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'Govt needs private sector for speedier development'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

GOVERNMENT departments and agencies must work closely with private sector actors as they are key partners in national development, Investments minister Godfrey Mwambe (pictured) has declared.

Addressing a press conference here, the minister said that Tanzania has recorded remarkable strides in investments after private investors took over from government-owned industrial entities, resulting in an increase in jobs and government revenues.

The government is focused on building a market driven economy where the private sector is the main actor. The flow of private investments in the last seven months indicates a positive trend, he affirmed.

Around 164 projects have been



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registered at the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) and 18 others at the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) since April. The projects are valued at \$3.5bn and upon completion they will provide around 48,000 direct jobs to local people, he stated.

As the country marks 60 years of independence, the government has been taking steps to improve the country's economy by stimulating investments and people's participation in economic activities, he asserted.

"Since independence it has been the government's intention to use available natural resources for the benefit of the people. The government is doing a lot to reduce dependence on foreign experts," he further stated.

He said that through these efforts plenty of success has been attained, with increased investments in various sectors, an improved business environment, ready availability of financial services such as loans to small and medium sized enterprises and extensive infrastructures like roads, electricity connection and revamping railways, among others.

Other sectors in sharp growth include vast expansion of public education on entrepreneurship, provision of social services such as education and health, as

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MPs fault retirement benefits access rules

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday faulted new conditions set out by social security funds for approval of payment of retirement benefits, asking the government to intervene and address the gaps.

Among other requirements, retirees are required to submit their first appointment letters as well as their employment contracts. MPs faulted that the demands for such documents are baseless considering the same employee had been working and subsequently getting paid by the same authority.

Bunda legislator Mwita Gitere disputed the procedures saying hundreds of retirees have not been paid their benefits for up to five years. "These elders have been moving from one office to another with their documents and are often in bad health. This is a crisis," he said, demanding swift action to help end the problem.

Posing questions to the government, which oversees the work of social security funds, the MP said some employees might have misplaced such documents, notably first appointment letters given the long periods involved.

Speaker Job Ndugai admitted that most service providers with social security



Former President Jakaya Kikwete reads a message on one of the placards brandished by children during celebrations held in Dar es Salaam yesterday to mark the 15th anniversary of the Arusha-based African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Dodoma set to get first five-star hotel

By Francis Kajubi

THE city of Dodoma, the country's political capital, is set to get its first five-star hotel in a new hospitality investment unveiled yesterday.

Paris-based Louvre Hotels Group announced in Dar es Salaam that it has set aside \$20m (46.02bn/-) for the project whose implementation is scheduled to start early next year.

Two local hotel groups, the Indian Ocean Hotels Ltd and Golden Tulip Dar es Salaam are part of the investing group of companies, have been mandated with implementing the project, with Golden Tulip moving to extend



This is a long term vision envisaged by the group that will not only put Dodoma's hospitality status at the top level but also uplift the whole country

its hospitality services to the capital.

The Dodoma Golden Tulip Hotel set to be constructed from early next year will bring is the second high ranking hotel by the group, since it opened its first four star hotel in Masaki suburb of the commercial capital 20 years ago.

However, the Golden Tulip Hotel within the city centre perimeter and the other one in Zanzibar "don't belong to the group but have been operating under the same brand name by special agreements," company officials noted.

Jitesh Ladwa, the Indian Ocean Hotels Ltd and city centre Golden Tulip managing director told reporters that current investment policy stance is the reason for the group to extend its investments to Dodoma.

"There's huge demand for hotels in Dodoma since the relocation of central government activities several years ago. We are confident to launch the

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NHC buildings slated for hawkers' activities

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is considering handing over three buildings belonging to the National Housing Corporation (NHC) to city authorities for hawkers to use as designated areas for business.



Dr Angeline Mabula (pictured), the deputy minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements made this remark yesterday when visiting the throbbing city clothing bazaar in Kariakoo area to see how best to facilitate petty traders, commonly known as 'machinga.'

This proposal has come up a few days after the petty traders' union wrote a letter to the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) ministry requesting to be provided new business premises at NHC buildings at

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funds might not have been born when the majority of retirees received their first job appointment. "These are areas that need to be checked," he said during debate yesterday.

Hai MP, Saashisha Mafuwe said there have been frequent delays in payment of statutory benefits to retirees demanding explicit government commitment to address the matter.

Deo Ndejembe, the deputy minister for Public Service Management and Good Governance, said the state has established a reporting system named HCMIS for notification of employees from six months to their retirement date.

He acknowledged delays in paying out retirement benefits, saying this was associated with incomplete documentation, in which case the new notification system could provide a lasting solution.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) said the new notification system was developed to respond to technical challenges slowing down processing of payment of benefits to retirees.

The Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) had introduced a mobile phone application that helps with payments processing update for senior citizens.

"We have also required all funds to hold meetings with employees who are nearing retirement," she added.





Richard Kabonero (L), Uganda's High Commissioner to Tanzania and a Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam member, pictured in the city yesterday presenting to RCD district governor Young Kimaro one of 100 desks his office has donated to the club. Looking on (from 2nd-L): RCD president Sati Gadhvi, assistant governor Sophia Chamzingo and district PR Vice Chair Hamza Kassongo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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development of a five star Golden Tulip Dodoma in collaboration with Kifaru Group and Indian Ocean Hotel Ltd," he explained.

He said around 200 direct job openings and over 2,000 indirect job opportunities shall arise from the project, billed for completion by 2024. The hospitality investment will feature 100 rooms, as a conference

and leisure retail facility located on the slopes of Ndejengwa hills.

"During these years of operations, Indian Ocean Hotels Ltd and Golden Tulip Dar es Salaam will create direct and indirect employment for over 2,000 people, contributing to the national economy in the hospitality sector investments of over \$40m," he declared.

Golden Tulip has hosted over 100 international conferences

and welcomed numerous to level visitors to the country, including the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) summit held in Dar es Salaam in 2003.

Indian Ocean Hotels Ltd and Golden Tulip Dar es Salaam, bonding for years, has become major players in the global hospitality industry with a portfolio that now includes around 1,600 hotels in 54 countries.

Alain Sebah, president of Golden Tulip Africa Ltd expressed satisfaction for Louvre Hotels Group and Golden Tulip being associated with the prestigious project, bringing the international brand to Dodoma.

"This is a long term vision envisaged by the group that will not only put Dodoma's hospitality status at the top level but also uplift the whole country," he added.

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well as spreading investment facilitation countrywide, he elaborated.

The minister added that the government will continue preparing and putting in place a good environment for investment and ensure laws, policies, regulations and directives are friendly to investors.

The government is putting in place a conducive environment that encourages the private sector and small entrepreneurs to participate in economic growth, strengthening infrastructure like roads, railway, bridges, electricity and airports to reduce transportation costs, he said.

The government will also set aside business areas, increase the participation of local people in strategic projects, improve availability of loan services with low

interest charges and provide public education on entrepreneurship, he specified.

To improve the investment environment and ensure growth, the government is finalizing evaluation of the National Investment Policy drawn up in 1996 as it has shown some success and challenges in policy, legal and administrative matters, the minister indicated.

This assessment has enabled the government to push preparations for an Investment Development Policy reformulating major strategies for investment and drafting a new investment law, he elaborated.

The government has continued implementation of different programs strengthening the investment climate like the Government Roadmap of 2010, the Business Environment Blueprint of 2019 and the online investors' feedback platform, he added.

Rukwa RC impressed by the government's infrastructure revamp

By Guardian Reporter, Sumbawanga

RUKWA Regional Commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiti has praised the government, through the Works and Transport ministry for revamping the country's infrastructure.

RC Mkirikiti made the remarks here early this week when opening training for transport stakeholders on the law governing road weight - the EA Community Vehicle Load Control Act of 2016 and 2018 Regulations thereof.

He said the road infrastructures in Rukwa Region have passed through various challenges, with the Tunduma-Sumbawanga road, journey taking eight to twenty-four hours in the past, while people travelling to Mwanza and Tabora used to face many inconveniences. "Rukwa Region is open to all sides - Sumbawanga to Tunduma and Sumbawanga to Tabora and Kigoma, hence what we are discussing here is also a development issue for our region, if these infrastructures are well used, it is a gateway for goods from Congo DRC, hence it is essential to mobilize ourselves to maintain the infrastructure.

"All what we are discussing here concern the utilisation of the country's resources, especially development funds, hence when we discuss about the implementation of this law we must take into consideration the entire concept of patriotism, as despite the law, if we are not patriotic in its

implementation, we shall not be doing anything good," he said.

Earlier, welcoming Rukwa Region Administrative Secretary Denis Bandisa, the seminar's official guest, Mkirikiti praised seminar organizers for selecting Rukwa Region to host the seminar, and added that the forum was one opportunity for the Office of the Regional Commissioner to meet with the region's stakeholders to exchange ideas.

Acting TANROADS Manager for Rukwa Region, Eng. Mgeni Mwangi said the training is the continuation of the provision of education on the 2016 EA Community Vehicle Load law and regulations thereof, the education that has been given by road transport stakeholders in the country since 2018, since before the application of the law in March 2019.

Speaking at different times, transport stakeholders in Rukwa Region praised the government for organizing the training seminar as many of them had little understanding on the East Africa's law, hence they have could have been committing many offences due to lack of understanding.

The training was also planned to be held in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, Morogoro, Dodoma, Njombe, Mbeya, Rukwa, Ruvuma, Kigoma, Geita, Tabora, Mwanza, Arusha and Tanga regions and so far, apart from Rukwa Region, it has also been held in Dar es Salaam, Mtwara Morogoro, Njombe and Dodoma regions.

Mazrui woos investors to health sector in Zanzibar

By Correspondent Rahma Suleiman,

Zanzibar

NASSOR Ahmed Mazrui, Zanzibar's Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has provided opportunities to investors in various sectors, including the health sector.

Mazrui made the remarks yesterday when inaugurating Dr Mehtas hospital at Paje village in South Unguja Region.

He said the government will continue supporting efforts by indigenous investors to invest in the health sector, noting that the government has provided the opportunity for investors to establish private hospitals, and in the private sector in general for the Zanzibar economic growth.

He praised the hospital's owner, Dr Mehta for his untiring assistance to the people of Zanzibar as well as to tourists visiting the Isles for taking health services to the rural areas.

He called upon the Paje Village residents and surrounding villages to use the hospital for medical treatment since its cost were affordable to them.

Mazrui also praised various investors who have invested in the health sector, saying as for now there are 153 private hospitals in Zanzibar.

For his part, the hospital's Chairman, Dr Ameesh Mehtas said the aim to establish the hospital in South Unguja Region is to make easy for the residents to receive health services, but also to tourists visiting the area and who later advertise Zanzibar when they go back to their countries.

"I am a Zanzibari hence I have come here to build my country and seen it fit to assist the health sector to serve the people," he said.

Duwa Suleman, Zanzibar Private Hospitals Registrar said private hospitals have been of great help to the people to get medical treatment, hence he appealed to other investors needing to invest in the sector to come up and do so.

Speaking on behalf of Paje Village residents, the Village Sheha, Rajab Makame said the village has 4,000 residents and 40 tourist hotels including guest houses hence the establishment of the hospital will make easy for better health services to the residents and visitors.

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the Kariakoo market area as they are within the central business district.

The government resolved to remove hawkers conducting business along street pavements, covering wastewater canals, road reserves and in front of shops or public offices.

The deputy minister was accompanied by NHC officials to Tandamti, Nyamwezi and Msimbazi streets to inspect some NHC buildings whose use can be altered to house clothing bazaars.

However, the visiting team decided that NHC buildings along Msimbazi and Nyamwezi streets were unsuitable for petty traders to spread their wares.

The deputy minister said

she then identified three other buildings that seem to be appropriate for such business, much as the NHC buildings along Mkunguni and Nyamwezi streets would require some modification to accommodate hawking on a grand scale.

She said the ministry had earlier identified buildings along Tandamti and Msimbazi streets but these buildings are not suitable for petty traders. "We have identified three other NHC buildings along Nyamwezi and Mkunguni streets which are adjacent to the main Kariakoo market," she explained.

NHC needs to take up the issue with utmost urgency due to existing challenges, she said, emphasizing that as the buildings are being refurbished, "petty traders should be

made to understand the situation." She also asked NHC to provide details on how the selected buildings could be refurbished, the number of traders to be accommodated and the cost of the stalls to be set out.

Stephen Lusinde, chairman of the petty traders' association commended the government for the decision to provide them with appropriate business premises.

NHC officials accompanying the deputy minister included the acting director for investment and business development, William Genya and Ilala NHC regional manager Erasto Chilambo. From the ministry there was Idrisa Kayera, assistant commissioner for lands in Dar es Salaam Region.

Extensive relocation of petty

traders in Dar es Salaam and other urban centres followed President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive to regional authorities across the country to reorganize the street hawking business to more appropriate premises.

The directive was based on inconveniencing shop operators who pay rent and taxes while the presence of hawkers seeking the same customers creates unfair competition for formal sector traders.

Vast quarters in the ruling party have assailed the measures as the late fifth phase president Dr John Magufuli had ruled out their being displaced from street-side premises as was the case in earlier sweeps, but the relocation is now taking hold.



Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) President Paul Koyi (R) has a word with stakeholders and members of the chamber shortly after an internal meeting of the board of directors held in Dodoma yesterday in readiness for the inauguration of a TCCIA Sub-Office in the national capital. Others are TCCIA board member Dr Said Kingu (L), Dodoma regional consultant Dr Robert Mashenene (2nd-L), consultant Ngussa Kinamhala (C) and consultant Isaac Kissa (2nd-R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Speaker Ndugai to inaugurate TCCIA office in Dodoma today

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

SPEAKER of National Assembly Job Ndugai is today expected to inaugurate the sub-office of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) in an endeavour to facilitate and stimulate industrialisation growth and development by 2025.

Speaking here to journalists yesterday shortly after the Chamber's internal meeting, President of TCCIA, Paul Koyi said the inauguration of a new office in the country's headquarters was a testimony that his chamber was heartedly supporting government efforts to transform the economy into industrial base.

"We at TCCIA have so long started implementing the government's ambitious plan of turning the economy into industrial base by 2025," Koyi said, pouring praise on the government for good policies that saw Tanzania qualifying into world medium income economy last year.

He said for the Speaker Ndugai to officially inaugurate the office, has meant a lot for the chamber and its members since it would open a new chapter of cooperation and that members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry and Trade will also attend the important function today.

"Opening a sub-office in Dodoma was one of the Chamber's desired plans of transforming its services and increase efficiency. We have prepared to serve our members and all Tanzanians diligently for betterment of Tanzania," he explained.

Koyi said that since its establishment, TCCIA has been fulfilling her duties professionally yet working closely with all partners in both private and public sectors in addressing challenges frustrating the growth of the chamber.

The president assured members that TCCIA would continue to remain strong and work closely with all other

business associations locally and beyond the borders for benefits of its members and others.

"I take this splendid opportunity to appeal to TCCIA members and other members of business community to fully exploit services to be offered by the sub-office. We are in all regions and it is now high time for Tanzanians to wake up," he said.

Earlier, TCCIA acting Executive Director, Nebart Mwapele said the office which is situated at Mazengo Street Dodoma would play key role for serving more business people and consolidate regional offices in Central Zone.

"I take this opportunity to invite TCCIA members to come in big number to witness the historic inauguration of new office. They will also have an opportunity to mingle with members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry and Trade," Mwapele said. TCCIA is an organisation accomplished to a countrywide network and in 2007, the Chamber won Best Africa Award for having a well-established network in Africa.

Govt sets aside 105bn/- for building Nyerere University of Technology

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has set aside \$44.5 million (105bn/-) through the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) programme for construction of the Mwalimu Nyerere University of Technology and Agriculture in Butiama district.

Deputy minister for Education Science and Technology Omary Kipanga said in a written response to a question by Butiama legislator Abdallah Sagini who wanted to when the government will officially start construction the institution.

The minister said preparations are in top gear including acquiring a title deed for 573.5 hectares of land, preparation of a master plan, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and designs.

According to the minister, the programme is being implemented by the government through the ministry of education in collaboration with the World Bank since September this year.

He added that the remaining process was to search for a consulting engineer who will now advise on the designs prepare points of reference before the actual

construction begins.

However, the MP further queried delays in the beginning of the university with the deputy minister assuring the MP that the processes will end by February next year.

The government established Mwalimu Julius Nyerere University of Agriculture and Technology (MJNUAT) some few years ago with an aim of making it the centre stage of agricultural transformation in Tanzania, and a regional and global player in innovative and societal responsive Agricultural Education and Training (AET).

The University seeks to further consolidate transition in agribusiness by mounting business mentorship schemes for start-up agri-ventures supported by innovative linkages with financial institutions services in providing pro-poor credit support for start-up agribusiness ventures for young graduate farmers.

The institution also aims at mounting vocational and life skills to youths and women groups, to catalyze their participation in agribusiness, thereby reducing unemployment rate among youths in the country.


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The Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences - Bugando will hold its 14th Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, 13th November 2021.

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4. The 14th Graduation Rehearsal on 12th November, 2021 which will start at 9:00am at Bugando Medical Center Forecourt.
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- a. Academic gowns and graduation booklets will be available at CUHAS - Bugando for graduating students at a cost of 51,000/= (Non Refundable) from 8th - 12th November, 2021.
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'Govt to review salary scales of employees'

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

NEW employees in the public service may soon breathe a sigh of relief if the government will honour its pledge to review new salary scales in an administrative exercise that is expected any time soon.

This was revealed yesterday by Deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Public Service Management, Deogratius Ndejemi, when responding to a question by Hai lawmaker Saashisha Mafuwe (CCM)

In his main question, the Hai legislator was inquisitive to know when the government would change its system for public service officers, teachers and others so that their salary scale begin with grade 'E' just as lawyers and other professions.

Responding, Ndejemi said the current scheme of service for public servants was prepared by considering results of a thorough assessment that was done between 1998 and 2000.

According to him, the current scheme started to be effected in July 2003. "The results of an exercise of that assessment considered the workload and responsibilities of each profession

in the public service and they were used as a foundation for setting salaries for new employees in the public service," he noted.

This according to the deputy minister included public service officers whose initial salaries begin with TGSD, Grade C teachers (with Bachelor's degree who begin with TGTS D, while legal officers begin with TGSD.

However, Ndejemi said, between 2015 and 2017, the government did yet another assessment exercise of responsibilities in the public service, which aimed at determining the workload for servants.

"In harmonizing and comparing salary scales for public servants, the government will use the results and recommendations provided by a team of experts to arrange the new salaries, depending on the available budget," he noted.

"The results of an exercise of that assessment considered the workload and responsibilities of each profession in the public service and they were used as a foundation for setting salaries for new employees in the public service"



Dodoma Urban district commissioner Jabir Shekimwari (R) pictured on Tuesday presenting the first winner's trophy to Veronica Suya (2nd-L), a teacher at Chidachi Primary School in Dodoma Region. This was after Joseph Thadei (L), a pupil at the school, won Puma Energy's 2021 Road Safety Programme and Drawing Competition for schools that was co-organised by Puma Energy Tanzania and Amend. Thadei received a trophy, a certificate and 500,000/-, with the school getting 4m/-. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt allocates about 966bn/- for TARURA

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has allocated about 966bn/- in the 2020/2021 financial year for the Tanzania Rural and Urban Road Agency (TARURA) to upgrade all roads that have economic benefit to the country as well as to increase efficiency within

the state owned agency, parliament was told yesterday.

According to deputy minister in the ministry of State President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange said TARURA's budget had increased significantly compared to 275.03bn/- allocated to the agency

during 2020/2021 fiscal year.

The money, he said, would be spent in implementing different projects under the agency especially constructing new roads, repairing others as well as upgrading some roads that play a vital role in the country's economy.

He was responding to a question

posed by Meatu MP, Jeremiah Komanya who had wanted to know if there were plans whatsoever to upgrade roads under TARURA which were catalyzing economic growth to the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), so that they can be given enough funds to be used for their imp improvement.

Responding, Dr Dugange said by considering all requisite criteria and that all roads that are shifted from the district level to regional level ought to be discussed on the board meeting and after it meets criteria the board chairman was mandated to advise the minister

responsible for works and transport that they meet all given criteria and thus they should be under TANROADS. "About TARURA's capability to perform its duties, the government in collaborate with other stakeholders to empower the state owned agency to implement its duties efficiently and professionally.



