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KCB (T), AzamPay ink online money transfers accord

By Francis Kajubi

KCB Bank (T) and AzamPay (T) have entered into a strategic partnership to further accelerate digital payments that will see the number of online transactions increasing by two folds to over 20m in a few years time.

The bank expects that the new partnership announced on Friday in Dar es Salaam will drive growth of e-commerce business in the country by simplifying online payments.

Briefing journalists on the partnership, KCB Bank Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye (pictured), said the online payment format guarantees

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MPs want change of tack in EPZ strategy

■ 'Mini-tiger plan' 2004 dragging on

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Committee on Industries, Trade and Environment has recommended a change of the law guiding the Special Economic Zones Authority (EPZA) to focus more on the local market than export processing as is the case now.

This follows the slow pace in implementation of the Tanzania Mini Tiger Plan at the Bagamoyo Special Economic Zone and the Benjamin Mkapa Special Economic Zone which committee members toured recently.

In its report presented to the National Assembly on Saturday after the tabling of 2021/22 budget estimates for the Ministry Industry and Trade, the committee said the project was allocated 5bn/- in the 2020/2021 but by the time of the visit in March 2021, not a single cent was disbursed.

"The EPZA law should be reviewed to increase the amount of goods being sold in the local market which is 20 per cent and the remainder 80 per cent is for export," reads the report.

"This will attract more investors to special economic zones and export processing zones because given its

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SubWay Restaurant owner Anandha Kumar (R) and his wife, Sujitha Ranganathan, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend serving food to 30 children taken care of at the city's Umra Orphanage Centre. Story on Page 5. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Ministry to evict herders from Nyerere Park zone

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduru

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro has announced government plans to remove herders who have invaded and engaged in human activities within the Julius Nyerere National park.

Addressing residents of Kalulu and Jakika villages in Tunduru District during a visit to listen to people's complaints of being invaded by wildlife in their farms, he said the park is reserved solely for tourism activities.

He affirmed that problems posed

“**Though the government in the district set more than 200 grazing blocks, it is sad to note that some village officials allow herders to take their animals to prohibited areas**

by wild animals; especially elephants, are to a great extent contributed by herders who introduce their livestock in prohibited areas which causes the wildlife to flee their natural habitats.

The government has already allocated special areas for grazing but due to financial muscle, herders bribe some unfaithful village officials and chairmen to get access to prohibited areas for livestock grazing, the minister explained.

He warned village officials to desist from corrupt practices allowing herders to graze animals in tourism areas, noting that such acts violate

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Ex-BBC's journo steps down from high-profile job over Diana probe

LONDON

A former BBC chief who was criticised for his "woefully ineffective" probe into Martin Bashir's deception in securing a bombshell interview with Princess Diana on Saturday resigned as chair of Britain's National Gallery.

Journalist Bashir tricked Diana into giving a 1995 BBC television interview in which she lifted the lid on her troubled marriage to Prince Charles, an independent investigation concluded on Thursday.

Tony Hall (pictured), who had led an earlier investigation into the interview and was later named head of the BBC, said he had "today resigned as Chair of the National Gallery."

"As I said two days ago, I am very sorry for the events of 25 years ago and I believe leadership means taking responsibility," he said in a statement released by the world-renowned London gallery.

"I have always had a strong sense of public service and it is clear my continuing in the role would be a distraction to an institution I care deeply about".

Retired senior judge John Dyson said Bashir commissioned faked bank statements that falsely suggested some of Diana's closest aides were being paid by the security services to keep tabs on her.

Bashir then showed them to Diana's

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Dodoma City mayor Emmanuel Chibago (2nd-L) launches NMB Bank Plc's 'Mastaboda' loan issuance campaign in the national capital at the weekend. The drive is meant to benefit motorbike and Bajaj taxi operators. With him are NMB central zone manager Nsolo Mlozi, NMB head of card business Philbert Casmir (R), NMB head of business Alex Mageni and Dodoma regional bodaboda chairman Kenneth Chimoti. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





AzamPay CEO Firas Ahmad (C) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend briefing journalists on the digital financial transaction service the firm has just introduced in partnership with KCB Bank. He is with KCB Bank head of marketing and corporate affairs Christina Manyenye (R) and head of digital financial services Priscus Kessy. Photo courtesy of KCB Bank

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suppliers' money safety as it is managed within the country and easy to follow-up, encouraging small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to take advantage of the new window.

"Consumers will now be able to use their bank cards at home or abroad to purchase goods and services from whatever businesses through AzamPay. KCB stands as facilitator of the payment gateway that is more convenient, efficient and guarantees secure transactions," she stated.

The bank has for over 20 years led in driving digital innovations by designing products enabling commendable customer experience resulting in making it win a substantial market share of the banking sector in the region, she stated.

"KCB keeps pace with technology changes that have become rapid in recent years. Consumer behaviour has changed significantly especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak. People are now working from home and social distancing has pushed consumers to purchase online more than ever before, often using new products and services that are digitally designed and easy to use," she asserted.

Through the bank's one branch network, one can purchase anything at any point of the world through its empowered visa cards, she stated, while AzamPay CEO Firas Ahmad said it is high time for innovators to collaborate with financial institutions in widening digital space in the country.

"Tanzania is doing well in digital innovations but there is a need for much more partnerships that we can develop across the industry to help push for more digital transactions. Still a lot of

transactions are conducted in cash," the CEO noted, asserting that this illustrates the narrowness of digital payment space so far.

"The essence of this partnership is to speed up payment processing. We are confident that this partnership will help to push further the business-to-business model between consumers and suppliers," he stated.

KCB Bank Head of Digital Financial Services, Priscus Kessy, said that through the KCB e-commerce gateway have developed a variety of internet solutions to support online businesses.

"Some do not even require consumers to log into a website but generate a payment link that can be emailed to a client to complete credit or debit card details for completion of a transaction," he pointed out.

Before the partnership the bank had been registering around 10m online transactions a month, and with the partnership the bank projects that transactions will be tripled as the facility can be accessed from any point across the globe, he asserted. "We believe that partnering with AzamPay will help us reach a big number of online service consumers. We stand as a backbone to specifically serve those opting for online payments through the AzamPay gateway," he added.



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population; Tanzania is a key market for products from these zones."

The committee noted the 5bn/- that was not disbursed in the last financial year was meant for undertaking feasibility study, preparation of a master plan, survey, design of onsite infrastructure as well as road construction.

Other activities included improvement of infrastructure within the Bagamoyo Technological Park, improvement of infrastructure within Benjamin William Mkapa Special Economic Zone as well as Corporate Social Responsibilities within the

Bagamoyo and Mkapa special economic zones.

The 'mini-tiger plan' is an economic projection envisaging fostering development by increasing exports to the global market, a plan submitted to the parliament in May 2004 after a long period of negotiation in the bureaucratic spheres of parastatals and regulatory organizations, especially the Tanzania Investment Centre.

The plan sought tacit support of fast growing countries forming the 'Tiger economies' South East Asia, especially Thailand, South Korea and distantly, Malaysia.

Tanzania was selected to be the center of this program as it met requirements including security,

political stability, millennium development programs, and numerous other factors but failed to carry out the necessary regulatory changes to enable special economic zones to take off, analysts say.

The plan began to be implemented in 2005 with a diversity of intentions like agricultural development, education promotion, construction of roads, water supply, investor outreach and other matters.

It was an imitation of fast developing Asian countries applying Tiger-style plans to their economic development, where Tanzania lacked credible local companies to pact with

international firms to widen scale, create large local markets and adopt high level technologies.

Countries like South Korea, Vietnam and China have reached high levels of development through the use of free economic zones in coastal areas, which would cover regions of Tanga, Coast, Lindi and Mtwara if applied to Tanzania but no changes to the Land Acts of 1995 were conducted.

A trial period of the plan began in 2005 with the formation of specialized economic zones where a regulator sought to rent out land at high fees to investors for export processing industries, and most potential investors stayed away.

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the law.

He similarly urged the residents to stop engaging in economic activities in national park areas, underlining that the government would not be bound to pay any compensation for anyone killed, injured or having crops destroyed by wild animals.

District Commissioner Julius Mtatiro said the district is mainly agricultural but the big challenge is invasion of herders from other areas, touching off frequent conflicts with farmers.

Though the government in the district set more than 200 grazing

blocks, it is sad to note that some village officials allow herders to take their animals to prohibited areas, the DC noted.

Some villagers appealed to the government to review the rates of compensation paid to victims of invasion by wild animals, lamenting that current rates do not reflect the loss they experience.

Ajili Kalolo, chairman of the district council of elders, said villagers are sometimes compelled to remove their crops from farms before full maturity to avoid their being ravaged by invading livestock.

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brother Charles Spencer, in a successful bid to convince him to arrange a meeting between himself and Diana and earn her trust.

In this file photo taken on March 1, 2005, British journalist Martin Bashir arrives at Santa Barbara County Superior Court in Santa Maria to be the first witness to be called at Michael Jackson's child sex abuse trial.

Questions have long been asked about how Bashir convinced Diana to talk on the BBC's flagship "Panorama" programme in November 1995, which was watched by a record 22.8 million people and won a string of television awards.

In it, she famously said "there were three people" in her marriage - her, Charles and his long-time mistress and now wife, Camilla Parker-Bowles - and also admitted adultery.

Bashir, now 58, was little-known at the time of the interview but went on to have a high-profile career on US television networks,

and interviewed stars such as Michael Jackson.

He returned to work for the corporation as religion editor until he stepped down last week, citing ill health, just hours before Dyson's report was submitted to BBC bosses.

On Sunday he apologised to Diana's sons Prince William and Prince Harry but said claims linking his actions to her death were "unreasonable".

A 1996 internal inquiry by Hall cleared Bashir of wrongdoing, but Dyson called that probe "flawed and woefully ineffective".

In particular, it did not ask Diana's brother for his version of events, Dyson said, lambasting it for failing to scrutinise Bashir's actions properly.

"If they had been able to test Mr Bashir's account by asking him to comment on Earl Spencer's detailed account, it is very unlikely that they would have believed him and concluded that he was an 'honest and an honourable man,'" he wrote.

AGENCIES



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi receives an audit report from Zanzibar's Controller and Auditor General, Dr Othman Abbas Ali (R), at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

State of soldiers' homes: MPs furious

By Songwa wa Songwa, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday strongly urged the government to improve living conditions of soldiers and officers serving in the Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) which they said are in deplorable situation.

This came after parliamentary Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security Committee reported that for the financial year 2020/2021, the government did not release a single cent for repair of military accommodation facilities scattered all over the country despite being advised to do so in the previous session.

"The recommendation to repair houses of members of TPDF was

not implemented at all," says the report read by committee member Vincent Mbogo (Nkasi South)-CCM.

"The committee urges the government the government to release funds to the ministry so that it counters this challenge. Also, the government should come up with new ways of improving these accommodation facilities," he said.

Lucy Mayenga, Special Seats (CCM) given its record of service within and outside the country, members of TPDF deserve nothing but the best accommodation.

"This army has made us proud as a nation for defence and none defence undertakings within and

outside the country," she said.

"There are countries that cannot speak of their own independence and peace without mentioning TPDF."

The lawmaker went further, saying the men and women in uniform deserve even some of the benefits that were recently suspended.

"Our officers and soldiers were used to duty free shops and subsidised services at military mess that have been withdrawn," she said.

"Let's review our policies and restore these incentives which have for long become part of their lives and culture."

Esther Matiko (Special Seats) argued that a soldier's place

of residence is more than just accommodation since it plays a significant role in the occupant's psychology.

"We must provide descent accommodation to our soldiers and officers to make them feel proud," she said,

"This will make them more patriotic and proud."

Fakharia Khamis (Special Seats) said when the committee visited houses used by soldiers guarding the Mirerani Tanzanite mining site in Manyara Region, members were shocked to find soldiers sleeping in tin structures.

"They are living in 'full suit' and yet they are charged with protecting valuable natural resources," she said.



Kahama Cooperative Union officials pictured last week holding dummy cheques for an amount meant as the second instalment of payments to cotton farmers. It paid 76m/- to farmers in Kahama, Nyang'wale and Kishapu districts. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

IN a stunning event after 15 years in Lake Victoria cotton growing zone, Kahama and Chato cotton growers have been paid a total of 90.6m/- by the Kahama Cooperative Union (KAU) and Chato Cooperative Union (CCU) in form of post-profit cooperative arrears and primarily because of Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank's (TADB) facilitation.

Presenting a facilitation report covering the last cotton growing season to the press over the

Kahama, Chato cotton growers receive 90.6m/- as second payment in 15 years

weekend, the TADB Lake zone manager, Mike Granta who spoke on behalf of the bank's managing director Japhet Justine said both the bank and the two cooperative unions are proud of the occurrence because, he said, it has restored the majesty of the cooperative movement and increased the disposable income of cotton growers.

"All of us are happy and proud of this incident. We work closely with the two unions. The payments are a result of hard work and honesty on the part of everyone who took part in the endeavour," he said.

Granta said the bank and unions struck a broad deal that sought to increase the financial might of the unions, restore the dignity of

the cooperative movement and increase growers' morale and confidence in the cash crop and improve their living.

Under that arrangement, he explained, the bank availed 11bn/- to the unions as an overall coordination package, enabling the unions to buy a kilogramme of cotton at 950/- instead of 810/- . "This forced other buyers to

SGR trains to have special system to help in cutting likelihood of collisions

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

TANZANIA Railways Corporation has said the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) will have in place modern system that will assist to avoid accidents during trains' operations.

It also said the system will not allow the train driver to increase or reduce the set speed.

The remarks were made at the weekend by the TRC assistant SGR manager for the 422km Morogoto Makutupora section Eng Christopher Mang'wela when addressing to engineers from the government and the private sector who visited the project whose implementation has reached 61 per cent.

Mang'wela said the SGR operation will be of modern standard as it would be installed with special devices to direct the train driver to avoid accidents.

Earlier, speaking on behalf of the engineers present, the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) registrar Patrick Barozi said he has witnessed Tanzanians' aim and capability in the supervision

of big ongoing projects in the country as opposed to little supervision from foreigners.

"Bringing in our own engineers in the project will enhance the urge to take up many big contracts anticipated that would come up, this project is being well supervised from the start to where it has reached, and many of the engineers have learned a lot through the project," he added.

However, he said through the three SGR sections being implemented, local engineers have received adequate expertise that will help the government in implementing the next phases of the project.

For his part, an instructor from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Eng. Ramadhan Mlinga urged engineers in the SGR project to carefully follow up the project's last implementation stages in order to improve its next projects. "A project has five implementation stages including its being mooted planning, implementation, implementation's follow up and its closing up - all these stages have to be adhered to make a project a success," he added.

He said the strategy of the bank and unions is in line with the national strategy that seeks to promote growing cotton as strategic cash crop along with tea, pyrethrum, cashew nuts, sisal, sugar, coffee and tobacco.

The trio have started preparations for serving growers during the next season that starts on June 1, 2021.

In 2015/2016 Tanzania harvested 149,445 tonnes cotton. Harvests rose to over 600,000 tonnes in 2018/2019 and the government wants to maintain the rising trend.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

WaterAid project to benefit 28,000 people in five villages in Arumeru

A total of 28,000 residents in Arumeru District, Arusha Region stand to benefit from water project involving five villages following its completion and handing over to the Arusha Urban Water and sanitation Authority (AUWSA).

The project has been implemented by WaterAid, an international organisation in collaboration with Arusha District Council under UK government sponsorship through its Foreign, Commonwealth and Development office (FCDO).

Speaking at the event to hand over the project held at Olkokola Village in Lemanyata Ward in the district, Tanzania's WaterAid managing director Anna Mzinga said until completion the project has cost more than 10bn/-.

She also said the project will benefit residents of five villages totaling between 28,000 and 50,000 in Ngarantoni town in Arusha District.

He mentioned the villages as including Olkokola, Lengijave, Seuri, Ngarantoni and Ekenywa and added that the aim of her organisation was to ensure people in the area get safe and clean water.

She said in the country, the organisation, working together with various stakeholders have succeeded to reach 7.4 million people in various water projects

especially in the peripheries of urban centres, in particular in Arusha City, the area that has seen an increase of fluoride concentration in water.

"Large concentration of the mineral in the water cause tooth decay, deformation of legs in children, and children been with large heads," she said.

AUWSA director, Eng Jastine Rujomba used the occasion to thank the stakeholders for the project, pledging to take care of the project and

to provide good water service to the intended residents.

UK government representative for the project Getrude Mapunda said the British government provided the funds for the project after talks with its Tanzania counterpart whereby an agreement was reached.

She said the British government was closely working together with the Tanzania government in implementing various development projects in the country.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Call for Evaluation Consultancy: UNFPA Tanzania 8th Country Programme Evaluation 2016/17-2021/22

Introduction

The UNFPA Tanzania Country Office (CO) is currently implementing its 8th Country Programme (CP) 2016/17-2021/22 with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and other partners. The goal of the CP is to achieve universal access to sexual and reproductive health, realize reproductive rights and reduce maternal mortality, to improve the lives of women, adolescents and youth. In pursuit of this goal, the UNFPA Tanzania CO seeks to achieve results in the following thematic areas of programming under the CP: sexual and reproductive health and rights; adolescents and youth; gender equality and women's empowerment; and population dynamics.

Purpose, objectives and scope

In line with the 2019 UNFPA Evaluation Policy, the UNFPA Tanzania CO is planning to conduct an evaluation of its 8th CP 2016/17-2021/22. The purpose of the Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) is to strengthen accountability to stakeholders, support evidence-based decision-making, and improve learning. The overall objective of the CPE is to provide an independent assessment of the relevance and performance of the CP and to broaden the evidence base for the design of the next programme cycle.

Evaluation team

The CPE will be conducted by a multidisciplinary team of consultants. They should collectively have the qualifications and experience to design and implement a methodologically robust evaluation and cover all the above-mentioned thematic areas of the CP. The evaluation team will consist of: Team leader (An international consultant), Thematic experts (National consultants) and Young and emerging evaluator (a national consultant).

Duration of the consultancy

The duration of the consultancy is from July 2021 to November 2021.

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The call for this evaluation consultancy is posted on the UNFPA Tanzania Country Office website accessible at <http://tanzania.unfpa.org>. Within the site the [Call for Evaluation Consultancy](https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/call-evaluation-consultancy-unfpa-tanzania-8th-country-programme-evaluation-201617-202122) and detailed TORs can be found at <https://tanzania.unfpa.org/en/vacancies/call-evaluation-consultancy-unfpa-tanzania-8th-country-programme-evaluation-201617-202122>. Interested individuals with the required qualifications and experience should submit their application to tanzania.office@unfpa.org with the subject line "Application for CPE consultancy". The subject line should also clearly indicate the role e.g. team leader; thematic expert; or young and emerging evaluator for which you would like to be considered. You must also indicate the area(s) of thematic expertise of the CP you can cover e.g. sexual and reproductive health and rights; adolescents and youth; gender equality and women's empowerment; or population dynamics. Young and emerging evaluators are not expected to indicate a thematic area of expertise. tanzania.office@unfpa.org

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Govt and rice stakeholders in agreement on stepping up of food security in EA

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government in collaboration with the country's rice stakeholders have agreed to strengthen food security in the East African region and SADC countries aimed at being leaders of the rice market in the zone through the second national strategy for the development of the rice crop.

The remarks were made by the Ministry Agricultural engineer in the training and extension services department Eng Maregesi Geoffrey when opening the zonal meeting on the crop's value chain.

"The ministry in collaboration with rice crop stakeholders in the country have mobilised themselves to make sure to increase rice production from 1.1 million hectares for 2018 to 2.2 million by 2020, hence increasing rice tonnage from 2.2 tonnes per hectare to 4.4 by 2030," he said.

He said other issues that would be implemented include the strengthening of the marketing and trade system, enhance fertilizer availability and distribution thereof, increase irrigation and its technology and

reduce post-harvest crop loss from 30 per cent to 10 per cent by 2030.

He said rice is among important food crops cultivated in almost all regions of the country in more than 26 districts, which, according to 2018 research produced more than 2,219,628 tonnes.

For his part, the head of the project from Tanzania, Prof Aida Isinika called upon all stakeholders in the crop's value chain to mobilise themselves to ensure Tanzania was self-sufficient in rice and continue to be the leader in its production in the East African region.

Isinika thanked all stakeholders in the crop's value chain who agreed to participate in the important meeting by coming up with resolutions that would help attain national targets.

Presenting greetings on behalf of other stakeholders in the meeting, project officer from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Ridda Dally said for many years they have been working together with other stakeholders and the government in assisting the government to develop the rice crop sector in the country.



David Silinde (3rd-L), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), pictured at the weekend heading for Dar es Salaam's St Anne Marie Academy to stand as chief guest at a graduation ceremony. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Drivers urged to obey traffic signs

DRIVERS have been called upon to obey traffic rules and road signs as part of efforts to reduce road crashes.

