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# Govt readies for Phase II of COVID-19 vaccinations

By Correspondent Paul Mabeja, Dodoma

THE government is set to launch phase two of countrywide vaccination campaign to counter the spread of Covid-19 infections on Wednesday.

Prof Abel Makubi, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said here yesterday that the launch will be held in Arusha in pursuit of the government's inclusive, speedy vaccination effort against Covid-19.

The Health ministry in tandem with the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) shall coordinate that event, whereas by late last week a total of 1,275,795 people or about 2.21 per cent of the population had received the jab, by available data.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan endorsed the use of the Janssen vaccines against the disease on July 23, and later large doses of Sinopharm and Pfizer were received, he stated

The government wants to attain 60 per cent of 35m adults vaccinated, he said, noting that top officials of the two ministries will be working out how to involve health sector staff at the community level.

Health ministry and the PO-RALG have prepared guidelines for assigning community health workers in the task, from listing them at village level and ward levels, and impart some training on the exercise, to conduct a message on the importance of being vaccinated.

About 8,130 community health workers were put to training and tasked with mobilisation in Mwanza, Dodoma, Manyara, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Songwe, Kilimanjaro, Geita, Ruvuma and Morogoro regions, the top civil servant noted.

The exercise is taking off in other areas, he stated, indicating that in the second phase health teams in local councils backed by regional secretariats shall seek out people in all parts of the relevant communities.

The campaign focuses on empowering

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Ndachi street resident at Mnadani ward in Dodoma city, Hamissa Mazengo speaks on behalf of other residents at a public meeting over the weekend, to pressurise land officers to survey their land, to enable them to improve their houses. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

# Tanesco: Power cuts to ease with late rains

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) expects that power outages will be minimised in this period, thanks to rising water levels in main hydropower stations and short term plans taken by the power utility.

TANESCO director general Maharage Chande said in an interview yesterday that the situation had improved significantly, with the drought eclipsed following the start of the ongoing rains.

The situation has changed and improved, as at the Mtera and Kidatu dams, water has increased to the extent of generating electricity at installed capacity of 200 megawatts for Kidatu, and 80MW for Mtera

**“ We also have the Ruhuji and Rumakai water projects in Iringa for 400MW, the Somanga-Fungo gas project of 300MW in Mtwara using natural gas**

power station.

The situation is different at Kihansi dam where the water level hasn't improved, as it depends on rainfall and water flow from Iringa and Njombe regions which are yet to get rains, he stated.

“The recent rains have helped us to see a change in the flow of water from. There is no shortage of power and as days go by there will be no shortage at all,” underlining that as of yesterday there were no power cuts.

“If there are some parts of the country which do not get power, this may arise from poles or transformers being damaged,” he stated.

Tanesco teams were working hard on challenges that arise, to ensure that

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# Loose zebras captured, relocated in Tarangire

By Marc Nkwame, Arusha

NEARLY 200 zebras that were causing havoc near the Mto wa Mbu Township have been relocated in Tarangire National Park, wildlife officials say.

Noelia Myonga (pictured), the commissioner of conservation for the Lake

Manyara National Park, said at the weekend that the wildlife translocation exercise is still going on within the Tarangire-Manyara ecosystem. There are a few more zebras yet to be lifted from the Mto wa Mbu Game Controlled Area (MGCA), he stated.

Officials of the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) based at the Lake Manyara Park are working with the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute in Arusha and the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TWMA) in that exercise, he said.

When the relocation of zebras is over, about 300 wildebeests will be shifted from the Mto-wa-Mbu area where the ungulates have also moved into areas used for campsites and human settlements.

The wild animals' usual grazing fields were flooded by overflowing Lake Manyara water,

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# EAC virtual summit to examine DRC request

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan (pictured) and five other leaders of the East African Community (EAC) are scheduled to meet virtually on Wednesday to discuss, among others, application of the Democratic Republic of Congo to join the bloc.

Simon Owaka, the EAC head of communications, said in a statement yesterday that the 18th extraordinary summit of the EAC Heads of State will be preceded by the 45th extraordinary meeting of the EAC Council of Ministers, starting today.



The summit will deliberate on a report of the council regarding the proposed admission of DRC, where a more relaxed atmosphere on the matter is expected in discussions between President Samia and Heads of State of Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and South Sudan.

DRC and (North) Sudan have for years been trying to join the trading bloc but an unsettled environment and simmering differences with some of the EAC member states precluded meaningful discussion of those requests.

Original EAC members were Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, which after two decades were joined by Rwanda and Burundi, and nearly a decade later South Sudan was added to the bloc.

When the Heads of State discuss the issue of whether DRC becomes the seventh member, they will be aware of the vast size, population and contention still simmering

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Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Professor Joyce Ndalichako holds talks by phone with President Samia Suluhu Hassan during the closing of the three days head teachers meeting organised by Global Education Link (GEL) in collaboration with Tanzania association of head teachers (TAHOSSA). Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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people are assured of power flow. Hydropower contributes 35 percent of total electricity generated in the country, while the rest comes from natural gas plants, with renewable energies playing a tiny part.

Tanesco has short and long-term plans which include investing heavily in gas, solar and wind power sources, he elaborated, explaining that the company is carrying out improvements at Kinyerezi I to raise

its power output to 180MW. It is expected to produce 80MW by next June, he affirmed.

"We are also improving Ubungo power station where 20MW are currently entering into the national grid," he said, implying that one of the two stations close to the old TANESCO headquarters is not producing power, either the Songas utility or the Dowans plant within the old headquarters yard.

Tanesco is also working on

renewable power projects in Shinyanga Region to produce 150MW, along with ongoing solar and wind projects in Njombe region, apart from the Julius Nyerere hydropower project (JNHPP) that will for the medium term address rising needs for power consumption.

"We also have the Ruhuji and Rumakai water projects in Iringa for 400MW, the Somanga-Fungo gas project of 300MW in Mtwara using natural gas," he said, assured

of strengthened power supply and ending power cuts.

Outages have repeatedly been experienced in the city of Dar es Salaam and elsewhere, fuelling a measure of public discontent as they thought the power utility sees the situation as normal.

Many wondered why the power cuts were continuing even with the rains, as this implied that daily economic activities would continue to be intermittently interrupted.

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local governments and homesteads to seek out compliance from individual members of society to go for vaccination, so that the exercise is sustainable, he specified, laying emphasis on empowering health workers to conduct vaccination in accordance with guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Regional and district medical officers need to increase the number of vaccination centres on the basis of needs, with more access in areas with large numbers of people at particular moments during the course of one week, he said.

"We shall continue using prominent people including religious leaders, politicians, artists, traditional elders and media people in the fight against Covid-19," he stated noting further that the public was battling with the new

Covid-19 variant, "but the situation in Tanzania was not bad."

"We have not yet recorded the new Omicron variant yet but we are monitoring and making medical investigations," he declared.

Those who received the first dose of the vaccine need to go back for the second dose, he added, referring to the use of Sinopharm jabs being administered at present.



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he explained.

At Tarangire, the Zebras were released at Matete location adjacent to the famed Tarangire River, purposely so that the freshly awakening striped mammals that got darted for transport may need water. But also, the area is also frequented by other zebras in the park so the waking up newcomers could easily adapt.

At least 350 wildebeests and over 200 zebras, plus a scatter of antelopes, were displaced from their usual feeding areas following heavy rains late 2019 to early 2020 that filled the lake, causing it to widen by five kilometers.

Various wildlife species shifted to the Mto wa Mbu Game Controlled Area, raising exposing the inhabitants to danger as predators follow the roaming prey, apart from habitat impacts.

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there, as its size is just below that of the entire bloc combined.

Kinshasa.

Portions of the summit will be relayed to the public via a portal on the EAC website, the official noted,

remarking also that the summit will be the last one for President Uhuru Kenyatta who completes his term next August.

The Kenyan leader is also the outgoing summit chairman, the statement indicated.

## 6 Mbeya defective passenger buses barred from travelling

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TRAFFIC Police in Mbeya Region have barred six passenger buses that ply between Dodoma and Dar es Salaam regions to proceed with their journeys after they were found defective.

Police officers from the national traffic police headquarters, in collaboration with their Mbeya counterparts made an impromptu inspection of buses on Saturday morning at Mbeya Main Bus Stand.

The buses whose defects included their brake system were already loaded with passengers ready for travelling.

Mbeya Regional Traffic Officer, ACP Meloe Buzema said in the crackdown they inspected 43 buses six of which were found with various defects including their brake systems.

He said some buses were also found with worn out tyres that endangered passengers' lives and called for their replacement.

Buzema said the police will make sure the defects are worked upon before proceeding with their journeys.

He named the buses that were found to be defective as those owned by New Force Co., Nganga Express, Kimbinyiko, Rungwe Express and Zealand

The officer in charge of the inspection exercise from the National Traffic headquarters, ACP Mukadam Mukadam said the exercise will be conducted nationwide in order to control

road accidents.

He said the police have resolved to make the inspections because experience had shown that many road accidents happen during end of the year holiday's seasons as many people travel to celebrate holidays to their home areas.

"But also there are some drivers who are found driving their buses at over 100 km/h, and I have instructed the Mbeya Regional Traffic Officer to suspend their driving licences for some period of time because these endanger the lives of passengers," Mukadam said.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei called on bus drivers to respect road traffic laws.

He said they will continue making frequent inspections of the buses as well as educating them as part of the implementation of directives from the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro.



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Zanzibar Tourism and Heritage minister Lela Muhamed Musa together with NMB's chief human resources officer Emmanuel Akonaay, head of card business Philbert Casmir officiating the launch of 'ZATO prepaid tourism card' aimed at making payments easier and faster. Looking on is ZATO Chairman Hassan Ali Mzee (2nd from right) and his deputy chairperson Salum Mkwaba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA University of Science and Technology (MUST) board of directors has endorsed the decision regarding some of its structures to be named Dr John Magufuli for recognition as well as continuing with the improvement of other infrastructure in realising his vision.

Speaking at the University's 9th graduation at the weekend, MUST board chairperson, Zakia Meghji said late Magufuli left a big mark at the university.

She said during his life time Magufuli sanctioned a lot of funds for the construction of the learning institution's infrastructure including the library, laboratory, workshop and students' hostels and that

## MUST Board endorses a university library in memory of 'Dr Magufuli'

some of work on some of these instructions was still going on.

During his visit at the university in May last year, late Dr Magufuli pledged to continue strengthening science and technology colleges in the country including MUST aimed at producing many experts for the country to make strides in technology to go in tandem with world technological changes.

Meghji said: "Late President Magufuli provided funds for the construction of a modern library capable to take in 2,5000 students at once, and as the university board

we have endorsed for the library to carry the late president's name."

She hailed the government for continuing implementing other projects including students' hostels and modern laboratories claiming that these projects were important for the national development especially for technology advancement.

She said government efforts in improving the university will assist in having many learned human resources much needed for the country's development.

For his part, MUST Vice

Chancellor, Prof Aloyce Mvuma said this year 1,176 students graduated from diploma to master's level.

He said as for now, the university has a huge contribution to the national development as it is among educational institutions producing experts, especially engineers involved in various development projects countrywide.

However, he appealed to the government to continue assisting the university to improve its various infrastructures to enable it increase students' enrolment.





Chinese ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, on Friday presented a certificate and prize-money of 'Chinese ambassador Award 2021' to Daud Samwel Masanilo, a Chinese-language teacher at the Confucius Institute, University of Dar es Salaam. Looking on is Education, Science and, Technology minister Prof. Joyce Ndalichako. Photo: Courtesy Chinese embassy

## 123 Tanzanian students, teachers win Chinese Ambassador Award

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 123 Tanzanian students and teachers from various schools and colleges have been awarded for their outstanding performance in Chinese language.

The Tanzanians were awarded during the "2021 Chinese Ambassador Award" event held in Dar es Salaam during the weekend.

Speaking during the event, Chinese ambassador Chen Mingjian said: "I hope the awards will encourage as many students as possible to learn Chinese language and obtain scholarships given by the Chinese government to study in China."

She said the students and teachers were awarded for their excellence in speaking the language as well as performing well in the subject.

The Chinese Ambassador Award was established by the Chinese embassy in Tanzania in 2018, which aims to encourage and reward those Tanzanian students who study the Chinese language hard and perform well in examinations. Since last year, the beneficiaries of the award have expanded to cover native Chinese-language teachers in Tanzania.

"Among the 123 winners of this year's award, 8 are native Chinese-language teachers, and the rest are the students from universities and

schools," she said.

Ambassador Mingjian said that recent years have witnessed an increasing number of Tanzanian students and colleges have been awarded for their outstanding performance in Chinese language, and the number of the schools which offer Chinese language courses.

"The Tanzanian government has announced the introduction of five new subject combinations for students who are set to join Form Five in 2021; they are KFC (Kiswahili, French and Chinese) and KEC (Kiswahili, English and Chinese). This means that the Chinese language course has been included in Tanzania's secondary education system. This shows the support of the Tanzania government to promoting Chinese language learning in Tanzania, and will have great significance for deepening the understanding between our peoples," she asserted.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Joyce Ndalichako, extended her gratitude to the Chinese Embassy for continuously promoting educational cooperation between the two countries.

She acknowledged that the number of Tanzanian students who are granted the Chinese government scholarships was increasing year by year.

By Guardian Reporter, Bukoba

MOHAMED Mchengerwa, minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) has instructed the Permanent Secretary (Public Service) to suspend the Head of TARURA Procurement Division to pave way for investigation involving embezzling of projects funds.

Mchengerwa issued the instructions here at the weekend during his official visit to instigate accountability from public officials and inspect the implementation of the Tanzania social Action Fund (TASAF) programme in Kagera region.

Mchengerwa said the decision to suspend the TARURA official stems from reports of many agreements signed that were later

## Mchengerwa orders suspension of TARURA Head of Procurement

reviewed calling for increase of funds in violation of the laid down procedures.

"As investigations are under way, the TARURA official should report to his office on Monday, December 20 (today) and his replacement to take up his duties," the Minister added.

He also directed the director of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to go through all procurement agreements by TARURA and appropriate steps taken in case of embezzlement.

"The PCCB should take steps

against all officials who will be found to have been involved in funds embezzlement to the detriment of the nation's development," Mchengerwa stressed.

He said as a nation, it is necessary to make difficult decisions when needed to enable the country to advance.

He added: "When President Samia Suluhu Hassan opened doors to economic opportunities via the implementation of government projects, she wanted the nation to make development strides, there should not be people who embezzle

public funds, hence we should support the President to oppose all acts that retard our development efforts."

He stressed that public officials have no reason at all to engage themselves in corruption and embezzlement of public funds because President Samia Suluhu Hassan cares for their interests and listens to their problems.

Mchengerwa was on a one-day visit in Kagera region during which he talked to government officials and inspected the ongoing TASAF projects.



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## JOB VACANCY MANAGER – REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

**Position Announcement**  
Manager – Regional Administration  
Arusha, Tanzania

The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a non-profit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and five regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs to realize vegetables' potential for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. For more information, please visit our website: [www.worldveg.org](http://www.worldveg.org).

WorldVeg is seeking a 'Manager – Regional Administration' to be based at the Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) office in Arusha - Tanzania, to provide effective and efficient management of human resources, procurement, infrastructure resources, and general operations, and to support the Regional Director in the execution of the Center's mandate in the region.

This position is open only for Tanzanian nationals.

### Duties and Responsibilities

### Procurement and assets:

- Oversee all procurement activities (sourcing, vendor identification, evaluating quotes, negotiations, etc.) and ensure the purchases are cost-effective and the processes comply with Center's policies and operating procedures.
- Maintain inventory of all physical assets, control and reconcile it with the Maconomy fixed assets list.
- Ensure maintenance contracts for office and other infrastructure equipment are in place and renewed periodically.

### Human Resources

- Assist the Regional Director in planning staffing needs, securing required approvals from HQ.
- Facilitate recruitment of local staff; Prepare job descriptions, announce positions, assist in shortlisting, conduct interviews, and prepare employment contracts in line with the Center policies.
- Onboarding: employee documentation, induction of new staff to policies, procedures, and systems.
- Staff information: maintain staff information and provide regular updates to HR at HQ.
- Performance-related: assist the Regional Director in conducting staff performance reviews, salary adjustments, and record keeping.
- Ensure appropriate occupational health and safety measures are followed to protect staff from all kinds of hazards at the workplace, including adequate insurances for health, accidents, disabilities, etc.
- Salary & benefits: Manage the attendance and payroll of local staff and ensure salaries are calculated correctly and paid on the due dates. Ensure taxes and social security dues are deducted from the salaries and deposited with the respective agencies on time.
- Supervise regional office administrative staff as well as country and project administrative and support staff. In addition, train the administrative staff on general administration matters.
- Assist the international staff based in Arusha in securing work permits, visas, housing, schooling for children, home leave travel, and other needs as required.

### General operations:

- Manage transport and logistics for the Center, including vehicle registration, maintenance, trip management, fuel use optimization, and disposal.
- Oversee contract services – housekeeping, gardening, etc., and

ensure quality services are provided at optimal cost.

- Monitor engagement of casual labor and ensure such engagement complies with the laws and Center policies.

### Others

- Assist the RD in ensuring compliance with host government agreements and statutory rules and regulations regarding applicable labor/tax/commercial laws.
- As a focal point for risk management and prevention and reporting of sexual harassment, assist the Regional Director in raising awareness among staff, reviewing risks, planning and implementing mitigation measures, maintaining risk register, and preparing reports.
- Coordinate and organize internal and external official events like conferences, seminars, staff meetings, high-level visits to the Center, training, and capacity development events, coordinating the participation of WorldVeg in relevant national and international events;
- Maintain a good record of official documents - Memoranda of Understanding, Contracts, Letters of Agreement, letters to and from WorldVeg partners.
- With the guidance from the Regional Director, maintain the protocol and relationship with the government ministries, departments, and agencies.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the Regional Director.

### Position requirements:

- Master's degree in Business/Public Administration or a related field.
- A minimum of 5 years work experience in managing human resources, procurement, and administration, preferably in multi-national companies, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- Proficiency in English, with excellent communication skills in writing and speaking.
- An excellent understanding of administration, procurement, and human resources functions and practices.
- Familiarity with the Tanzania tax, labor, establishment laws, and regulations; previous experience in interacting with government departments and regulatory agencies will be an advantage.
- Experience in handling enterprise resource management systems.
- Excellent computer skills in MS-office applications (Word, Excel, Power point, Access).
- Ability to work as a member of an interdisciplinary team in a multicultural, multinational environment, and ability to interact effectively with partners as a service provider.
- Good multi-tasking abilities, problem-solving skills, ability to work in crisis and highly challenging situations.

**The Reward:** This is a Nationally Recruited Staff position with competitive pay and benefits. The position is only open to Tanzanian nationals. The initial appointment is for one year and extended depending on the incumbent's requirement, funding availability, and performance. The position will be available on or after **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

**How to Apply:** Applicants should submit a letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position along with their curriculum vitae, a recent passport size photograph, copies of the national ID, qualification certificates, names, and addresses (including telephone/fax/e-mail) of three referees, and date of availability.

Please send applications stating the job title by e-mail to [foinfo@worldveg-esa.org](mailto:foinfo@worldveg-esa.org) appropriately marked as "Application for Manager – Regional Administration" in the subject line, on or before **31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021**.



**REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR**  
**MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES**

**NAME OF PROJECT: South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish)**

## Invitation for Bids

**National Competitive Bidding**

**Credit No. 5589-TZ**

**Procurement of Research Equipment for Marine Research Unit**

**Reference No. TZ-MANRLF-165336-GO-RFB**

- The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the bid for Procurement of Research Equipment for Marine Research Unit.
- The Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries Zanzibar now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Procurement of Research Equipment for Marine Research Unit. The procurement of goods under this bidding is divided into eight (8) lots as detailed below and bidders may submit bids for any one or all lots. Evaluation will be done lot by lot.

- Lot Number 1:** Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) 7250GC/Q-TOF
- Lot Number 2:** Supply of The Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC)
- Lot Number 3:** Supply of Atomic Absorption Spectrometer with Graphite furnace (AAS-GF)
- Lot Number 4:** Supply of FTIR
- Lot Number 5:** Supply UV VIS 1900i
- Lot Number 6:** Supply of Equipment and glassware for Chemical Laboratory and Microbiology Laboratory
- Lot Number 7:** Supply of Media and Reagents for Microbiology Laboratory
- Lot Number 8:** Supply liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LC/MS)

- Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding** procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers Jan 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines.

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the **Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries, Secretary Tender Board and e-mail [omjombo@gmail.com](mailto:omjombo@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours: **07:30 to 15:30 hours** at the address given below

- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Tanzanian Shilling 100,000/= or in a convertible currency**. Payment should be settled through the following Account details: Account No. 0768266003 Bank Name: Peoples Bank of Zanzibar Account Name: **Katibu Mkuu, Wizara ya Uchumi wa Buluu na Uvuvi**.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **11:00 am 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022** Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on **11:15 am 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**.

- All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration**.

- The address referred to above is:

**Secretary,**  
**Tender Board, Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries**  
**Maisara Area, ZURA Building**  
**Ground Floor, Room No.06**  
**P.O.Box 149**  
**City: Zanzibar Town,**  
**Tanzania.**

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# JOB OPPORTUNITY

<b>Job Title:</b> Project Engineer - WASH	<b>Reports to:</b> Project Manager - WASH
<b>Department:</b> Programs	<b>Location:</b> Mbeya

## About CRS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS works to save, protect, and transform lives in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work are accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding.

## Country Background

CRS in Tanzania works in very close collaboration with the catholic Churches and implements programs through both Churches and secular local partners. CRS has been helping poor, vulnerable families improve their lives through orphans and vulnerable children, agriculture, health, microfinance and WASH programming in Tanzania since 1962.

## Job Summary:

The project Engineer is responsible for providing quality and timely technical support to Community based water supply and sanitation projects which will deliver services to the rural communities. Under the direction of WASH Manager, the project engineer provides technical support to partners involving professional civil engineering work associated with the planning, design, coordination and construction and maintenance of community water supply schemes.

## Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Perform a variety of technical civil engineering work, supporting construction improvement plans for water supply, prepare drawings, sketches, and designs.
- Review partners' plans and specifications for WASH projects for compliance with quality standards.
- Provide support to WASH Manager in the design and drafting of the schemes.
- Produce and check mathematical calculations related to surveying, drafting and prepare engineering calculations as appropriate.
- Ensure quality and timely technical reports from partners.
- Assist in the administration of contracts; oversee, prepare and/or review construction plans and bid specifications for project improvements.
- Provide support in preparations of orders, and review of invoices submitted by partners prior to final approval by the WASH Manager.
- Carry out inspection, verification, and confirmation of work in process and completed by partners.
- Ensure in field activities compliance with water quality testing policy and health and safety requirements.
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

## Basic Qualifications and experience:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a major in civil engineering
- Registered as Professional Engineer.
- Possession of a registration as Graduate Engineer with ERB is considered an added advantage.
- Four years progressively responsible experience in civil engineering work, at least two of which involved water supply facilities and Community based water, sanitation and hygiene projects
- Technical strengths in assessment, planning, design and report writing
- Experience of designing water and sanitation engineering projects
- Experience in working with partners organization
- Experience of working with Local Government along with an understanding of the issues involved.
- Ability to provide capacity building/facilitation in planning and implementing development projects to an agreed work plan.
- Experience of water resource management issues and how they impact on local water supply projects.
- Ability to interpret and apply local policies, procedures, laws, codes and regulations

## Required Languages – English and Swahili.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 50% within the project region.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Basic engineering principles and practices.
- Experience in MS Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio) and

- information management systems. Proficient in Word.
- Knowledge of word processing, CAD and spreadsheet skills (engineering software like Epanet, Auto CAD and Arc CAD).
- Ability to work in a complex environment and work under deadlines and minimal supervision.
- Ability to prepare and maintain accurate engineering records.
- Ability to read and interpret plans and maps.
- Ability to develop and monitor expenditure budgets.
- Ability to place project work in the context of WaterAid's strategic objectives and to steer that work towards making a strategic contribution.
- Good time management skills with ability to work on multiple tasks
- Proactive, resourceful, solutions oriented and results-oriented
- High level of integrity
- Adaptable, flexible, willingness to learn and innovative.
- Rational, organized and take pride in a job well done Self-starter - can with minimum supervision
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- Integrity
- Continuous Improvement & Innovation
- Builds Relationships
- Develops Talent
- Strategic Mindset
- Accountability & Stewardship

## Supervisory Responsibilities: NONE

## Key Working Relationships:

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# JOB OPPORTUNITY

<b>Job Title:</b> Project Manager - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)	<b>Reports to:</b> Head of programs
<b>Department:</b> Programs	<b>Location:</b> Mbeya

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## Country Background

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## Job Summary:

The WASH Project Manager will be responsible for leading the implementation of WASH project activities as well as providing technical guidance and leadership to the project team. The WASH Manager will also ensure that health related activities are focused on the development of appropriate environmental health and behavior change interventions as part of the overall WASH project.

## Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure the planning, implementation and monitoring of the WASH projects are strategically align and effectively contribute to the CRS Country Program's Strategy
- Ensure that all activities are properly coordinated with Charity Water and local partners for the project;
- Collaborate with key stakeholders such as Regional secretariats, Local Government Authorities in all selected districts, Ward and Village Development Committees in carrying out field activities of water, sanitation and hygiene projects;
- To support partner organizations in the identification, prioritization, planning and design of water and sanitation projects including ensuring that sustainability issues have been adequately addressed
- Support the monitoring, registration and regulation of community water supply entities in respective project area and ensure partners can provide necessary training and support to communities to build capacity to effectively manage and sustain their water supplies.
- Maintain up to date knowledge of sector and best practice to ensure that the projects stay at the forefront of practice and disseminate appropriately within team and other staff.
- Ensure that WASH projects are fully documented, and that project information are kept up to date, with key documents are readily available
- Ensure that relevant project reports are completed accurately, on time and submitted as appropriate
- Manage, motivate and develop team members to maximize their contribution to the team and their own professional development.
- Ensure reasonable care is taken of self and others in the workplace including team members according to health and safety policy and principles.
- Ensure financial efficiency and value for money principles are integrated in the implementation of project activities.
- Represent CRS on relevant committees and at external meetings and functions when requested

## Basic Qualifications and experience

- Master's degree in Public health, Environmental Health, Social Sciences/Development studies/Engineering or any other related field.
- Must have experience in Project Management all with a minimum of three years at a senior level.
- Must have experience in participatory project planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation mostly in Community based water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.
- Ability to provide capacity building/facilitation in planning and implementing development projects to an agreed work plan.
- Experience of working with Local Government and NGOs along with an understanding of the issues involved.
- Experience in project planning and budget monitoring.
- Experience of developing and monitoring district-based development plans.
- Experience of water resource management issues and how they impact on local water supply projects.
- A thorough knowledge of the Water and Sanitation sector in Tanzania.

## Required Languages – English and Swahili.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 50%

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Time management skills with ability to work on multiple tasks under minimal supervision.
- Strong customer service orientation with good communication and interpersonal skills
- Proactive, resourceful, solutions oriented and results-oriented.
- A demonstrable commitment to excellent documentation and dissemination of project experiences.
- Ability to work effectively in a sometimes-pressured environment.
- Fluency in Microsoft Office package (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and SPSS or other statistical packages preferred.
- Knowledge of word processing, CAD and spreadsheet skills.
- Ability to develop and monitor expenditure budgets.
- Ability to place project work in the context of WaterAid's strategic objectives and to steer that work towards making a strategic contribution.
- Experience with typing/word processing, data entry into online databases and forms, and working with various office equipment.

## Agency-wide Competencies (for all CRS Staff)

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

## Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Project Engineer

## Key Working Relationships:

### Internal External

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# JOB OPPORTUNITY

<b>Job Title:</b> Administrative Assistant	<b>Reports to:</b> Administrative officer
<b>Department:</b> Operations	<b>Location:</b> Mbeya

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## Job Summary:

You will provide service in the day-to-day delivery of responsive, effective and efficient administrative activities in support of the Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) mission to serve the poor and vulnerable. You will provide consistent and high-quality service and contribute to the proper stewardship of resources to help ensure operational effectiveness in support of high-quality programming.

## Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Facilitate communication with all units of the organization and external stakeholders as relevant.
- Coordinate visitors' appointments to meet CRS support and program staff in CRS Office and vice versa.
- Date, stamp and initial all incoming correspondences and ensure that they are routed to the Administration and Procurement Officer for necessary distribution.
- The point person to send and receive pouches/parcels, make sure pouch lists are reviewed and verified and documents are distributed to the relevant units/departments.
- Coordinate travel logistics for staff and external visitors visiting CRS Tanzania country program including hotel booking.
- Prepare transactional documents in support of general operations processes and support coordination of transaction processing (e.g. payment requests, travel authorizations, travel advances, visas, etc.).
- Compile data, perform data entry and data verification in relation to general administration processes (e.g. various contact lists, Vehicle Log Sheets review, visitors' welcome packages, etc.).
- Support implementation of property management processes, such as property receipt and distribution, property labeling, physical counts, etc.
- Ensure that all office supplies, travel and hotel requests for quotations are clear and complete and prepare local purchase orders for office supplies, travel and hotel accommodations in accordance with agency procurement policies and procedures.
- Negotiate with service providers and suppliers as necessary and appropriate by Creating and maintaining continuing good working relationship with local supplier sales representatives.
- Manage the office petty cash fund; always ensure that actual versus book balances agree; Ensure supporting documents are in order prior making any petty cash payment/s.
- Receive and review supplier invoices from hotels and the travel agents and Compile payment requests for all travels, hotels, and office stationeries/suppliers, as and when needed.

## Basic Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in business administration/Procurement or any other related field
- One year experience working in an office environment in a clerical or administrative role. Experience with a local or international NGO a plus.

## Required Languages – English and Swahili.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 5%.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Good time management skills with ability to work on multiple tasks
- Strong customer service orientation with good communication and interpersonal skills
- Proactive, resourceful, solutions oriented and results-oriented

## Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with typing/word processing, data entry into online databases and forms, and working with various office equipment
- Experience in MS Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio) and information management systems. Proficient in Word.

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## Supervisory Responsibilities (none)

## Key Working Relationships:

### Internal - All CRS Staff

### External - Stakeholders

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# JOB OPPORTUNITY

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<b>Department:</b> Finance	<b>Location:</b> Mbeya

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## Job Summary:

You will help coordinate and contribute to the implementation of the Country Programs' (CPs) accounting systems, policies and procedures in compliance with CRS' established accounting standards. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), donors' rules and regulations, and legal requirements to support high-quality programs serving the poor and vulnerable. You will efficiently perform accounting services through documenting financial transactions by compiling, analyzing, and verifying account information; preparing account entries; and delivering financial reporting services.

## Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct assessment of sub recipient financial system and internal control using CRS standard checklist, properly document Capacity assessment results and outcomes in each sub recipient file and follow up sub recipient implementation of the corrective action plan and provide technical assistance.
- Conduct and Document monitoring trip reports and communication result in sub recipient file, follow sub recipients' action towards the identified findings and implementation of corrective action plan.
- Set and monitor sound accounting and financial reporting procedures sub-recipients and partners following established standards.
- Review and validate supporting documentation before processing of financial transactions to ensure all required documents are accurate and complete and authorizations are in place.
- Record financial transactions following appropriate authorizations. Review and analyze various accounts to detect irregularities. Advise on corrective actions and prepare correcting entries and adjustments, as necessary.
- Monitor disbursement/receipt schedules, alert relevant project staff of due payments/liquidations and maintain appropriate communication and follow-up to facilitate timeliness of financial resource management and compliance with set deadlines.
- Prepare various periodic and ad hoc financial reports and perform variance analysis to assist project staff with decision-making. Assist with budget maintenance for proper management of financial resources.
- Provide information to project staff, sub-recipients on financial accounting policies and procedural compliance issues and deliver training and other capacity building activities.
- Perform assigned treasury project (cash payment/receipt, cash forecast, etc.) duties.
- Participate in development of projects' budgets.
- Perform any other task assigned by Supervisor

## Basic Qualifications and experience:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, Finance, Economics, Business Administration majoring in accounting and any other related field.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), ACCA or equivalent is a must.
- Minimum of four years' experience in a position with similar responsibilities, preferably with an international or local NGO, Auditing firms or a financial/banking institution.
- Knowledge of the relevant public donor regulations is preferred.
- Experience in MS Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Visio) and information management systems. Proficient in Word, Web Conferencing Applications.
- Substantial budgeting, budget/expense analysis, and accounting

- experience.
- Knowledge of local law in taxation and local regulatory reporting procedures.
- Knowledge of financial accounting package or similar financial reporting software preferred.

## Required Languages – English and Swahili.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 40%.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Good time management skills with ability to work on multiple tasks
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## Supervisory Responsibilities: Accountants

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Internal - Finance Staff, Project Director, and Program Officers  
External - Local partners, field auditors, banks and other local as well international bodies (e.g. donors)

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Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo (2nd L) looks at sewage water system during his visit to inspect Songea municipal abattoir over the weekend. Right is Songea district commissioner Pololet Mgema and regional administration secretary Steven Ndaki. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## JKCI conducts 205 open heart surgeries for children this year

By Francis Kajubi

The Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) of the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) has during this year conducted 205 open heart surgeries for children under the age of ten years old.

The details were revealed by Prof Mohamed Janabi, JKCI executive director, at the weekend in Dar es Salaam at the closure of the volunteer medical campaign for open heart surgeries pediatrics in Tanzania by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

According to him, the number of children who were subjected to the surgeries are beyond the set target of 200 children this year.

"This is a great milestone in the health sector as the center has made remarkable improvements in health services extended to children. The one week campaign by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center has realised another 34 children receiving surgeries from its doctors who have been in Dar es Salaam for almost a week," said Prof Janabi.

According to him, treatment

facilities that were brought with the King Salman Humanitarian Aid were handed over to the JKCI to contribute to the existing facilities thus further improving service delivery. He said that this is the second time that the delegation of medical doctors from King Salman are visiting Dar es Salaam for free heart treatment and surgeries.

Loyai Abdulsamid, head of pediatrics ICU at King Faisal Specialist Hospital who led the team of medical doctors from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said the mission has been in Dar es Salaam for six days and during the period conducted 34 open heart surgeries.

"The center is dedicated to offering free open heart surgeries to children because heart diseases are a major killer for children as they are not treated early," said Abdulsamid.

Ahmed Jamjoom, chairman cardiovascular Department at King Faisal Specialist Hospital said that some of the doctors came from the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Egypt.

"Apart from saving the lives of the children, passing knowledge and experience to the local medical experts' means a lot to the

community. The centre is eager to see the new generation by saving children's lives from heart related diseases," Jamjoom.

According to data by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, asthma, cardiovascular complications and diabetes have become a major threat in Tanzania.

In 2017 at least 2million children were born with heart diseases. At least 400,000 of the children out of the population are projected to die from various heart diseases complications until that year.

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## Students call for simple technology to prevent accumulated waste gasses

By Correspondent James Kandoya

STUDENTS of the Arusha-based Ilboru secondary school have underscored the need for environment stakeholders to come up with simple technology that can help to absorb and prevent people from accumulated waste gasses.

Lupyana Ngota and Adib Masalu emerged winners in the Songas energy category with a project titled: Auto Waste Gasses Consumer for Automobiles, Domestic, Public places and industries for clean air and safety."

They aired their views at this year's Young Scientist Tanzania (YST) national award ceremony held recently in Dar es Salaam and awarded a trophy and certificates.

They said auto waste consumer gasses programme electronics was a device which helps in detection, absorption, and chemical conversion of waste gasses useful chemical products to be used in industries, laboratories and fresh air.

Meanwhile, increasing comfort ability workers customers generally people working at poorly ventilated environments.

"The device has proves to be an easy and efficient method of consuming waste gasses that are produced in places public places, automobiles and industries as it completely converts the waste gasses to clean air rather than just blowing it out into the perpetuates ozone places depletion greenhouses effect and healthy hazards to people," they said.

The winners said further that the technology was better than normal commercial air filters and fans found in kitchens and because the project has focused on adding extra efforts in the worldwide fight against global warming.

Dr Michael Mngodo, the plant manager at Songas Limited - an oil and energy company highlighted the need to use science to bring about people's development.

"We are proud to be among sponsors in the 'Songas category award' this year in the YST national award. We are ready to support all efforts aimed at inspiring young students to pursue science subjects," he said.

He said at this juncture, science should be promoted to get more researchers and other experts in related courses that can contribute to the country's development.

YST executive director, Dr Gozbert Kamugisha said enthusiasm and interest of students to participate in YST exhibitions has increased.

The founder said due to increased student's interest in participation in scientific research and innovation, YST decided to organize YST regional exhibitions in twenty four regions to widen the opportunity for more schools and students to participate in the YST programme.

He said each regional exhibition selected not less than six science projects to participate in the virtual national exhibition out of 204 projects submitted for the regional exhibition.

According to him, 30 best quality projects were awarded prizes and sixteen best projects were selected to participate in this physical exhibition for top winners of the national exhibition.

### UBL BANK (TANZANIA) LIMITED (INCORPORATION NUMBER 89923)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of section 360 of the Companies Act, 2002, on 15 December 2021, the Members of UBL Bank (Tanzania) Limited (the Company) passed the following resolutions:

- The Company be wound up voluntarily.
- Geoffrey Nicholaus Dimoso, a Tanzanian National for purposes hereof of c/o A&K Tanzania, The Address Building, 1 Bains Singh Avenue, Msasani Peninsula, P.O. Box 79651, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, be appointed liquidator (the Liquidator) for the purpose of such winding up.
- The Liquidator be authorized to divide all or any part of the Company's assets in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies Act, 2002.

For UBL Bank Tanzania Limited  
In Members Voluntary Winding Up  
The Address, Ground Floor,  
1 Bains Singh Avenue, Msasani Peninsula  
P O Box 79651  
Dares Salaam, Tanzania



### Prequalification of tender for supply of goods, works and services for 2021/2022

Management and Development for Health (MDH) was incorporated in January 2009 as a local Tanzanian NGO focusing primarily on public health service and research. MDH seeks to promote collaboration among government and academic institutions, as well as the private and non-profit sectors to advance the public health and health care interests of the people of Tanzania. MDH works together with its partners to address the problems of tuberculosis, malaria, HIV/AIDS, and other infectious diseases and chronic non-communicable diseases within the country. The organization also seeks to improve nutrition and maternal, neonatal and child health in Tanzania, while undertaking initiatives to advance public health research, education, and services to improve the lives of Tanzanian people.

MDH now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders (including current suppliers/ service providers/ contractors/ consultants), for prequalification for the supply of goods and services to for the financial year 2021/2022 for the under listed categories:

Tender No.	Description of the Tender
<b>GOODS</b>	
MDH/PP/2021-2022/G/01	Lot 1 – Supply of Laboratory Equipment and Instruments
	Lot 2 – Supply of Laboratory Reagents and Controls
	Lot 3 – Supply of Clinical Items and consumables
MDH/PP/2021-2022/G/02	Lot 1 - Supply of Tyres and Tubes
MDH/PP/2021-2022/G/03	Lot 1 - Supply of working tools to Health Care Providers, ( Rain coats, Rain Boots, Umbrellas, Back packs).
MDH/PP/2021-2020/G/04	Lot 1 - Supply and Installation of Tents
MDH/PP/2021-2022/G/05	Lot 1 - Supply of General Stationeries, Toners and Cartridges.
MDH/PP/2021 - 2022/G/06	Lot 1 - Supply of Air Conditioners and Fire Extinguishers
MDH/PP/2021 - 2022/G/07	Lot 1 - Supply of office furniture, general items and equipment
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/G/08	Lot 1 - Supply of Computers, Printers and Photo copiers.
	Lot 2 – Supply and Installation of wireless communication equipment, normal and networking devices.
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/G/09	Supply of fuel for motor vehicles, motor cycles and generators in Dar es Salaam, Kagera, Geita and Tabora Regions
<b>NON-CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>	
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/01	Lot 1 - Provision of Air Travel Services
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/02	Lot 1 - Provision of Hotel Accommodation in all regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/03	Lot 1 - Provision of Conference Services in all regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/04	Lot1 - Provision of Printing Communication Materials.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/05	Lot 1 - Provision of Car Rentals in all regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/06	Lot 1 - Provision for the servicing of Laboratory Equipment.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/07	Lot 1 - Provision of Maintenance and Servicing of Generator at Headquarter Dar es Salaam, Geita ,Kagera and Tabora Regions.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/08	Lot 1 - Provision of Maintenance and Servicing Motor Vehicles and motor cycles – Kagera,Tabora,Geita and Dar es Salaam Regions
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/09	Lot 1 - Provision of maintenance and Services of computers and photocopies - Headquarter Dar es Salaam, Kagera,Geita and Tabora Regions
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/10	Lot 1 - Provision of Postage and Courier Services to all regions in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/11	Lot 1 - Provision of Air Conditioners Maintenance and Servicing in Dar es Salaam, Kagera, Geita and Tabora Regions.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/12	Lot 1 - Provision of Media, Publicity & Communication Services at Headquarter Dar es Salaam
MDH/PP/2021-22/NCS/13	Lot 1 - Provision of General Insurance Services (Vehicle Insurance, ICT Equipment, Burglary, Business All Risks, Fire & Allied Perils)
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/14	Lot 1 - Provision of Event Management Services (coordinating and Overseeing the various functions of MDH that includes provision and supervision of MC/Facilitator, Decorations, Music/Public Address Systems etc.).
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/NCS/15	Lot 1 - Provision of Catering services in Regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/16	Lot 1 - Provision of Fumigation Services in Dar es Salaam, Geita, Kagera and Tabora Regions.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/17	Provision of Clearing and Forwarding Services
MDH/PP/2021-2022/NCS/18	Lot 1 - Provision of Security Services in Dar es Salaam, Kagera, Geita and Tabora Regions.
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/NCS/19	Hiring of Tents
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/NCS/20	Provision of sanitary and garbage collection services
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/NCS/21	Provision of cleaning services in all MDH offices in Dar es Salaam, Geita, Tabora and Kagera plus its surroundings
<b>WORKS</b>	
MDH/PP/2021-2022/W/01	Lot 1 - Site Improvement of Health Facilities Supported in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar
<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES</b>	
MDH/PP/2021-2022/C/01	Lot 1 - Provision of System and Software Development
MDH/PP/2021-2022/C/02	Lot 1 - Provision of Training for MDH Staff Development Programs.
MDH/PP/2021-2022/C/03	Lot 1 - Provision of Legal Services (Execution of all legal related cases, provide legal advices to MDH whenever required to reach its intended mission and goal, develop and/or review contracts/agreements entered between MDH Board and relevant stakeholders such as staffs, donors, service providers etc.
MDH/PP/2021 – 2022/C/04	Provision of HR Services (recruitment etc.)

- Interested eligible bidders may down load pre-qualification document from MDH website through this link: [www.mdh.or.tz](http://www.mdh.or.tz) and pay a non-refundable fee of TZS 200,000 or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency per tender. The payment shall be paid through the Organization Bank details as below:

Account Name: MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH  
Account Number: 0108021459504  
Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Swift Code: SCBLTZTX  
Bank Branch: International House  
Currency: TZS

- The receipt MUST be attached to each application form submitted. Any application submitted without the receipt will be rejected. All bids in one original plus one copy properly filled in and enclosed in plain envelopes clearly marked the relevant Tender number and details of the tender must be delivered in at MDH as per the address below, on or before **3pm local hours of January 17, 2022.**

The Chief Executive Officer,  
Management and Development for Health (MDH),  
P. O. Box 79810, Mikocheni,  
Plot No. 802; Mwai Kibaki Road,  
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

- Bidders wishing to submit more than one bid must ensure that each bid is submitted in a separate envelope that is clearly marked with Tender number and description of the Tender.
- The bid document must consist of, application letters, company profile/physical address and contract, legal trading documents (TIN Certificate, VRN Certificate, complaint to the Government's Tax Regulations (tax clearance certificate), current business license, companies past experience in related field, personnel capabilities in the relevant field.
- Any application not received, not opened and not read out in public at the opening ceremony shall not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance, telegraphic, Telefax and late application will be rejected.
- MDH reserves the right to accept or reject any application and is not bound to give reasons for its decision.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information through Email: [mdh@mdh.or.tz](mailto:mdh@mdh.or.tz)

The Chief Executive Officer



## 'Encroachers must leave water catchment areas'

By Guardian Reporter

AUTHORITIES in areas with water catchment areas have been directed to remove all encroachers, including herders, farmers and loggers to conserve natural sources of the precious liquid.

Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Dr Selemeni Jafo gave the order yesterday while visiting forest reserve and water source at Matogoro Mountains in Songea district, Ruvuma region.

During the visit, the minister expressed satisfaction with good management of the forest which is the source of water used in Songea municipality, run by Songea Urban Water and Sewerage (SOUWASA).

"Water is flowing from taps because of the conservation of these forests but in some places sources like this have been encroached leading to water shortages," he said. "Encroachment of water sources

cannot be tolerated because it is akin to tampering with our very own life; authorities in areas with natural water towers like this one should ensure that encroachers leave permanently."

