



VICE PRESIDENT LAUNCHES PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE SAFETY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Mpango gives update on SDGs implementation
- Memorable Nelson Mandela Day for Students Tackling Drug Addicts
- UN House Tanzania adopts solar power
- UN highlights need to support women seaweed farmers



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds up a sign calling for an end to all forms of discrimination against women in marketplaces at the launch of the programme in Dodoma. 30 July 2019. **Photo | Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT)**

Vice President calls on Tanzanians to take a stand against gender-based violence in marketplaces. Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan has called on all citizens to play an active role in the elimination of violence against women and girls in all spaces. Speaking during the launch of a new programme aimed at ensuring the safety of women and girls in marketplaces in Dodoma

City Council and Shinyanga Municipal Council, the Vice President said gender-based violence continues to wreak havoc across the country,

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Word From The Government



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Minister of Finance and Planning , Hon. Dr. Philip Mpango expressing his appreciation to all stakeholders for their participation in the VNR process in July, 2019



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United Republic of
Tanzania**

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan (centre) launches a UN Women and government programme aimed at ensuring the safety of women and girls in marketplaces in Dodoma City Council and Shinyanga Municipal Council. The programme is funded by the Government of Sweden. **Photo | Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT)**

adding that it is everyone's responsibility to take a stand against violence.

"This is an issue that touches us all, and we all have a role to play to ensure that women and girls are safe, and our communities are peaceful," she said.

The new initiative is a partnership between UN Women and the Association of Local Government Authorities of Tanzania, supported by the Government of Sweden. It will focus on building multi-sectoral partnerships, strengthening the capacity of local authorities and enhancing data collection to allow women market traders to

conduct business in safe environments.

Speaking at the event, UN Women Representative, Ms. Hodan Addou, said local government authorities were critical in ensuring that marketplaces are safe for women and girls. "Through the enforcement of council by-laws and working with all stakeholders, together we can make all marketplaces much safer. This pilot is therefore critical for sharing best practices with other councils to increase impact across the country," she said.

On his part, Acting Resident Coordinator and Country Director for UNAIDS, Dr. Leopold Zekeng Achengui,

stressed the critical role of local authorities in ensuring that women's rights are observed in marketplaces and other public spaces. "Programmes implemented by councils need to be gender-sensitive, data-driven, and locally relevant. Eliminating violence against women and girls in marketplaces calls for actors that are closest to the local communities. Local councils fit that description," he said.

Dr. Achengui further explained that the programme will support the implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children which aims to reduce incidences of violence by 50 per cent by 2022 and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 5 on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

UN HIGHLIGHTS NEED TO SUPPORT WOMEN SEAWEED FARMERS



Stakeholders of the Seaweed Value chain marching as part of the celebrations of the Seaweed National Day. The Seaweed industry is among the major economic sectors in Zanzibar after tourism and cloves, employing over 24,000 farmers of which 80 per cent are women. **Photo | Agnes Kenneth/ UN Tanzania**

National Seaweed Day was commemorated in late July with the aim of raising awareness on Seaweed farming, processing and utilization including the health benefits of its products. The year's theme was 'Seaweed for your Health' the commemorations were organized by the Zanzibar Seaweed Cluster Initiative in collaboration with Milele Zanzibar Foundation, and COSTECH. Other stakeholders that participated include the Ministry of Trade and Industries, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Industrialization Development Organization (UN-

IDO) and the Tanzania Trade Authority (TanTrade).

The Seaweed industry is among the major economic sectors in Zanzibar after tourism and cloves, employing over 24,000 farmers of which 80 per cent are women. A major challenge faced by women entrepreneurs in Zanzibar is access to finance to start and grow their businesses, low seaweed prices and poor seaweed farming tools.

Guest of honor, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industries, Hassan Khamis Hafidh, highlighted that the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ) in collaboration with

other stakeholders is committed to investing in Seaweed farming and processing. He said that, on average, seaweed farming generates Sh 3 billion annually and added that this would increase significantly with more local value addition. He also announced that the RGoZ has invited investors from Indonesia to establish a seaweed-processing factory in Pemba, emphasizing that the initiative will raise the farm gate price to over Sh 3,000 per kilo of seaweed.

