Bil. 1.2 zatengeneza madawati jijini Mwanza

NA PETER KATULANDA, MWANZA

HALMASHAURI ya Jiji la Mwanza imetumia sh. bilioni 1.4, kutekeleza agizo la Rais Dk. John Magufuli kukabiliana na tatizo la madawati katika shule za msingi.

Akitoa taarifa ya utekelezaji wa agizo hilo, juzi, kwa Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Nyamagana, Baraka Konisaga, Mkurugenzi wa Halmashauri ya jiji hilo, Adam Mgoyi alisema tayari wametengeneza na kukamilisha madawati 6,840 kutokana na kiasi hicho cha fedha walichokipata baada ya kubana matumizi.

Mgoyi alisema wamebana matumizi ya miezi mitatu Januari, Februari na Machi mwaka huu, ili kuanza utekelezaji wa agizo hilo na kuhakikisha wanamaliza tatizo la upungufu wa madawati 11,400 katika shule zake 78.

ÌBaada ya serikali kutangaza kuanza kutoa elimu bure kutoka darasa la kwanza hadi kidato cha tano, kumejitokeza changamoto kubwa ya wanafunzi kuongezeka katika shule za msingi na kusababisha wengi kukaa chini wakati wa masomo.

ÌKwa hali hiyo na agizo la mheshimiwa Rais Dk Magufuli alilolitoa nchini kote, imetulazimu kubana matumizi kwa kipindi cha miezi hiyo mitatu ili kukabiliana na changamoto ya madawati 11,400 ambayo ndiyo mahitaji ya shule zetu 78 kwa mjibu wa tathimini iliyofanywa na wataalamu wa Jiji,î alisema Mgoyi.

Alisema pamoja na kukamilisha kiasi hicho ambacho ni sawa na asilimia 60, wanatarajia ifikapo mwishoni mwa mwezi Juni mwaka huu wawe wamekamilisha kiasi cha asilimia 40 kilichosalia (madawati 4,560).

Mgoyi aliitaja changamoto nyingine iliyojitokeza katika shule hizo kuwa upungufu wa matundu ya vyoo ambayo pia wanakabiliana nayo sambamba na upungufu wa madawati na tayari wamejenga matundu 180 ya vyoo katika shule 18 za msingi kwa thamani sh.milioni 270.

Kwa upande wake, Konisaga akipongeza hatua hiyo na kusema êelimu bureí imefungua fursa ya wazazi na walezi kupeleka watoto shuleni kwa wingi na kusababisha ongezeko la upungufu wa madawati hasa wa darasa la kwanza.

Kutokana na hilo, alitoa wito kwa wananchi na wadau mbalimbali wa elimu kusaidia michango ya madawati.

"Natoa ombi kwa wadau wa maendeleo katika wilaya yetu wakiwemo wananchi na wafanyabiashara kuunga mkono Halmashauri ya Jiji kwa kujitolea kuchangia fedha na vifaa vya kutengenezea madawati 4,560 yaliyosalia ili kuondoa kabisa tatizo hilo kwani elimu bure isitafasiliwe kuwa inawazuia wadau, wananchi kuchangia na kuboresha miundombinu ya elimu, "alisema.

Konisaga alikipongeza Chuo cha Ufundi cha Buhongwa kinachomilikiwa na Taasisi ya Elimu ya Watu Wazima, ambacho kinatengeneza madawati hayo (ya mbao na vyuma) kwa gharama nafuu ya sh.109,000 kwa kila moja, chini ya uongozi wa Andrew Swai.

KAMISHNA Mkuu mstaafu wa Mamlaka ya Mapato Tanzania (TRA), Harry Kitilya (kushoto) akiwa na waliokuwa Wafanyakazi wa Benki ya Stanbic Tanzania, Sioi Sumari (katikati) na Shose Sinare, wakiwa Mahakama ya Hakimu Mkazi Kisutu, Dar es Salaam, jana.

Wakulima waukataa mfuko wa Vidung'ata

NA DUSTAN NDUNGURU, MBINGA

WANACHAMA wa chama cha ushirika MBIFACU wilayani Mbinga mkoa wa Ruvuma, wameitaka halmashauri ya wilaya hiyo, kuufuta mfuko wa Vidung'ata ambao unahudumia wakulima wa zao la kahawa wilayani humo.

Imeelezwa kuwa mfuko huo umekuwa ukiwanufaisha baadhi ya watendaji waliopo serikalini na si wakulima.

Aidha walieleza kuwa makato ya fedha wanazokatwa katika kila msimu wa mavuno ya kahawa ni makubwa ambapo fedha hizo zililenga kwa kununua dawa za kuhudumia zao hilo lakini haziwafikii walengwa.

Wanachama hao walitoa kauli hiyo juzi kwenye mkutano mkuu uliofanyika mjini hapa na kueleza ni vyema waunde mfuko wa pembejeo za kilimo.

Walisema lengo la kuunda mfuko wa Vidung'ata ni kwa ajili ya kudhibiti wadudu wanaoshambulia mti wa kahawa hasa katika kipindi cha masika na kwamba fedha wanakatwa sh.50 kwa kila kilo moja ya kahawa.

"Tunataka mfuko huu uondolewe kwenye mfumo wa serikali, upelekwe katika chama hiki cha ushirika lengo tuondokane na matatizo haya ya upatikanaji wa pembejeo za kuhudumia zao letu la kahawa," alisema.

