

INTERNATIONAL ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Efforts to improve maternal and newborn health in Simiyu region
- UNDP and ILO host youth and women economic empowerment training in Kigoma
- World Press Freedom Day Commemoration



Medical specialists providing free eye services to people living with albinism during International Albinism Awareness Day commemorations in Morogoro. **Photo | Lisa Brown/UN Tanzania**

International Albinism Awareness Day is commemorated annually on June 13th with the aim of raising public awareness about albinism and preventing attacks and discrimination against

persons living with albinism.

This year's international theme was 'Still Standing Strong' while in Tanzania the National theme was, "Good Health and Well Being for All:

Tanzania without Skin Cancer Among Persons with Albinism is Possible".

In Tanzania the Albinism Awareness Day has been ***Continues on page 2***



Word From The Government



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Kigoma Regional Commissioner, Mr. Emmanuel Maganga speaking at the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) Steering Committee Meeting in Kigoma Town on June 26th, 2019

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celebrated since 2006 when the Tanzania Albinism Society (TAS) and other Non-governmental Organizations began campaigning for the rights of people living with albinism.

This year's commemorations took place in Morogoro and the national theme aimed to highlight that people living with albinism can live a life free from skin cancer if they take the right measures. This is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Three: Good Health and Well-Being.

commemoration on behalf of the Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan, Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Dr. Steven Kebwe, stated that "The Government in collaboration with stakeholders will continue to provide social services to people with albinism, one of the areas that the Government emphasizes is eradicating skin cancer for people with albinism."

On his part, UN Tanzania Coordination Advisor, Mr. Helge Flard, emphasized that "We need to stand up for the

albinism. Each of us can stand up. We can all take action in our daily lives to uphold the rights that protect us all."

It's our duty to stand with people with albinism and protect them against social exclusion and threats. Superstitious beliefs and myths should be highly condemned and legal institutions should strengthen their systems to ensure safety for people with albinism. More advocacy needs to be done to empower people with albinism so that they are recognized as vital members of society by all.

Speaking during the rights of persons living with



Children visiting one of the booths that were giving out free sunscreen lotion to promote this year's national theme for Albinism Awareness Day which was 'Good Health and Well Being for All: Tanzania without Skin Cancer Among Persons with Albinism is Possible'. *Photo | Lisa Brown/UN Tanzania*



Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Mr. Steven Kebwe (right); Deputy Minister of the State in the Prime Minister Office (Responsible for the Disabled), Hon. Stella Ikupa; and Morogoro District Commissioner, Ms. Regina Chonjo (left) visiting the Tanzania Albinism Society booth that was showcasing their work towards improving living standards for people living with albinism. *Photo | Lisa Brown/UN Tanzania*

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH IN SIMIYU REGION

Nguliati Health Centre is one of 38 health facilities that has been upgraded and equipped in Simiyu Region by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the government and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The main purpose of the refurbishment is to improve maternal and newborn health by providing comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CeMONC). To

complement the investment in infrastructure UNFPA has supported trainings for the service providers at the renovated facilities. These trainings have helped to improve their ability to deliver quality healthcare, including CeMONC. Three ambulances have also been procured for the three districts of Bariadi, Itilima and Maswa, in order to strengthen referral systems and to reduce the delays of pregnant women accessing

appropriate care.

Established as a dispensary in 1988, Nguliati was upgraded to a health centre in 2014, with 10 trained staff and two buildings, one for outpatients and the other for reproductive and child health.

Prior to Nguliati being upgraded, women requiring emergency care during pregnancy,

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including caesareans, were referred to the Regional Hospital which is some 40 kilometers away in Bariadi.

Medical Officer-In-Charge of Nguliati Health Centre, Dr. Lameck Rshinye, has witnessed the center's transformation from a dispensary to a facility with a functioning operating theatre and maternity ward. "Challenges in providing emergency care and the general state of the center prior to the renovations discouraged women from