"Every road user, especially motor vehicle drivers should know the importance of these signs, their meanings and why signs are placed around certain areas," said Faustina Ndunguru, a senior official from traffic headquarters (public education department) in Dar es Salaam.

She was speaking over the weekend at the climax of the UN Global Traffic Safety Week

(UNGRSW) which was locally organised by Puma Energy Tanzania.

The theme for the 6th UNGRSW was 'Streets for Life #Love30' calling for 30 km/h speed limits to be the norm for cities, towns and villages worldwide.

According to the official, the purpose of traffic and road signs is to provide guidance, information and warnings to all road users including drivers and pedestrians.

"Defensive driving means obeying traffic rules and using

common sense. Traffic rules are in place to help protect drivers and others while operating a vehicle on the road. Driving at a 30 km/h speed limits help drivers when they want to stop abruptly," she added noting the force continue to educate people on safe road usage to reduce accidents.

Managing Director of Puma Energy Tanzania, Dominic Dhanah said: "Speed kills; the 30 km/h is a safe speed. We organized this event with purposes of ensuring people use the roads safely. Puma is

proud of energizing communities as well as driving prosperity in collaboration with partners like the United Nations."

Dhana added that the fuel marketing company also runs a road safety program which targets children because they are the world's future, hence the need to educate them on safe road use while they are still young.

"This day is a reminder to all road users that we should drive at a 30 km/h speed limit for safe road use," said Dhana.

Simon Kalolo, Amend Country Manager urged drivers to make sure they drive at a limited speed especially when crossing congested areas such as schools, hospitals, markets and play grounds.

"We have joined Puma Energy Tanzania to celebrate this week because speed driving threatens the lives of both drivers and road users," said Kalolo who is also overseeing the overall implementation of Amend's road safety programmes in Africa.

Puma road safety ambassador, Moses Amon, a Standard Six pupil at Bunge primary school in Dar es Salaam called upon road users to respect traffic rules and regulations to save Tanzanians especially children from accidents.

Amon said: "drivers of both vehicles and three wheeler taxis should be careful while on the roads especially when crossing congested areas."

A three wheeler taxi driver, Michael Shedrack said speeding driving may result in deaths when accidents occur since it becomes difficult for the driver to control the vehicle.



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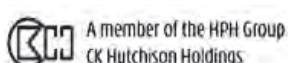
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Pupils of Dar es Salaam's Bunge Primary School serving as road safety 'ambassadors' sensitise a motorist in the city yesterday as part of the commemoration of International Road Safety Week. In Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Charge affordable school fees, Silinde advises private schools

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PRIVATE schools have been urged to charge affordable school fees so as to enable parents with low incomes to send their children to school.

Deputy minister of State President Office Local Government and Regional Administration David Silinde made the call over the weekend when speaking at the 13th graduation ceremony of St Anne Marie Academy Mbezi - Msuguri in Dar es Salaam.

He said if the private schools will charge affordable rates many Tanzanians will get access to education and contribute to the government efforts in improving education sector.

"I would like to ask St Anne Marie that you are doing better academically but this should not be the reason to increase school fees because by doing so

you will deny chances for other Tanzanians to join your school, I urge you to have human face when it comes to school fees charges," said Silinde

Either, Silinde said the success of the school is the results of restless efforts by teachers, the founder of the schools Dr Jasson Rweikiza, Dar es Salaam education office and Ubungo District education office.

"I salute Dr Jasson Rweikiza for this important investment in our country because you have helped the government efforts in improving education sector and am told that you have employed over 200 staff this is good to our country and people should learn from you," applauded the deputy minister

Silinde also commended parents who have continued trusting the school and pay the school fees on time something which he said has helped the school to run smoothly.

"I would like also to urge

you students to continue with learning spirit like you have been doing here at St Anne Marie, you must also continue to behave good like what you have been taught and behave here it is my hope that you will all be selected to join different universities inside and outside Tanzania," he said.

The Deputy Minister commended the school for excellent performance in form four results 2020 where 43 students got division one, 63 division II and 19 division III.

"Am also told that in form six results last year you did wonders in national results where 19 students got Division one, 47 Division II and 19 Division III, this is good but make sure you don't relax you must protect this achievement," said Silinde

He also urged the school to help the surrounding community access to important services like road, access to water, electricity, security and other services.

Global Franchise-Subway extends its wings in Dar

By Francis Kajubi

A GLOBAL Franchise-Subway has expanded its business network in the country by attracting new partners to venture into the business as it opens a new food shop in one of the growing busiest places of Dar es Salaam.

Located along the new Bagamoyo road at Makumbusho suburb in the city, the shop was officially opened yesterday to serve the busy part of the city that features a good number of white collar job personalities.

Prior to the official launch, orphans from the UMRA Orphanage centre at Kinondoni were invited for an evening event to have vegetable sandwiches alongside school stationeries they took back home.

Anandha Kumar, Franchise owner said that the food shop will also be serving menus with local favourites such as chicken tikka and sliced chicken apart from salads, cheese, cookies and soft drinks.

"This is the fifth shop since Subway got into the Tanzanian market back in 2000. All shops are in Dar es Salaam. We are being motivated to opening a new branch because we believe that more decent places for people to serve their dish are still needed;

Makumbusho is becoming a more prime part of the city and has attracted me to open a new shop. Regardless of the competition the business is working with us as Subway has already built its reputation. We are looking forward in the next two months to open another branch in Masaki, which means business is good," said Kumar.

Speaking from his experience in the country's franchise business, Mahmood Panju, pioneer of Subway in Tanzania said that the food business is growing fast and thus the future holds prosperity for the country's hospitality. "For our cities to become more welcoming to the foreigners and the working class we need enough franchise. The presence of franchise shops in our cities can be considered as a good level of civilisation of our people in the eyes of the sophisticated," said Panju.

'Government working on views by stakeholders on the ways to improve broadcasting services'

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Dr Jimmy Yonazi has said that the government is working on stakeholders' views on better ways to improve broadcasting services to meet current needs in the country.

Dr Yonazi was speaking at the consultative session in Dar es Salaam, which brought together stakeholders from various parts of Tanzania.

Organised by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), the meeting gathered views on five areas, including radio, television, online content and broadcasting licensing fees.

Other areas discussed included the commercial system on the airing of free-to-air television commercials and the commercial system on pay-TV.

The use of a single encryption to access content from different service providers; commercial agreements between broadcasters and advertisers; and the role of such facilities in licensing were among the issues discussed. This is the sixth time this year 2021 where TCRA has been organizing meetings to exchange ideas and experiences with the aim of improving Communication services.

TCRA is an independent body for the postal, broadcasting and electronic communications industries in the United Republic of Tanzania. It merged the former Tanzania Communications Commission and the Tanzania Broadcasting Commission. It is accountable to the Communications and Technology ministry. The Information Communication and Technology (ICT) sector reform in Tanzania is notable in that development was influenced by regional, political (national) and technological factors.



Muungano wetu ndio nguvu yetu...

Tukitembea pamoja tutafika mbali zaidi!





CONSULTANT TO PERFORM TMDA PEPFAR COP 2020 WORKPLAN

Introduction and Background:

Funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program implemented by Management Sciences for Health provides pharmaceutical system strengthening assistance for sustained improvements in health system performance and to advance USAID's goals of preventing child and maternal deaths, controlling the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and combating infectious disease threats, as well as expanding essential health coverage.

The goal of the global, five-year (2018–2023) program is to enable low- and middle-income countries to strengthen their pharmaceutical systems to ensure sustainable access to and appropriate use of safe, effective, quality-assured, and affordable essential medicines and medicine-related pharmaceutical services. To achieve this goal, the MTAPS program has the following objectives:

- pharmaceutical sector governance strengthened
- institutional and human resource capacity for pharmaceutical management and services increased, including regulation of medical products
- availability and use of pharmaceutical information for decision making increased and global learning agenda advanced
- pharmaceutical sector financing, including resource allocation and use, optimized
- pharmaceutical services, including product availability and patient-centered care to achieve desired health outcomes, improved

The goal of MTAAPS in Tanzania is to strengthen the country's pharmaceutical system to ensure sustainable access to and appropriate use of safe, effective, quality-assured, and affordable essential medicines, including ARVs, health technologies, and related pharmaceutical services. A stronger pharmaceutical system in Tanzania will enable achievement of global goals, including controlling the HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics, preventing child and maternal deaths, combating other infectious disease threats, and expanding access to essential medical products in the journey toward achieving universal health coverage in the country.

The Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Agency (TMDA) is the national regulatory authority (NRA) in Tanzania. It is an executive agency under the MOH responsible for regulating the quality, safety, and effectiveness of medicines, medical devices, and diagnostics. Its core functions are prescribed in Section 5 of the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Act, Cap 219, i.e., the regulation of all matters relating to quality, safety, and efficacy of human and veterinary medicines, herbal medicines, medical devices, and diagnostics; the regulation of importation, manufacturing, labeling, marking or identification, storage, promotion, sale, and distribution of same; and the monitoring and analysis of existing and new adverse events, interactions, and information about PV of products; and acting upon said analysis.

Regulatory systems play a key role in ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of medical products. The TMDA has attained WHO maturity level 3 (ML 3) status for setting up a stable, well-functioning, and integrated medicine/vaccine regulatory system, as benchmarked against the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT) in 2018. It has also established mobile and patient reporting systems for safety monitoring of medicines.

The Medical Stores Department (MSD) is an autonomous department under the MOH responsible for developing, maintaining, and managing an efficient and cost-effective system of procurement, storage, and distribution of approved medicines and medical supplies required for use by public health services.

MTaPS is therefore seeking a consultant to provide technical assistance to support medicines registration, medical products importation procedures and pharmacovigilance to achieve the goal of strengthening regulatory systems in the Republic of Tanzania.

Number of consultants: One

Consultant qualification requirements:

- First degree in Pharmacy or Medicine
- Advanced degree in Medicine, Pharmaceutical sciences, or Public Health
- At least 7 years' experience working with USAID / donor-funded programs, Ministry of Health, and global implementing partners
- Experience in providing technical assistance to multiple low- and middle-income countries in regulatory systems strengthening including medicines evaluation and registration, application of good review guidelines and good reliance practices, regulatory capacity building
- Experience in building pharmacovigilance systems
- Experience in or knowledge of public health system structure and health policies in Tanzania
- Strong organizational skills: demonstrated ability to build relationships and work effectively with senior government officials and other stakeholders.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, ability to generate lucid reports, and presentation skills in English and Swahili.

Supervision and reporting responsibility: The consultant will be supervised by, and report to the Principal Technical Advisor-Pharmacovigilance (PV) Lead. The consultant will liaise with the Country Project Director for Tanzania; the Principal Technical Advisor-Pharmaceutical Regulatory Systems (PTA-PRS), MTAAPS headquarters and regional technical staff, and work in collaboration with the national regulatory authority and relevant government departments.

A: Description of Services to be provided

Based on the background information provided by MTAAPS, the consultant is expected to provide technical assistance by undertaking interventions in medicines registration, medical products importation procedures and pharmacovigilance that will strengthen regulatory systems, contributing to access to quality assured medical products.

Specifically, the consultant will undertake the following activities:

- Activity 1.1.1: Conduct a process improvement mapping for registration and importation of antiretroviral medicines (ARVs), including dolutegravir (DTG), for the public sector (**LOE20 Days**)
 - Develop an implementation plan for this activity with clear tasks and timelines for reaching process improvement milestones
 - Liaise with the MTAAPS Tanzania Country office to initiate meetings with the National Regulatory Authority, TMDA, and MSD, and plan for collection of information and implementation of the activity
 - Develop a checklist/questionnaire for data collection on the sequence of activities to register and import ARVs, including DTG, for public sector distribution and use
 - Administer the questionnaire to relevant entities including MSD, TMDA
 - Prepare draft report on the findings of the process mapping including considerations for process improvements
 - Facilitate a one-day virtual workshop to validate the findings
 - Finalize the report on process mapping improvement for registration and importation of ARVs, including DTG, for the public sector.
- Activity 1.1.2: Sustain the capacity of TMDA to assess quality, safety, and efficacy of ARVs (**LOE 15 days**)
 - Develop an implementation plan for this activity with clear tasks and timelines for reaching the capacity milestones and share it with the PTA-PRS
 - Liaise with MTAAPS Tanzania Country office to initiate meetings with the National Regulatory Authority, TMDA, and plan for delivery of virtual/in-person course to conduct capacity building on comprehensive assessment of quality, safety, and efficacy of ARV applications for registration. The capacity building should impart knowledge and transfer skills to TMDA assessors in basic dossier assessment of ARV product dossiers for the new medicine evaluators (new staff, interns, and externals); and training to current medicine evaluators on specialized areas, such as assessing bioequivalence studies and active pharmaceutical ingredients, focusing on ARVs
 - Liaise with the appropriate academic institution for collaboration while implementing the capacity building

workshop

- Prepare materials for delivery of a 5-day capacity building course on evaluation and registration of medicines, covering training of new assessors and refresher training for existent assessors
 - Organize and facilitate conduct of an in-person capacity building workshop on assessment of product dossiers for medicines
 - Prepare Report on capacity building workshop on product registration for medicines for regulators in Tanzania
 - Organize and facilitate conduct of a product dossier evaluation retreat for 5 days for the assessors to apply the knowledge and gain hands-on experience in evaluating products, specifically medicines used to manage HIV/AIDS
 - Prepare Report on product dossier evaluation retreat and number of product files for managing ARVs evaluated.
- Activity 2.1.1: Strengthen existing passive medicine safety surveillance system for pediatric medicines used in national HIV program (**LOE 20 days**)
 - In collaboration with relevant TMDA and MTAAPS staff, plan and set up a pediatric sub-committee as part of the national safety advisory committee to evaluate adverse drug reaction (ADR) reports on pediatric DTG and other pediatric ARVs in the country
 - Undertake review of the terms of reference of current national safety advisory committee and revise it for setting up the pediatric sub-committee as necessary
 - Establish a governance structure for the pediatric sub-committee with clear deliverables for enhancing the safety of pediatric DTG and ARVs in general
 - Support inauguration of the committee members and at least one meeting of the committee.
 - In collaboration with WHO, relevant industry experts, and MTAAPS staff, plan, execute and monitor capacity building of TMDA staff on evaluating manufacturers' risk management plans (RMPs) and periodic safety update reports (PSURs) for pediatric drug formulations as part of a system-wide sustainable capacity-building effort
 - Review or develop training materials
 - Undertake training of staff including hands-on practice
 - Generate a report of the training.
 - Work with TMDA and relevant stakeholders including but not limited to public health programs, hospitals, and reporters to strengthen the existing system for providing constructive feedback to stakeholders that report ADRs. This will entail reviewing the current feedback mechanism and identifying implementation gaps, including disincentives for reporting
 - Review current feedback mechanism available at TMDA and identify implementation gaps
 - Develop a revised stakeholder feedback framework and mechanism
 - Develop a proposal for a follow-on activity that identifies and tests different strategies for improving reporting with a view to finding the most appropriate and context relevant strategy to improve ADR reporting in Tanzania.

Total LOE: 55 days

B: Deliverables/Milestones

- Implementation plan for Activity 1.1.1 with clear tasks and timelines for reaching the process improvement milestones
- Draft report on the findings of the process mapping including considerations for process improvements
- Report on process improvement mapping for registration and importation of ARVs, including DTG, for the public sector
- Implementation plan for Activity 1.1.2 with clear tasks and timelines for reaching the capacity milestones
- Materials for delivery of a virtual 5-day capacity building course on evaluation and registration of medicines
- Report on virtual capacity building on medicines registration for regulators in Tanzania
- Report on product dossier evaluation retreat and number of product files for managing ARVs evaluated
- Terms of reference for a pediatric advisory sub-committee, including governance structure
- Results of DTG and other pediatric ARVs ADR review
- Report of training for TMDA staff on review of RMPs and PSURs for pediatric ARVs
- Proposal for follow-on activity on strategies to improve reporting of ADRs.

C: Delivery Schedule/Milestones

Deliverable / Milestone	Expected Date of Completion	Per Deliverable Rate
<i>Activity 1.1.1: Conduct a process improvement mapping for registration and importation of ARVs, including</i>		
1) Deliverable: Activity Implementation plan with clear tasks and timelines for reaching process improvement milestones	15 June 2021	
2) Draft report on the findings of the process mapping including considerations for process improvement	30 June 2021	
3) Final Report on process improvement mapping for registration and importation of ARVs, including DTG, for the public sector	25 July 2021	
<i>Activity 1.1.2: Sustain the capacity of TMDA to assess quality, safety, and efficacy of ARVs</i>		
4) Activity implementation plan with clear tasks and timelines for reaching capacity milestones	15 June 2021	
5) Materials for delivery of a virtual 5-day capacity building course on evaluation and registration of medicines	30 June 2021	
6) Report on capacity building on medicines registration for regulators in Tanzania	31 July 2021	
	31 August 2021	

Deliverable / Milestone	Expected Date of Completion	Per Deliverable Rate
7) Report on product dossier evaluation retreat and number of product files for managing ARVs evaluated		
<i>Activity 2.1.1: Strengthen existing passive medicine safety surveillance system for pediatric medicines used in</i>		
8) Terms of reference for a pediatric advisory sub-committee, including governance structure	30 June 2021	
9) Results of DTG and other pediatric ARVs ADR review	20 September 2021	
10) Report of training for TMDA staff on review of RMPs and PSURs for pediatric ARVs	31 August 2021	
11) Proposal for follow-on activity on strategies to improve reporting of ADRs	31 July 2021	

D: Authorized Travel (if applicable)

- Travel is not authorized in connection with providing the Services in accordance with the SOW.
- MSH hereby authorizes Consultant to travel in connection with providing the Services in accordance with the SOW as described below:

Origin (City and Country)	Destination (City and Country)	Duration of stay (number of days)
Within Tanzania	Within Tanzania	TBD

For further detail and to apply for the position, please visit the Employment Opportunities section of our website at <https://msh.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/External/job/Tanzania-Dar-es-Salaam/Consultant-Regulatory-Systems-Strengthening--Pharmacovigilance--R953> by May 29th, 2021. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted



Joel Msechu (R, gesturing), a manager with Tanzania Breweries Limited's agriculture wing, briefs farmers partnering with the company in implementing a sorghum farming project. This was at an agriculture exhibition held at Hombulu in Dodoma Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,

Morogoro

Tanzania, SA firms out to share skills on fire detection services

TANZANIAN and outh African fire protection companies have agreed to extend their services to other sectors including fuel companies, industrial, infrastructure and residential areas.

The East Africa Radiators and services Limited (EAR) together with the Advanced Fire Global Company are expected to share savior faire on fire protection services like detection, prevention, protection and mitigation.

EAR Strategic Business Consultant, Gerald Ruhere who was also among the delegates announced during the national fire and rescue week organized in Morogoro under the theme "Our schools source of skill, better to protect them from fire disasters"

He said that Tanzania has been very behind in the fire system technology situation, forcing the AER to enlarge its services not only in the mining sector but to other sectors with the aim of reaching them from town to rural areas within 5 years.

"EAR target to offer its clients the latest technology and fire set equipment as have done in Geita gold mine, now focus to work as a team with government in creating conducive working environment at the development projects like SGR, Nyerere Hydroelectric Power and reaching every citizen from town to the rural areas" he disclosed.

Likewise, the Sales and Project Manager for Africa of Advanced Fire Global Company Tinus Booyen promised to share technology on how to effectively use fire protective devices like photoelectric smoke alarm, photo electrical smoke detector and fire blanket in residential areas and industries.

"Besides, we will also share technology with the local community on how to use portable devices like fire extinguishers and type of explosion to be protected" he said adding that the government should hire fire services officials whose

task is to inspect portable devices at least two times per month.

He promised standard services in Tanzania as the company applied in Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern African countries like, Namibia, Botswana, Democratic of Congo Mali, Senegal, Ghana, and Burkina Faso.

The administrative and finance fire and rescue force's commissioner, Mbaraka Semwanza, said that apart from efforts the government and stakeholders directed in improving fire and rescue force, his office will take immediate steps to either public or private companies which will launch building construction without fire brigade permit.

"Fire and rescue force calls for contractors and citizens to ask for technical advice before construction as to avoid unnecessary fire explosions due lack of installation fire protection devices" he said.

Expert: Many girls and women have very little knowledge about reproductive tract infections

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS Tanzania prepares to join the rest of the world in observing the Menstrual Hygiene Day by the end of this month, scary observations have just emerged from recent studies on the girls' predicament as far as tampons, or lack of them, are concerned.

Apparently, most girls, especially students of boarding schools and those residing in rural villages have been found to lack access to those absorbency menstrual pads due to unavailability, unawareness or lack of money to buy the important toiletries.

"Parents usually send their daughters to boarding schools with little, if any, consideration of their menstrual health requirements," said Rogathe Severe Luakaki, the Project Officer for the Girls Power Initiative (GPI), explaining that the amount of pocket money given to the girls is not enough to cover their monthly needs for sanitary pads.