Wilson Kapinga ambaye ni mkulima wa kutoka Kata ya Ngima, alisema wamefikia uamuzi huo kutokana na baadhi ya watendaji wa serikali ambao ni mabwana shamba kukosa uaminifu wa namna ya kufikisha dawa kwa wakulima, ambapo huishia mikononi mwao kwa lengo la kujinufaisha binafsi.

Kapinga alisema maofisa ugani muda mwingi wamekuwa wanaishi mjini badala ya kuwa karibu na wakulima vijijini, kitendo kinachowafanya washindwe kuwajibika ipasavyo kwa wakulima.

Mkulima wa kahawa, Peter Komba kutoka Kata ya Myangayanga wilayani hapa, alisema wakati umefika kwa watendaji hao kuchukuliwa hatua za kinidhamu kutokana na kutowajibika ipasavyo katika maeneo yao ya kazi.

Mwenyekiti wa chama hicho, Stanley Lupogo, aliunga mkono hoja hizo na kuongeza kuwa endapo wana malengo ya kuimarisha ushirika huo, wakulima wa kahawa wanapaswa kuzalisha zao hilo kwa wingi na ubora unaokubalika katika soko la ndani na nje ya nchi.

Yono yamkana aliyekamatwa na TAKUKURU

NA MWANDISHI WETU

KAMPUNI ya udalali ya Yono imemkana mtu aliyekamatwa na Taasisi ya Kuzuia na Kupambana na Rushwa (TAKUKURU) ambaye alijitambulisha kuwa ni mtumishi wa kampuni hiyo.

Akizungumza na gazeti hili jana, Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa kampuni hiyo, Scholastika Kevela, alisema walishangaa kusikia kwenye vyombo vya habari kwamba mtumishi wake amekamatwa na TAKUKURU.

Alisema wanamtambua, Edward Nyakamwe, kama mtu aliyewahi kufanyakazi kwenye kampuni hiyo kama dereva kibarua kwa mkataba wa miezi mitatu tu na alishafukuzwa kazi siku nyingi.

Alisema hata wakati huo akifanyakazi kwa mkataba wa miezi mitatu, hakuwahi kutumwa kazi yoyote inayohusu Mamlaka ya Mapato Tanzania (TRA) kama kwenda kukamata wasiolipa kodi kwa kuwa si fani yake.

ÌUkiachilia mbali kwamba mtu huyu si mfanyakazi wetu ukweli ni kwamba ile kazi waliyokwenda kuifanya kule hata kwenye rekodi ya kazi zetu haipo na wala hatuitambui huo ndio ukanjanja wenyewe,î alisisitiza Kevela.

Alipongeza TAKUKURU kwa kukamata watu wa aina hiyo ambao wamekuwa wakichafua sifa nzuri ya kampuni yake ambayo haijawahi kukumbwa na kashfa kama hizo.

Alisema kabla ya kuanza kukamata wafanyabiashara waliokwepa kodi, wafanyakazi wa kampuni hiyo walipewa mafunzo ya namna ya kuzingatia maadili na kujiepusha na vitendo vya rushwa.

"Watu wetu wakienda kutekeleza jukumu fulani lazima wanakuwa katika sare maalum na wanakuwa wamevaa vitambulisho na wanakuwa katika kundi, haendi mmoja mmoja sasa huyo alijituma kwa kughushi kwamba ati ni mtumishi wetu," alisema.

"Hiyo kazi inayosemwa sisi hatujawahi kuipatana wala huyo mteja aliyemfuata hatumjui hivyo sisi hatuhusiki kabisa na mtu huyo na tunaombwa wananchi na watu wengine waanofanyakazi nasisi waendelee kutuamini tufanye kazi," alisema Scholastika.

Walimu 1,200 walalamika kutopandishwa madaraja

WILLIUM PAUL, MOSHI

WALIMU wapatao 1,200 katika Halmashauri ya Moshi Vijijini mkoani Kilimanjaro, hawajapandishwa madaraja kwa kipindi cha miaka miwili sasa.

Imeelezwa kuwa walimu hao wamekidhi vigezo vya kupandishwa madaraja lakini hadi sasa hawajapandishwa na tatizo hilo limekuwa sugu katika halmashauri hiyo.

Katibu wa Chama cha Walimu Tanzania (CWT) wilaya ya Moshi Vijijini, Dauson Temu, alisema hayo jana alipokuwa akizungumza na waandishi wa habari na kuongeza kuwa walimu waliokuwa wamekidhi vigezo vya kupandishwa madaraja ni zaidi ya 1,500 lakini waliopandishwa ni 433.

Hata hivyo, alisema walimu hao hadi sasa hawajakabidhiwa barua zao za kupanda vyeo pamoja na kupandishiwa mishahara yao.

"Nashangaa katika halmashauri yetu, imekuwa nyuma katika kuwapandisha walimu vyeo na hata wale wanaopandishwa wamekuwa wakicheleweshewa barua zao pamoja na mishahara mipya tofauti na halmashauri nyingine ambapo walimu wao wameshaanza kunufaika," alisema.

Alisema kila siku halmashauri inawaahidi kuwapandisha vyeo walimu pamoja na kuwapa barua zao lakini ahadi hiyo haitekelezeki na kusababisha walimu kukata tamaa na kazi.

Temu aliiomba serikali kuingilia kati suala hilo ili kumaliza tatizo linalowakabili walimu wa halmashauri hiyo.

Aidha alisema kuwa walimu wanadai zaidi ya sh. milioni 572 kutokana na malimbikizo ya mishahara, posho za uhamisho na likizo.