Jafo commended the management of the forest for not allowing human activities in the area, encouraging the not to relent.

"If people were allowed to enter this forest logging, charcoal-making or any other deforestation activity, then this source would not be here and water wouldn't be flowing as it is does now," he said.

Minister Jafo urged the people to support the government's efforts in conserving the environment by planting trees in large quantities especially in water sources and conserving them to avoid water shortages.

The minister also cited the example of the Uluguru mountains in Morogoro region whose water sources have begun to dry up

due to the burning of forests for charcoal and firewood, a situation that contributes to water scarcity in those areas.

He appealed to the regional and district authorities as well as the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) to ensure that they take strict legal action against anyone engaging in activities that endanger the security of water resources and the environment. During the visit, minister Jafo visited and inspected a modern abattoir located in Songea municipality where he expressed satisfaction with environmental management.

He inspected the sewage dams that will be used for storing waste from the abattoir without flushing the same to nearby residential areas.

Despite congratulating the leadership of the council that is implementing the abattoir project, Minister Jafo urged the authorities to take good care of the project so that there is no damage and loss.



Liwale district commissioner in Lindi region Judith Nguli (R) takes a lunch with her colleagues moments after participating in the construction of Nayuru primary school classrooms over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Life skills contribute highly in increasing productivity - call

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

YOUTH have been urged to attend various camps on life skills which would help them to be independent and self minded for their social and economic improvement.

The call was aired in Dar es Salaam by Melkiado January, a business development consultant during a one day youth life skills boot camp held in the city last week.

The camp was organised by a Dar es Salaam based organisation Clear vision in collaboration with Soft Literacy Hub aimed at imparting life skills to youth.

January said that lack of life skills is one of the major problems which is facing many youth to meet their goals hence more efforts were needed by the government and community to rectify the challenge.

He said the course was designed to respond to the high demands from employers and parents on the lack of life skills from youth.

"So the course aimed to make youth independent minded, self

disciplined and determined to meet their goals," he added.

January, who consults with Clear Vision Tanzania and facilitated one course, mentioned topics which were taught during the course as life skills values, personal entrepreneurship characteristics, goal setting, time management and self organisation, saving and finance management.

He also said Clear Vision and Softy Literacy Hub also collaborated with UTT AMIS to offer financial literacy skills to youth which include saving and money management skills.

Speaking during one of the courses organised recently by his firm January was quoted as urging small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs) to stick to digital marketing in their businesses in order to increase their income and state coffers. He said that digital marketing is not yet embraced by many Tanzanians including entrepreneurs.

He said there is enough room for the SMEs to use it in promoting their

products or brands.

He noted that methods of digital marketing include website, social media networks, email marketing and online advertising.

January lists some advantages of the platform as it can reach targeted audiences more effectively, delivers immediate results, allows direct response from intended audience and it is more cost effective.

However, he cautioned that it can be harmful if not done professionally.

Explaining further, he said the website is important because it can help to gain business credibility, saves money & time, and will enable them to keep their customers informed.

A website makes it possible to target a wider market; it provides a medium on which to showcase your products and company values.

On social media, he said it is called so because users engage with (and around) it in a social context, which can include conversations, commentary, and other interactions.

By Correspondent James Kandoya

BUS owners in the country in collaboration with Global Light Company Limited have launched a secured, reliable and friendlier online system of booking tickets to reduce time wastage and congestion.

Speaking at the official launching ceremony held in Dar es Salaam recently, the Global Light and Company Limited Raymond Magambo said unlike the previous system, the new system recognises ticketing issuance agencies and clerks promising to work with them.

He called on the bus owners and other transport stakeholders to utilize the new system to eliminate unnecessary challenges facing the sector.

"Let me assure you, the system is secured, reliable and friendlier and will not keep aside both ticket's agencies and clerks as for the previous systems," he said.

"With this new system, we are going to work with them and see possible ways to improve life and economic opportunities," he added.

Magambo said the friendlier ticket

## Stakeholders launch online fast booking ticket system

system was going to improve the service delivery in the transport sector including passengers. "We are aware that there is an unfriendly environment in the bus terminal when you go to buy tickets from the agencies and clerks," he said.

He noted that through the system, someone can buy a ticket at home anytime and the clerks or agency can get his or her commission smoothly.

According to him, a passenger can buy a ticket through phone, website or through a special machine from the agency adding that also the agencies can be connected by banks and get loans hence help them to improve their economy.

"Through friendlier ticketing system, the government gets revenues once tickets are sold to the passengers," he added.

For his part, Ndamba Trans director Musa Ngo'mbo, representing the bus owners, said

that they have received the system and called on the bus companies to increase awareness to the public.

Ticketing agencies and clerk chairperson in Dar es Salaam Hamisi Idd said that they were ready to support the government through the system.

Online ticketing systems are emerging as the most liked tool among travelers mainly because of its convenience and hassle free usage.

They can be integrated with mobile phones and SMS can be sent against each ticket booked.

It can also send information in bulk as and when required by users and travelers.

It employs advanced digital ticketing applications to help push for more bookings of your transportation company and works hand in hand with you to ensure that you accomplish the most you're your digital ticketing contribution.

## Deputy minister irked by dirty Mpanda railway station

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

THE condition of Mpanda railway station is in a very poor condition. Works and Transport deputy minister Mwita Waitara is unhappy with the infrastructure and poor services at the railway station in Katavi region.

In addition, he said, the station lacks a passengers' waiting room since train services were established at the station over 50 years ago.

Waitara registered his discontent here at the weekend during his visit at the station and talked to both railways workers and passengers and called on the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) director general to give him timeframe for the

construction of the new building.

He also said he had received complaints from people living near the railway line saying they do not know the boundaries of the railway premises, the situation that create challenges when engaging themselves in development activities.

"I say this is total unacceptable, even the President herself will not be happy when she learns of this, the situation shows that all railways stations have to be inspected, as in some the conditions could be even worse, the station's filthy environment is intolerable, the station building is smelly as if goats sleep in it, what is the cost of cleaning up the area?" queried Waitara.

For his part, the station master of Mpanda railway station Emmanuel Mtawali said passenger coaches were few as many passengers, those destined to Dar es Salaam are congested in the few coaches without taking any precautions against Covid-19.

"As for now there are three passenger coaches for Dar es Salaam, hence if we increase the number to five will be sufficient, but there is no problem in regard to goods wagons," Mtawali said.

Some passengers said lack of passengers waiting room was quite inconvenient to them; they have to stand in a queue for a long time sometimes while it is raining waiting to purchase tickets.



### BANK OF BARODA (TANZANIA) LTD

Bank of Baroda, a leading Public Sector bank in India. It also has wide international presence. It ranks 152 amongst the top 1000 in the world. The Bank of Baroda has worldwide presence by way 8485 branches in India and 96 branches/offices at overseas Centre. It is one of the largest banks in India.

Bank of Baroda entered Tanganyika way back in 1956 and remained till nationalization of financial institutions up to February 1967. The Bank had three branches in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi at the time of nationalization under Arusha declaration. The bank had come back to play its role in the economic development of the country and well-being of the people of the United Republic of Tanzania in October 2004.

Bank of Baroda (Tanzania) Limited is wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda. As part of the expansion program bank is looking for recruiting human resources for its operations in Tanzania. Presently the Bank has branches in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Kariakoo and Mwanza.

The Bank is providing full-fledged banking operations and serving the people in all walks of life. The bank is financing businessman, traders, manufacturers, retailers, individuals, employees of well established companies, institutions, government departments, SMEs etc. In addition to other Banking Services.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position and no of vacancies:

- 1) Officer - (Credit Officer – Arusha Branch) - 01
- 2) Officer – (Banking Operation and Administration) - 01
- 3) Clerk cum Teller– 03

#### Major responsibilities shall include:

S. No.	Position	Major responsibilities
1	Officer - (Credit Officer – Arusha Branch)	He/she will be overseeing Credit and/or Credit Monitoring department and associated compliance and risk of our Arusha Branch. He/she will be overseeing Monitoring and Functioning for development of Credit portfolio of our Arusha branch. He/she will be Credit Coordinator for our both Arusha and Mwanza branch.
2	Officer– (Banking Operation and Administration)	He/she will be overseeing general banking operations, reconciliation, procurement and outsourcing, other administration work of our bank.
3	Clerk Cum Teller– 03	He/she will be assisting different branches/departments as per requirement of our bank.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

S. No.	Position	Qualifications and Experience
1	Officer - (Credit Officer – Arusha Branch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Candidate shall have minimum qualification of Graduate in one of the following discipline: Finance and accounting, Banking, and/or Credit.</li> <li>➤ Candidate shall have minimum of 01 years of working experience in Banking as Credit Officer.</li> </ul>
2	Officer – (Banking Operation and Administration)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Candidate shall be minimum Graduate.</li> <li>2) Candidate shall have minimum of 01 years of working experience in Banking as Operation or Procurement or Administration Officer.</li> </ol>
3	Clerk Cum Teller	<p>Candidate shall be minimum qualification of Secondary School Education (Form Four)</p> <p>Candidate with working experience in Banking as Clerk will be given preference.</p>

**Note:** For the position of Clerk Cum Teller, above number of vacancies may increase or decrease depending on requirement of Bank.

**Who can apply:** Candidates holding Local Citizenship i.e. Tanzanian Nationality only can apply for the requested Job opportunity. All above positions will be transferrable in nature within Tanzania as per requirement of our Bank.

**Remuneration:** Successful candidates shall receive a competitive salary and other benefits in accordance with the status of the bank in the industry.

Mode of Application, Candidates who meet the required qualification and experience shall apply in writing accompanied by Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a passport size photograph and copies of all supporting documents related to academic qualification and work experience attached to the CV, providing postal as well as E-mail addresses and telephone numbers. In addition they shall provide names and postal and E-mail addresses of two referees who will be contacted to furnish confidential reports to successful candidates to the following address **not later than 31/12/2021 before 5.00 P.M. (East African Time).**

Managing Director  
Bank of Baroda (T) Limited.

Address: Plot no.149/32, Ohio/Sokoine Drive, P O Box No.5356, Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA Phone no: +255 22 2124472/87, 2124461 (CM), Fax: +255 22 2124457  
Email: [yikash@bankofbaroda.co.tz](mailto:yikash@bankofbaroda.co.tz), Website: [www.bankofbaroda.co.tz](http://www.bankofbaroda.co.tz)

The management reserves the rights of shortlisting and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview in person. The management also reserves the rights to cancel this recruitment exercise at any point of time if required.





Vodacom senior sales officer central zone Joseph Sayi (C) in a group photo with 16 winners of the second week "Show Love, Tule Shangwe" after presenting their awards in Dodoma over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Activists meet in Isles to chart better ways to boost anti-corruption, economic crimes war

By Guardian Reporter

HUMAN rights activists met in Zanzibar over the weekend to chart ways on how to improve the fight against corruption and economic crimes in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The law review session, was co-hosted by the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition through its Zanzibar branch (THRDC-Zanzibar), Zanzibar Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ANGOZA), in collaboration with the Zanzibar government through the Zanzibar Law Reform Commission and Zanzibar Anti-Corruption Bureau.

The session was aimed at

collecting views on the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act No. 1 of 2012.

Held at the Zanzibar-based Golden Tulip Hotel, the session brought together various stakeholders including the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Corruption Authority, the Zanzibar Law Reform Commission, various lawyers, and civil society Organisation's stakeholders.

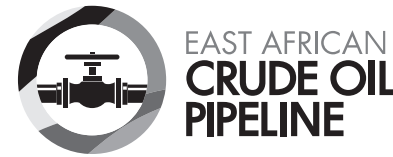
"This workshop provides a room for collective review of the corruption laws in Zanzibar and document potential areas of improvements," organisers said in a statement.

Participants had enough time to learn best practices from other

countries around the world on how they fight against corruption and economic crimes.

"The idea is to modernise Zanzibar anti-corruption strategies to suit the needs of society and integration of human rights based approaches given the fact that corruption is the cross border crime," the statement reads in part.

This initiative is a continuation of the efforts launched by the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC-Zanzibar) in collaboration with various authorities in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar to ensure there is improvement in various laws for crime prevention and human rights adherence in all aspects of life.



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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT HOUSES FOR THE EACOP PROJECT. REFERENCE NO: 0010007366.

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable contractors in providing Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contracting services to express their interest in construction of replacement houses under the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), Project Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable EPC Contractor that will be responsible for the construction of replacement housing substructures (raft slab) and superstructures (interior/exterior walls) only of each house and its associated ancillary structures typically, one (1) VIP latrine (ventilated improved latrine) and one (1) outdoor kitchen.
- Replacement Housing construction along the Pipeline Corridor shall comprise of approximately 336 houses, 336 VIP latrines and 336 outdoor kitchens from the Company's detailed house designs all of which all are standardized house layouts.
- Replacement houses will generally be between two (2) to five (5) rooms, with a gross floor area of 25m<sup>2</sup> to 75 m<sup>2</sup>. Each house will typically have two (2) ancillary structures, a kitchen, and a ventilated improved pit latrine. Replacement housing will be of a good standard of construction. Outside of the substructure and superstructure, the houses will be constructed using modern locally sourced materials, all of which will meet Tanzania quality standards and meet all National Building Codes requirements.
- The Company has identified a modular and re-usable customized formwork system (Moladi Construction System) that is used with a custom concrete mix design. EPC Contractors shall procure, engineer, make all installations and assume overall management of the modular formwork construction technology in addition to all the rebar installation and concrete placing and finishing for the substructures, the superstructures of each house, pit latrine and outdoor kitchen. The completion of all remaining scope of work (labour and materials) i.e., roofing, painting, tiling (all finishes, electrical and plumbing, civil and landscaping will be responsibility of the Building Contractor(s) as selected by the COMPANY.
- EPC Contractor shall obtain a license and/or certification from Moladi South Africa for the operation of the technology and use of the Moladi products.
- Construction of replacement houses and ancillary structures (kitchens and latrines) for Project Affected People (PAPs) displaced by the pipeline project will be carried out in eight (8) different regions; Kagera, Tabora, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Manyara and Dodoma.
- The Project will provide replacement house(s) and ancillary structures at the agreed replacement land, to eligible physically displaced households.

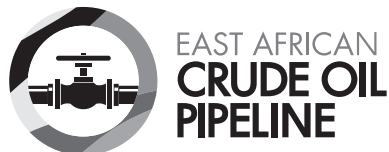
### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Due to the size of the scope and to assist companies expressing interest, the Project reserves the right to award individual work packages and/or multiple work packages to any eligible EPC contractor who expresses an interest. Interested companies can enter into an agreement with other companies to enhance their service ordering however, all and each partner in the agreement MUST meet the requirements outlined below. Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years of experience / performance of similar EPC type services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Tanzanian National Contractors (Building) Registration minimum Class 2. (Submit copy).
- Examples of EPC building construction using a reusable formwork. Work experience in Kagera, Tabora, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Manyara and Dodoma Regions of Tanzania, (provide listing of projects within any or all the regions).
- Provide/demonstrate experience with project management techniques and controls, as well as large scale logistics and procurement capabilities.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section on email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **3rd January 2021** Email should be addressed 0010007366.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: GRAVE REMOVAL AND RE-INTERMENT SERVICES FOR EACOP. REFERENCE NO: 0010007361

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in planning and executing of the relocation and re-interment of graves along the route affected by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project. This process will include conducting the required engagement activities with regional and local authorities and the affected families.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The grave relocation and re-interment services will comprise the following:

- Confirming coordinates and locations of graves as provided by Company
- Conducting engagement with district and local authorities including District Health Officers to arrange all legal requirements for grave removals
- Conducting engagement with affected families to ensure all grave removal ceremonies have been conducted and compensation have been paid.
- Conducting engagement with affected families and community leaders to identify places where the graves will be relocated.
- Working with local authorities to identify labourers to conduct the grave removal
- Secure all required Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) equipment to safely deliver the grave re-interment exercise

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Experience relocating & reinterment of graves in Tanzania for industrial or other projects
- Experience engaging authorities for grave removal activities in Tanzania
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with Occupation Safety and Health Authority - OSHA
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **08th January 2022**. Email subject should be 0010007361

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF FIELD EQUIPMENT FOR EACOP. REFERENCE NO: 0010007360

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing field equipment to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The required field equipment includes:

- Large and medium sized Marquee tents with open drop sides.
- Plastic chairs, tables & dustbins.
- 5KW petrol powered, portable generator.
- 5m, 10m, 15m extension power cables.
- Rechargeable handheld radios/Walkie-talkies and charging equipment.
- Mobile hand sanitisers.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Proof of registration with the Occupation Safety and Health Authority - OSHA.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of available stock or ability to stock at short notice.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **08th January 2022**. Email subject should be 0010007360.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.



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## Let's drive to arrive alive this Xmas

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year. We have seven days to go moving into the climax of this festive season. We also begin tallying road accidents, fatalities and injuries as more traffic will be on our roads, more drivers will be drinking and speeding, and more of them will die or kill their families or kill others using the roads. Police roadblocks help a little. They ensure drivers are licensed and are not obviously drunk and that vehicles are licensed and therefore that they are also insured. But this is about as far it goes: a quick check that reminds most drivers to be careful and then back to as it was.

Of far more value are those police speed-traps and the highway patrol vehicles that go round looking for bad driving as well as mounting quick surprise speed-traps at unexpected places.

We hope that the police will be able to use every one of the limited number of speed radars they have working this festive season, for that will at least reduce one big killer.

A second major killer is alcohol. Unfortunately, Tanzania does not test much to see if drivers are over the limit or even drunk. We have to rely on the common sense of drivers, and it is clear that many Tanzanians feel they are quite capable of controlling a car when they have downed a few beers. Statistics show they are wrong, and part of the holiday death toll comes from the higher likelihood that many drivers, being off work, are drinking during the day.

We have suggested before that equipping roadblocks with the basic breathalysers common in some countries would do a great deal to keeping our roads a lot safer, and we suspect that at least in the early stages of zero tolerance to drinking and driving, the fines would more than pay for the equipment.

The third killer is bad driving, and

Tanzania has a lot of bad drivers plus a lot of fairly reasonable drivers who try and drive when tired, drive long distances as quickly as possible, and drive too fast on dark roads.

Bad driving and wrong driving kill. We have seen that over the years. Sometimes, in some places and some conditions, the speed limit is far too fast at lower speeds it is easier for two vehicles to pass, especially on curves or where the road is raised to cross a stream.

Night driving kills more than it should, largely because so few people take the trouble to work out what is their minimum braking distance and then checking to see if their headlights will light up an obstruction in time. If not they will have a problem.

We might need to borrow the law in several countries that compels drivers to carry a spare headlight bulb. These are cheap and easy to replace and having both bulbs does give a driver a better chance of seeing obstructions.

Even roadblocks would be a useful place to be told a bulb was out and would offer protection while this was changed. The offence can be not having a spare, not having a dead light.

A final major killer is the impatience so many show on the roads. Taking a trip a little easier, going with the flow and enjoying the ride a bit more does not add much to the travel time few trips would be more than 15 per cent longer and would be a lot safer and more enjoyable.

Leaving early enough to complete a trip in daylight will boost the chances of living through that trip.

Most drivers know the rules and have heard the suggestions. What is needed now is for them to follow them and assume that sometimes the expert does know better. If we drive more safely we can demand others do the same.

## Hockey development programmes need serious push

AFRICA's hockey circles had two major tournaments taking place in Ghana last month, the Africa Cup for Club Champions showpieces for both men and women held in Accra.

The women's showdown, which had five clubs competing for the top honour, was the 23rd edition.

Clubs namely Ghana's Prisons, Revenue Authority, and Police Service, and two clubs from Nigeria, Delta Queens, and Plateau Queens, featured in the tournament.

Men's showpiece that happened to be the 32nd edition saw nine teams fight for the top honour.

Hockey teams from the East Africa region, except for the Kenyan outfit of Wazalendo, failed to make it to the showpiece.

It is obvious failure to access funds that could have smoothly facilitated the region's hockey clubs was one of the reasons for missing out on the tournament.

The country could not field either men's or women's squads in the prestigious continental hockey tournaments.

Much as the domestic hockey sides would have liked to be part of the continental tournaments, they were reduced to mere spectators because of a variety of factors, financial difficulties turning out to be one of them.

This is yet another discouraging news coming out of domestic hockey circles.

Domestic hockey players last tasted continental action way back in 2014 as women's side, Twende, battled it out in Africa Club Championship.

With the presence of strong opponents in the 2014 continental club showpiece, Twende simply used the competition to learn from more

competent squads.

It is time sports stakeholders in the country put their weight behind local hockey governing body's programs to see to it hockey sides ultimately battle it out in continental tournaments.

There is no doubt that currently, the country lacks strong domestic hockey tournaments at both regional and national levels, which take place regularly.

The presence of such tournaments would have made it easy for the country to secure strong hockey sides which could have represented the country well in continental showpieces.

The absence of such competitions boils down to a failure by the domestic hockey governing body to access sponsorship for hosting the events successfully.

The domestic hockey governing body has for many years struggled to lobby for sponsorship for various hockey programs conducted by the association. Extremely few firms have either shown willingness to be part of the sport's development program or fully backed the project.

Hockey stakeholders have at times sought to keep the game active, organizing several friendly matches.

We feel both individuals of goodwill and firms have a part to play in the promotion of less popular sports, including hockey.

There is no doubt the country could not be counted as a sports powerhouse, should there be no concerted efforts to develop all sports disciplines that are active.

Sports followers in the country have for years been expressing displeasure over the country's failure to field many sportsmen and women in the Olympics and other major tournaments at continental and international levels.