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16	100mm plain gypsum cornice	Pc
17	9mm Gypsum ceiling board	Pc

- Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting a written letter expressing their interest to supply any material of their choice and the area to supply.
The areas to supply are
Sojo Village Igusile Ward Nzega District Tabora Region
Bulifani Village Kyaka Ward Misenyi District Kagera Region.
Kiguzi Village Karambi Ward Muleba District Kagera Region.
Ntondo Village Misi Ward Singida District Singida Region.
- Tender is open to all eligible Bidders, who has the following
Registered certificate of Incorporation
Current Business License
TIN VAT
Registered by Ewura as the Local supplier and services provider (LSSP)
- Qualified firms will be contacted for arrangement to meet on Site and issued with all tender Documents.
- Selection will be conducted through the QUALITY, COST AND DERIVELY TIME BASED approach
- Interested eligible Firms may obtain further informations by calling +255 672 445 517 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Express of Interest (Eoi) must be delivered to the address below

C.F. Builders Ltd
Uhuru street plot no .116 block s house no 28
From 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Or by email: cfbuildersltd1981@gmail.com
Not later than 24th November 2021 at 10:00 AM

- Late Express of Interest shall not be accepted for further action irrespective of the circumstances.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
C. F. BUILDERS LIMITED



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICE FURNISHINGS REFERENCE: 0010007217

TOTAL East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide and install office furnishings for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.
The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable companies or organizations to provide and install office furnishings for up to 300 personnel that includes a mix of:

- Desks, working tables
- Meeting room tables and chairs (standard and boardroom level)
- Adjustable, ergonomic office chairs
- Credenzas, filing cabinets, etc
- Storage cabinets

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
 - Experience, performance, and capacity in supply and installation of office furnishings outlined above at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 5 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
 - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel experienced in installing office furnishings for corporate offices.
 - Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language, by sending the above documents to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **19th, November, 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007217**.

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



Contractors Registration Board chairperson Consolatha Ngimbwa opens a Business Skills Management seminar for contractors held in Iringa municipality yesterday. With her (from-L): CRB southern zone manager Ally Mwita (L), training coordinator Neema Fuime (2nd-L) and deputy registrar David Jere as well as Prof Honest Ngowi of Mzumbe University. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Dr Gwajima urges health experts to educate society on autism

By Guardian Reporter

DR Dorothy Gwajima, Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has urged health experts to educate the society on autism so as to abandon stigma to family members suffering from autism.

Dr Gwajima made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the event for educating the society on autism, as well as raising funds to enable the youth with autism to be provided with training in farming organised by Lukiza Autism Foundation.

"I call upon our health experts including doctors, community development officers, teachers of students with special needs, reporters and all others who attended this event to use the knowledge gained to educate others," she said.

She said 2020 WHO statistics show that in every 132 children in the world, one child has autism.

"Here in Tanzania, 2018 statistics show that 1,416 students in 18 primary schools who were interviewed, were found to suffer from autism," Dr Gwajima said.

Meanwhile Dr Gwajima has called on the event's participants to adhere to and work on recommendations of participants to build up love and eradicate stigma from the society.

She called upon various government and non-government institutions to conduct research on autism and said the government will provide cooperation to make sure the results of these researches will be used to strengthen services to children with autism.

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Kikwete, judicial experts, stakeholders commemorate AfCHPR 15th anniversary

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete yesterday joined judicial experts and stakeholders to commemorate 15th anniversary of the African Court on Human and People's Rights (AfCHPR) as a pledge to justice, rule of law, democracy and freedoms.

Conducted in Dar es Salaam, the 5-km walk commenced at Leaders Groups in Upanga to Police Officers Mess, Oysterbay.

Speaking shortly after the walk, President of the court Imani Daud Aboud expressed concern over poor implementation of the court's

decisions by member states.

According to her 75 per cent of the court's decisions are not fully implemented.

"On the issue of implementation of the decisions of the court, this is a serious challenge that the court is facing, it is very discouraging. However we are now working with the AU and member states to ensure that the decisions are implemented," she said.

Judge Iman said over the past 15 years, the court had achieved quite a lot. We have received over 330 cases and the court had delivered decisions to over 120 cases, but the challenge remains in implementing

the decisions by the member states.

She said: "We are also looking forward to holding a meeting with the embassies of all 55 countries next month to further find the best way to improve the work of the court."

She said in order to ensure that justice is made, member states must ensure that the decisions made by the court are fully implemented.

She however said that the court has also recorded a number of successes by helping people to know and their rights and access justice.

Speaking about the walk, Judge Iman said walking has also been used for advocacy purposes; and

it may be argued that advocacy walks serve just the same purpose as fitness and wellbeing walks although the aim is to express or regenerate commitment rather than the body. This explains why walks are, as we all know, associated with leadership," she said.

She noted: "From Martin Luther King to Nelson Mandela, walks have become the most emblematic tool for celebration, commitment, advocacy, and in the case of this morning, renewal of commitment to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. In this respect, I find it important to pay tribute to an African leader from Tanzania

who played a critical role in the operationalization of the African Court."


Iman said that the former President Kikwete played an important part in the functioning of the Court as it was under his leadership that Tanzania offered to host the Court and provide it with the necessary logistical facilities to operate from the city of Arusha.

"The African Court extended its appreciation to Kikwete for supporting the human rights justice project manifested through the African Court. I equally extend the Court's appreciation to you for agreeing to join today's walk to

express commitment to the work of the African Court," she added.

Former President Kikwete recalled that when he was serving as Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, the then President Late Benjamin Mkapa decided to sign a protocol for the establishment of the court and asked Tanzania to be its host country.

"I'm happy that the court has now grown and is celebrating 15 years of establishment, they have been in Dar es Salaam for some days now for its meeting, we hail the court and its leadership for the achievement recorded," Kikwete said.



Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Dar es Salaam

Die Botschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in Daressalam

sucht eine/n Mitarbeiter/in (m/w/d) für das
RECHTS- UND KONSULARREFERAT (VOLLZEIT)

Die Stelle ist ab dem 01.02.2022 zu besetzen. Die Arbeitszeit beträgt 40 Stunden/Woche.

Die Tätigkeit umfasst folgende Aufgaben:

- Ausführung aller mit der Bearbeitung von Pass-, Visa- und sonstigen Anträgen erforderlichen Arbeiten (Antragsannahme am Schalter, Daten- und Biometrieerfassung, Antragsvorprüfung, Etikettendruck, Archivierungsaufgaben u.a.)
- Erteilen mündlicher, telefonischer und schriftlicher Auskünfte zu den jeweiligen Sachgebieten in deutscher und englischer Sprache
- Ggf. weiterer Einsatz in anderen Bereichen des Rechts- und Konsularreferats
- Hilfe bei der Kontaktpflege mit tansanischen Behörden und Einrichtungen

Anforderungsprofil:

- Mindestens guter Schulabschluss
- gute Deutschkenntnisse in Wort und Schrift (nachzuweisen ist mindestens B1) und sehr gute Englisch- und Suahelikenntnisse (fließend in Wort und Schrift); weitere Sprachkenntnisse - insbesondere erweiterte Französischkenntnisse von Vorteil
- gute IT-Kenntnisse (PC-Anwenderkenntnisse) und Fähigkeit sich in neue spezifische Softwareprogramme einarbeiten zu lassen
- Sprachgewandtheit und Höflichkeit im Umgang mit Kunden
- Ausgeprägte Teamfähigkeit, kundenorientiertes Auftreten und Flexibilität
- Für nicht-tansanische Bewerber: gültige Aufenthaltserlaubnis für Tansania

Erfahrungen im Zusammenhang mit der Tätigkeit in der öffentlichen Verwaltung sind von Vorteil. Das Beschäftigungsverhältnis unterliegt tansanischem Recht und wird ortsüblich vergütet.

Ihre Bewerbung sollte einen Überblick über Ihren Werdegang und bisherige berufliche Erfahrung, Zeugnisse und Empfehlungsschreiben enthalten.

Bitte senden Sie Ihre Bewerbung bis zum **26.11.2021** an die Botschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in Daressalam, ausschließlich per E-Mail: gast-1@dare.diplo.de. Geben Sie dabei bitte im Betreff, 'Bewerbung RK-Stelle' an.

In Frage kommende Kandidatinnen oder Kandidaten werden zu einem persönlichen Vorstellungstest- und Gespräch (voraussichtlich Anfang/Mitte Dezember 2021) eingeladen. Bitte haben Sie dafür Verständnis, dass separate Absagen nicht erteilt werden. Sollten Sie bis zum 30.12.2021 keine Nachricht erhalten haben, konnte Ihre Bewerbung leider nicht berücksichtigt werden.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Journalists training program on conservation and environmental conservation

Are you a journalist looking to increasing your knowledge on environmental conservation?

The Journalists' Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) is looking for eligible Tanzanian journalists from different media (online, print, radio, TV etc) to participate on a conservation training program and learning tour focused on Biodiversity Conservation, Wildlife Corridors, Humana Wildlife Conflicts, Endangered & Priority Species Conservation and Habitat Management.

The program aims at increasing journalists understanding on wildlife movement corridors, Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management, wildlife and forest related crimes, conservation and practices. The learning tour will involve visiting of key wildlife corridors namely Kwakuchinja, Tarangire-Simanjiro Plains, Kigosi Moyowasi-Uvinza, Nyerere Selous-Udzungwa, Amani Nilo and Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA)

Benefits of participating in the program

- Gain a unique understanding of the most up-to-date wildlife conservation techniques and practices deployed on the wildlife Corridors
- Learning about Conservation, Habitat Management and Wildlife Crimes

Who is eligible to apply?

- Journalists with a strong interest in conservation and combating wildlife crimes
- Minimum of three years of professional experience as a journalist
- Good writing, listening and speaking of English
- Preferred: Previous field experience including identifying sources, conducting interviews, building a story plan, documentation of best practices etc.

How to apply

All applications should be written in English and sent to email to jtassociation@gmail.com with the subject captioned as application for JCEP. The deadline for this application is 4:00 Wednesday, November 10th 2021. Women are encouraged to apply

Application should include the following:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing past experience and education
- A short essay (500 words) explaining about your background, your interest in the opportunity, and what story you would be interested in pursuing a part of the learning tour
- Evidence of your previous work: two examples of published reports on conservation issues in any available format (online, print, audio, video, radio, TV etc.)
- Letter for your editor documenting media house commitment to your participation in the program, including pursuit and publication of the story on conservation and your participation in meetings, trainings and trips in Tanzania for up to 35 days total during November 2021- April 2022
- To download the application form visit: www.jet.or.tz

If you have questions about the application, please submit them to John Chikomo through jstanchiko@gmail.com no later than 9th November 2021

President Samia to grace Bugando hospital occasion

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to attend the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Lake Region's Bugando referral hospital to take place in Mwanza on November 18, this year.

Bugando hospital director Dr Fabian Masaga disclosed this here yesterday at a special specialists treatment camp provided to the people from the Lake Zone for free.

He said the commemoration was important in the health sector hence they saw it fit to involve the national leader.

He added that President Samia has been at the forefront in giving priority to the health sector by building dispensaries, health centres and hospitals as well as making sure drugs are available in them at all times.

Dr Masaga said for a period of three days continuously, members of the public will be provided with free medical examination at the camp for various diseases and given treatment while others will be referred to Bugando referral hospital.

He said all departments providing treatment services at Bugando have been shifted at Furahisha grounds in the city of Mwanza as part of the 50th anniversary commemoration of Bugando referral hospital.

Some of the services being provided at the grounds include examination for kidney, eye, blood pressure, women and children's diseases and other diseases which patients will reveal to the doctors.

"All specialist and professional doctors are here and listen to

patients to be examined, hence it is an opportunity for members of the public to come up at Furahisha grounds to get specialists services for free," he said.

At the treatment camp, Veronica Mwitwa (30) a patient and resident of the City of Mwanza who has been suffering for three eight years and could not get treatment for lack of money was yesterday taken to the camp to undergo free medical examination for free.

She arrived at the camp carried on the back by his sister and underwent specialist examination, thereafter she was referred to Bugando Hospital.

Speaking to this paper, the patient thanked Bugando hospital for free medical examination saying she had been suffering for eight years due to lack of treatment as she had no money.

She said she was suffering from stomach and kidneys and her legs were in great pains she could not stand by herself let alone walk.

Veronica, a mother of two said after she started suffering her husband ran away from and she was now living with her mother in law in Buswelu area, Mwanza City who provides her with food.



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Ministry to host National Financial Services Week

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Finance and Planning has organised a National Financial Services Week in Dar es Salaam from 8th to 14th November in a new drive to scale up finance literacy in the country. The event is one of the government's strategies in the implementation of the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30.

To be held at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam, the week-long event is themed: "Improve your life through financial education".

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Emmanuel Tutuba said this in Dodoma on Monday when speaking at one-day seminar that involved editors from different media outlets.

Tutuba said that the Ministry has prepared the Public Education Programme 2021/22 - 2025/26, which sets out guidelines for improving financial education in the country including events and techniques that will be used in the provision of financial education to the public.

"One of the strategies is to conduct Financial Services Week every year in which financial education will be provided to the public through various channels," he said, adding:

"In the process of implementation of this programme, the Ministry of Finance and Planning in collaboration with various stakeholders in the financial sector has prepared a Financial Education Teaching tool. The tool has identified key areas of consideration during the provision of financial education to the public. These areas include: personal finance management, saving, credit, investment, insurance, deposit insurance, taxes and bonds."

As a result of implementation of Financial Education Programme, the Paymaster General said that the government intends that by 2025 approximately 80 percent of the population will be aware of financial matters.

According to 2017, Tanzania Fin-Scope Survey, only 48.6 percent of the labour-force use formal financial services and therefore many Tanzanians do not benefit from these services leading to missing opportunities to improve their livelihood through various economic

activities and ultimately contribute to GDP growth.

According to the Financial Services Week is geared towards increasing public awareness on the usefulness of financial services to enhance economic growth and poverty reduction; enhancing the effectiveness of financial markets through financial education; increasing access and usage of financial services; enhancing financial consumer protection; enabling citizens to manage their financial resources; enabling small entrepreneurs to boost their skills and proper use of financial services in growing their businesses; strengthening saving, borrowing and debt repayment culture; and increasing contribution of financial sector to economic growth;

According to the organizers, the week aims to reach various stakeholders including: public servants; students; teachers; women, youth, people with special needs; small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs); non-government organizations; editors and journalists; financial service providers; children and general public at large.

Among the key participants of the Financial Services Week include ministries, departments and government agencies both mainland and Zanzibar; financial sector regulators; financial institutions; non-governmental organizations; private sector; professional boards; trade unions; media; education and research institutions; development partners; financial sector apex bodies; financial service providers; and religious institutions involved in the provision of financial services.

According to seminar facilitator Salimu Kimaro, various methods will be used to provide financial education to the public such as publications, classroom seminars, exhibitions of financial products and services, digital platforms, social networks, various media-TV, Radio, Newspapers and entertainment.

Ministry of Finance and Planning Assistant Commissioner, Janeth Hiza, said that the successful implementation of Financial Services Week is expected to have positive impact to individual, household, community and the nation at large.



Rachel Mbwela (R), acting director Handeni District Council, briefs members of the district's Finance, Economy and Planning committee during yesterday's tour of development projects. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamalacha

By Getrude Mbago, Mvomero

FARMERS and pastoralists in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region have hailed the implementation of a special collaboration project which has transformed their lives and improved the income of the majority.

Dubbed 'Farmers and Pastoralists Collaboration (FPC)', the six-year project (2017-2022) has so far helped to install organic farming knowledge and skills as well as smart livestock keeping within the communities.

In an interview with journalists this week, they expressed their gratitude to the Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) for implementing the project which has brought transformation in the two communities.

"The project has helped us to improve cooperation with farmers, we have learned how to value others and their properties, it has totally changed our mindset and we are now engaging in smart livestock keeping which of late pays us a lot compared of the old way of keeping animals," said Pendo Ndemo, a pastoralist at Mingo village in Lubungo ward, Mvomero District.

Supported by Biovision and Liechtensteiner Development Service (LED), the project's major goal is to enhance sustainable livelihoods of farmers and pastoralists through agro-ecological practices creating a solution where both parties can create local circular economies, everyone benefits, and conflicts are drastically reduced.

She said that when SAT's team went to the village back in 2017 to educate and encourage them to

Farmers and pastoralists hail project for transforming lives

adopt smart livestock keeping, the majority of people in the Maasai community didn't respond well but those who decided not to take the education and apply the skills, are now enjoying the fruits of smart livestock keeping.

She said in late 2017, they visited national research centres for livestock and small livestock breeding as well as grass and pasture management to learn more about the new way of keeping their animals.

"Few months later SAT brought us improved breeding bulls and billy goats, which are Mwapwa bulls and Malya goats, which are resistant to harsh living conditions and more productive than traditional breeds. I now have more than 80 improved cattle and more than 200 goats which I expect to start selling soon," she said.

She said the Maasai community in their area has already made great progress and begun to adapt their old traditions to meet new challenges.

"The participation of women in economic activities such as livestock keeping, vegetable cultivation and in saving groups has increased something which has also reduced dependency," she added.

Sadam Korea, a Maasai pastoralist, said the FPC project has greatly helped to reduce conflicts between farmers and pastoralists as both sides now respect themselves and

recognise the value of each other.

"Previously before the project, pastoralists and farmers were living a very harsh life as each one didn't see the value of the other, but after the project, things have changed, we now know the value of farmers and you cannot see a herder here sending animals to farms because we now know the value of agriculture," he said.

According to him, the project has transformed their mindsets and they are now reaping big through engaging in smart livestock keeping.

"SAT has educated us on pasture cultivation and we are doing so to feed our animals. We now know the value of keeping a small number of animals and earning more income from them, when the rainy season starts we prepare our farms and plant enough animal pasture and then after four to five months we harvest and store them at home for feeding our animals especially during dry season," he explained.

"I now have more than 50 improved cattle who have reproduced after getting the improved bulls in 2017. With this more people around the area are now coming to learn from us and are all eager to adopt the ways because smart livestock keeping gives us more income than previously," he added.

He urged the government to learn from the project and extend the knowledge and skills to all

pastoralists in the country.

Sadam however called on the government to also find a stable market for their improved livestock as currently the price in the market was changing and thus affecting their struggles.

Mercy Meena, an organic farmer at Lubungo village said the project has injected organic farming among the farmers and helped to improve income at family and village level.

She said the project has also helped to improve balanced nutrition and strengthened climate resilience as most farmers are now engaging in organic farming which also conserves soil and the environment.

"Since SAT trained us on organic farming, my life has changed for the better as I know how to cultivate and sale products such as vegetables at fair price and thus improved my life," she said.

Kashindye Salum, a representative from SAT said the project's major purpose is to time ensure that agro-ecological practices in Mvomero and Morogoro Rural Districts by farmers and pastoralists create mutual benefits for both parties.

He said the project has instilled organic farming knowledge and skills among the groups thus promoting natural and conservation farming which eventually helped to improve income and reduce farmers and pastoralists conflicts.



Dr Angelina Mabula, Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, climbs a ladder on Tuesday during an inspection tour of one of the National Housing Corporation houses lined up for use by small traders in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo market area. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta



Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank's Director of Finance, Derick Lugamala (2nd-L), and Maendeleo Bank head of commercial and marketing Emmanuel Mwaya pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday exchanging signed copies of documents an agreement on the release of 2bn/- loans to farmers. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

'25 pc patients out of 100 admitted at JKCI suffer from tobacco smoking'

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

TWENTY-five patients out of 100 admitted at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) with cardiac complications suffer from tobacco intake.

JKCI executive director, Prof Mohamed Janabi told the journalist yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the meeting on the link between tobacco and Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs), conducted by Tanzania Tobacco Control Forum (TTCF).

He said statistics show that more than two million adults smoke tobacco, hence risk of getting NCDs such as cancer and Covid-19.

"Tobacco is like any pandemic. Tobacco kills eight million people worldwide, more than patients who died because of Covi-19. This week alone five million patients died after getting Covid-19," said Prof. Janabi.

TTCF managing director Dr. Lutgard Kagaruki said that in the report, Tanzania's 2021 Tobacco Industry Interference Index (Index) shows the country has not improved in protecting health policies from interference.

"Tanzania scored 73 points and remains among the worst performing countries in Africa. The Index is an indicator on how the government is implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Article 5.3, which provides guidance on how to protect health policies from tactics that undermine government efforts. This is the third report for Tanzania and the country has continued to perform poorly," Dr Lutgard said.

She said, while tobacco companies improving their image during the COVID-19 pandemic by offering medical equipment to the Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender Elderly and Children, they simultaneously advertised and promoted cigarettes to lure young people into smoking.