Katibu wa huyo alisema tatizo lingine linalowakabili walimu katika halmashauri hiyo ni kutolipwa madeni yao wanayoidai serikali tangu mwaka 2008 hadi sasa, licha ya madeni hayo kuhakikiwa.

Alisema walimu wa shule za msingi na sekondari wanadai zaidi ya sh. milioni 462 za madai ya mishaharaa iliyorukwa bila kulipwa kwa nyakati tofauti na sh. milioni 110 ni madai mbali mbali yanayohusiana na malipo ya likizo na uhamisho.

Wafuga nyuki Mikumi wafadhiliwa

NA IGAMBA LIBONGE, MVOMERO

ASASI ya kuhifadhi mazingira ya Conservation of Nature for Survival-(CONASU) kwa ushirikiano na shirika la "The Ruffor Foundation-RSG" la Uingereza, imegawa mizinga ya nyuki yenye thamani ya sh. milioni 3.5, katika vijiji sita vinavyopakana na Hifadhi ya Mikumi mkoani Morogoro.

Akizungumza kwa nyakati tofauti kwenye vijiji vya Doma, Maharaka, Kihondo, Mkata, Kilangali na Palakuyo vilivyoko wilayani Kilosa na Mvomero, Mratibu wa Conasu katika mradi shirikishi wa hifadhi tembo na makazi yake, Angelus Runji, alisema njia hiyo inalenga kuwalinda wanyama na hifadhini kwa kuepusha ujangili na uharibifu mazingira.

"Kuna wimbi la ujangili na uharibifu mazingira hususan katika hifadhi za taifa, hivyo kuhatarisha kutoweka wanyama wetu kama tembo na wengine, baada ya tafitu zetu tumeamua kuja na mbadala kuwanusuru wanyama hawa bila kumwathiri mwananchi," alisema.

Runji alitaja faida za ufugaji nyumki mpakani mwa hifadhi mwa vijiji hivyo kuwa ni njia rahisi ya kuwazuia wanyama hao wakiwemo tembo.

Aliongeza kuwa "Hawa nyuki ni wadudu wenye ukorofi unawafanya kuwa rafiki zetu hasa sisi tulio jirani na hifadhi kwa kuwa hawapatani kabisa na wanyama pori hususan tembo, lakini hii ni shughuli isiyomuumiza mtu katika kufuta kipato na nyuki wenyewe na zao lake la asali ni dawa kwa viumbe duniani."

Muikolojia wa Hifadhi ya Mikumi, Samweli Mgohachi, alisema hadi kufikia miaka ya 1980, Tanzania ilikuwa na tembo 600,000 ambapo takwimu za hivi karibuni inaonyesha kuna tembo 40,000.

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> CRIME

Woman arrested for burning her 8-year-old sister with iron

Morogoro. A 30-year-old woman has been arrested for allegedly using an iron to burn an eight-year-old girl as punishment for not performing household chores. The woman, a resident of Dumila and the young girl's sister, will be charged with causing serious bodily injuries to the Standard One pupil, Queen Joseph, police have said. The pupil was reportedly burnt on various parts of her body. She was taken to Dumila Dispensary for treatment. The accused woman was dragged to a nearby police post by angry villagers. Village chairman Jackson Mangalale said the woman had also been accused of abusing the young girl for a long time. ***(By Patrick Kisembo)***

> CONSERVATION

Park authorities seek community support in protecting elephants

Morogoro. Mikumi National Park management has appealed for community assistance in its efforts to protect elephants. The park's ecologist, Mr Samweli Mgohachi, told *The Citizen* yesterday at a sensitisation seminar for residents from six villages in Morogoro Region, that the success of an effort at protecting elephants largely depended on local community support. "Creating awareness among villagers will open a new chapter in the park-community shared objective of conservation," he said. Villagers from Kihondo, Maharaka, and Doma and Mkata villages from Mvomero district were some of the participants during the seminar. ***(By Patrick Kisembo)***

UN SECURITY BOOST AT REFUGEE CAMPS IN KENYA
The UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) on Wednesday donated 10 police vehicles to Kenya to help scale up security in the refugee camps in northeastern region.

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District council to verify workers' certificates

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Morogoro. The Morogoro District Council plans to verify workers' academic certificates in the ongoing audit of the public service employee database.

Acting district council executive director Ernest Kisombi told *The Citizen* on Wednesday the move is part of the council's effort to identify ghost workers in the region.

He revealed that so far the council has identified 19 ghost workers who have caused government a loss of Sh58 million.

"In order to ensure that we don't have ghost workers, heads of departments have been directed to conduct regular verification of their subordinates' records," said Mr Kisombi.

He warned that any employee whose certificate isn't valid would face legal action.

However, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not allowed to speak to the press on government business, some of the workers said it would have been better if the verification exercise was also done to ensure each of them receives what he or she deserves.

"Some of us have worked for more than 10 years without promotion. We want this exercise to go hand in hand with resolving some of the challenges we have been facing for so long," said one of the workers.

Don lashes out at 'inept' councillors

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Morogoro. Councillors are to blame for the lack of development in their areas of jurisdiction because most of them are irresponsible, a senior official with a public service training institute has said.