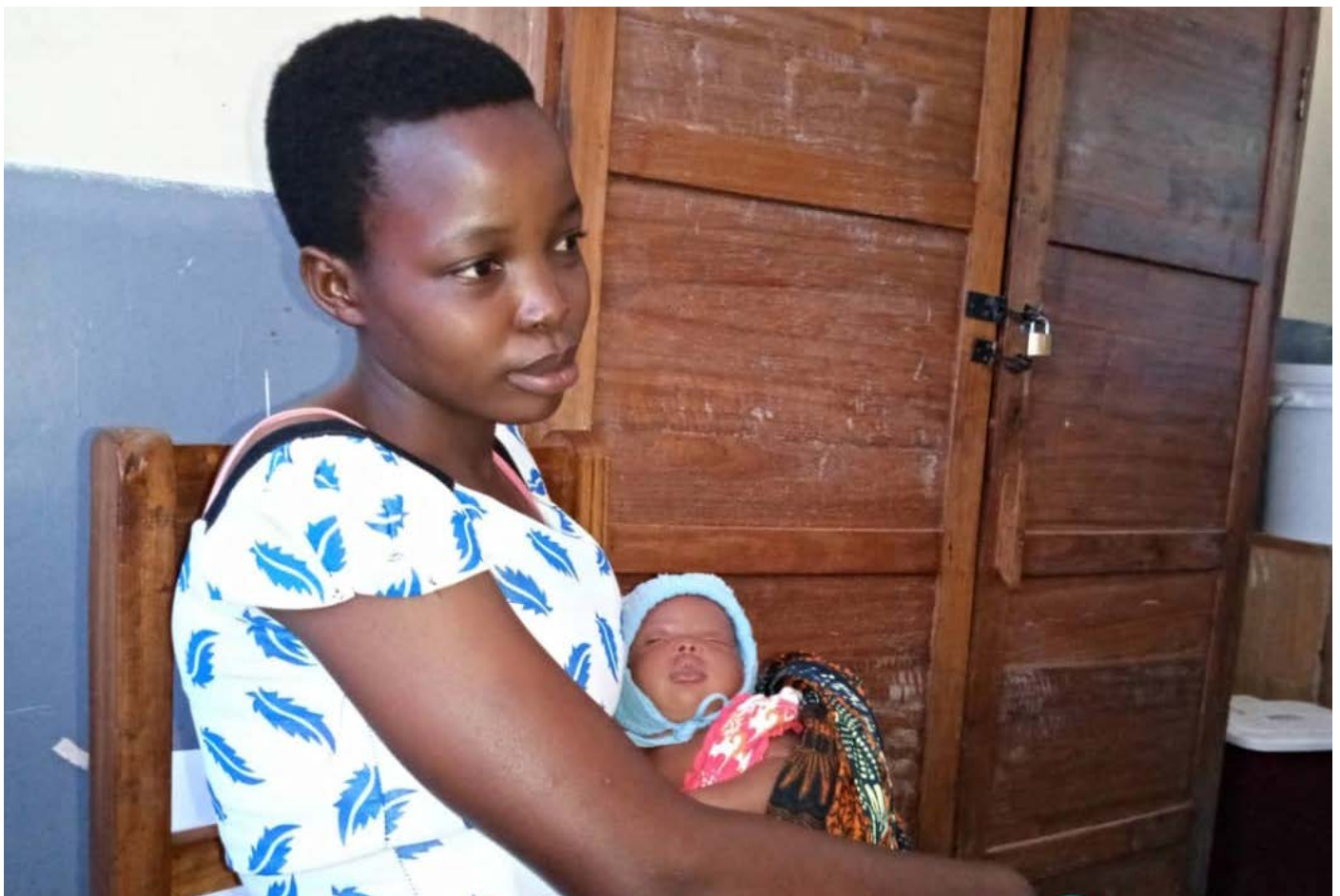
delivering at the facility or attending antenatal care," said Dr. Rshinye.

Tackling preventable maternal and child mortality and morbidity remains a major challenge for the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania. In May 2019, the "Jiongeze Tuwavyushe Salama" campaign (which translates to 'Go the extra mile! Help them make it safely!') launched nationally in 2018 was rolled out in Simiyu Region reflecting the continued collaboration by the government, UNFPA and its partners in

prioritizing universal access to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health.

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UNFPA-trained healthcare providers in Simiyu battled for over an hour to save the lives of Mary and her baby.
Photo | UNFPA Tanzania

IT'S TIME TO REALIZE THE VISION OF THE ICPD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BENEFITED FROM THE PROMISE OF CAIRO



UNFPA Adolescent Lead for Zanzibar, Amina Kheri, and, Chairperson of AfriYAN, Dianarose Leonce Lyimo, promote UNFPA's efforts to accelerate the promise of the ICPD. *Photo | UNFPA Tanzania/Jacqueline Mahon.*

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United Nations
Population Fund
(UNFPA) Representative
in Tanzania**

"Now is the time to secure the rights, choices and dignity of all, leaving no one behind," said Jaqueline Mahon, United

Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative in Tanzania, in a call for the movement to deliver on the promise of Cairo to be re-energized.