Due to that, some girls and young women in the country opt to smear 'Papier-mâché,' clay mud onto their private parts in order to contain outwards leakage of menstrual discharge, while others result to shoving themselves with pieces of foam mattresses, discarded clothes and other forms of crude fabrics.

According to the GPI officer, if girls continue to expose themselves to deadly devices in handling menstrual cycles they will be susceptible to contracting other serious infections in addition to risking possible injuries in even worse scenarios that may also lead to cancer.

In rural areas, girls sometimes resort to using leaves, especially large one from bananas or yams, plantains and other trees. GPI has described this phenomenon as 'Periods' Poverty.'

"Parents, or guardians only budget school fees, uniforms and pocket money but never remember menstrual products," stated Rogathe pointing out the budget is only 2000/- per month which is just 26,000/- per year, quite affordable yet hardly considered.

The World 'Menstrual Hygiene Day' will be observed globally on May 28 and here in Tanzania, there will be special events to mark the day set to be staged in Arusha, Mbeya and Dar-es-Salaam regions, all targeting to reinforce awareness on the importance of ensuring girls hygiene to that effect.

The GPI organization has also been training girls on how to devise their own reusable homemade sanitary napkins from locally available materials and that can be safely recyclable, making them confident to face monthly circles with ease.

Mwajabu Mniga is the GPI coordinator who is also in-charge of organizing the 4th World Menstrual Day, in Arusha and arrangements for the 28th of May event have started, she said various organizations will participate at the pantomime to be staged at Elerai Secondary School grounds.

"We are targeting school girls as well as young ladies, empowering them on ways to devise or access all sanitariums absorbencies," said Mwajabu Mniga, adding that they were partnering with Jane Goodhall Roots and Shoots.

Other partners include Wibena Impact from Uganda, Women Education and Development (WIDE), from Dar-es-salaam, Femi International, the parents and nurturing association of Tanzania (UMATI) and other supporters from Switzerland and Taiwan.

"We are addressing what we call periods' poverty, the problem of girls lacking sanitary products and stigma related to their menstrual changes," she stated. Events leading to the Global Menstrual Day have just been launched in Arusha.

GPI will also launch a six-month program starting next June, all the way to December 2021, that will entail worldwide online forums to address challenges affecting girls and women and how the governments can be involved in menstrual health.

This paper also managed to speak to a couple of girls who happen to be attending boarding schools and who preferred not to have their names published and they had this to say: "One of the things that drive most school girls to accept financial assistance even from vulgar and predatory men, is their striving to ensure that they get unlimited supply of tampons and other personal clothing items."

As far as the interviewed girls are concerned, most of them get apprehensive whenever they approach their menstrual cycles' dates, some even becoming psychologically affected, self-conscious and overly sensitive. "The situation usually gets worse when one lacks even the appropriate sanitary napkins to protect herself!" they pointed out.



Invitation for Bids Tender For

SUPPLY OF 625 BICYCLES FOR LEAD FARMERS AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN BUSEKELO, RUNGWE, MBARALI & MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCILS, MBEYA CITY COUNCIL IN MBEYA REGION; MBOZI, SONGWE & ILEJE DISTRICT COUNCILS IN SONGWE REGION; MPANDA MUNICIPALITY, TANGANYIKA & NSIMBO DISTRICT COUNCIL IN KATAVI REGION.

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (HELVETAS) in Tanzania has acquired a four-years mandate from the European Union (EU) to execute a new project called KIBOWAVI - Kilimo Bora cha Matunda na Mbogamboga) kwa Wanawake na Vijana - Empowering women and youth in horticulture production and marketing, in short called KIBOWAVI.

The project's overall objective is to contribute to inclusive economic growth, promote private sector development and job creation in the horticulture sector, and to increase food and nutrition security in Tanzania's Southern Highlands. The project specific objective is to improve the income and nutrition of small-scale women and youth farmers in the Southern Highlands' Songwe, Mbeya and Katavi regions through targeted interventions in the horticulture sector to increase productivity, production, resource-efficiency, diversity, value addition and marketing.

HELVETAS Tanzania and its partners ADP Mbozi, CODERT and TAFOPA are implementing the KIBOWAVI project which aims at improving the livelihoods of 75,000 rural people including 15,000 directly targeted smallholder farmers through 500 farmer groups, processors, and cooperatives.

KIBOWAVI has set aside funds for its operations intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for SUPPLY OF BICYCLES TO LEAD FARMERS AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN BUSEKELO, RUNGWE, MBARALI & MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCILS, MBEYA CITY COUNCIL IN MBEYA REGION; MBOZI, SONGWE & ILEJE DISTRICT COUNCILS IN SONGWE REGION; MPANDA MUNICIPALITY, TANGANYIKA & NSIMBO DISTRICT COUNCIL IN KATAVI REGION.

KIBOWAVI now invites Tenders from eligible Business Companies.

Tendering will be conducted through Open Competitive Tendering procedures through HELVETAS guidelines and specified laws in Tanzania.

Interested bidders through our zonal main project office in Mbeya may purchase a complete set of bidding document in English and additional sets, by paying non-refundable fee of TZS 100,000.00. Payment should be made through HELVETAS accounts as provided during purchase of this document.

All tenders in one original plus two copies properly filled in and enclosed in plain envelopes must be physically delivered to the following address.

PROJECT DIRECTOR
KIBOWAVI PROJECT, HELVETAS TANZANIA
NBC building, Ground Floor, Karume road
P.O. Box 722 Mbeya, Tanzania
Telephone: +255 (0) 252500271

Before or on 07th June 2021 1300Hrs.

Tender must be accompanied by a tender security amounting 2% of the tender price in an acceptable form of unconditional bank guarantee, banker's cheque, or irrevocable letter of credit.

Late tenders, portion tender, tender submitted through post office, electronic tenders, tenders not opened and not read out in the public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Please, also note that, HELVETAS is not bound to accept any lowest or highest bid and that, only successful tenderers will be contacted.
Project Director KIBOWAVI
HELVETAS TANZANIA



NOTICE OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Maendeleo Bank PLC will be held on Saturday 19th June 2021 at 10:00am.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda for the 7th Annual General Meeting.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters Arising from the 6th Annual General Meeting
5. Director's Report for the Year ended 31st December 2020
6. External Auditor's Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020
7. To Receive and Approve Directors' Remuneration for the Year 2021
8. To Receive and Approve Appointment of External Auditors for the Year Ending 31st December 2021
9. To receive and approve dividend proposal
10. Any other business
11. Date of Next annual General Meeting
12. Closure of the meeting

NOTES:

1. A member wishing to attend the meeting will do so at his/her own cost and must come with his/ her original depository receipt (share certificate) and any ID card for identification. Copies of the Annual Report and proxy forms will be available at the Head Office situated at Maendeleo Bank, Luther House, Sokoine Drive - City Centre effective from 5th June 2021.
2. A member entitled to attend at the meeting and who is unable to attend, can appoint a Proxy to attend on his/her behalf by submitting his/her name to the Managing Director at Maendeleo Bank PLC not less than 48 Hours before the time of meeting. In case of corporate body, the Proxy must be under its common seal and must come with depository receipt. The proxy forms can be downloaded from our website (www.maendeleobank.co.tz).
3. There will be a seminar on financial literacy to investors and entrepreneurship skills for retirees on the same day between 9.0am and 10.0am.
4. The 2020 Annual reports and Papers for the meeting will be available on the Bank's website (www.maendeleobank.co.tz) from 5th June 2021.
5. Shareholders' proposals to be covered under agenda item number 10 should be submitted to the Secretary through email: shareholders@maendeleobank.co.tz or WhatsApp number +255677 005050 before 4.0pm on 17th June 2021.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD

DR. IBRAHIM MWANGALABA
MANAGING DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD.

MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

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Ministers can avoid traps by economic conspirators

THE current situation is not easy for policy makers at higher levels of the government, especially with cabinet ministers and permanent secretaries, owing to the changes wrought by the sixth phase government to obtain rapid improvement of the country's economy. Individual earnings and wider purchasing power are also targeted rather than generalized statistics of economic growth, especially as the lack of jobs was putting social cohesion at some risk, admittedly. Not everyone is positively inclined; resistance is likely.

In that case there is a psychological problem for those in leadership that would otherwise be grasped, as to how far actual actors in institutions that are being tasked with reform and examining their own roles critically can actually do the job. What is more perplexing is that this difficulty comes down to individual commitment to reform or change, and the extent to which this is the case can be noticed in what a top official says or the sort of advice such official gives to policy makers. But it needs that the one to whom that advice is directed can actually figure out what intent is involved, if it is pro-reform or is resisting it.

This sort of situation has been besieging Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemani, who has been facing systemic resistance in like manner as the prime minister was sorting out at the port of Dar es Salaam. Here what is malfunctioning is the prepaid meters system, arguably the most important tool connecting the power company (Tanesco) with the public, and where disruptions can have a lot of impact. The minister suspended three officials for failing to address the challenge in the pre-paid metering system.

Needless to add, the management ought to have been the first to ensure they properly do their work.

In that case, having the minister go to the spot and take measures is an indication of system failure, and his additional directive has something worrisome about it. He declared that the Luku system should be run by Tanzanians and not a company from outside the country, which apparently was related to the chaos in its operations, rather than existence of technical capacity locally and reducing costs by not procuring such services from outside. Obviously, it needs a proper feasibility study and recommendations like the late President Dr John Magufuli directed in relation to 'gold sand exports' to act on any clear proposals.

What is at issue isn't whether, prima facie, it is good or bad for the system to be run by a foreign company or be locally procured, but how it links with what has been taking place. Psychologically it isn't a foreign contracted company which can defy the government and the public by throwing the country or the city into darkness to get its way, but local stakeholders, especially within the company. So when the minister arrives there and issues that directive he may be playing precisely what the game set up envisaged, that the foreign company be removed. Then, lapses of a day or two where Luku sales are disconnected from a central register or revenue end point will be common, whether a blackout shall also be there or without it. Many will remember that only with the South African firm Netgroup did a number of public agencies pay their electricity bills; many wish foreign firms leave, so that they can tamper with the system, gain a lot.

Africa truly needs to start focusing on the neglected issue of mental health

MENTAL health has historically been neglected on Africa's health and development policy agenda. Faced with many challenges, including intractable poverty, infectious diseases, maternal and child mortality, as well as conflict, African political leaders and international development agencies frequently overlook the importance of mental health. This trend is often compounded by three factors: ignorance about the extent of mental health problems, stigma against those living with mental illness and mistaken beliefs that mental illnesses cannot be treated.

Absence of treatment is the norm rather than the exception across the continent. The "treatment gap" - the proportion of people with mental illness who don't get treatment - ranges from 75 per cent in South Africa to more than 90 per cent in Ethiopia and Nigeria. Yet there are several reasons to give greater priority to mental health. These include the fact that doing so delivers other health benefits; that it helps tackle socioeconomic challenges; that there are economic benefits; and that human rights offences are reduced.

Schizophrenia is a chronic and severe mental disorder affecting 20 million people worldwide. Schizophrenia is characterized by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self and behaviour. Common experiences include hallucinations (hearing voices or seeing things that are not there) and delusions

(fixed, false beliefs). Worldwide, schizophrenia is associated with considerable disability and may affect educational and occupational performance. People with schizophrenia are 2-3 times more likely to die early than the general population. This is often due to preventable physical diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, metabolic disease and infections. Stigma, discrimination and violation of human rights of people with schizophrenia is common. Schizophrenia is treatable. Treatment with medicines and psychosocial support is effective. Facilitation of assisted living, supported housing and supported employment are effective management strategies for people with schizophrenia.

Schizophrenia is a psychosis, a type of mental illness characterized by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self and behaviour. Common experiences include: hallucination: hearing, seeing or feeling things that are not there; delusion: fixed false beliefs or suspicions not shared by others in the person's culture and that are firmly held even when there is evidence to the contrary; abnormal behaviour: disorganised behaviour such as wandering aimlessly, mumbling or laughing to self, strange appearance, self-neglect or appearing unkempt; disorganised speech: incoherent or irrelevant speech; and/or disturbances of emotions: marked apathy or disconnect between reported emotion and what is observed such as facial expression or body language.

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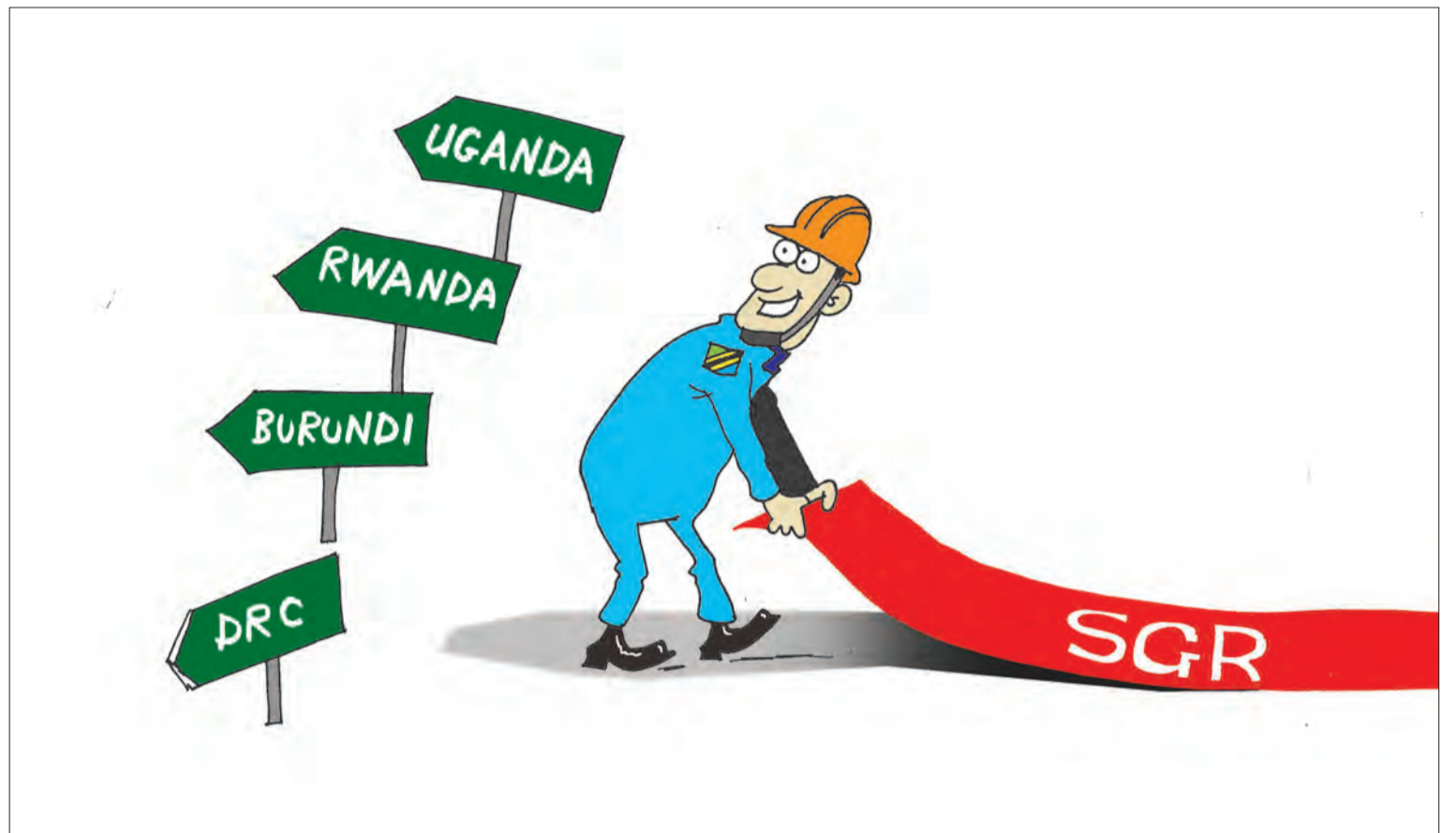
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By Kundhavi Kadiresan

FROM wet markets to empty markets, the functionality of food systems has shaped the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact, making it desperately clear that the status quo is unsustainable. Unsurprisingly, the inequities of the food system have been most acutely felt among the world's poor and marginalized people.

The number of poor people globally is likely to increase 20 percent above pre-pandemic levels, according to the newly published 2021 global food policy report. For emerging markets on the verge of middle-income like Ethiopia and Bangladesh, the pandemic threatens to reverse so much of the recent economic progress, underpinned by agricultural growth. One in three young people in Bangladesh say they experienced moderate or severe food insecurity during lockdown, and in Ethiopia, more than 75 percent of people say they have lost income.

Pre-pandemic, Bangladesh and Ethiopia were among the so-called new "tiger economies", countries whose productivity was long held back by hunger, malnutrition and inequality, and where such factors have resurfaced since the start of the pandemic. For these economic tigers, their potential for both recovery and economic growth remains tied to agriculture, and fulfilling this potential will depend on science and innovation.

In agriculture, as with other sectors, the pandemic has fast-tracked the digital revolution. While technology has provided short-

By Cissy Kagaba

RECENT media reports indicate that some officers at the Office of the Auditor General are allegedly exchanging their audit opinions for sums of money, usually determined by the officer or the team posted to an entity, thus aiding in occasioning loss to the State for private benefit.

This bitter reality has only come into the public domain after the now suspended chief executive officer of Uganda Airlines stated in a dossier to President Yoweri Museveni that officers from the Auditor General had allegedly asked for anything between Shs100 million and Shs150 million, if the airline was to get 'a good report'.

The same dossier stated that auditors from the Ministry of Works and Transport which oversees the airline had also allegedly asked for \$50,000 if the airline was to get a positive report.

While these do not come as major revelations, they confirm the position some people have held over time about the Auditor General's office. Just last year, executives

Feeding tigers: Agriculture offers emerging markets safe route to post-Covid resilience

term solutions to reduce the impact of restrictions on movement and labor, governments can take this opportunity to embed innovations for the longer term.

For example, CGIAR has been working with the Ethiopian government to develop apps that share nutritional advice as part of the Digital Ethiopia 2025 national strategy. Poor health and poverty are often interlinked, and these apps aim to help create awareness about food safety, consumption patterns and nutrition - all of which underpin good health.

Similarly, in Bangladesh, a new digital disease monitoring app allows users to identify hotspots, not only of COVID-19 but also crop and fish diseases. This has the potential to reduce the extent of outbreaks and save harvests, further protecting livelihoods and food security, which have both been impacted by the pandemic.

Secondly, while resilient and sustainable agricultural systems will not necessarily prevent another pandemic, they will go a long way in helping countries recover from the impact, and better prepare for the next shock.

Having data to measure disruptions and volatility in the agri-food chain, both at a global level and a national level, can inform policies that protect future food supplies. In Bangladesh, for example, CGIAR is working with local partners to monitor food, labor, input, supplies and prices, to advise on appropriate policies,

with an emphasis on minimizing the impact of COVID-19 and other shocks on the most vulnerable members of society.

As the economic consequences of the pandemic become clear, supporting governments to develop and implement post-pandemic Action Plans with agriculture at their core can help provide a roadmap for recovery and future resilience. Data collection and innovative ways of collecting it - such as the rise in farmer citizen scientists, who gather information within their communities - is vital to better understand the needs of those along the food chain and allow other countries to benefit from lessons learnt.

Finally, agriculture also offers a route to greater resilience against future health challenges in middle-income countries. As demonstrated by COVID-19, the crossovers between human, animal and environment health require an integrated One Health approach that tackles all three aspects together.

This is why CGIAR researchers from ILRI have launched the One Health Research, Education and Outreach Centre in Africa (OHRECA), to leverage their expertise in animal health and cross-species disease to work alongside the Kenyan government and sequence the genome of SARS-CoV-2 circulating in Kenya.

But to fully develop a global One Health approach and support innovation in tackling hunger,

malnutrition and climate change, governments and donors need to double their funding for agricultural research.

The recent announcement by the African Development Bank (AfDB) that it will continue to invest heavily in agricultural transformation is welcome news, and offers hope this will extend and build on the successes of the Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) program, led by CGIAR's IITA. The TAAT program has already brought to bear dozens of innovations, including 52 new technologies in Ethiopia alone, prompting the proposal being considered by the AfDB Board to fund a new, three-year phase of the initiative.

The effects of this pandemic are felt widely but unevenly, yet around the world, the common thread is food and food systems. No country or region can progress alone. But by leveraging all our agricultural research and innovation to bake in greater resilience in our food systems going forwards, we can accelerate the recovery and future-proof our food security.

Loss of income, increased food insecurity and reduced access to nutritional diets make it clear that agricultural transformation is central to a better functioning food system. It's time these tigers got their roar back.

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Auditor General can't afford stains

from the Civil Aviation Authority complained about OAG staff who had allegedly asked for \$1m to give a good report. While nothing came of these allegations then, the time for the Auditor General to act has come.

Insider jokes are that staff, who usually get a rotation of station every year and could be extended to a couple of years, are either rewarded or punished depending on the areas to which they get posted. It is alleged that postings within the agencies in infrastructure, for instance, are an elevation while being sent to health is a punishment.