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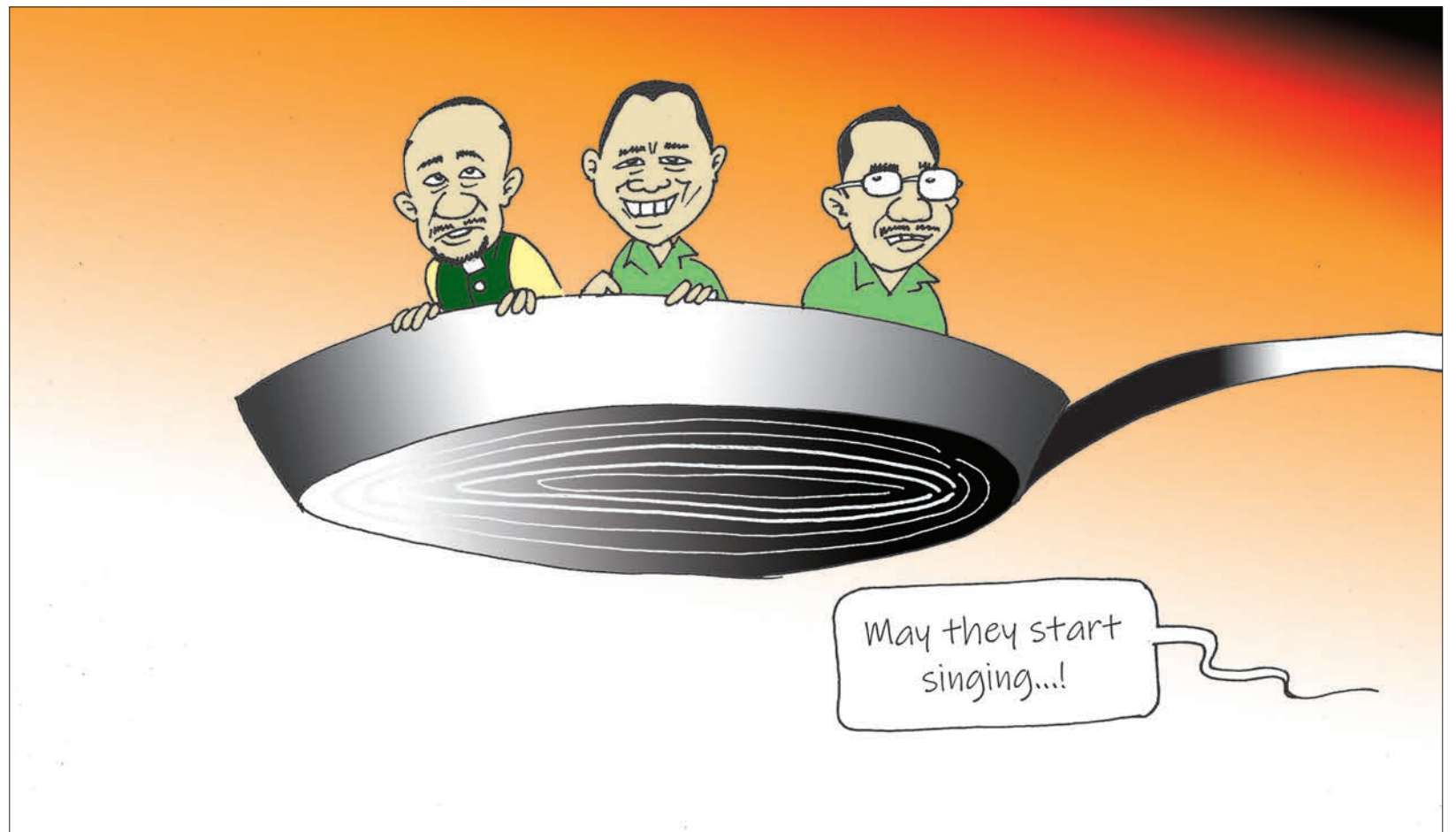
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# Auditors have a role to play in combating climate change

By Vincent Onjala

THE 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow held recently brought together parties to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. This has helped to increase awareness on matters relating to climate change.

A lot still needs to be done and I draw this from two scenarios that I encountered recently. One was when our son asked me what we were discussing in a meeting that seemed to take longer than usual and which countries were the participants in the meeting from. This was a virtual meeting of Heads of Audit and other invitees across KPMG network to discuss how we are planning to deliver Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Assurance. I had to explain to him the entire concept of ESG and climate change which he appreciated and answered his follow up question on why it would concern accountants and auditors. In the second scenario, in a meeting that we attended and provoked a discussion on what the institution was doing around matters relating to climate change, there was an initial uproar on why this would concern auditors. This didn't surprise me because it created an opportunity to build awareness at this senior governance level on why everyone needs to do something on climate change lest we all perish. We have a responsibility to do our part to build a better, more sustainable society where we actively contribute as part of our duty to the public interest.

We must all be courageous to have bold discussions at various forums we participate in, in addition to having conversations with the younger population because this concerns them more. I would think that school curriculum should have mandatory subjects on climate change to increase the level of awareness and enhance the quality of discussions into the future to keep reversing adverse effects of climate change.

It is critical for everyone including auditors to have these conversations because of the risks arising from the effects of climate change which will affect most, if not all, entities. Various entities will be impacted differently. Some may have an immediate impact, while other may be gradually impacted through their broader value chain. For example, banks



do offer credit facilities to different sectors. Some of their customers are likely to be impacted heavily in the short term, while others may feel the effect in the later years. It will be good for institutions to encourage different players they interact with such as customers, suppliers among others, to have policies on ESG. We all agree that there is growing recognition that entities need to consider whether environmental and climate related matters are material to the financial statements, including potential impacts from the risks and opportunities associated with the transition to a lower-carbon economy. Auditors need to understand the potential impacts that climate-related matters may have on the entity's financial statements and audits.

It is important to recognise that climate change may not only expose an entity to risks, but it may also create opportunities. We are likely to see entities that are pro-active in decarbonisation through developing and implementing plans that benefit from these actions. Some of the benefits they are likely to enjoy include access to new markets, changes in consumer preferences, increased diversification and operational resilience, improved energy efficiency and access to public sector incentives that reduce implementation costs. These opportunities may enable an entity to increase revenues, reduce operating costs, improve reliability of supply, reduce exposure to volatile carbon or fossil fuel prices, reduce



Vincent Onjala

costs of capital and increase capital availability. Having identified and assessed the risks and considered the opportunities arising from climate change, many entities are expected to develop strategies and implement plans in response, and these strategies and plans could also have related public commitments and business risks with material financial statement implications.

In conclusion, organisations need to accelerate the policy framework around ESG and climate risk for approval at board level and follow

through of the same. Regulators as well need to be at the forefront of encouraging every organisation to do something to support government efforts. Help is available for those that do not have inhouse capacity to do something around ESG and climate risk.

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Start the Week with Cynthia Stacey

# Frugal habits needed.. to boost the current times

Well jambo in the run up to Christmas time, which is when I put my mind on the spirit of things, beginning with festive songs, and eating Christmas cake, not at the same time of course ..though it can be done.....especially if the cake contains prime whisky...lovely!

O.K. musings over ....as I'm in a hurry but there's a little time left to pen as I go along... perhaps Santa Claus might assist me!

In keeping with my retrospective blah blahs in some columns, let's start with an old newspaper editorial of 2009, which asked ...." why frugality remains elusive", and quoting then Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda, who said "he couldn't bring about reforms himself, as what was needed was an overhaul of public leadership and attitudes".

Quite so, and it's interesting to know what the government achieved during that time, when the fashion was to overspend on luxury goods and services, even at the expense of the public purse.

Pre-Magufuli, those in the civil service, were not generally noted for their resource saving habits, though they might complain at the shortages ensuing because of them, as when Tanesco once withdrew their services from government offices, because of the large unpaid bills.....but maybe the management people were exempt anyway.....!

Though few staff working in those buildings would relate this action to their own, of leaving all the lights on from dawn to dusk, because of something nature provides free of

charge.....it's called daylight!

Also, it was once quite normal here to see taps running with no-one using them, or attempting to turn them off. But the sensible saying of "waste not....want not" appeared unknown, and most uncommon at the time.

Years ago, I came across some letters in a British newspaper on the subject of waste saving habits. One lady said the older generation, having experienced shortages when young, was extremely careful at utilising everything. As did her mother, who whenever she used a new bar of soap, carefully stuck the squashed remains of the previous bar onto it.

This frugality was surpassed though by another reader, who whilst clearing out her elderly aunt's cupboard after she died, came across a box labelled, "bits of cord and string, too small to be of further use".

Wonderful... and as someone who also has frugal habits, I can perfectly understand those of an earlier era, and nature. And just imagine, how much better off the world would be, if even a fraction of it had this mindset also. ....maybe it's not too late to start a new political movement.....In Zanzibar I've seen sandals made of rope and string ..... who needs shoes!

Still in the old decade, so let's see what the 'good guys and the bad guys' were doing in the past!

It seems that the Morogoro Municipal Council, also espoused money saving habits and sensible priorities, and early in 2009, blocking a

proposal to buy a car for an official, and other expenditure amounting to 251m/- but the deputy mayor said the funds would be used for the construction of 45 secondary school classrooms instead. But hal-leluja.....let's hope it happened!

Anyway, they also criticised an education official for buying a television and satellite dish for her office, telling her to disconnect them, so they could be installed in the municipal hall, and seen by all. .... wonderful.....these people should have been financial advisors at Iku-lu..but where are they now?

Which reminds me.....back to sober thinking, and PM Pinda deploring "leaders' lust for posh cars ", as a news headline neatly proclaimed. He said some vehicles driven by government officials cost between 100mn/- to 230mn/-. According to the paper, he directed the purchase of such cars to be 're-visited'.....what gentle language! I'd have preferred something a little stronger.

But the Minister also said..."If we implement this move, the money saved will go into other areas of dire need, like the livestock sector".

Yeah .....great....."cows instead of cars"....I'll gift that slogan to the ruling party for the coming elections in 2025....when it will be interesting to know what the good times are like then.....OK...I'm signing off...and may all our readers have a healthy and happy festive season....and I've just remembered, at one time, I'd always write... "May you have everything that you can't have under the CCM.".....well now, you nearly can.... so cheers and God bless you all!



Gas-guzzling luxury vehicles are a familiar sight in Tanzania, being a prime component of high public offices and donor funded projects. But such costly 'adult toys' should now be scrapped off in favour of smaller energy-efficient cars which make more economic sense.

# The future of an entire generation hangs in the balance

ROME

COVID-19 has upended our world, threatening our health, destroying economies and livelihoods, and deepening poverty and inequalities. It also created the single largest disruption to education systems that the world has ever seen.

The end of this year has revealed the fragility of food systems when faced with sudden disruptions such as those observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. These disruptions have increased the number of people with limited or no access to food in the world. Today, more than 811 million people suffer from hunger, according to recent studies.

Schools also play a critical role in ensuring the delivery of essential health services and nutritious meals, protection, and psycho-social support, which means that their closure has imperiled children's overall wellbeing and development, not just their learning. At the same time, conflicts continue to rage and the disastrous effects of a changing climate threaten our very existence and are driving record levels of displacement.

**Crisis upon crisis**

128 million children and youth people whose education was already disrupted by conflict and crises have been doubly hit by COVID-19, with the pandemic creating a 'crisis upon a crisis'. The length and extent of disruption to education



systems around the world due to the pandemic has tested the very concept of education in the context of humanitarian crises.

What does it mean to be dedicated to 'education in emergencies' in a world in which 90% of schools were shut due to a global pandemic?

How do we support children get an education in countries affected by conflict and fragility when in peaceful and stable countries millions of children are at risk of never returning to school?

Will the push to deliver remedial education for the millions of children who have lost learning over the last two years stretch to helping the three million refugee children who were out of school before the pandemic?

**Breakthrough or breakdown?**

These questions underscore a stark and urgent choice. Do we push for an ambitious and inclusive breakthrough or accept that the pandemic has led to an irreversible breakdown in educational progress and will permanently deny millions of children the opportunity to go to school?

From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe conflicts, forced displacement, famines, and climate-change-induced floods, fires, and extreme heat, together with COVID-19 have combined to

form a fatal cocktail that is robbing children of their education.

Last week on a visit to Cameroon, Education Cannot Wait met some of the 700,000 children there who are impacted by school closures due to violence. If this alone were not bad enough, just a few days before the visit, four students and a teacher were killed in a targeted attack, and, in a separate heinous incident, a young girl had her fingers viciously chopped off just for trying to go to school.

**Education is a priority for communities caught up in crises**

The bravery and determination of the children of Cameroon is a testament to the priority that crisis-affected communities all across the world place on education. They know that education transforms lives, paving the way to better work, health, and livelihoods. They know that continuing education in a safe place provides a sense of normalcy, safety, and routine for children and young people whilst building the foundations for peace, recovery, and long-term development among future generations.

They tell us their education cannot wait. But delivering that quality education to these children remains a persistent challenge.



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Kingston

# Caribbean under threat: Report reveals enormous challenges for the region

Less than halfway into the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season, Jamaica and its Caribbean neighbours were already tallying the costs of infrastructural damage and crop losses from the passage of three tropical storms - Elsa, Grace and Ida. And after a record-breaking 2020 season, the region is on tenterhooks as the season peaks.

But while storm and hurricane damage are not new to the Caribbean, these systems' increased frequency and intensity bring new reckoning for a region where climate change is already happening. According to data, the effects are likely to worsen in the next 20 years or so, earlier than previously expected.

What is more, the launch of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report (AR6) confirmed what regional scientists have said for years: the frequency and intensity of hurricanes will increase, and floods, droughts and dry spells will be more prolonged and more frequent. In addition, sea levels are rising faster, and heatwaves are more intense and are occurring more often.

AR6, the so-called 'red code for humanity', offers a frightening look at the global climate and what is to come. It also confirmed that for most small island states, climate change is already happening.

In a bid to bring home the reality of what is fast becoming the region's biggest challenge, two leading climate scientists broke down AR6 to highlight the issues that should concern leaders and citizens of the Caribbean.

In a document named Caribbean Under Threat! 10 Urgent Takeaways for the Caribbean, co-heads of the University of the West Indies Mona, Climate Studies Group (CSG), professors Tannecia Stephenson and Michael Taylor warned: "We can now say with greater certainty that climate change is making our weather worse. It is affecting the intensity of heatwaves, droughts, floods and hurricanes, all of which are impacting the Caribbean".

In a joint interview with IPS, Taylor and Stephenson noted, "Global warming has not slowed."

They reiterated the IPCC's warning that "The world will exceed 1.5 degrees between now and 2040" and urged Caribbean leaders to collectively lobby for deeper global greenhouse gas reductions at the upcoming 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the UN Convention on Climate Change. The gathering of world leaders and negotiators will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 12, 2021.

While AR6 offered some hope, in that there is still time to limit global heating to between 1.5 and 2.0 degrees of pre-industrial limits, Stephenson noted that there is an urgent need for more drastic cuts



Farmers in Jamaica are already tallying the costs of crop losses from three tropical storms - Elsa, Grace and Ida. Credit: Zadio Neufville

in emissions.

That will not be easy, Taylor added, because although the Caribbean's contribution to global CO2 emissions is already low - according to some estimates below two per cent. "The region must drastically reduce its footprint even further, through greater use of renewables, the preservation of marine and land-based forests and by reducing emissions from waste and transportation."

The takeaway for the Caribbean, Stephenson said, is that the region will face multiple concurrent threats with every additional incremental increase in temperature. Atmospheric warming and more acidic seas and oceans will impact tourism and fisheries and the future of the region's Blue Economic thrust.

She added: "The Caribbean must prepare itself to deal with water shortages and increasing sea levels which has implication for low lying areas and the many small islands of the region".

The 20-country grouping of the Caribbean Community has rallied around the slogan '1.5 to stay Alive' based on the premise that viability of the territories here, is dependent on global temperatures remaining below or at 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. But with global temperatures already at 1.1 of the 1.5 degrees, warming is outstripping

the pace of the region's response.

"If there ever was a time to step up the global campaign for 1.5 degrees, it is now," said Stephenson, the region's only contributing writer in Working Group 1, of the AR6.

According to the IPCC AR6 report, net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by mid-century can limit global warming to 1.5 or 2.0 degrees within this century. However, the Climate Studies Group has warned that some individual years will hit 1.5 degrees even before 2040, when temperatures are expected to exceed that target.

The signs are everywhere. Last summer, the CSG reported an increase in the number of hot days and nights in the Caribbean. Forecasts also indicate that in the next ten years, the day and night-time temperatures in the region will increase by between 0.65 and 0.84 degrees.

At the same time, the CSG forecasted a 20 per cent reduction in rainfall in some places and up to 30 per cent in others. Trends are also reflecting an increase in the number of dry spells and droughts. Between 2013 and 2017, droughts have swept the Caribbean from Cuba in the North to Trinidad and Tobago in the South, and Belize, Guyana and Suriname in Central and South America.

Since AR5 in 2014, the abundance of evidence links the catastrophic changes

to humans, the scientist noted, adding that the changes from human-induced climate change are visible in the extremes of heatwaves, heavy rainfall, droughts, and tropical cyclones. This past summer, wildfires and extreme rainfall caused deaths and forced evacuations in every region of the world, and a cold snap covered Brazil in snowfall and freezing rain.

These intensity and frequency of heat extremes are quickly becoming a cause for concern for the region as the extremes are likely to impact energy use, agricultural productivity, health and water demand and availability. Stephenson urged leaders to make water security a top priority in their mitigation planning.

Three of the world's most water-scarce countries are in the Caribbean. Water scarce is the term given when a country has less than 1,000 cubic meters of freshwater resources per resident.

The region has a role in deciding how bad things will become, Taylor and Stephenson said. In their 10-point takeaway, they challenge leaders to intensify efforts to keep the current limits on global warming. They must have collective positions on mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage even as the world has already committed itself to some level of increase and impact.

In the run-up to COP26, regional

leaders are not only continuing their support for 1.5, but they have also positioned themselves behind the Five Point Plan for Solidarity, Fairness and Prosperity, which calls for the delivery of the promises made in the Paris Agreement.

If nothing else, the region will continue to be severely impacted and must invest heavily to shore up critical infrastructure, most of which are along the coast, said veteran climate scientist Dr Ulric Trotz.

Using Jamaica as an example, he pointed to the US\$65.7 million coastal protection works along a 2.5-kilometre stretch of the 14-kilometre-long Palisadoes peninsula in 2010 after the international airport was cut off from the capital city, Kingston, by back-to-back extreme weather events.

"The Caribbean must be prepared for the 'new normal' of climate intensities," Stephenson said. "The stark message is that everybody has to be part of the solution".

"The Climate Studies Group, Mona is a consortium member of The UWI's Global Institute of Climate-Smart and Resilient Development (GICSRD), which harnesses UWI's expertise in climate change, resilience, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction across all UWI campuses.

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# TOSCI commended for fighting counterfeit seeds in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) has greatly succeeded in curbing importation and supply of counterfeit seeds in the country, according to a special research by The African Seed Access Index (TASAI).

The timely research suggests that reduction in the number of reported cases of fake seed and increased seed companies satisfaction are indications that the government's

efforts to address the problem were bearing fruitful results.

In his presentation yesterday at the TASAI's Tanzania dissemination meeting here, Dr Firmin Mizabwa, a senior agricultural researcher said that seed companies surveyed by TASAI in 2020 reported five cases of counterfeit seeds, which is lower than the 18 cases reported during 2016.

"The research has discovered that the government through the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI) has been setting

up reliable systems to control counterfeit seed in the market," he said.

He informed that the systems include the aggressive inspection and monitoring of seed businesses through regular inspections in agro dealer shops, an increase in the severity of punitive measures, as well as awareness -raising among the of the effects of counterfeit seed.

"For example, the Seed Act was amended in 2014 (URT 2014) with an eye to increasing the punitive measures for persons who

contravene seed laws by selling counterfeit seed from a fine of 5m/- to 50m/-," he stated.

Moreover, he added that TOSCI has also introduced electronic labels on seed packages, saying when activated the labels allow users to verify if the seed has been inspected and certified.

Emmanuel Mwakatobe, official seed inspector and analyst from TOSCI said the state -owned Institute has also introduced an online system to apply for seed labels, seed sampling and testing,

seed dealers' registration, DUS as well as NPT tests.

"The use of digital tools has been introduced during field inspections, and the development has seriously increased the speed of TOSCI's service delivery," he expressed.

Moreover, he said TOSCI has yet to train and authorise private inspectors.

"According to TOSCI, local seed inspectors should be made more aware of private seed inspections, which would lead more companies to demand the services," he insisted.

He added that digital solutions were useful to help improve seed inspections standards and speed, saying that seed inspectors employed by TOSCI are currently using mobile devices during field inspections to upload field inspections on site- to the head office for further processing.

"Through these services, seed companies' certification with seed inspection services has increased from 'fair' (59 percent) in 2016 to 'good' (77 percent) in 2020," he detailed.

## UK-based charitable organisation donates twenty sewing machines to entrepreneurs

By Correspondent Wilhelm

Mulinda, Mwanza

UK-based charitable organisation, the Desk and Chair Foundation (TDCF) has donated 20 sewing machines to women entrepreneurs in Nyamagana district, Mwanza region so as to help them generate more income and fight poverty.

The organisation has also donated two tri-cycles and two wheel chairs to people with disabilities as well as 2.5m/- business capital to two women whereby one of them got 2m/- and the other one has got 500,000/-.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony yesterday here, chairman of the NGO in Tanzania, Sibtain Meghjee said that they are working to support the government's efforts to empower people economically and fight poverty.

He said the organisation will also open bank accounts to enable the women to save a certain percentage of profit they generate from their businesses for their future security.

"Every one of them will be given a register book to enable them keep records of their businesses, this will also help us get reports on their daily progress and see how we can extend our support to further lift them up," he said

"We hope that if they are serious enough they can experience a huge shift in their lives as well as support their fellow entrepreneurs in their businesses," he said.

He said that often the NGO has been supporting people with disabilities in different areas across the country to improve their well-being and feel that they are also equal to others in the community.

According to him, the

NGO is also implementing a project to extend water services to Mwanza Regional elderly residents from a shallow well located about 500 metres from the area under the sponsorship of a women's group living in E-nude in Toronto, Canada.

Nyamagana District Commissioner (DC), Amina Maklagi commended TDCF and appealed to other NGOs to emulate the move by supporting efforts of the government to bring development to people and nation.

She noted that in recent days the NGO donated 3000 seedlings of avocado trees to people in Nyamagana in a bid to improve their health and environment as well.

She urged the women who had received the sewing machines to use them well to generate income and solve economic challenges facing them.



Environment director in the Vice President's Office Dr Andrew Komba leads colleagues in his office to plant a nursery tree at Mzakwe water source in Dodoma over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Rising need for research among institutions calls for increased funding - says coordinator

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

COUNTRIES in sub-Saharan Africa are making significant strides in development thanks to increased uptake in research and development that seeks to raise the quality of lives through social and economic improvement.

In line with efforts to meet Sustainable Development Goals, institutions of higher learning in these countries are undertaking various research projects basing on promoting science, technology and innovation.

The aim is to design simple, but efficient technology that would enable small producers to make quality products which would fetch good prices in the market. These producers cannot afford high-capacity machines meant for large-scale producers most of which have to be imported. Ultimately, such projects should bring about social and economic development to the common man.

In Tanzania, institutions like Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and University of Dodoma (UDOM) are conducting research in various fields of life thanks to funding from Science Granting Councils (SGCs) through the



Avocado oil mini-extraction machine designed by TEMDO being tested by technicians to determine the performance of the machine.