She was speaking in late June at a special event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the groundbreaking International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) which took place in Cairo, Egypt in 1994. UNFPA Tanzania called on the government, development partners and

youth to make tangible commitments to realize the vision of the ICPD for those who have not yet benefited from the promise of Cairo.

The gathering of government officials, development partners, United Nations agencies, civil society and young people also highlighted UNFPA's Roadmap to Nairobi, in the lead up to the global celebrations at the Nairobi Summit set to take place in Kenya this November.

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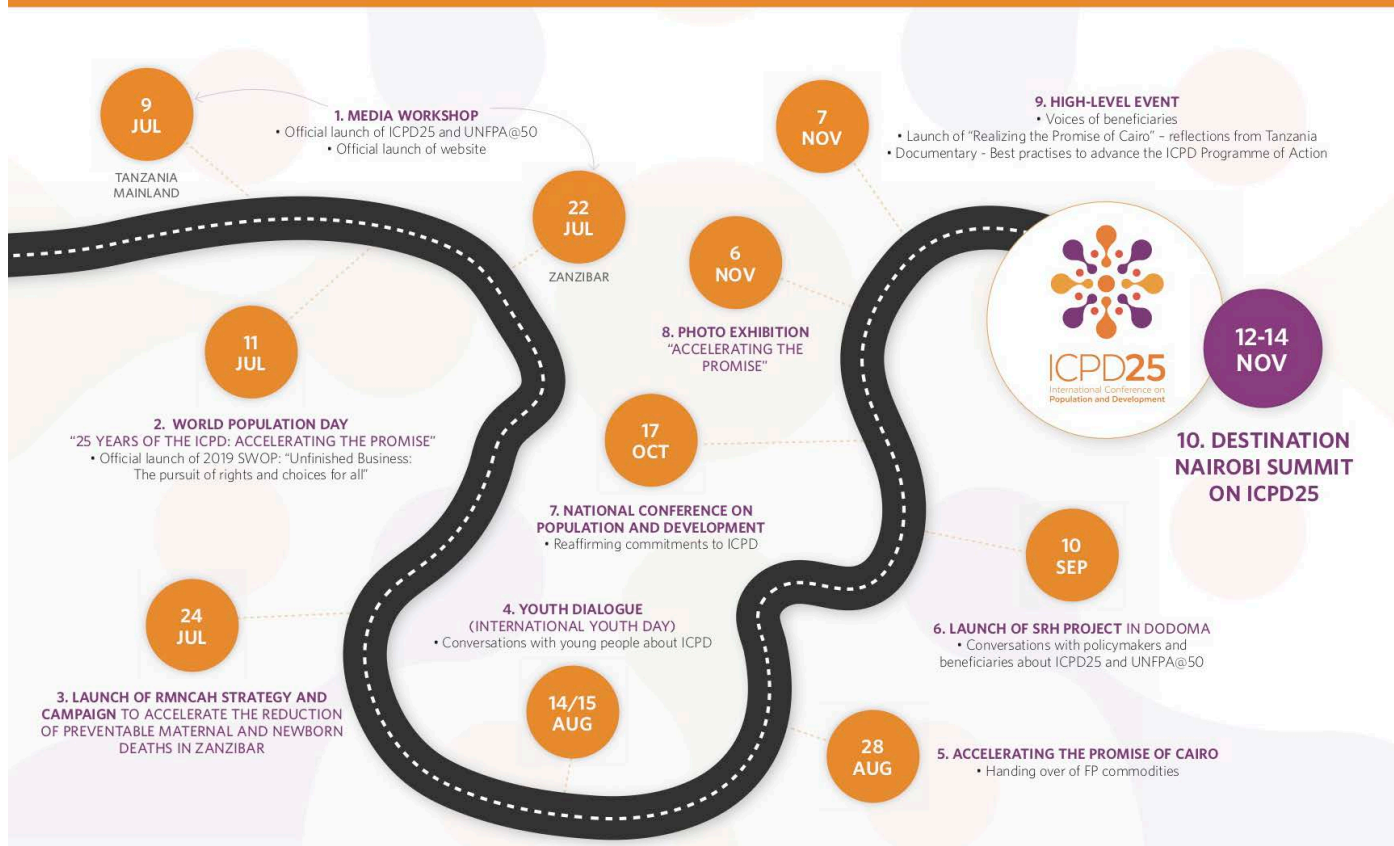
At the ICPD in Cairo 25 years ago, 179 governments called for all people to have access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including voluntary family planning, and safe pregnancy and childbirth services.

