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THE "AFYA BORA" AMBULANCE BOAT GOES INTO ACTION IN ZANZIBAR



The ambulance boat is part of UNFPA Tanzania's wider support to Zanzibar to strengthen effective referral systems for pregnant women experiencing complications. **Photo | UNFPA**

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HIGHLIGHTS

- How a nutrition project gave a single father a second chance
- Government and United Nations call for more investment in women and girls
- A "magical box" providing clean energy and safe water to rural communities
- Taking stock of health sector achievements and challenges

It was raining as the "Afya Bora" was launched on to the waters of Zanzibar, but nothing could dampen the mood. After two years of consultations with the Ministry of Health (MoH) Zanzibar, the

Zanzibar Maritime Authority, and UNFPA Procurement Branch, Copenhagen, the ambulance boat – the first of its kind – had arrived in Zanzibar from Sri Lanka and was ready to go into action.

With UNFPA Tanzania's support, and with funding from the Government of Canada as part of the Afya Bora project, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, UNFPA Representative in Tanzania,

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Word From The Government



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Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Prof. Palamagamba Kabudi, speaking at the commemorations of the 74th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United Nations at Nyerere Square in Dodoma on October 24th, 2019



The Afya Bora ambulance boat will ensure pregnant women receive timely emergency obstetric care. **Photo | UNFPA**

officially handed over the boat to Hon. Hamad Rashid, Minister of Health in Zanzibar, at a colourful ceremony attended by Shamata Shaame, Deputy Minister, President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government offices, high-level officials from the MoH, Zanzibar, and development partners.

The launch of the ambulance boat is part of the Hakikisha Uzazi Salama Campaign with its clearly articulated five-year roadmap which sees the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar ramp up efforts to end preventable mater-

nal and newborn mortality. The ambulance boat will be indispensable to addressing one of the significant contributors to maternal mortality delays in seeking emergency care and is part of UNFPA Tanzania's wider support to Zanzibar to strengthen effective referral systems, both on land and at sea.

The ambulance boat, stationed in Chake Chake, Pemba Island one of the main islands of the Zanzibar Archipelago will serve the small surrounding islands of Kojani (Wete District), Makoongwe and Kisiwa Panza (Mkoani

District), Fundo, Njao, Uvinje and Kokota. It will transport women experiencing complications during pregnancy to the facilities at Wete District (Pemba North) and Chake Chake and Mkoani Hospitals all equipped to provide comprehensive, emergency obstetric and newborn care.

Manned by KMKM, a special force from the navy, staffed by healthcare providers trained to provide basic emergency care, and kitted out with 500kg of medical equipment – the boat will cut traveling times by half.

HOW A NUTRITION PROJECT GAVE A SECOND CHANCE TO A SINGLE FATHER



Hussein Saidi carrying his daughter a short while after arriving at Ilongero Health Center which is being supported through the Boresha Lishe nutrition project. Photo | WFP/Catherine Kayombo

Forty-year-old Hussein's eyes tear up as he recalls the day his wife died following the birth of their baby girl, Asha.

Life was already challenging. Hussein and his late wife were already parents to a young child and he was also taking care of his blind mother; the thought of raising a newborn baby alone was daunting. "I was desperate for help," Hussein says. "I didn't know who to turn to until I reached out to the local health centre where my wife had been receiving prenatal care."

At the health centre Hussein learnt about good nutrition and infant feeding practices, as well as how to monitor Asha's growth, and was given a month's supply of fortified flour to cook nutritious porridge.

"I had no one else to turn to, I had to find the best way to raise my child," says Hussein. "Health experts gave me advice on how to feed my daughter and also showed me how to cook balanced meals," he explains.

Under the Boresha Lishe project co-funded by the World

Food Programme (WFP), the European Union and Japan the WFP aims to improve maternal and newborn health by increasing access to and the use of nutritious food by mothers and children, particularly in the first 1,000 days following birth.

In collaboration with Save the Children and civil society organizations, Sustainable Environment Management Activity (SEMA) and Research Community and Organization Development Associates (RECODA), an estimated 33,000 pregnant and nursing women and children in Singida and Dodoma Regions – where the project is currently implemented have been reached by project activities. WFP is also working with Government and local communities to treat moderate and acute malnutrition in mothers and children.