These allegations cast all the good work that the Auditor General's office has done to the wind. It, therefore, begs the question. Are the reports from the Auditor General a true reflection of what is on the ground? Has the Auditor General's office been infiltrated by the self-seekers who now characterise part of the civil service? Are audit reports now on sale too?

The office of the Auditor General has been one of those that have done justice to the runaway spending

in this country. It is the one report accounting officers do not want to see on their desks; especially if they have qualified reports. It is also the report that MPs eagerly await for an entire year; just so they can rein in on errant accounting officers. It is one of the yardsticks on which the Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury uses when determining which accounting officer receives a new contract and which ones need to be replaced as accounting officers of their entities to which they are assigned to.

It is such a shame that such an institution is now viewed in the same lens as the other institutions of the State in which a few individuals have made corruption and the institution's name one and the same.

For this, the Auditor General needs to act and act decisively.

I believe those individuals implicated in these allegations are known. Internal investigations should be instituted so as to offer a fair hearing to all parties, and if these persons are found to be wanting, then examples of them should be

made so as to offer a deterrence to anybody else who may want to ask for money so as to offer 'a good report'.

The Auditor General also needs to lower the rotation period for all officers to one year such that nobody gets too comfortable, to cozy up with the entities they have been assigned to audit. No special considerations should be given even to those who have been posted to upcountry stations such as the local governments. The office should also conduct lifestyle audits so as to ascertain that everybody is living within their means and these should be followed up by declarations to the Inspectorate of Government such that the checks stay in place much longer than the duration of this crisis that the office has found itself in.

Lastly, the office should make corruption so risky that the officers will start to live by the example set for them by the Auditor General himself who is viewed as selfless, professional and a person of integrity.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TARIFF GUIDE 2021

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Tariff Description	Current Tariff		Proposed Tariff	
	TZS	FCY	TZS	FCY
Savings Products				
Ledger fees				
Normal Savings Account	1,500.00	Nil	1,800.00	Nil
Business Savings Account	2,000.00	N/A	2,300.00	N/A
Ledger fees				
Personal	10,000.00	10.00	10,300.00	10.00
SME	15,000.00	10.00	15,300.00	15.00
Business Current Account	5,000.00	Equivalent	5,300.00	Equivalent
Current Account- Personal	2,500.00	Equivalent	2,800.00	Equivalent
Clearing Cheques				
Transaction processing charge per instrument	N/A	N/A	150.00	Equivalent
Other Reasons	N/A	N/A	13,000.00	13.00
Telegraphic Transfers				
Local TISS Amendment	N/A	N/A	5,000.00	5.00

Tariff Description	Current Tariff		Proposed Tariff	
	TZS	FCY	TZS	FCY
Letters of Credit				
Import LC:				
a. Opening L/C	Equivalent to FCY	1% pq min 200	Equivalent to FCY	1% pq min 350
b. Amendments (simple amendment)	Equivalent to FCY	60 flat fee	Equivalent to FCY	\$120
d. L/C acceptance	Equivalent to FCY	0.01%	Equivalent to FCY	1% pq min 350
e. Extension commission	Equivalent to FCY	0.75% min 200 on extended amount	Equivalent to FCY	1% pq min 350
g. L/C cancellation	Equivalent to FCY	120	Equivalent to FCY	\$200
Export LC:				
a. Pre- advice	Equivalent to FCY	42	Equivalent to FCY	60 flat fee
c. Confirmation charge	Equivalent to FCY	1.2% min 300 per qtr	Equivalent to FCY	1% pq min 350
j. Advice of amendment	Equivalent to FCY	60 flat fee	Equivalent to FCY	\$100 flat fee
Clean Bills for Collection:				
b. Inward commission	Equivalent to FCY	\$120.00	Equivalent to FCY	0.3% min 100 max 300+ 70 courier charges
c. Outward commission	Equivalent to FCY	0.6% min 100 max 250	Equivalent to FCY	0.3% min 100 max 300+ 70 courier charges
Bonds and Guarantees				
Shipping guarantee	Cash cover 0.6%; Non cash cover 3%, per qtr min 100,000	Equivalent	Cash cover 0.6%; Non cash cover 3%, per qtr min 100,000	Equivalent
Bid bonds - Local (per quarter)	Unsecured 2.5% for BOA Customers; 3% for non - BOA Customers; Secured 1.5%; Cash cover 1% (per qtr)	Equivalent	Unsecured 2.5% for BOA Customers; 3% for non - BOA Customers; Secured 1.5%; Cash cover 1% (per qtr), min 100,000	Equivalent
Performance bonds - Local (per quarter)	Secured 3%; Full cash cover 0.6% per qtr	Equivalent	Secured 3%; Full cash cover 0.6% per qtr, min 100,000	Equivalent

Item	Proposed Tariff	
	TZS	FCY
Account Opening Balance		
My Business Pack	20,000.00	N/A
Public Service Pack	20,000.00	N/A
Employee Pack	20,000.00	N/A
Ledger Fees		
My Business Pack	5,300.00	N/A
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SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (SRF)

Background:
 SERA BORA, meaning Better Policies in Swahili is a 5-year (Jan 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2024) USAID-Tanzania funded project awarded to Michigan State University (MSU) and implemented under the auspices of the Agricultural Sector Policy and Institutional Reform Strengthening (ASPIRES) NGO in Tanzania. The goal of the project is to accelerate adoption of effective policies and programs that would promote broad-based economic growth, improve food security and nutrition, and contribute to poverty reduction.

Job Summary: ASPIRES seeks a qualified candidate to serve as Senior Research Fellow, and the head of the Policy Research Team in implementation of the SERA BORA project. The candidate will lead various research activities, publish research reports and journal papers, participate in various conferences and policy dialogues and advisory meetings. This position will directly report to SERA BORA's Policy Advisor and Chief of Party (CoP). Remunerations will be determined by demonstrated research experience, track record of publications and salary history of the candidate. ASPIRES encourages academic staff in Tanzanian Universities wishing to take research sabbatical leave to apply for the position.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities

- Conduct innovative research on agriculture policy, food security and nutrition, and food systems transformation using econometric modelling techniques
- Lead the production of high-quality research reports and/or publications in top, peer-reviewed journals and ASPIRES/MSU platforms (policy briefs etc.)
- Lead ASPIRES policy research team, and coordinate related research, capacity building, and communication activities
- Contribute to agricultural policy and impact evaluations
- Represent ASPIRES on various occasions, including at conferences and meetings
- Contribute to the the broader ASPIRES/SERA BORA project research agenda, write reports on program/project activities
- Develop new fundable research projects

Education and Experience

- PhD in Economics, Agricultural Economics or closely related fields
- Excellent econometric/statistical skills and excellent knowledge of STATA, SPSS and other statistical softwares
- Demonstrated knowledge of state-of-the-art techniques used in microeconomic analysis and panel data analysis
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working with large datasets like household surveys, agricultural surveys, and other socioeconomic datasets for innovative statistical and econometric analysis
- Demonstrated capacity to produce high-quality research for publication in top, peer-reviewed journals
- Strong team player, self-motivated and ability to work with people from different social and cultural backgrounds
- Excellent communication skills in written and spoken English
- Experience with donor-funded projects is desirable

Preferred Qualifications:

- Excellent publication track record in peer-reviewed journals
- 8+ years of post-PhD experience relevant to the job and demonstrated fundraising experience
- Major external recognition within peer professional networks due to publications and other leaderships activities
- Demonstrated leadership skills and strong experience in building and managing teams
- Familiarity with the literature and demonstrated knowledge of research in one or more of the following areas: agricultural development and policy, food security, nutrition, and food systems transformation
- Field experience in conducting large agricultural and market surveys, analysis of national surveys and census data
- and household data in developing countries
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to lead research teams
- Strong results orientation, demonstrated ability to balance multiple projects with a high level of accuracy and the ability to prioritize tasks and work independently
- Excellent working knowledge of word processing, database, statistics software and spreadsheet software

How to apply:
 Interested candidates who meet the mentioned qualifications and experience should send an application letter, and CV with not less than 3 referees to aspirestanzania@gmail.com by July 30, 2021. Screening of applications will be ongoing as received until the position is filled.

ASPIRES Tanzania

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

...Indigenous languages an undervalued cultural treasure.... Just how to save them?

JAMBO for the week, and what's caught our readers interest recently, or possibly irritated them as well. Well this time last year, like me, they might have been applauding a headline of "... Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) adopts Kiswahili as the fourth official language". This means that the lingua franca in East Africa and parts of Central Africa, is now joined with English, French and Portuguese as an official language, to be used during engagements within the bloc. So how cheering to know that Kiswahili has become the first indigenous language to be used by an organisation at an interstate level,

though it is already an official one at the African Union. Though trying to promote minority tongues is still a campaign in the making, but one that has always had my total attention. Many years ago, I was in a London shop next to a group of young Africans conversing in a language I'd never heard before, and it sounded very melodic and pleasing to the ear. The visitors told me they were from Tanzania, and the language was Swahili, which I thought was wonderful, and still do, and it's the only language I've come across where the opposite word for "yes" sounds so mild and gentle. In English of course this is "NO".... in German it's "NEIN"....and "in Russian

"NIET". Definitely not very kind to the ear drums! Yet in Swahili, (NO) "hapana" is so soft, as though those speaking the word, don't want to be impolite in giving a negative response to ...anything! ...and if Kiswahili is magical, what about the tribal languages, and why don't Tanzanians seem to value them? When I first asked this question years ago, I was told these languages were "divisive", but the many differing cultural customs and habits which back them, can also be alienating, and not just the varying tongues. So should the customs also be done away with along with the languages and dialects, till everything is homogenised like the western world now



The glorious Maasai, adored by foreign tourists and helping to bring in foreign exchange. They've sustained their culture over the centuries, and their mother tongue is unlikely to die out soon. However, a number of other indigenous languages are certainly at risk. (File photo)

known national leaders. ...it seems ambitious though implementable, but how do we get to persuade those in a position to act? ...well, maybe appeals to tourism officials could be made here...like those in Kenya, where tribalism and all that goes with it, has been highly glamourised for multiple tourist purposes, with great success. But does this degrade the culture, or keep it alive....possibly both!

appears to be. Or perhaps all tribal identities could be merged into one cultural 'soup', rendering then meaningless. But look how boring parts of the world have become, since English and American now dominate and globalise the planet, along with promoting the capitalist culture. Though the dominance appears benign, it can cause a degradation of the spirit, as well as eroding clan values. And let's not forget, crushing indigenous languages, was very often the first action conquerers and colonizers took, imposing their own tongues with barbaric discipline. Dr. Victor Oladokun from the African Development

Bank, is passionate on this subject, and penned a piece for the Guardian, writing, "... language is all encompassing and not just a means of communicating. It is also a repository of values, customs, culture and history...in short, it is the embodiment of who we are as a people". I'm sure many would agree with that. But for some of the Nigerian and African elite, who do know their languages, but often decline to use them, Dr. Oladokun questions why they neglect to pass their knowledge on, and in what he calls linguistic snobbery, says they "often boast about the command their children have of the English idiom".


To add to this gloomy situation, Oladokun says we have a tech driven world today, that's dominated by less than a dozen global languages. And consequently, social media, TV and digital programmes, certainly don't utilise indigenous tongues, or deem them of any value. But our wise doctor thinks that today's policy makers, producers, advertisers and the private and public sector, could team up to create regionally televised school debates etc. in the local languages. This could motivate the younger generation, and any awards they receive, could include academic prizes and scholarships, and the opportunity to meet and be honored by well

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Finally, Dr. Oladukun says "each one of us should improve our own language skills, and do so with pride, as every African language is a repository of oral history and collective values". Admirably said.

...well Tanzania has also behaved admirably on the issue of the famous Spray Toads, and last year, the Minister of State reaffirmed the need to protect their eco system, for the betterment of the current and future generations.

So yes, these toads are unique... as are the nations indigenous tongues, so let's safeguard them as well, before the Europeans and others, start coming here to do their PHD's in the dying tribal languages...OH yeah!

...I've adopted this call as my "war cry"...to be used when I'm in battle mode... which is fairly often!



TANZANIA-ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY
Head Office

TENDER NO: TZR/HQ/CTC/2020/2021/02

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TO DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALL, TEST, OPERATE, TRAIN AND COMMISSION A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF TWO (2) TONS MEDIUM FREQUENCY INDUCTION FURNACE ON A TURNKEY-CONTRACT BASIS

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- Bidding will be conducted through an Open International Competitive Method of Bidding, whose procedures are specified in the TAZARA Procurement & Supplies Manual of November, 2011.
- TAZARA now invites sealed bids from eligible potential International suppliers or manufacturers to design, supply, install, test, operate, train and commission a complete system of two (2) tons Medium Frequency Induction Furnace on a Turnkey-Contract basis.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office the TAZARA Supplies Manager, Headquarters, Room No.210 Dares Salaam – Tanzania from 08.0 to 16.30 hours E.A.T, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays or Lusaka Area Office, TAZARA House, Dedan Kimathi Road, Lusaka - Zambia from 08.0 to 16.30 hours C.A.T, Monday to Friday, except during public holidays.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 200.00. Payment should either be by Cash or Banker's Draft, payable to the Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration in the format provided in the bidding documents.
- All bids in one original plus two copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked "**Tender No: TZR/HQ/CTC/2020/2021/02 for the Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Operation, Training and Commissioning of a Complete System of two (2) tons Medium Frequency Induction Furnace on Turnkey-Contract Basis**" must be addressed and delivered to the Office of the Secretary to the Central Tender Committee, Office No. 210, TAZARA Head Office, Nyerere/Mandela Roads Junction, Dar-es-Salaam – Tanzania or the Office of Area Manager, TAZARA House, Dedan Kimathi Road, Lusaka – Zambia at or before 10.00 hours C.A.T or 11.00 E.A.T on **Friday, 4th June, 2021.**
- Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of tenderers or representatives who choose to attend the opening ceremony at TAZARA, Head Office Board Room in Dar es Salaam – Tanzania or TAZARA Area office, Board Room in Lusaka - Zambia.
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The Managing Director,
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Rawan becomes first Tanzanian woman to climb Mount Everest

By Special Correspondent

RAWAN Dakik (pictured) has become the first Tanzanian woman to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest peak on a day when the first fatalities were recorded on the mountain.

Though she is yet to make it to the summit, Rawan has completed her second rotation at 7200m, she is now waiting for good weather to reach the summit, a feat she is likely to achieve on May 20.

Two climbers from the United States and Switzerland have died on Mount Everest, the first fatalities of this year's season, expedition organisers in Nepal said Thursday.

But in recent seasons, Everest has seen a surge in the number of climbers, leading to overcrowding that has been blamed for multiple deaths.

"Two climbers passed away on Wednesday," Mingma Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks told AFP.

Swiss climber Abdul Waraich, 40, died near the summit after reaching the top and suffering exhaustion, said Chhang Dawa Sherpa from the same organisation.

Speaking of her journey to the world's highest mountain on an Instagram story, Rawan said that climbing Mountain Everest is probably one of the hardest things she has done.

According to her she is waiting for the weather window alongside her team to push for the summit.

"Base camp was hit by a snow storm for a few days which caused damage in the icefall and a short delay to our schedule. We are waiting for the icefall doctors to head up and fix the route before pushing to our first rotation," she writes.

On March 20, 2021 she announced that she would be climbing Mountain Everest to support children living with Cancer.

"A few years ago if you'd ask me about climbing Everest, I would've probably told you that you're mad and I wouldn't plan on going that extreme. Here I am today, packing and getting ready for my departure tomorrow," said Rawan in an Instagram post.

She added: There was a lot of planning, training, organizing, a feel of mixed emotions, trip getting cancelled last year and a bunch of thoughts that can't be put into words.

Fatalities

Eleven people died climbing the world's highest peak in 2019, with four



deaths blamed on overcrowding.

On one day, 354 people were lined up to reach the top from

Nepal's southern side and Tibet's northern approach.

To ease the crowding Nepal's tourism ministry announced

rules capping the number of people who can summit the mountain per window of suitable weather.

Expedition organisers have been told to send teams up the peak strictly in accordance with permit numbers or limit the number of climbers going up at one time.

Brewer sponsors 450 sorghum farmers at TARI exhibition

By Guardian Reporter

A TOTAL of 450 sorghum farmers from Kongwa, Mpwapwa and Chamwino districts in Dodoma have participated at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) exhibition held at Hombolo over the weekend.

The smallholder farmers were sponsored by the Tanzania Breweries Public Limited Company (TBL Plc) because they are an essential part of the company's supply chain.

The company sources 74 percent of its raw materials locally, including 9,000 tonnes of sorghum for the production of its fast-growing affordable beer brands such as Eagle and Bingwa.

In 2020, TBL Plc collaborated with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) to conduct a pilot project which supported 2,000 sorghum farmers in Dodoma. They were provided with seeds, crop insurance, crop-management

protocols and agricultural-extension services to ensure improved aggregation and market access.

The company also partnered with TARI to research and develop sorghum seeds that are best suited to the soil and climatic conditions of Tanzania. These projects proved to be a phenomenal success, with a 70 percent improvement in sorghum production than in the previous years.

The project has now been extended to procure sorghum from 4,000 farmers for the

2021 season and had distributed 22 tonnes of the targeted sorghum seeds that were sourced from Namburi Seed Company in Mbeya and TARI in Dodoma.

TARI exhibition brought together agriculture stakeholders to showcase partnerships tailored to develop agriculture in Tanzania and address the challenges that farmers face in the field. The sponsored farmers had an opportunity to learn about farming practices and technologies that will allow them to increase their

productivity, and to create and strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders.

Speaking on behalf of the participating sorghum farmers, Leonard Yeramu, from Kongwa, thanked TBL for enabling them to participate in the exhibition as they have learned various techniques related to sorghum farming.

By supporting farmers with skills, networks and financial empowerment, TBL helps them improve their productivity, profit and efficient use of natural resources.

All these initiatives are in line with TBL's parent company AB InBev's goal of 100 percent of its direct farmers being skilled, connected, and financially empowered by 2025, representatives, but we want to do more".

"After finding out about IGP's efforts to raise awareness on how to disclose and prevent crimes at lower levels of our communities we decided to join hands and support the project as we believe in leaving our mark in the lives of our people. Safe communities bring about a safe business environment," he added.

Nassor went on to invite other stakeholders to work together with the government in value adding projects promising that Coca-Cola Kwanza will continue to support government efforts and its institutions to improve the lives of Tanzanians.

Coca-Cola Kwanza has a vision of improving the lives of the people it refreshes, through different youth and women programmes, recycling programs and different corporate social responsibilities.

Tanzania needs formal CHWs in rural areas, expert suggests

By Special Correspondent

TANZANIA needs formal community-based health workers (CHWs) to address maternal mortality in rural areas across the country, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist at the Ifakara District Hospital Dr. Elias Kweyamba has suggested.

Dr Kweyamba was speaking recently in Morogoro at a workshop on Sexual Reproductive and Maternal Health organized by Marie Stopes.

He said a formal community-based health program initiated by the government three years ago through the ministry of health, community development, gender, elders and children was key in ensuring that health experts are availed in most rural areas in the country.

Dr Kweyamba said the move did not only help health experts to conduct diagnosis to pregnant mothers and become aware of the pregnancy complications, but it also helps to save lives of pregnant mothers not having access to health facilities due to customs and traditions.

However, the expert said the program that was run for at least three years has since been stopped making it difficult to track the health of most rural pregnant mothers without access

to health facilities.

"We need such a project in the health sector if we are to save the lives of pregnant women and young mothers in rural areas," he said.

According to him, community-based health workers helped a lot in tracking the progress of pregnant mothers in rural areas without access to health facilities.

This, he said becomes easy for health experts to make diagnoses on pregnant mothers at an early stage and solve any arising pregnancy complications thereby saving lives.

Dr Kweyamba said it is very important for pregnant mothers to access services on time and at the right time as maternal mortality usually occurs when there is a delay to seek medical care, delay in accessing health services, and also in receiving care.

According to him, maternal complications and deaths cannot be predicted but can be prevented if there is the availability of formal community-based health workers in rural areas.

He said these community-based health workers make visitation to homes of pregnant mothers to know the complication they face in their pregnancies but also to sensitize them on the importance of visiting clinics.