She added, lack of an FCTC compliant legislation has paved way for the tobacco industry to become bolder in targeting children and youth also each year 14,700 people die from preventable tobacco related diseases. Efforts to enact a new tobacco control law have been delayed due to lobbying from the tobacco industry seeking to accommodate its preferences.

"The ministry of health has promised to table a tobacco control bill since 2017, but to date this has not materialized. Although Article 5.3 guidelines of the FCTC indicate interaction between government officials and the tobacco industry to occur only when strictly necessary, this has not been the reality. Industry executives interact easily with the government.

"The government has not been transparent in its deals with the industry. There is no procedure in place to disclose their meetings with the tobacco industry. There is no registry for who is representing the tobacco industry and acting on their behalf as lobbyists talking to governments.

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Read carefully contracts before signing, CRB advises contractors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole, Iringa

CONTRACTORS have been urged to read contracts between the lines before signing them to avoid hardship they may suffer during the implementation of different projects.

Contractors Registration Board (CRB), board chairperson, Eng. Consolatha Ngimbwa made the call in Iringa when opening a three-day training on business management skills for contractors in southern highlands zone.

She said there might be some areas which need explanation or amendment from the client so it is not better for the contractor to rush

into signing of the contract before they satisfy themselves about what is inside the contract.

"Don't rush, read your document carefully and when you apply for tender also don't rush to fill, take time to fill on your own and after you win the tender read between the lines to ensure you are able to implement the project because there are experience some of you sign the contract and fail to implement it," she said.

"You may find that you are told to explain your experience of five years, but you write three years and still you expect to get tender and if you miss it you sit down complaining," said Eng. Ngimbwa

She also urged them to join in one strong association which will

represent them well when they need to submit their grievances and different complains to the government.

"I have talking about this many times, but you don't want it, but I tell you, many associations won't take you anywhere. I don't understand the hardship to have one association," he said

On his side, CRB deputy registrar research and development, Engineer David Jere urged local contractors to pay their annual fees to retain their membership with the board.

He also urged them to register with Contractors Assistance Fund (CAF) so that they can benefit from the fund which he said has grown up and currently can give loans of up to 100m/- for local contractors

who need fund for bid security and advance payment.

He said CRB decided to introduce the fund after realized that majority of local contractors cannot access fund to pay for bid security and advance payment guarantee during tendering process and they started with 50 million only by that time of CAF introduction.

"Currently the fund is very strong and can provide loans up to 100 million from 50 million so we see this as opportunity for you because if you qualify you get it immediately," said Eng. Jere

Either, he said the fund was introduced after realized that many local contractors can't access fund when it comes to pay for bid security and advance payment.



RE-ADVERTISED - REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF LARGE SCALE PRINTING AND BRANDED PRODUCTS SERVICES TO THE EACOP PROJECT TANZANIA REF.0010007126

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an international energy company, invites experienced and reputable specialist large scale printing and products branding to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY requires the services of communication company to provide support of the mentioned service/s as per demand :

- Provision of Large-Scale Communication materials printing in different formats.
- Provision of Products branding services including branded notice boards and suggestion boxes.

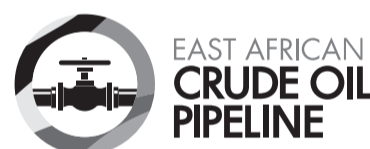
Note: An interested company can apply to provide support in one or more services and suggestion boxes.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of experience and good performance along with samples in delivering the communication support of interest. At this stage, samples will be submitted in form of image and should be shared through links that are not expected to expire.
- Proof of Technical capacity such as equipment's, facilities, and team composition.
- Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for communication support.
- Ability to install or manage logistics of distributing branded communication along the pipeline corridor where required, specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga will be highly regarded.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services where necessary.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

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Structural connectivity at national scale wildlife corridors is a must

WILDLIFE corridors can help maintain landscape connectivity but novel methods must be developed to assess regional structural connectivity quickly and cheaply so as to determine where expensive and time-consuming surveys of functional connectivity should occur.

While sharp initiatives are being taken in relation to conservation around the country, teething problems are still being felt, enumerated and worked upon in often divergent programmes which can only partially succeed to make their efforts convergent. At the beginning of last month the government scrapped all forest conservation claims touching on 40 villages to clear their ability to use the zones for farmland, as an effort to stem conflicts especially because forests per se are government owned. It is a different issue when it is matter of sorting out conservation with regard to wildlife, as is the case with wildlife corridors.

Of late a programme has been announced for the preservation and protection of wildlife corridors backed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) that clearly involves balancing acts in various areas. The key reason for this move is that the closing out of such corridors, facilitating the movement of one species from one ecosystem to another, or one part of an ecosystem to another also limits the propagation of genes among species, thus tending to diminish survival chances in the face of rigours of 'natural selection,' weeding out weak animals. Intensive mixing ensures a healthy population.

This comparison is being made because there was relative ease in

the way in which the government moved to cancel forest reserve status for 40 villages out of 42 whose inhabitants were earlier deemed to have invaded the forest reserves. In that situation, the government actually diminished its own prerogatives, surrendering 707,654.9 acres of such land to villagers for farming, not far from one million acres, spreading relief among the population and likely consternation among conservation circles of the climate change variety. They wish every acre of existing forests to be preserved, not widening farms.

Comparing this exercise with the USAID-backed plan, sharp contrasts are likely to come into focus as the government will not have the same options of letting the villagers prevail as in the forest areas issue. Here the issue was strictly speaking maps, and these can be altered and the new beacons be formalised by a notice in the Government Gazette, while in the wildlife corridors issue, there is a clearly intended outcome of formalizing wildlife corridors as conservation areas. The reason isn't the map as with the forest reserves but conservation in a sustainable manner, as movement is key to healthy wildlife numbers.

It isn't altogether clear what USAID is actually backing or pursuing in relation to reactivating or in status reaffirmation of wildlife corridors, but seemingly taking a technical role in the issue, for instance by 'capacity building' of national parks and other agencies to do the job. This kind of role is not necessarily tied up with the transaction part, as to what to do when it comes to shifting populations from wildlife corridors in sufficient numbers, to open up the zones. Technical recognition of wildlife corridors won't suffice without paying the population segments to leave.

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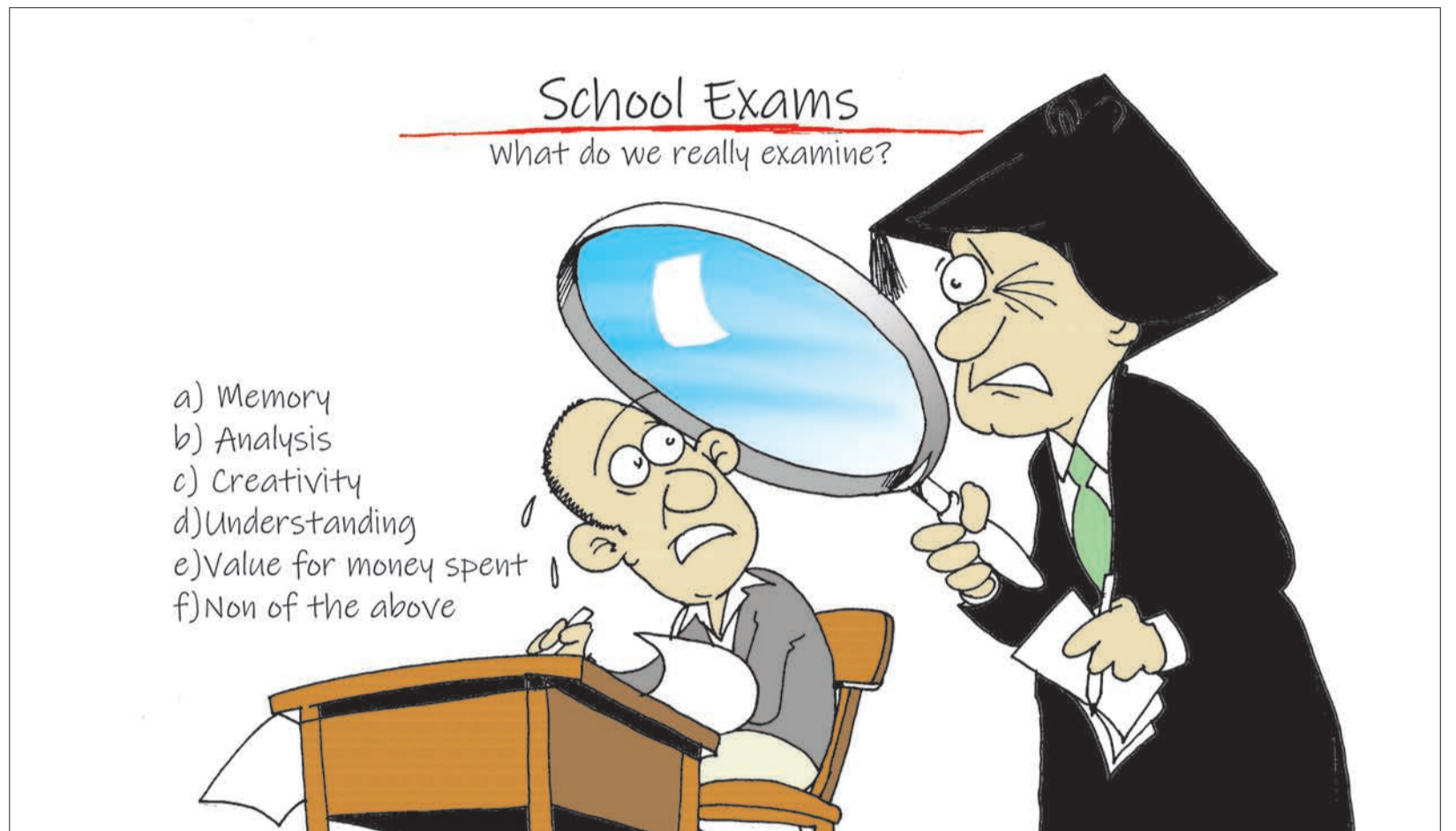
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Preventive screening during COVID-19 pandemic leads to early diagnosis of treatable breast cancer

By Special Correspondent

A fall-out on the COVID-19 pandemic is the impact on health care on persons with chronic and non-communicable diseases. Persons with hypertension, heart failure, diabetes, asthma, and cancer are regarded as the most vulnerable to COVID-19. Persons with such diseases are most likely to suffer the complications of COVID-19. The presence of these diseases makes COVID-19 worse. Infection with COVID-19 also makes these diseases worse. Yet these vulnerable persons are reluctant to go for scheduled reviews because of COVID-19.

The situation with persons with cancer can be dire given the peculiar nature of the disease. This higher risk for serious complications from COVID-19 for people currently diagnosed with cancer likely is because having cancer puts a strain on the body and also because certain treatments can cause people to become immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system) or have lung problems. Typically, the immune system recovers within a couple of months after you stop receiving chemotherapy or targeted therapy. But your immune system's recovery time can vary and depends on several factors. If you received those treatments in the past, it's not clear if you are at higher risk for serious complications from COVID-19. If you are receiving ongoing treatment with these medicines for metastatic breast cancer, your immune system is likely weakened.

Some chemotherapy medicines and targeted therapies can also cause lung problems, which could put people at higher risk for serious COVID-19 complications.

People with metastatic breast cancer in the lungs also can have lung problems that may get worse if they develop COVID-19. If you are aged or have hypertension or diabetes or obese and have breast cancer then you are more likely to suffer severe complications of COVID-19. With the advent of vaccines even though a good news for all, there is still need for vigilance since we are learning about COVID-19.

As we mark Breast Cancer Awareness in October 2021, we all need to reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on persons with breast cancer. This backdrop informed my keen interest in a paper by Francescangeli et al., titled "COVID-19: a potential driver of immune-mediated breast cancer recurrence?" published in Breast Cancer Research (2020) 22:117.



The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic is spreading in a world where cancer prevalence is rapidly growing, raising concerns about potential interactions between the two diseases. SARS-CoV-2 recruits proteins involved in cellular replication, DNA damage, metabolism, and epigenetic regulation that are also implicated in cancer pathogenesis. At the same time, COVID-19-induced inflammation may affect tumour cells and their microenvironment.

Emerging evidence suggests that COVID-19 may affect a particular stage in the tumour's life cycle represented by dormant cancer cells (DCCs). DCCs often survive upon successful treatment of primary tumours and localize in specific microanatomical compartments of metastasis-prone organs, where they can reside in a dormant state for a clinically asymptomatic period named metastatic dormancy. At some point, these dormant cancer cells (DCCs) may reactivate in response to microenvironmental cues such as inflammatory or immune-mediated signals, thereby progressing to overt metastasis. Virtually, every patient with a previous history of cancer may harbour DCCs. In breast cancer, understanding the mechanisms underlying cancer cell dormancy and reawakening is of crucial importance due to a particularly broad window of tumour recurrence which can span up to 20 years after diagnosis. You may have come across, dear reader, persons with a diagnosis of breast cancer who had appeared to be well for several years only for the cancer to spread suddenly. This is usually triggered

by several factors. Infection with COVID-19 is been identified as a trigger that awakens these dormant cancer cells.

SARS-CoV-2 infection induces the death of airway epithelial cells with the consequent release of damage-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs). DAMPs trigger the production of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines, thus recruiting monocytes, neutrophils, and T cells to the lungs. In the severe phase of COVID-19, lung inflammation leads to diffuse alveolar damage and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). The activated immune cells can start a pro-inflammatory loop resulting in systemic inflammation, widespread coagulopathy, and multiorgan dysfunction. Profound immune system alterations also occur upon SARS-CoV-2 infection, including a decrease in natural killer cells and T cells in the peripheral blood, and a dysregulated activation of monocytes, neutrophils, and tissue macrophages.

Activated neutrophils release multiple tissue-damaging products including web-like structures of proteins and DNA known as neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs). NETs entrap pathogens and provide for a high local concentration of antimicrobial components, but also create a physical barrier that hinders local access to immune cells. Several factors involved in COVID-19 may play a role in the reawakening of dormant tumor cells. The strongest evidence points to neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) and neutrophils, which are emerging as important players in COVID-19 pathogenesis.

Acute lung inflammation and NETs have been respectively shown to trigger the exit from dormancy of breast DCCs, leading to metastasis formation. Therefore, lung inflammation and the NET generation that occur during COVID-19 could trigger DCCs reawakening, possibly acting in concert with other pro-inflammatory factors.

Studies on the long-term clinical outcomes of COVID-19 showed a high incidence of persistent symptoms after the acute disease. The possibility that inflammatory and/or autoimmune processes may be a common consequence of SARS-CoV-2 infection raises further concerns about the risks of DCCs reawakening, which may be enhanced in chronically inflamed microenvironments.

There are studies into the long-term effects of COVID-19 on cancer patients to clarify the effects of COVID-19 on the risk of pulmonary metastatic recurrence.

The association between COVID-19 and an increased risk of lung metastasis can promote the use of tailored therapies and intensified follow-up schedules in patients with previous breast cancer. The use of anti-inflammatory agents able to interfere with immune-mediated inflammatory pathways or NET formation could help decrease the risks of subsequent tumour relapse. The impact of COVID-19 on cancer (e.g. breast) opens another window for chemoprevention- flavanol-rich cocoa with its anti-inflammatory, immunomodulatory, anti-oxidant effects looks very promising in this regard.

UN focusing on journalists World Day is laudable

MEMBERS of the United Nations press corps and colleagues around the world were on Tuesday November 2 marking the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. It isn't likely to be a popular international day with scores of governments around the world having dozens of journalists in prison. Yet it is vital for the journalism profession to mark it to express actual sympathy for persecuted colleagues, even when one doesn't share all the breadth of opinions they hold.

There is a rule of democracy where one disagrees with all what another is saying but will stand up to ensure he or she has the freedom to say it. But events on September 11, 2001 changed this rule to exclude expression of sympathy for terrorist organizations, but imprisoned journalists don't come from such expression. More often they work among populations and unearth clear evidence of wrongdoing which puts in difficulties some big people, and they issue stern warnings thereof.

There is another area where the work of journalists becomes perilous, namely where big forces in society are in open collision, thus a journalist isn't even trying to find out what is happening but doing the obvious: reporting it. One or other group shall wish the journalist was out of the way, or a whole pack of them doing work on the issue, such that at times only journalists representing powerful media agencies can actually work on this or

that beat. The parties to that conflict know there will be a price tag if such a person is hurt - and often if the journalist is impeded from doing his or her work while locals just shut up.

We need to express gratitude to divinity, and some will insist to the public authorities as well, that media freedom is still relatively solid in the country, despite that there is some unfinished agenda of prescribed media outlets where officialdom is scurrying around for a list of reasons for continuing to ban them. As there has been a democratic opening that has been lauded extensively in Western countries, and for cause, this inability to free up a portion of the local media is eating into the country's reputation or expectations locally or abroad. We still have proscribed proceedings of the legislature, a singular hallmark of the past.

So, in regard to the theme of this international day, we might not here be talking about crimes against journalists though they happened in the past - and by association crimes against some people who may have been feeding journalists with information. Here our singular focus is gratitude and happiness that we aren't having typical scenes where crimes occur daily against journalists.

That said, caution is needed because if public authorities and stakeholders fail to solve some nagging issues, conflict may arise and crimes against journalists could then be more noticeable if there are numerous facets of information to be hidden.

Coast: A region battling eye diseases burden with borrowed resources

By Beatrice Philemon

WHENEVER there is a free eye screening camp in Coast Region, hundreds turn up and many are found with issues that require urgent treatment, including surgery.

In the recent two-day screening camp which was conducted at Mlandizi Health Centre last Friday, a total of 740 turned up and 96 of them were found with diseases at various levels.

Joint organizers of the latest screening, Vision Care Tanzania and Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) are now working on how to treat these patients in various health facilities including Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital (Coast) and the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) in Dar es Salaam.

According to Dr Agnes Kisabi, an ophthalmologist and Assistant Medical Officer at Mlandizi Health Centre, doctors will come all the way from South Korea to perform the surgeries.

"This region has high burden of eye diseases but apart from me, there is only one more ophthalmologist based at Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital," she said.

"It's time the government invested more in not only training eye experts but also adequately equipping health facilities in high-burden regions such as Coast," she said.

Dr Kisabi said that out of the 96 patients who were diagnosed with eye diseases at the last camp, 68 people were found with cataract and 28 found with pterygium cases.

"Vision Care and KOICA have decided to support us after realizing that the region has high burden of eye diseases and most of the sick reside in rural areas and majority of them cannot afford treatment costs such as cataract surgery," she said.

The expert said cost of a cataract surgery in government hospitals is 350,000/- per eye while the same procedure costs between 450,000/- and 1m/- per eye in private hospitals, the amount majority of low-income earners cannot afford. Because of poverty and limited access to eye health services within their localities, many sick peo-



Clinical Ophthalmic Assistant at Mlandizi Health Centre Elisha Elias Sylvester at an eye screening camp organized recently in Coast Region by Vision Care Tanzania and Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Photo/Beatrice Philemon

ple decide not to bother seeking eye treatment until such opportunities for free testing and treatment become available.

Apart from poverty that restricts access to eye health, Dr Kisabi said another challenge is human resources specializing in eye. For example, in the Kibaha District Council where she works, there is no even a single ophthalmic nurse.

"We appeal to the gov-

ernment, private sector and civil society organizations working in health to sponsor at least two staff from the district to study ophthalmic nursing course so that we can provide quality service to the patients," she said.

Also the district is in need of eye screening instruments such as IntraOcular Pressure (IOP), gloves, cataract surgical sets, surgical microscope instrument, torch, tropi-

camide, amethocaine, Fluorescein strips, medicines and glasses.

For the screening camps to continue, she said transport is key to enable healthcare providers to reach villages not only for screening and treatment but also to educate people on eye health, care, prevention and symptoms of eye diseases to reduce blindness and visual impairment in those areas.

"We are very passionate

about visiting rural areas because majority of people living in these are farmers, most of whom are low-income earners who do not have enough money to pay for quality eye services," she said.

Vision Care Tanzania Country Director Jihye Kim said the organization will continue helping people especially those from poor households to access quality eye care services so as to treat avoidable blind-

ness and restore sight for the people.

Providing free high quality cataract surgery to rural communities will not only alleviate avoidable blindness but also - to some extent - poverty in Tanzania in the longer term because people will be able to conduct their daily activities, Kim said.

She added that next year, Vision Care Tanzania will conduct eye screening camps in rural areas including five health centres in Coast Region to ensure that eye health services are accessible to everyone especially in rural areas.