"Health experts advised me on how to feed my child and they showed me how to cook diversified foods for my daughter,"

Hussein, a father who has been supported by WFP through the Boresha Lishe nutrition programme

SPECIAL REPORT I: GOVERNMENT AND UNITED NATIONS CALL FOR MORE INVESTMENT IN WOMEN AND GIRLS



The raising of the UN Flag symbolizes the United Republic of Tanzania's commitment to continue working with the United Nations and to uphold the values embodied in the United Nations Charter. **Photo | UNCG**

On October 24th the United Nations and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania commemorated the 74th anniversary of the United Nations reinforcing their partnership and strengthened commitment for the successful implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Plan II (UNDAP II) and the Second National Five-Year Development Plan as well as the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For the first time, the UN

Square, Dodoma Region, in front of Guest of Honour, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and Mr. Michael Dunford, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. and World Food Programme (WFP) Country Representative, together with Mr. Binilith Mahenge, Dodoma Regional Commissioner, heads and representatives of UN Agencies, government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, UN staff, media and over 250 youth.

This year's national theme: *"Women and Girls at the Fore-*

front of Achieving the Global Goals" highlighted the integral link between women and girl's empowerment and the realization of both the SDGs and national development priorities.

Minister Kabudi commended the United Nations for their sustained partnership with government and for supporting the implementation of the SDGs especially SDG 5 Gender Equality and reaffirmed Tanzania's unequivocal support to the UN. "Today the global population is over 7 billion and among them 3.7 billion are women and girls.

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Students from Chinangali Secondary School in Dodoma provide entertainment following the guest of honor's address. The students performed a poem highlighting achievement of the SDGs. Photo | UNCG

Despite their numbers and their very significant contributions to the development of the planet, they continue to experience difficulties due to historical norms and practices that were not consistent with human rights.

This has resulted in women and girls being left behind in various social and economic errands."

Speaking on behalf of the UN in Tanzania, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, UNFPA Representative, thanked the government for continuing to work closely with UN agencies in Tanzania to implement the SDGs emphasizing that inequalities between women and

men must be addressed so that women and girls have equal opportunities and are empowered to realize their potential.

UN Day commemorations in Zanzibar were led by Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi, the Second Vice President of Zanzibar. The commemorations highlighted and reinforced the UN's support to women seaweed farmers in Zanzibar under the Zanzibar Joint Programme (ZJP).

During the commemorations, the UN representative, in recognition and to support the work of the 'Umoja Ndio Njia Safi Group' a women's seaweed farmers group located

in Bweleo supported by the ZJP announced the installation of a three-phase electricity service line at the women group's factory. The service line was installed by the government and will make the factory's connection to the electricity grid more stable which means the group will be able to increase their processing capabilities.

Speaking at the event Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi said: "This year's theme goes hand-in-hand with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar's programmes that enhance the rights and welfare of women, young and old, as outlined in our country's development plans."

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"Today, as we do every year, we renew the long-standing collaboration between the Government and people of Tanzania, development partners and the United Nations," UNFPA Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, speaking on behalf of the UN System in Tanzania during the UN Day Flag-Raising Ceremony.

"To all Tanzanian women and girls: pursue your dreams, do not be afraid or shy to show your skills. Take control of your life and your future." **Photo | UNCG**



"Tanzania firmly supports the UN and we say that the UN is more critical & important today than even during the Cold War... our support for the UN is unequivocal and we will raise our voice as we did in the past to those who think that multilateralism is not important. It is indeed important." - Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi, reaffirms the Government's partnership with the United Nations. **Photo | UNCG**

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UN Resident Coordinator a.i and WFP Representative, Mr. Michael Dunford (left), gives a plaque of appreciation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (right) thanking him for being the guest of honor at the commemorations of the 74th Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations. **Photo | UNCG**



Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Hon. Palamagamba Kabudi (seated centre) shares a moment with Heads and Representative of UN Agencies (above) and UN Staff (below) who attended the Flag-Raising Ceremony. **Photo | UNCG**