Available reports from the World

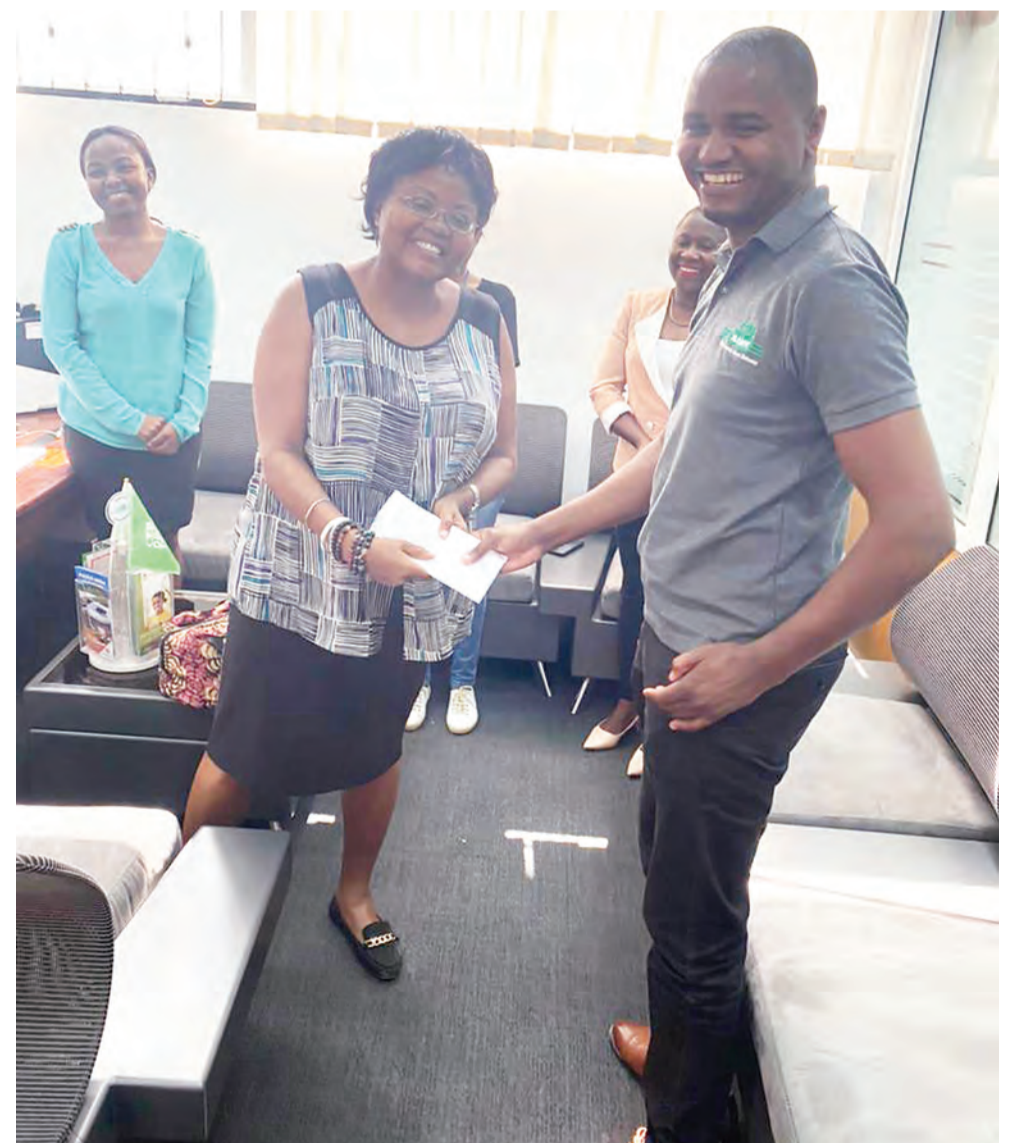
Health Organisation ((WHO) on maternal mortality in the country show at least 500/100,000 deaths occur annually with the major causes being hemorrhage, hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, obstructed labor, sepsis, and abortion complication.

The report says young adolescents age (10-14) face a high risk of complications death as a result of pregnancy complications than other women.

It says on average, the lifetime risk of maternal death in high-income countries is 1 in 33,000 compared with 1 in 41 in low-income countries.

However, the August 2020 report by UNICEF on Tanzania saving mothers and children lives through innovative, sustainable and comprehensive reproductive carried out between 2015 and 2019 said Tanzania had made gainful strides in reducing maternal and newborn deaths in line with global efforts of Sustainable Development Goal 3 which addresses all major health priorities including reproductive, maternal and child health.

Tanzania has therefore ensured that it invests heavily in healthcare services and also works closely with development partners in addressing challenges in accessing quality healthcare with a specific focus on reproductive, maternal and newborn.



CRDB Bank Plc's Mikocheni (Da es Salaam) branch manager for customer experience, Anno Mrosso (R), presents a staff donation of sanitary pads for school girls to Wentworth Africa Foundation director Sauda Simba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Special Correspondent

THE board of directors of the African Development Bank Group has approved a new policy on water, prioritizing water security and the transformation of water assets to foster sustainable, green and inclusive economic growth in regional member countries.

"This new policy on water provides a general framework for the African Development Bank Group to expand its role as the continent's partner promoting the integrated development and management of Africa's

AfDB board approves water policy

water sector for inclusive and sustainable growth in Africa," said Atsuko Toda, the Bank's Acting Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

The policy aims to promote Africa-wide attainment of a minimum platform of water security, with a special focus on areas of fragility, as well as assist African countries and sub-regional groups harness and sus-

tain water resources productivity potential to support development.

The new Water Policy is anchored around four principles:

Principle 1: attaining water security at household, national and regional levels should be recognised as a key outcome fundamental for inclusive growth.

The Bank seeks to promote the attainment of water security in all its regional member countries and sub-regions.

Principle 2: equitable social welfare and economic growth. The Bank will continue to advocate for an integrated approach to water development and management by striking a sustainable balance in the social, economic and environmental spheres.

Principle 3: promoting sustainable and equitable access to water services as an enabler for the Sustainable Development Goals.

I am fed up being a Nigerian

By Aliu Kwaifa

I AM fed up about so many things in Nigeria. I am fed up with sharing space with some unsavoury characters who are presented to the public as leaders by a hypocritical media. I am fed up in being profiled by this same biased media and a cowardly political class whose stock-in-trade is fear and intimidation. I am fed up of being fodder to merchants of death and chaos who can unleash mayhem on their fellow citizens for the simple fact they don't like the face of the president or because they woke up on the wrong side of the bed. I am fed up of being a citizen of a country that is constantly torn apart by its primary beneficiaries in the name of political patronage or lack of it. I am fed up of being a citizen of a country where I am forced to share space with the likes of Eyinnaya Abaribe, a Senator who stood surety for a terrorism suspect who jumped bail, yet this same Abaribe gets away with this and even had the gumption to call me a terrorist while he is grooming one in his backyard. I am fed up with a judicial system that will allow a person who bailed a terrorist to walk the streets free while another, of the same political class - Ali Ndume - was committed to jail for five days for being a surety to a person standing trial for corruption by the same judicial system that allowed Abaribe to walk simply because our judicial system is compromised.

I am fed up with being a Nigerian, simple. My hope, wish and prayer is for our politicians from



this side of the Niger River to have the courage to call for the dissolution of this union. A union where I am perpetually a second-class citizen by the dictates of the southern elite and wholly accepted by the northern pseudo-elite. I sometimes pray for the day when there will be a hundred per cent resource control by the host communities so that the monthly pilgrimage to Abuja for the collection of the handouts from the federation account will stop. I still pray for the day when our politicians - leaders or not - shall wake up to the stark reality that they will always get the short end of the stick. That the north they have sacrificed in order to have the right to be invited to serve as chefs at a dinner organised for their southern counterparts, will one day wake up and devour them and whatever they steal.

I am fed up by being told I am not wanted anywhere I go because I am a Fulani man. This is so because those who call me a terrorist are the real terrorists and label me so because we have a Fulani man as the president who came with the pretensions of stopping them from raping the country at will. The violence they visited the country - both physical and verbal - has no precedence anywhere in the world without a war breaking out.

I believe the media in Rwanda in the buildup to the war in 1994 did not behave

half as bad as our media. The Nigerian media seem to relish in instigating one section of the country against another; one tribe against another; one religion against another. A media that has never grown out of its pre-colonial and immediate post-colonial jostling for positions when the vogue was to denigrate the north and northerners. I am fed up of a country where crime and criminality is ethnicised at the whim of the media and their godfathers. A media that feeds its readers on a diet of hate as their breakfast every early morning.

I am fed up of being a citizen of a country where I am wrongly perceived to be hegemonic while in reality I am a victim of hegemony. With a "hegemonic" Fulani president, the National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP) is not allowed to see the light of the day simply because some misguided people believe it will only benefit the Fulani herdsman. I am equally fed up with a country where one set of terrorists are seen as freedom fighters while another set are seen as bandits and insurgents depending on their geographical location and not their atrocities.

I am fed up of sharing space with selfish political "leaders" who are always quick to apologise to those who hold them in contempt simply because they cannot afford to lose the paltry handouts from Abuja which

they find easy to steal. "Leaders" who superintended the socio-economic destruction of the north. Destroyed public institutions bequeathed to the region by leaders who didn't have the advantage of the education and knowledge that we have. A rent seeking crowd promoting rentier economy.

I am truly fed up with being looked down as a parasite waiting for handouts to survive. I am fed up with being a citizen of a country where the victim is regarded as the villain while all those who claim to speak for him and represent his interests choose to be silent or even indifferent in the face of injustice simply because they cannot afford to upset the apple cart.

I will prefer to live a life of dignity and respect while exporting kpmo to my new neighbouring countries. I may even be lucky to have it listed on the London Commodity Exchange, which may in turn earn me some hard currency. A life of penury and want will be more dignifying for me than all the wealth our politicians crave for. To live in a place where it is too poor to attract any conflict or violence.

I am therefore joining those calling for the dissolution of the Nigerian union. Let's stop pretending by using words like 'restructuring', 'true federalism', 'fiscal federalism' and 'secession.' We should strive to have the courage to walk our talk.



CALL FOR TENDER TO OFFER SAGE 300 CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO THE TRUST

About AMDT

The Agriculture Markets Development Trust (AMDT) has been established by the Governments of Denmark, Ireland, Sweden and Switzerland in 2014 and the current Trustee is KPMG. The Trust has been established as a long term facility with the overall objective of increasing incomes and employment opportunities for poor women, men, and young people in Tanzania. With a strong pro-poor focus, the Trust works with the Private Sector, Government and Civil Society Organisations to promote the making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P)/Market Systems Development (MSD) approach that stimulates changes to market systems leading to broad and sustained impact on the lives of smallholder farmers as well as competitiveness of agricultural MSMEs. AMDT achieves this by investing, together with market actors, in interventions that are: (i) based on diagnosed constraints and pro-poor opportunities, (ii) are well coordinated to enhance the leveraging of investments and resources targeting similar outcomes, (iii) stimulate the development of inclusive, competitive, and resilient agricultural market systems, leading to sustained benefits and impacts for the productive poor.

As part of its continued improvement and planned future growth, the Trust is seeking for eligible and qualified firm for the consultancies mentioned below:

- Provision of SAGE 300 Support Service (New)**
<http://amdt.co.tz/tenders/>

All tenderers are requested to access detailed Terms of Reference and tender descriptions through the above links. The links provide for a complete tender description listing the scope, responsibilities and qualifications required.

Interested bidders for the above tenders may send any other enquiry to: procurement@amdt.co.tz by 1st June 2021.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the RFP:

All applications shall be sent through procurement@amdt.co.tz

Only the qualified firm will be contacted via email.

CLOSING DATE: 4th June 2021



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CRDB shareholders endorse a dividend higher than 2020's

The Guardian Reporter, Arusha

CRDB Bank Plc's shareholders unanimously endorsed a 22/- per share dividend being an increase of almost 30 percent compared to last year's 17/- per share earning.

The shareholders who were attending their 26th annual general meeting which ended here on Saturday paid tribute to Managing Director and CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela and Board Chairman, Dr Ally Laay for continuing to make profit despite the difficult caused by the coronavirus outbreak last year.

"We have been operating in a very difficult environment but thanks to our good management and our board, the bank continued to perform well during the year hence the profit increase," said Dr Laay when presenting the board of directors' report.

According to the annual report, CRDB's gross profit increased by more than 35 percent from 179bn/- last year to 235bn/- thanks to management efforts to reduce operating costs while also significantly reducing non performing loans to 4.4 percent against Bank of Tanzania's threshold of five

percent.

He said the bank's future remains bright as it now eyes to open a subsidiary in DR Congo following Bank of Tanzania approval. Dr Laay urged the public to continue investing in listed companies particularly CRDB Bank because its blue chip company that will keep making profit for many years to come.

"As Tanzanians we are still lagging behind in investing in listed companies such as CRDB which give you profit without doing any work at all," he added while stressing that currently, the bank's shares are selling at 290/- each against 200/- when it was listed at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange over five years ago.

Presenting his report to shareholders at the AGM which was chaired by former Prime Minister, Fredrick Sumaye who is also the bank's shareholder, Nsekela said the strong performance was due to investment in digital outlets which has enabled to reduce operating costs but also attracted more customers are people can now open an account without visiting the bank's physical branch.

"Currently over 87 percent of trans-



CRDB bank Plc Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela presents his report at the 26th Stakeholders Annual General Meeting held in Arusha at the weekend. It attracted more than 1,400 stakeholders. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

actions are done outside digitally which means freeing more of our staff to out into the field to lure more customers to join our bank," Nsekela said while stressing that the

future is to strengthen digital outlets including CRDB Wakalas who peaked 20,000 during the first quarter of the year.

He pointed out that the bank has been in-

creasing its profits and dividend payment for the past three years because of good advice from the board which represents the shareholders the majority of who are Tanzanians.

NMB Mastaboda help fortunes of fresh graduates

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

GRADUATES from various higher learning institutions were part of more than 200 bodaboda and three wheelers motorcycle operators who participated and benefited from the launch of NMB Mastaboda Loan which aims at boosting their earnings.

Most of the youth who participated in the training were graduates engaging and making their earnings through bodaboda and three wheelers motorcycle business. Apart from the launch, the bank also conducted a training aimed at equipping bodaboda and three wheeler motorcycle riders with financial skills that would enable them access the NMB Mastaboda loans where 5bn/- has been set aside.

Speaking moments after the launch, a Bodaboda rider from

Dodoma Chacha Marwa who is a graduate of Science in Biology from the university of Dodoma said the NMB Mastaboda loans will provide youth with sustainable source of income.

He however appealed to the bank to consider reviewing the 20 per cent money that should be deposited as collateral before being granted the loan, saying it will deny most the youth benefit from the opportunity. "Most of the graduates are wasting time looking for job opportunities but the fact is, there is a lot of money in the bodaboda and three wheelers motorcycle business," he said.

Marwa said the NMB Mastaboda loans may reach and benefit more youth especially those undertaking bodaboda and three wheelers motorcycle business if only the bank considers reviewing the collateral.



The NMB Central Zone Manager, Nsolo Mlozi said the NMB Mastaboda loans has already been launched in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Dodoma regions targeting youth. Mlozi said NMB bank has

been turning various challenges that arise in the society into opportunities for grab and generate incomes. He said the bank is keen in listening and considering various issues raised by youth and make

them to be opportunities for grab. On his part, the Deputy Mayor for Dodoma City Emmanuel Chibago urged NMB Bank to continue empowering youth through their bodaboda and three wheel-

Uhuru castigates Lamu port naysayers on launch

LAMU

PRESIDENT Uhuru Kenyatta has castigated those who doubted the viability of the port of Lamu terming the launch as an important milestone that will give Kenya more business opportunities with the neighbouring countries.

Speaking Thursday, Mr Kenyatta said the successful launch has proved wrong those who had raised doubt on whether the project started over five years ago will come to fruition.

"As we witness the operationalisation of the port I remember some doubting Thomas who questioned its viability wondering if it can ever be built, they should stop wondering, we are here," said Mr Kenyatta.

"And those who doubt its viability just as they doubted our ability to build it, will also be put to shame," he added.

He said the project is a good investment that will deliver on its promise once it's fully operational.

Mr Kenyatta witnessed the docking and discharge of cargo from MV CAP Carmel, the first vessel to call at the Lamu Port. The 204-metre Singaporean container ship sailed from the Port of Dar es



A ship docks at Lamu Port during the launch by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Salaam headed to Salalah in Oman. Kenya has cut tariff for ships docking at the new Lamu Port by up to 50 per-

cent of the rates charged at the Mombasa facility to lure more vessels at the facility.

The new facility is expected to be the largest port in sub-Saharan Africa and will target countries along the Indian

Ocean Islands such as Seychelles and Comoros among others.

The depth of the port, which is 17.5 metres makes it ideal for handling large ships that cannot dock at the port of Mombasa whose depth is 15 metres.

The port is a key part of the wider Lamu Port South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport Corridor, which is being implemented at a total cost of Sh2.5 trillion (\$24 billion) and will mainly target trans-shipment cargo.



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Safaricom consortium wins Ethiopia licence bid on Sh91.8bn telcom offer

NAIROBI

SAFARICOM has been awarded a telecommunications licence to operate in Ethiopia – one of the world's last major closed telecoms markets, the Ethiopian government announced on Saturday.

Safaricom beat other consortia in the last stretch of a year long race for access to one of the world's last telecoms frontiers.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the Safaricom led consortium that includes its parent firms Vodafone and Vodacom, British development finance agency CDC Group and Japan's Sumitomo Corporation won the award after submitting a financial bid of \$850 million (Sh91.8 billion).

"The Council of Ministers has unanimously made a historic decision today allowing Ethiopian Communications Authority to grant a new nationwide telecom license to the Global Partnership for Ethiopia which offered the highest licensing fee and a very solid investment case," Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said through his Twitter handle on Satur-

day.

The Safaricom consortia is expected to invest over \$8 billion (Sh864 billion) over the next decade, he added.

"With over \$8 billion total investment, this will be the single largest FDI into Ethiopia to date, said the Prime Minister noting that the process was competitive and above board.

"Our desire to take Ethiopia fully digital is on track. I would like to thank all that have taken part in this and for pulling off a very transparent and effective process," he said.

The Ethiopian Communications Authority had earlier listed 12 firms including Safaricom last November as among firms that had expressed interest in entering the country's telecommunications market.

ECA director general Balcha Reba said in a statement Friday the award marked a new era in the country's telecommunications development which would benefit all Ethiopians.

Ethiopia's nascent telecommunications sector is considered one of the most lucrative in the economy as the once inward-looking country opens up to foreign investment for the first time.



Players like Safaricom are attracted by the growth potential in the Ethiopian market, whose 100 million population offers a penetration rate of 44 per cent.

The Safaricom consortium, will likely now rely on funding from deep-pocketed foreign investors such as the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and CDC given the size and international nature of the

Ethiopia investment.

South Africa's Vodacom and United Kingdom's Vodafone own a combined 40 per cent stake in Safaricom. Ethiopia had earlier this month made a U-turn and allowed foreign telecommunications companies to launch mobile phone-based financial services, setting the stage for Safaricom to introduce its popular

M-Pesa in the market of 110 million people. PM Ahmed said then the mobile financial services in the country will be opened to competition from next May, with foreign firms free to battle with State-run Ethio Telecom.

Retail investors learn to love the crypto rollercoaster

NEW YORK

WHEN Brjann Bettencourt rolled out of bed on Wednesday morning to find the assets in his cryptocurrency portfolio slammed in their biggest selloff in years, he knew exactly what to do: buy more.

"Investing in crypto is not for the faint of heart," said Bettencourt, a 32-year-old photographer in Toronto who has owned bitcoin and ether over the last year-and-a-half to complement his stock portfolio. "I'm looking at this as a serious long-term investment."

This week, cryptocurrencies were buffeted by factors ranging from critical tweets by Tesla Inc CEO Elon Musk to governmental controls in China. The price of bitcoin, the world's biggest cryptocurrency, tumbled as much as 30 per cent before retracing some losses. It is down some 40 per cent from its highs of the year.

Leveraged positions in bitcoin and ether futures fell sharply last week, said Vanda Research, which tracks retail trades. This indicates that some retail traders probably have folded their tents.

"(The) crypto bubble has started to unravel and data from different exchanges suggest that retail investors are capitulating," Vanda researchers said.



But other retail investors have been happy to ride the turbulence out or trade around it.

"In crypto talk, when stuff like this happens, people say it shakes out all of the weak hands and the people ... who maybe bought because they saw it on the news," said Ethan Lou, author of "Once a Bitcoin Miner: Scandal and Turmoil in the Cryptocurrency Wild West," due this autumn.

As retail investors piled into cryptocurrencies, bitcoin surged around 345 percent in the last year, ether soared 1,219 percent and dogecoin skyrocketed 15,480%, according to Coinbase data. Crypto-exchange Coinbase said its more than 56 million users accounted for \$335 billion in trading volume in the first quarter: \$120 billion retail and \$215 billion institutional. That compares to \$30 billion in total a year earlier,

of which \$12 billion was retail, the company said. Retail interest this year also scooped up shares of "meme stocks" such as GameStop pushing prices through the roof and punishing hedge funds that had sold the shares short.

Some retail investors have embraced the wild price swings in hopes of catching some of the next big rally. Users on Reddit's popular WallStreetBets forum have popularized the term "diamond hands" as shorthand for their willingness to hold an asset through thick and thin.

Increased mainstream adoption has drawn the attention of regulators. The U.S. Treasury Department on Thursday called for new rules that would require large cryptocurrency transfers to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. The Federal Reserve said cryptocurrencies pose risks to financial stability. China said it will crack down on bitcoin mining and trading activities.