The efforts of the reproductive rights movement have led to a dramatic reduction in the number of unplanned pregnancies and maternal deaths, and have cleared the way for healthier, more productive lives for untold millions.

In Tanzania, the number of married women choosing to exercise their right to use a modern method of contraceptives has increased steadily from 13 per cent to 32 per cent over the past decade. Today, 63 per cent of women give birth at a health facility and 64 per cent of women giving birth are assisted by a skilled attendant.

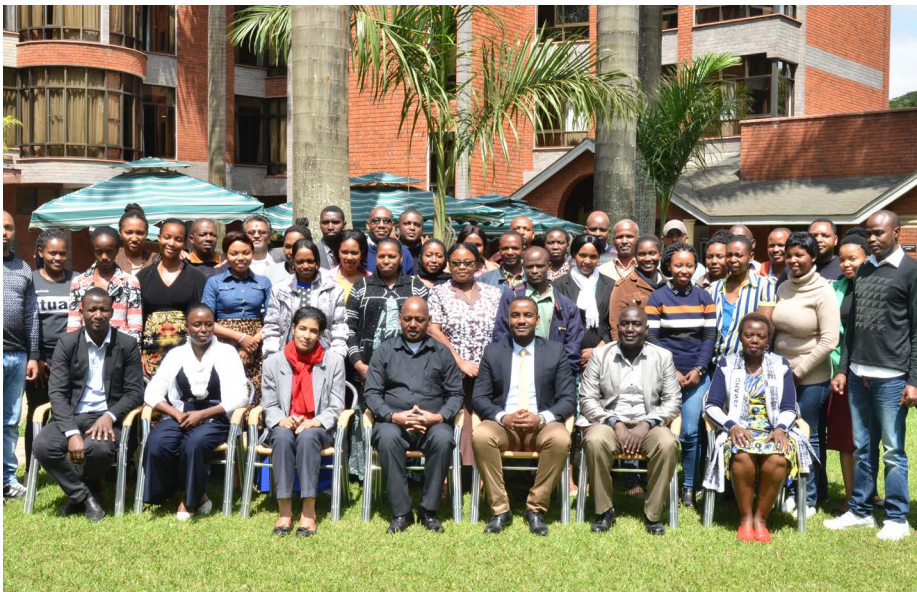
There is still a long way to go to finish the business of the global reproductive rights movement.

To rejuvenate political will and financial commitments to finally and fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action, the Governments of Kenya and Denmark, together with UNFPA will convene a high-level event in Nairobi on 12-14 November. The Summit will focus on concrete actions to meet the 'three zeros': ending the unmet need for family planning; ending preventable maternal deaths; and ending sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls.



The UNFPA Roadmap to Nairobi highlights events in Tanzania in the lead up to the global celebrations at the Nairobi Summit in Kenya in November. *Image | UNFPA Tanzania*

THE ILO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME TRAINS 110 HOTEL SUPERVISORS IN ARUSHA AND ZANZIBAR



Hotel supervisors and trainers from 13 hotels and resorts at the TOT workshop in Arusha. *Photo | ILO*

The International Labour Organization (ILO) Skill-Up Quality Apprenticeship in Hospitality Programme launched a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop in Arusha and Zanzibar in June 2019. The workshop was part of ILO's capacity building drive to equip hotel supervisors and trainers with the skills to mould competent Apprentices during work-based training.

Over 110 hotel supervisors and trainers from 31 partner hotels took part in the six-day interactive training programme aimed to provide capacity building to hotel industry partners. The first round of training which took place in Arusha targeted 40 supervisors, while 70 participated in the Zanzibar

leg.