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The Second Vice President of Zanzibar, Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi (left), is introduced to Heads and Representative of UN Agencies upon arriving at the commemorations. **Photo | Imani Nsamila**



The guest of honor hands over a gift to a representative of 'Umoja Ndio Njia Safi Group'. This group located in Bweleo, processes products like soaps, jams and massage oils. They were presented with a three-phase electricity service line to support their factory. The service line has made its connection to the electricity grid more stable which means the group will be able to increase their processing capabilities. **Photo | Imani Nsamila**

TAKING STOCK OF HEALTH SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES



The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Community Development Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Zainabu Chaula (third from right), presents a certificate of appreciation to World Health Organization (WHO) Country Representative, Dr. Tigest Ketsela Mengestu (second from right), thanking WHO for their contributions to the Mid-term review of the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV. **Photo | WHO**

Every year, the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and partners meet to review the progress of implementation of its Sector Strategic Plan and identify priority actions to be implemented in the following year.

This year, the Joint Annual Health Sector Technical Review meeting was convened in Dodoma from 8-10th October 2019 to deliberate on the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV midterm review (HSSP IV MTR) and identify priorities for Health Sector Strategic Plan V that is expected to roll out in July 2020. In this meeting, the World Health Organi-

zation (WHO) was awarded a plaque of recognition for its contribution in supporting the midterm review of the current health sector plan.

Dr. Tigest Ketsela, WHO Representative, and WHO health experts participated and made a presentation on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and also made recommendations on how Tanzania can attain the health-related goals.

The meeting reviewed the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV that is ending in June 2020 and made recommendations for the next Health Sector

Strategic Plan V. The meeting also formulated policy recommendations for 2020/2021 that will be presented at the 20th Joint Annual Health Sector Policy meeting later in November 2019.

The review noted that there is improvement of quality of health services in many areas, partially attributed to the star rating exercise which has often encouraged staff to work harder to improve the quality of health services. Health performance is also improving as evidenced by almost all indicators except for maternal and neonatal mortality yet the health sector still experiences challenges in financing and human resources.

One of the key focus for the Health Sector Strategic Plan V will be to ensure more vibrant participation of community members at the grassroots level in the efforts towards universal health coverage. Other priorities include improvement of governance, fair and sustainable health financing, adequate human resources for health, efficient and effective Monitoring and Evaluation/ Information, Communication and Technology, and high-performance health services delivery.

SPECIAL REPORT II: PRIME MINISTER HAILS ILO FOR SPEARHEADING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DECENT WORK FOR 100 YEARS



Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (far left) congratulates the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for turning 100 and commends them on their achievements in promoting decent work in Tanzania and the rest of the world. **Photo | ILO**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and in September the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, worker and employer organizations, stakeholders and the public joined the ILO in Dodoma for its Centenary celebrations. H.E. Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, was the guest of honour at the event, also attended by Hon. Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State, Prime Minister Office; Hon. Maudline Cyrus Castico, Minister for Labour, Empow-

erment, Elders, Women and Children, Zanzibar; Mr. Wellington Chibebe, ILO East Africa Director; and other senior government officials.

The Prime Minister unveiled a Government/ILO plaque in the Mtumba Government City area as part of the commemorations and launched a national apprenticeship training programme that will reach an estimated 46,000 youth with vocational training in sewing, fitter mechanics, carpentry, electrical engineering, agriculture and masonry.

"Despite the achievements in the labour market and the employment sector worldwide for the past 100 years, sustainable strategies should be devised to combat the unemployment scourge among youth in Tanzania and other countries for the next 100 years"

**Prime Minister
Majaliwa speaking
during ILO 100
commemorations**

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Commending the ILO for its continued support to Government to promote decent work and employment creation, and reaffirming the Government's commitment to promoting workers' welfare and social protection, the Prime Minister said: "Despite the achievements in the labour market and the employment sector worldwide for the past 100 years, sustainable strategies should be devised to combat the unemployment

scourge among youth in Tanzania and other countries for the next 100 years."

Hon. Mhagama thanked the ILO for its support to the certification of skilled workers through the VETA's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme, adding that to date more than 36,726 youth have benefitted from the programme.

