

CCM women's wing leader calls for rural economic boost

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

THE Chairperson of the CCM Women's Wing in Njombe Region, Dr Scholastica Kevela, has urged the government to strengthen financial institutions in rural areas to empower women and drive economic growth.

Dr Kevela, who recently earned a PhD in Finance from the Open University of Tanzania, emphasised the importance of increasing capital in these institutions to enable larger loans that can significantly impact rural communities.

"My research focused on how women in Njombe Region can benefit economically, politically and socially through financial institutions," she explained.

"By empowering women with access to finance, we can help them own homes, educate their children and contribute to community development."

Dr Kevela, who is also the Director of Yono Auction Mart and Company, encouraged Tanzanians, especially women and young people, to pursue education. She commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for creating a conducive environment for learning.

"We look up to Dr Samia as a role model. I urge young people and my fellow women to pursue education. The Open University is very accommodating, allowing learners to study while managing other responsibilities," she said.

The graduation ceremony, graced by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, saw 4,307 graduates, including 55 PhD recipients.

The Prime Minister underscored the pivotal role of graduates in driving Tanzania's development.

Dr Kevela vowed to use her knowledge and expertise to champion rural economic empowerment and uplift marginalised communities.



PUBLIC servants from various institutions in Musoma District, Mara Region, participate in cleaning environment to mark the 63rd Anniversary of independence. (Photo courtesy of the Regional Commissioner's office).

Global anti-narcotics body praises Tanzania in fighting drugs

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

THE Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) Maggie Nardi has praised the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) and the Tanzanian government for their efforts in combating drug abuse and trafficking.

Ms Nardi pledged continued collaboration with the authority to enhance the fight against this global menace.

She made the statement when she

visited the DCEA in Dar es Salaam, recently, along with her delegation.

During the visit she commend the DCEA for significant achievements in controlling drug trafficking, including dismantling major drug trafficking networks and seizing large quantities of narcotics.

"I commend you for the tremendous work you are doing in dismantling drug trafficking networks and seizing significant quantities of narcotics. Our cooperation will continue to strengthen, and we applaud the Tanzanian government for its robust ef-

orts in addressing this challenge," she stressed.

In addition to her commendations, Ms Nardi expressed her appreciation for DCEA's efforts in drug demand reduction and the provision of rehabilitation services for drug addicts.

"I was unaware that DCEA is also involved in reducing drug demand and mitigating the harm caused by drugs. This is a commendable step that should be sustained," she emphasised.

Addressing the threat of synthetic drugs, she highlighted the dangers posed by substances such as fentanyl,

stressing the importance of international cooperation and information sharing to tackle the issue.

"I hope fentanyl has not yet made significant inroads in this country, but we must remain vigilant. We continue to work together and share experiences to address the evolving dynamics of the drug trade.

This visit symbolises the strengthening of international cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking. DCEA continues to work with various stakeholders to combat this crisis and reduce its impact on society.

Tanzanian medics return home after successful services in Comoros

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

TWENTY Tanzanian doctors have recently returned from a successful medical camp in Comoros, where they treated 2,770 patients and performed surgeries on seven individuals.

During the seven-day camp, they identified 269 patients needing further medical referrals to Tanzania and explored opportunities for health sector collaboration between the two nations.

Speaking upon arrival at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam, Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) Director, Dr Peter Kisenge, highlighted the camp's achievements and meetings with key Comorian officials.

"We discussed investment and cooperation opportunities with the Comorian Minister for Defence, who is also the Assistant to the President and Secretary General of the ruling party," said Dr Kisenge.

He added that the possibility of Tanzanian doctors working in Comoros and managing a 100-bed hospital was also explored.

Meetings were held with the Comorian Minister of Health and the President's Chief Advisor to strengthen ties and identify areas for collaboration.

Discussions included enhancing cancer awareness, academic exchanges with the University of Comoros, and sharing health expertise available in Tanzania but lacking in Comoros.

Dr Kisenge acknowledged the participation of Tanzanian Ambassador to Comoros, Said Yakub and other key figures, including Global Medicare's Director, Abdulmalik Mollel, who organised the camp. He praised the doctors for their dedication and emphasised the importance of such initiatives for regional healthcare cooperation.

Global Medicare Director Abdulmalik Mollel thanked JKCI, the Tanzanian Embassy and major hospitals like MOI, Benjamin Mkapa, Ocean Road and MNH for providing specialists to support the camp.

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The Council, Management, and Staff of the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) wish to join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, and all Tanzanians in commemorating the 63rd Anniversary of Tanzania Mainland's Independence.

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