"To start with, a discussion between Mkoani Health Center's Eye Health Coordinator and Vision Care Tanzania management on how to implement the said programme is underway," she said.

Also the organization will provide training to health professionals on how to conduct cataract surgery.

Maua James, a mother of seven whose both eyes were found with cataract thanked Vision Care Tanzania for conducting the eye screening camp which is now set to change her life for the better.

She was waiting for a referral from Vision Care Tanzania to enable her get free cataract surgery at Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital.

James said she was taken for eye screening at the camp by her husband because her condition had deteriorated to the point that she could not see.

Maymarina Sway, an Optometrist at Tumbi Regional Referral Hospital said that although Vision Care Tanzania has already supported them with equipment for eye testing, the facility is still lacking automatic as well as manual grinding machines for making spectacles.

URBANA, Illinois

COP26 discussions must prioritise agriculture

Local, national and world leaders, and committed climate change activists are in Glasgow for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to share the progress they've made since the COP21 in Paris six years ago and to discuss what comes next. One of the issues that must be on the table at COP26 is the worrying impact of climate change on agriculture in Africa.

Agriculture accounts for over 25 percent of Africa's GDP while employing over 70 percent of people that live in rural communities. When agriculture is impacted, women, who work in the agricultural sector suffer the consequences. The entire agriculture value chain is threatened by climate change. According to a recent World Bank Report, unless urgent actions are taken, climate change could force millions of Africans to migrate to new areas.

At the production level, climate change is impacting agriculture via drought and flooding events. In 2020, flooding in East Africa impacted over six million people. In 2021, flooding has affected 669,000 people in West and Central Africa, over 700,000 people in Sudan and South Sudan and over 100,000 people in Nigeria.

It is also having an impact through invasive and transboundary plant-eating insect pests such as the fall armyworm and the desert locust. Invasive



Agriculture accounts for over 25 percent of Africa's GDP while employing over 70 percent of people that live in rural communities. Credit: Miriam Gahtigah/IPS

insect pests cost the African continent U.S. \$1 billion every year. Impacted the most are vulnerable groups that include African small holder farmers, women and girls, children, disabled and elderly people.

Without a climate-resilient agricultural sector, even the most ambitious climate initiatives will bear minimal returns. It is imperative for countries participating in the COP26 meeting to finance agriculture

initiatives.

Looking at many developed countries, it is evident that it is possible to build climate resilient agriculture. This is particularly possible when several interlinked short-term and long-term strategies are put in place. At the foundation of climate-resilient agriculture is the need for smallholder farmers to have access to dependable and year round sources of water to support agriculture. At the mo-

ment African agriculture is dependent on rain-fed agriculture and because of climate change rains are no longer dependable.

Complementing access to water for agriculture are other important tools including access to most recent and improved agricultural technologies and resources. From improved and climate-smart seeds to drought, flooding, insects and plant disease-tolerant crops varieties to recent knowledge of agricultur-

al practices and access to markets and financial help.

Important is the need for African countries to strengthen their early warning systems. These can only be achieved through strengthening African countries abilities to tap on big data and use it as a tool to stay ahead of all the climate linked disasters. Accompanying early warning systems is the need to lay out comprehensive climate adaptation initiatives.

At the center of all actions and strategies is the need to put the people on the ground and African countries at the center of climate action. As a founder to a startup, Oyeska Greens that is working with farmers at the Kenyan Coast I have seen firsthand the value of putting farmers at the forefront. Putting them at the forefront ensures that the strategies and initiatives that are laid out are relevant and meeting the current challenges that small holder farmers and other vulnerable groups are facing as it relates to climate change. Without including the very people whom we are serving, we risk unsustainable and irrelevant solutions.

Climate change is the most urgent crisis of our times. While talk and meetings such as COP26 are important, in the end it is the initiatives and actual projects being implemented in African countries, particularly in the agricultural sector that will help move the needle and address the escalating climate change crisis.

All countries must work together and take action in the fight against climate change to avert many crises that are projected to happen if we fail to act. Lives of vulnerable citizens including women, elderly and people with disabilities are at stake. Now is the time to ACT

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Mobilising the 'Tools' for renewable energy investment in the Seychelles

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Breaking the world's reliance on fossil fuels and accelerating the global uptake of renewable energy will play a decisive role in diminishing the threat of global warming to the survival of life on earth, according to experts. But turning the vision into reality will demand unwavering political will and, critically, massive investment, which can no longer be shouldered solely by aid and development partners.

It is a challenge that the Commonwealth Secretariat, the inter-governmental organisation representing 54 Commonwealth nations, has taken on. Now it is launching an initiative at the United Nations COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow to propel the ability of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to attract major investors with sound compelling business cases.

The summit will be a key setting to leverage "the toolkit into different partner working platforms, such as the Climate Investment Platform, increase collaboration among partners and drive joint action with SIDS on energy transition ahead of other key milestones in 2022 and beyond, including the Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) Forum in Rwanda and Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held in 2022 and COP27 to be held in Africa," Alache Fisho, the Commonwealth Secretariat's Legal Adviser on Natural Resources in London told IPS.

The SIDS Toolkit, a digital tool for governments, developed by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the international development organisation, SEforALL, is currently being trialled in the Seychelles, an archipelago nation of 99,000 people, located in the Somali Sea east of the African continent.

Converting the country's energy system to renewables is imperative for

future stability and prosperity, as climate change threatens development gains. "The livelihood of the islanders is being threatened here with sea-level rise. What we are seeing is greater coastal erosion, increased temperature rises and coral bleaching. We are also getting an increasing frequency of cyclones in the region," Tony Imaduwa, CEO of the Seychelles Energy Commission in the capital, Victoria, told IPS.

In Caribbean and Pacific Island nations, as well, air temperatures are becoming hotter, weather patterns more unpredictable, while sea-level rise is eroding finite land, destroying crops and contaminating freshwater resources.

Last year, an overwhelming 80 percent of the global energy supply was still generated by fossil fuels and only 12 percent by renewables. This puts the world on track toward a devastating temperature increase of 2.6 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, claims the International Energy Agency (IEA).

And the bill for importing oil, which comprises 95 percent of primary energy in the Seychelles, is an enormous fiscal burden on the government and its development goals. "It is a drain on our foreign exchange reserves, our earnings, and there is the whole volatile nature of the price. When the price goes up, you get the costs going up, the cost of food goes up, services go up, the electricity cost goes up, transportation goes up. There is the risk associated with the supply, too," Imaduwa told IPS.

The Seychelles has a human development ranking of 67 out of 189 countries, the second-highest in the African region, and all citizens have access to electricity. But many other SIDS bear much higher levels of energy poverty. In the Pacific Islands, about 70 percent of households lack access to power.

It is, therefore, no surprise that clean



A wind farm in Port Victoria on the main island of Mahe in the Seychelles is contributing to the renewable energy transition of the small island state located east of the African continent. Credit: Commonwealth Secretariat

energy, which will be more affordable to islanders, is a national priority. The majority of SIDS are committed to achieving 100 percent renewable energy by 2030.

Renewables, ideal for standalone systems, are a good fit for island nations where populations are often scattered across numerous islands separated by vast areas of the ocean. And weather conditions are a great advantage, especially

for wind and solar energy. Despite clean energy only comprising 5 percent of the energy mix in the Seychelles, the momentum has begun. The first wind farm was established near the nation's capital, Victoria, in 2013, and increasingly homes and businesses are installing rooftop solar panels.

But there are challenges to securing the large capital investment needed for complete conversion. In

many cases, the lack of strong institutions, enabling regulatory frameworks and small energy markets limit the appeal of the energy sector in SIDS to the private sector and international financiers.

"The Seychelles is no longer considered a Least Developed Country; it is an emerging economy now. So, there is a slight concern from the government that it will not be

able to access concessionary loans anymore from multilateral development banks and also that there will be fewer countries that are providing overseas development assistance to the country," Dr Kai Kim Chiang, the Commonwealth Secretariat's National Climate Finance Adviser in the Seychelles, told IPS. "The Seychelles is a small country, so they do have challenges in attracting investors because it is a really small market here, and so then the potential for the return of investment is potentially quite small."

Yet, about US\$4 trillion will have to be injected into clean energy growth by 2030, if the global temperature rise is to be restricted to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, reports the IEA. And 70 percent of this will need to be spent in developing and emerging countries.

To this end, the SIDS Toolkit empowers governments to draft investment-grade business cases. First, key data about the economic and energy status of the Seychelles, for example, about employment, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), utility

electricity cost and carbon emissions, is entered into the digital application. The toolkit then analyses the data to provide a detailed cost-benefit analysis of development and transition scenarios and identifies the state's key investment strengths. It also pinpoints where reforms are needed to boost investor confidence, such as deficiencies in legal and institutional capacity.

"It will assist in terms of formulating strategies to unlocking investment in the energy sector in the Seychelles, and that is something that is missing for us. We are focussing on a lot of plans and policies and implementation, but sometimes we struggle on how to bring these together and create a platform that allows us to say, OK, we have a plan, yes, we want to invest in this area, but how do we do it," Imaduwa said.

The SIDS Toolkit is designed with a broad range of potential investors in mind, including multilateral and private sector financial institutions. However, Fisho emphasised that private sector involvement is "very important", especially as many renewable energy technologies entail large capital expenditure. "Moreover, the renewable energy technologies are fast evolving. The private sector can bring the required finance and expertise in the deployment of modern technologies," she said.

Despite the detrimental economic impact of the pandemic worldwide over the past two years, Fisho makes a strong case for the priority of spending on the energy transition. "The pandemic has highlighted the need to transition towards clean energy in SIDS to increase energy security and economic resilience. Investment in renewable energy is consistent with supporting recover better and more resilient economic development, thereby creating more sustainable green jobs and decent income opportunities for current and future generations," she declared.



The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, made an official visit to the Seychelles in June 2018. Credit: Commonwealth Secretariat

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Digital media doing great work despite small budgets - report

By Guardian Reporter

DIGITAL media entrepreneurs are producing ground-breaking journalism and achieving significant impact on their societies, in spite of often tiny budgets and constant online threats and attacks, a new global report revealed today.

The report released yesterday by Inflection Point International, published by Sembra Media, a non-profit that supports entrepreneurial journalists in partnership with the global philanthropic organisation Luminate, carried out more than 200 global interviews and interviewed 49 independent digital native media organisations in Africa including Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.

The researchers found that more than 85 per cent of the media interviewed had contributed to significant political and societal changes, in a report that comes just a month after the award of Nobel Peace Prizes to journalists Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov for their achievements in defending freedom of speech and upholding democracy.

In similar vein, African media entrepreneurs reported achieving civic engagement, criminal investigations, and changes in the law through their articles. Almost half said they were engaged in some form of solutions journalism - compared with 15 per cent in Asia - citing solutions reporting and investigative journalism as key factors in achieving social change.

"This report shines a light on a new generation of creative and courageous media entrepreneurs, developing solutions to Africa's social and economic challenges and strengthening the workings of democracy and issues of governance,"

said Abdul Noormohamed, director, Africa of Luminate.

The report found that 57 per cent of the African digital newsrooms interviewed had won national awards and 28 per cent had won international awards in recognition of their work. However, they had done so in the face of ongoing harassment, with more than a third reporting cyber attacks on their news platforms.

Some of the entrepreneurs also reported a degree of self-censorship, in avoiding stories that could lead to legal challenges, because they could not afford attorneys to defend themselves. Media in Nigeria and Ghana reported significantly higher incidences of lawsuits and legal attacks than the media organisations interviewed in other countries.

Yet, most of the entrepreneurs appear to have survived the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"While there are differences across the three regions, what struck us most as we reviewed the data were the similarities that emerged among these news organizations as they strive to cover their communities and build sustainable business models," said Janine Warner, co-founder of Sembra Media.

Some of the outlets were established news sites, such as the Daily Maverick in South Africa, but many were much smaller, with 60 per cent of the outlets interviewed globally earning less than US\$50,000 in revenue.

Overall, the African digital media reported higher levels of advertising revenue than Latin American and South-east Asian digital media, with advertising contributing around 29 per cent of incomes for the African media in 2019, falling to 26 per cent in 2020. The top tier digital media on the continent was also found to be earning more for

smaller audiences - measured as page views - than equivalent media in Latin America and south-east Asia.

However, the African entrepreneurs had the most limited financial records with around half unable to identify their total revenues or revenue sources. Those that shared financial details were also benefiting from a lower proportion of grants than digital media elsewhere, at 16 per cent of revenue in 2019. However, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the grants to African media rose, to account for more than 19 per cent of revenues in 2020.

Stephen King of Luminate said: "This report demonstrates the vital role that grant funding is playing in supporting digital media organizations through this pivotal moment of change. This is not about funding without end - it's about helping a vibrant new generation of media entrepreneurs to evolve their business models so they can build pathways to sustainability while continuing to produce important journalism in the public interest."

The researchers also investigated the staffing structures at the media outlets and found that those who employed a staff member to drive revenue earned six to nine times more revenue in 2019 than those who didn't. Similarly, media with a dedicated tech or innovation lead reported three times higher revenue.

However, fewer of Africa's digital entrepreneurs were women, at 13 per cent, than in other regions, with 32 per cent of the founders of the companies studied worldwide being women. But this proportion still represented a far greater role for women in media ownership than exists in the mainstream media, where the ownership by women is as low as one per cent.

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

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS MAJOR EQUIPMENTS PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/05/2021-2022

Introduction:

MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP intends to select reputable and registered suppliers to supply major equipment's for FIKIA Plus project under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites reputable and registered suppliers to submit bids for supply and delivery of various major equipment listed on the below Lots numbers. Detailed specification for each type of major equipment is contained in the tender document which will be provided to the interested bidders upon request.

Lot No.	CATEGORY
Lot 1	Supply and Delivery of Engine Boat (Motor boat) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sitting capacity of 15 people, Weight and size depending on manufacturer advice. Out board two Engines hp 150 - 200 With chair set of sitting capacity 15 people GPS navigator Radar 49nm Radio call Compass Search light At least 65% roof coverage for sun and rain protection Toilet Single mini room
Lot 2	Supply and delivery of 10 Units of SUV 4x4 Off Road 5 door Motor Vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive 4x4 Transmission Manual Speed 5 Front suspension Coil Rear suspension Leaf Number of doors 5 Electrics (volts) 12 Fuel Type Diesel Fuel tank capacity (Liters) 100+ With air conditioning, air bags, ABS and roof rack and bulbar
Lot 3	Supply, Delivery and Installation of 5 Units GeneXpert machines for VL, TB, EID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product Name: GeneXpert Detection Category: Biological Detection Principle: Molecular; Molecular Spectroscopy. Detection Method: Polymerase Chain Reaction; Fluorescence Supporting Documentation: Cepheid - GeneXpert.pdf Application: Laboratory Analysis. Module Required: 4 Module
Lot 4	Supply and Delivery of 1 Units of VMMC Mobile Theatre Van <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wall and ceiling panels, HVAC, Laminar flow, antibacterial vinyl / epoxy flooring, Medical gas outlets and in let controls Theatre scrubbing sink Water reserve of 3000mls Standard theater operating table Standard theatre table light UV lightning for the sterilization Surgical pendants Wheeled and can be towed to a maximum of 80km/hr speed Mini toilet Air conditioned Standby generator Solar Energy back up Under cabin storage Mini sterilizer machine with low energy consumption
Lot 5	Supply and delivery of Prefabricated Containers (for use as clinic space) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Size (40ft long x 8ft wide x 8.5ft tall or 20ft long x 8ft wide x 8.5ft tall) depends on space of installation. Material (Out steel with inner foam PVC board fitted to all sides) Design (At least three partitioned rooms with a small central space, which can be used as the reception) Installed air conditioning. One two meters door located at the center. Windows (1.5 by 2 Meters dimension at each partitioned room) Hard plastic tile like PVC floor. 1 foot wide by 4 feet long grilled ventilation space at the back of each partitioned room. 2 feet from the ground mounting stands."
Lot 6	Supply Mobile based health clinic, +40ft with 5 sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total clinic has to be 14m / 40ft. The clinic has four rooms configuration with toilet. Length of mobile clinic compartment: 14m / 40ft Width of mobile clinic: 2.5m (room width) Ceiling height of room(s): 2.5m (floor to ceiling) Height of mobile clinic: ±3.5m (total max height of semi-trailer) Integrated electrical and water supply. 4 LED flood working lights - Respray and painting provided. Retractable / removable steps. TV/Video display recessed into side of clinic. Electrical power points integrated into structure, in regulation with international electrical requirements. Doors heavy duty hinges and frames, lockable Secure mounting of equipment, furniture and fittings Locking straps and tie-downs during transport. Working lights, ceiling mounted. Workstations, cupboards and storage compartments. Clothes hangers Wash basin with water and waste water tank, soap dispenser and towel dispenser for infection control in allocated rooms. Power distribution board for all electrical systems. Air-conditioning systems, one in each room, individually controlled. Vinyl / Rubber floor for infection control and cleaning purposes.

Note:

- Please clearly indicate lot numbers, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
- Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
- Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- The tender validity period is 14 days.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated/ acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to :-

- Submit one application for each lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

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

The deadline for the submission is 10:00am East Africa Time on 18th November 2021.
All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu
No tender fee charged for this invitation



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION MANUFACTURING, TESTING, SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF HDPE REFERENCE: 0010007214

TOTAL East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide Manufacturing, testing, supply & delivery of HDPE of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for manufacturing, testing, supply & delivery of large diameter HDPE structured wall pipes according to the standards and dimensions mentioned below:

STANDARDS:

- The properties of the structured wall HDPE Pipes shall conform in all respect to EN 13476-2/ ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.

DIMENSIONS:

- ID/DN1500 with an OD of 1630 ± 10mm approximate quantity of 400+ lined meters delivered in 2.45-meter sections.
- ID/DN1800 with an OD of 1960 ± 10mm approximate quantity of 400+ lined meters delivered in 2.45-meter sections.
- The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the manufacture of Structured wall HDPE pipes at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per ISO 9001:2015.
- The Quality management system of the manufacturer shall be certified to ISO 9001:2015 by an Internationally accredited certification body.
- The raw material used to manufacture the Structured wall HDPE pipes and Fittings must correspond to EN13476-1/ISO 21138-1.
- The Structured wall HDPE Pipe quality requirements and their testing are to be satisfied according to EN13476-2/ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof. The quality requirements of the fittings fabricated from the Structured wall HDPE pipes shall conform to EN 13476-2/ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof.
- All the Structured wall HDPE Pipes supplied against this Tender shall be "marked" according to the applicable standard specifications.
- On request, the documentation of the quality of Products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
- Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's Laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
- The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the contractor & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 15 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
- Application for registration with the EVVURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable local and industry standards for similar works
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to eaocp-tz.eoi.100001@totalenergies.com (not exceeding 20mb) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **9th November, 2021**. Subject of the email should be 0010007214.

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

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Indigenous communities and human rights defenders under siege in Colombia



Celia Umenza Velasco

By Celia Umenza Velasco,
UNITED NATIONS

On 21 October, I had the honor of addressing the UN Security Council at the annual open debate on Women, Peace and Security. I spoke as a member of Cxhab Wala Kiwe, which means "Great People's Territory" in the Nasa Yuwe language, also known as ACIN—Association of Indigenous Councils of the North of Cauca—in Colombia.

I am an Indigenous activist dedicated to my people, our territory, the environment and the cause of peace.

I spoke on behalf of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, and as a representative of Indigenous women and women in all their diversity—campesinas, Afro-descendant women, LGBTQI+ persons, refugee and migrant women, women with disabilities and women from countries around the world who suffer from war, poverty and discrimination.

As I said in my remarks, I continue to affirm my solidarity with the women and LGBTQI+ people of Afghanistan who continue to risk their lives fighting for their rights and equal place in Afghan

society. We stand with you.

Colombia remains one of the world's most dangerous countries for defenders of human rights and of land and territorial rights. Attacks on human rights defenders, especially women, LGBTQI+, campesino, Afro-descendant and Indigenous leaders have continued, including in response to the recent protests in Colombia against extreme inequality, violence and scant implementation of the Peace Accord.

On average, at least one Indigenous defender is killed every week. In my territory of Cauca, three Indigenous women leaders whom I worked with were killed in 2020. Their brutal murders illustrate how women often pay a terrible price for their leadership.

For an Indigenous person, land means everything to us. We are nourished by it, and it is a part of our identity and our history. Indigenous communities oppose logging, mining, agribusiness and other large-scale extractive and infrastructure projects—many of which are actively supported by the Government of Colombia—because they threaten the environment and deplete our natural resources.

