the good of society. There were huge financial imperatives to bring it back. But the fact remains that it was both improbable and fraught with risk. There was a Gordian knot of administrative planning to confront both the health and technological challenges. Tebas, and his staff, didn't just dream of mounting a fight-back, they used first-class predictive data to guide them as to when and how things might, some months in the future, begin again. Since restarting, their promise that everything could be achieved without putting players, technicians, staff or fans, who might be tempted to mob the peripheries of stadia, at risk has been proven true.

The sport we love is not only wildly capable of idiocy, laughable errors and huge failures to pay attention to the well-being of its component parts; those facts are part of the reason we love it, warts and all. So promising that "it'll be all right" was fraught with the possibility of football shooting itself in the foot.

On this occasion, however, we owe our sport, and its people, a standing ovation. Think of it like this: at a time when many other parts of society are suffering a resurgence of COVID-19 infections, when some have proved incapable of sticking to the rules which will keep us all safe, football has been exemplary. Almost no one has broken rules. There have been no outbreaks of the virus. Social distancing has been observed.

The care with which every single daily session needed to be treated shines out via the health and wellbeing of all the various staff involved. Madrid fans largely obeyed the multiple requests to stay away from celebrating the title at Cibeles Fountain in Spain's capital after defeating Villarreal last Thursday.

This gigantic experiment in logistics, biomedicine, sports science and broadcasting which initially looked so dauntingly hard to achieve, has turned into an example for the rest of society in how to behave. How to stay safe. How to succeed. Forgive my mix of cynicism, realism and cruel humour: football's normal characteristics of "knowing better" and doing precisely what it wants, will resurrect themselves soon enough. So, for now, let's celebrate.

Just a quick word, too, about those who've given us the televisual spectacle. Even if you're one of those Luddites who can't bear the idea of artificial crowd noise with your football from empty stadiums, the fact remains that it has been popular, it's edited in tune with the match events, and even the "fake" crowd (which admittedly disappears if the camera moves are too swift) help the viewing experience.

Also, long live fans and raucous crowds. But for so long as empty stadiums were helping fans ensure they live longer, then this was a more than acceptable adjunct to the spectacle. And what a spectacle.

Madrid won a title which they craved. It had been too long. And, frankly, as soon as they stated, last summer, that this was their priority, above the Champions League, it looked within their grasp. But it's the how which thrills, not the how much they

Thibaut Courtois cast off his doubts and the goalkeeper became a racing certainty to win the



La Liga chief Javier Tebas

Zamora award for least goals conceded. Benzema played like he'd never heard of Cristiano Ronaldo - goals, assists, leadership. Class. Sergio Ramos? Well, a decade after he became a world champion with Spain the defender put on a spectacle. Barnstorming, bravado, brilliance, brutish refusal to be defeated. A hail of goals, just when they were needed. Marco Asensio's storybook return from over a year out. The stories just flowed.

A midfield -- Casemiro, Luka Modric, Toni Kroos and Federico Valverde in particular -- which thought its duty was to defend as well as trot around looking clever on the ball. That made all the difference. Just ask Ramos and Raphael Varane and they'll tell you.

It's testimony to how good, how mentally tough. Barcelona's players are that despite being managed intensely badly at corporate level and then, with the arrival of Quique Setien and Eder Sarabia at a technical level, they managed to keep the title race alive until the penultimate match. They lack an intensity on the training ground and they rely on talent, not organisation and strategy, to pull themselves through. The decline became irreversible when Madrid just started winning and winning.

But even in a season where his form fluctuated, Messi's outright genius hauled the defending champions through to a point where Madrid thought they'd have to play 11 matches of flawless football in order to regain the title.

Sacking Ernesto Valverde was a selfindulgent idea; appointing Setien and thinking he had the personnel skills to handle Messi, Jordi Alba, Luis Suarez, Sergio Busquets and Gerard Pique was infantile. The dropped points to Sevilla, Atletico Madrid and, above all, Celta Vigo, ended Barcelona's realistic hopes. But the lineup and the defeat to Osasuna should end Setien's hopes of maintaining this job.