Apprentices enrolled in the work-based learning programme spend 60 per cent of their training in the selected partner hotels. Therefore, it is imperative that trainers receive the right support and training to facilitate real-time workplace learning with an emphasis on work-based training delivery. "It is important that our partners understand the unique nature of Apprenticeship training. Apprentices are not full-time staff, nor are they interns or trainees and cannot be treated as such," explains Mr. Comoro Mwenda, ILO National Programme Officer, Skills Development.

In order to orient and provide training to industry

partners the training focused on, among other things, introducing the concept of an apprenticeship, identifying training needs and designing and facilitating apprenticeship training. The workshops incorporated participatory action-oriented learning which allows trainers and supervisors to share experience and knowledge.

Jovita Dallaris, Senior Tutor at the National College of Tourism Arusha, says the training couldn't have come at a better time. "Hospitality industry standards have dropped over the years, we need to work hard to inject the passion and recommit ourselves to focus on excellent service delivery.

Programmes like these are not only a way for us to receive training but also to share knowledge and experiences and change our approach as trainers," she said.

The Apprenticeship Programme is funded by the government of Norway and the training also supported by the Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors (ZATI) and The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) with The Hotel Association of Tanzania (HAT) and The Nation College of Tourism (NCT) in the Mainland.

SPECIAL REPORT I WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Home Affairs Minister Kangi Lugola leads a World Refugee Day march in Dar es Salaam. Others include the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Major, General Jacob Kingu, UNHCR Representative in Tanzania Ms. Chansa Kapaya and Prisons Commissioner General Phaustine Kasike. **Photo | UNHCR**

The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has appealed to the global community to recognize the importance of searching for workable and durable solutions to the refugee plight in many parts of the world. Speaking to mark World Refugee Day in Dar es Salaam, UNHCR Country Representative, Ms. Chansa Kapaya said it is high time to recommit to finding solutions for the world's displaced persons. "Looking at figures in the recent global trends report, the overall growth in displacement continues exceeding the rate at which solutions are being

found for people who become displaced," she noted.

World Refugee Day serves as a platform for UNHCR to communicate with the world about refugees, their need for international protection and the importance of finding sustainable solutions. The theme for 2019 was "StepWithRefugees".

She said the day aimed at honoring the generosity of countries that provided refuge to the people in need, such as the United Republic of Tanzania, who for decades had generously

cared for refugees. "Tanzania has proved itself many times over to be hospitable and welcoming to people fleeing conflicts in neighboring countries and further beyond," said Ms. Kapaya.

Tanzania at the end of May hosted 312,152 refugees, many of which are in Kigoma region where 269,636 refugees and asylum-seekers are being hosted - mostly from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

On his part, Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kangi Lugola,

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from development partners that would be used to assist returnees. On environmental degradation, he said the international community should partner with the government to provide alternative sources of energy for refugees.

An environmental impact assessment conducted in refugee camps had shown a decrease of conserved areas from 74 per cent in 1990 to 31 per cent in 2016.

The Government of Tanzania appealed to the international community to assist in looking for alternative energy for refugees sheltered in the country to save the environment from further degradation.

However, Lugola restated Tanzania's unwavering support to providing refuge

to people who were fleeing war and persecution from their countries of origin.

He said by March this year, Tanzania was sheltering 81,153 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 188,753 Burundian refugees and 248 refugees from other countries.

Each year, the world commemorates World Refugee Day (WRD) on 20th June to honour the courage, resilience and strength of men, women and children who have been forced to flee their countries under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. The day also serves as an important opportunity to appreciate the generosity of host countries that provide refuge to those in need of asylum.

While this year's main event took place in Dar es Salaam

with a peaceful procession in the city Centre where the Guest of Honour was the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Kangi Lugola. Small scale events took place in Nyarugusu, Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps in the Kigoma region.

In Nyarugusu the event was marked with a demonstration of talents and capacity among the refugee population from both Burundian and Congolese. Nyarugusu event was graced by the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez and Kakonko District Commissioner, Col. Hosea Ndagala.

"Few countries in the world have done what Tanzania has done, not only in supporting refugees but also in naturalizing refugees that have been in Tanzania for decades," said Mr. Rodriguez.



Congolese Traditional Drum Women Group perform a traditional song during World Refugee Day commemorations at Nyarugusu Refugee Camp in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region. *Photo | Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania*

SPECIAL REPORT II KJP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



Kigoma Regional Commissioner, Retired Brigadier General Emmanuel Maganga (left), officially opens the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) Steering Committee Meeting. Mr. Maganga, who is the chair of the committee, noted that the KJP is already demonstrating tangible results after almost two years of implementation.