Science Granting Council Initiative (SGCI). Although the institutions have other sources of funding, the Initiative's funds are specifically directed to research that promotes science, technology and innovation.

This gives the government a shot in the arm to undertake inclusive development by taking on board small producers who would otherwise not be reached

in the near future.

The Initiative is currently funding projects in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia. Others are Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Senegal and Ghana. The list also includes Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Beneficiaries of the Initiative which is now in its second phase acknowledge that

generally funding is available, but since the demand for research is expanding the amount provided cannot meet all what is required. In some cases, the money available has not been enough to accomplish a project, raising the need to look for other sources of funding.

"However, it is clear that research funding through SGCI has increased and this has led to improved

project design and project management in general. At times the flow of funds has been fluctuating due to increased demand, but overall, research has been well-funded resulting in improved capacity, research project design and methodology," says Neema Tindamanyire, the CGCI Coordinator in Tanzania.

Government has continued to support research in the country, comple-

menting funds provided by the initiative and other parties but it has competing priorities and funds set aside have not been enough. "But thanks to the SGCI programme, we have increased funding to support research in the country. During the second phase we have won research funds amounting to 2m USD from the Oliver Tambo Research chair initiative (ORTARChI) for two universities, SUA and the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NMAIST).

We have also won CAD 419,000 from International Development Research Centre to support research projects, and rapid grant funds amounting to USD 219,344 for three universities, UDSM, MUHAS, UDOM," explains Tindamanyire. "All the funds have been won competitively," she adds, urging institutions to compete for funds from various sources even if they are implementing the SGCI projects.

Dr. Sigisbert Mathias Mmasi is the principal investigator of a research in extraction of avocado oil. The project, Development and Commercialisation of a suitable avocado oil mini-extraction plant to enhance productivity and quality of avocado oil in Tanzania is implemented by TEMDO as a beneficiary of the SGCI programme. The main objective of the project is to design, develop and commercialize suitable machines and equipment

for extraction of avocado oil for farm growers and oil processors. The project reaches out to farmers and processors in Arusha, Njombe and Mbeya, among other regions.

This is one of the first projects the institution is implementing through the SGCI programme so it is not easy to establish the trend of funding. "COSTECH has provided us with enough money to accomplish the project according to the write up but we would certainly welcome more funding in future. We would like to go beyond extraction of oil from the fruit," explains Dr. Mmasi.

The skin of the avocado fruit and the seed both can be processed to produce various products oil and food supplements.

SGCI is funding another project in Tanzania; development and commercialization of sunflower oil mini-refinery technology to enhance productivity and income of small scale edible oil processors. The project is being executed by TEMDO with the Initiative's funding channeled through COSTECH. The institution also gets funding directly from the government but it would appear that there isn't enough to meet the project needs.

According to Eng. Honest Lyaru, there is rising need for research among institutions and the country in general and this has led to calls for more funding.

"We are working on a tight budget because

things are more expensive in the market than we had anticipated so we have had to squeeze our activities. We are now soliciting funds from other sources to enable us to design and produce more machines to help more sunflower oil producers in the country raise their incomes," says Eng. Lyaru who is the co-principal investigator of the project.

There is an on-going research that focuses on the design and production of plasmic cutter machines. According to Principal Investigator Eng. Patrick Kivanda, currently these machines are imported and the prices are very high. The quality of some of the machines is also questionable. With production being done locally it will be easy to undertake quality control. "Our aim is therefore to produce them locally in order to increase efficiency and quality of the products cut by the machines. However, research requires a lot of funding and currently we are not getting enough. For example COSTECH has given us 2.5m/- for this project but the actual expenditure has risen up to 19m/-.

We need to look for other sources of funding from within Tanzania and beyond and one way is to get partners in the various stages of project implementation. We are fine with the design and developing stage but we need partners to put the product in the market," explains Eng. Kivanda.



# 2021 revealed the fragility of food systems

ROME

The end of this year has revealed the fragility of food systems when faced with sudden disruptions such as those observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. These disruptions have increased the number of people with limited or no access to food in the world. Today, more than 811 million people suffer from hunger, according to recent studies.

The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2021 report, published in November by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) states that three billion people cannot afford healthy diets, and another billion could soon join these ranks if the crisis of the pandemic reduces their income by a third.

According to current projections, if an alteration in the transport routes of food products continues as it has been since the start of the pandemic, the cost of food could suffer an increase. This increase would greatly affect 845 million people.

These disruptions would impact on long-term trends in the food system, the welfare of people, their assets, their livelihoods and security, the ability to withstand future disasters caused by extreme weather events and the heightening of diseases and pests in plants and animals.

Prior to the pandemic, difficulties in meeting the international commu-



Different initiatives have sought to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on agrifood systems that affect the world's most vulnerable people. Credit: FAO

nity's commitments and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, especially the eradication of hunger and poverty, were already present. The effects of COVID-19, coupled with climate change, armed conflict and rising food prices, could con-

tinue to exacerbate these difficulties.

Global agrifood systems, related to the complex production of agricultural food and non-food products, as well as their storage, processing, transportation, distribution and consumption, produce 11 bil-

lion tons of food annually and employ billions of people, either directly or indirectly.

The recent FAO report analyzes whether low-income countries face greater difficulties as a result of impacts of the pandemic than middle-

to high-income countries. After analyzing this specific situation in more than 100 countries, the report confirms the trend that low-income countries face greater difficulties; however, middle- and high-income countries are not excluded from these impacts. Such is the case of

middle-income countries like Brazil, where 60% of the value of their exports comes from a single trading partner, which reduces their options if their main counterpart is affected by the disruptions generated by COVID-19.

The same can happen in high-income countries, such as Canada or Australia, if they are exposed to transportation variants due to the long distances required to cover food distribution.

According to recent expert studies, reducing essential connections in the distribution network could cause local transport time to increase by 20% or more, thus increasing food costs and prices for consumers.

Resilience in agrifood systems by governments should be one of the main strategies to respond to current and future challenges, seeking to diversify sources of inputs, production, markets, supply chain and actors, supporting the creation of small and medium-sized companies, cooperatives, consortiums and other groups to maintain diversity in the agrifood value chains.

In addition, the resilience of vulnerable households should be improved to ensure a world without hunger, through greater access to assets, diversified sources of income and social protection programs in the event of a crisis.

Today, family farms represent 90% of all farms in the world. FAO established a technical platform for family farming with the aim of fostering innovation and the exchange of information between regions.

According to the Director-General of FAO, QU Dongyu, when resources and knowledge are shared "innovation is accelerated", and while "this platform will allow us to think big, it will also facilitate the adoption of concrete measures" which will in turn allow for the conservation of biodiversity. This represents the first step towards rural transformation.

The relationship between agricultural nutrition and climate change is another outstanding component of the shocks that have continued to occur in 2021.

The increase in temperatures and the growing impact of radical atmospheric effects are exponentially affecting agriculture, causing an increase in the prices of raw materials as recorded by recent trends, and consequently aggravating the conditions of hunger and malnutrition.

If this trend continues, by 2050 agrifood production will decline by around 10%, at a time when there would be a strong increase in the world population.

There are also opportunities to reverse these trends related to agriculture, food and the environment, but in order for this to happen, greater investments is needed in this sector.

From precision agriculture and early warning systems, to improving the use of food waste and converting it into clean energy, to using water more efficiently, many practices are already being carried out in different countries. These solutions offer a sense of hope and show that we can reverse the present negative trends. When reflecting on the difficulties of the past year, we should continue to work towards finding concrete solutions instead of just pointing out the difficulties that the future of the agrifood industry faces.

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 184 00--

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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4 letters  
5 letters  
6 letters  
7 letters  
8 letters

SOW, NOW, HAIL, TOOL, ALOE, OMEN, RHEA, CANON, YEMEN, EJECT, ISLET, LEAVE, AHEAD, FACTS, BRAID, SWINE

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**CLUES: Across**

- Tanzania's statesman
- obtain in exchange for payment
- a period of seven days
- an assistant to a political leader
- open to public inspection
- a tall deciduous shade tree with spreading branches and broad top
- support, encourage
- longest river in Africa
- town on the border of Kenya and Tanzania
- People of Nigeria
- a rower
- young form of a louse
- North American plant with stems of showy snap dragon like-flowers

**Down:**

- printed publication
- a formal process whereby a politician is elected
- pardon a sin
- characterized by constant change
- mate and then produce offspring
- Her capital city is Luanda
- Children
- a building devoted to the worship
- once more
- a thing that is not possible
- the expression of creative skill
- have an obligation to pay money

**WORD-FIT**

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## PROGRESS

## De Beers extends Botswana sales deal as it negotiates new contract

GABORONE

De Beers Group said on Friday it has extended by six months a 10-year agreement with Botswana for the sale of rough diamonds from their jointly owned venture, giving both parties more time to negotiate a new contract.

The 2011 rough diamond sales agreement in which the venture, Debswana, sells 75% of its output to Anglo American PLC subsidiary De Beers was set to expire in 2020, but was extended for a year in December 2020 due to the pandemic. The agreement will now run until the end of June while contract negotiations continue.

A deal is necessary for Botswana as the Southern African country gets about 30% of its revenues and 70% of its foreign exchange earnings from diamonds, which make up a fifth of its GDP. For De Beers, which is 15% owned by the government of Botswana, a contract renewal would provide another long period of revenue certainty.

Both parties have declined to divulge the specific terms being negotiated but analysts have said the government is likely to want to increase its share of diamonds produced by Debswana from the 15% agreed in 2011, or to get a larger share of bigger stones. Last year, the government's share was raised to 25%. Debswana sells the balance of its output to state-owned Okavango Diamond Company (ODC), an independent channel created by the government to sell diamonds.

Botswana has a long term plan of transforming itself from just being a

producer of rough diamonds to taking a more active role in the broader industry, participating in activities such as trading, cutting and polishing and other support services such as tourism and hospitality, transport, diamond banking, gemmological functions and laboratories. President Mokgweetsi Masisi has said he wants more people employed in the industry as the country battles with relatively high unemployment, especially among youths.



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## TECH SAVVY

## ACEX chief urges local investors to use digital platform in trading effectively



African Consolidated Exchange CEO, Peter Mucheru (R) toast with some of the company's co-workers during the official launch of the digital platform in Nairobi on Friday. Photo courtesy of ACEX.

By Guardian Reporter

**L**OCAL investors have been called upon to take advantage of the newly launched unified exchange platform, the African Consolidated Exchange (ACEX) that will allow people to buy and sell assets such as stocks, bonds, forex, cryptocurrencies and other traditional commodities online.

The digital infrastructure platform which was launched on Friday, will also allow investors to stake in real estate, venture capital, micro-funding, mining and exploration among other projects while earning dividends on trading.

ACEX's CEO, Peter Mucheru said during the launch that the platform intends to rewrite African history by revolutionizing the finance ecosystem through digital means.

Mucheru said in Nairobi that ACEX will be the first exchange where native producers from Africa can list their produce, fix

their competitive price and earn direct rewards from their efforts. He named products such as cobalt, cocoa and timber as being synthetically indexed and offered as quotes for traders to take advantage of.

"We also have a micro-financing model, which allows us to partner with local microfinance institutions and facilitate them with funds to provide as credits to micro, small and medium enterprises," he said.

Mucheru further noted that for Tanzania, ACEX is currently reviewing some few microfinance institutions - that when approved will start empowering MSMEs with capital access. "We understand there is still faint knowledge when it comes to digital economy, with many people in the region fearing scams and online fraudsters," he noted.

"The platform offers education materials and through our local franchises, we ensure that one is well informed before they start trading," the ACEX chief executive

added while noting that in order to start tapping on the platform, one will need to purchase an initial investment of 100 of Temcoin (\$XTEM) which is the native cryptocurrency of ACEX.

Commenting on the launch, local digital trader, Elibariki Shilla who has three years experience with the ACEX's functioning and TE Markets, said that stakeholders and investors can take advantage of the centralized platform because it offers multiple assets trading options unlike any other consolidated market in the world.

"For those who fear the digital trading initiatives, there are experts who offer knowledge and understanding on how to properly exploit the opportunity, as one can also trade by following what the verified traders do, step by step," Shilla said.

Another digital entrepreneur, Joshua Fanuel backed Shilla by urging youth to use the platform to fully exploit the digital opportunities and overcome the unemployment challenges. Fanuel

however said before doing so, one needs to make sure they gain enough information so that they can make informed and profitable trading decisions.

"Like in any business, before you put your money one needs to know everything there is about that business. Same for this, you need to be well informed and understand how it goes then start trading," he noted.

In the ACEX platform there will be a handful of verified people who will be known as merchants who will be allowed to engage in the business of converting \$XTEM to fiat (nationally issued currencies) and vice versa.

According to ACEX these merchants will be cast across all regions of Africa to facilitate smooth financial transactions because their fee will be minimal. These merchants will additionally be solving the issue associated with foreign remittances on the African continent.

## ECO-FRIENDLY

## Jata, Jica in talks with Iringa municipal officials to recycle waste



JATA chairman, Gregory Mlay speaks at a past event.

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to help Iringa Municipality successfully reduce disposal of waste products, JATA and Japan International Cooperation Agency are in talks to invest in a recycling plant for the purpose.

In a statement on Friday, JICA said after the JATA delegation visited the municipality, they agreed on the need to make sure that increased waste products be utilized to manufacture some useful things for use in daily life.

JATA Chairman, Gregory Mlay said that among other areas, the association is now looking for better ways of recycling the waste as a way of sustainably improving liquid and solid waste in municipality. "Iringa has emerged as one of the regions that properly manages its sanitation system and has been awarded by environmental groups for that. The municipality is well supplied with large plastic containers for storing garbage but it seems that the volume is sharply rising which is an

opportunity for recycling of household waste," Mlay said.

According to him, JATA which also provides sensitization to the public on waste management, wants to encourage safe disposals of waste which favours environmental conservation by throwing garbage in containers.

Iringa Municipal Mayor, Ibrahim Ngwada commended JATA's move saying they have also assisted to sensitise the public on proper waste disposal instead of the popular practice of dumping wastes clandestinely.

"The municipality faces a big shortage of garbage collecting trucks. We therefore ask the community to stop dumping hot waste in containers because they cause damage to the storage facilities," Ngwada.

He said the council plans to continue repairing the damaged garbage containers regularly while conducting sensitization to ensure that the municipality remains clean.

During the visit in Iringa, the JATA delegation had an opportunity to visit a sewage system which was constructed with funding from JICA training alumnae who is currently Iringa District Council Environmental Health Officer, Christian Ndenga.

Ndenga suggested that there is need to engage stakeholders in dealing with solid wastes management to see how best to control before dumping. He pointed out that there is also need to sort waste material before throwing into containers or the dumpsites.

"The council has 18 groups which are in training of wastes collections and recycling, however, waste sorting skills remain a major challenge," he said. JATA is an association that brings together all participants who had opportunities to study in Japan or in other countries under the sponsorship of JICA, which is the implementing agency of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA).

## ECO-FRIENDLY

## Egypt plans to manufacture \$20,000 electric vehicles in bid to go green

CAIRO

Egypt is joining the Middle East's push to adopt electric cars with a state-owned company contracted to build affordable vehicles with a Chinese firm, taking advantage of the country's renewable energy boom to power them.

Authorities are in contact with three potential companies as they seek a partner for El Nasr Automotive Manufacturing on the project that

will see 2 billion Egyptian pounds (\$127 million) invested, Public Enterprise Minister Hisham Tawfik said in an interview, without giving names. Production is set to begin in 2023, with output increasing to an annual 20,000 units over three years.

Mr Tawfik said Egypt's electric model, to be named either E70 or A70, will sell for about \$20,000, with half of buyers probably taxi or Uber drivers. That is roughly the

same price as Europe's cheapest EV, Renault's Dacia Spring, which is made in China.

The private sector will also be offered a 40 per cent role in a new company established to operate pay-to-use charging stations, with 10 per cent being taken by El Nasr and the remaining half by a "state entity", Mr Tawfik said, without elaborating. The first wave of 3,000 charging points will be around the cities of Cairo and Alexandria before they are

introduced elsewhere.

"Egypt now produces all kinds of clean energy," the minister said, citing the country's sizeable wind and solar power projects. "This means we have the infrastructure to leap into the future with the automotive industry."

It is an ambitious undertaking for the Arab world's most populous nation of more than 100 million, where Mr Tawfik estimates only about 350 electric cars are currently

plying the busy streets. That is a tiny fraction of the roughly five million private cars registered, although financial incentives offered to owners of standard cars to convert them to natural gas will also be extended to EVs to encourage purchases.

The picture is similar in the broader Middle East region, much of which relies on oil wealth, where the adoption of EVs has been dwarfed by their growth in China, the US and

Europe. It is beginning to change, though, with Saudi Arabia planning to manufacture its own.

Brightskies, an Egyptian company, has also signed a deal with state-owned Engineering Automotive Manufacturing to develop and manufacture electric buses and minibuses from 2022, according to Mr Tawfik. And Egypt will look at making hydrogen-powered EVs in the longer term, he said.



## BAILOUT

# EAC deputy chief lauds German govt for hand-washing stations at hotspots

By Guardian Reporter

**H**AND-washing stations being constructed at East African Community hotspots with funding from German government will help more than one million people who frequent such border crossing daily.

EAC's Deputy Secretary General of Productive and Social Sectors, Christophe Bazivamo said last week that progress made in establishing the hand-washing facilities which cater also for children and people with disabilities, is encouraging.

"Some of the hand-washing facilities have already been completed awaiting handover to authorities and others are at various stages of construction," Bazivamo said while thanking the German government for the investment.

"In addition, more than one million people will be reached with health and hygiene promotion initiatives, thanks to a financial support of 1.5 million EUR from the German government," the Deputy EAC chief noted.

The EAC Secretariat said in a statement that progress has been made in a project aimed at strengthening the capacity of partner states to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases using hygiene measures, risk communication and community sensitization.

The project targets 'hotspots' in the region that have a high risk for infection transmission due to crowded living conditions and a lack of clean water as causes of poor hygiene. The secretariat is collaborating with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the implementation of the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) project.

Water harvesting facilities have been established at Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu and Kihere districts in Rwanda, and hand-washing facilities have been finalized at Mutukula and Namanga border points in Tanzania.



EAC's deputy secretary general for productive and social sectors, Christophe Bazivamo.

"Work is in various stages at other sites in the EAC partner states of Burundi, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda," said Dr Aymen Jarboui, IOM Regional Health Program Officer for the coronavirus.

"We have also started with risk communication and sensitization on the crucial

role of hygiene in infection prevention control," Dr Jarboui added while noting that extensive land borders and high human mobility in the region, make the communities at the borders and along the transport corridors but also in densely populated areas with limited access to wa-

ter, vulnerable to communicable diseases.

Over the past five years alone, the EAC region has experienced communicable, and water borne diseases outbreaks including COVID-19, Cholera, Measles, Rift Valley Fever, Yellow Fever, Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever and E. Coli infections.

## PROMOTION

## 'Bonge la Mpango' winner excited with Skymark tricycle bike

By Guardian Reporter

**WINNER** of NMB Bank Plc's 'Bonge la Mpango' campaign in Dodoma city, Mwanaharusi Salum Arafu has said that the Skymark tricycle will wipe her tears and help generate extra income.

Arafu who was awarded the tricycle on Friday after emerging winner from a draw held on Friday thanked NMB for organising the three months campaign aimed at encouraging people to save cash during this festive season.

"When I received a phone call on November 18 informing me as winner of the promotion, I didn't trust the caller right away," Arafu said while pointing out that as attendant at Dodoma Referral Hospital, the tricycle will assist her earn more income.

She said normally she saves her money regularly to safeguard against future needs hence winning the Skymark tricycle was an extra benefit. "Despite the fact that I earn very little, I have adopted a culture of saving regularly," she noted.

NMB's Dodoma Branch Manager, Amos Mabusu urged the public to continue saving through their bank accounts saying anyone stands a chance to win cash and materials prizes ranging. "When one has a maximum of 100,000/- in their NMB account, they automatically qualify to participate in the draw that could give them various prizes," Mabusu said.

He said a lucky winner can get 100,000/- cash prize or the Skymark tricycle in weekly draws for the campaign which started in November and runs through end January 2022.

## DEADLOCK

# Uganda now puts Kenya farm goods ban talks on hold



Livestock PS Harry Kimtai.

## NAIROBI

Uganda has postponed a Kenya trade mission to Kampala meant to resolve a spat that has seen the country propose a ban on Kenya's agricultural produce in retaliation to Nairobi barring Ugandan milk and poultry imports.

counterpart in Uganda asking us to propose new dates because the communication was received late and they would require sufficient time to prepare for our mission," said Livestock PS Harry Kimtai. On Monday, Kampala said it would ban some of the agricultural produce from Kenya in retaliation to Kenya's ban on its poultry and dairy products.

Key agricultural exports to Uganda from Kenya include palm oil at Sh7.2 billion last year, sorghum (Sh1.4 billion), vegetables (Sh311 million) and legumes (Sh200 million). The Kenyan officials were to visit Uganda to verify claims that sugar and milk imported from the landlocked neighbour originates from third-party countries – a claim Kampala denies.

This is the second time that the Kenyan mission to Uganda has been postponed. Last month, the trip was called off at the last minute in what the authorities in Nairobi said was due to a lack of preparedness by stakeholders in the delegation. The row has been simmering since 2019, when Kenya locked out the popular Lato Milk brand, produced by The Pearl Dairies, subjecting the brand to major losses.

The firm is the largest processor of milk in Uganda with a daily capacity of 800,000 litres. Its brand was popular in Kenya and retailed at a lower cost than the local milk. In July 2020, Kenya followed up with a ban on Ugandan sugar, against an earlier agreement to increase the country's sugar exports to Kenya.

The land land-locked neighbour informed Kenya that the notice for the intended mission to resolve the trade dispute Nairobi issued was too short to warrant the meeting, urging for selection of another date, just as the team was planning to visit this month.

"I have received communication from my



NMB's 'Bonge la Mpango' promotional poster.

## TECH SAVVY

# AfDB invests US\$170m in Nigeria's digital future

## ABIDJAN

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved a loan of US\$170-million to finance a digital and creative enterprises program in Nigeria. According to the organisation, the investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises Program (i-DICE) is a Federal Government of Nigeria initiative promoting investment in digital and creative industries.

The program targets more than 68 million Nigerians aged 15 to 35 years "who are recognised as leaders of innovative, early-

stage, technology-enabled start-ups or as leaders of creative sector micro, small and medium sized enterprises." The program is co-financed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

"Governments have a much greater role than just policy making. They need to be innovative and create an enabling environment that includes infrastructure and de-risking to harness private sector investments in key growth sectors," said African Development Bank President Akinwumi A. Adesina.

The investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises Program will also support the leaders through enterprise support organisations - groups that support, train, and sometimes fund entrepreneurs - including innovation hubs, accelerators, venture capital and private equity firms. Bank financing of i-DICE will help the Government initiative further consolidate Nigeria's position as Africa's leading start-up investment destination and as a youth entrepreneurship hub.

"This program is among the latest series of our operations meant to bolster the

implementation of the Bank's Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy. Given that tech-enabled enterprises cut across all the economic growth sectors, the program's focus on the digital sector will deepen Nigeria's job creation efforts," said Beth Dunford, Bank Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

AfDB and the Nigerian government said the initiative will stimulate investments in 226 technology and creative start-ups and provide non-financial services to 451 digital technology and small and medium enterprises.

The program is also expected to create 6.1 million direct and indirect jobs, of which the Bank's financing will support the creation of about 850,000 jobs. The value added to the Nigerian economy connected to the program is estimated at US\$6.4-billion.

The program will boost Nigeria's venture capital market through independently managed funds focusing on digital and creative enterprise. These funds aim to attract an initial capitalization of \$433 million in private and public sector financing.



## CROSSROADS

## The world wants more Lithium but doesn't want more mines

## NEW YORK

Prices for lithium, the building block of electric-vehicle batteries, shot to a record this year, amplifying concerns there won't be enough of the metal to fuel the switch away from combustion engines. In that climate, now should be a prime time to build a mine.

Rio Tinto Group is finding out otherwise. Within months of unveiling plans for a \$2.4 billion mine in western Serbia, local opponents organised a movement that's rocked the government and brought cities to a standstill as thousands of protesters march in the streets. Authorities subsequently suspended a land-use plan for the proposed mine, though they didn't reject the project completely.

"The entire Jadar project is just another way for multinational companies, with the help of our state, to make profit and cause damage to the people of Serbia," said Slavisa Miletic, an activist living near the planned mine.

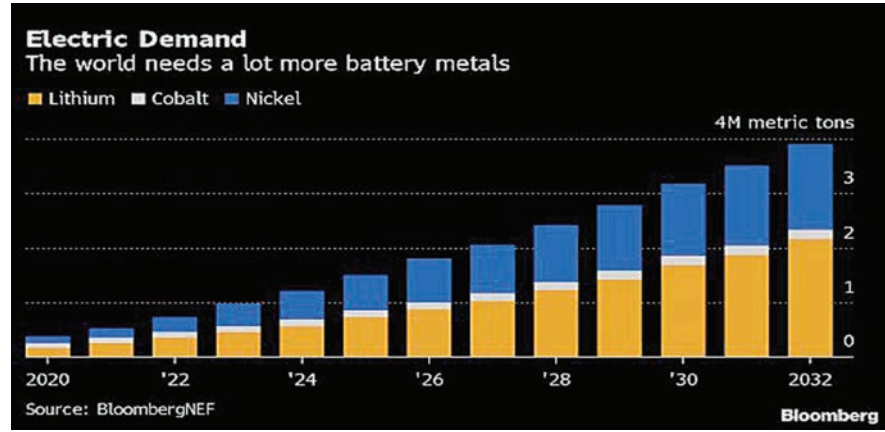
The opposition Rio faces is replicating around the world, and

industry executives consider it their biggest challenge going forward. Southern Copper Corp. is struggling to get government support for a controversial \$1.4 billion project in Peru, and Lithium Americas Corp. was taken to US federal court over its planned mine in Nevada.

Historically, mining offered jobs and economic development to typically poor areas, with taxation and royalties to fill government coffers. But all too often, people living nearby paid a price for environmental degradation and occasional catastrophe.

That's changing. Locals are pushing back, deciding that the economic benefits don't outweigh the costs to their quality of life. Governments also are increasingly unwilling or unable to override those concerns. "It's become more difficult to build a mine today than it ever was before," said Ben Davis, a mining analyst at Liberum. "It's far easier to organise opposition, often in rural and isolated communities."

To placate critics, the Serbian government offered a referen-



Lithium, cobalt and nickel's demand is growing globally.

dum on the mine, but that itself became controversial, with the opposition saying recent legal revisions tilted the balance in the government's - and Rio's - favour.

Protesters also blasted an effort to speed up ownership changes for both state and private projects. The outrage forced President Aleksandar Vucic to send the proposal back to parliament for reworking.

"Environmental issues were long neglected in Serbia because economy and living standard dominated for years," said Bojan Klacar, director of the Belgrade-based Center for Free Elections

and Democracy, or CESID. "Priorities have changed." A few thousand Serbians protested for a fourth weekend in several cities, demanding an unconditional ban on lithium exploration and mining by any company, not just Rio Tinto. At the largest rally, in the capital Belgrade, activists vowed to step up their protests if their demands are not met by next month. When Rio, the world's second-biggest miner, announced the project in July, it seemed like a slam dunk for new Chief Executive Officer Jakob Stausholm.

Lithium is a future-facing commodity critical for global decarbonisation. The

biggest automakers, from Tesla Inc. to Volkswagen AG to Toyota Motor Corp., need an ever-growing supply of battery materials to accelerate the roll out of EVs, with BloombergNEF expecting demand for the minerals in lithium-ion packs to grow fivefold by 2030. A global index of lithium prices has more than tripled this year, and BNEF forecasts that lithium-ion battery prices will increase next year for the first time since 2010. Plus, the mine would be built on farmland, not virgin forest, and be just a 10-hour drive from Germany's car-making epicenter. The project, which Rio says could create more than 2 000 jobs, is scheduled to open in 2026 and hit full production in 2029. Yet that laundry list of supposed benefits doesn't matter to many. Mining's dark past includes a plethora of deadly disasters, from cyanide leaks to dam collapses.

Just last year, Rio's CEO was forced out after the company destroyed an ancient Aboriginal site at Juukan Gorge in Australia. "We do have a history of things

in our organization that we're not proud of, and Juukan is No. 1 on that list," said Sinead Kaufman, head of the Rio unit planning to build the Serbian mine.

And it's not just lithium that's becoming problematic. Copper is an essential metal for the energy transition, with demand expected to grow by almost 50% in the next decade, according to Chilean miner Antofagasta Plc. Mines typically take about 15 years to go from discovery to production.

Even so, many of the best prospects are in limbo. Rio's proposed Resolution copper mine in Arizona, which could satisfy a quarter of US demand, is being reviewed by the federal government after opposition from the San Carlos Apache tribe, whose leader refused to meet Rio's CEO earlier this year. "Despite mining's contribution to almost every aspect of modern life, the industry is still seen as one that takes more than it gives," Mark Cutifani, CEO of Anglo American Plc, said in a speech in London this month.

## CONCERN

## Record high coal power demand in 2021 threatens net-zero targets, IEA says

## PARIS

Global coal-generated power demand is expected to hit record highs this year, threatening the world's net-zero targets aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said.

Power generation from coal globally is expected to jump by 9 per cent in 2021 to an all-time high of 10,350 terawatt-hours, driven by rapid economic recovery that has pushed up electricity demand much faster than low-carbon supplies can keep up, the IEA said in its latest annual market report.

Overall, coal demand worldwide - including uses beyond power generation, such as cement and steel production - is forecast to grow six per cent this year, according to the IEA's Coal 2021 report. Depending on weather patterns and economic growth, overall coal demand could reach new all-time highs as soon as 2022 and remain at that level for the following two years, underscoring the need for "fast and strong" policy action, the agency said.

"Coal is the single largest source of global carbon emissions, and this year's historically high level of coal power generation is a worrying sign of how far off track the world is in its efforts to put emissions into decline towards net zero," Fatih Birol, executive director of IEA, said. "Without strong and immediate actions by governments to tackle coal emissions - in a way that is fair, affordable and secure for those affected - we will have little chance, if any at all, of limiting global warming to 1.5°C." In China, where more than half of global coal-fired electricity generation takes place, coal power is expected to grow by 9 per cent in 2021, the IEA said.

In India, it is forecast to grow 12 per cent this year. This would set new all-time highs in both coun-

tries, even as they roll out significant amounts of solar and wind capacity. "The pledges to reach net zero emissions made by many countries, including China and India, should have very strong implications for coal - but these are not yet visible in our near-term forecast, reflecting the major gap between ambitions and action," Keisuke Sadamori, director of energy markets and security at IEA, said.

Asia is dominating the global coal market, with China and India accounting for two-thirds of overall demand, Mr Sadamori said. These two economies - dependent on coal and with a combined population of almost 3 billion people - hold the key to future coal demand, he added.

In 2020, global coal demand fell 4.4 per cent, the largest decline in decades but much smaller than the annual drop that was initially expected at the height of the lockdowns early in the pandemic, the report showed.

Coal prices have been on a rollercoaster ride over the past two years. After falling to \$50 per tonne in the second quarter of 2020, they started to climb towards the end of the year, with supply cutbacks balancing the market before rebounds in economic activity and coal demand in China started pushing prices up.

In 2021, prices were lifted further by demand outstripping supply in China - the global coal price setter - as well as by supply disruptions and higher natural gas prices globally. Coal prices reached all-time highs in early October 2021, with imported thermal coal in Europe, for example, hitting \$298 per tonne. Quick policy intervention by the Chinese government to balance the market had a fast effect on prices. As of mid-December, European prices were back below \$150 per tonne.



Fatih Birol, executive director of IEA.



**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**STARTING 7:30 PM**



## ITV

## SATURDAY 18 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Shika Bamba 5
10:30	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:10	Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50	Korean: Jumong
13:30	Soap: Love to Death rpt
15:45	Igizo: Mizengwe
16:15	Igizo: Rebeca
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:30	Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:00	Igizo: Rebeca
21:30	Art and lifestyle
22:00	ITV TOP 10
22:45	Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45	Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15	DWTV

## SUNDAY 19 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35	Bongo Movie rpt
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Rebeca
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:10	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:15	Bongo Movie:
00:00	Soap: Love to Death rpt
02:05	Al Jazeera

## MONDAY 20 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: Uzalo
10:00	Watoto wetu
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	ITV Top Ten

11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Mjue Zaidi
13:45	Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Art and Lifestyle rpt
14:10	Soap: Love to Death
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:10	Albu yako rpt
18:15	DWTV: Kesho leo
18:45	Kipindi Maalum: Nyumba ni Choo
19:00	Afya ya Jamii
19:30	Soap: Uzalo
20:00	Habari
21:05	Dakika 45
22:00	Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW
22:15	Soap: Love to Death
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

## TUESDAY 21 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: Uzalo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu rpt
10:25	Jagina rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Afya ya jamii
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Ripoti Maalum rpt:
13:30	Shika Bamba rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Soap: Love to Death
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:10	Yu wapi
18:15	Kipindi Maalum: Nyumba ni Choo rpt
18:30	Uchumi na biashara
19:00	Jarida la wanawake
19:30	Soap: Uzalo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:10	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
21:45	Chetu ni chetu
22:20	Soap: Love to Death
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

## WEDNESDAY 22 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: Uzalo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu
10:25	Uchumi wetu
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Jarida la wanawake
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Soap: Love to Death
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru rpt
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Soap: Rebeca rpt
18:45	Kipindi Maalum: Nyumba ni Choo
19:00	Ijue Sheria
19:30	Soap: Uzalo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Albu Yako
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:35	Ripoti Maalum
22:10	Soap: Love to Death
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

## THURSDAY 23 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: Uzalo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu
10:25	Shamba lulu
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Ijue sheria rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Shamsham za pwani
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Soap: Love to Death
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Kipindi Maalum: Nyumba ni Choo rpt
18:30	Jagina

19:00	Usafiri wako
19:30	Soap: Uzalo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Malumbano ya hoja
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

## FRIDAY 24 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Soap: Uzalo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu rpt
10:25	Usafiri wako rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
13:30	Chetu ni Chetu rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Chetu ni Chetu rpt
14:15	Igizo: Rebeca rpt
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
17:30	Kisilam
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean: Jumong
19:00	Shamba lulu
19:30	Soap: Uzalo
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipima Joto
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

## SATURDAY 25 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Shika Bamba 5
10:30	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:10	Chetu ni chetu rpt
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:50	Korean: Jumong
13:30	Soap: Love to Death rpt
15:45	Igizo: Mizengwe
16:15	Igizo: Rebeca
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:30	Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:00	Igizo: Rebeca
21:30	Art and lifestyle
22:00	ITV TOP 10
22:45	Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45	Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15	DWTV

21:00	Igizo: Rebeca
21:30	Art and lifestyle
22:00	ITV TOP 10
22:45	Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45	Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15	DWTV

## SUNDAY 26 Dec

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35	Bongo Movie rpt:
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Rebeca
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
21:10	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:15	Bongo Movie:
00:00	Soap: Love to Death rpt
02:05	Al Jazeera

## CAPITAL

## Sat 18 Dec

08:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Rev rpt
09:30	Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00	Culinary delight rpt
10:30	Innovation rpt
11:00	Out n'about rpt
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt
12:00	Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30	Our Earth rpt
13:00	Business edition rpt
13:30	Korean Drama rpt: Emperor Of The Sea
14:30	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
17:15	Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45	Bundesliga kick off
18:15	Capchat rpt
19:15	Mizengwe
19:30	The Decor
20:00	Korean Drama: Emperor of the Sea
21:00	Out n' About
21:30	Movie: The Sound of Murder (tape no:5865)
23:00	Series rpt: Beats of Love
01:00	Al Jazeera

## Sun 19 Dec

08:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	In good shape
10:00	Capchat rpt
11:00	Sports



## WORLD

## Voters give scandal-hit UK PM 'a kicking' with by-election loss

LONDON

BORIS Johnson's Conservatives on Friday lost control of a parliamentary seat they have dominated for nearly 200 years, ratcheting up the pressure on Johnson from his lawmakers, who are in mutinous mood after a series of crises and scandals.

The defeat was described as 'a kicking' for the Conservatives, substantiating fears expressed publicly and privately that the party's reputation and electoral prospects are now suffering under Johnson's leadership.

The centrist Liberal Democrats party candidate, Helen Morgan, won the North Shropshire seat by nearly 6,000 votes, overturning a 23,000-vote Conservative majority from 2019.

"Our country is crying out for leadership. Mr Johnson, you're no leader," Morgan said in her victory speech.

The Conservatives had won every previous election for the mostly rural area of central England since the constituency was created in its current form in 1983. Conservative lawmakers have been dominant in the region for nearly 200 years.

The huge swing comes as British Prime Minister Johnson faces criticism on several fronts, including over reports his staff held

parties last Christmas when the country was in lockdown.

"Voters in North Shropshire were fed up and they gave us a kicking and I think they wanted to send us a message," Conservative chairman and lawmaker Oliver Dowden told Sky News. "I want to say as chairman of the Conservative Party, we've heard that loud and clear."

Nationwide opinion polls show Conservatives falling behind their main rivals, the Labour Party, following an outcry over lawmakers' second jobs, criticism of the way Johnson funded the lavish refurbishment of his flat, and a surge in COVID-19 cases.

"This has to be seen as a referendum on the prime minister's performance," Conservative lawmaker Roger Gale, a long-standing critic of Johnson, told the BBC.

"The Conservative Party has a reputation for not taking prisoners. If the prime minister fails, the prime minister goes."

**Sleaze row**  
The vote for the North Shropshire seat, one of 650 in Britain's parliament, was called outside of the regular election cycle because the incumbent Conservative resigned after he was found to have broken rules on paid



Liberal Democrat candidate Helen Morgan speaks after being elected as Member of Parliament for North Shropshire at the by-election count centre in Shrewsbury, in the west of England, early yesterday. AFP

lobbying.

The government attempted to prevent that resignation by changing rules designed to stop corruption in parliament, but was forced to backtrack after the move provoked a backlash over integrity and trust under Johnson's leadership.

British voters often use such by-elections to punish the ruling party, but the scale of the Liberal Democrat victory suggests deep public dissatisfaction with Johnson's government.

It still holds a large majority of the seats in parliament after a comprehensive election win in 2019 built on a promise to 'Get Brexit Done' that united traditional right-leaning Conservative voters with a swathes of new supporters.

North Shropshire was a pro-Brexit, staunchly Conservative area. Analysts say yesterday's

heavy defeat may further undermine Johnson's authority over lawmakers, some of whom are already in open revolt over plans to introduce COVID-19 passports.

"He needs to change now. He needs to listen to the views of his party," said a senior Conservative lawmaker, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He described Johnson as a talented communicator in need of a better team of advisers.

Any leadership challenge would require 54 of the party's elected lawmakers to formally register their lack of confidence.

For now, that does not seem an imminent threat, with most of Johnson's toughest critics stressing the need for him to improve rather than calling outright for him to go

Britain's next national election is due in 2024.

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## Chinese envoy: Democracy not a one-size-fits-all product

CANBERRA

DEMOCRACY is not a one-size-fits-all product that has only one model or configuration for the whole world, a senior Chinese envoy in Australia said.

"Whether a country is democratic or not should only be judged by its own people," Wang Xining, charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Australia, said in an article titled "Why China's 'people's democracy' is a high-quality democracy" which was published in The Canberra Times on Wednesday.

"Democracy, ultimately, is whether the people can truly be the masters of their own country," Wang said, noting that the whole-process people's democracy created by the Communist Party of China has secured extraordinary historical achievements.

In the article, Wang explained the whole-process people's democracy in China, which includes democratic elections, consultation, decision-making,



The Great Hall of the People in Beijing. (PHOTO / IC)

ing, management and supervision. "It is a model of socialist democracy that covers all aspects of the democratic process and all sectors of society."

He pointed out people in some Western countries are awakened only to cast a vote but become dormant afterwards; they are offered great hopes

during electoral campaigning but have no say afterwards; and they are offered fulsome promises during electoral canvassing but are left empty-handed afterwards. "That is no true democracy," he added.

"There is no best democracy, only better."

China never exports its democratic model as every country has the right to choose a democratic system that suits its own national conditions, he said, noting that history has repeatedly proven that "it is not feasible for China to copy the political system of other countries."

"We should adopt an attitude of inclusiveness, learn from the strengths of others, digest and absorb them in the light of China's national conditions, so that we can turn them into our own strength, better ensuring that the Chinese people are the true masters of the country."

Xinhua

## EU leaders struggle to find common ground on travel curbs

BRUSSELS

DIVISIONS within the European Union have deepened over travel rules to curb the spread of the Omicron variant of coronavirus, after Italy and Greece followed Portugal and Ireland in announcing additional curbs on travelers from other EU states.

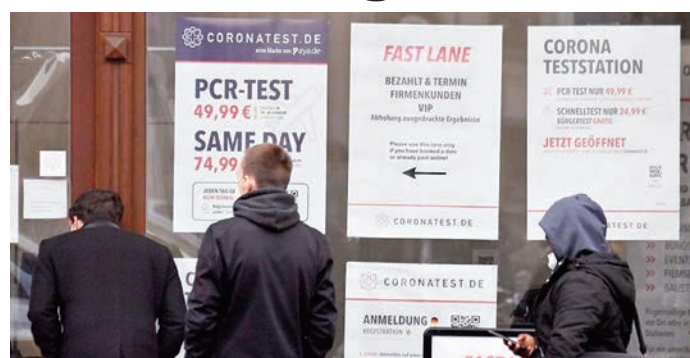
The EU's 27 member states have been debating for weeks how to coordinate travel policy, with the aim of containing the virus without disproportionately disrupting travel within the border-free European Schengen area.

However, Italy said on Tuesday that from Dec 16 until the end of January it would require all travelers from EU countries to show a negative test on arrival, even if they are vaccinated.

The unvaccinated will face a five-day quarantine.

If applied strictly, the rules - which take effect on Thursday - would effectively restore frontier checks at Italy's land borders, echoing measures adopted by EU countries at the start of the pandemic. These triggered queues at the borders and caused shortages of food and medicines around the bloc.

"I have only seen that closing borders is in any case not the solution," Luxembourg's Prime Minister Xavier Bettel told reporters as he arrived for a summit of EU leaders in Brussels. The summit conclusions say any restrictions should be coordinated, based on objective criteria, and should not "disproportionately hamper free movement between Member States".



People queue up in front of a coronavirus testing station on Nov 24, 2021 in Berlin, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. File photo

Latvian Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins said freedom of travel inside the EU must not end.

**Certificate**

An EU diplomat was more explicit: "Adding tests to vaccine certificates means undermining the value of the COVID-19 certificate."

The EU introduced its COVID-19 certificate in July. It allows holders to travel freely across EU borders if they have been vaccinated against the disease, have recovered or have had a recent negative test.

The European Commission proposed on November 25 a tweak to the COVID pass that

would make proof of vaccination sufficient for unhindered movement across the EU for nine months after completion of the primary vaccination cycle.

The proposal has not yet been approved by member states. Portugal introduced a requirement for additional negative tests on the very day the Commission made its proposal. Ireland mirrored that move a few days later.

Greece announced the same measure on Wednesday, to take effect on Dec 19. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said it would apply only for the Christmas period and was meant to gain time against the spread of Omicron as Greece sped up its campaign to give a booster dose to all adults.

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## Russia warns EU against hindering recognition of vaccine passports - diplomat

MOSCOW

MOSCOW has cautioned the European Union against politicizing and hindering efforts to mutually recognize vaccine certificates, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko told TASS yesterday.

"We are working on the issue, we hope that results will be achieved quite quickly. We believe that since it is about making life easier for people and ensuring freedom of movement, the EU will neither politicize the process nor create artificial obstacles," he pointed out.

Russia and the EU are in talks on mutually recognizing coronavirus vaccine passports. The European Medicines Agency has still not approved Russia's Sputnik V jab for use in the European Union.

Member states that use Sputnik V (namely Hungary) have the right to issue EU digital vaccine certificates to those inoculated with Sputnik V, but other EU nations can act at their own discretion as to whether they will accept these documents or not.

## S.Africa: Vaccines, prior infection leading to mild COVID-19 cases

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's health minister said yesterday that the government believed that vaccines and high levels of prior COVID-19 infection were helping to keep disease milder in a wave driven by the Omicron variant.

There have been early anecdotal accounts suggesting that the Omicron variant driving the fourth wave, which saw the country report a record number of daily infections earlier this week, is causing less severe illness than previous variants in South Africa but scientists say it is too early to draw firm conclusions.

"We believe that it might not necessarily just be that Omicron is less virulent, but ... coverage of vaccination (and) ... natural immunity of people who have already had contact with the virus is also adding to the protection," Health Minister Joe Phaahla told a news conference. "That's why we are seeing mild illness."

South Africa has given 44 percent of its adult population at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, more than many African countries but well short of the government's year-end target. But among the over-50s vaccination coverage levels are over 60 percent.