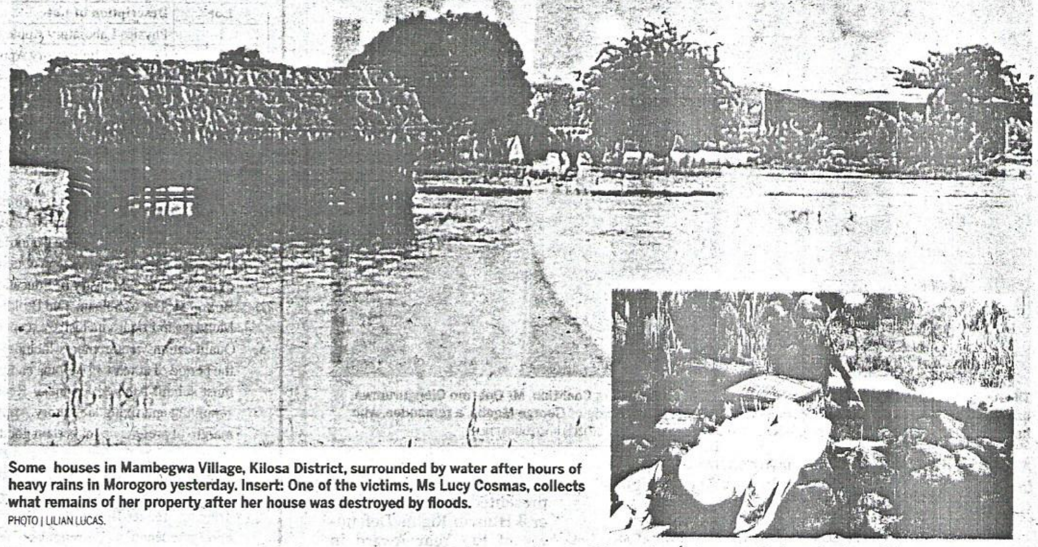
The Principal of the Dodoma based Local Government Training Institute, Hombolo, Dr Emmanuel Gibai, said councils were failing to perform to the expectations of their people because of bad leadership. His institution is responsible for the training of the majority of local government workers in the country.

Dr Gibai made the remarks while addressing Kilosa and Gairo districts' councillors and project coordinators of Public Sector Systems Strengthening project (PS3) during the ongoing four-day forum in Morogoro Region.

He said the majority of councils have not been performing well in supervising development projects due to conflict of interest between the councillors and executive directors.

DISASTER RC appeals for humanitarian support as victims are left without shelter and food

Floods kill five, leave over 13,000 homeless in Moro



Some houses in Mambegwa Village, Kilosa District, surrounded by water after hours of heavy rains in Morogoro yesterday. Insert: One of the victims, Ms Lucy Cosmas, collects what remains of her property after her house was destroyed by floods.
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Floods sweep away a total of 315 houses in the four districts of Kilosa, Morogoro rural, Kilombero and Malinyi where 13,900 people were left homeless

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> **"We are seeking humanitarian support from various stakeholders. Currently, the victims don't have shelter, food, and drugs."**
> MOROGORO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DR STEVEN KEBWE

Morogoro. Five people were killed and more than 13,900 rendered homeless by floods as heavy rains pounded Morogoro yesterday.

A report released by Morogoro Regional Commissioner Steven Kebwe shows that more than 3,000 families had been affected and a total of 12,073 hectares of crops destroyed, leaving residents without food.

Dr Kebwe said the floods swept away a total of 315 houses in four districts of Kilosa, Morogoro rural, Kilombero and Malinyi.

According to Dr Kebwe, five people were drowned in various rivers in Kilosa and Kilombero districts. Those drowned include a taxi driver, who sunk in his car.

"We are seeking humanitarian support from various stakeholders. Currently, the victims don't have shelter, food, and drugs," he said.

He added that his office has already approved Sh10 million for purchasing food for the victims.

"We are handing over six tonnes of maize, two tonnes of beans and 400 litres of cooking oil to the Morogoro District Council. We are still seeking support for the Kilosa flood victims," he said.

The Kilombero Plantations Ltd (KPL), Tobacco Company and TTCL donated some of the basic items for the victims. "But we have also requested the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, which has accepted to donate medicines. The Medical Store Department (MSD) will bring them today," said the RC.

Dr Kebwe said he has already reported the incident to the disaster management department under the Prime Minister's office.

MORE INFO: THE FLOOD DISASTER SINCE JAN

In Tanzania, flooding has been reported in five regions since mid-January, 2016. At least 400 people have been displaced in Dodoma municipality after 70 houses were destroyed or damaged after heavy rain between 17 and 18 January 2016. Since then, flooding has been reported to continue in Morogoro, Katavi, Mtwara and Dar es Salaam.

Dovutwa awalaumu UKAWA kususia Bunge

Na Rose Itono

CHAMA cha United People's Democratic (UPDP) kimelaani kitendo cha wabunge wa Umoja wa Katiba ya Wananchi (UKAWA) kususia kujadili bajeti bungeni na kusema kuwa, mjadala wa kusitisha matangazo ya moja kwa moja ya bunge na uanzishwaji wa studio ya kurekodi na kurusha matangazo yake ulijadiliwa katika bajeti ya mwaka 2015/16 na wao walikuwepo.

Akizungumza na waandishi wa habari Dar es Salaam juzi, Mwenyekiti wa UPDP, Fahmi Dovutwa alisema kuwa,kukosekana umakini wa usikilizaji vikao vya Bunge kwa UKAWA kumejionesha wazi kwa hili kwani si jambo jipya kwao tayari lilishajadiliwa katika bajeti ya mwaka 2015/16.

Alihoji kama bunge limepitisha bajeti kwa ajili ya studio ya bunge ambayo UKAWA waliridhia uanzishwaji wake.

