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Community Members Call for COVID-19 Impact Mitigation



Mariam in her fish business. Many women in Kilwa lost their capital due to COVID-19 disruption.

they just play all day,” commented Halima Ally.

The community members also added that youth have joined bad groups involved in among others, theft, wandering, taking part in high-risk jobs and some girls have ended up getting pregnant due to long stays on the streets and parents do not have time to protect them.

In terms of family care, women said that there was increased burden on them because some men in their area ran away and abandoned their families.

“During that period, you find women carrying the burden of protecting children and families, and at the same time have the responsibility to look for food and other needs for the family,” said Zamda Makopa.

In relation to what can be done to address the impacts of COVID-19, the residents recommended that school areas be improved so that when students return to school, they will be safe, this includes having enough desks.

“We are ready to partner with government to ensure that the learning environment is safe,” one of the residents said.

They also added that the government needs to guide and regulate inflation because since the outbreak of Corona virus in the area, food prices have soared making it difficult for residents to afford basic commodities.

“For example, a kilogramme of sugar is now sold at 4,000 shillings in some areas; the price for flour has also risen. How can I afford those commodities? The government should assist us in that to reduce the severity of life.”

On the other hand, students who took part in the discussion said;

“We as students have forgotten many of the things we have been taught at school. We urge schools to put in place special programmes to assist students especially those who are looking forward to write their final exams.”

By Joyce John- Programme Officer, Kilwa LRP

Residents of Kivinje Ward in Kilwa District have urged the government and other stakeholders to come up with strategies aimed at addressing the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in their communities.

Speaking during a live radio programme discussion which took place in Kivinje Ward, community members said the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted their life and affected them in all sectors.

The discussion, which was organized by the Kilwa Women’s Forum (TUJIWAKI) in collaboration with the District Youth Network and Kilwa LRP, was broadcast live on Mashujaa FM community radio.

Explaining about the discussion, the Secretary of the Kilwa District Women’s Forum Pili Kuliwa said that despite the fact that Coronavirus cases have continued to decline, there are many challenges and consequences the community has suffered over the period.

Shading more light on the challenges, the residents said their economy was adversely affected making life difficult for them.

“Life has increasingly become difficult as income-generating activities have significantly decreased. A large percentage of women in this area are involved in small businesses including dealing in seafood and relied on foreign buyers, but now they are no longer there and we rely solely on the local market. We have no one to sell our produce to,” said Mariam Madadi.

On how it effects their children’s education, the residents said that they have to go out every day to a living, so they don’t have time to stay with their children and help them with their school work, which has led to their children being affected academically. Also, not all the children were able to continue learning while at home using online/ TV programmes as directed.

“For the family to eat, I have to go out in the morning to look for income. I don’t have time to stay at home to supervise children to make sure they read their books, so

Stakeholders Demand Child-Friendly Justice System



Some of participants following discussion during the event

By Aisha Idd, Unguja LRP

ActionAid Unguja LRP recently organized a dialogue with key stakeholders to mark this year's Day of the African Child which carried the theme: 'Access to a Child-Friendly Justice System in Africa'.

The objective of the dialogue, held on the 26th of June 2020 at Malaria Hall, in Mwanakwerekwe, Zanzibar, was to advocate for improved access to timely justice in child abuse cases, as well as creating friendly environment for children in the justice system.

As part of discussion during the dialogue, children in the project area were given an opportunity to air their voices through recorded clips, on challenges they face in accessing their rights in the justice system and way forward in improving access to justice.

The dialogue was attended by a representative from the Ministry of Labour, Empowerment Elderly Women and Children - Department of Children Affairs, Police Gender Desk, the office of DPP and magistrate from Children's Court. Others were representatives from Women's Rights Organisations (JUWAMAKU and MWAVIKAU), youth organisations (JUWIEKA and JUVIKUKA), activists, like-minded partners (TAMWA, ZAFELA), teachers, local leaders (shehas) children, and the media.

Among challenges raised by children, which prevent them from accessing their rights

in the justice systems, were among others; investigation taking too long, lack of enough attention paid to the case by relevant authorities (police gender desk, DPP Office, Court etc), lack of evidence, offender not arrested and Muhali. Children also requested for improvement on access to timely justice for them by having relevant authorities working on the identified challenges.

Responding to concerns raised by children, the magistrate from the Children's Court, Ms Nayla Omeya, said that children and the community in general should stop worrying about consequences or backlash in giving evidence to the court in child abuse cases since there are laws which protect witnesses.