Indigenous defenders in Colombia are viewed as a threat because we challenge powerful economic interests. My people are killed for protecting our waterways and forests, our flowers and fauna, when their courage and dedication should be held up as a model in the non-violent struggle for territorial rights.

Violence against our communities also demonstrates the devastating impact of militarized responses to social crises. Indigenous communities in Colombia have been calling for demilitarization for decades. Much of the war was waged on our land, and much of the violence continues in our territories today.

Although we have peace in name, lack of

implementation of the Peace Accord has fueled conflict. At one point in the war, an Indigenous person was killed every 72 hours, most often caught in the crossfire between armed actors.

Today, the state continues to use militarized force through its security apparatus, particularly in rural areas. The only state presence we see in our territories is the military and the police, who often appear to protect the economic interests of powerful sectors, rather than the rights of local populations.

This represents a failure to comply with the provisions of the Peace Accord. Furthermore, during the recent national protests, police used excessive force against peaceful demonstrators across the country, particularly in Cali where a greater percentage of the population is Afro-descendant and where our Indigenous guard was attacked.

State forces have committed sexual and gender-based violence. Peaceful protesters have been subjected to torture, illegal detention, disappearances and killings, echoing the violence that has marked over five decades of war. The gravity of this situation led the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to call for the overall demilitarization of the police in Colombia.

The Peace Accord, with 130 provisions on gender equality and women's rights, was achieved due to the determined struggle of Colombian feminist movements. On paper, the Peace Accord provides the foundation for a democratic country.

However, five years since its adoption, implementation is at a standstill, especially of its gender provisions and the Ethnic Chapter. The Special Forum of Women and the High Level Forum for Ethnic Peoples are both underfunded and lack political support, and members of the Special Forum of Women have been threatened and attacked. Implementation is most

delayed in provisions for Comprehensive Rural Reform, which would give women access to land and enable them to chart a path to inclusive and holistic development for their communities.

This has allowed the expansion of extractive activities that exploit natural resources, violate territorial rights, exacerbate conflict, and increase violence against human rights defenders, especially those who defend their land.

Colombia's Peace Accord may be unprecedented in its incorporation of international standards of gender equality—but what good are agreements and promises if they are not kept?

Threats faced by women peacebuilders and human rights defenders in one community are a threat to women everywhere. Despite ten resolutions and repeated affirmations of the value of civil society, the issue of women human rights defenders remains a critical gap in the Security Council's implementation of the women, peace and security agenda.

Colombia is no different—although Security Council members have regularly condemned the targeting of human rights defenders and social leaders, they have not done enough to turn words into action.

Ending attacks against women human rights defenders, not only in Colombia, but in all conflicts on its agenda, and ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of women in all their diversity, is essential for sustainable peace.

I urged the Security Council to call on the Colombian Government to:

- Fully implement and resource the Peace Accord, in particular the Ethnic Chapter and gender provisions. This includes ensuring regular consultations with, as well as resources

and technical assistance for, the High-Level Forum for Ethnic Peoples and the Special Forum of Women, as well as for campesino, Afro-descendant, Indigenous and women's organizations to monitor the Peace Accord's implementation.

- Adhere to free, prior and informed consent processes with campesino, Indigenous and Afro-descendant communities, including regularly consulting with their authorities and community organizations, with regards to economic development in their territories, and ensure that development processes comply with international human rights principles and law, and with the Peace Accord.

- Address the crisis of violence against human rights defenders, including by ensuring: accountability of perpetrators when such attacks occur, and full resourcing for the development of collective and territorial self-protection measures for Indigenous, campesino and Afro-descendant communities, as well as support for their permanent presence in fora where protection policies are discussed, especially the National Commission for Security Guarantees and the Intersectoral Commission for Women Leaders and Human Rights Defenders.

- Immediately demilitarize the police force by moving the National Police out of the Ministry of Defense, dismantle the Mobile Antiriot Squad of the National Police (ESMAD) and redirect funding to support social investment.

- Ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women leaders in the implementation of the Peace Accord and in negotiations with other armed actors in Colombia.

Peace is more than the absence of war. To Indigenous women, it means an end to discrimination, respect for human rights, justice, economic equality, and transformative change with human life at its center.

As the primary international body responsible for peace and security, I urged the Security Council not to allow this year's open debate to be yet another occasion where they listen to women civil society, but fail to act on our concerns.

The plight of Afghan women illustrates all too clearly the cost of doing so. Women around the world show daily that they have courage and the conviction to fight for peace. We call on the Security Council, and leaders at all levels, to fight for us all.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION (CSSC)

VACANT POSITION

Title: Project Manager
Report to: Director of Health Services
Location: Dar es Salaam

Background

The Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) is an ecumenical body established in 1992 by the Christian Council of Tanzania and the Tanzania Episcopal Conference, to coordinate and facilitate the delivery of social services (health and education) by the member churches in Tanzania. For 28 years, CSSC has been serving and coordinate a network of more than 900 church-owned health education facilities, including 105 large hospitals at Zonal, Regional and District/Council levels. In addition, CSSC coordinates a network of more than 1,000 church owned education facilities. Majority of these church health and education facilities are located in remote and rural areas where 70% of the Tanzanian population reside in those areas.

Job Summary:

The Project Manager will work closely with Director of Health Services (DHS) and CSSC team to effectively lead and manage PATA project to achieve the goal and outcomes. S/he will provide overall leadership to ensure programmatic, strategic, administrative, financial, technical veracity of PATA Project. S/he will also ensure efficient management, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, quality, impact and cost effectiveness of the project. The position entails fostering and strengthening capacity of faith based platform and the network of health facilities, develop sustainability strategies using cost effective and innovative solutions; s/he will spearhead efforts to strengthen the project recipient's capacity to deliver quality services in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) services, TB/HIV/AIDS, and other health areas.

The Project Manager will work closely with the CSSC team and lead the development and coordination of the project work plan and budget in collaboration with other Project Management team members. S/he will work to ensure availability of all the required resources for all teams to achieve their performance targets. S/he will supervise Field teams based in the Zonal Offices to ensure efficient operations and adherence to USG rules and regulations and CSSC internal standards. The position will be based in Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide leadership and overall technical and management responsibility for PATA project planning, budgeting, effective implementation and monitoring achievement of the goal, outcomes and outputs
- Ensure timely availability and prudent utilization of human, material, and financial resources appropriate for project implementation
- Serve as CSSC representative to government, USAID, FBO platforms, other donors and technical agencies, and other participating organizations including interactions with the most senior and executives of these organizations
- Strengthen strategic relationships, partnerships and alliances with the other USG partners, RMNCAH and HIV/AIDS implementing partners and other relevant parties.
- Ensure accountability and stewardship of financial resources in accordance with donor rules and regulations, and support annual auditing procedures.
- Assure quality of technical interventions at national, regional, district, and PATA health facility and community levels
- Provide leadership on Management of any sub-agreements by ensuring regular financial reporting, closely monitoring project expenditure and keeping CSSC Senior Leadership team and donor aware of significant variances.
- Increase the prominence of PATA Project through representation at high-level visits with USAID, PEPFAR, and Government.
- Ensure the project is appropriately implemented, monitored and evaluated.

Qualification

- Bachelor Level degree in business, project management or related field of study that provide knowledge relevant to the position, Masters Level degree of the same will be an added advantage.

Experiences and Skills

- Five years' experience in managing donor funded projects, preferably USAID development assistance projects.
- Adequate experience on development, implementation and management of health programs, with expertise in designing, managing and implementing RMNCAH, HIV/AIDS care and treatment
- Demonstrated leadership in working with church leaders and other officials from the health sector, community, NGO/FBO/CBO sectors
- Have deep understanding of USG rules, regulations and policies and other donor requirements and should have traceable history of managing multiple sub grantees
- Excellent record of directing, motivating, and managing project teams composed of technical experts, program managers, and administrative staff in a multicultural environment.
- Competence in computer applications needed to execute position responsibilities
- Fluency in oral and written English and Swahili

Mode of Application

Interested candidates are to submit their application letter and copy of the latest CV in one document. The subject line of your job application email should indicate the position that you are applying for; your CV must include the contact information (email addresses and telephone numbers) of three work-related traceable referees. All correspondence MUST reach CSSC before 1600hrs November 11th 2021 and channeled through hr@cssc.or.tz

Note that;

- Only short-listed candidates will be contacted; if you are not contacted within two weeks after the deadline of this advert, consider yourself unsuccessful.
- Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: No. RFP/2021/KAS/SUP/001

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS AND LATRINES
FOR HOST COMMUNITY IN KAKONKO, KIBONDO AND KASULU

1. Background:

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Representation Office in Dar es Salaam invites capable, qualified and eligible Firms/Contractors duly registered with the Tanzanian Government, and by Contractors Registration Board (CRB) to make firm offers to carry out the work as per the scope of works, specifications and Terms of Reference for construction of UNHCR office in Kigoma.

2. Eligibility:

Contractors duly registered with relevant government authorities, with sound financial basis, relevant experience, reputed clientele and with knowledge of how to meet UNHCR's requirements are invited to participate in the bidding process.

Kindly download the tender documents in the below link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RlhokP-xXoHNKguM0GwAP6M75roddFV?usp=sharing>

If you fail to access the link, please write to kyoma@unhcr.org copy kioko@unhcr.org, ishobeza@unhcr.org and jacksonw@unhcr.org

Deadline for receiving requests for clarification	Tuesday 23 rd November 2021 at 2359hrs EAT
Site Visit	16 th & 17 th November 2021 at Kakonko/Kibondo from 1000hrs EAT
Site Visit	18 th & 19 th November 2021 at Kasulu from 1000hrs EAT
Deadline for submission of offers	Tuesday 30 th November 2021 at 1600hrs EAT

CRUCIAL DATES FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



Airtel teams up with Precision Air to allow passenger buy tickets online at 5pc less

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Treasury losing 1.2trn/-per annum through illicit liquor sold in market

By The Banker Reporter

TREASURY is losing up to 1.2trn/- in taxes and other statutory payments through illicit liquor being sold clandestinely in the market, a survey conducted by Tanzania Breweries Limited and Ernst & Young in 2019 established.

TBL's new Managing Director, Jose Moran and Corporate Affairs Director, Mesiya Mwangoka said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the survey which was commissioned by the brewer wanted to find the extend of illicit alcohol trade in the domestic market.

"Tanzania's alcohol market has been on the increase for many years but the only challenge is that the growth has benefited largely the illicit market," Moran said while revealing that up to 55 percent of the market is dominated by illicit brew which includes traditional local brews and counterfeits.

"The bad thing is that apart from denying the government revenue, the illicit alcohol is also dangerous to people's health," he said while noting that the products include copycats of brand names such as Konyagi.

Moran who is marking 100 days since taking over at the helm of TBL, noted that Tanzania has a very good and competitive alcoholic beverages market if the issue of illicit alcohol much of which is made locally, is contained by authorities.

"We have shared these findings with relevant government ministries and



TBL's new managing director, Jose Moran (L facing camera) speaking to business editors in Dar es Salaam mid this week. Photo courtesy of TBL.

agencies for action but also our private sector bodies at CTI and TPSE," said Mwangoka who noted that formal alcoholic beverages manufacturers like TBL are reluctant to invest in expansion

because the market is unpredictable.

Mwangoka pointed out that TBL which has been working with hundreds of smallholder farmers and thousands of retail-

ers in the value chain is planning to modernise and expand its production capacity if authorities reduce significantly the dominance of illicit alcohol manufacturers and traders most

of who are well funded foreigners.

Last year, National Chairman of Bishops and Sheikhs Ethics, Peace and Human Rights Committee, Bishop William Mwamaliza warned that illicit liquor manufacturers are a cartel backed by elite businessmen and politicians.

In the report titled, 'Illicit liquor industry of Tanzania,' which covers between 2017 and 2019, Bishop Mwamaliza said apart from denying the government taxes, illicit liquor makers are causing ailments among young people. "Young people who drink these liquor are suffering from heart attacks and mental degradation which is a threat to our nation's health system," he charged.

Most of the 35 liquor manufacturers identified by the report were based in Arusha and Dar es Salaam. "These illegal manufacturers are the same who used to make sachets which were banned and now they are doing it in glass and plastic bottles," he pointed out while challenging ministries and regulatory bodies to exercise their roles instead of waiting for the president or prime minister to intervene.



Climate Investment Funds CEO, Mafalda Duarte.

SA could be a coal transition model, climate fund says

GLASGOW

South Africa's aging coal plants, the political priority given to exiting the dirtiest fossil fuel and its power-supply crisis mean it could be a model for other nations transitioning to cleaner energy, according to the head of an \$8.5-billion group of climate funds.

"I absolutely think that South Africa can serve as a demonstration for many other countries globally on how to do this," said Climate Investment Funds Chief Executive Officer Mafalda Duarte in an interview from the COP26 climate summit. "There's a clear momentum and a recognition now from many parties that there's a need for an energy transition."

South Africa, the world's 12th-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, is currently dependent on coal for more than 80% of its power. President Cyril Ramaphosa has set up a commission to advise on how to mitigate climate change, and the cabinet recently adopted a more ambitious emissions-reduction target.

That's helped the nation win funding to build renewable energy capacity and help ease the impact of the switch on coal-dependent communities. The CIF, which works with organizations including the World Bank on climate issues, said South Africa can apply for as much as \$500 million to support the initiative.

The CIF has already provided \$462 million in funding for South Africa's energy transition, supporting the development of three solar power plants as well as a wind facility owned by Eskom. The group is also allowing the state-run utility to re-purpose \$273 million of cash to develop a battery storage project. That has "unlocked an additional \$2 billion" from the World Bank, International Finance Corporation and the African Development Bank, Duarte said.

Ramaphosa said on Tuesday the US, UK, Germany, France and the European Union have agreed to mobilise \$8.5 billion in concessional finance and grants over the next three to five years to assist with the country's energy transition. Still, Eskom Chief Executive Officer Andre de Ruyter said transitioning the company away from coal could cost as much as \$30 billion.

South Africa has been plagued by intermittent power outages since 2005 as its aging coal-fired plants struggle to keep up with demand. This year is set to be a record for blackouts.

Experts that advised the CIF on selecting which countries to fund transitions for "put South Africa on top," Duarte said. "South Africa is more advanced on the discussions and the understanding of the need for a just transition. When we are in crisis we are in a great moment for reform."

The country will need to draw up a transition plan that focuses not only on renewable energy capacity but also on power distribution and mitigating the socio-economic impacts of coal-station closures, she said. That's especially true for regions which are heavily dependent on coal, such as the eastern province of Mpumalanga.

Dubai Islamic Bank's third-quarter net profit jumps 20pc

DUBAI

Dubai Islamic Bank, the UAE's biggest Sharia-compliant lender by assets, reported a 20 per cent jump in its third-quarter net profit, driven by a strong economic recovery in the local economy.

Net profit attributable to owners of the bank for the three-month period to the end of September rose to more than Dh1.2 billion (\$329 million), the lender said in a statement on Wednesday to the Dubai Financial Market, where its shares are traded.

The bank's profit in the period was fuelled by a 83 per cent jump in income from property held for development and sale, as well as a 325 per cent surge in income from its investment property portfolio. Operating expenses narrowed 5.4 per cent to Dh627.6m during the period due to cost-control procedures put in place. Impairment charges during the period rose 27 per cent to Dh675m.

"The economic recovery of the UAE remains on track, with strong performance of the non-oil sectors driven by improving demand of business activities and rising consumer confidence that is supported

by high vaccination rates of the domestic population," said Mohammed Al Shaibani, director general of the Ruler's Court of Dubai and DIB chairman.

"The successful opening of the world expo has demonstrated the nation's ability to quickly recover from the global pandemic with all key economic sectors geared towards supporting this major event." Banks in the UAE are making a strong recovery as business sentiment picks up in the Arab world's second-largest economy, which is expected to grow 2.4 per cent this year.

The non-oil economy of the Emirates is expected to expand by about 4 per cent this year and in 2022 while overall economic growth is expected to be 3.8 per cent next year, the UAE Central Bank said in June. The current economic growth is expected to help boost the country's banking assets, which could grow by 8 per cent to 10 per cent next year, according to the chairman of the UAE Banks Federation.

The local lenders have also benefitted from the Dh400bn monetary and fiscal support by the UAE government, including the central bank's relief



Mohammed Al Shaibani, director general of the Ruler's Court of Dubai and DIB chairman.

package of more than Dh250bn to local lenders to help soften the blow of the pandemic.

The bank's nine-month net profit fell by about 2 per cent to Dh3.05bn. Operating expenses continued to fall to Dh1.8bn while impairment charges declined 18 per cent to Dh2.1bn. Customer deposits rose to

4 per cent to Dh214.1bn, the lender said.

"The steady improvement in our profitability is supported by our consistent efforts to continue to extract synergies from the acquisition, while pushing for further efficiencies through our digitisation drive and further optimisation of our

branch and ATM network," said DIB chief executive Adnan Chilwan.

"Evidence of the success of our cost management approach is clearly visible, with Opex reducing by a considerable 12 per cent year on year to reach Dh1.9bn, thereby leading to one of the lowest cost-income ratios in the market at 26.2 per cent."

Govt introduces sealing for nationally produced alcoholic beverages

MAPUTO

The government is to introduce a mandatory tax control stamp for domestically produced alcoholic beverages. The decision enters into force on 19 November. It was approved by a Ministerial Decree of 21 July this year and aims to control the circulation of alcoholic beverages in the domestic market.

Tax Authority representative in Maputo city, Sidónio Jacob, said that the measure would not affect the beverage production

chain on a large scale, but Zuneid Calumias, Vice-President of the Executive Council of the Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique (CEA), says that sealing will suffocate the business sector.

"We have the subject under debate. One of the themes was the sealing of beverages and tobacco which the industries in the sector have been objecting to, on the grounds that it constitutes a tax burden which will negatively affect their revenues. This is because it is a cost which could be avoided, taking in

account that, in most of these companies, there is inspection during production. Companies therefore fail to understand the reason for introducing another measure which will further increase production costs," Calumias says in an economic analysis of business performance in the third quarter of the year.

The Tax Authority has again reaffirmed that it will ban, until February of next year, the circulation of beers and other beverages which do not bear the manufacturing

tax seal. The information was made public on Monday by Tax Authority delegate Maria Machicoa, during a visit to a factory producing spirit drinks in the municipality of Matola.

The measure aims to combat the smuggling of drinks and ensure the payment of this specific consumption tax. As part of the fight against smuggling of beverages, AT will introduce, on the 19th of November this year, the third stage of the process of sealing beer and other ready-to-drink beverages.

Local investors' appetite for stocks at the bourse pushes turnover to 1.15bn/-

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

INVESTORS' appetite for shares at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) remained bullish during last week's trading sessions generating equity turnover of 1.15bn/-.

According to Orbit Securities Market Report, a total of 2,165,352 shares were traded during the five days trading session last week. "Local investors accounted for the majority of transactions on both the buying and selling sides. They accounted for 66.8 percent of all the buying activities in the market and 57.6 percent on the selling counter," the report said.

It added that foreign investors on the other hand accounted for 33.1 percent of the shares bought and 42.3 percent. "The net foreign outflow for the week however declined to 106.2m/- as compared to the 120.8m/- recorded the previous week.

The report however noted that the All Share Index (DSEI) lost 19.30 points in value as EABL and NMG share prices declined by 1.7 and 4.4 percentage points respectively. The Tanzania Share Index (TSI) on the other hand, lost 46.9 points as NMB Bank Plc, JATU Plc and CRDB Bank Plc share prices dropped by 9.3, 7.3 and 4.0 percentage points respectively despite a positive performance



Orbit Securities brokers at work.

by DSE Plc and TC Plc counters.

Meanwhile, Scancem International, a subsidiary of Heidelberg Cement, last week announced that it had concluded discussions with Afrisam of Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited on the acquisition of the 68.33 percent of the issued share capital of Tanga Cement Plc.

The two companies said in a joint statement that the indicative price per share to be paid by Scancem International to Af-

risam Mauritius is 3,157/-. "The acquisition price is subject to adjustments related to debt, working capital, other expenses and other potential adjustments post the closing of the acquisition," the statement said.

The statement noted that some key conditions that must be fulfilled for closing of the deal include but is not limited to: approval by Tanzanian Fair Competition Commission, Tanzania Mining Commission and shareholders of Tanga Cement to

be obtained by way of a special resolution passed at a shareholders meeting.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Tanzania's 15-year T-Bond auction aimed at raising 136bn/- last week was oversubscribed by 21.8bn/- as investors' tendered 157.8bn/- through 205 bids. In a related development, the secondary bond market generated a total of 41.2bn/- turnover, being a 49 percent increase from the 27.6bn/- turnover that was generated the previous week.