Cryptocurrencies have been notoriously volatile throughout their history. Bitcoin plunged 94 percent in 2011, and dropped 82 percent between late 2017 and the end of 2018, causing many investors to back away.

Lily Francus, however, has tried to take advantage of the big swings.

The 25-year-old, who lives in San Diego and works as a quantitative researcher at a crypto hedge fund, first traded cryptocurrencies in 2017, but got out before the price crashed.

Then last month she put about 1 percent of her net worth into various cryptocurrencies, joining a rally she saw as partly fueled by social media hype.

She liquidated her ether and cut her bitcoin position when Musk hosted Saturday Night Live on May 8. She later bought 40 percent of her ether position back at a lower price.

The Tesla CEO has flip-flopped on whether the electric carmaker would accept bitcoin as a payment, and has often moved the price of dogecoin with his tweets.

"When you see ... people diving into the markets for fear of missing out, that's usually a good time to get out," Francus said.

Doug Liantonio, 31, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, said he owns dogecoin and ethereum classic. With dogecoin prices down 50% from their highs, he is waiting for another rally before selling.

"I don't think I will wait for Elon's PR stunt for his rocket, that would be too late," he said. Musk recently announced that his company SpaceX will launch a rocket to the moon next year, funded with Dogecoin.

Jobs, paycuts slash payroll collection by Sh6.4 billion

NAIROBI

PAYROLL taxes fell Sh6.4 billion in the quarter ended March despite the Treasury reinstating income tax cuts, highlighting the impact of Covid-19 on layoffs and pay cuts.

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) received Pay As You Earn (PAYE) taxes amounting to Sh98.97 billion in the period compared with Sh105.36 billion in the first three months of last year, the Treasury says in the quarterly budgetary review report.

The 6.06 percent drop in PAYE taxes, remitted by 9th of the following month, reflects a tough labour market which has seen firms step up salary cuts to stay afloat in an economy struggling to recover from Covid-19 knocks.

The payroll taxes continued to fall despite the Treasury roping more workers into top tax rate bracket and ending tax reliefs for those earning more than Sh24,000 a month.

The tax cuts were introduced in April last year after Kenya reported its first case of the coronavirus and aimed to shield the economy. They were reinstated in January 1.

"The Covid-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact on jobs, livelihoods and enterprise performance. The job market has not recovered,"

Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) executive director Jacqueline Mugo said. Treasury secretary Ukur Yatani reinstated the maximum income tax rate of 30 percent for workers on January 1 after getting approval from lawmakers, ending a six-month relief where the top rate tax had been reduced to 25 percent.

The Treasury spared workers earning monthly pay of Sh24,000 whose pay remain tax-free, but compensated this by expanding the maximum payroll tax band to apply from a salary of Sh32,333 compared with Sh47,057 in the pre-Covid period.

"Many people are out of employment and enterprises are trying very hard to stay afloat. The labour market impact of the pandemic indicates the devastating effect on the informal economy," Ms Mugo said.

Findings of a monthly Stanbic Bank Kenya's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) has suggested that while private firms gradually increased monthly workforce between October 2020 and March 2021, they stepped up pay cuts and lower salary offers for returning workers and new recruits.

Treasury data shows payroll taxes in nine months through March 2021 amounted to Sh251.58 billion, falling short of its target by 21.36 percent or Sh24.78 billion.



MP commends CRDB for extending to small-scale traders unsecured loans

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

STREETS hawkers popularly known as 'machinga' are becoming a huge industry which banks and other financial institutions cannot ignore but follow CRDB Bank Plc's example in giving the group concessional loans.

Arusha Urban legislator Mrisho Gambo told CRDB shareholders who are attending a seminar on basics of financial management and investing in stock market listed companies, that the Dar es Salaam based lenders' decision to give unsecured loans to the group with only their official business identity cards, is a major milestone towards fighting unemployment and poverty among youths.

"A bank that gives loans to 'Machingas' with only their identity card as collateral, is truly a Tanzanians bank," Gambo said while adding that because of CRDB's exemplary gesture to low income Tanzania, he will now buy shares to partly own the massive bank.

While paying tribute to Nsekela's good management leadership, the Arusha Urban lawmaker said any wise investor cannot avoid buying shares of the bank which has defied the coronavirus outbreak and continued to make profit in billions of shillings.

"With this kind of performance, it is clear that the future is bright," he added while pleading with Finance and Economic Planning Minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and Bank of Tanzania to take measures and lower interest rates charged on loans in the market.

Bank of Tanzania's Deputy Governor Dr Bernard Kibesse also urged banks to continue lowering interest rates charged on loans saying the central bank is taking all necessary measures to ensure that the trend should steadily go down.

"As regulators, we will continue to support banks operate in a conducive environment," Dr Kibesse said while also challenging Tanzanians to invest in listed companies and government securities.

In his key note address to open the seminar, Dr Nchemba promised to meet bankers and discuss which policy and regulatory changes are needed to trigger sustained reduction of interest rates charged on loans which are currently hovering around 16 percent on average.

CRDB shareholders held their 26th annual general meeting both online and physically at Arusha International Conference Centre at the weekend.

WORLD

Gaza truce holds as Israel admits Jewish visitors to flashpoint site

JERUSALEM/GAZA

The Israel-Hamas ceasefire held into a third day yesterday as Israeli police admitted Jewish visitors to a contested Jerusalem holy site where earlier confrontations with Palestinian protesters helped to ignite the cross-border Gaza fighting.

Police reported no unusual incidents at the al-Aqsa mosque compound - one of Islam's holiest sites - as Israeli social

media accounts showed a few dozen Jews in religious garb strolling around the site under guard.

A police spokesman described it as a regular scheduled visit after a break that began on May 3 for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The site is also revered by Jews and is situated in East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in a 1967 war. Israel deems all of Jerusalem its capital, a status not recognised abroad.



A Palestinian girl carries a boy amid the rubble of their houses which were destroyed by Israeli air strikes during the Israel-Hamas fighting in Gaza yesterday. REUTERS/

Police raids in and around al-Aqsa during Ramadan, as well as planned evictions of Palestinians from homes claimed by Jewish settlers in East Jerusalem, drew long-range rocket attacks by Islamist Hamas on May 10.

That led to the fiercest fighting between Israel and Hamas since a 2014 Gaza war, which concluded with a truce before dawn on Friday, brokered by Egypt with support from the United States.

Neither side reported violations yesterday morning. Egyptian mediators have been shut-

ting across the Gaza border and met Hamas's West Bank-based rival, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, in an effort to sustain the ceasefire.

Palestinian officials put reconstruction costs at tens of millions of dollars in destitute Gaza, where medical officials said that 248 people were killed during the 11 days of fighting.

Medics said rocket fire and a guided missile attack killed 13 people in Israel.

Economists said Israel's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic could be curbed by the hostilities.

India's Delhi to ease COVID-19 restrictions as cases drop

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S capital New Delhi will start relaxing its strict coronavirus lockdown next week if new cases continue to drop in the city, its chief minister said yesterday.

The nation yesterday reported 240,842 new infections nationwide over 24 hours - the lowest daily new cases in more than a month - and 3,741 deaths.

For weeks, India has battled a devastating second wave of COVID-19 that has crippled its health system and led to shortages of oxygen supplies.

New Delhi, one of the worst hit cities, went into lockdown on April 20, but new cases have declined in recent weeks and test positivity rate has fallen under 2.5%, compared to 36% last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

"If cases continue to drop for a week, then from May 31 we will start the process of unlocking," Kejriwal told a news conference.

Delhi reported around 1,600 new COVID-19 cases in the previous 24 hours, he said.

Many states remain in lockdown, raising worries about the economic impact of the pandemic.

The chief of state-run Indian Council of Medical Research told Reuters this month that districts with a high rate of infection should remain locked down for six to eight weeks to break the chain of transmission.

India's daily COVID-19 cases are decreasing after peaking on May 9. The government said yesterday it is conducting the highest number of COVID-19 tests, with more than 2.1 million samples tested in the previous 24 hours.

Still, experts have warned India could face a third wave of infections in coming months, and many states are unable to vaccinate those aged under 45 due to a shortage of supplies.

The world's largest vaccine-producing nation has fully vaccinated just over 41.6 million people, or only 3.8% of its 1.35 billion population.

Russia's space corporation to submit its updated lunar programme to govt in June

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S state-run space corporation Roscosmos plans to submit its updated lunar program to the Russian government in June, Roscosmos Executive Director for Long-Term Programs and Science Alexander Bloshenko told reporters on Saturday.

"We will submit the program, updated in accordance with the four-launch scheme, to the government in June," he said during the New Knowledge forum.

According to the Russian space official, the current version of the lunar program envisages the use of a super-heavy carrier rocket. The alternative variant is to use four Angara rockets for the purpose.

Roscosmos Director General Dmitry Rogozin said in late 2020 that the availability of two launch pads for the Angara carrier rocket (at the Vostochny and Plesetsk space centers) from 2023 would make it possible to combine launches, assembling crewed spaceships in orbit.

This would serve as the basic instrument for the start of lunar explorations, he said.

This March, the Roscosmos chief said a four-launch option of sending the crew to the Moon with the help of Angara rockets would be cheaper than a flight with the use of two super-heavy rockets.

Germany imposes UK travel curbs due to variant from India

LONDON

GERMANY will impose fresh restrictions on travelers from the UK starting yesterday due to the rapid spread in Britain of the coronavirus strain first identified in India.

Travelers from the UK will have to spend two weeks in quarantine upon arrival in Germany even if they test negative for the virus, according to the foreign ministry. In addition, transport companies will only be allowed to bring German citizens back into the country.

Germany now classifies Britain as a "virus variant area," the country's highest risk category, following a recommendation from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), according to the foreign ministry.

Supplies of COVID-19 vaccines are beginning to outstrip demand in the European Union's east - a phenomenon that may concern western member states whose citizens are wary of inoculation.

Some parts of the region are hitting a wall at a relatively early stage in their campaigns amid safety fears over AstraZeneca's shot, longstanding distrust of the authorities, fake news stories, and a lack of education on the benefits of the injection and the dangers of the virus itself.

Closing immunisation gap, President Xi pledges providing more COVID-19 vaccines

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Friday pledged to provide more COVID-19 vaccines to the best of China's ability to the world, calling for rejection of vaccine nationalism to make vaccines more accessible and affordable in developing countries.

Xi made the remarks via video at the Global Health Summit, which was co-hosted by Italy, which currently holds the G20 presidency, and the European Commission.

REJECTING VACCINE NATIONALISM

"It is imperative for us to reject vaccine nationalism and find solutions to issues concerning the production capacity and distribution of vaccines, in order to make vaccines more accessible and affordable in developing countries," Xi said, calling for upholding fairness and equity to close the immunization gap. Having already supplied 300 million doses of vaccines to the world, China will provide still more vaccines to the best of its ability, he said.

The Chinese president also pledged to support its vaccine companies in transferring technologies to other developing countries and carrying out joint production with them.

"Having announced support for waiving intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines, China also supports the World Trade Organization and

other international institutions in making an early decision on this matter," he said. Xi proposed setting up an international forum on vaccine cooperation for vaccine-developing and producing countries, companies and other stakeholders to explore ways of promoting fair and equitable distribution of vaccines around the world.

"Vaccines are powerful tools in the fight against the pandemic. Yet, the problem of uneven vaccination has become more acute, as some developed Western countries are hoarding vaccines while offering nothing but superficial lip service to countries in urgent need," said Su Xiaohui, a researcher with the China Institute of International Studies.

Notwithstanding the limited production capacity and enormous demand at home, China has honored its commitment by providing free vaccines to more than 80 developing countries in urgent need and exporting vaccines to 43 countries.

MAKING EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSE

In the face of continuing ravages of the pandemic, with repeated resurgence and frequent mutations of the coronavirus, Xi called for putting people's lives and health front and center, demonstrating a great sense of political responsibility and courage, and making extraordinary responses to an extraordinary challenge.

He called on G20 members



to adopt responsible macro-economic policies and step up coordination to keep the global industrial and supply chains safe and smooth.

"It is essential to give continued support by such means as debt suspension and development aid to developing countries, especially vulnerable countries facing exceptional difficulties," Xi said.

China is fully implementing the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative for Poorest Countries and has so far put off debt repayment exceeding 1.3 billion U.S. dollars, the highest deferral amount among G20 members. China has also provided 2 billion U.S. dollars in assistance for the COVID-19 response and economic and social recovery in developing countries hit by the pandemic.

At the summit, Xi announced that China will provide an additional 3 billion U.S. dollars in international aid over the next three years to support COV-

ID-19 response and economic and social recovery in other developing countries.

In addition to financial aid, China has sent medical supplies to more than 150 countries and 13 international organizations, providing more than 280 billion masks, 3.4 billion protective suits and 4 billion testing kits to the world.

"China has indeed walked the talk, demonstrating its undertaking as a major responsible country," Su said.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HEALTH FOR ALL

"The pandemic is yet another reminder that we humanity rise and fall together with a shared future," Xi stressed.

The Chinese president called for championing the vision of building a global community of health for all and firmly rejecting any attempt to politicize, label or stigmatize the virus. Political manipulation would not serve COVID-19 response on the

domestic front. It would only disrupt international cooperation against the virus and bring greater harm to people around the world, he said.

Xi said G20 members need to shoulder responsibilities in global cooperation against the virus, and lose no time in remedying deficiencies, closing loopholes and strengthening weak links in a bid to enhance preparedness and capacity for coping with major public health emergencies.

Stressing the need to address both the symptoms and root causes, Xi suggested strengthening and leveraging the role of the UN and the WHO and improving the global disease prevention and control system to better prevent and respond to future pandemics.

"It is also important that we enhance our capacity of monitoring, early-warning and emergency response, our capacity of treatment of major pandemics, of contingency reserve and logistics, of fighting disinformation, and of providing support to developing countries," Xi said.

"The virus respects no borders or races, and COVID-19 serves as a stark reminder that countries must rise above differences in geography, race, history, culture and social system and work together for a community with a shared future," said Feng Zhongping, director of the Institute of European Studies of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. *Xinhua*

Iran to continue nuclear talks until final agreement with US

IRAN will continue its talks with world powers over how to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, despite the fact that a key agreement with the United Nations over atomic inspections has passed its deadline.

President Hassan Rouhani said the "US has clearly expressed readiness to lift sanctions under the nuclear deal.

We will continue talks until a final agreement," according to his official website, president. ir.

Rouhani did not comment on Iran's interim nuclear inspections deal with the International Atomic Energy Agency that expired on Saturday and that diplomats are expecting to be extended before they

reconvene for talks in Vienna next week.

The head of the IAEA, Rafael Grossi, is to hold a news conference on Sunday afternoon. He is in talks with Iran on extending the monitoring arrangement with Tehran that could affect talks between Tehran and six powers to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, the

IAEA said.

Iran's parliament speaker said on Sunday that IAEA would no longer access images of nuclear sites.

"From May 22 and with the end of the three-month agreement, the agency will have no access to data collected by cameras inside the nuclear facilities agreed under the

agreement," state TV quoted Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf as saying.

Iran began gradually breaching terms of the pact with world powers after then-President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the deal in 2018 and re-imposed sanctions.

Agencies

UK journalist at centre of Diana storm denies link to her death

LONDON

A former BBC journalist found to have deceived Princess Diana in order to secure an explosive interview with her in 1995 has denied he was responsible for a chain of events that led to her death, a newspaper reported.

Martin Bashir (pictured) told The Sunday Times he believed his actions did not harm Diana.

An independent investigation published on Thursday found that Bashir lied and deceived Diana that she was being spied upon to persuade her to agree to the interview in which she disclosed details of her failed marriage to Prince

Charles.

"I never wanted to harm Diana in any way and I don't believe we did," Bashir told The Sunday Times.

Diana's eldest son William has said the way the interview was secured was "deceitful" and the BBC's failures contributed significantly to Diana's "fear, paranoia and isolation."

His younger brother Prince Harry and Diana's brother Charles Spencer have said the interview was part of a series of unethical practices that ultimately cost Diana her life in a car crash in Paris in 1997.

"I don't feel I can be held responsible for many of the other things



that were going on in her life, and the complex issues surrounding those decisions," Bashir told The

Sunday Times in an interview.

"I can understand the motivation... but to channel the tragedy, the difficult relationship between the royal family and the media purely on to my shoulders feels a little unreasonable... The suggestion I am singularly responsible I think is unreasonable and unfair."

The Sunday Times quoted Bashir as admitting that he used forged bank statements which the inquiry said was part of the deception of Diana. "Obviously I regret it, it was wrong," he told the newspaper. "But it had no bearing on anything. It had no bearing on (Diana), it had no bearing on the interview."

Britain's government said on

Friday it would examine how the BBC was run after the inquiry criticised the broadcaster for its "woefully ineffective" investigation into Bashir's actions.

London's police force has said officers will assess the contents of the report to see if there was any significant new evidence, having previously ruled out a criminal investigation.

Former BBC director general Tony Hall announced Saturday that he has resigned as the National Gallery's chairman after an inquiry into BBC's 1995 interview with Diana.

Continuing in the role "would be a distraction", said Hall, who was

director of news during the time of the interview, according to the BBC.

"I am very sorry for the events of 25 years ago and I believe leadership means taking responsibility," he said in a statement.

Hall had been a trustee of the National Gallery since November 2019, and became chairman of the board in July 2020.

The latest development came after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Friday that he was "obviously very concerned" about the findings of the inquiry into the BBC interview with Diana.

Agencies

Joint Russia-EU projects frozen due to Brussels, diplomat points out

MOSCOW

JOINT projects of Russia and the European Union were blocked because of anti-Russian sanctions and aggressive rhetoric from Brussels, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova blogged on Facebook on Saturday in comments on allegations from the Austrian foreign minister that Moscow showed no interest in dialogue with the EU.

"This is not true. There were many political, humanitarian and economic projects in which Russia and the EU participated. But they were blocked after Brussels had adopted anti-Russian sanctions and replaced dialogue with aggressive rhetoric, baseless accusations and disinformation campaigns," Zakharova wrote on her Facebook page.

Earlier on Saturday Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg alleged ahead of the May 24 EU summit that the European Union wanted to build a dialogue with Russia, but Moscow was not interested in it.

He also said that the European Union and Russia should cooperate on many tracks, from climate to the energy sector, expressing hope for a change in the mood of EU-Russia relations.

BBC still operates on deceit, from Diana to Xinjiang

By Zhang Zhouxiang

ON Thursday local time, after an inquiry confirmed it, Prince Harry of the British royal family blamed the BBC for deceit in an interview with his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, that fueled her paranoia, worsened her relationship with husband, and led to her losing her life.

In the statement, he picked words such as, "a culture of exploitation and unethical practices", and stressed they "are still widespread today".

Harry has hit the exact point by mentioning today. Even today, the BBC is still on its old path of corruption by fabricating reports about "forced labour" in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and spreading naked lies about Wuhan more than one year after it reopened after the lockdown.

The BBC boss and its "rogue reporters", to quote Prince Harry, might be glad to find that some Hong Kong media outlets have copied the dirty tricks from them. When the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government tried to amend the extradition bill to better fight crime, some media falsely claimed it would hurt Hong Kong's judiciary.

When riots happened due to their instigation, they sent large numbers of "reporters" wearing yellow press V-jackets who lied that the police beat them. The rioter they claimed was beaten to death was found alive in London, while their claimed "police violence" left police officers hurt and rioters holding weapons.

The worst of them, Apple Daily, even received as many as 130 complaints from Hong Kong police, which was supported by the Hong Kong Press Council.

So is there any difference between certain Hong Kong media and the BBC? They both threaten the interviewee of their dignity and even their lives under the cover of "press freedom".

Now the riots have been pacified, and Apple Daily suspended its print edition in Taiwan due to poor business. That's solid evidence of losing public trust, and the next step will be them buried in the dust of history, totally forgotten by the public.

That applies both to the BBC as the teacher and some Hong Kong media as the student.



Britain's Princess Diana and son Prince Harry during a Heads of State Ceremony in Hyde Park, in London, May 7, 1995. (File photo)

Rwanda appeals for calm as over 3,500 people flee from DRC due to volcano eruption

KIGALI

MAYOR of Rwanda's Rubavu district, which borders eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), on late Saturday called upon its residents to stay calm as over 3,500 Congolese sought refuge in the district due to the eruption of the Mount Nyiragongo volcano.

"We are appealing for calm among Rwandan residents in Rubavu district. We are closely monitoring the situation, and we hope that the volcanic lava will not flow towards the Rwandan territory," Rubavu Mayor Gilbert Habyarimana told Xinhua in a telephone interview after making the appeal to the public through local radio.

Xinhua

Miracle, Inspiration -- CPC leadership, Chinese path in eyes of world party leaders

BEIJING

THIS year marks the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Over the 100 years since its founding, the CPC has navigated China, the world's most populous country, towards a path of rapid development, having achieved admirable success that has earned global respect.