Nayla added that there has been many adjustments (reviews) made to violence related cases in Zanzibar, whereby currently there are severe punishments to violence perpetrators and therefore the offenders are being arrested and there is no bail in court for violence cases.

"Provision of timely justice to children depends on cooperation from all actors, starting from the victim, community, police, DPP's office and the court. No single actor can provide justice to the victim, all are interdependent and therefore the community should stop 'Muhali' to enable authorities concerned to provide justice to children, who are victims of violence," explained Nayla.

On the other hand, Mr Mohamed Jabir, the Officer representing Children from the Ministry

of Labour, insisted that families should make self-evaluations as to what systems/ environments are in place to ensure that children are protected and their rights are not violated.

If families and community use good language, give children chances for self-explanation, respect rules, laws and regulations, then justice to children can be attained at all levels," Mr Jabir said.

On how the court has created friendly environment for children to express themselves and witness during cases, Nayla said that one of the unique structures is the use of drawings and toys to display/express words which children might find difficult to explain, the use of Social Welfare Officers in children's courts to counsel those who are scared, allowing a child to come with his/her parent and use of videos whereby a perpetrator and the victim (child) do not see each other.

A representative from the DPP's office, Mr Hamis, elaborated on the issue of files taking too long in the DPP's office, saying that ideally the files are supposed to stay in the office for not more than 14 days.

The DPP's office faces the problem of "Muhali" whereby in some sexual violence cases, parents of the victim and perpetrator reconcile and present marriage certificates to the court that victims and perpetrator are now married and are husband and wife.

This provides a major challenge in creating a friendly environment to children in accessing justice because not all cases go to the Children's Court.

Towards the end of the dialogue, an officer from the Police Gender Desk, Mr Salum, presented data on Child Abuse cases in North Unguja Region for 2019 and 2020. He said that, for 2019, January to December, the number of cases (generally) were 169, of which 145 were children cases reported to the police gender desk and out of that figure, 126 were girls and 6 were boys, while 23 were children in contradiction with the law.

For 2020, (Jan-June) a total of 59 cases (in general) were reported, of which 45 involved children (37 females, 6 males and 2 children in conflict with law). According to him, up to now, many cases are under investigation because of the outbreak of coronavirus that affected the performance of the justice authorities.



Pemba youth in discussion on African Charter on Democracy, election & Governance (ACDEG)

Youth Engage Leaders on Importance of ACDEG

By Severine Mapunda-Pemba LRP Coordinator

Pemba Youth Voice Organization and Pemba Female Youth Organization in collaboration with ActionAid Pemba Local Rights Programme recently met with members of the House of Representatives to discuss the African Charter on Democracy Election and Governance (ACDEG) and importance of the country to sign/ratify it.

The event, which took place at the House of Representative Hall in Wete town on the 18th-19th of June 2020, was graced by Mr Shehe Hamad Mantar the Chairperson of House of Representatives Zanzibar.

Participants involved 110 youth (62 females & 48 males) and 12 members of the House of Representatives Zanzibar.

The overall objective of the event was to raise awareness on the African Charter for Democracy, Election and Governance to the Reps and persuade the relevant decisions makers in Tanzania to see the importance of ratifying the African Charter for Democracy, Election and governance.

During the event, the youth started the

session with presentations about the Charter and its background for the purpose of raising awareness to participants.

The youth also shared on why Tanzania should see the importance of signing the Charter.

According to the them, it is important for Tanzania to ratify the Charter because it believes in the rule of law, democracy, good governance and human rights and all these values are well articulated in the Constitution of 1977. For instance, key aspects of rule of law are protected by article 13 of the United Republic Tanzania Constitution. Most of civil and political rights are protected by articles 12 to 29 of the Constitution.

They added that Tanzania will benefit much by ratifying the Charter because it provides safeguards against unconstitutional change of government, which has been the main cause of wars and instability in Africa.

“By ratifying the Charter, Tanzania underscores its historical role in Africa’s liberation and peace-making initiatives. It is worth to bear in mind that Tanzania played a pivotal role in the liberation of Africa from the miseries of colonialism,” explained Othman

They further added that the Charter provides a good forum for the country’s self-assessment regarding implementation of the core values which are similarly contained in the national legal framework.

Also, the Charter is compatible with the existing Tanzania legal framework hence its implementation will not cause any legal, political or socio-economic hardships or inconveniences. The Charter complements the National Development Vision 2025 (TDV 2015).