"Sasa wanachopinga ni nini au wanapokuwa wanajadili hawakujua maana yake?" Alihoji huku akisisitiza kwamba endapo uwepo wa UKAWA bungeni ungekuwa unazingatia kinachozungumzwa wasingeshangazwa kusitishwa kwa matangazo ya moja kwa moja.

Pia alizipongeza hoja za Freeman Mbowe na kudai ni za msingi na zimeiva kwa kutosha kuchangamana ndani ya Ukumbi wa Bunge, lakini kitendo cha kuondoka nazo nje inaonesha ni namna gani mfumo wa uongozi ndani ya UKAWA ni wa mtu mmoja na kwamba hautoi nafasi ya watu wengine kusikilizwa.

Alisema kuwa, pia inaonesha Ukawa wana udhaifu mkubwa wa kujenga hoja kwa kutegemea mazingira na wakati kwani kwa kitendo chao cha kutoka ndani ya Bunge kwa msimamo wa kugomea hotuba ya bajeti ya Waziri Mkuu inaonesha wazi ni namna gani serikali ilikuwa sahihi kusitisha matangazo ya Bunge ya moja kwa moja.

"Kwa sababu kodi za Watanzania haziwezi kuwa zinatumika kwa kufanya vibweka bungeni Watanzania wanatarajia wabunge waliowachagua watakuwa ni sauti ya kuwapigania mipango yao ndani ya bunge sambamba na kuwatetea pale itakapobidi," alisema Dovutwa.

Aliwataka UKAWA kubadilika kwa kuanza kutafakari zaidi badala ya kufanya siasa kwa historia.

"Kitendo chao cha kuondoka bungeni si cha kiungwana kwani kinawanyima nafasi wapigakura wao," alisema.

Alimtaka Spika wa Bunge kuwaeleza Watanzania vigezo vinavyowezesha wabunge wasiofanya kazi walipwe posho kwa kumshauri kuwaona kama wabunge hewa wasiostahili malipo yeyote.

Baadhi ya wafanyakazi wa Kampuni ya Vodacom wakifuatilia mada kuhusiana na usalama wakati wa semina ya kuadhimisha Siku ya Usalama Kazini Duniani iliyofanyika kwenye ofisi za kampuni hiyo Mlimani City, Dar es Salaam juzi. Na Mpigapicha Wetu

Wahamasishwa kupeleka watoto wapewe chanjo

Na Magreth Kinabo-(MAELEZO)

JAMII imeshauriwa kupeleka watoto wote wanaostahili kupata chanjo, walio chini ya umri wa miaka mitano, katika vituo vya afya ili waweze kupewa chanjo ya kutokomeza maradhi na kupunguza vifo vya watoto.

Kauli hiyo ilitolewa hivi karibun na Katibu Mkuu wa Wizara ya Afya na Ustawi wa Jamii, Dkt. Mpoki Ulisubisye wakati wa maadhimisho ya wiki ya chanjo nchini yaliyofanyika kwenye Hoteli ya Serena jijini Dares Salaam.

Alisema utoji wa chanjo hiyo umeaanza Aprili 25,mwaka huu na kaulimbiu ya mwaka huu ni 'Kumilisha Chanjo,Epuka Ugonjwa wa Polio'.

Hivyo vituo vya kutolewa kutolea huduma za afya vinafunguliwa kuanzia saa 2: 00 asubuhi hadi saa 11.00 jioni.

"Kila mmoja wetu ana wajibu wa kuhakikisha mtoto wake, mtoto wa jirani mwingine yeyote anapewa haki ya chanjo ili kumzuia asipatwe na maradhi ambayo yanakingwa na chanjo au asiwe na hatari kwa wengine kwa kuwaletea ugonjwa," alisema Dkt. Ulisubisye.

Aliongeza kuwa chanjo ni mikakati mwafaka katika kutokomeza maradhi na kupunguza vifo vya watoto, hivyo hupunguza gharama kubwa ambazo familia zetu na taifa kwa ujumla lingetumia katika kutibu maradhi yanatokana na magonjwa yanayozuilika kwa chanjo.

Alisema chanjo huzuia takriban vifo milioni mbili hadi tatu kwa kila mwaka kutokana na maradhi yanayokingwa kwa chanjo duniani.

Aliyataja maradhi hayo kuwa ni Dondakoo, Surua ,Polio,Kifua Kikuu,Kifaduro,Pepopunda,Homa ya ini,homa ya uti wa mgongo, kichomi na kuhara.

Asasi zatoa misaada kukomesha ujangili

Na Severin Blasio, Mvomero

ASASI ya kuhifadhi mazingira nchini, CONASU, kwa ushirikiano na Shirika la The Ruffor Foundation (RSG) la Uingereza, wametoa mizinga ya ufugaji nyuki yenye thamani ya sh. milioni 3.5 katika vijiji sita.

Ni vijiji vinavyopakana na hifadhi ya Mikumi mkoani Morogoro ili kukomesha ujangili wa tembo na uharibifu mazingira.

Akizungumza kwa nyakati tofauti kwenye vijiji vya Doma,Maharaka,Kihondo,Mkata,Kilangali na Palakuyo vilivyo wilayani Kilosa na Mvomero, Mratibu wa CONASU katika Mradi Shirikishi wa Hifadhi Tembo na makazi yake,Angelus Runji alisema njia hiyo inalenga kuwalinda wanyama na hifadhini kwa kuepusha ujangili na uharibifu mazingira.

Runji alisema,mizinga hiyo itasaidia kukuza kipato na kufanya wananchi waliopo maeneo hayo kuacha kujihusisha na ujangili na hususan katika hifadhi za taifa hivyo wanyama kama tembo na wengine wataweza kuongezeka kwa vizazi vijavyo.