Kudos to Granada, often featured here. From a pretty mundane, prosaic-buteffective playing style, they've evolved into a daring, hard-running side that isn't simply in European competition for the first time but which thumped Athletic

Bilbao with their biggest winning margin against Los Leones since 1972 in order to achieve the unimaginable.

Europe again next season. Happy days. But sad nights, without the wonderful, beautiful, inspirational and fun Santi Cazorla and Bruno Soriano. Adios chicos, you're made of the right stuff and we'll cry when you're gone.

Valencia feel like they are disintegrating -- even after they joined Celta, Espanyol, Real Betis, Leganes, Alaves and Barcelona in sacking a coach or coaches. For Alaves it worked, and how. For Celta and Betis too as they also avoided relegation. For night. Leganes, Javier Aguirre nearly pulled off what would have been a modern miracle. But ... the rest? Espanyol, Barcelona and Valencia are left with the appearance of having made knee-jerk decisions which mostly made things worse.

That said, might Valencia winger Goncalo Guedes have produced the goal of the season? Against Osasuna, post restart, he made a run from one end of the pitch to the other with tackles which made him fall over but not so much that his determined momentum was stopped until he burst the net.

Or should the award go to Benzema? In a tight game against Valencia in June, a ball came in from Asensio on the right. The flip upwards with his right boot and the volley into the top corner with his left was something approaching genius.

What's that? You didn't really follow Leganes' "nearly" miracle? Losing striker Martin Braithwaite to Barcelona outside the transfer window because Ousmane Dembele was ruled out of the season, and stripped of Youssef En-Nesyri, Guido Carrillo, Oscar Rodriguez towards the end of La Liga, too. A massive haemorrhage of unreplaced talent, and especially goals. But they refused to surrender, broke every single expectation of them and played convincing, entertaining football right to the very last minute of week 38, finishing just a point off safety after holding the champions to a 2-2 draw. Hats off to them and to Aguirre.

There were amazing little cameos.

Mallorca were relegated despite beating Valencia, Real Madrid and Villarreal 8-2 on aggregate. Or what about Celta Vigo? Villarreal will be wreaking havoc in In a nine-day period the Galician club beat Alaves 6-0, won at Real Sociedad, drew 2-2 with Barcelona and were then humiliated 5-1 at ... Mallorca again.

The maverick Lucas Ocampos set our league alight. This was his best season, in a Sevilla side where 13 new senior players were added -- almost all of them clicked and some of them shone. Truly, sporting director Monchi is a genius. Ocampos is like a wild mustang -- untamed, dangerous, fun and liable to prance and scamper all

Now for the Champions League, and then the new season. But for those who feel joy, exuberance, unity and excitement right now: be careful what you wish for. And be careful about letting your heart rule your head in terms of expectations.

At this stage last season, Barcelona were title winners. Now they are in a state of some chaos with the playing and administrative staff on the verge of clawing at one another. At this stage last season, Espanyol had not only achieved European football for the first time in eons, but Borja Iglesias was carried off the pitch, shoulder high, by jubilant fans and Rubi was the toast of the town.

Now they are relegated for the first time since the early 1990s, Rubi's been sacked by Betis and Borja's goal haul looks like nothing more than a mirage if you've been watching his lacklustre lumbering these last few months.

So, it just remains to emphasise the original point of this column: thank you for bringing football back, thank you to everyone, especially the players, who gave us great chunks of brilliant entertainment every three days. And if this truly is the last for Cazorla, Soriano and Ever Banega in La Liga then, guys, adios with love and affection.

Across every playing surface of Spain's elite you've composed symphonies of some of the most elegant, intelligent and enjoyable football any of us have seen. Thank you for the music, Santi, Ever and Bruno. For giving it to us.

Ballon d'Or cancelled due to COVID-19

LONDON

THE Ballon d'Or has been cancelled for the first time in the award's history due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the football calendar.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi won the 2019 award while U.S. women's national team and OL Reign captain Megan Rapinoe took home the Ballon d'Or Feminin.