**All Photos by Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania & Msafiri Manongi/UN Tanzania*

In June, regional government authorities in Kigoma Region hosted the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) Steering Committee. They welcomed officials from the Royal Norwegian Embassy, the Embassy of Ireland, the United Nations and other government officials including from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and the President's Office, Regional

Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) to Kigoma Town where the meeting took place.

This was the first KJP Steering Committee meeting since Ireland committed to providing UN Agencies with USD 20 million for Health, Nutrition and HIV (Health+), which is the seventh theme of the KJP that was endorsed by the committee in January, as

well UN interventions in the health sector in other parts of the country.

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On his part, UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Alvaro

Rodriguez, thanked both the government authorities and the development partners for continuing to support the KJP. He also encouraged UN agencies to continue working closely together with each other and with their government counterparts to ensure successful implementation of the programme. "The KJP is making a life of communities in Kigoma who have been hosting refugees for decades," he said.

After the meeting concluded, members of the delegation visited multiple sites where activities are being implemented by the government, UN agencies and other partners as part of the KJP and other initiatives and they also made a stop at Nyarugusu Refugee camp to commemorate World Refugee Day. Pictures from these field visits can be seen in the next two pages.



Programme Manager Reproductive Health and Nutrition, Embassy of Ireland, Ms. Kim Mwamelo (centre), said that the KJP is an excellent example of the government, development partners and United Nations agencies working together to achieve a common goal. Ireland has committed to contributing \$20 million for the Health+ theme of the Kigoma Joint programme which is comprised of integrated interventions in the areas of Health, HIV and Nutrition.

KIGOMA JOINT PROGRAMME - FIELD VISITS



UN Women Representative, Ms. Hodan Addou (centre) and Assistant Director, President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Mr. Emmanuel Nyingi (right), plant a tree in front of the Gender Desk which is expected to be operational in the coming months.



Here the Regional Commissioner is inspecting the new stalls for the traders which are being constructed by the International Trade Centre (ITC). These will be built for the entire indoor section of the market and will feature storage space so that traders have somewhere secure to keep their goods when they close shop for the day.

KIGOMA JOINT PROGRAMME - FIELD VISITS



Through support from ILO and UNDP, the group has been able to improve their skills in areas such as recordkeeping, costing and marketing amongst others. They have also received roughly USD 7,000 in grants which they've used to purchase new sewing machines, materials and cover other operations costs amongst others. Thanks to this support they're improving their productivity and profitability and the income generated is helping them cater for household needs related to education and other areas.



These are women from Kasulu District who are being taught tailoring through the Framework of Integrated Programme for Out of School Adolescents (IPOSA) which is currently being undertaken by UNICEF under the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP). The delegation got the opportunity to observe one of their classes and also tasted some juice, and baked goods they had learnt to make through cookery classes offered as part of the same programme.

COMMITMENT SEALED FOR STRENGTHENING OF PRESS FREEDOM IN TANZANIA AT NATIONAL WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY COMMEMORATION



High Commissioner of the United Kingdom, H.E. Sarah Cooke, speaks during the climax of national commemorations of World Press Freedom Day (WPF) 2019. She highlighted the importance of having a free and open media. **Photo | Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania**

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This year, over three hundred media actors and partners from academia, government and civil society gathered in Dodoma to discuss issues related to the global

theme which was 'Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation'.

The national consultation resulted in government reaffirmation to dialogue with media actors to enhance joint action for press freedom including issues related to the safety of journalists. The UK in Tanzania pledged Tsh 7.8 billion (approximately USD 3.4 million) to support the strengthening of the media and civic space in Tanzania.

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UNESCO will also work with the Government and partners on key actions agreed to enhance dialogue between government, media actors and partners on strengthening of media and civic space; to support data driven action for media development; and the promotion of gender equity in and through media.

At the national

commemoration, SDG target 16.10, which commits UN Member States to “ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements”, was highlighted. The two indicators for this target specifically aim to ensure the advancement of safety of journalists and the legal and political guarantees to access information.

The important role of the media in building sustainable societies was coined as the very heart of our communities by the Charge de Affairs of the United States of America, Ms. Imni Patterson, when addressing the main session which was officiated by the Director of Information Services and Chief Government Spokesman, Dr. Hassan Abbas.