Runji ambaye pia ni Mkurugenzi wa asasi hiyo alitaja faida za ufugaji nyuki mpakani mwa hifadhi na vijiji vyao hivyo kuwa ni njia rahisi ya kuwazuia wanyama hao wakiwemo tembo kutokana na kutopatana nao,zao la asali litokanalo na nyuki lina soko kubwa ndani na nje ya nchi na ni dawa kwa viumbe vyote duniani.

Akiunga mkono juhudi hizo Muikolojia wa Hifadhi ya Mikumi, Samweli Mgohachi alibainisha kuwa mpaka miaka ya 1980 Tanzania ilikuwa na zaidi ya tembo 600,000 ambapo kwa takwimu za karibuni inaonyesha ina tembo wanaokadiriwa kufikia 40,000 kiasi ambacho ni kidogo ikilinganishwa na kasi ya uwindaji haramu uliopo.

"Mbali na kuwa shukuru mawazo mazuri ya asasi kama Conasu na mengine yenye mtazamo huu pia nikipongeze kijiji hiki kwa kazi kubwa kinayoifanya kuwanusuru hawa tembo, kwani ni kijiji pekee chenye sifa ya kutoa taarifa ya aina mbalimbali zinazoonesha kuhatarisha wanyama na wananchi kwa ujumla," alisema Muikolojia Samweli.

Kwa aupande wao Mwenyekiti wa Kijiji cha Mkata wilayani Mvomero, Katheline Sebastian na Katibu wa Jumuiya ya Uhifadhi Mazingira na Wanyama Pori (KIDOMA), Daniel Gasper kwa nyakati tofauti walibainisha changamoto zinazowakatisha tamaa ya kushirikiana na TANAPA kuwa ni kukosa kifuta jasho licha ya kazi ngumu na ya hatari wanayoifanya dhidi ya majangili,wafugaji kuingiza mifugo hifadhini,wachoma mikaa na wapasua mbao.

Hata hivyo, Katibu wa Jumuiya ya Kidoma, Gasper mbali na kubainisha kushuka kwa ari ya wanakijiji kuimarisha ulinzi dhidi ya wanyama waliohatarini kutoweka akiwemo tembo,pia alisema juhudi zao za kukomesha uharibifu na ujangili unadhoofishwa na nguvu ya rushwa hasa kwa viongozi wa serikali na vyombo vya dola wilayani humo.

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Vitendo vya ubakaji vyatikisa Monduli

■ Wankyo Gati, Monduli

SERIKALI imeombwa kuingilia kati vitendo vya ubakaji kwani vimezidi kushamiri wilayani hapa mkoani Arusha.

Akizungumza kwa niaba ya wanawake wenzake, Jenipher John alisema hali si nzuri hususan kwa wananchi wa Kata ya Mto wa Mbu kwani wanawake wanateseka.

Jenipher aliweka bayana kilio hicho kwenye mkutano wa wananchi wa kata hiyo ambao ulishirikisha viongozi wa wilaya kuanzia ngazi ya mtaa.

"Wanawake tunaishi kwa wasiwasi kwa sababu vitendo vya ubakaji katika wilaya yetu vinaongezeka siku hadi siku, tunaomba Serikali itusaidie," alisema.

Wanawake hao walimweleza Mkuu wa wilaya, Francis Mitti wasiwasi wao kuhusu kushamiri kwa vitendo hivyo vya ubakaji.

Kwa upande wake, Mkuu wa wilaya alisema kuwa serikali italichukulia suala hilo kwa uzito mkubwa na kuvikomesha vitendo hivyo.

Alisema atarejesha amani amani katika eneo hilo na akinamama wataendelea na shughuli zao za kila siku bila hofu hasa eneo la Kata ya Migungani na viunga vyake.

Akijibu hoja za wananchi za kutopewa ushirikiano na Jeshi la Polisi wakati mtuhumiwa wa ubakaji anapobainika, Kamanda wa Polisi Mkoa wa Arusha, Charles Mkumbo alisema kama wana ushahidi wa kutosha wa askari yeyote ambaye hafuati maadili ya kipolisi waripoti kwake.

Mafundi ujenzi wa Kampuni ya Estim wakijenga mtaro wa barabara ya Morocco-Mwenge Dar es Salaam jana, inayopanuliwa kwa fedha sh. bilioni nne ambazo zilikuwa zitumike kwa ajili ya sherehe ya Uhuru iliyofutwa na Rais Dk. John Magufuli mwaka jana. (PICHA NA DOTTO MWAIBALE)

TAT yakimbilia bungeni

■ John Banda, Dodoma

CHAMA cha Wasafirishaji Tanzania (TAT), kimeiomba Kamati ya Kudumu ya Bunge ya Miundombinu kukisaidia ili kuondolewa utitiri wa kodi wanazotozwa.

Kauli hiyo ilitolewa jana mjini hapa na rais wa chama hicho, Zakaria Hanspope wakati walipokutana na kamati hiyo.

Hanspope aliiomba kamati kuwasaidia kupunguza utitiri wa kodi wanaotozwa na taasisi mbalimbali kwani zimekuwa zikiwaumiza wafanyabiashara.

Alitaja changamoto wanazokabiliana nazo kuwa ni ulipaji wa kodi zitolewazo kwenye mizigo ya nje ambayo huchangiwa watoa huduma wa bandari."Kitu hiki kinatuumiza sana, gharama zitapanda kwa asilimia 18, jambo hili linaonekana katika Bandari ya Dar es Salaam tu... wengine wote wameikataa,"alisema.