Organisers of the award, Group L'Equipe, announced in a statement on Monday that the conditions for the prize to take place had not been

"There will be no edition in 2020, because it turns out, after thoughtful consideration, that all the conditions are not met. We believe that such a singular year cannot -- and should not -- be treated as an ordinary one," editor-in-chief of France Football Pascal Ferre said in a statement.

"From a sports perspective, two months (January and February), out of the 11 generally required to form an opinion and decide who should lift the trophies, represent far too little to gauge and judge; without forgetting that the other games were played -- or will be played -- in unordinary conditions (behind closed doors, with five replacements, Champions League's Final eight played in a







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The CRDB Bank Plc Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd R), speaks at a press conference, held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, for announcing a charity race organized by the bank, known as CRDB Bank Marathon. The race, slated for August 16 in the city, aims at raising funds for children who are to undergo heart surgery at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) in the city. Looking on (R-L) are Strategis Insurance (T) Ltd Chief Executive Officer, Kain Mbaya, JKClis Managing Director, Mohamed Janabi, Sanlam Insuranceis Managing Director, Khamisi Suleiman, Alliance Insuranceis Managing Director, Byford Mutimusakwa and CRDB Bank Plc ës Chief Financial Officer, Fredrick Nshekanabo. Nsekela disclosed the bank is expected to raise 200m/- in the race, which is set to attract over 4,000 runners. PHOTO; CORRESPONDENT

Morogoro music band set to launch second album

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MOROGORO's music band, Waluguru Original, is set to launch a second album on August 7 this year.

The album's launch, as revealed by the band's director Deogratous David 'Killer Boy', will be accompanied by prominent domestic artiste, Ally Choki, and The Bambazi Band, led by famous artiste Mulemule

The Morogoro band's leader disclosed that the album, titled 'Kikao cha Wahenga', has six songs, namely 'Morogoro Yetu', 'Mwanzo wa Mapenzi', 'Cha Kupewa', 'Ngalile Mwanangu Ndole', 'Supu' and 'Nataka Nilewe'.

"We are currently in Dar es Salaam seeking to complete recording the tracks so we can have audio discs for the tracks that are to be sold to our fans who will need to buy the discs at the launch," he disclosed.

David noted his band has invited Ally Choki and The Bambazi Band given the Morogoro band has good working relationship with the Dar es Salaam-based ar-

He said Choki and The Bambazi Band have from time to time performed alongside Waluguru Original Band at the latter's shows held in Morogoro.

"I should also clarify apart from accompanying us, Mulemule will launch his band at the show which will take place at the Terminal Pub at Msamvu in the region," he said.

He further disclosed Waluguru Original Band's album launch gears towards seeing to it that Morogoro brings back enthusiasm in entertainment industry.

Morogoro's active involvement in music, he dis-

closed, began waning in the late 1970s. "Morogoro had such famous musicians like Mbaraka Mwinshehe and others, but it is not the case lately. we now want to bring the enthusiasm back in the region and neighbouring areas," he disclosed.

David, who is as well a singer, disclosed the band composed its first album titled 'Rosemary ' and it has now come up with its second album.

The second album, according to the artiste, has impressed many music fans in Morogoro before it had even been launched.



A section of Waluguru Original music band's members perform during the band's recent show, which took place in Morogoro. PHOTO: SABATO KASIKA



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es Salaam recently. The club has fielded a team, namely Patel Brotherhood, in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML). PHOTO; COURTESY OF

Patel Brotherhood cricketers stun Estim in 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League

By Guardian Reporter

PATEL Brotherhood cricketers showcased spirited displays to edge Estim by two wickets in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division B encounter, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Estim were skittled for 149 runs after winning the toss and choosing to start batting in an entertaining 30-over match which was played at Leaders Club venue.

Opener Mehul Luhar nailed 50 runs not out to play key role in his squad's acquisition of the repectable score.

Luhar was so far the squad's batsman who was quite impressive at the crease, notching three boundaries on his way to posting the half century.

He did his best to see to it Estim stays in control of the innings particularly after early exits of Ashvin Pindoria, who had opened the innings with the former, and Kishor Varsani, who batted at number three.

