

TSh100 billion project to end Tanga chronic water problem

By Staff Reporter
Muheza

THE chronic water shortage problem in the four districts of Tanga region is expected to be addressed permanently following the Government's plan to implement a major project that will cost TSh100 billion.

The districts that will benefit from the project that will provide water to the Pangani River are Pangani, Muheza, Korogwe and Handeni.

Tanga Regional Commissioner, Martin Shigela, said this during his visit to inspect water projects managed by the Tanga City Water and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA) in Muheza District in Tanga Region.

He said, the advent of such projects in the region will increase the level of access to water services by more than 90% which will help strengthen the economy of the people.

Muheza District Commissioner, Mwanasha Tumbo, said that the availability of the service in rural areas is 65% while in urban areas it is only 18%.

He said that the completion of water projects will increase the level of service to 52% and thus help to somewhat reduce the challenge of water scarcity in the district.

Executive Director of the Tanga City Water and Sanitation Authority (Tanga UWASA) Geoffrey Hilly said the completion of the water project from Pongwe to Muheza will help water supply to neighboring villages in areas where water pipes will pass.



Tanga Regional Commissioner, Martine Shigella, speaking during a visit to the Michokeni Water Project in Pangani District during his visit.

NCC organize a course to deal with trade disputes

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Dar es Salaam

THE National Construction Council (NCC) is organizing a three day course on Conduct and Practice of Arbitration, starting from September 23 to 25 in Dar es Salaam, to empower personnel from different professions with ability to resolve commercial disputes, by using various methods of settling disputes, particularly alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

According to the NCC Chief Executive Officer, Dr Matiko Samson Mtiru, among other areas; the course which would be conducted at Holiday Inn, will cover; Settlement of dispute practice, Mediation in the Courts of Law, Law of Arbitration, Appointment of Arbitrators, Powers and Jurisdiction of the Arbitrator, Inter-locator matters, Hearing procedure, Costs and Interest, Award and Challenges on Award.

He said the objectives of the course were to create awareness on the procedures for arbitration as means of resolving commercial disputes and equipping participants with knowledge on Law and procedural aspects of Arbitration and that it was open to all those who are interested in the resolution of commercial disputes through arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

"Participation is open to Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Contractors, Estate Managers, Insurance personnel, Lawyers, Shipping industry personnel and other professionals, who paid for the course," Dr Mtiru said.

He added that those who wanted to sit for examination only were also accepted through their half pay. He said, those who would participate fully have paid TSh750,000 while the ones needed examinations only paid TSh350,000 only.

"At the end of the course, participants will sit for examination. Those who are attending the whole course and those who just want to sit for examination will be examined together."

Dr. Matiko explained that the recent coming course was the 14th and that NCC still sees the need to conduct more courses of same nature to create knowledgeable dispute settlers in the country.

Dr. Jingu: Take care of children's treasury for national development

By Staff Reporter
Arusha

PERMANENT Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Central Department of Social Development, Dr. John Jingu, has called on the community to protect children from acts of abuse and to provide them with an enabling environment for education.

Dr. Jingu said this in Arusha when he visited various day care centers for children who are found to be vulnerable and at risk.

Speaking at different times at the Neema Village, Amani Center and Children's Centers of St. Gabriel, Dkt. Jingu said non-governmental organizations that provide such child-care services are doing a good job but are responsible for adhering to existing rules, procedures, policies and guidelines

to protect the national interest.

He urged service providers to continue to work with the Government to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to them so that their services can be more comprehensive in the development of the country.

"The report shows that you are doing a good job, but as stakeholders you are dealing with violence, you must know that violence is unacceptable. Our various laws make it clear, especially against children," he said.

He said, the Government has created a conducive environment to facilitate the provision of services to these organizations in accordance with the guidelines that aim to protect the well-being of a child who is more than any other treasure in the world.

He noted that Arusha is one of the regions with the biggest problem of children living and

working in hazardous conditions on the streets, so it is the responsibility of the community to ensure that children are removed from the streets and sent to school.

Commenting on the services provided at the Neema Village center, the center's sponsor, Dorice Fortson, said the center is involved in services to beneficiaries who are ranging from vulnerable children to children who have lost their parents, abandoned and those with poor care.

Dorice added that the center also provides entrepreneurship education to vulnerable women and teaches them self-help techniques through various projects after receiving training.

For her part, the Coordinator of the Peace Center, Irene Wampembe, said despite the various challenges the center has continued to provide vari-

ous services to about 55 children since its inception where among them, 33 children have been reunited with their families.

Irene thanked for the ongoing services provided by Arusha City Welfare, Council, Regional and Government Welfare officials in general by establishing a safe housing program for the protection of victims of acts of violence.

Initially reporting on the condition of children and their well-being, Arusha Regional Chief Physician, Dr. Wedsm Sichwalwe said the problem of child abuse was not an eye-opener and could be a burden in the future.

Dr. Sichwalwe said, there is currently a huge demand for welfare services in the country while continuing to improve the health sector infrastructure to keep pace with the changes and demand for services in the sector.