The UN Area Coordinator in Zanzibar, Ms. Dorothy Temu-Usiri,

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highlighted UNs contributions through the Zanzibar Joint Programme (ZJP) where one of the thematic outcomes is 'Empowering of Women through Seaweed Value Chain Development'. The ZJP outcome is led by FAO and involves UNIDO, UN WOMEN (who focus on

streamlining gender issues in the value chain) as well as the International Labor Organisation (ILO) (who focus on decent employment and child labor issues in the seaweed industry). The main aim is to have collaborative initiatives amongst agencies to achieve similar goals, aiming to improve the lives of the seaweed farmers in Zanzibar.

On their part, FAO, Ali Haji Ramadhani, said that his organization continues to support seaweed production and productivity and UNIDO National Programme Officer, Gerald Runyoro, highlighted some of the technical assistance that UNIDO is providing to enhance value addition and improve marketing.



Women selling products made from Seaweed. As part of the Zanzibar Joint Programme (ZJP) several UN agencies are working together to empower women through seaweed value-chain development.

Photo | Agnes Kenneth / UN Tanzania

PUTTING YOUTH FIRST



In his remarks Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Hon. Selemeni Said Jafo emphasized that NGOs, especially in Tanzania, have helped to unite youth & support young people. Photo | Warren Bright UNFPA

Over 600 youth from all over Tanzania gathered in Dodoma on in August to commemorate International Youth Day, under the national theme *'Towards 2030 and an industrialized Tanzania: Improving youth education for the nations development'*. Organized by the government, UNFPA, ILO, UNICEF and UNESCO, with the support of UN implementing partners and local and international non-governmental organizations, the event was officiated by Guest of Honour, Hon. Selemeni Jafo, Minister of State, President's Office Regional

Administration and Local Government. UNFPA Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon; Deputy Principal Secretary, Ministry of Youth, Zanzibar, Mr. Amour Hamid Bakari, and local government authorities were also in attendance. The event was an opportunity for youth to speak with one voice, sharing their experiences on inclusive education and, more broadly their expectations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Tanzania by 2030 will be possible without the full and effective partici-

pation of youth.

'Towards 2030 and an industrialized Tanzania: Improving youth education for the nations development'

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Comprehensive, relevant and equitable education that goes beyond the classroom must meet the needs and realities of all Tanzania's youth, including the most marginalized. Executive Director of Peace Life for People with Disability Foundation, Ms. Sophia Mbeyela, gave an inspiring speech highlighting the challenges that youth with disabilities face in accessing education, including sexual and reproductive health education. She emphasized that, to be inclusive, education must respect the abilities as well as reflect and embrace

the realities and identities of this group.

Guest of Honour, Hon. Selemani Jafo, emphasized the power of young people to drive their own development and the commitment of government to support them to seize opportunities. Speaking on behalf of the UN System, Ms. Mahon, echoed these sentiments of youth as active champions of inclusive and accessible education and as changemakers, innovators and entrepreneurs that can create better and more inclusive solutions that respond to the challenges they face.

The event was also an opportunity for youth to articulate the message they want delivered at the Nairobi Summit on 12-14 November 2019, where efforts will be regvanized to finish the unfinished business of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, and fulfil the promises made to youth 25 years ago, creating a Tanzania where every youth no matter where they live can make their own reproductive health choices and enjoy their rights.



Youth during the International Youth Day celebrations which was marked in Dodoma, Government and UN officials advocated on the important role that the youth play in achieving the SDGs. **Photo | Warren Bright UNFPA**

SPECIAL REPORT

MPANGO GIVES UPDATE ON SDGS IMPLEMENTATION



United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez shaking hands with Minister for Finance and Planning, Hon. Philip Mpango, congratulating him after Tanzania's Voluntary National Review on SDGs. **Photo | UN Tanzania**

In July 2019, Hon. Dr. Philip Mpango, Minister for Finance and Planning led Tanzania's delegation to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in New York. Tanzania presented its first report on the Voluntary National Review (VNR) of SDGs, showcasing their implementation by state and non-state actors with the support of the United Nations (UN) and other stakeholders. UN Resident Coordinator i.e. Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez represented UN Tanzania to the Forum.