Mr. Chibebe highlighted that the pursuit of social justice

that gave birth to the ILO 100 years ago remains a major goal today, and for the immediate future, and that the ILO will continue to work with the Government of Tanzania and social partners to enhance freedom of association, social dialogue and skills development. "We continue to be devoted to promoting social justice, which is essential to universal and lasting peace, and internationally recognized human and labour rights," he said.



Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (second from left), congratulates ILO Director for East Africa, Mr. Wellington Chibebe (second from right) on the ILO celebrating 100 years of existence.

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Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, leads tree-planting commemorations as part of ILO 100 commemorations in Dodoma. Photo | ILO



Minister of Labour, Employment, Youth, Women and Children in Zanzibar, Hon. Maudline Cyrus Castico (left) and ILO Director for East Africa, Mr. Wellington Chibebe (right) plant trees as part of the commemorations of ILO's 100th anniversary. Photo | ILO

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A traditional dance group performing at the ILO centenary event. Their performance highlighted the need to continue advocating for social justice and decent work in line with ILO's mandate. **Photo | ILO**



ILO Staff take a photo with the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Hon. Jenista Mhagama (centre) following the unveiling of the ILO100 plaque in the Mtumba Government City area at the Prime Minister's Office. **Photo | ILO**

A “MAGICAL BOX” PROVIDING CLEAN ENERGY AND SAFE WATER TO RURAL COMMUNITIES



This Off-grid Box was installed in Ikungi district, Singida region through UNDP's support. The technology uses solar energy and will allow residents to benefit from access to reliable energy. **Photo | UNDP**

Tanzania's vast potential of renewable energy is largely untapped, and the majority of its rural population still relies on firewood as their main source of energy in spite of its long sun hours. The same is true of safe and clean water. Even though the country is surrounded by five major lakes and other water bodies on land only a fraction of the rural population has access to clean and safe water.

Tapping into natural resources to provide rural populations with clean sources of energy and safe water has the potential to improve their living standards and health significantly. The burden of waterborne diseases, especially in rural areas, is great, and diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera caused by drinking contaminated water is one of the major causes of death for children under-five.

The United Nations Develop-

ment Programme (UNDP) is working with Local Government Authorities in three districts in Mara Region Bunda, Ikungi and Busega to install OffGridBox technology an all-in-one system that uses solar energy to purify water and distribute energy. The Off-GridBox project will improve access to clean, safe and affordable water and clean energy for an estimated 4,000 households (approximately 28,000 people).

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The solar energy generated by the OffGridBoxes in Bunda, Ikungi and Busega spills over to six villages and three islands located in Lake Victoria. In all of these villages, residents either have to buy water which does not come cheap or walk more than 2kms to fetch it themselves. Yusuf Masolwa, Sozia Island Chairman, said: "Before the installation of the OffGrid-Box, we used to get cholera

and bilharzia outbreaks on our island and had to pay 1,000Tshs for a litre of water. Now with this box in place we pay 200Tshs per litre of clean and safe water. This is indeed amazing!"

The OffGridBox system is a compact, all in-one solution that fits entirely inside a 6x6x6 ft shipping container and is equipped with all the hardware needed to produce electricity and water. The box

can charge up to 130 power banks per day, provide up to 1,000 litres of drinking water and can connect to TVs, fans, refrigerators and other appliances.

The OffGridBox will contribute to global initiatives that Tanzania is part of such as Sustainable Energy for All and specific goals of the 2030 Agenda.



Since Tanzania gained independence, the island of Namuguma in Bunda district, Mara region, has not had access to running tap water. Thanks to the installation of the Off-grid Box, residents are now enjoying access to clean energy and safe water. **Photo | UNDP**

WORKSHOP ON PILOTING UNIDO QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TRADE FACILITATION E-TOOLKIT



Participants take a group photo during the workshop on Piloting UNIDO Quality Infrastructure for Trade Facilitation. Seated in the front row (from left to right) are Mr. Stephen Kargbo, UNIDO Representative; Mr. Leo Lyayuka, Ag. Director for Industries Development in the Ministry of Industry and Trade; Mr. Juan Pablo, UNIDO Project Manager. **Photo | UNIDO**

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MITI), organized a two-day workshop, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, to pilot its Quality Infrastructure for Trade Facilitation (QI4TF) electronic toolkit.