In another development, South Africa said it would donate roughly 2 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine to other African countries.

The shots will be made available over the next year through a medical supplies platform set up by the African Union.

"This donation embodies South Africa's solidarity with our brothers and sisters on the continent with whom we are united in fighting an unprecedented threat to public health and economic prosperity," the South African government said in a joint statement with an AU vaccine task team.

## Africa calls for addressing health challenges with new public health order

ADDIS ABABA

COUNTRIES in Africa have called for addressing long-standing health challenges on the continent through a new public health order, officials and experts said here at a conference on Thursday.

The first international Conference on Public Health in Africa, which started on Tuesday, was co-hosted by the African Union and Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The three-day event tackled the issue of vaccine inequity and weak health systems in Africa, as well as the impact and lessons learned from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The conference was held at an important time in history, said Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat.

"The African continent has not been spared the devastating effects of COVID-19, pushing our health systems to the limits," Mahamat said. Mahamat said the African Union's new public health order needs continental collaboration to bolster African manufacturing capacity for vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics.

He stressed the need to strengthen public health institutions for people-centered care, expand the public health workforce, establish partnerships and engage with the private sector.

President of Rwanda Paul Kagame, who is also the union's champion for domestic health financing, also echoed Mahamat's remarks.

"This has been a priority of the African Union for several years, but progress has not been fast enough. We cannot continue to rely on external funding for something so important to our future," said Kagame.

Xinhua

## Britain's race to jab millions won't prevent case surge in coming weeks - experts

LONDON

THE British government's decision to ramp up vaccination in response to the new COVID-19 variant Omicron will take time to bring any benefit and may not prevent a surge in cases over the next few weeks, experts have said.

"Given the very high transmissibility of the Omicron variant and its ability to, at least partially, evade immunity, it should be clear that a rapid response is needed.

Instead, we have a policy based almost entirely on increasing vaccination rates that will take weeks to bring any benefit," Martin McKee, professor of European public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, told Xinhua on Tuesday.

"This is an inevitable consequence of the disagreements within the ruling Conservative Party. It is a political rather than a scientific decision," the expert said.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently launched the "Omicron Emergency Booster National Mission" to encourage everyone eligible to "get boosted now."

Everyone aged 18 and over in England will have the chance to get their booster vaccine before the end of the year to combat the threat of rising Omicron variant cases.

The prime minister has also announced that England will move to "Plan B" amid the rapid spread of Omicron

in Britain, including a requirement for millions of people to work from home and mandatory face-mask wearing in a wider range of locations.

"The UK government has placed enormous emphasis on vaccines as the means of preventing the need to reimpose COVID restrictions. There was always a risk that a surge in cases could undermine that strategy," social policy expert Dr Stuart Wilks-Heeg from the Univer-

sity of Liverpool told Xinhua.

"The sudden emergence of the highly transmissible Omicron variant in the run-up to Christmas has made new restrictions inevitable.

Yet, the government's emphasis remains on vaccinations," said Wilks-Heeg. "Even with new rules on mask-wearing in public places and COVID passports for large events, it is a race that the UK's National Health Service is likely to lose," he added. "My view is that the govern-

ment, under pressure from the medical and scientific advisers, is erring on the side of caution while awaiting more extensive information on the risk from the Omicron variant," said Professor Iain Begg, an expert in politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Britain reported 78,610 new cases on Wednesday, the highest daily infections since the start of the pandemic, bringing the national caseload to 11,010,286, according

to the UK Health Security Agency. Another 4,671 Omicron cases have been confirmed in Britain on the same day, the biggest daily increase since the COVID-19 variant first detected in the country, taking the country's total Omicron cases to 10,017.

The latest data came as England's Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty warned that there will continue to be record numbers of COVID cases over the next few weeks.

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## Sputnik V works better than other vaccines against Omicron strain, says Putin

MOSCOW

THE Russian Sputnik V vaccine works better against the new Omicron strain than other vaccines used globally, President Vladimir Putin said at a plenary session of the 30th congress of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) on Friday.

"It seems today that our Sputnik V works well and, probably, even better against Omicron than other vaccines used globally," he said, adding that experts would provide the final estimation on the efficiency of Sput-

nik V against the Omicron strain in the coming days.

Moscow is ready to provide the one-shot vaccine Sputnik Light for other countries to use as a booster, including the European states, Putin noted. "We can even share vaccines we have with other countries, I mean as a booster, including with European countries as well," he said.

"We are ready to provide Sputnik Light to the countries that would like to use it for booster shots. We have got the sufficient volume to share it with other countries," the Russian president added.

## Afghan Taliban leaders appeal for help as migrant crisis looms

KABUL

SENIOR Taliban officials appealed on Saturday for international help to combat a deepening economic crisis that has fueled fears of another refugee exodus from Afghanistan.

The comments, at a special meeting to mark the UN's international migrants day, underlined the new Taliban government's push to engage with the world community, four months after they seized power in Kabul.

The movement's deputy Foreign Minister, Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, said it was the responsibility of countries like the United States, which have blocked billions of dollars of central bank reserves, to help Afghanistan recover after decades of war.

"The impact of the frozen funds is on the common people and not Taliban authorities," he told the conference, attended by representatives of the International Organization for Migration and UNHCR, the United Nations refugee organization.

UN bodies estimate that millions of Afghans could face hunger over the winter without urgent help, but aid has been hampered by international unwilling-

ness to engage directly with the Taliban, in part because of concern over rights for women and political inclusion.

The abrupt withdrawal of foreign aid following the Taliban victory has pushed Afghanistan's fragile economy close to collapse. Millions are without work and the banking system is only partially functional.

"If the political and economic situation doesn't change, there will be more migration," Stanikzai said.

The United States has issued guidance that would permit personal cash remittances to Afghanistan but it has not relented on its refusal to release the \$9 billion in central bank reserves or lift sanctions on a number of Taliban leaders.

Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi met representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross on Saturday in Islamabad, ahead of a meeting of foreign ministers from the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to discuss the situation in Afghanistan.

He said the Taliban welcomed international humanitarian organizations and gave assurances that they would be allowed to work unimpeded.

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## Presidential election in Libya face uncertainty as scheduled date approaches, says analysts

TRIPOLI

THE voting process in Libya will face significant challenges as the election date approaches, according to political analysts in the northern Africa country.

The political division that followed the technical preparations for Libya's presidential elections, according to analysts, made it a challenging process that could not be held on December 24 as planned.

More than 2.5 million Libyan citizens are expected to vote in the presidential elections on December 24, according to a roadmap set by the UN-sponsored Libyan Political Dialogue Forum.

The High National Electoral Commission in Libya postponed the publication of the official list of candidates, which was due at least 15 days before the election, on December 11, saying it planned to conduct judicial and legal procedures related to the election.

The Libyan parliamentary elections, originally planned to be held on the same day as the presidential poll, have been postponed to January 2022. After the delay of presidential candidates publication, Libyan political analyst Faraj al-Dali believes that the decision to postpone the elections has already been made and would be revealed in a few days.

"The Elections Commission's failure to publish the final list of candidates would indirectly push towards the postponement of the elections," said

al-Dali. Abubakr Mahmoud, a Libyan political analyst, said that holding presidential elections on December 24 is no longer feasible, and a new date must be selected that is acceptable to all parties.

Miloud al-Haj, a Libyan law professor, believes that the controversial presidential candidates are a major cause to affect the chance of holding the elections on time.

"Since a number of controversial figures, primarily Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, announced their candidacy for the presidential elections, the electoral process has reached a clear polarizing phase," said al-Haj.

"I don't think many Libyans will accept Muammar Gaddafi's son to return to power, especially given the legal persecutions he faces both at home and abroad," he added. Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, son of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi who was toppled and killed in 2011, announced running for president in November. However, he is facing several legal issues in Libya and abroad.

The International Criminal Court issued a red notice against Saif al-Islam Gaddafi for alleged war crimes committed in Libya in 2011.

Later in November, a group of unidentified gunmen attacked a Libyan court in the southern city of Sebha, as the court was processing an appeal by Saif al-Islam Gaddafi against his presidential election campaign being rejected. Libya has been suffering insecurity and political instability since the fall of the late leader Muammar Gaddafi's regime in 2011.

Xinhua

# Social media threat of 'Nationwide School Shooting' proves 'uncredible' - US Authorities

LOS ANGELES

DUE to the continued incidence of student-perpetrated school shootings around the United States, school officials nationwide went to heightened alert Friday in reaction to an unspecified threat of on-campus violence that was proved to be faux by the authority later.

The rumors circulating on social media proclaimed Friday, Dec. 17, as the grisly "National School Shooting Day."

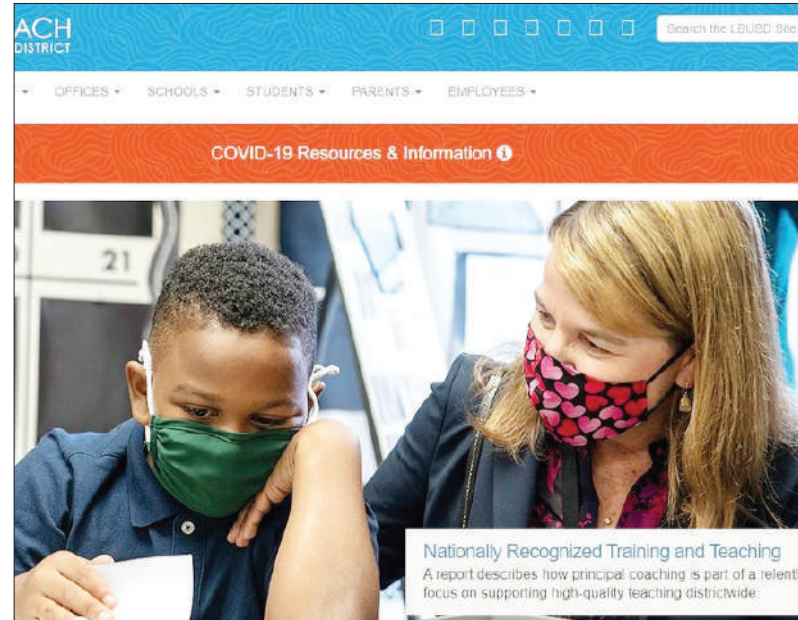
The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), responded quickly, saying in a statement Friday that, "In recent days we have become aware of various threats of violence towards our schools.

The safety and well-being of our students and employees is of utmost importance," the statement asserted.

"While there is no reason to believe our schools are in danger, please know we take all such threats very seriously and take any action necessary to ensure the continued safety of our school communities," the LAUSD said.

LAUSD is the largest public school system in California and the second largest public school district in the United States with over 730,000 students and employees.

The statement added that, where warranted, LAUSD school administrators would work with school site staff, LA school police, and federal and local school officials to ensure that all threats are fully investigated and appropriately handled. The Long



The screenshot taken from the website of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) on Dec. 18, 2021 shows the headline picture, the logo and the full name of the school district. (Xinhua)

Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) followed suit, issuing their own statement, saying, "State and local law enforcement officers have investigated the threat, did not find any specific links to Long Beach Unified School District, and have determined the threat is not credible."

"Local law enforcement continues to work with our district to support the safety of our students and staff," affirmed LBUSD spokesperson.

Santa Clarita School District near LA also admitted to being "aware" of the supposed nationwide threat against

schools and confirmed to media that, "at this time, no credible threats have been identified, nor are any threats specified to schools in the Santa Clarita Valley."

However, the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station was tasked with continuing to monitor the situation and assigned additional patrol checks throughout schools.

With this rumor circulating just weeks after a fatal school shooting in Michigan, some

school districts in other states around the country are reported to have responded more vigorously to the rumored threat, prompting early school shutdowns on Friday in areas in Texas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, central New York and Connecticut, reported the New York Times.

The country's four largest school districts - New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami did not shut down.

The scare is reputed to have begun on some social media platforms, with a warning that a nationwide campaign of on-campus gun violence would start on Friday, but an unnamed source on one of the platforms discounted that assertion as only a rumour.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security itself also announced on Friday that it has no evidence of credible threats - but urged the public to "remain alert." Or, as in the words of LAUSD's key policy regarding suspicious behavior or potential student threats, "If you see something, say something."

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## China's designation of river, lake chiefs yields notable results

By Li Guoying

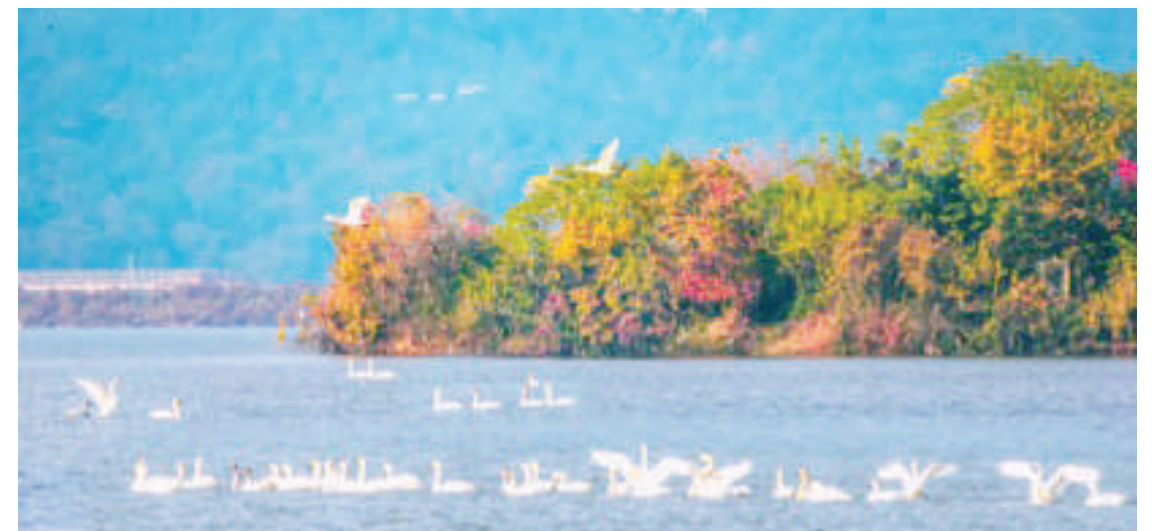
CHINA'S practice in the past five years has fully proven that the implementation of the system of river and lake chiefs across the board is completely in conformity with the country's national and water conditions, is a fundamental and groundbreaking policy on the protection and governance of rivers and lakes, and represents a major institutional innovation with strong vitality.

Over the past five years, China's Ministry of Water Resources (MWR), together with various regions and departments in the country, has promoted the solving of many tough problems in the protection and governance of rivers and lakes that were long on the agenda but never resolved, bringing historic changes to rivers and lakes in China.

Since 2018, China has established the system of river and lake chiefs across the country. Under the system, major leaders of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committees and governments of 31 provincial-level regions in the country have been appointed as general chiefs responsible for all rivers and lakes in the region.

By designating a total of 300,000 river and lake chiefs at provincial, municipal, county, and township levels and more than 900,000 village-level river and lake chiefs (including river patrol personnel and river rangers), China has made sure the responsibility for the management and protection of all the rivers and lakes has been assigned.

The State Council of China has initiated an inter-ministerial joint conference on the comprehensive implementation of the system, established and improved mechanisms covering the fulfill-



A flock of swans play and forage in a lake in Jinlan village, Chaisang district, Jiujiang city, east China's Jiangxi province, Nov. 27, 2021. File photo

ment of responsibility by river and lake chiefs, supervision and inspection, evaluation and accountability as well as positive incentives to promote the implementation of the system.

Nationwide efforts have also been made to establish provincial-level joint conference mechanism for river and lake chiefs in the Yangtze River and the Yellow River basins as well as joint prevention and control mechanism for coordination and collaboration between personnel in charge of the upstream section and downstream section and the right and left banks of rivers and lakes, inter-departmental joint response mechanism, the system of river patrol personnel and rangers, and joint governance mechanism for all sectors of the society, which leads to the forming of a powerful synergy for the conservation of rivers and lakes.

Local governments across the country have established archives and formulated targeted policies for each river, and clear-

ly defined the boundaries of 1.2 million kilometers of rivers and 1,955 lakes for management and control for the first time.

Besides, local authorities have also carried out a special campaign to regulate illegal riverside occupation, mining, heap and construction and special operations to overhaul projects along the shorelines of the Yangtze River and the Yellow River, addressing 185,000 prominent problems, demolishing more than 40 million square meters of illegal construction projects and over 10,000 kilometers of illegal dikes, removing more than 40 million tons of garbage from watercourses, clearing 30,000 kilometers of illegally occupied shorelines, and seizing over 11,000 ships for illegal sand mining.

Since northern China made comprehensive efforts to stem groundwater overexploitation, groundwater levels in some regions have stopped falling and started to rise, many river courses in north China which had been cut off for years, such as Yong-

ding River, Daqing River, Hutuo River, and Ziya River, have been fully connected, and the Baiyangdian Lake in north China's Hebei province has regained its beauty.

All cities at or above the prefecture level have basically eliminated all of their "black and odorous" water bodies.

In 2020, the proportion of water sections with excellent or good surface water (Class I to Class III) increased by nearly 16 percentage points from 2016.

By promoting the implementation of the river and lake chief system across the board, China has focused its efforts on addressing the most pressing, immediate water-related problems that concern the people the most and created a pleasant environment featuring unimpeded rivers, lucid waters, green banks, beautiful scenery, and harmony between man and nature, winning widespread recognition from the people for the results of river and lake protection and control. **People's Daily**

MADRID / CAIRO

## Study: Omicron more likely to reinfect than Delta, no milder

THE risk of reinfection with the Omicron coronavirus variant is more than five times higher and it has shown no sign of being milder than Delta, a study showed, as cases soar across Europe and threaten year-end festivities.

The results of the study by Imperial College London were based on UK Health Security Agency and National Health Service data on people who tested positive for COVID-19 in a PCR test in England between Nov 29 and Dec 11.

"We find no evidence (for both risk of hospitalization attendance and symptom status)

of Omicron having different severity from Delta," the study said, although it added that data on hospitalizations remains very limited.

"Controlling for vaccine status, age, sex, ethnicity, asymptomatic status, region and specimen date, Omicron was associated with a 5.4-fold higher risk of reinfection compared with Delta," the study, which was dated Dec 16, added.

The protection afforded by past infection against reinfection with Omicron may be as low as 19 percent, Imperial College said in a statement, noting

that the study had not yet been peer reviewed.

The researchers found a significantly increased risk of developing a symptomatic Omicron case compared to Delta for those who were two or more weeks past their second vaccine dose, and two or more weeks past their booster dose.

The study involved AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines.

Depending on the estimates used for vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic infection from the Delta variant, this translates into vaccine effectiveness of between 0 percent and

20 percent after two doses, and between 55 percent and 80 percent after a booster dose.

"This study provides further evidence of the very substantial extent to which Omicron can evade prior immunity given by both infection or vaccination," study lead Professor Neil Ferguson said in ICL's statement.

"This level of immune evasion means that Omicron poses a major, imminent threat to public health."

But Dr Clive Dix, former Chair of the UK Vaccine Taskforce, said it was important not to overinterpret the data.

"The conclusions made are based on making assumptions about Omicron where we still don't have sufficient data," Dr Dix said. "For example, we have no data on the cellular immune response which is now probably driving effectiveness of vaccines."

"This is a crucial missing assumption in the modelling."

Some of the conclusions are different to the data emerging from South Africa, where vaccines are holding up well against severe disease and death at present, he said. "There is a huge amount of uncertainty in

these modelled estimates and we can only be confident about the impact of boosters against Omicron when we have another month of real-world data on hospitalization ICU numbers and deaths," he said.

Egypt

Egypt reported its first three cases of the new coronavirus variant Omicron, the health ministry said in a statement on Friday. "Two cases are not showing any symptoms, while the third suffers mild symptoms," the ministry said.

Pedestrians wear masks to

prevent the spread of the COVID-19 as they wait at a crosswalk, near the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, Dec 14, 2021. (THIBAUT CAMUS/AP)

France

France will from next month reduce the time between second and third COVID-19 vaccination injections to four months and require people to show proof of vaccination to enter some venues, Prime Minister Jean Castex said on Friday.

The gap between shots is currently five months but the French government is concerned about the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant.

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# Paralympic Committee's AGM set for next year

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**T**HE Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) is scheduled to hold its annual general meeting next year in Dar es Salaam.

TPC secretary-general, Ramadhan Namkoveka, said the annual general meeting will be held on January 30, 2022, and, before the meeting, they will be an executive meeting of the committee on January 12.

He said the annual general meeting and the executive meeting will be held in January as the current TPC leadership was ushered into office in that month.

"Our annual general meeting will be held on January 30 next year, before that we will have the executive meeting which will go through our calendar, financial records, competitions, and other related activities," he said.

Namkoveka said preparations for the two events have started and he is hopeful that the events will be successful.

Recently TPC said it has arranged several activities which include seeing to it the country perform well at next year's Commonwealth Games, All Africa Games, and the 2024 France Paralympics.

TPC set the bronze medal as local Paralympic athletes' target at the coming France 2024 Paralympics.

Namkoveka disclosed the information after Bahati Mgunda, head coach of the country's national Paralympic team at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, presented a report to the committee.



Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary-general, Ramadhan Namkoveka.

The TPC official said the report, presented by Mgunda, was prepared by the coach, South Africa-based consultant, Michael Louwrens, and experts from Nippon University."

"It included recommendations and suggestions on the team's current and future performance at international events."

He said the meeting was

very crucial as it provided TPC and the coach an opportunity to make recommendations on the way forward based on the performance of the team in recent games.

He said the report has recommended that TPC should maintain the current team, arrange both team and individual training, athletes to attend the gym regularly, and improve body fitness.

Namkoveka also said the report has suggested that TPC should organize more events which will be used to tap more and new talents.

"TPC, Tanzania Para Athletes Association (TPAA) and other stakeholders met on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam where, among other issues, the national Paralympic team's coach, Bahati Mgunda, presented his report."

"He explained that lack of resources is hindering the growth of sports in the country, suggested a lot of things which include TPC to set bronze as local Paralympic athletes' target at the 2024 France Paralympics," he was quoted.

He said following the recommendations, TPC will start preparations for the 2024 Paralympics soon.

He asked stakeholders, the private sector, and others to help them to realize their dream of ensuring the athletes win the bronze medal at the games.

At the just ended Tokyo Paralympics, the country was represented by two athletes Souda Jopeka and Ignatius Mtweve, the TPC official said the performance of the two was very encouraging.

"The Paralympics is the biggest event, the performances of the two were very encouraging, they all posted season-best in their respective categories."

"It must be known that Mtweve was the only African in his group," he said.