Airtel teams up with Precision Air to allow passenger buy tickets online at 5pc less

By The Banker Reporter

AS the end of year holidays get closer allowing people to travel home, Airtel Tanzania Plc and Precision Air have forged a partnership that will allow one to buy tickets through Airtel Money at five percent reduction.

Precision Air is currently one of the key players in the country aviation industry and thus the deal is will significantly contribute to growth of both domestic and international travellers. Airtel Money Director, Isack Nchunda said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the telco has always been welcoming such partnerships which add value to its customers.

"We are happy to enter into another partnership with Precision Air because this will add value to our existing services for the benefit of customers," Nchunda said adding that the telco's customers will secure their tickets easily by paying through Airtel Money at their own convenience.

"I call upon our esteemed customers to make use of this service in order to save time and make their payment processes easy. Airtel Money has already integrated with Precision Air, and now customers



Director of Airtel Money, Isack Nchunda speaks in Dar es Salaam mid this week when announcing a new partnership with Precision Air which will allow customers to buy travel tickets online at a five percent discount. He is accompanied by Precision Air's head of commercial and ground handling, Lillian Masawe. Photo courtesy of Airtel.

can pay for their air ticket directly through their wallets at a discounted rate of five percent," he added.

The Airtel Money Director

further noted that the payment can be done through smartphones and feature phones by accessing the usual Airtel Money platform.

Nchunda said after completing the payment process, customers will receive a confirmation message for the payment made and an e-ticket

to be used on travel date.

"We firmly believe that through Airtel Money, we have made it easier for travellers not to spend much time physically visiting the counters to book and purchase tickets, but now through their mobile phones they can do so," he noted.

In remarks after concluding the deal, Precision Air's Head of Commercial and Ground Handling, Lillian Masawe said the airline continues to focus on customer satisfaction in many ways especially in availing new products in the market.

"Therefore, this partnership with Airtel Tanzania will allow our products to reach all customers through use of digital platforms in purchasing air tickets as it is convenient and user friendly and can be accessed from anywhere," Masawe said.

"Airtel Money is a convenient platform in making digital payments hence our customers will now have more options to purchase their air tickets across the market," she stated while noting that the telco's users should also take advantage of the partnership to access 'Dunduliza Fare' a program that allows Precision Air's customers to pay for their tickets in instalments.

Nigerian e-commerce platform, MallforAfrica shutting down operations globally

LAGOS

Nigerian eCommerce platform, MallforAfrica is apparently shutting down its operations globally. Though it has not officially released a statement to substantiate this yet, its app is no longer on the Google Playstore and Apple Store. It also a Site Closure Notice on its website, stating that it is currently processing refunds and is no longer taking orders.

Founded in 2011 by Nigerian-born brothers, Chris and Tope Folan, MallforAfrica was initially created to provide a platform for Nigerians to buy goods online, whether foreign or local. Later on, it provided an online platform for African retailers to promote their goods online to a global customer base.

The company was able to scale its operations through partnerships with companies like eBay, which made it possible for customers all around the world to buy African goods on eBay's Mall for Africa Store; with delivery giant, DHL to launch an e-commerce site, MarketplaceAfrica.com which provided a platform for select African artisans to sell wares to buyers in any of DHL's 220 delivery countries.

As at 2018, the MallforAfrica online platform was available to customers in over 17 African countries. This is a very sad event in the annals of eCommerce history in Africa as the company has finally succumbed to the same fate as the likes of Dealdey, Gloo, e.t.c

Its closure has affected the fate of DHL Africa eShop, which was a partnership between MallforAfrica and DHL, with MallforAfrica providing the backbone of the platform. Created in 2019, the DHL Africa eShop was designed to enable customers to shop directly from more than 200 US- and UK-based online retailers, with all shipments delivered by DHL Express, to the shopper's door. As at September 2019, the DHL Africa eShop service was available in 34 countries. The DHL Africa eShop shut down the eShop site effective October 30th, 2021.



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NEWSINDEPTH

Investor taps firm linked to Dangote in Mumias revival

NAIROBI

Businessman Julius Mwale who placed Sh27 billion bid in leasing of ailing Mumias Sugar has tapped an Indian firm running Dangote Sugar refineries in Nigeria to manage the Kenyan miller.

Mr Mwale through his Tumaz and Tumaz Enterprise says it has inked a deal with J P Mukherji & Associates (JPMA) to help revive Mumias sugar, which closed shop in 2018. The Indian firm is the technical partner of Tumaz and Tumaz Enterprise over the 20-year lease period with the brief of returning Mumias Sugar to profitability, says bid documents seen by the Business Daily.

JPMA consultancy has since 2019 been managing Dangote Sugar Refineries, owned by Africa's richest man Aliko Dangote, and produces 1.44 million tonnes of sugar annually. The Mwale City investor

topped the bids in its offer to run the troubled miller for 20 years with a Sh27 billion offer, trouncing steel billionaire Narendra Raval, whom through his Devki Group offered Sh8.4 billion while Rai under his West Kenya Sugar placed Sh3.5 billion.

Mr Mwale commits to spend Sh5.5 billion to upgrade the rundown production plant. "T&T has demonstrated track record for building new enterprises with big positive impacts for the local community," said Mr Mwale in a statement.

He said JPMA consultancy would help replicate the success of Dangote's Sugar division in Kenya and return Mumias Sugar to profitability. Dangote's Sugar division reported Sh35 billion sales in the first six months of 2021, representing a 27 percent increase.

Mumias Sugar reported Sh800 million sales in the six months in 2018 before it was placed under receivership for unpaid

debts. The entrepreneur has received a commitment of a \$200 million (Sh22.1 billion) loan from a top American bank to boost his chances of winning the lease.

Mumias was in September 2019 placed under receivership by KCB Group to protect its assets and maintain its operations. The lender has been barred from auctioning the plant to secure assets used as security for other loans, prompting it to turn to the lease option.

Mumias owes Proparco Sh1.84 billion secured using the electricity generation plant, Ecobank Sh1.77 billion on the ethanol plant, and the Treasury Sh2.83 billion. Banks it owes more than Sh3 billion include KCB, NCBA and Stanbic Bank.

JPMA has been a consultant and manager of a number sugar factories in Saudi Arabia, India, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Nigeria. It also consulted in the establishment of Kwalu Sugar company in 2014.



Businessman Julius Mwale of Tumaz and Tumaz Enterprise.

How oil marketing companies fuel economic growth through job creation

By Hussein Boffu

LOOK around your neighbourhood and you will discover many fuel pump stations in operation and when you move around town, you will see more fuel pump stations in operation or under construction.

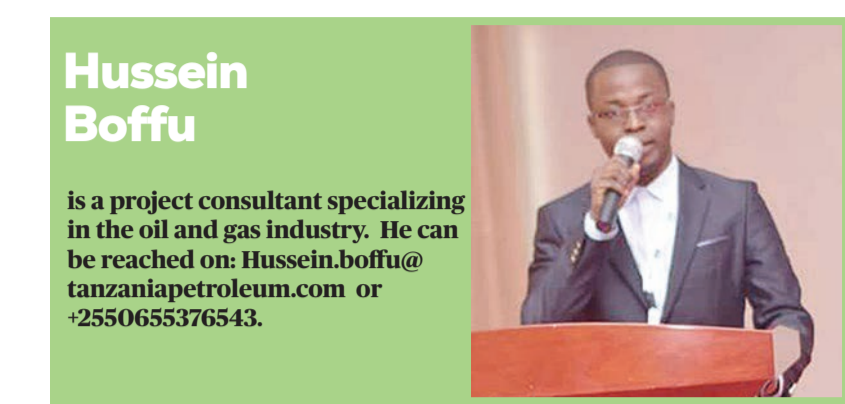
The simple truth is that investment in new fuel pump stations is on the increase in Tanzania thanks to better investment environment being provided by the government. This is a living testimony of how the petroleum industry is contributing to the country's economic development through, among other things, employment creation. The proliferation of businesses in

the fuel marketing industry is transforming communities and cities.

Employment creation Investment in petroleum infrastructure such as pump stations is a vital source for livelihood in the country, especially in urban areas where motorists are plenty. It is estimated that on average, pump stations which also incorporate motor vehicle service bays create direct employment of over eight people.

In addition, large pump stations present an opportunity for the coming up of complementary businesses like garages, coffee shops, restaurants, supermarkets and ATMs machines which add another 40 people in indirect employment.

During construction stage, fuel pump sta-



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tions also offer employment both directly and indirectly. This enables the public to generate incomes through the procurement of local contractors and equipment. This in turn helps food vendors, mobile money agents and other small businesses also to make money by serving employees of contractors

and pump station attendants.

Transfer of knowledge and skills

Retail service station owners, primarily those who work in partnership with international oil marketing companies, also train pump station attendants on how to handle equipment and provide good customer

care services.

In the process, Tanzanians with literally no knowledge of running pump stations at international standards, gain knowledge and skills of the petroleum industry which also have a spill over effect on the economy.

Wealth creation and entrepreneurship

The coronavirus outbreak and the uncertain that it has created have impacted on the way that people make investment that guarantees returns immediately. When one invests in a fuel pump station, open an LPG facility, lubricant oils shop, they are sure of making returns because the goods are necessities, not luxuries.

At the peak of Covid-19 outbreak, clothing shops are empty because people are under lockdown. Hotels and restaurants operate at lowest capacity or completely close down. If, again you look around town, how are many fuel stations have closed down this time around? The truth is that petrol stations are busy at work. As most businesses

are closing down or scaling down operations, petrol stations are expanding and modernising rapidly.

The reason for such an upsurge in the petroleum industry is simple, the investment is rewarding somehow even in a receding economy. Regardless of the status of the economy, people and goods move about to serve others or provide help.

Commercial and transport vehicles will look for a place to fill their tanks and as such a petrol station will always stay in operation, come what may. A petrol station makes a considerable income whilst keeping more people at work despite the pandemic levels.

Although investments in the petroleum industry seem to be lucrative, peo-

ple are advised to carefully conduct a feasibility study before pouring their money and resources into the project to reduce risk. The feasibility study will outline whether there is a market need, identify infrastructure requirements, determine the project costs which include a financial analysis to assess the economic viability of the proposed project.

Furthermore, such a study will also help one get loan for capital investment from banks and other financial institutions. Given the importance of petroleum industry is a rapidly growing economy like Tanzania, the areas seem attractive to many investors hence the mushrooming of pump stations in the country.

Funders pledge US\$575 million to help Africa's smallholder farmers

GLASGOW

Facing mounting evidence that climate change will fall hardest on agriculture-dependent regions like Sub-Saharan Africa, a coalition of funders at the United Nations climate summit pledged US\$575-million today to deliver climate-smart solutions to farmers in low-income countries via the CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research), a global network of agricultural research partnerships.

Combined with the US\$256-million recently pledged at the Global Citizen Live event, and other commitments from Sweden and Belgium, according to information supplied to the media, CGIAR now has secured US\$863-million this year to confront what it describes as "a host of rapidly intensifying climate challenges that could upend the global fight against hunger and poverty."

There is also the potential for significant additional investments in CGIAR to emerge later this week at COP26. "This critical investment surge is a welcome down-payment for accelerating CGIAR's climate adaptation efforts that already are providing millions of farmers with innovations like stress-tolerant crop varieties and new strategies to restore degraded lands," said Kundhavi Kadiresan, Managing Director, Global Engagement and Innovation at CGIAR.

"We have a deep understanding of the many ways climate change is affecting food production in fast growing regions like sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia and a commitment to building resilience through integrated, environmentally sustainable solutions that rebalance agriculture's relationship with nature."

CGIAR is touted as the world's largest public sector research partnership serving the needs of more than 500 million smallholder farmers who are responsible for feeding billions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The effect of climate change on crops, fish and livestock is a key factor behind a steady rise in hunger that is eroding



Kundhavi Kadiresan, Managing Director, Global Engagement and Innovation at CGIAR.

years of progress.

The trajectory of the climate threat is particularly daunting in Sub-Saharan Africa, where most people work in agriculture and impacts on food production are a key reason climate change could cost African countries up to 15% of their GDP by 2030.

There are also fears that absent aggressive efforts to help farmers adapt, climate impacts on agriculture in regions already suffering high rates of poverty and malnutrition will make it impossible to achieve the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pledging zero hunger and an end to extreme poverty by 2030.

As part of the funding announcement, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged US\$315-million over the next three years to support CGIAR's climate-related work. Half of the investment from the Gates Foundation will support climate adaptation initiatives undertaken through the new CGIAR portfolio, which is streamlining CGIAR partnerships, knowledge and assets to accelerate the pace of in-

novation flowing to smallholder farmers.

In addition, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) pledged US\$215-million over the next five years and Canada US\$45-million. They were joined by other funders who also have committed to support CGIAR's Research and Innovation strategy for 2022 onwards. Sweden has pledged US\$18-million and Belgium, noting that it wants to continue its strong partnership with CGIAR, put forth plans to release an additional US\$14-million pending approval of the 2022 budget by its federal parliament.

European Commission

The investments announced today are on top of US\$256-million pledged to CGIAR by the European Commission, the Netherlands and Belgium at the September Global Citizen Live event. That pledge included US\$162.4-million from European Commission; US\$87-million from the Netherlands; and US\$7-million from Belgium.

"Climate impacts on food pro-

duction are an existential threat for several hundred million people who depend on agriculture to support their families," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "CGIAR has been delivering high-impact solutions to smallholder farmers for half a century and I'm confident they can lead a global effort to develop the innovations needed to adapt to a changing climate."

Dr Jim Barnhart, Assistant to the Administrator at USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, "As one of CGIAR's founding donors, USAID is proud to continue our longstanding partnership by committing at least \$215 million over five years to CGIAR's critical agriculture research and innovation."

Climate change is threatening the lives and livelihoods of families and communities, particularly in the least developed countries. This funding will contribute to raising agricultural productivity for 200 million people in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa by 25 percent by 2030. CGIAR is an important partner in our work to build a food secure, climate-resilient future."

Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, added, "For 50 years, CGIAR has delivered critical research and innovation to address hunger. Canada has been a partner since the very beginning because we believe scientific research and innovation is necessary in making food, land and water systems more sustainable, equitable and efficient. Today, we are pleased to further support the work of CGIAR by contributing CAD \$55 million over three years to help end hunger and build climate smart and sustainable food systems, and put gender equality at the forefront of global agricultural research for development."

China says it won't abandon climate goals by moving back to coal

BEIJING

China is unlikely to embark on major new developments of coal-fired power even as it boosts output of the fuel to ease electricity shortages, according to a front-page commentary in a key state-run newspaper.

The nation remains committed to achieving its goals of peaking greenhouse gas emissions before 2030, and hitting net zero by 2060, the Economic Daily said. A recent energy crisis is a reminder China should pursue the efforts to shift to lower-carbon energy sources in a "balanced and orderly manner," according to the newspaper.

China's decision not to upgrade its targets ahead of the United Nations COP26 talks reflect that caution, and has been met with disappointment at the Glasgow, Scotland summit. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has urged the world's largest polluter to move faster, telling reporters that President Xi Jinping should strive to peak emissions in 2025.

"Some Westerners are worried that China will resume large-scale development of coal power, making it hard to achieve the goal of carbon peak and carbon neutralisation on time," the Economic Daily commentary said. "Such concern is indeed unnecessary."

China aims for non-fossil fuel sources to account for 80% of the energy mix by 2060, plans to begin reducing the use of coal from 2026 and expects to reach a "plateau" of oil consumption before the end of the decade.

The share of coal-fired power in the nation's installed electricity generating capacity is already declining, according to the newspaper, to 49.1% last year from 65.7% in 2012. China has led the world in installations of solar, wind and hydropower.

Xi and Premier Li Keqiang have both recently stressed the need to balance economic growth and the security of domestic energy supplies with action to reduce emissions, though they insist that China's existing climate targets will be met.

Authorities have recently loosened some regulations to allow older coal mines to be revived and to speed the pace of expansions at existing operations. China is also seeking to increase imports of foreign fuel, even as trade relations with countries like Australia and the US remain frayed.

The current coal supply shortfall, after China shuttered about 1 billion tons of mine capacity since 2016, shows the dangers of pushing too fast in the energy transition, and the risks of missing out on development opportunities, the newspaper's op-ed said. "We cannot ignore the complexity, long-term and arduous nature of the practical problems, and cannot hope to achieve the goal of carbon peak and carbon neutralisation in one go," the editorial said.

BANKING & FINANCE

Inside Ethiopian Airlines' plan to dominate African skies

NAIROBI

Ethiopian Airlines is establishing its presence in more than six African countries through a management role or strategic partnership with the local carriers, making it a dominant player in the continent. The move is set to give East African carriers such as Kenya Airways a run for their money.

Kenya Airways will particularly feel the pinch as increased competition will likely make it harder for the national carrier, which is in a deep financial mess, to fly back to profit territory, not to mention its goal of reclaiming

its lost glory as the "Pride of Africa."

Next month, the Ethiopian carrier is expected to launch Air Congo, the latest in the string of airlines where it is acquiring stakes as African countries move to revive their ailing national carriers. Ethiopian Airlines will operate both the medium and long haul fleet in DRC, which will comprise De Havilland Canada Dash 8-400s, Boeing 737s and two 787s.

The Addis-based carrier is also involved in starting of a new airline in Zambia, which is expected to be up and running next month. Ethiopia will hold a

49 percent stake while Zambia will have a controlling stake of 51 percent.

"We just signed an agreement with the government of DRC, which owns 51 percent of the airline and 49 percent is with us," said Tewolde GebreMariam, the airline's chief executive officer in an interview with an aviation online magazine. Ethiopian Airlines also plans to restart operations of the Mozambique carrier after terminating the services in May on the back of Covid-19 that impacted negatively on the aviation sector.

Ethiopian Airlines has strategic partnerships with ASKY in Togo,

Malawian Airlines and Chad-based Tchadia Airlines. It also has a management contract with Ceiba Intercontinental in Equatorial Guinea. Ethiopian Airlines, which is also keen in setting up an airline in Nigeria, had started talks to help in revival of South Africa Airways, but was not selected by the carrier.

However, the airline signed an interline agreement with Johannesburg-based AirlinK. The Ethiopian Airlines says that its contract with AirlinK will allow passengers seamless travel on a single ticket on any of the two carrier's networks. DRC, which has for years been underserved

by airlines, has recently recorded an increase in the number of carriers that have launched flights on the route.

For instance, budget carrier Jambojet recently introduced flights to Goma to capitalise on high demand for air travel between Kenya and DRC. Last month, RwandAir also introduced flights to Congo, highlighting the high interest that carriers have on that route. The Jambojet inaugural flight to Goma was on September 10, starting with two frequencies weekly. This is set to grow to four weekly, flying on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.



Ethiopian Airlines CEO Tewolde GebreMariam.

Egypt strives to become transport, logistics hub by 2024

CAIRO

EGYPT will be transformed by 2024 into one of major global hubs for transport and logistics through a massive 10-year plan to modernize its transport infrastructure, Egyptian Minister of Transport Kamel al-Wazir has said.

The transportation system established in the country will contribute significantly to achieving sustainable development and changing the face of life throughout Egypt, the minister told foreign reporters on Sunday.

He explained that the 10-year plan, implemented from 2014 to 2024, was drawn up to modernize the transport and communication sectors, at an expected cost of 1.669 trillion Egyptian pounds (about 106.3 billion U.S. dollars).

The plan covers six main areas, including the roads and bridges, at a cost of 474 billion Egyptian pounds, railways, 225 billion pounds, tunnels and electric traction, 837 billion pounds, maritime transport, 115 billion pounds, dry ports and logistics, 15 billion pounds, and river transport, 3 billion pounds.

Over the past seven years, al-Wazir said, projects worth 1.295 trillion Egyptian pounds have already been implemented, noting that a number of large projects will be completed by the end of this year, while other projects such as the light rail train will be finalized by the end of 2022.

"Projects such as the monorail, the high-speed electric train, as well as port projects will be com-

pleted by the end of 2024," al-Wazir said.

The minister said that around 30,000 km of new and developed roads will be completed by the end of 2024. With the completion of the transport and road system in 2024, Egypt will be turned into a regional and international hub for transport and logistics, the minister stressed, adding that there are also plans to link Egypt with other North African countries, including building a road that will run through Egypt, Libya, Chad and Niger.