Tanzania's report to the HLPF

which was well articulated by Minister Mpango was well received by the Forum informing about positive economic growth and continued reduction of poverty (although slower than expected); improved education and health; strong institutions; good governance; improved financial inclusion; social protection and the fight against corruption.

Challenges on achieving SDGs highlighted by the Minister include illicit financial flows (IFF); lack of financial resources, capacity and technology to support SDGs; and environmental challenges that

threaten life on land and under water. Minister Mpango called on partners to complement Government's efforts in addressing the challenges.

Expressing his appreciation to all stakeholders for their participation in the VNR process, Minister. Mpango stated, "I am happy that the private sector is here. We expect their finances and technical capacities to be used to achieve the goals.

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United Nations Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez in a photo with Minister of Finance and Planning, Hon. Philip Mpango and Tanzania Permanent Representative to the United Nations New York, Amb. Modest Mero (centre) cheering up together after the well-received report of Tanzania's VNR by the HLPF on SDGs. **Photo | UN Tanzania**

I am also happy that the UNRC, Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez has joined our delegation to represent other development partners who support us in the implementation of SDGs”.

On his part, Mr. Rodriguez highlighted that, “We’ve seen good progress and the government is leading efforts to ensure every girl & boy gets a quality education and good healthcare. There are also good efforts being made to protect the environment, deal with the challenges of unemployment and address inequality between men and women.” However, he did note that “Many challenges remain, we need to address the problem of illicit financial flows where the resources of

Africa, Tanzania and other countries are leaving instead of being invested to support the potential of Tanzanian men, women, boys and girls.

Quick assessment of VNRs show that, most developing countries are striving to achieve SDGs due to lack of resources to finance the goals. UNDESA’s financial report to the HLPF disclosed continuous deteriorating trends of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to developing countries. The latter are expected to mobilize and channel domestic resources to finance SDGs.

General recommendations from the Forum which apply to Tanzania in achieving SDGs

include: strengthening multilateralism to manage IFF; upscaling private sector engagement in SDGs, narrowing financing gap; addressing issues of violence and conflict to have economies that are guided by human security.

Drawing from the lessons learnt from the HLPF, it is encouraging that the government is working towards making SDGs a reality in collaboration with the United Nations and other stakeholders.

This will gradually place Tanzania on track on its strive to achieve the Development Vision by 2025 and SDGs by 2030.



UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez in a photo with Hon. Minister Mpango (5th right), Hon. Fatma Hassan Toufik (MP), special seats (4th right), Dr. Lorah Madete, SDG Coordinator, Ministry of Finance and Planning (3rd right) and Ms. Ngusekela Nyerere, Economist, Resident Coordinators Office (1st left) during the HLPF meeting at UNHQ in New York. **Photo | UN Tanzania**



UN Resident Coordinator a.i., Mr. Alvaro Rodriguez on a photo with Mr. Deus Kaganda, Acting Director for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation (1st left), Mr. Songelael Shilla, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Tanzania to the United Nations, new York (1st right), Ms. Ramla Khamis, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Arica Cooperation (centre) and Ms. Ngusekela Nyerere (2nd left), Economist, Resident Coordinator's Office during the session of the HLPF on SDGs. **Photo | UN Tanzania**

FERRY ACROSS LAKE VICTORIA

On 29 July, the ferry MV Umoja set sail across Lake Victoria, carrying 720 tonnes of humanitarian food assistance which was destined for WFP operations in Uganda and South Sudan. The food was transported to Mwanza by rail and then the rail wagons were loaded directly onto the ferry.

This was the 44th ferry trip carrying WFP food across the lake, since the organization supported the Government to re-open the rail-lake-rail corridor in July 2018. The route had previously fallen dormant for 10 years.

Since the route reopened, the

ferry has been busy transporting not only food for WFP, but also goods for the private sector. The route reduces transit time by up to 50 per cent and has significant price reductions.

To reopen the corridor, WFP worked closely with Tanzania Railways Corporation, Marine Services Company Limited Marine Services, Tanzania Ports Authority and Uganda Railways Corporation.

