

U.S. DONATED COVID-19 VACCINES ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Serving the Community in honor of Nelson Mandela
- Tanzania's youth blaze the trail towards a more equitable future
- U.S. donated COVID-19 vaccines arrive in Tanzania



Touchdown at Julius Nyerere International Airport. On the 24th of July, the first COVID-19 vaccines landed safely in Tanzania. The 1,058,450 doses of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine were donated by the United States of America. Pictured above, excited partners who welcomed the shipment at the airport today, marking a milestone in Tanzania's fight against COVID-19. **Photo Credit | UNICEF Tanzania**

Tanzania has received its first consignment of COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccines were donated by the United States of America through the COVAX facility. The COVAX facility is a global partnership comprised of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), GAVI the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF and WHO. This facility enhances fair access to COVID-19 vaccines.

The first consignment of 1,058,450 doses of the Janssen vaccines were received by

The Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Dorothy Gwajima and The Minister of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula.

The first batch of COVID-19 vaccines target frontline health care workers given their high exposure to COVID-19. Elderly and people with co-morbid conditions who are at high risk of developing severe illness if exposed to the COVID-19 virus are also among the priority groups.

“The vaccine is safe and efficacious; it is vetted by WHO and proven to be very efficient against COVID-19 illness,” said Dr. Gwajima, adding that the vaccines are offered free of charge. Dr. Gwajima urged everyone who is eligible to take the vaccine.

For every job, Tanzanians are one step closer to being safe from the pandemic which continues to take lives all over the world. A total of 11 million Tanzanians, or 20 per cent of the total population, will be targeted

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for the vaccines coming through the COVAX facility.

“We are sharing these vaccines to save lives and to lead the world in bringing an end to the pandemic. Sharing these vaccines also serves as another example of the strength of our 60-year partnership and our commitment to Tanzania,” said U.S. Ambassador Donald Wright.

“The arrival of the vaccines is an important step in responding to the pandemic. We thank the Government of the United States of America for generously donating the vaccines through the COVAX facility and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for allowing the UN, through UNICEF and WHO, and other partners to help facilitate this process,” said Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, the then acting UN Resident Coor-



“If there is one thing we have learnt from this pandemic, it is that partnerships are the only way forward to solve our global issues, whether it is COVID-19, climate change or reaching the SDGs. Only by working together, bringing all our comparative advantages and ideas to the table, we can hand over a better world to our children.” said UNICEF Representative, Shalini Bahuguna at a press conference on the day of the arrival. A total of 11 million Tanzanians, or 20 per cent of the total population, has been targeted for this shipment of vaccines coming through COVAX. **Photo Credit | UNICEF Tanzania**

dinator. She added that, “We have seen in other countries the significant benefits of vaccines - they are safe, effective and do save lives. The UN Representative said this is the first

batch of many more COVID-19 vaccines that Tanzania will receive and as people start to get vaccinated, we urge everyone to continue taking all prevention measures against the virus.”

TANZANIA'S YOUTH BLAZE THE TRAIL TOWARDS A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE

The past year has been an incredibly difficult time for youth in Tanzania and around the world but in the face of unparalleled challenges they are not giving up. On the contrary, Tanzania's youth are not only calling for change – they are the change. They see possibilities that were once unimaginable. As they envision a new future for themselves and

the world, they are crafting new solutions to address the challenges young people face on a daily basis. Youth are breaking barriers that prevent them from realizing their potential.

Through the AMUA Accelerator, UNFPA in Tanzania is tapping into the creativity and passions of the country's young entrepreneurs. The accelerator is

supporting them to design and launch innovative products that resonate with their views, experiences and unique sexual and reproductive health needs. One of the eight innovations and digital apps supported since 2017 is eShangazi. eShangazi is a chatbot that provides age-appropriate accurate information and education on family planning, teenage pregnancy, men

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struation and sexual and reproductive health and rights. The app also affords users privacy and confidentiality and can signpost them to their nearest health facility on request.

