

Tanzanian photo story wins global award

By HILDA MHAGAMA

AN inspirational photo story of service from Tanzania has been selected as a winner in a photojournalism project that celebrates diverse acts of healing from around the world during the global pandemic.

Dubbed 'The Other Hundred Healers' is the world's first collection of

inspiring photo stories from 100 countries around the world, representing people who have been working towards healing their communities through selfless acts of caring, kindness and compassion.

The photo-story from Tanzania that was submitted by Mr Calvin Kulaya was selected as a winner out of thousands of other photo-

stories.

Mr Kulaya said as nations faced lockdown and communities withdrew to their homes, there were other acts of service, courage and healing being performed on daily basis.

"The photos I submitted were on the works of Doris Mollel, who helps care for babies born prematurely through her foundation.

When the pandemic struck the country, she came up with the idea of a Ramadan gift basket comprising of rice, beans, salt and sugar as well as cooking oil for elderly people most at risk from the pandemic," he said.

He said with the help of sponsors and contributors, Doris delivered provisions to over 300 families in dif-

ferent parts of Dar es Salaam, Bagamoyo and Zanzibar.

Founder of The Other Hundred and Project Director, Mr Chandran Nair, said the pandemic of 2020 will be spoken about for decades to come, and this project successfully captures the moment from a unique angle.

"We have been over-

whelmed by the response of the photojournalists and the power of the photo-stories, which we sincerely hope will interest and inspire a global population in the process of healing and creating unity," he said.

A statement issued by the foundation revealed that the Other Hundred Healers expands the definition of 'healing society' during

a time of social trauma by recognising the contribution of people from all walks of life: delivery workers, cleaners, waste collectors, food sellers, volunteers, teachers, government workers, community heads, village chiefs, practitioners of alternative wellness methods, therapists and health-care and emergency service professionals.

It further said that to mark its launch, plans are being laid to have exhibitions around the world, starting with Hong Kong, where the project originated.

In addition to the 100 photo-stories from all six continents, The Other Hundred Healers features essays from writers and thinkers from different parts of the world.



CONSTRUCTION of Standard Gauge Railway bridge that crosses at Nelson Mandela Expressway continues at Buguruni area in Dar es Salaam as captured yesterday. The first phase has six main stations at Dar es Salaam, Pugu, Soga, Ruvu, Ngerengere and finally Morogoro. (Photo by Mohamed Mambo)

NCC succeeds in anti-HIV/Aids prevention

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

AS Tanzanians yesterday joined the international community to mark World AIDS Day, the National Construction Council (NCC) said it met its anti-HIV/Aids objectives planned for this year in creating awareness among its employees.

According to the NCC Chief Executive Officer Dr Matiko Mturi, the council, through its management, educated its workers on ways of controlling HIV infections.

He said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the issue of educating employees

"We have been giving HIV/AIDS education to NCC team through training, seminars, workshops, counseling and brochures. We also ensure that education on HIV/Aids is offered at the workplace," he said.

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on best measures against HIV infection was vital to the council's existence and continued growth.

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Dr Mturi thanked NCC workers for their cooperation in helping the management to realise its objectives this year.

On voluntary basis, NCC employees underwent HIV testing this year after a team of health experts had prepared them psychologically, especially accepting results of the testing.

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"For instance, knowledge on preventive measures (awareness on HIV/AIDS spread) and decisions to test for HIV/AIDS voluntarily are the tools that each of the employees needs to have," Dr Mturi said.

He said that the main objective was to create awareness to all employees on how to avoid infections and for the infected not to infect others.

Farmer society creates fund to promote coffee growing

From DAILY NEWS reporter in Moshi

Moshi-based Manushi Sinda Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society Limited (Manushi Sinda Amcos Ltd) is in the process of establishing a special coffee stabilising fund to withstand the coffee price crisis, the aim being promotion of the cultivation of the key cash crop in the country.

This was revealed by the chairman of the society Prof John Boshe during the Am-

cos' ordinary Annual General Meeting (AGM) held recently in Kibosho.

He said the process of establishing the fund would involve all members of the society.

"This special stabilising fund will aim at withstanding the challenges posed by the coffee price crisis, the aim being to ensure that farmers do not surrender when prices fall due to the crisis. This is also a guarantee for the sustainability of coffee production," he said.

"The Board and man-

agement of the Manushi Sinda Amcos has already submitted a request for 22,875,443.21/- from the US Development Fund facility (USADF) whereby the money will be used to address health and business challenges that arose during the Covid-19 crisis as well as at setting up the stabilising fund so as to cope with the crisis caused by the fall of coffee prices," he said.

Commenting on the other society's initiatives of increasing coffee production, Prof Boshe said it included

the development of a quality coffee seedling nursery which would be distributed to members.

"We already have a nursery with a capacity to produce 120,000 seedlings which would be distributed free of charge to members of Manushi Sinda Amcos.

He said non-members will have to pay 300/- per seedling, adding that Amcos members are benefiting from the free seedlings after the society's leadership made an effort to get a grant from the USADF.

"These seedlings are excellent; if the farmer prepares his coffee farm by following all the relevant procedures, one coffee tree be able to produce two kilograms and production can increase after three years," he said.

According to Prof Boshe other achievements of the society include establishment of an agricultural input shop which enables members to get agricultural inputs of the highest quality at reasonable prices.

The Amcos has also

built a conference hall as an additional investment which can provide additional revenue.