Party leaders and senior officials of different countries recently expressed appreciation for China's achievements, noting that China's success, a result of the CPC's strong leadership and a right development path, offers significant inspiration for other countries in pursuit of their own development.

STRONG LEADERSHIP INDISPENSABLE

"The whole world might not imagine that a huge country like China would develop into the world's second largest economy in just over 40 years. This is a very remarkable achievement," said Somsavat Lengsavad, former Lao deputy prime minister and former politburo member of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party.

The wise and strong leadership of the CPC is the decisive factor for the achievements, he said.

"In my opinion, the Chinese miracle is mainly due to the leadership of the CPC because they found a model of development in this dynamic world," which is socialism with Chinese characteristics, said Alexandar Pounov, first secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party, when commenting on "the Chinese miracle."

"The path of socialism with Chinese characteristics that the Communist Party of China follows is original and responds to the demands of today's world, as well as to the conditions of China," said Alberto Moreno, president of the Communist Party of Peru (Red Fatherland).

Raed Fahmi, secretary of the Central Committee of the Iraqi Communist Party, said that socialism with Chinese characteristics is a huge historical experience, which his party is keen to study and follow up.

In each stage of the CPC's history, "there have been capable leaders, taking the lead from the party to drive each stage and accomplish goals," said Hector Aleman, secretary of international relations of Panama's ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party.

DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS PEOPLE

Najm al-Deen al-Kharit, secretary-general of the Unified Syrian Communist Party, said that he had visited China twice, and was impressed by China's development, especially the construction of buildings and the improvement in people's livelihood.

Al-Kharit is not the only one who has been impressed



Visitors pose for a photo at the site where the first Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress was held in 1921, in Shanghai, east China, June 27, 2019. (Xinhua)

by how China has brought tangible benefits to its people with rapid development.

"The secret behind China's ability to control the pandemic lies in putting people's health first," said Adham Sayed, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Lebanon, highlighting the CPC's dedication to the well-being of the Chinese people during the pandemic's darkest hours and beyond.

"If a party wants to survive, it must put the interests of the people first, which is what the CPC has done throughout its march," Sayed said.

Impressed by China's technological achievements, former Hungarian Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy, said, "The quality of life in China has also changed a lot, and this is perhaps even more important than technical progress."

"The success of the party is based on two things, one is that it has represented a stable set of values that can be maintained in the long run, and the other is its very good ability to renew itself," Medgyessy said.

Mahdi Dakhllallah, a leading member of Syria's ruling al-Baath party, said that the notion of "putting the people first" has pushed China forward.

INSPIRATION FOR WORLD

Adan Chavez, vice president of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, visited China four times between 2017 and 2019. He said that the CPC is a pillar of the scientific and technological development made by China, and achievements attained by its people are not only a "role model for the rest of the world, but a symbol of hope."

"We have witnessed how the Chinese people have rendered huge support for their government and the CPC while working together in keeping with principles of socialism with Chinese characteristics," he said.

Referring to the third volume of "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China," the senior Venezuelan party official said the book portrays steps to be taken to succeed in the construction of socialism and a new vision of the Chinese leadership.

He said that China is an inspiration for nations fighting for freedom and

sovereignty, adding that the huge progress made by the Chinese people is a clear proof that socialism is an effective solution "to the problems affecting humanity."

As a century-old party, the CPC has always kept pace with the times and innovated continuously, said Sofia Carvajal, secretary of international affairs of Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party, adding that in this regard, her party can learn from the CPC to continuously innovate, develop, and adjust itself to people's changing needs, so as to gain public support.

Medgyessy also noted that China's fast development has created opportunities for markets and investments on a global scale, and China's impact on the world has been "very significant."

China's reform and opening-up is important experience for other countries, including Belarus. "There are a lot of interesting things in the socio-economic development of China, which today I see as very relevant for our country," former Belarusian Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Tozlik said.

"The growth of China's power and its economic strength is not a threat to humanity, but an additional chance for everyone to overcome today's terribly difficult time and terribly difficult period in the life of human civilization," he said. Xinhua

Volcano erupts in eastern Congo, thousands flee Goma



This general view taken on Saturday from Tchegera Island outside Goma on the lake Kivu in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo shows flame spewing from the Nyiragongo volcano. (AFP)

GOMA

LAVA from a volcanic eruption approached the airport of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo's main city of Goma late on Saturday, and the government urged residents to evacuate.

As the red glow of Mount Nyiragongo tinged the night sky above the lakeside city of about 2 million, thousands of Goma residents carrying mattresses and other belongings fled the city on foot - many toward the frontier with Rwanda.

Nyiragongo's last eruption in 2002 killed 250 people and left 120,000 homeless. It is one of the world's most active volcanoes and is considered among the most dangerous.

Rwanda's Ministry in Charge of Emergency Management said more than 3,500 Congolese have crossed the border. Rwandan state media said they would be lodged in schools and places of worship.

New fractures were opening in the volcano, letting lava flow south toward the city after initially flowing east toward Rwanda, said Dario Tedesco, a volcanologist based in Goma.

"Now Goma is the target," Tedesco told Reuters. "It's similar to 2002.

I think that the lava is going towards the city centre."

"It might stop before or go on. It's difficult to forecast," he said.

Emmanuel De Merode, head of Virunga National Park, asked park employees in parts of Goma to evacuate, according to a note seen by Reuters. He said lava had reached the international airport on the eastern edge of the city but that it was not likely to reach other parts of Goma.

Celestin Kasereka, head of scientific research at the Goma Volcano Observatory (OVG), told reporters he did not think the lava was flowing fast enough to reach Goma.

A United Nations source said all UN aircraft had been evacuated to the city of Bukavu to the south and Entebbe in neighbouring Uganda. The power was also out across much of Goma.

Prime Minister Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde convened an emergency meeting in the capital, Kinshasa, where the government activated an evacuation plan for Goma.

"We hope that the measures that have been taken this evening will allow the population to reach the points that were indicated to them in this plan," government spokesman Patrick Muyaya said in comments broadcast on national television.

President Felix Tshisekedi will cut short a trip to Europe to return to Congo on Sunday, the presidency said on Twitter.

On the streets of Goma, panic spread quickly.

"We are panicked because we have just seen the entire city covered by a light that is not electricity or lamps," said John Kilosho. "We don't know what to do. We don't even know how to behave. There is no information."

Others fled to the city centre from villages and neighborhoods threatened by lava on the northern outskirts.

"We looked at the sky and saw the red colour of the volcano," said Richard Hazika Diouf from the Majengo neighbourhood. "We have fled to seek shelter in town."

Volcano watchers have been worried that the volcanic activity observed in the last five years at Nyiragongo mirrors that in the years preceding eruptions in 1977 and 2002.

Volcanologists at the OVG, which monitors Nyiragongo, have struggled to make basic checks on a regular basis since the World Bank cut funding amid embezzlement allegations.

Houthi leader dismisses US sanctions, warns more attacks

A LEADER of Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement yesterday dismissed US sanctions on military officials and threatened possible expanded attacks on "aggressor countries" after Washington urged the group to engage seriously in peace efforts.

The United States on Thursday imposed sanctions on two Houthi military officials leading an offensive to seize Yemen's Marib region as the US special envoy on Yemen called for de-escalation and pressed for a ceasefire deal.

The Houthis have been battling a Saudi Arabian-led military coalition for more than six years in a war that has killed tens of thousands of people and pushed Yemen to the brink of famine.

"Sanctions do not scare the mujahideen" holy fighters, Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, head of the group's supreme revolutionary committee, said in a Twitter post. "If they continue the blockade and aggression, then perhaps there will be strikes on unexpected sites in some aggressor countries."

The movement has kept up cross-border attacks on Saudi Arabia and its offensive in Yemen's gas-rich Marib after Riyadh in March proposed a nationwide ceasefire deal that includes reopening air and sea links to Houthi-held areas.

But the Houthis have insisted restrictions be lifted on Hodeidah port, the main entry of Yemen's commercial and aid imports, and Sanaa airport before any truce talks.

The Saudi-led coalition intervened in Yemen in March 2015 after the Houthis ousted the internationally recognised government from the capital, Sanaa, in a conflict widely seen as a proxy war between rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran.

US envoy Tim Lenderking on Thursday also urged the coalition to remove restrictions on all Yemeni ports and airports to ease what the United Nations says is the world's largest humanitarian crisis.



Mohammed Ali al-Houthi, former President of the Houthi Revolutionary Council, delivers a speech during a protest, called for by the Iran-backed rebels to express solidarity with Palestinians, in the capital Sanaa on May 17, 2021. (AFP)

SPORT



Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's golfer Sanjay Patadia (L) is presented with a prize by Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima's official, once the former won 'Lions Play for Sight' Charity golf tournament, at a presentation ceremony held at the club last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LIONS CLUB

Gymkhana golfer lifts 'Lions Play for Sight' tournament title

By Guardian Reporter

TOMOKO Mnyamoto of Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) emerged as the overall winner of a charity golf tournament, known as 'Lions Play for Sight', which took place at the club's course on Saturday evening.

Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima hosted the tournament, aiming at raising funds for charity activities.

The tournament's Division C winners were Ajay Shah and Sanjay Patandia, Shah emerged winner after returning 35 points whilst Patandia notched 34 points.

Tomoko played well in the showdown, she posted 46 points. It was also the tournament's best score.

Michael Masawe finished as the runner-up with 42 points.

Speaking at an awards presentation ceremony, Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima's eye coordinator, Ragib Hassanali, expressed his sincere appreciation to all sponsors who stood firm to facilitate the otherwise successful charity event.

"Praises aren't enough to thank this wonderful club for allowing Lions Club of Mzizima to stage this tournament and raise funds which enable us to reach the communities for whom a simple pair of glasses is a luxury, let alone eye operation," Hassanali stated.

Hassanali said he was happy with the turnout at the tournament whose aim is to help people with disabilities in the country.

Dar to host National Open Boxing Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

The 2021 National Open Boxing Championships will be held in Dar es Salaam in July, Tanzania Open Boxing Federation (OBFT) has announced.

Lukelo Wililo OBFT secretary general, yesterday said all preparations for the championship, which will be held at the National Indoor Stadium from July 14-18, are going on quite smoothly.

Wililo noted they expect boxers from all parts of the country to compete at the championship.

He said the championship was initially slated for next month but has been pushed to July to pave way for the National Military Games which are slated for June 5-18 in Dodoma.

He disclosed: "All preparations for the Open Championship are going on very well, the championship is slated for July 14-18 at the National Indoor Stadium."

He noted: "We initially planned to have the championship next month, but considering that the military and National Service officers will take part at their games (Military Games) next month in Dodoma we thought it wise to push the championship to July," he said.

Meanwhile, Wililo announced that the country will, in August, host the International Boxing (AIBA) Level A coaching course in Dar es Salaam.

He noted priority will be given to local coaches who are currently attending the ongoing

Son Vengetsamy was the top-placed Division A golfer after returning 38 points, beating closest challenger Samwel Kileo by three points.

With a score of 40 points, Lesser Sayore claimed the number one position in Division B category, beating his closest challenge Stewart Brogden, who penned 39 points.

"It was tough when we first teed off, Brogden put a lot of pressure on me but thanks to God that I finally won it," Sayore said.

He disclosed: "It has been a good year for me. I'm looking forward to improving next month and hopefully, through regular practice."

"I will lock horns with some of the finest golfers in the country," he added.

Patandia disclosed his little mistakes brought resulted in his second place finish.

The Ladies Division's top prize went to Angel Eaton with 39 points while Vicky Elias posted 39 points to finish second.

Hendron Ngwenya clinched the men's Longest Drive award.

Son Vengetsamy, the DGC Golf Section's Vice-Captain, also thanked the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima for honouring the DGC by bringing the tournament there, noting their door is open to everyone.

About 30m/- was raised in the charity tournament organized by the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam Mzizima under the auspices of the Lions Club of Tanzania.

Over 120 golfers from three clubs, namely Lugalo, Morogoro Gymkhana, and Dar es Salaam Gymkhana battled it out for honours at the tournament.

coaching course at the National Indoor Stadium.

He said the AIBA course will help to shape local coaches, saying OBFT is committed to having top-quality trainers.

"We know that coaching plays an important role in the sport of boxing, it is a critical component to ensure the participants have a positive learning experience," he said.

In another related development, OBFT stated boxers earmarked for the national team are attending normal training at National Indoor Stadium as the federation is still in limbo as to whether the boxers will compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

He said up to date OBFT has not yet been officially communicated by the Olympic Boxing Task Force (BTF) on the status of local boxers' participation at the coming Tokyo Olympics.

The OBFT official maintained that in absence of BTF official communication, OBFT considers that domestic boxers, Alex Isendi and Micheal Changarawe, are not qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.

He noted: "We have local boxers, Isendi and Changarawe, who due to their rankings are favoured to represent the country at the coming Olympics."

Wililo disclosed OBFT has nevertheless not received any official communication from BTF, so the boxers are still training, hoping for the Tokyo Olympics.

The official said if the BTF will not clarify the matter, the pugilists will not make it to Japan.

SPORTS

Kaizer Chiefs' hotel 'precautions' show 'technical committees' still rampant

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

PLENTY of behind-the-scenes contests were ongoing before the return leg of the CAF Champions League quarterfinals' stage between Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa and Simba SC of Tanzania, although Simba SC had already been shown the door with a 4-0 drubbing in the first leg.

Despite animated fan-zone magical expectations of a repeat of Mufulira Wanderers in 1978, few actual pundits or perhaps experts expected another 5-0 turnaround, and looking at the issue in psychological terms the matter didn't exist in the first place.

During those days no link existed between a club in Dar es Salaam and another in Lusaka, Ndola, or elsewhere, unlike current modernity, digital links.

In other words, there is room for a surprise the way Kaizer Chiefs stunned Simba with four goals that went unanswered, where plenty of explanations were given, and pre-match psychological contests and hotel premise precautions were so frenzied as to call into question, virtually, sanity itself.

While the visitors were said to have issued strict orders not to receive any guests - that they remain on their turf in hotel rooms up to playing time, and no psychic Trojan Horses would be allowed to bring any 'gifts' or 'greet' anyone.

When one is in foreign, strange, or hostile territory that was the least they could have done.

The home side was on the contrary awash with activities the previous day, all being noticed by passers-by on the busy off-road roads around the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, engaged in regularly condemned, routinely disowned, and persistent sorcery operations ahead of the match.

One internet uploading showed a coconut breaking scene, which has no cooking explanation in that area except as clear routine Swahili witchcraft.

Whether this was an operation to merely beef up psychological preparations or was indeed the mainstay of what the club expected could turnaround the match prospects was something entirely opaque.

By the club's records or say register in that direction, there is something of a mixed grill from such operations, as it is well known from psycho-occult operations of that sort - that they are like a throw of dice and can come out in whatever manner.

It is not easy to say what causes potentially negative results if it is a cheating priest (better known as a local healer) or it



Kaizer Chiefs' attacker, Leonardo Castro (2nd R), negotiates his way past Simba's midfielders, Erasto Nyoni (L) and Clatus Chama, when the clubs clashed in a CAF Champions League quarterfinal tie, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAIZER CHIEFS

is the mechanism of that operation itself, as it involves spiritual beings with a different layer of command or loyalty.

It is the disposition of this layer that is incapable of being accessed a priori, and when one indulges in their fancies, he is captive to them.

That is what can be surmised from a distant lesson that Simba registered in the past and evidently, the lessons were mixed so to speak, in which case that bitter experience did not dissuade the club from such practices.

A club chairman in the 1990s, aptly named Bamchawi, once in a pivotal encounter released three birds (pigeons or other) into the air, two went as instructed and the side scored two goals but the third failed to fly and fell back into the club chairman's laps.

He died that day or the following day, in which case linking cause and effect would not be difficult, thus the club fully knows what this portends.

What was also surprising was the time lag that the two matches (the first leg and return leg) were being played, as the fixed hour difference between Dar es Salaam and say Johannesburg is only one hour, but the starting period was six hours, namely 10 pm in the first leg and 4 pm in the return leg.

A discussion with a game pundit appeared to suggest that observers at the local level are at home with this sort of chaos whereas in the UEFA Champions League or Confederation Cup kick-off moments are part of wider regulated management of time, including sequencing of match shows, which admittedly is weaker in Africa or even non-existent. Federations here decide the starting time to inflict maximum pain on visitors.

That is what happened in the first leg as by 10 pm or 11 pm the cold in South Africa is unbearable for players

from this side, and it was considered that 10 pm might be an equally appropriate reciprocal starting point for the return leg fixture.

Pundits saw this as brilliant, instead of berating the starting time chaos

Not many expected that such theatrics would change the character of the game exceedingly, though it stood to make an impact on the capacity of the visiting side to withstand both the resolute morale of the home side and its unavoidable comfort in the 4-0 earlier margin.

One could expect that the weather gambit rather than the coconut theatrics could make a difference, but factually valid stories have been heard of goalkeepers seeing two balls at the same time while there is just one, etc.

One hesitates to call this amusing or to look forward to it as it is abysmally beneath the dignity of the game, but Africa loves it.

Taifa Stars set for World Cup qualifiers' preps in June

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national football team's head coach Kim Poulsen has said the squad, alias 'Taifa Stars', will enter the camp early next month to begin preparations for the World Cup qualifiers.

The tournament was originally scheduled to kick off in June but the world football body, FIFA, has announced the rescheduling of the tournament which will now take place in September, October, and November.

The coach made it clear that after FIFA reports of the changes they are now waiting for more information as they continue with preparations.

He said the camp will last for about 10 days as they need to prepare for their friendly matches which according to the FIFA calendar will be played between May 31 and June 15, 2021.

The national team coach said that in the first stage they expect to play one or two friendly matches.

According to him, once the Premier League is over they will have another camp in August which will last for several weeks if it is the second stage as they need more time for joint practice to build a strong squad with good coordination.

It will be recalled that once the team failed to qualify for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), the coach made it clear that he was taking the results in part in his journey to build a strong Taifa Stars side.

Poulsen said that the strategy of the team's technical bench is to create a strong squad that will be better on the ball, passing, and play in the best



Taifa Stars' head coach Kim Poulsen

philosophy.

Poulsen stated that a certain percentage of his youngsters proved that if they put more energy in the areas then it will be easier for them to know how they need to defend and how they want to attack.

He stated: "To be successful in football you have to know how to use the time well."

"Despite the advancement of this tournament, we will use this time to start preparations so in June the squad will enter the camp to start preparations," he noted.

He disclosed: "In August we will have training that will prepare us for the World Cup qualifiers, although we still do not know where and teams we will play until the CAF schedule is released."

The coach said that there are some approaches he needs to change in his team that will all be successful in the training ground and that is why he plans to make good use of the camp in August.

The Premier League is set to reach its climax in July and Taifa Stars are expected to camp for about three weeks.

"A large percentage of this camp will help the technical bench know the potential of each player and how they will play together as we want to see everyone get better in their position because to win you have to be better prepared," the coach noted.

Coach's masterstroke takes Esperance to CAF Champions League semis

JOHANNESBURG

A MASTERSTROKE by Esperance coach Moine Chaabani inspired the Tunisian club to win a CAF Champions League quarter-final penalty shootout on Saturday and set up a showdown against Egyptian giants Al Ahly.

Four-time African champions Esperance were leading Algerian visitors Chabab Belouizdad 1-0 in a second leg but trailing 2-1 overall with eight minutes remaining when the coach gambled.

Chaabani believed his side would score again and force a shootout so he took off goalkeeper Moez Ben Cherifia and introduced Farouk Ben Mustapha, a shot-stopper with a reputation for saving penalties.

Esperance scored again on 87 minutes through Mohamed Ben Romdhane to triumph 2-0, level the tie on aggregate and Ben Mustapha saved three spot-kicks while Esperance converted three to win 3-2 on penalties.

Chaabani is hoping to become only the second coach after Portuguese Manuel Jose to win the Champions League three times after guiding Esperance to glory in 2018 and 2019.

After building a 2-0 first-leg lead last weekend, quarter-finals debutants Belouizdad contained Esperance until the 67th minute when Abdelraouf Benguit scored near Tunis.

Substitute Benguit later put Esperance 3-2 ahead in the shootout and Ben Mustapha then foiled Chemseddine Nessakh to complete a dramatic comeback triumph. The Tunisians will host defending champions Ahly in a repeat of the 2018 final on June

18 or 19 with the return match the following weekend.

Defender Yasser Ibrahim scored on 11 minutes as Ahly held Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa 1-1 in Pretoria to advance 3-1 on aggregate.

- Massive blow -

The early headed goal off a corner for the visitors was a massive blow to Sundowns as they had to find the net at least four times to survive, but never looked like achieving that feat.

Another defender, Mosa Lebusa, levelled after 30 minutes, also with a header after a corner, but the home side hardly troubled goalkeeper Mohamed el Shenawy in the second half.

Ahly are coached by South African Pitso Mosimane, who last September became the first sub-Saharan African to coach the Cairo club since it was formed in 1907.

The other semi-final, between Wydad Casablanca of Morocco and Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa, will bring together teams who meet at the group stage with each winning at home.