## TOA elections postponed to 2023

By correspondents Joseph Mchekadona & Renatha Msungu

THE Tanzania Olympians Association (TOA)'s election, which was scheduled for last Thursday in Dodoma, has been postponed to 2023.

TOA Chairman, Gidamis Shahanga, said the election could not take place due to some legal flaws in the current constitution of the association.

He said TOA members agreed that the current leaders should remain in power until 2023 when the elections will be held.

The TOA leader said if the election was held on Thursday it would have amounted to a violation of the association's constitution as the other election would have been held in 2023.

The current TOA leadership resumed power in 2013 and the election was to be held in 2017 but it did not

take place due to financial constraints the association is facing.

"Members to Tanzania Olympians Association (TOA) who gathered in Dodoma for the annual general meeting have unanimously agreed that the election should be held in 2023."

"This move was reached after noting that holding the election last Thursday would have been a violation of our constitution, the current leadership of TOA will remain in office up to 2023," he said.

The current TOA leadership is made up of Shahanga, vice-chairman Suleiman Nyambui, secretary-general Mwinga Mwanjala, while Marceline Gwandu is the association's executive committee member.

Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) leaders had attended the TOA meeting.



Ally Choki

## Ally Choki releases new track

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT dance music singer/songwriter, Ally Choki, has released a new song titled 'Tuli Tulia' for the first time since returning to his former band, African Stars, alias 'Twanga Pepeta', recently.

Choki stated that the song is performed by the troupe in various shows and will be among the songs that will constitute the troupe's new album.

"I have composed the song and will continue to compose tracks as much as possible to ensure dance music fans and fans of Twanga Pepeta get entertainment," Choki noted.

The dance music singer stated for now he has decided to stay at the band until he retires from music, so he will use the opportunity to show his edge by continuing to produce more entertaining songs.

"At the moment I have focused all my attention on Twanga Pepeta after several attempts to take charge of my

band had proved futile, so it is time for me to continue releasing goods songs," he said.

His musical journey began in the late 1980s, and he has put his skills to show at bands, namely Bantu Group, Legho Stars, MK Beats, Washirika Stars, and then crossed over to Kenya.

In 1999, Choki returned to Tanzania and joined the band Twanga Pepeta, which he served for several years, he later chose to operate independently by forming the band, Extra Bongo.

The troupe, however, lasted for a few years, he decided to return to Twanga Pepeta, then left again and restored to revive Extra Bongo, but it did not last long, he returned to Twanga Pepeta, and later left.

He joined the Super Kamanyola Band in Mwanza, after his contract with the troupe expired, he returned to Dar es Salaam and stayed for a long time without a band and has now decided to return to Twanga Pepeta.



Popular Bongo Flava artist, Juma Mussa, popularly known as 'Jux', performs during a re-launch event of the Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) brand, Smirnoff Ice, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## Tembo Warriors' player to jet off to Turkey for trials

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' midfielder, Frank Ngairo, has been offered a chance for trials in Turkey.

Ngairo will do his trials at Izmir, one of the biggest clubs participating in Turkey's Premier League for footballers with disabilities.

The opportunity came just days after Ngairo was announced as the best player in the Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF) held in Dar es Salaam.

Ngairo put a great contribution to taking Tanzania to the World Cup, the midfielder netted five goals for his team in CANAF.

The midfielder, popularly known as 'Mbappe', revealed that he did not expect to go for trials for professional football abroad at this time.

"Egyptian national amputee football team's skipper, Mahmud Tawfik, who also features for the same outfit, called me immediately after the tournament ended and asked for my phone number and told me that his club's coach needed to talk to

me."

"The next day the coach called me and asked if I could join the club and I replied that I also need to inform my management about the matter," Ngairo revealed.

The Guardian communicated with the coach for the Turkish club, Uvren Uyanik, the tactician confirmed that the outfit needed Ngairo's services.

"We got the news through our Egyptian player who participated in the CANAF tournament and watched Ngairo and we also got some short videos on his displays the field and we were impressed with

him."

"But he is also a young player with a great level that can later become a threat and he can help our team win various trophies," Uyanik revealed.

Speaking to The Guardian, Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) secretary-general Moses Mabulla said that for them, it is a big step in promoting amputee football in the country while wishing him well in his football journey.

"I do not doubt his level and quality on the pitch so I am sure he will be able to do well wherever he goes and most

importantly we are behind him and support him and make sure he achieves his dreams and promote his nation, I believe he will bring us great honour," Mabulla disclosed.

The Izmir BBSK Club, which participates in the Turkish Premier League for footballers with disabilities, ranks fourth in the standings.

It has clinched about 10 trophies in the league a several other silverware in the sport's events in the country and Europe.



## Xavi: Barcelona have 'lost' club's model of play

BARCELONA

XAVI Hernandez says Barcelona have lost their identity during the six years he's been away from the club after his side left it late to beat Elche 3-2 on Saturday.

Nico Gonzalez struck the winner in the 85th-minute as Barca recovered from squandering a two-goal lead at Camp Nou to end a run of three games without a win.

Xavi left Barca as a player in 2015 after winning the Treble under Luis Enrique and admits he's been surprised by what he's encountered since returning as coach last month.

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"We've lost [Barcelona's] model of play and we have to bring it back," Xavi said in his post-game news conference.

"I have not been here for six years and there are things that have surprised me tactically. I wasn't here so I don't know who's responsible for it, but it's making [the job] hard for us.

"The large majority [of players] don't understand positional play. There are mechanisms that I understood from the age of 11 and we have players here that haven't worked on them."

The win against Elche moved Barca up to seventh in LaLiga following the disappointment of being knocked into the Europa League last week and the draw against Osasuna.

To turn things around, Xavi has turned to youth, with players still technically registered with the B team scoring all three goals against Elche.

Ferran Jugla, 22, opened the scoring on his first start for the club with Gavi, 17, scoring the second goal and then creating the winner for Nico, 19.

"You can only take you hat off for that performance from Gavi," Xavi added. "It's spectacular how he plays. Along with Nico, Abde [Ezzalzouli], [Ronald] Araujo, [Alejandro] Balde... they're the future of the club.

"I played here when I was 18 and I was scared. These guys are bursting with personality. I'm delighted with this generation, Gavi is especially exciting.

"What's most surprising about Gavi is his age, he's 17. Look at how he's competing. Today he made the difference with a goal and an assist. I don't want to compare him with anyone, just make sure he doesn't put the brakes on because he has no ceiling."

Xavi said the emerging generation of talent at Barca may prove "even better" than the generation he came through and played with under Pep Guardiola a decade ago.

"We're talking about seven players at a very good level who can make the difference," he said. "When I say they are making the difference, it's not a message for the veterans, but it's the kids scoring the goals and making them."

Jugla and Gavi's efforts were cancelled out by two goals in two second half minutes from Elche substitutes Tete Morente and Pere Milla to spark memories of Barca's collapse against Celta Vigo, when they gave up a three-goal lead to draw 3-3.

However, substitute Nico's second goal in as many games earned Barca the three points and Xavi hopes it will be a turning point ahead of Tuesday's trip to Sevilla.

"We hope this will be a point of inflection," the coach said. "We complicated things for ourselves. Elche survived on our errors and that cannot be the case. We have to learn and be more responsible.

"I was a little angry [after they equalised] because I wasn't imagining not winning the game. We deserved much more, but in the situation we're in, these are three golden points."

ESPN

## Ancelotti: Barcelona not a 'direct rival' for LaLiga title

MADRID

CARLO Ancelotti has said he now does not consider Barcelona "a direct rival" for the LaLiga title, with Real Madrid top of the table and Barca 18 points behind them in eighth place.

Madrid have won 10 consecutive games in all competitions -- including against top four contenders Atletico Madrid, Real Sociedad and Sevilla -- while Barca have dropped points against Real Betis and Osasuna in their last two matches under new coach Xavi Hernandez.

Xavi had insisted on Friday that his team could still compete for the league, but Ancelotti was not convinced when that claim was put to him in a news conference on Saturday.

"A direct rival? No," Ancelotti said. "They're further back than Sevilla, Atletico, Betis. But Barcelona have the quality to fight until the end. If I were coach of Barcelona, I'd say exactly the same."

Madrid have faced a challenging week, with six players -- Luka Modric, Marcelo, Marco Asensio, Rodrygo, Gareth Bale and Andriy Lunin -- and Ancelotti's son and assistant Davide all testing positive for COVID-19 ahead of Sunday's game with Cadiz.

"We've had setbacks," Ancelotti said.

"But those who have tested positive are all OK... Unfortunately, we have to live with this. We never thought about postponing the game. We have a squad that can deal with it. Football and society have to carry on, while taking into account that we have to be careful and take precautions."

ESPN

# Arsenal 'lucky' to have chance to thrash Leeds amid Covid surge - Arteta

LONDON

ARSENAL consolidated their position in the Premier League's top four with a 4-1 rout of Leeds in the only Premier League match on Saturday to survive a wave of coronavirus postponements.

Two goals from Gabriel Martinelli and Bukayo Saka's deflected strike put the Gunners 3-0 up before half-time.

Raphinha's penalty pulled a goal back, but Emile Smith Rowe rounded off a miserable week for Leeds after their 7-0 thrashing at Manchester City on Tuesday.

"We were really lucky to play today with everything that's happening," said Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta. "I told the players to enjoy the game and give everything because I don't know how this will develop."

Arteta's own positive case back in March 2020 accelerated the Premier League's shutdown for three months at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Six of the 10 matches in the English top-



Martinelli scored his first goal of the game with a clinical finish into the top corner after good work by Alexandre Lacazette. (Agencies)

flight scheduled for this weekend have been called off due to a surge in cases due to the new Omicron variant of the virus.

A meeting of the 20 Premier League clubs will take place on Monday to decide whether to go ahead with the Boxing Day fixtures next weekend or to halt the season temporarily.

- Consistency - Arteta has called for

more consistency in the decision making over when matches are called off after the Gunners were forced to play their season-opening game against Brentford in August despite an outbreak.

"Now it's play as you can and we'll play as we can," said Arteta. "The Premier League will make the best decision for everybody, but we want to play all under

the same rules.

"That's where I think they have to come forward. Whatever they decide is best for the competition has to be explained."

Leeds boss Marcelo Bielsa described his side's performance at the Etihad in midweek as the worst in his four years in charge and there was no sign of any improvement from his injury-hit squad.

However, the Elland Road crowd remained behind the Argentine as they chanted his name in the closing stages.

Bielsa was without England internationals Kalvin Phillips and Patrick Bamford, captain Liam Cooper and Spain forward Rodrigo amid an injury crisis that saw 15-year-old Archie Gray earn a spot on the bench.

"The first half we could have lost it by more goals," admitted Bielsa.

Arsenal moved into the top four for the first time in more than a year with victory over West Ham on Wednesday and opened up a four-point gap on the chasing pack for a place in next season's Champions League. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang was absent once more for the Gunners after being stripped of the captaincy by Arteta for a disciplinary breach.

His absence has given Martinelli the chance of a consistent run of Premier League starts for the first time since the bright start to his Arsenal career was interrupted by a series knee injury in June 2020.

The Brazilian has scored four times in his

last six games as Arsenal.

Illan Meslier was helpless for the opener when Alexandre Lacazette robbed Adam Foreshaw inside the Leeds box and Martinelli slotted the loose ball into the top corner.

The 20-year-old showed his pace and poise in front of goal to double Arsenal's lead with a dink over Meslier from Granit Xhaka's pinpoint pass on 28 minutes.

Leeds had a three-goal deficit to overcome at half-time after Saka's deflected shot left Meslier wrong-footed three minutes before the break.

The hosts at least showed some spirit in the second period and pulled a goal back when Raphinha fired a penalty into the top corner after Joe Gelhardt had been brought down by Ben White 15 minutes from time.

Arsenal have blown the lead in their last two away league games at Manchester United and Everton, but there was no collapse this time.

Substitute Smith Rowe rounded off the scoring as he blasted home Martin Odegaard's precise pass.

AFP

## Barca's young guns deliver late win over Elche, Atletico undone by Sevilla

BARCELONA

BARCELONA are in sight of La Liga's top four again after 19-year-old Nico Gonzalez scored a late winner to seal a much-needed victory over Elche before Atletico Madrid were beaten by Sevilla.

Nico's strike came after the 22-year-old Ferran Jugla, making his full debut, and the 17-year-old Gavi had earlier given Barca a two-goal lead at Camp Nou.

But Elche scored twice in 96 seconds shortly after the hour as Tete Morente and Pere Milla pulled the visitors level, only for Nico to drag Barcelona to a 3-2 victory.

And the result got even better for Barca's top-four chase after Atletico lost 2-1 away at Sevilla, Lucas Ocampos smashing home in the 88th minute at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan to consign Atleti to a third consecutive league defeat.

"It's a difficult moment but I'm calm," said Diego Simeone. "I trust in the squad we have."

Barcelona are now seventh, two points behind Atletico and three behind Rayo Vallecano in fourth, yet having played one game fewer than Rayo.

Sevilla are second, five points behind Real Madrid, who play at home to Cadiz on Sunday.

Gavi's goal made him Barcelona's third youngest ever scorer in La Liga at 17 years and 135 days, younger even than Lionel Messi when he opened his account aged 17 years and 331 days.

Jugla also registered his first professional goal, after coming off the bench last weekend against Osasuna and

then scoring against Boca Juniors on Tuesday in the Maradona Cup, an exhibition match held in honour of Diego Maradona.

Nico's goal completed another exciting night for Barca's young guns, less than a week after Xavi said his veterans needed to do more, insisting they could not rely on the next generation to deliver every week.

"Gavi, Nico, Abde, (Ronald) Araujo, (Alex) Balde, they are the future of the club," Xavi said. "I played here when I was 18 and I was scared but they let their personality show."

- Impressive Gavi - Gavi, though, was particularly impressive, the teenager scoring a superb individual goal in the first half, before then assisting Nico's winner late in the second.

"What's surprising is his age, he's 17 and look how he competes," said Xavi. "Today he made the difference with a goal and an assist. More than anything his work is spectacular. We're happy to have him and I don't want to compare him to anyone. There's no ceiling for him."

Barcelona were cruising after they scored twice in three minutes. Jugla had already shown a sharp finish early on but was offside before he headed in Ousmane Dembele's swinging corner at the front post in the 16th minute.

And in the 19th, it was two, Gavi with a spectacular goal to put his team in control.

He spotted Omar Mascarell approaching behind him when Clement Lenglet played the ball and he flicked it with his right foot away from his



Barcelona players celebrate during their La Liga match against Elche on Saturday. (Agencies)

marker, his body spinning away into the space. Gavi drove forward and when he reached the edge of the box, fired the ball low into the corner.

But Elche had openings on the break and it was two substitutes that dragged them back into the game just after the hour.

First, a superb counter-attack began down the left as Dembele's

press was beaten too easily and Lucas Boye did well to keep the ball in off the line. He switched it right to Morente, who smashed in.

Only 96 seconds had passed before they were celebrating again, Morente freed again down the right and this time crossing to the back post where Milla's header could only be palmed in off the post by Marc-

Andre ter Stegen.

Frenkie de Jong, linked with an exit in the January transfer window, departed to whistles in the 76th minute but a tense atmosphere turned joyous in the 85th.

Gavi was at the heart of it again, a neat one-two with Dembele sending the teenager to the line, where he had the composure to pull back for Nico who poked in

on the stretch.

Atletico almost took a point from Sevilla after Felipe cancelled out a stunning goal from Ivan Rakitic before half-time.

But Sevilla snatched victory at the end, Jules Kounde keeping the ball alive at the back post after a scramble in the box, which allowed Ocampos to slam in from close range.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## 2021's Karatu Sports Festival's preparations gain momentum

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PREPARATIONS for this year's edition of the Karatu Sports Festival are at an advanced stage, the event's organizer, Meta Petro, disclosed.

The festival will take place on December 24. Petro revealed preparations are going on very well.

The official said registration for Karatu Sports Festival is free.

He said today is the closing date for registration but yesterday he stopped short of disclosing the number of athletes who have registered.

Petro noted he does not have the numbers but he expects a huge number of competitors for the event.

"All preparations for Karatu Sports Festival are going on very well, so far many people have registered. The competitors include sides from National Service (JKT), Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF), Prisons, Police Force, and many others," he said.

He said the festival will involve a 10km race for men, 2.5km run for women, 60km cycling race for men while female riders will cycle 30km.

There will also be football, volleyball, traditional dances, and other activities.

This is the 15th year of the Karatu Sports Festival which is funded by Olympic Solidarity (OS) and it targets to identify athletes who can represent the country at international events.

## Musician sets sight on fight against COVID-19 infection

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

NEW generation music singer, Zuena Mohammed 'Shilole', radio presenter, Meena Ally, and medical doctor, Isaac Maro, have joined forces to educate Tanzanians on how to avoid COVID-19 infection.

Shilole said through influential people in the community like her and her colleagues, millions of Tanzanians have found and understood the fight against the disease.

"We have been emphasizing the importance of handwashing with running water, staying at a distance of at least one meter from one person and using hand cleaners, wearing masks and covering lips and nose when one is either sneezing or coughing," Shilole stated.

Maro said he was involved in the COVID-19 education campaign in support of the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children to help his fellow Tanzanians stay safe.

Meena said she joined the campaign as a community member to ensure the eradication of the disease and was adamant that in mobilizing people, they have been providing information on precautions to the public.

"Whenever a citizen wants to know anything about COVID-19 he/she can access information through his/her mobile phone via dialing the number 199. He/she will find everything and will understand," Meena stated.

She said there are various groups in the community and that they have therefore resorted to using influential people in the community to provide education to those groups especially young people, mothers, and girls, to protect themselves from the infection.

The Resident Director of Wateraid Tanzania, Anna Mzinga, said at a time when the world is in the grip of the disease, there is a need to devise various ways to deal with it, including using prominent people in the community.

"Other methods are to use radio programs in such radio stations as Radio Free Africa (RFA), Kili FM, and Sunrise Radio, which are heard in Northern Tanzania's cities of Moshi and Arusha," Anna stated.

## Azam FC coach satisfied with team's showing in PL match against Mbeya City FC



Mbeya City FC fullback, Mpoki Mwakinyuki (R), keeps Azam FC midfielder, Sospeter Bajana, in check when the outfits met in this season's NBC Premier League tie at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebwe

**A**ZAM FC interim head coach, Mohamed Badru, believes his side was dominant over Mbeya City FC and maybe deserved all three points in the two sides' 2-2 draw in Saturday's night NBC Premier League game played at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

The Dar es Salaam-based club, 2013/14 Mainland Premier League champions, were without four players, including Idris Mbombo, due to flu cases, with Iddy Selemani 'Nado' and Ayoub Lyanga out with long term injuries.

It was Azam FC's second consecutive home draw having finished 0-0 with Kagera Sugar in their previous league game which resulted in the sacking of head coach, George Lwandamina, last week.

Speaking after the game, Badru whose previous experience

in the league include short spells with relegated Gwambina FC and top-flight side, Mtibwa Sugar, said he was pleased with the attitude of his players in difficult conditions.

Badru noted: "I am very happy with my players, I think they deserve congratulations because the way we played today was different from past league games."

"Today, we played with determination from the start to the end. We scored and they equalized before taking the lead but we didn't crumble away and kept fighting until we grabbed the equalizer."

"We played under difficult circumstances with four players ill. Daniel

Amoah was sick but played, Rodgers Kola was also sick but came on from the bench, Frank Domayo started while also sick."

"Our captain Sospeter Bajana was sick too. These sick players except for the captain and Kola played for 90 minutes."

"We deserve more. The whole system has changed, all players are fighting for the ball, showing more commitment."

"Even the way we played was different, we dominated possession while they resorted to long balls. We made mistakes and allowed them to score goals but technically they couldn't do much against us."

"I congratulate my players, they did very well fighting for the club in difficult circumstances to earn a draw."

"It wasn't easy considering our strength is still under par and we are managing the situation on an interim basis. We believe we will improve with time."

After Saturday's stalemate, Azam FC has won three in nine matches, losing three times and drawn three amassing 12 points out of a possible 27.

They are six points adrift of second-placed Simba SC who have a game in hand following the postponement of their away game against Kagera Sugar due to an outbreak of flu cases in their squad.

## TOC annual general meeting climaxes today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Olympic Committee (TOC)'s annual general meeting ends today in Dodoma, the committee announced.

TOC assistant secretary, Suleiman Jabir, confirmed the annual general meeting, which was attended by top leaders of the committee, government officials, and other stakeholders, ends today.

He described the annual general meeting as very successful and fruitful.

"The annual general meeting ends tomorrow (today), it is going on very successful and we hope in the end delegates will benefit a lot," he said.

The annual general meeting was opened by Dodoma Regional Commissioner Antony Mtaka who urged current local athletes to emulate good examples set by former local athletes.

"The country has former athletes who did us proud, the likes of Filbert Bayi and others did a lot for this country, but now its worrisome that the current athletes are not emulating the good examples set by our legends," Mtaka disclosed.

"You find that locally we have a marathon event that will have the top winner taking home 4m/- but our athletes skip the event and compete in a foreign country where the winner gets 1.5m/-."

"If you ask them why they compete at the events that have little prizes they say it is good to compete in a foreign country than at home, Mtaka, the former Athletics Tanzania (AT) president, stated.

The annual general meeting, among other issues, discussed activities which were undertaken in the just-ended year and plans for next year.

In a previous interview, Jabir said after the annual general meeting, TOC will host a three-day seminar that will involve delegates from all local sports associations affiliated to the committee and government sports officials from both Zanzibar and Tanzania Mainland.

He said at the seminar they will use a participatory approach. The seminar's instructors are Jabir and Henry Tandau.

"Among other issues, at the three-day seminar we will discuss the importance of sports to development, sports management, the way forward to competing in 2024 Paris Olympic Games," he disclosed.

He also said the seminar will clarify ways for selecting athletes that represent the country at the All Africa Games, Commonwealth Games, and Olympic Games

"You will agree with me that of late they have been complaints from sports stakeholders, gov-

ernment and national sports associations of how the teams which represent the country at All Africa Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympics are selected, so at the end of the seminar people will know which format is used."

"It has now become a tendency that everyone blames TOC when the country is represented by few athletes at All Africa Games, Commonwealth Games, and Olympic Games."

"During the time ahead of those games we work closely with national sports associations and they know what to do for them to have many athletes at those games."

"After the athletes are selected and the government comes in the final stages, leaders of sports association start siding with the government accusing TOC of selecting few athletes, we know why this happens," he said.



Yang Boys soccer team's player, Hassan Hamad (L), negotiates his way past Maongo Rangers' players when the two outfits met in a tournament known as 'Likizo Cup', at the Jakaya Kikwete Youth Park's ground in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