Pia, alisema kuanzishwa wa himaya ya forodha ya pamoja (single customes territory) kumeleta athari kwa wasafirishaji wa nchini hivyo kuwapa nafasi wafanyabiashara wa nchi zingine kutumia bandari za Beira, Durban, Walves bay na Lobito inayokuja kwa kasi.

Makamu Mwenyekiti wa umoja huo, Omari Kiponza alihoji kazi ya Shirika la Viwango Tanzania (TBS) kwani wamekuwa wakiwaumiza kwa kukusanya kodi badala ya kufanya kazi ya ukaguzi wa bidhaa.

Kwa upande wake, Makamu Mwenyekiti wa kamati, Suleiman Kakosa alikiri msururu wa sheria umemfanya msafirishaji akimbie Bandari ya Dar es Salaam.

"Nawaahidi kuwasaidia kwani nyie mmeshika uchumi wa nchi ila zipo sheria zinahitajika kufanyiwa marekebisho, hilo tumelibeba na tutaishauri serikali," alisema.

Bendera ahamasisha kilimo cha umwagiliaji

■ Julieth Peter, Babati

MKUU wa Mkoa wa Manyara, Dk Joel Bendera amesema njia pekee ya kuwasaidia wakulima ni kilimo cha umwagiliaji.

Alitoa kauli hiyo mjini hapa jana katika mkutano wa wadau wa umwagiliaji ulioandaliwa na Shirika la World Vision Tanzania.

Dk Bendera alisema kilimo hicho kitawasaidia kuzalisha mazao mwaka mzima tofauti na ilivyo sasa.

Alisema Serikali inahamasisha kilimo cha umwagiliaji kwa sababu kina tija na kwamba kitamwezesha mkulima kuvuna mazao mengi na kuinua kipato chake.

"Sote tunatambua kuwa kilimo ni uti wa mgongo wa taifa letu lakini bila jitihada za pamoja hatuwezi kupiga hatua kwa haraka, wakulima wengi hadi leo wanategemea mvua ili waweze kulima na kilimo hiki kwa sasa hakina uhakika wa mavuno endelevu kutokana na mabadiliko ya tabianchi," alisema.

Alisema mkoa huo una maeneo mazuri kwani una jumla ya hekta 36,882 ambazo zinafaa kwa kilimo cha umwagiliaji, hivyo matumizi sahihi ya teknolojia yatasaidia kuleta mapinduzi.

Alizitaka halmashauri zote mkoani humo kutenga bajeti kwa ajili ya kuongeza rasilimali watu ya kutosha katika fani ya maofisa ugani na umwagiliaji ili kuongeza uzalishaji.

Kwa upande wake, Frank Raymond akimwakilisha Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa World Vision, alisema mradi wa Pivot Irrigation upo mikoa 12 ya Tanzania, lakini Manyara umekuwa wa kwanza katika mpango huo.

Alisema kuwa mradi huo una uwezo wa kumwagilia ekari 120 kwa pamoja na utawasaidia wananchi kuondokana na kilimo cha mvua.

"Wananchi wana uelewa mdogo kutunza hifadhi"

■ Thadei Hafigwa, Morogoro

WANANCHI wanaoishi katika vijiji sita vinavyozunguka Hifadhi ya Wanyamapori Mikumi wana uelewa mdogo wa kutunza hifadhi hiyo.

Hayo yalibainika katika mkutano wa mashauriano baina ya wananchi na hifadhi katika kujengeana uelewa namna ya kuhakikisha makazi ya wanyama yanalindwa.

Mkurugenzi wa Asasi ya Conasa (Conservation of Nature for Survival), Angalus Runji alisema utafiti uliofanywa na taasisi yake katika vijiji hivyo umebaini kuna tatizo hilo.

Alisema utafiti uliofanyika katika vijiji vya Doma, Maharaka, Kihondo, Mkata, Kilangali na Palakuyo walibaini tembo wanatoka kwenye makazi ya hifadhi na kuingia vijijini.

Mkurugenzi alisema hiyo inaweza kusababisha wanyama hao kuuawa na wanavijiji.

Kutokana na hali hiyo, alisema asasi yake inashirikiana na Shirika la Ruffor Foundation (RSG) la Uingereza ili kuwapa elimu wananchi wanaoishi kandokando ya hifadhi na mbinu ya kuwalinda tembo.

Alisema walitoa mizinga 30 ya nyuki kwa wananchi yenye thamani ya sh. milioni 3.5 katika vijiji hivyo sita ili kukomesha tabia ya baadhi ya watu kuua tembo na uharibifu mazingira.

"Nyuki ni wadudu wakali lakini ni rafiki wa binadamu kutokana na kuwa na uwezo wa kutengeneza asali ambayo ni bidhaa muhimu kwa maisha ya mwanadamu, pia eneo lenye nyuki tembo hawawezi kupita ndiyo maana tumegawa mizinga hiyo," alisema.

Muikolojia wa hifadhi, Samweli Mgohachi alisema hadi miaka ya 1980 Tanzania ilikuwa na zaidi ya tembo 600,000 lakini takwimu za karibuni zinaonesha wamepungua hadi 40,000.

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Foreign NGO helps community to protect elephants

By Guardian on Sunday Correspondent, Morogoro

MIKUMI National Park Authority has asked the community surrounding the park to support government efforts in conserving, protecting and managing elephants in the country.

Mikumi National Park Ecologist Samweli Mgohachi told a sensitization seminar conducted recently for villagers from six villages in Morogoro region.