Wydad host the first leg and if they eliminate Chiefs, will stage the single-match final at their 67,000-capacity Stade Mohammed V ground in Casablanca.

The Moroccans had to wait until the third minute of added time before Walid el Karti scored to earn a harder than expected 1-0 win over Mouloudia Alger of Algeria and a 2-1 overall victory.

A late Clatous Chama goal completed a 3-0 triumph for Simba of Tanzania over Chiefs in Dar es Salaam, but the South Africans progressed 4-3 on aggregate to a first semi-finals appearance.

Sci-fi' Lewandowski breaks Mueller's 49-year scoring record

BERLIN

Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski said it felt like being in a "science fiction film" after scoring his 41st Bundesliga goal of the season on Saturday to break Gerd Mueller's 49-year-old German league record for a single campaign.

Lewandowski hit the net in the 90th minute of Bayern's 5-2 home win over Augsburg having equalled Mueller's record of 40, which was set in 1971/72, last weekend.

Lewandowski broke Mueller's mark with a classic poacher's effort, rounding the Augsburg goalkeeper to fire home having snapped up the rebound after Leroy Sane's shot was parried just before the whistle.

"You wait for 90 minutes and then it comes in the last few seconds," Lewandowski told Sky after the final round of games. "It was like being in a science fiction film. I've lost my voice. I saw Leroy shoot for goal, I had to keep believing and luckily it came off."

Lewandowski claimed the record having had his six previous shots all saved as Bayern lifted the Bundesliga trophy after the final whistle for the ninth straight season.

They finished the season 13 points clear in the table.

"I was a little bit disappointed to have not scored sooner, but sometimes such records have to be fought for," added Lewandowski. "I was patient and believed until the end. I thank my team, who share the record with me. This is something very special, a historic moment in my career."

- Benchmark for future -

It was the last game for Bayern head coach Hansi Flick, who will be replaced by Leipzig boss Julian Nagelsmann next season having won seven titles over the last 18 months.

"I will miss the team," said Flick, who is tipped to replace Joachim Loew as coach of Germany after the Euro 2020 finals. "For me it was an honour to have been part of this club. I am totally happy and proud of what we have achieved. It's the absolute benchmark for the future," added Flick, who won seven

titles in 18 months.

Jerome Boateng and Javi Martinez, both 32, as well as David Alaba, who will reportedly join Real Madrid next season, all played their final games for Bayern with their contracts expiring.

Alaba and Bayern forward Thomas Mueller share the record of ten Bundesliga titles.

Borussia Dortmund caretaker coach Edin Terzic signed off in style with a seventh straight win as Erling Braut Haaland scored twice in a 3-1 win over Bayer Leverkusen.

Terzic, 38, is set to be assistant coach to Moenchengladbach boss Marco Rose, who takes charge of Dortmund next season.

Players from both clubs made their last appearance before retiring.

Dortmund right-back Lukasz Piszczek, 35, bowed out while Leverkusen defender Lars Bender, 32, netted a late penalty before being substituted by twin brother Sven, before the siblings both hang up their boots.

"We had a lot of emotional moments, especially at the end with Lukasz, Lars and Sven all ending their careers," said Dortmund goal-scorer Marco Reus.

Union Berlin qualified for the play-offs of the new Europa Conference League, finishing seventh in the table with a shock 2-1 win over second-placed RB Leipzig.

- 'Sad day' -

At the bottom of the table, Werder Bremen were relegated after 40 years in Germany's top flight.

Cologne's 1-0 home win over bottom side Schalke meant automatic relegation for Bremen, who were thumped 4-2 at home to Moenchengladbach.

This is Bremen's first relegation since 1979/80 before coming back up the following season.

"It's a sad day for the whole city, the club and the fans," said Bremen captain Niklas Moisander. "I am so sorry we have been relegated, it's hard to find the right words."

Cologne's victory means they finish 16th to go into a two-legged play-off next week against the club which finishes third in the second division, which will be decided Sunday.

Suarez, Atletico vindicated by 'different' La Liga title



By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

IN the end, of course, it had to be Luis Suarez.

"His name, Suarez, that alone is enough ... that tells you everything," argued the coach of Spain's new champions, red-eyed Diego Simeone speaking about the man who won him the crucial match, the man who won him the title, the man who Barcelona needlessly, egotistically, bullied out of their club last summer.

When Simeone was grinning from ear to ear -- partially disguising the fact that he'd been in tears -- after his Atletico Madrid had won 2-1 at Real Valladolid to relegate the project President Ronaldo Luiz Nazario started nearly three full seasons ago, he was talking about Atleti's 34-year-old, 21-goal striker, and Suarez himself was in pieces.

We often, totally understandably, portray Suarez as a tough guy. That's because he is. Born on a tough street, in a tough city in a tough country, Suarez has always been something of a hero in Uruguay despite his frequent portrayal as a street fighter following his notable and regrettable lapses of judgement. But he's not that: in football terms, he's an absolute thoroughbred.

If you've met him, if you've spoken to anyone who knows Suarez -- even if you've just watched him closely for Ajax, Liverpool, his national team, Barcelona and now Atleti during a glorious career -- you'll understand that he's a man who suffers fools not for a second, whose judgements, and whose tongue, can lacerate. He's a tough guy's tough guy. Not dedicated to the rules, previously prone to those lapses in judgement -- whether in taunting or biting a rival -- and someone who absolutely believes that history always has and always will be written by the winners.

Yet there was "El Pistolero," not basking in the triumph of having scored late winning goals in Atleti's last two Liga matches to turn losing situations into the six points that made them champions for only the third time in 44 years. He wasn't leaping about, spraying champagne, finding cameras to waggle his fingers at in admonishment of the former Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu, whose ugly ego meant that Suarez had to be booted out the door of the club he loved playing for. No, there was none of that.

Suarez, now an Atleti legend, was sat on the Nuevo Zorrilla turf not only crying but with his body wracked by sobs.

He'd spoken briefly to La Liga's broadcast, live, and managed to force out a few phrases about vindication, about how this had been the toughest year of his life for those who love him: his wife, his kids, the rest of his family. But he was forcing those half-formed sentences out via that peculiar means of communication when someone overcome by the emotional impact of events keeps thinking that this is the sentence they can enunciate clearly without their chest heaving and the tears over-

taking the words on the way out ... but failing.

When Atleti's leading goal scorer, their saviour, tried to make sense of his feelings, when he politely tried to answer the questions, we all saw him in a state we've not witnessed in public before. But that was just the beginning.

While Simeone took over the mic, and uttered some of the most beguiling, admirable and characterful sentences I've ever heard from him, Suarez was on the phone to someone he loves -- his wife Sofia Balbi, I'll wager. By now the tears were streaming down his cheeks, he was kind of shaking his head in disbelief at how consumed by emotion he was and the process of breathing, speaking and containing those huge sobs was making his chest heave in and out.

If we stop for a moment, it's clear that this wasn't simply about triumph. Suarez has won so much, been a central participant in magnificent victories, and ever since finding peace by moving from Anfield to Camp Nou he's redeemed himself without the merest hint that he might fall back into that uncontrollable rage that once saw him bite opponents and racially abuse Patrice Evra. So the fact that he was engulfed by the enormity of becoming Spain's champion, again, and leading Atleti to much lusted-after glory was not solely about winning.

Nor was it solely about the fact that he was hurt by the rejection of Barcelona far more than he's ever let on in public -- possibly hurt more than he'd even acknowledged to himself before. When you prove your enemies wrong there's satisfaction, but there's also a moment when the self doubts, the immense fear that those who put you down might be right this time, which have been gnawing at your subconscious, are vanquished once and for all.

However the third layer to what was going on was, I believe, the most important reason for seeing the hero of the hour seated on the grass involuntarily rendered helpless by a tsunami of emotion that, I'm willing to wager, he'd have normally felt like mocking in someone else. That most important reason was what Simeone went to immediately when asked what he felt about having become Spain's champion again, his third time at Atleti, having won the cup and league double as a wonderful midfielder in 1995-96 then as coach in 2013-14.

Having admitted that the referee's whistle, which ended the

tortuous tension for Atleti's man in black, brought a smile surging up from inside him and the urge to laugh, Someone then cut to the chase.

"This has been a time when so many Atleti fans have died, when we've lost people all over the world to the strangest and most difficult of situations," he said. "We've all suffered and to be able to bring people this happiness, to give them something after all they've been through ... this is different. This is the best."

And he's right. Atleti have achieved something they've not managed since the mid-1960s. In every single league title win since 1966, Real Madrid haven't really been a force. Since then, when Los Rojiblancos have been champions of La Liga, Los Blancos have variously been fourth, sixth, ninth and even in 2014 Madrid were five points adrift on the final day. This has been the first time since the year England won the World Cup that Atletico have seen off their neighbours, their often loathed superiors, the team and the club that has dominated world football since the European Cup was born.

The fact that Atleti comprehensively lost the first Madrid derby of the season and then tossed away a 1-0 lead in the second -- having played exceptionally well, far better than Zinedine Zidane's side until Karim Benzema's equaliser two minutes from time -- had preyed on the consciousnesses of Simeone, the board, the experienced players and the fans. Zidane's team, against a hurricane of injuries and COVID absences, kept finding a way to cling on to Atleti, to make sure that if Simeone's mob tripped up just one more time, they'd be there.

There's no doubt that the biggest psychological scars Simone bears are the two lost Champions League finals when Madrid, each time in the most dramatic circumstances, denied Atletico the European crown. So for him to win this time, especially with reigning champions Madrid looking like remorseless, "seen this before, done this before" pursuers, well, this will be special and perhaps curative for Simeone. I think this will have vanquished some ghosts.

Yet he took time to think of the impact this will have on others. Those who've suffered because of the pandemic, those who've suffered because they're Atleti fans and Madrid get the chance, over and again, to lord it in Spain's capital.

(In a side note, I absolutely love the fact that Madrid, minutes after the final whistle of their hard-fought 2-1 comeback win over Villarreal that would have retained the title if Valladolid had somehow conjured up a late goal, used Twitter to warmly congratulate Atleti and their fans for winning the 2020-21 Spanish title. Sheer class. Lovely touch of grace.)

Elsewhere, Barcelona stumbled to a 1-0 Lionel Messi-less win over Eibar, the miracle club with a town population you could fit into a large phone booth, who now, finally, succumb to reality and drop a division.

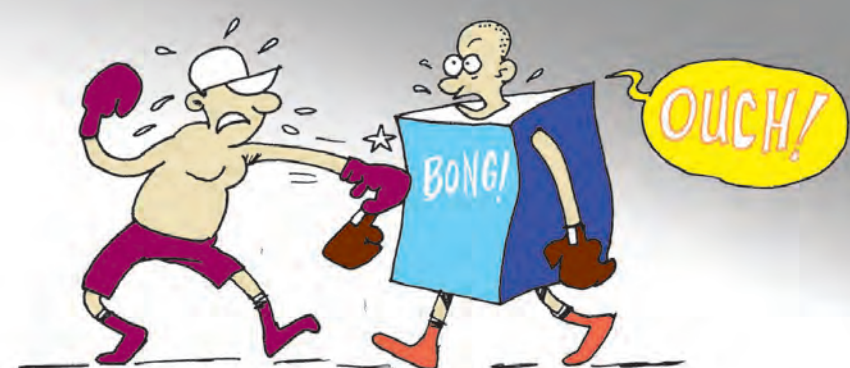
Real Betis and Celta Vigo played master vs. pupil and the master won. When they were together at River Plate, Betis boss Manuel Pellegrini was coach and now-Celta coach Eduardo Caudet was his hard-working right midfielder. Caudet, since coming to Spain in November and revolutionising Celta, has made it crystal clear that Pellegrini was his inspiration, his teacher and remains someone the 46-year-old is trying to emulate.

Not this time, however, as Betis fought back from 2-0 down win 3-2 and ensure Europa League qualification. The dream scenario is that they and Real Sociedad, 1-0 winners over Osasuna, do Spain proud in that UEFA competition next season and that Villarreal, who really mustn't use Geronimo Rulli in goal against Manchester United in Wednesday's Europa League final, win that date and qualify for the Champions League. That's for another day.

Eventually President Ronaldo at Valladolid; Pacheta, the energising and talented coach at Huesca; and the mighty Jose Luis Mendilibar, who's done incredible things at Eibar were all left contemplating life in the second division, licking their wounds and thinking of what might have been. Not Atleti, though. They offered succour to Suarez when the sucker at Barcelona thought he could break the Messi-Suarez power couple, and they've reaped a golden reward.

The Uruguayan front man came, saw, conquered, and gave himself a feeling of vindication that overwhelmed him and gave us a beautiful eternal image to remind us that, ultimately, football isn't about sackings, statistics, stupidity, saves or daily newspaper sensation. It is a provider of the most uplifting, outrageous, unpredictable human drama that television, opera, theatre and cinema can only gaze at in naked envy.

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by 'different' La Liga title**

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National beach soccer team to face Uganda in 2021 BSAFCON

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE national beach soccer team is expected to play its first game against Uganda at the 2021 African Beach Soccer Championship (BSAFCON) finals in Dakar, Senegal today.

Initially, Tanzania was scheduled to play DR Congo in their first game, unfortunately, the latter has withdrawn from the tournament. The national beach soccer team will come up against hosts Senegal on May 26.

Speaking about his plans in the tournament, the national beach soccer team's head coach, Boniface Pawasa said that, technically their squad has great confidence to do well due to the preparations they have made.

He said they are extremely confident with the quality of their 14-man squad that they have with despite not having enough friendly matches especially international games but they have still been able to show the highest quality.

"We have had local friendly matches and it has been difficult to get international ones but despite that, we have used our match against Burundi and Zanzibar to address the shortcomings we have seen so far the players readiness and spirit is high and we are now ready for our first game," the tactician noted.

The team's assistant coach, Deo Lucas noted after a schedule change, they will make sure they read the tactics of their Ugandan opponents who will play the opening Group A match against Senegal.

"I can say that we are very lucky as our first match will be against Uganda who will play Senegal in the second and final match for Group A which gives us more hope to do well," Lucas noted.

It will be recalled that this is the second time in a row that Tanzania has qualified to play in the finals after 2018 successfully performing well after finishing eighth in 52 countries in the African and world rankings.

The players who will be representing Tanzania in the tournament are goalkeepers Ahmed Juma, Adam Oseja and Shabani Kado assisted by defenders Eric Manyama, Rolland Msonjo, Ismail Gambo, Saidi Morad, and Daniel Mwainyekule.

Others are Kashiru Said, Jaruph Juma, Yahya Tumbo, Abdulkadir Tabib, Ahmad Abdi Ahmad and Stephano Wallace Mapunda.

Tanzania has been drawn in Group A with hosts Senegal, Uganda while the Democratic Republic of Congo has announced its withdrawal from the tournament while Group B is made up of Egypt, Mozambique, Morocco, and Seychelles.

Tanzania qualified for the finals after securing a 12-9 aggregate victory over Burundi, winning 8-3 in the first leg and losing 6-4 in a rematch played on April 3 at Dar es Salaam's Coco Beach.



Aces A cricket outfit's Salum Jumbe put a man of the match displays to steer the outfit to a win over Strikers in a Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A's tie in the city on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ACES CLUB

Aces A outfit storms into Kazim Nasser tournament's last four

By Guardian Reporter

ACES A cricketers have confirmed their progression to this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A semi-finals, notching a three-wicket win over Strikers last Saturday.

It signaled the culmination of the show-down's round-robin matches, to be followed by the playoffs, which were to be held Sunday.

Winners of the Aces A versus Strikers' clash were bound to take the top spot in Group A.

Aces A did start the group stage on top but the match's results determined whether they were to top the group.

Strikers won the toss and opted to bat first, notching 151 runs for the loss of three wickets in 20 overs.

Experienced players, Issa Kikasi, Sanjay Bhatia, and Ramesh Alluri made their presence count, hitting good shots and ultimately bringing their side's score to triple-digit.

Opener Kikasi had a good game at the crease, as he posted 41 runs, nailing five fours and a sixer.

Their pursuit of a bigger score suffered a knock given the other opener, Jatin Darji was dismissed within three overs, exiting with 11 runs which consisted of seven fours and a sixer.

Bhatia, deployed at number three, boosted the side's total, notching 34 runs which consisted of three boundaries.

Ramesh Alluri partnered Mehul Ravat to form an unbeaten stint. Alluri had four fours and a six on his way to recording 40 runs not out.

Ravat's stint ended with the player recording 15 runs not out which consisted of a boundary.

The small battles of the game, whether it was Aces A cricketers' field covering or taking catches, played part in Strikers' acquisition of the score.

Incidents that included failure by Aces A's experienced player, Kibwana Salum, regarded as one of the good fielders, to dismiss one of Strikers' batsmen via catch, also led to Strikers reaching 151 runs.

Aces A's strike bowlers had a bad day, mostly due to the tie's certain aspects.

When Aces A came on to bat they expected to get off an impressive start but Strikers' strike bowler, Alluri, who has become a menace to Aces A's Ankit Baghel, dismissed the latter in the first ball of the game.

Top order batsman, Ejaz Aziz, was Alluri's other victim, given Aziz exited the crease early following Alluri's identical ball. Aces A's skillful players, Jumanne Mohamed and Ali Mpeka, tried to steady the ship with good knocks but both suffered exit, given Strikers were continuously striking.

Jumanne ended two runs short of a two-digit score, Mpeka chipped in with 13 runs. Aces A's score was hardly 50 runs with five wickets down and in came skipper, Bhavesh Govind, who started hitting fours and sixes to have his outfit slowly crawling back.

However the moment it looked safe for the squad, he did get out off a bad ball. Salum Jumbe thereafter put a man of the match showing, as he was one run short of a half-century, making his way back the pavilion with the bat in hand.

Jumbe and Kibwana Salum, ultimately, bailed the team out of the trouble but, with 30 runs to go, Salum got out.

Aces A's Waheed Mushtaq thereafter did his job with a four and a six in a quick cameo.

Aces A were to lock horns with Aga Khan SC A in the 'Qualifier', bringing together squads that topped Groups A and B, yesterday.

The Aces A versus Strikers' tie's man of the match award went to Salum Jumbe, thanks to his scintillating showing at the crease.

Caravans Cricket Club's Chairman, Thulaseedas, presented the prize to Jumbe.

Away defeat cost Simba SC dearly, says head coach



Simba SC players discuss match tactics before this season's CAF Champions League's last eight's clash pitting the team against Kaizer Chiefs, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes Da Rosa has come out to accept their dream of reaching the semi-finals of the 2020/21 CAF Champions League was already damaged during their quarterfinals first leg encounter against Kaizer Chiefs in South Africa.

However, he underlined how they deserved to win based on their attitude in the second leg.

The Msimbazi Street giants saw their fairy-tale run in this year's competition come to an end on Saturday after losing 4-3 on aggregate to the Soweto-giants in the quarter-final stage.

Simba lost 4-0 to Kaizer Chiefs in the first leg at FNB Stadium in Johannesburg and the former only managed a 3-0 win over the latter in the second leg at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday.

The French tactician has admitted their chances were dimmed during the first leg meeting because the defeat they suffered was too heavy for his players to overturn.

He has, however, praised his team for their fighting spirit which almost saw them overturn the results.

Gomes was adamant if they had

avoided the heavy defeat in South Africa, then they could have moved to the last four of the competition.

He noted: "We are disappointed because we have done a very wonderful performance today [Saturday] but we are not happy because we lost the qualification in the first match," Da Rosa said after the match.

He disclosed: "But I am very proud of my players because they showed big commitment, they were very wonderful and had a good fighting spirit, they fight until the end of the match, they didn't give up and for sure we deserved to win."

"We had a lot of scoring opportunities to kill the game and qualify but unfortunately football sometimes is like this, if we had managed a better result in the first leg for sure we could reach the semi-finals."

Despite failing to reach the last four, the French tactician has maintained Simba is still among the best teams in Africa following their display against Kaizer Chiefs, nicknamed 'Amakhosi'.

He noted: "We all know that Simba is one of the best teams in Africa and we showed that today [Saturday] against Kaizer [Chiefs] but we

had done too many mistakes in the first match and the score was too heavy for the opponent but we showed today we have the level to go to the semi-finals but it was a little bit too late."

In the match watched by 10,000 fans, Simba took the lead in the 23rd minute after a through-ball from Chama was met by Kapombe, who in turn laid it to Bocco, and the towering striker unleashed a right-footed effort which sneaked past Bruce Bvuma's legs into the net.

After the resumption, Simba knew they still needed three goals to stay in the tie, and they went 2-0 up in the 56th minute when Luis Miquissone danced through Chiefs' defense from the left wing before delivering a low cross which Bocco slotted home after it took a deflection off a Chiefs defender.

Simba then kept their hopes alive in the 86th minute after Chama danced through the Chiefs' defense before placing the ball past Bvuma for the third goal, prompting a nervy ending to the fixture, although ultimately no further goals were scored.

Simba will now shift its focus into retaining the Premier League title and winning the Federation Cup.

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