As a leading UN agency for supply chain, WFP has established a robust logistics hub in Dar es Salaam and six other strategic locations throughout Tanzania. WFP logistics

hubs in Isaka and Dodoma help support emergency operations in neighboring countries.

Humanitarian supplies passing through Tanzania boost the local transport industry and help to promote Tanzania as a competitive transportation corridor. Forty per cent of this came from local purchases, further boosting the economy and supporting smallholder farmers.

In 2018, WFP injected US\$ 60 million into the local economy for procurement and supply chain services using the Tanzania corridor.



WFP and Government transportation stakeholders depart Mwanza South Port on a 21-hour trip across Lake Victoria to Port Bell in Uganda. The ferry is loaded with humanitarian food for refugee operations in the region. **Photo | WFP/Alice Maro**

UN HOUSE TANZANIA ADOPTS SOLAR POWER



It was all fanfare as the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Dr. Hamis Mwinyimvua, officially inaugurated the solar power system at the UN House. Photo | [UNDP Tanzania](#)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has recently celebrated the adoption of sustainable energy with an installation of Hybrid Solar Power System at the United Nations House in Dar es Salaam. This exemplary move towards renewable energy is reaffirming UNDP's role in spearheading the localization of the UN's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) initiative and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Acting UNDP Resident Representative, Ms. Verity Nyagah, highlighted that "The successful completion of this Hybrid Solar System at the UN House sets a framework

for other organizations, both public and private, to follow suit, thus helping the country to play a key role in localizing the SE4ALL initiative as well as implementing the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to address climate change in Tanzania."

The Office was previously solely dependent on grid power backed by carbon intensive diesel generators, which proved to be expensive and unreliable. With the hybrid solar energy solution, 70% of power consumption will be covered by the carbon emission free solar power. The avoided CO2 emissions will effectively reduce the UN

House's carbon footprint and burden on the environment. This supports the achievement of SDG 13 Climate Action while also promoting SDG 7 - "Affordable and Clean Energy" through this innovative renewable energy solution.

The system will also improve work-life balance, as solar emits no sound, while generators are noisy and intrusive. This is a measurable benefit to UNDP and other agencies as well as government counterparts that UNDP works with, demonstrating UNDP at its best,

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and practicing what it preaches sustainable human development.

Cost-wise, the solar power system will result in an estimated \$34,618 of annual savings on energy (by replacing grid and diesel electricity) and the initial investment cost is expected to be paid back within 12 years.

Speaking during the inauguration ceremony of the solar system, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Dr. Hamis Mwinyimvua, who was representing the Minister of Energy, Hon. Dr. Medard Kalemani (MP) said, "The beauty of Renewable Energy technologies is that, it can also be implemented in various forms;



These are some of the hybrid solar panels which are installed at the UN House. The installation of 696 solar panels will generate 70% of power consumption during office hours. Photo | UNDP Tanzania

for some can use existing infrastructure such as buildings, railway and bus stations and others thus avoiding usage of much land which could be available for other land

uses. UNDP through this system has demonstrated the applicability of office spaces in the development of renewable energy."



Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Dr. Hamis Mwinyimvua unveiling the hybrid solar power system plaque with Dancilla Mukarubayiza former UNDP Deputy Representative as former UNDP Representative Verity Nyagah look on. Photo | UNDP Tanzania

MEMORABLE NELSON MANDELA DAY FOR STUDENTS TACKLING DRUG ADDICTS



Simba Cement officer handing over bags of cement to teachers and Chairperson of Mchikichini primary school. The cement will be used for repairing the fence surrounding the school. Photo | UNIC/Laurean Kiiza

This year marks the 10th anniversary since the UN General Assembly adopted Nelson Mandela International Day. This year's theme was "Take action, inspire change and Action against poverty" and national commemorations were held at Mchikichini Primary School which has been facing a fencing problem that has given way to drug addicts accessing students and using the school premises to inject and abuse drugs.

Speaking at the commemorations, Deputy South African Ambassador to Tanzania, Mr.

Frans van Aardt, said "Nelson Mandela dedicated 67 years of his life in the fight against injustices. In this regard. People throughout the world will devote 67 minutes by volunteering to contribute in changing other people's lives in a small or big way."