The purpose of the toolkit is to rapidly identify gaps in the National Quality Infrastructure (NQIS) which affect the implementation of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) that are designed to expedite trade procedures including the movement, release and clearance of goods. The toolkit will identify gaps that government and industry should address to comply with certain Trade Facilitation Agreement articles.

A manual pilot study was successfully undertaken in early 2019 in Malawi and South Africa for the agro-processing and essential oil sector, resulting in a clear roadmap of actions for each coun-

try to address. After good results from evaluating the pilot application, UNIDO developed a digital tool that reduces the processes involved in applying the tool from 1.5 months to a couple of days, through the use of an online platform.

Over 50 public and private sector representatives from the Tanzanian quality infrastructure system and oil palm and sunflower subsectors attended the workshop to pilot the toolkit.

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During his opening remarks, UNIDO Representative, Mr. Stephen Kargbo, emphasized that central to the success of this initiative is MITI's commitment to support the industry arena to advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development. He added that the toolkit will help to identify gaps that government and

private stakeholders should address to comply with TFA articles 4, 5 and 10.3.

According to Acting Director for Industries Development, MIIT, Mr. Leo Lyayuka, the results from the piloting of the tool are useful in identifying the needs base and actions required from public and private actors to improve the

competitiveness of the sector and indicate clear directions towards key areas for future investigation in respective development plans.

The workshop concluded the pilot phase of the toolkit, which will be prepared for global release scheduled to take place systematically in 2020.

THE 2022 CENSUS: USING INNOVATION TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE COUNTS!



A National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) technical field team uses tablets to update enumeration areas in Kondoa district, Dodoma region. UNFPA is supporting the NBS to prepare the 2020 Census cartography. **Photo | UNFPA**

Once a decade the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania undertakes one of its largest and challenging exercises a Population and Housing Census (PHC). It requires mapping

the entire country, mobilizing and training a large number of enumerators, conducting a public advocacy campaign, canvassing all households, and compiling, analysing and disseminating vast amounts

of data.

More than just a head count, the census provides a snapshot of Tanzania how many people are living in the country by age,

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sex and geographic location and importantly how they are living, as well as other key socioeconomic characteristics. The PHC remains the primary source of data for Government both at the national and local level that informs development policies, plans and programmes and determines resource allocation. The data collected also plays a prominent role in providing the demographic surveillance necessary for monitoring and evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals, which place the highest priority on leaving no one behind and serving the furthest behind first.

As preparations get underway for the 2022 Tanzania PHC, UNFPA Tanzania is sup-

porting the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to prepare the 2022 Census cartography. For the first time in the country's census-taking new Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technologies are being used to accurately demarcate the country into enumeration areas (EAs) small geographic areas that will be canvassed by one census enumerator during data collection.

In mid-October, UNFPA staff visited an NBS technical field team in Kondoa District, Dodoma Region, who were using a handheld tablet, loaded with GIS software, to update and demarcate EAs, incorporating newly-formed administrative boundaries and mapping key landmarks such as schools, health facil-

ities and water points.

The following day at a dissemination meeting hosted by the NBS in Bahi District, Dodoma, UNFPA Deputy Representative, Dr. Wilfred Ochan, received a booklet containing the 2019 geography for Bahi District, generated using the latest technology in preparation for the 2022 PHC. Speaking at the launch Dr. Ochan reiterated UNFPA's commitment to supporting the NBS in both preparatory activities and in producing and disseminating the 2022 Census results, acknowledging the strong commitment of government to ensure that everyone is counted, and everyone's voice is heard in the 2022 Census.



Dr. Wilfred Ochan, UNFPA Deputy Representative (left), receives the 2019 geography for Bahi District generated using the latest technology during field mapping in preparation for the 2022 Census. **Photo | UNFPA**

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DAYS

November 20 - International World Children's Day

November 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

November 29 - International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

December 01 - World Aids Day

December 03 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 05 - International Volunteer Day

December 10 - Human Rights Day

December 18 - International Migrants Day

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