Director General of the Tanzania Information Services and Chief Government Spokesperson, Dr. Hassan Abbas (left) visits the UN Tanzania exhibition during World Press Freedom Day Commemorations in Dodoma where he was received by UN Information Centre (UNIC) Information Officer, Ms. Stella Vuzo (right). *Photo | Edgar Kiliba/UN Tanzania*

UNDP AND ILO HOST YOUTH AND WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TRAINING IN KIGOMA



Representatives from the 12 enterprises that participated in the eight-day youth and women economic empowerment training in Kasulu. *Photo | ILO*

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) conducted an eight day entrepreneurship training programme for 12 enterprise groups in Kigoma in June. Organized under the Youth and Women Economic Empowerment component of the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP), the training targeted 24 beneficiaries from four districts in Kigoma region.

The workshop is part of the programme's capacity building initiative which aims to provide ongoing support and mentorship to 289 women and youth (of which 85 per cent are women) who have received funding as well as non-financial support. Six months on, the 12 enterprise

groups through support from the programme, have set up various businesses: from fish, poultry and pig farming, to agricultural processing, fashion design and tailoring to wine making.

The groups now face various opportunities and challenges on their journey towards building sustainable small to middle scale enterprises. ILO and UNDP work to support the enterprise groups to refine and scale up their enterprises using ILO's specialized Start and Improve your Business (SIYB) tools.

"The small-scale enterprises are now at a crucial juncture where business management skills are the determining factor for their growth and sustainability," says Ms. Cressida Mwamboma, ILO

National Programme Officer.

Among other areas, the training focused on filling knowledge gaps in business management with emphasis on, understanding customers, improving salesperson skills and record keeping and stock taking.

Members of the *Vijana Tuinuane* enterprise group from Kibondo District are no strangers to the world of agribusiness but the ongoing training from the YWEE programme has allowed them to run their enterprises with more business savvy. According to group chairperson David Dauson, the SIYB training will help him become a shrewder businessman.

"I think we as farmers forget to see work as business. Before this training we didn't know about direct material costs and indirect costs,

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Ms. Cressida Mwamboma, ILO National Programme Officer

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we now know how to manage expenses in order to increase our profit," David said.

Coletha Chutse, a leader from the Tushirikiane Women's Pig farming group, sees the knowledge they have

acquired as invaluable.

"We are very grateful to the UNDP and ILO for funding our businesses, as the training we have received this week will empower us as businesswomen. We are currently constructing and

the skills we have gained on costing of manufacturer and service operators will help us greatly. We as women are often overcharged for construction costs because suppliers think that we are ignorant on such matters," said Coletha.

2019 WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY: FOOD SAFETY, EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



Food vendors can have a huge influence on food safety. If the items they are selling are not handled properly consumers will be adversely affected. *Photo* | ©FAO Tanzania

The first ever World Food Safety Day (WFSO) took place on June 7 and was celebrated to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.

The Food and Agriculture

Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), being the leaders in setting international food safety standards to protect the health of consumers and in ensuring fair practices in the food trade, led celebrations to mark the day across the globe.

Ending hunger is about all people having access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food

all year round, as such we cannot have food security, without food safety. When food is not safe, children cannot learn, adults cannot work. Human development cannot take place. Access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food is key to sustaining life and promoting good health.

Food safety has a direct impact on people's health and nutritional intake. It plays a critical role in assuring that food stays safe at every stage of the food chain - from production to harvest, processing, storage, distribution, all the way to preparation and consumption.

When countries strengthen their regulatory, scientific and technological capacities to ensure that food is safe and of the expected quality throughout the food chain, they move towards more sustainable patterns of food production and consumption.

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Today, the Codex Alimentarius Commission of FAO and WHO play the leading role in setting international food standards to protect the health of consumers and in ensuring fair practices in the food trade. FAO and WHO also play an important role in capacity-building for countries to implement food safety systems.

Everyone has the right to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. WFSD should be an opportunity to strengthen our efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe from the production to consumption. Everybody along the food chain is responsible for food safety. It is time to act now!

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DAYS

30 July
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

9 August
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

12 August
International Youth Day

19 August
World Humanitarian Day

8 September
International Literacy Day

15 September
International Day of Democracy



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