Bhavik Bhudia and Arvind Rabadiya as well put in notable showing with the bat for Estim, scoring 28 runs and 23 runs respectively.

Bhudia's innings saw him blast five fours and a six. His efforts to extend his stay at the crease were frustrated by Patel Brotherhood's Mandeep Singh that trapped the former for leg before wicket.

Rabadiya notched two fours and a six in his spell, which was brought to an end by Patel Brotherhood's Dhavalkumar Patel that bowled the batsman.

Hitesh Gorasiya chipped in with his 11 runs, which included a four, leaving Estim with 122 runs after 22.1 overs having dropped seven wickets.

The outfit's low order batsmen, Harnish Hirani, Jitesh Pindoria Dinesh Varsani, made their way back to the pavilion in quick succession and, with that, the side's efforts to record an imposing score hit snag.

Patel Brotherhood's Patel and Singh had impressive bowling Tailor.

figures, ending their respective spells with three wickets apiece.

Patel leaked 18 runs in five overs and had an economy rate of 3.60, Singh leaked 29 runs in 5.3 overs. Chetan Patel as well had an

equally impressive bowling spell for Patel Brotherhood, taking two wickets and leaking 32 runs in five overs.

It was not plain sailing for Patel Brotherhood in the chase. they had to give their all to, in the end, notch 150 runs for the loss of eight wickets to grab victory.

Opener, Kewal Patadia, and Dhavalkumar, who batted at number three, stayed at the crease for some time, notching 15 runs that consisted of a boundary and a six, and 10 runs respectively.

Harsh Patel stepped up to notch 25 runs, which included two boundaries, after early exits of Mauleshkumar Patel, who had opened the innings with Patadia, and top order batsman Tarpan

Ankurkumar Shah made no secret of his plan to catapult Patel Brotherhood to victory with his no nonsense approach at the crease, which had him register 31 runs, which consisted of five fours.

Singh chipped in with 15 runs, which included two fours, his exit did little to frustrate Patel Brotherhood's chase, given Chetan Patel partnered Pinalkumar Patel to see to it the outfit come out victorious.

Chetan recorded 24 runs not out which included three boundaries and a six.

Pinalkumar closed out the innings with two runs not out.

Bhudia, Pindoria and Kishor Varsani led Estim's bowling attack, showcasing scintillating bowling displays, which however failed to tame a resolute Patel Brotherhood's batting line up.

Bhudia and Pindoria ended their respective six-over spells with three wickets apiece. Varsani took two wickets, leaking 11 runs in three overs.

Indian board seeks government nod to host IPL in UAE

NEW DELHI

THE Indian cricket board (BCCI) will seek government permission to stage this year's Indian Premier League (IPL) in the United Arab Emirates, league chief Brijesh Patel told Reuters on Tuesday.

Monday's postponement of this year's Twenty20 World Cup, which had been scheduled to take place in Australia from Oct. 18, has presented the BCCI with a new opportunity to stage the IPL, even if it has to be in another country due to the COVID-19 crisis in India.

Cricket boards in UAE and Sri Lanka have offered to host the league considering the situation in India where the number of coronavirus cases had surged to 1.16 million on Tuesday morning, including 28,084 deaths.

"We are yet to finalise when it will begin, maybe sometime in September," IPL governing council chairman Patel told Reuters by telephone.

"They (Emirates Cricket Board) made an offer to host it but we require government permission to stage it in

"We'll discuss the issue in the next governing council meeting in 7-10

The BCCI has been looking for a new window in which to stage the lucrative league, which was postponed days before it was to begin in late March, and avoid a potential \$536 million loss in

Earlier this month, BCCI treasurer Arun Singh Dhumal told Reuters they would consider hosting the IPL abroad as a last resort to salvage the tournament.

The 2009 edition of the franchisebased league, which coincided with India's elections, was held in South Africa, and the UAE hosted the early matches of the tournament five years later for the same reason.

"We have played there before and they are familiar in organising international matches. They are wellequipped," Patel said.

"From a pandemic position, too, the situation is significantly better there." **REUTERS**

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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