"Additionally, there will be Cairo-Cape Town axis which connects North Africa with South Africa... a river transport route reaching Lake Victoria will also be established," al-Wazir noted.

The Egyptian minister extended an open invitation to all Egyptian and foreign investors to manage and operate railways across the country, as well as participate in all the ministry's projects covering various fields.

A workshop was also held on Sunday to discuss the economic, social, environmental and health returns for the development of the transport system in Egypt, during which experts talked about the effects and impacts of the huge transport projects that Egypt is currently building. Khaled Abdel-Fattah, head of the Sociology Department of the Helwan University, said the development and modernization of Egypt's transportation system has become an urgent necessity, which is difficult to ignore.

"The poor old transportation system has multiple negative effects



Vehicles travel on a highway in Cairo, Egypt, on Tuesday. Egypt will be transformed by 2024 into one of major global hubs for transport and logistics through a massive 10-year plan to modernize its transport infrastructure, Egyptian Minister of Transport Kamel al-Wazir has said. Xinhua

on all aspects of life at the level of individuals and society," he told Xinhua.

Ayman Mosallam, a professor of structural engineering of the University of California, Irvine, spoke about the technical aspects of new transport projects in Egypt.

"Great efforts have been exerted in the field of constructing roads for heavy transport vehicles equipped with reinforced concrete castings," he told Xinhua. "The construction of many roads in the mountains with high efficiency and skills must be applauded."

"For his part, Mourid Albert, undersecretary of the general traffic department of Egypt, said that the Ministry of Interior is working on the national road plan and has turned to modern technology to tighten control over the vast areas." Xinhua

Kremlin highlights importance of dialogue with CIA head in Russia-US relations

MOSCOW

THE dialogue that Director of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) William Burns is holding in Moscow can be viewed as a positive event in both countries' contacts, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

"Undoubtedly," the Russian presidential spokesman said in response to a question about whether the visit by the CIA head to Moscow could be interpreted as a move towards developing contacts between the two countries, following a summit of the Russian and US presidents in Geneva.

"A dialogue at this level and a dialogue on such sensitive issues is extremely important for bilateral relations and for an exchange of opinions on the problems that we have," Peskov said.

Speaking about the issues touched upon at the CIA head's meetings in Moscow, the Kremlin press secretary mentioned "bilateral relations, in the first place, and an exchange of opinions on various international problems."

On November 2, CIA Director Burns held meetings in Moscow with Secretary of Russia's Security Council Nikolai Patrushev and Director of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service Sergei Naryshkin. The American embassy in Moscow earlier told TASS that on an instruction from US President Joe Biden the CIA head was in the Russian capital on a two-day visit with a delegation of US senior officials.

Agencies

China's self-developed AUV shows impressive capabilities in latest Arctic scientific expedition

AS China's polar icebreaker and scientific research vessel Xuelong 2 returned to the home port in Shanghai in late September after traveling 14,000 nautical miles for 79 days, the country's 12th Arctic scientific expedition was successfully completed, in which China's self-developed autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) delivered impressive performance.

Operated by Shao Gang and three other scientific expedition members, the AUV, known as Tansuo 4500, completed scientific investigation tasks concerning sea ice-covered areas in the high latitudes of the Arctic. This is the first time that Tansuo 4500 has performed scientific tasks in the polar region and the first time that China has employed an AUV for near-seabed scientific research in the high latitudes of the Arctic.

The valuable data collected by the AUV is expected to provide strong scientific support for Arctic ecology protection.

Developed by the Shenyang Institute of Automation (SIA) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Tansuo 4500 looks just like a large yellow fish and features a higher level of automation than ordinary AUVs.

Compared with remotely-operated underwater robots, Tansuo 4500 doesn't need to be connected to the mother ship by cables, which means that it can realize autonomous navigation and carry out detection without human intervention, said Li Yang, an associate research fellow at the SIA, adding that it has a longer battery lifespan and its activity scope is wider.

Considering the high-density sea ice-covered areas during the Arctic scientific expedition, the scientific research team has creatively developed an under-ice AUV retrieval technology that combines acoustic remote control and automatic guid-



Tansuo 4500, China's autonomous underwater vehicle, is retrieved from the sea.

ance to ensure that Tansuo 4500 can dive into the sea continuously and be withdrawn safely.

"We have also added an emergency beacon so as to locate the AUV accurately when it gets stuck under the ice layers or its position is not visible to the naked eye," Shao said.

Besides, the scientific research team has optimized the troubleshooting process of the AUV, allowing it to independently evaluate its own condition and then make decisions accordingly.

Many areas of the polar region are covered by sea ice all year round, and it is an important part of polar expeditions to investigate the characteristics of sea ice and sub-glacial waters.

Noting that polar scientific research has always been a key direction of the development of underwater robots, Li Shuo, deputy head of the SIA, pointed out that six underwater robots of four types from the institute have been employed in eight polar expeditions in recent years, contributing significantly to China's investigation into the polar regions.

According to Li Yang, AUVs are mainly assigned three tasks in polar expeditions, including observing and detecting floating ice to learn about its thickness, condition and movements, collecting data about waters, including the depth, temperature and salinity, as well as carrying out fine exploration of seabed topography and landforms and searching for mineral resources on the seabed on this basis.

Traditional sea ice surveys require drilling holes in the sea ice, which was not efficient and could only collect a limited amount of data.

The AUV, however, is not affected by sea ice and can get to some areas beyond the reach of human beings, conducting scientific investigations into wider and

deeper areas for a longer period of time.

It can collect sea samples more flexibly and accurately, guaranteeing higher quality and larger number of samples.

Scientific expedition members can observe the underwater world in the polar regions through the cameras, imaging sonar and other imaging devices installed on the AUV, Li Yang said.

Actively responding to the needs of the country, the SIA has been devoted to the development of AUVs suitable for various application needs in recent years.

It has developed AUVs that can reach as deep as 11,000 meters below the sea surface, with their ranges varying between several kilometers and several thousand kilometers.

In terms of main functions and performance indicators, China's unmanned underwater robots have reached the international advanced level, Li Yang pointed out.

AUVs are expected to develop toward higher intelligentization in the future, with stronger adaptability to the environment and collaborative operation capabilities, according to experts.

People's Daily

Conflict in Balkans likely to flare up at any time with West's complicity, warns diplomat

MOSCOW

THE West is complicit in the flare-up of the recent developments in the Balkans, and due to that, Kosovar extremists can whip up a conflict there at any time, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova stated on her Telegram channel yesterday.

"The situation in the Balkans is getting worse <...> as a result, the Balkan powder keg of Europe can be ignited at any time by Kosovar radicals with the connivance or direct incitement from their Western patrons," the Russian diplomat noted.

According to Zakharova (pictured), the Albanian radicals "are persistently trying to get rid of the Kosovo Serbs." The Russian diplomat recalled that the Kosovar special forces invaded Serb-populated areas, which "remained autonomous within Serbia in line with international law," twice in the current autumn.

"The source of problems are the Albanian ultranationalists, who took over Kosovo and are asserting their power on the eve of local elections scheduled for November 14. They are being aided and abetted by the Western states, especially by those who unleashed NATO's aggression against Yugoslavia in 1999 aiming to separate Kosovo from Serbia

regardless of the numerous human losses," the Russian diplomat said. She also pointed out that the West was trying to make Serbia abandon its national interests and historical memory.

Furthermore, citing Belgrade officials, the diplomatic spokeswoman blamed the UK for whipping up the Kosovo conflict. As Zakharova stated, British instructors were training Kosovar police personnel, "while undercover agents monitored the situation in the northern municipalities, taking photos and videos of the Serb protesters during the clashes."

The situation in Kosovo

The situation in Kosovo and Metohija escalated dramatically twice during the autumn due to the belligerent actions of the Pristina authorities, who use riot police units. As a result of the latest upsurge in tensions, several dozen Serbs were hurt, one receiving a serious gun wound.

The Autonomous Province of Kosovo and Metohija declared independence unilaterally in February 2008 and has been actively trying to join global organizations, including UNESCO and Interpol, in recent years. Over 60 countries, in particular, Russia, India and China as well as the five EU member states,



TEHRAN,

US-led war forces Afghans to leave homeland with shattered dreams

UNDER normal circumstances, Kamal, an Afghan migrant in Iran, would have become a pop singer or a civil engineer as he had wished, were it not for the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

Violence has plagued Afghanistan ever since then, leaving behind a broken economy and a shattered society.

Many Afghans, including Kamal, had to flee to other countries, including neighboring Iran, to scrape a living. Currently a construction worker in Iran and a father of three kids, Kamal has been frequently traveling between Iran and Afghan-

istan to eke out a living and make ends meet since 2002, when he was merely 12 years old. "We were already miserable and suffering from ongoing violence," Kamal told Xinhua at a construction site. "The United States made us more miserable after it attacked Afghanistan."

The United States invaded Afghanistan in response to major suicide attacks orchestrated by Islamic extremist group al-Qaida on America's soil on Sept. 11, 2001. The military campaign, which lasted nearly 20 years, led to hundreds of thousands of deaths, including Kamal's mother.

"It is obvious, the war in Afghanistan did not end on the terms we wanted, with the Taliban now in power in Kabul," Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a hearing after the military earlier completed the pullout of its troops from Afghanistan. "Strategically, the war is lost, the enemy is in Kabul."

So you have a strategic failure while you simultaneously have an operational and tactical success," Milley said. Ramesh, a 24-year-old Afghan, immigrated to Iran 20 years ago when the United States launched the Afghanistan War. He

has always been dreaming about returning to his homeland, but the road back home is not easy.

"My goal is to serve my family and my country because I love them," the young man said, adding that "but the situation in Afghanistan, which goes back to 20 years ago, slows down the process of achieving my goals."

The longest war in U.S. history has led to escalating violence in Afghanistan but a large number of promises Washington made to Kabul remain unfulfilled, making peace, stability, and prosperity too far to reach for the war-torn coun-

try. "I don't want to go to Europe or any other countries," Ramesh said. "I want to go back to Afghanistan, and that's why I studied computer engineering."

With shared borders and cultural affinity with Afghanistan, among other factors, Iran has been the favorite destination for millions of Afghans seeking a new life.

Many young Afghans in Iran, like Ramesh, still want to go back to help their country and people in need.

Narges, 22, is also among them. "Immigration was not my choice,

and it is a compulsory subject for me," said Narges, who just graduated with an accounting major from Iran's Kharazmi University. "I hope to go back to my country one day and do my best to make that positive change and inspire other people," she said.

Following Taliban's takeover in mid August and announcement of the caretaker government on Sept. 7, the United States has frozen Afghanistan's assets in U.S. banks. Washington has reportedly frozen some 9.5 billion U.S. dollars in assets of the Afghan central bank on charges of the presence of terrorist groups in the country.

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Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa.

Bashungwa rewards sports fan as 2021 SHIMIWI Games end

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,
Morogoro

MINISTER for Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, the guest of honour at this year's Inter-Ministerial Sports Federation (SHIMIWI) Games' climax, has handed over a tractor worth 38m/- to a sports fan, Azaria Chaya, in Morogoro on Tuesday.

The games, held in Morogoro from October 29, 2021, with Vice President Phillip Mpango presiding over the games' launch, came to a close Tuesday.

The tractor was supplied by Agricom firm, which sponsored 35th edition of SHIMIWI Games, which took place at Jamhuri Stadium.

The events involved 1830 participants from 24 regions who formed several categories.

Bashungwa congratulated Agricom firm for supplying agricultural equipment including tractors, and harvesting machines not only for Morogoro residents but also the rest of Tanzanians.

The minister maintained that other sponsors should invest in sports as they are a platform for stimulating other economic, social and political activities.

The minister lauded Chaya for his idea of widening farming scale through the use of tractor in cultivation.

Bashungwa called on Morogoro residents to make full use of the tournaments hosted by the region for more than five times.

According to the minister, the opportunity ought to be fully used, since government is contemplating not giving other regions opportunity to host SHIMIWI Games.

"I congratulate Chaya for using the golden chance because the government has ordered regional authorities to improve sports facilities, including venues, aiming at seeing to it these kinds of games take place in

other regions," he disclosed.

Chaya, a rice grower whose activities are conducted in Kilosa and Mvomero districts, pledged the increase of rice bags from 860 to 1000, at his 60 acres farm located Dakawa, Kilosa, and an increase of production from 880 bags to 1500 bags at his 24 acres farm at Mvumi, in the district.

"I thank Agricom for supplying affordable agri-equipment, I have managed to buy tractor worth 38m/-, it otherwise would not have been possible to purchase the equipment at such kind of sports event," he said.

Agricom firm Chief Executive Officer, Alex Duffar, promised sustainable support to any sports activities focusing on empowering the youths who are useful in country's economy. The official revealed Agricom sponsors sports activities alongside sharing modern agricultural skills and selling equipment.

"It is time for other sponsors to avoid negative perception that supporting sports activities doesn't pay, frankly speaking Agricom has managed to sell six units out of 10 worth 300m/-, my colleagues should invest in these activities," he revealed.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Martin Shigela, promised the region residents that it will hold the 2022 SHIMIWI Games as a request was presented to Mpango who approved it.

"It is obvious Morogoro has hosted these games more than five times, but I have already submitted my request to top government officials because our region links neighbouring corridors of three countries, as well as western and southern regions of Tanzania so it is easy for guests to come here and return quickly and safely."

Shigela applauded State House netball team for clinching netball competition silverware.

Except for RAS-Morogoro team, State House team convincingly cruised to wins over other opposing outfits with margin of more than 20 goals.

Why a 'normal' Simba SC stands to be less spirited than city rivals

By Correspondent John Kim-bute

CITY fans of reigning Premier League champions, Simba SC, are asking themselves not just what happened in the goalless draw with old sister club Coastal Union of Tanga but posing a more intense question, as to what might be happening in the club altogether.

A pundit among FM discussants the following day demanded that 'whatever is continuing in the club ought to end now.

This is not normal,' referring not just to the latest results but a string of disappointing outcomes even at the premier league level, aside from the collapsed continental run, or relegation to its second tier. It is the league that primarily worries the fans.

While there were poor results at the premier league level even without the tumult on the technical bench in the aftermath of the 3-1 Jwaneng Galaxy rout, chances of the side recovering with an interim head coach and a dispirited side aren't quite high, from a psychological point of view.

That is why the best club chances lie with accelerating the hiring of a new coach so that there is a new tempo in the team, where the vi-



Simba SC players. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

tion is clearer and even the team building has a renewed focus, despite that decisions in that area don't quite lie with the coach.

But it makes a difference what vision he lays out and club ambitions are fired up again.

Obviously there is still plenty that members of the current technical bench can do in the circumstances, but there seems to be gaps in various areas which may have differing explanations, depending on the level of expertise that a trained eye can discern is the problem.

Yet there is one sphere that raises doubts as to the Msimbazi Street outfit's ability to bounce back to good spirits, despite that it is necessary for the side to find its feet and start roaring again.

The difference might be one that characterizes their archrivals, namely that the leadership at Msimbazi Street is less dependent on

feelings in the streets that at Jangwani.

While Simba SC has sacked coaches in the past, it is Young Africans SC that appears to be stricter or less tolerant with coaches than their archrivals, which is both a weakness and a strength.

It is a weakness in the fact that the coaches are never really free to plan and perhaps to 'experiment' as they under constant pressure to deliver, and if an impression of incompetence or weak responsiveness is built or rather spreads among the rank and file of the club membership and fan base, the die is cast.

This exercises relatively greater pressure on the technical bench as well as on players to deliver, compared to their next door rivals.

This impression comes to mind in looking at the manner in which Simba players performed in the Coastal Union encounter and

trying to figure out what the matter would have been.

While one has to put aside any technical observation for lack of qualification to do that, an impression rapidly comes to mind as to what sort of 'energies' were at play among a breadth of players, and one such parameter is that they have a less demanding technical bench to worry about.

It is possible that players put up the sort of effort they think is sufficient for that occasion, thus coming to a relaxed view on the Tanga side and relaxing about coaches.

Clearly that is a bad combination for a team to take to the pitch under that impression, for one berthed in that outlook will definite perform under par or handicapped to an extent, unable to exercise the right internal motivators to do better.

Worse, it becomes a collective spirit since

players have individual moods or minds but there is a prevailing mood and interpretation of the game shared merely by observation, even if nothing was stated in a direct manner.

It becomes hidden team spirit that they shall win anyway, and if there is a performance hiatus the coach will understand - why, because the coach isn't that good either!

That is why the club has to speed up finding a fitting replacement for Didier Gomes, and remarks by the CEO that African coaches aren't their preferred option were in the right frame, not because they can't achieve but must show to have achieved, the way National Al Ahly picked Pitsio Mosimane.

It was after the legendary continental champions suffered in his hands leading a South African side, Mamelodi Sundowns, and who had repeatedly won the South African premier league first Supersport United and then with Mamelodi, a side he trained for eight years.

He is also holding a UEFA coaching licence and that is what Simba will have to seek, ignoring the continental body's preference for its own licences, as the licencing process involves intricate issues of team spirit and mechanism, unlikely to be strong in CAF.

Gospel group releases three albums

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Friends of Jesus gospel group of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at Mbezi Luis in Dar es Salaam, has launched three albums to announce the group's presence in the genre.

The albums, titled 'Joy', 'It is Good', and 'Jesus' Name', were launched last weekend by the General Secretary of the Tanzania Central Government and Health Workers Union (TUGHE), Herry Mkunda.

Mkunda, who was the event's guest of honour, urged the group's singers to continue to do God's work through singing so that the message can reach more people and see to it they are saved.

"I congratulate The Friends of Jesus group for inviting me to be an official guest at this launch and I also ask you to maintain this unity to share the good news of God with more people,"



General Secretary of the Tanzania Central Government and Health Workers Union (TUGHE), Herry Mkunda, guest of honour at the launch of three albums released by The Friends of Jesus gospel group of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at Mbezi Luis in Dar es Salaam, (C), showcases one of the group's albums after the launch. Looking on are the church's leader, John Masuruli (L), guest of honour's wife, Rehema Mkunda (2nd L), and the group's singers. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Mkunda pointed out.

He further asked the church members to support the group's work of preaching the word of God through songs so that it can achieve its intended goals.

The group's leader, Veronica Balula, said it was launched in 2012 but had failed to launch

album due to various reasons.

"We had one album titled 'News of Hope', whose lyrics were only in audio, but in the end God has blessed us with three album's launch," Veronica revealed.

The leader said, the launch has inspired the group's singers to prepare more songs for God's

work in various parts of the country through singing.

He said, the group needs 235m/- to buy various items including a car to facilitate transport to several areas in the country when the group is invited to sing in sermons.

Azam FC rubbishes Lwandamina's contract termination rumours

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC management has denied rumours that the club is in the process of terminating its contract with head coach, Zambian George Lwandamina.

Immediately after the fourth round 2021/22 NBC Premier League match pitting Azam FC against Yanga, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend, Lwandamina was linked with reports of facing sack.

Azam FC went down 2-0 to Yanga, leaving the Chamazi-based side with two losses after four outings.

Thabit Zakaria, Azam FC Head of Information and Communication, recently

denied the allegations, saying they are not true.

However, Zakaria issued details of coach Lwandamina's contract coming to an end, maintaining that Azam FC management is in the process of signing a new contract with the Zambian.

The official noted: "Actually I have no information alleging the coach is to be sacked. That's why those are rumours, there is no plan to release the coach."

"His contract has expired and he will sign another one-year contract to stay at Azam FC," the official noted.

Azam FC has been on the mend since the start of the 2021/22 season, having settled for 1-1 with Coastal Union in the opening

fixture.

In the second fixture, the Dar es Salaam squad went down 2-1 to Polisi Tanzania, and then bounced back to edge Namungo FC 1-0 before losing to Yanga.

Azam FC garnered its second victory in the top flight on Tuesday as it edged hard fighting Geita Gold FC 1-0 in Dar es Salaam.

Azam FC was eliminated by Pyramids FC of Egypt in this season's CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round following the latter 1-0 aggregate victory.

The Tanzanian club had made it to the stage following aggregate 4-1 victory over Somalia side, Horseed FC, in the first preliminary round.

What's happened to Neymar? No. 10 is in worst form of PSG career

By Julien Laurens, ESPN Correspondent

DISAPPOINTING. Transparent. Ghostly. Average. You can probably think of a few more ways to describe Neymar's season so far -- in fact, these are actually kind words in regards to the performances the Brazil international has been putting up for Paris Saint-Germain, as some fans are far more extreme in criticism of their No. 10.