Prof Boshe said the Amcos' five-year business plan (2021-2025) aims at developing a strategy that would enable it increase coffee production from the current 20,000 kg to 40,000 kg annually.

The leadership is also aiming at launching a major coffee project through one of the society's farms which will enable it accrue more than 800m/- each crop

season.

Moshi District Cooperative Officer Mr Eliona Omar appealed to members of the Manushi Sinda Amcos to ensure that they elect leaders whom he said would be able to protect the achievements gained by the current leaders.

"I remind you on this important issue because I know the current leaders are going to retire in accordance with the new cooperative laws. I take this opportunity to advise to elect competent and honest leaders," he said.

NGO wages relentless battle against HIV

From HECKTON CHUWA in Moshi

A non-governmental organisation, Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS), has provided HIV counselling and testing services to 188,613 people this year as part of its health programmes.

THPS Technical Director Dr Alexander Christopher told reporters that 14,812 people were found to be HIV-positive and 19,147 started life-long Antiretroviral Therapy (ART).

He said 51,622 people started and completed TB preventive treatment -- a six-month regimen to prevent TB infection among people living with HIV.

Dr Christopher revealed this during the commemoration of the World AIDS Day week in Kilimanjaro Region.

He said through the THPS Mlango project, his organisation was able to

reach out to 35,567 vulnerable people.

He said as far as HIV testing services were concerned, 5,833 (16.5 per cent) were found to be HIV-positive and 5,382 were linked to ART services.

Dr Christopher said 103 other vulnerable persons -- the majority being drug addicts -- were diagnosed with TB and were

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also linked to treatment.

He named new projects as the US Agency for International Development-funded, the USAID Uhuru Tuberculosis and Family Planning Facility

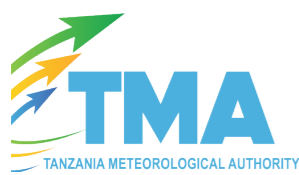
Solutions Local Organisation Network (LON) activity, PEPFAR/US-AID Police and Prisons Activity and the Paza Sauti Project, a US Ambassador's Fund for HIV/AIDS Relief (AFHR) project.

The three are among six THPS donor-funded projects currently under implementation. Others are PEPFAR/CDC Afya Kwanza programme, National HIV Laboratory Support Services (NHLS) and the Global Fund AM-REFTHPS Mlango Project.

The NGO was also involved in mobilising cervical cancer testing among women and increasing screening services in rural areas.

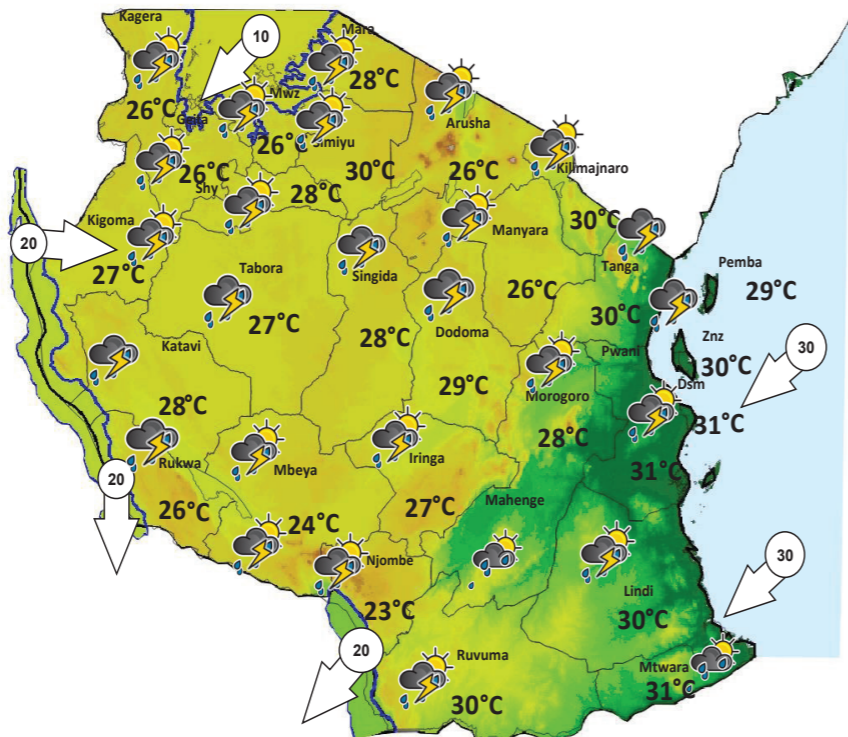
A beneficiary of the THPS services, Rachel Joseph, said under the Amref and Global Fund, THPS enabled her establish a special project for her family.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY 02/12/2020



KEY

- Cloudy conditions, thundershowers over some areas and sunny intervals.
- Partly cloudy conditions, thundershowers over few areas and sunny periods.
- Partly cloudy conditions, rain showers over few areas and sunny periods.



MARINE WEATHER FORECAST

1. Wind.
Is expected to flow from North East at 30km/hr for the entire Coast.
2. State of the sea.
Is expected to be Moderate.

Thundershowers are expected over Shinyanga, Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Mara, Simiyu, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Pwani (including Mafia Isles), Songwe, Mbeya, Kigoma, Morogoro (North), Lindi, Ruvuma, Iringa, Njombe, Tabora, Katavi, Rukwa, Dodoma and Singida and Tanga regions, Unguja and Pemba Isles