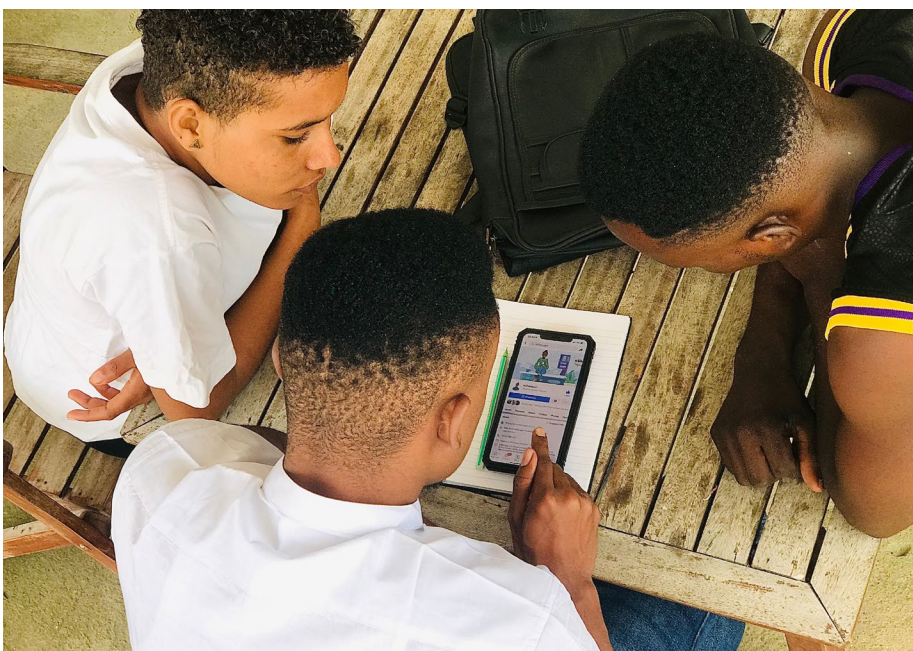
Jamillah is 19 and a regular visitor to eShangazi’s Facebook page. She says access to the app has had a really positive impact on her life. She can ask as many questions as she wants without having to visit a health facility or talk to her parents! She has more self-esteem and confidence. She now questions gender stereotypes and, as well as harmful practices like child marriage. “I used to think that if a girl hadn’t received a marriage proposal by the age of 15, then she was unlucky and had brought shame on her family. I even laughed at girls who turned down proposals,” she admits.



Joel shows off the eShangazi app, one of several mobile app tools designed by young entrepreneurs in Tanzania to inform youth about their sexual and reproductive health and rights. **Photo Credit | UNIC Dar es Salaam/Simon Mathias.**

Now, thanks to her online “aunty” eShangazi, she is aware of her rights and the consequences of both marrying and giving birth at a young age. Jamillah says no one will convince her to marry until she is at least 25 years or even older.

The Accelerator is now in its third round and AMUA III, launched in June of this year, will again look to the youth of Tanzania to come up with innovative solutions to create a robust sexual and reproductive health data ecosystem. This data will drive evidenced-based programming and policy. This will ensure the universal rights and choices that youth are demanding become a reality for all by 2030 – leaving no one behind.



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SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN HONOUR OF NELSON MANDELA



UNFPA's country Representative, Ms. Jacqueline Mahon (left); The Director of the Mozambique-Tanzania Centre for Foreign Relations, Ambassador Abdulrahman Kaniki (second left), the South African High Commission Charge d' Affaires, Ms. Stella Vuyelwa Dhlomo-Imieka (second from right) hand over part of the collected donations from the UN and embassy staff to the Executive Officer of CHAKUWAMA orphanage Centre Mr Hassan Hamisi (Right). **Photo Credit | UNIC Dar es Salaam.**

In recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom The Nelson Mandela International Day is commemorated every 18th July where different nations and organizations recognizes Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity in conflict resolution, race relations, promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of children and other vulnerable groups.

This year, as the whole world continues to battle against the Corona Virus Disease which has impacted and changed the way we live; the UN in partnership with the High Commission of South Africa in Tanzania organized a donation of food, clothing, school supplies and toys for CHAKUWAMA, an orphanage centre in Sinza, Dar es Salaam.

Speaking on behalf of the Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Tanzania during a

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**Jacqueline Mahon,
UNFPA
Country Representative**

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short session at the centre for Foreign Relations (CFR); Ms. Jacqueline Mahon, UNFPA's country representative said, "Madiba's calls for solidarity and an end to racism are particularly relevant today, as social cohesion around the world is threatened by division. Societies are becoming more polarized, with hate speech on the rise and misinformation blurring the truth, questioning science

and undermining democratic institutions." She asserted that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has made these ills more acute and rolled back years of progress in the global fight against poverty. Ms. Mahon also relayed the Secretary General's remarks of the day which called to global citizens to be inspired by Madiba's message that everyone can make a difference in promoting peace, human rights, harmony with

nature and dignity for all.

The collected donations from different UN agencies and the High Commission of South Africa were handed to the executive secretary of CHAKUWAMA Orphanage centre, Mr. Hassan Hamis M Kang'ata who expressed his gratitude on behalf of sixty-eight children residing at the centre during the hand over.



South African High Commission Charge d' Affaires, Ms. Stella Vuyelwa Dhlomo-Imieka catches up with CHAKUWAMA's executive Officer after handing over donations to the orphanage centre. Looking on are some of the children who live at the centre. **Photo Credit | UNIC Dar es Salaam.**

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DAYS

October 11th - International Day of the Girl Child

October 16th - World Food Day

October 17th - International Day for Eradication of Poverty

October 24th - United Nations Day

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