Neymar used to be a machine, especially in Ligue 1 with incredible stats, averaging almost a goal per game (56 in 70 matches in his first four seasons in France) and being involved in more than a goal per game (87 goals and assists over that same period). However, after a quarter of the 2021-22 season, his stats paint a very different story. One goal in six league games and 495 minutes played, with two assists and only three big chances created overall. The Brazilian superstar used to be so much more than that; he took Ligue 1 by storm when he arrived from Barcelona in the summer of 2017, a genius with an antagonistic style and personality. He missed more than half of PSG's games each season (20 in the 2017-2018 season, then 17, 15 and 18), but would compensate by delivering some moments of absolute brilliance.

So what is happening? Where has Neymar gone, and why is this year's version a pale imitation of the brilliance he's displayed at PSG over the past four seasons?

First of all, his numbers have been steadily decreasing over the course of his first four seasons at the Parc des Princes, which is never a good sign. From 19 goals in his first season, to 15, 13 and finally only nine last year. It's the same for his assists (13, 7, 6, 5) and pretty much every other important stat. In the 2017-18 season, he took 4.5 shots per game, 60% of them on target. He is down to 1.8 this season with 27% on target, and went from trying almost 12 dribbles per game with a 60% success rate to 6.8 with only 49% successful.

Perhaps what we're seeing so far this season could have been predicted. It feels like Neymar is becoming more peripheral, or that something's missing. He doesn't have the same energy or efficiency in everything he does on the pitch. Basically, too often he takes too many touches for not enough end product. And with the arrival of Lionel Messi and the growing importance of Kylian Mbappe in the team as well, Neymar is not the main option on the ball anymore. The rest of the team used to almost automatically pass him the ball regardless of where he was on the pitch. That is now not the case.

Physically he has struggled, and we are not just talking about him returning for preseason in July with a few kilos to shift. He can't maintain full intensity, with or without the ball, like he used to. He is not as explosive as he used to be on his first steps, especially in one-vs-one situations where he used to be one of the best in the world. He is heavier and slower.

And it is not about his age, as he only turns 30 in February and should be in his peak years. The problem is deeper than age, fitness or teammates. Maybe, he is starting to be a bit blasé. He has done it all now, in a sense, winning almost everything you can win over a lucrative and brilliant 15-year professional career. Yet, the fall is breathtaking.

Neymar's yet to turn in a match-winning performance for PSG this season; his average player rating in French newspaper L'Equipe is 4.3 out of 10 in his six Ligue 1 appearances so far. He got a mark of 2 for his dreadful display in the shock 2-0 loss at Rennes just before the October international break, and a 3 for his performance in the recent 0-0 draw with Marseille. He was better in September's 2-1 win over Lyon, but overall it's far from good enough. It's a similar story in the Champions League: Neymar featured against Club Brugge and Manchester City, but recorded no goals, assists or chances created.

After giving him a huge new four-year contract near the end of last season, PSG expected more from him this year, but sources inside the club tell ESPN that the club is not worried. They are sure that Neymar will get back to his best. Neymar, for his part, is just as certain that he will recapture his best form.

So what does Mauricio Pochettino think? The manager has a close relationship with Neymar, and he's happy with him. He tells him privately and also claims it publicly: he is satisfied by Neymar's performances. He even praised him after the Marseille draw, despite yet another anonymous display.

There is, however, one thing that Neymar does better now than before: defending. Believe it or not, the Brazilian has put in a real shift supporting his teammates at the back this season. Has this been to the detriment of his attacking input? We will only know for sure over the long-term.

PSG need Neymar at his best if they want to win the Champions League. He did set up Angel Di Maria for the decisive goal in the 2-1 win against champions Lille last Friday, which bodes well for their midweek trip to RB Leipzig in the Champions League. In the end, those in and around PSG are hoping that, sooner rather than later, they will get to see the real Neymar again.

Ronaldo papering over Solskjaer's flaws at Man United

BERGAMO, Italy

CRISTIANO Ronaldo did not return to Manchester United earlier this season to keep Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in a job, but he is doing it almost single-handedly right now.

Another hapless United display was glossed over by another Ronaldo rescue act with two goals in a 2-2 draw against Atalanta in Bergamo, but Solskjaer's post-match smile will have masked an acceptance that he will have to save himself sooner rather than later.

Ronaldo, the oldest man in the United team, scored crucial equalisers in stoppage time at the end of each half to keep Solskjaer's side on top of Champions League Group F. A win against Villarreal in Spain later this month will confirm United's place in the Round of 16 and do wonders for the manager's job security.

"Cristiano [Ronaldo] is just incredible," Solskjaer said after the match. "If there is anyone you want a chance to fall to and a difficult chance, it is just incredible."

Even Ronaldo admitted that United were lucky, with the forward saying, "We were a little bit lucky in the end but that is football."

"We have to still im-



Cristiano Ronaldo once again saved Manchester United, but is his brilliance just prolonging the pain that is Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's rudderless team? (Agencies)

prove, we have different players, different system, we have to adapt with each other, but it will take time. We have time to improve and be better."

This was the third successive Champions League game in which Ronaldo has made a decisive late intervention, with winners at home to Villarreal and Atalanta before his 92nd minute volley in the Stadio di Bergamo.

Add them up and his goals have been worth five points in Group F alone. His contribution in the Premier League has also been significant, with four goals in seven appearances. Yes, he has created a tactical

problem for Solskjaer because of what he can no longer do, but any suggestion that Ronaldo has been detrimental to the team only needs to look at his match-winners and, against Atalanta, his match-saver.

"Some even managed to say he was a problem, imagine Ronaldo as a problem! He never gets it off target -- half the time he scores, half the time it is saved," Atalanta coach Gian Piero Gasperini said.

But no top team, or top manager for that matter, can allow their hopes and prospects to be carried by just one player. For now at least, United can just count themselves lucky that

Ronaldo is still able to perform like Superman when everyone else plays like they have been told to go out onto the pitch and work it out for themselves by the manager.

And that is where United appear to be right now. Saturday's 3-0 win at Tottenham lifted the intense pressure on Solskjaer in the wake of the 5-0 defeat against Liverpool a week earlier, but it would naively and foolish to believe that result had steadied the ship and rendered the Liverpool loss as nothing more than a blip.

In Bergamo, United were all at sea again for much of the game. Defensively, they were chaotic again, both before Raphael Varane's first-half injury and after. United started as a back five, after the successful tactical switch at Spurs, but they still fell behind for the eighth time in 15 games when Aaron Wan-Bissaka was caught between attackers on 12 minutes and allowed Duvan Zapata time and space to beat him to the ball and pass to Josip Illicic, who beat David de Gea from 12 yards to make it 1-0.

Wan-Bissaka and Eric Bailly played like strangers, leaving gaps on the right, but Bailly at least redeemed himself with a series of crucial defen-

sive blocks.

Harry Maguire, meanwhile, was constantly beaten for pace and movement by Zapata and Mario Pasalic and, when United reverted to a back four after Varane limped off on 38 minutes, the defence continued to look shambolic. Ronaldo's first equaliser, a minute into first-half stoppage time, when he scored after a back-heel by Bruno Fernandes gave United a foothold in the game, but the second-half produced another display of the chaotic nature of Solskjaer's team.

Zapata and Pasalic continued to cause major problems and Zapata restored Atalanta's lead on 57 minutes after embarrassing both Bailly and Maguire.

So United were chasing another game, at panic stations once again -- it's one of the recurring fault-lines of Solskjaer's team.

There is no control to their play and no sense of a workable plan. It is simply a case of playing at 100mph, hoping for a breakaway and then rinse and repeat if it doesn't work the first time.

Watch Liverpool or Manchester City and see how they patiently control games by moving the ball around midfield, dictating the tempo and

probing the opposition before finding a way through.

That's what the top teams do, but United have no control of midfield whatsoever. Paul Pogba, restored to the team by Solskjaer having been dropped by him prior to his red card against Liverpool, lost the ball repeatedly rather than control it. The France midfielder is supposed to be one of the world's best players, but he is careless in possession and lacking in desire to win the ball back.

All of the above can be pinned on Solskjaer. As manager, he has to have a tactical approach that gets the best from his players and constructs a reliable defence and midfield.

But the former Cardiff and Molde coach, almost three years into his job at United, has still to show he can do that most basic of tasks.

Eventually, Solskjaer will have to crack that code because at this level of the game, you cannot get away with it forever.

But while he has Ronaldo fit and in form, Solskjaer might continue to get lucky. Or lucky enough for his Old Trafford bosses to avoid the issues that are so blatantly evident to everyone else.

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Chelsea profligacy doesn't matter at Malmo, but one day it will

MALMO, Sweden

CHELSEA's propensity of sharing goals around is a remarkable trait that is helping Thomas Tuchel cope with the loss of his principal forwards, but nights like this would be much easier if Kai Havertz could join the party more often. The Blues have had 17 different scorers this season -- Manchester City are the next closest in England with 15, but Liverpool and Arsenal come next with 10 -- yet no single player has registered more than four.

Tuesday's 1-0 win in Malmo ensures Tuchel continues to keep Chelsea progressing nicely on all fronts this season despite only sporadically finding real fluidity in attack, a problem exacerbated at least in theory by losing primary strikers Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner to injury.

Havertz has assumed responsibility for leading the attack but in the fortnight since Lukaku and Werner limped off in the reverse fixture at Stamford Bridge, the Blues have scored 12 times in four matches without defeat. Havertz was responsible for just one of those, a header from a corner in a Carabao Cup fourth-round tie against Southampton in which Chelsea still required penalties to advance to the quarter-finals.

Such is the guile and creativity he offers in that position, Havertz is not a player judged on goals alone. This was exemplified by his role in Hakim Ziyech's 56th-minute winner, the Morocco international's first goal since August.

Exchanging passes with Callum Hudson-Odoi, Havertz released the England international who then produced a sumptuous cross for Ziyech to convert from close range at the far post, breaking the home side's resistance if not their support -- 19,551 inside the compact Eleda Stadion defying a crisp November night with fervent backing throughout.

It is precisely the sort of link-up play Havertz can offer as a false nine, but the trade-off of profligacy was in evidence in what came before and after. Since scoring the goal that won last season's Champions League final against Manchester City in May, the German international has netted on just three occasions, but he really should have added to that tally here.

During a first half in which Malmo used a tight pitch to their advantage to defend the width of their box and deny space in central areas with a five-man defence, Chelsea relied on several moments of quality from Ruben Loftus-Cheek -- making his first Champions League start since 2015 -- to beat a player and prise their opponents open.

Loftus-Cheek recovered from a nervous start to impose himself in midfield, and after 29 minutes he released Havertz for a clear sight of goal. The 22-year-old delayed his effort and allowed Malmo goalkeeper Johan Dahlin a chance to narrow down the angle and make a good block.

The same combination could have made the game safe with 12 minutes remaining. Lof-



Kai Havertz was brilliant in his link-up play, but was held without a goal for the 12th time in 15 appearances this season. (Agencies)

tus-Cheek played Havertz in again but once more, he could not beat Dahlin from close range.

"Unfortunately [Havertz missed a couple of chances] because I think he deserves [to score]," said Tuchel. "Very intense against the ball and off the ball bringing a huge effort, doing a lot of runs when we have the ball. I like what he plays at the moment. I can see and feel how hard he fights for the team and what an effort he puts into it."

"He is a bit unlucky at the moment. He won a penalty for us at Newcastle. He had today one maybe two chances to score. It would be the perfect scenario if it could happen for him but in the last games I'm actually very happy

with his performance, the effort he puts into his games and also the quality."

This was another occasion when Tuchel, serenaded by the travelling supporters, displayed his tactical nous, switching the flanks where Ziyech and Hudson-Odoi were operating at half-time. Within 11 minutes, they combined for the only goal.

This was an expected yet necessary win in the context of Group H after September's defeat to Juventus put Chelsea on the back foot in securing top spot, yet it was harder than it needed to be. Chelsea dominated the ball, ending with 66% possession but completing more passes (743) than any other team in a Champions League game this

season as they probed for openings they then struggled to take; 22 shots yielded 10 on target but Dahlin should not have been given a chance to make as many saves as he did.

"We wanted the result, we needed the result, we expected the result from us and we delivered," said Tuchel. "We had a lot of shots and a lot of touches in the opponent's half in the first half but we were not clinical enough and could not score."

"We wanted to increase the intensity level a bit in the second half to force a goal, and then in the moment of highest pressure in the beginning of the second half, we were able to use this one moment with precision and we were clinical enough to score."

The game's final act could hardly have made the point better. Christian Pulisic came on for the final 16 minutes in his first appearance for the club since Aug. 14, notably playing through the middle as Chelsea sought to kill off the game.

Deep into stoppage-time, the United States international bent his run to race clean through on goal. He rounded Dahlin only to turn his right-footed shot into the side netting as, off-balance, he fell to the floor. Pulisic was flagged offside so it didn't matter.

One day it might.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Ronaldo papering over Solskjaer's flaws at Man United

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CAF kicks Biashara United out of CAF Confederation Cup



Tanzania's Biashara United winger, Denis Nkane (R), dribbles past Libya's Al Ahli Tripoli's Osama Eshtiba, as the squads faced off in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's second preliminary round first leg match which took place in Dar es Salaam in October. PHOTO: COURTESY OF BIASHARA UNITED

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Biashara United has been officially kicked out of the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup after failing to travel for the showdown's second preliminary round rematch against Al Ahli Tripoli of Libya.

In a letter sent by CAF to the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), the continental football body stated that the decision to release the team was made by the confederation's Competition Committee.

According to CAF, the reason for the team's failure to travel to Libya to play the second leg of the second preliminary round was not due to the emergency of the match, which was scheduled for October 23 in Benghazi, Libya.

In the first match played on October 15 at Benjamin Mkapa

Stadium Dar es Salaam, the hosts cruised to a 2-0 victory.

Biashara was due to travel to Libya earlier but they could not do so due to financial constraints.

The situation prompted the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, to intervene by directing TFF to make sure the team travel to Libya for the second leg tie.

TFF succeeded to get a private jet that was to take Biashara United players and officials to Libya but they failed to get airspace permits that will allow Air Tanzania to fly and land in Libya.

The information from TFF Marketing and Communication Department released yesterday said that the federation had written to CAF seeking the postponement of the game until October 27.

"We tried our best to fulfill Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's request to ensure we get a private jet that will

see Biashara United fly to Benghazi, Libya, only denied by airspace landing permit."

"We have already written to CAF asking them to shift the game to Tuesday to allow Biashara to get there," Ndimbo disclosed.

Biashara United could not travel to Libya for the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round rematch against Al Ahli Tripoli, the African football governing body, CAF, was still expected to include the former in the continental competition's round of 32 play-offs.

The confederation was set to opt for the move, pending on the Tanzanian outfit's ability to honour the return leg clash and qualify for the playoff stage.

If Biashara was to be allowed to play the match against Al Ahli Tripoli and qualify for the next stage, they would have taken on Stade Malien of Mali.

Biashara was due to travel to Libya

but they failed to make the trip due to financial constraints.

Biashara United, moreover, responded to reports circulating online that the club's officials received bribes so they can see to it their outfit opts out of taking part in its rematch against Al Ahli Tripoli.

Biashara United, after securing a 2-0 win over the Libya Premier League runners-up in the first leg, was supposed to travel to Tripoli to play the rematch on October 23, 2021, but failed to do so due to what they claimed was a lack of licenses to launch their chartered plane.

The outfit disclosed in a letter: "Biashara United Mara is frustrated by reports circulating online about team leaders receiving bribes from Al Ahli Tripoli to thwart our team's trip to Libya for a rematch after a previous game played in Tanzania in which Biashara emerged with 2-0 victory."

"The statement is not only aimed at undermining the unity and stability of Biashara United but also aims to discredit the leadership, fans of the players so we urge the public to ignore the report and urge those who continue to disseminate it to stop immediately."

"In the early stages of addressing the issue, the leadership has begun investigating the source of the information and has no ill intentions against Biashara United and its officials," the statement noted.

Biashara United is currently awaiting official information from CAF to determine the fate of the second leg tie if it either exists or it has been struck off CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round.

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National Arts Council of Tanzania (BASATA) Executive Secretary, Matiko Mniko.

BASATA sticks to decision on Miss World representative saga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Arts Council (BASATA) has maintained its position that Rose Manfere is the Miss Tanzania it recognizes so far.

According to the council, it will not be willing to hand over the national flag to another model selected by Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee that is not recognized by the council.

BASATA Executive Secretary, Matiko Mniko, issued the information when he spoke shortly after handing over the national flag to dance groups going to Switzerland.

The Miss Tanzania Organizing Committee is currently preparing for a model that ended second, Juliana Rugimisa.

Juliana's coordinator Azama promotions recently said preparations for her trip to the Miss World pageant are well underway and the beauty is expected to leave the country later this month.

Guardian sought to know BASATA's position so far concerning the saga considering recently Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, said the government would issue its position.

Commenting on the issue, Mniko said their position is the same and that is the position of the government.

According to the official, they will not be willing to either hand over a flag or permit a representative that the council does not consider to represent the country.

"Legally Rose is known as 2020/21 Miss Tanzania and we will hand her flag to Miss World, a position that even the organizers of the pageant have written to us and they know it."

BASATA has made its stand known with just a few days to go before the Miss World pageant is slated for December this year in Puerto Rico.

Zimbabwe delighted with place at 2020 Region 5 Games Maseru

MASERU

BETTER late than never. That is the message from Zimbabwe coach Tafadzwa Mashiri after his side gained a late entry into the Boys' U-17 football competition at the Region 5 Games Maseru 2020.

Zimbabwe was not in the original draw made in Lesotho last month, but after a late request to participate was received from the country's football association, COSAFA has allowed both their Girls and Boys teams to take part.

This decision was based on the fact that it would be counterproductive for COSAFA to withhold opportunities for young players when the organization's mandate is to help with the development of the game in the region.

Mashiri is delighted with his team's entry, even if it means there is a race against time to be ready.

"We are excited that we are now going to participate in the tournament," he was quoted by The Herald.

"But in terms of preparations, I think we are behind schedule because there was no football taking place in the country for over a year."

"We need to hit the ground running, without wasting more time. The other teams that we will be competing against at the tournament have already started conducting training camps, yet we are still to assemble a squad."

"We are glad for this opportunity, though. This tournament is very important because it gives our youngsters exposure to international football from a young age. This is also the pool where we draw our national U-20 and the future national team."

Zimbabwe will open the competition with a Group A clash against Eswatini



Zimbabwe's U-17 boys' football team.

on November 30, before matches against hosts Lesotho (Dec. 2) and Madagascar (Dec. 5).

"My observation is that the groups are fairly balanced. In football these days there are no big or small teams," Mashiri says.

"The developments at the recent senior COSAFA Cup, where teams like Eswatini went all the way to the bronze medal, show there is potential for any team to do well at the tournament."

The coach also wants to make up for a lost time after his side dropped out of last year's COSAFA Men's U-17 Championship after falling foul of the Confederation of African Football's eligibility testing for zonal qualifiers.

"Last year, we had a promising start after we played our first game and drew 1-1 with Angola. Unfortunately, we got disqualified because of

circumstances that were beyond us.

"It was very unfortunate but just the feeling of being there was good for the boys," he said.

For all their prowess as a regional powerhouse, Zimbabwe has only made the final of the COSAFA Men's U-17 Championship on one occasion, when they lifted the trophy in 2007.

They reached the semifinals in 1994 after starting with a 0-0 draw against Lesotho but following that up with a win over Botswana (1-0) and a draw with Mozambique (2-2), which proved enough.

They lost 5-1 to South Africa in the semifinal though and were beaten 1-0 by Zambia in the bronze-medal match.

They exited in the first round in 2001 after a 1-0 loss to South Africa and a 3-2 victory over Namibia and did not compete in 2002.

Their crowning glory came in the 2007 competition as they topped their pool wins win over Angola (2-1) and Eswatini (3-1), which had followed a 1-1 draw with Namibia.

They defeated Zambia 5-4 on penalties in the semifinals after a 1-1 draw and then edged South Africa on spot-kicks (4-2 after a 1-1 draw) in the decider.

The team did not compete in 2016 and lost all three pool matches in 2017, going down to Mauritius (1-0), Malawi (5-0), and Botswana (2-1).

It was a similar story in 2018 as they lost to Eswatini (3-2), Malawi (5-0), and Angola (2-1), and the team again did not appear in 2019.

It means their last outright win (without penalties) in this competition was 14 years ago in the pool stages against Eswatini (3-1).

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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