Mgohachi said the community had an important role to play in ensuring protection and management of African elephants was successful.

"This initiative of raising awareness to villagers opens a new chapter in park-community shared objective of conserving Mikumi National Park," he said.

Organised by Conservation of Nature for Survival (CONASU) with support from the London-based The Rufford Foundation, the meeting gathered villagers from Kihondo, Maharaka, Doma and Mkata villages from Mvomero district, and Parakuyo and Kilangalai villages from Kilosa district.

Some villagers admitted that it was possible to end destructive practices which were being carried out in the park. CONASU Executive Director Angelus Runji said the sensitization meeting was one of the activities in the project to enhance the community's protection and management of African elephant habitat, which was underway in Mikumi National Park.

"We are also encouraging the community to involve themselves with some activities like beekeeping to raise their income at the same time protecting our animals," he said.

He said there was a need to have an ecological balance.

"That is why we have taught villagers to stop fire burning and charcoal making in forests in order to make beekeeping project possible," he said.

Already the organization has supplied 30 beehives worth Sh3.5million to six villages with a condition that the projects must be supervised by village authorities.

"We are sure that through enhancing community capacity, elephant habitat will be safe and secure and it will end poaching to the great extent.

Mkata village chairperson Catherine Sebastian and Secretary for Kidoma Community Conservation of Environment and Wildlife Daniel Gasper said they were facing various challenges in conserving the national park. They alleged that they were being let down by the Tanzania National Parks for not paying them anything despite the hardships they faced in dealing with poachers and pastoralists who entered the park for grazing their cattle.

Institute of Tax Administration students listen to a speech by Tanzania Revenue Authority Acting Director for Human Resources and Administration Victor Kimaro (not in picture) during the institute's Students Career Day held in Dar es Salaam, yesterday. Photo: Mpoki Bukuku

Dons lay accent on competent teachers in govt schools

By Beatrice Philemon

ACADEMICIANS have urged the government to ensure that it employs quality teachers to enable them impart required skills and knowledge to students of all levels of education.

They said teachers need also to be assessed their language knowledge in terms of speaking, reading, writing and listening before being employed to teach in public schools.

"A lecturer with the School of Education of the University of Dar es Salaam, Dr Mwajuma Vuzo, said at the just-ended Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Mother Tongue held at the institution that there is need for the government to employ competent teachers if it is to raise the standards of education in the country.

She suggested teachers to be assessed in their respective areas of studies periodically, especially in English subjects to know their competence and improvements in their careers.

According to her, a number of students were not performing well in the subject because of lack of specialized teachers in the subject at all levels of studies.

"With good teachers, students at all levels will always perform well," she underscored, adding:

"English language has a lot of benefits, not only to the nation but also around the globe. We therefore need to ensure our students are capable of speaking the language."

Commenting on the debate, Prof Kitila Mkumbo, Department of Education Psychology and Curriculum Studies at the university said stressed the importance of ensuring that children are knows their mother tongue.

"It is very important for children to learn other languages, but a mother tongue is equally important because it identifies us"

However, he said there was need also to ensure that English language is introduced at an early stage of learning to make students gain confidence in their studies.

"English is a survival language, we need to be serious on this subject because children are poorly performing in their studies and this is a big problem in the country" he said.

He added, "If our neigbouring countries can learn English, so we can do better."

A recent research by Twaweza East Africa on challenges children face from primary and secondary schools in the country shows at least 63 percent of parents are of the views that English should be used as a medium of instruction at all levels of studies.

The research also suggested that the key to improving the quality of primary education is to focus on teachers.

Other suggestions of the report touched on improving education in terms of follow up on teacher performance, increase teacher's salaries and number of teachers.

Ministry hosts dialogue with bankers on land loans

By Devota Mwachang'a

MINISTER for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development William Lukuvi has asked financiers and supporters of agriculture to ensure that loans issued to farmers are solely used to boost the agricultural sector.

He was speaking in Dar es Salaam recently at a meeting with bankers and land stakeholders.

The minister said if people invested in farming in accordance with the promotion of the sector, the country would be at a better position of sustainable development depending on agriculture.

He cautioned loan applicants against using land title deeds as collateral for their loans and then use the money to undertake other businesses, saying farmers needed instead to ensure their farming land was properly developed for the country's economic well-being.

"Banks and other agricultural loan financers need to make follow-ups to ensure the issued loans are used for the intended purposes," he said.

According to him, many people owned big plots which were not secured, saying more than 200,000 acres of farming land were mortgaged with banks as as guarantees for loans.

"Farmers need to use their customary land certificates to process bank loans for their farms because they are recognized by the government," he said.

Currently, 360,000 farming land certificates have been issued to farmers countrywide.

For her part, title deed registrar Subira Sinda blamed financial institutions for issuing loans to applicants without verifying the legitimacy of the land deeds submitted by the applicants.

"It is better for them to ensure that the documents are original before issuing loans, instead of only relying on security forms which have been filled by the applicants," she said.

Programme Coordinator of the Property and Business Formalisation Programme (Mkurabita) Seraphia Mgembe said bankers have the responsibility to building the capacity of people to utilize their land certificates to secure loans and thus improve their incomes.

"Loan beneficiaries lack enough awareness on how to utilize their loans as intended, eventually they fail to repay the loans...so they need education," she said.

Tuse Joune, acting director Tanzania Bankers Association, applauded the minister for his idea of meeting bankers for dialogue, saying the dialogue would help resolve issues before resorting to courts of law.