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' Statement for the day was read by the UN Information Officer, Ms. Stella Vuzo. "Nelson Mandela's calls for social cohesion and an end to racism are particularly relevant today, with hate speech casting a growing shadow around the world. As

"Take action, inspire change and Action against poverty"

we work collectively for peace, stability, sustainable development and human rights for all, we would be well served to recall the example set by Nelson Mandela," read Ms. Vuzo.

The Head of the School, Mr. Wilson Mahemba, informed those present that the drug addicts pose a great threat to students. "Sometimes drug addicts throw their injected needles down into the school compound and small students pick them and play with them, sometimes young boys are taught how to use drugs and they become addicted," he said.

Mr. Mahemba also noted that performance of the girls at the school is always better compared to boys. He attributed it to the drug addicts revealing that, "boys fail because they are being used to ferry drugs and some of them are already abusing drugs."

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The commemoration was also in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and with the new Strategy of the government of the Republic of South Africa to adopt a far greater intervention for truly sustainable impact. In this new strategy approach for Nelson Mandela Day, identified key focus areas for global partnerships include educational and literacy, food and nutrition, shelter, sanitation and active citizenship.

The event was attended by the Diplomatic Community, members of the South African diaspora including Simba Cement, Nabaki Afrika, Coca



Invited guests, Mchikichini Primary school students, teachers and youths, listening to Mchikichini Primary school environment club performing during Nelson Mandela International Day. **Photo | UNIC/Harriet Macha**

Cola, Pepsi, Stanbic, FNB, Spik and Span, Nipe Fagio, Youth Development Network and Wakali joggers. from Temeke Youth Devel-



Mr. Godfrey Ten, from Temeke Youth Development Network, talking to Youth during Nelson Mandela educational outreach for youths with drugs addiction problems. **Photo | UNIC/Laurean Kiiza**

VICTIMS ARE NOT CRIMINALS, PROTECT THEM



IOM Chief of Mission (CoM) Addressing Participants during the Commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. **Photo | IOM**

The UN Migration Agency (IOM) in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs commemorated the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in late July at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam. The commemoration event was preceded by National Dialogue which took place just one day before.

As part of the UN Development Assistance Plan II (UN-DAP II), IOM is the leading UN Agency working closely with the government to prevent and respond to Trafficking in Persons (TIP). IOM considers TIP to be among the worst violations of human rights. It is therefore important to con-

tinue taking actions to end TIP and this year's national theme was year's national theme 'Support the Government to End Human Trafficking; Victims are not Criminals, Protect Them'.

In line with its effort to strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders to address violence and trafficking of women and children, IOM reached a total of 247 religious and local leaders, and 148 community members through community dialogue sessions over the last year. This resulted in more active engagement of these leaders in supporting IOM and the government to prevent and

respond to TIP in their areas. Additionally, capacity-building for frontline workers has resulted in improved collaboration among themselves in responding to TIP cases.

'Support the Government to End Human Trafficking; Victims are not Criminals, Protect Them'

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In commemorating this day, IOM works with partners to ensure assistance and protection systems for victims. A concrete plan to strengthen efforts to address TIP in Tanzania was developed during the National Dialogue.

During the commemorations, Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kangi Lugola, presented certificate of appreciation to IOM for its valuable support in combatting TIP. IOM Chief of Mission, Dr. Qasim

Sufi, thanked the Minister for the certificate and reaffirmed that “IOM remains at full disposal to ATS in seeking means to accelerate the duly administrative and legislative procedures, in the fight against TIP.”

IOM acknowledged the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden, through the, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), and the Government of Norway for its support as it contributes significantly in responding to TIP in Tanzania.

“IOM remains at full disposal to ATS in seeking means to accelerate the duly administrative and legislative procedures, in the fight against TIP.”

**Dr. Qasim Sufi,
IOM Chief of Mission**



Diplomats from Burundi, Ethiopia, South Korea, and Norway visit the UN Migration Agency (IOM) Booth during World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (TiP) commemorations. **Photo | IOM**

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DAYS

September 21 - International
Day of Peace

October 11 - International
Day of the Girl Child

October 16 - World Food Day

October 24 - United Nations Day

November 19 - World Toilet Day

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