On the other hand, ActionAid Tanzania Head of Programme and Policy Ms Jovina Nawenzake said;

“It is high time for our leaders to ratify the Charter and maintain our status quo among the greatest nations in Africa. I also request leaders to recognize youth power and put them at the frontline of change and development by including them in decision making bodies.”

Responding to issues presented by the youth, the guest of Honour, Hon Shehe Hamad Matar, declared that he has not seen the Charter and promised to read and take all the key messages to high authorities for further discussion to influence changes.

“Tanzania will have to follow all procedures that guide her people and all the decision makers will always decide according to the people’s will,” concluded Hon Matar.



Mariam Mkalipa, washing her hands in a new well when ActionAid and TUJIWAKI visited them to monitor their progress

go to fetch water far and many things happen there. The long walk also has an impact in backstepping our children's performance due to use of more time fetching water, but also children are subjected to hardships and safety risks as they cross the Selous game reserves to and from the well," she added.

On ways to address the challenge, Mariam said that they agreed to start raising their voices for the

government to improve provision of the water in the ward particularly at the school.

"We wrote a letter on the water crisis and presented it to village leaders demanding that 20% of the revenue collected is retained at our village to address the water crisis. Also, during the girl child day event we used that opportunity to amplify our voices as women and mothers on the need for availability of water in our area to help our children pursue their studies well," she said.

As a result of this initiative, the district supported them to dig a well and erected a hand at the secondary school and children are now happy as they access water at school.

"We thank our leaders for taking our concern seriously and fulfilling the demand. We call again the efforts of our district leaders to provide us with a permanent water source which will enable even the villagers to access water at our areas.

"Access to the water has reduced our concerns, especially for students as they now have time to read," she said.

Referring to other plans they have in place, Mariam said they will continue to monitor the availability of clean water and other essential services in their village.

"I thank ActionAid and our women rights association-TUJIWAKI for supporting women in our village and the ward. We thank them because they taught us to fish rather than giving us fish," concluded Mariam

Women Take Leading Role in Demanding Developmental Changes

By Kilwa LRP Team

ActionAid Tanzania (AATZ) Kilwa LRP has been working with women, under their association TUJIWAKI, by supporting and empowering them to lead community development facilitations through discussing development issues affecting them and proposing the best way to address them.

In Miguruwe Village, community members have been facing the challenge of water scarcity for many years. The challenge has been affecting especially women who have the role of fetching water for family use. Students in schools were also affected as they had to spend a lot of time looking for water instead of studying.

Explaining how they managed to overcome the challenge, Mariam Mkalipa, the TUJIWAKI Secretary in Miguruwe and a beneficiary of ActionAid empowerment programmes explained that since 2018, AATZ has been conducting various training programmes for women in Kilwa District through the Women's District Forum.

She said that ActionAid empowered them on their rights and how to demand unfulfilled rights. They trained two women representatives from our women's rights groups on how to empower others and the community in discussing development issues and coming up with practical solutions from our level and beyond our level.

"After various trainings, we formed development circles where in our area we have three circles. We continued to receive trainings on rights and responsibilities in development projects," she said, adding that in their development circles in the village, they discuss challenges they have, including the long-term water crisis and which has affected them greatly.

"We used the knowledge we acquired, we gathered and formed our development facilitation circle where we meet and discuss development challenges facing our community"

She added that during their meetings, they discussed the issue of water scarcity at their ward school and how it is affecting their children.

"During discussions, members shared challenges including early pregnancies as students

How Decent Work Challenges Are Accelerated By COVID -19

ActionAid Tanzania (AATZ) is committed to ensure youth issues related to decent work are addressed by key stakeholders both in the public as well as in the private sector. This commitment is motivated by the fact that the private sector is the biggest provider of employment opportunities and necessitates its engagement in decent work advocacy and dialogue discussions.

ActionAid has engaged in number of activities to advocate for decent work to young people at LRP and National level. These includes training on legal framework governing labour and employment in Tanzania, consultative engagement with young women workers from the identified sectors, district and national stakeholder engagement meetings. During consultative engagements, number of challenges were identified such as non- provision of contracts and low level of awareness on labor laws by both employers and employees which on the other hand intensify the problem of non-compliance by the employers.

Based on that knowledge, ActionAid Tanzania in collaboration with the team of staffs from Labour Office Pwani Regional Office, conducted indoor inspection of Staffs working condition in several workplaces located at Mafia District during COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of assessment was to correlate the information on working conditions in hospitality and fishing Industries. The assessment was further designed to interrogate COVID-19 pandemic effects to workers in the earmarked areas. (Hospitality and Fisheries). The assessment deployed interviews with representatives from management staff and employees as well as perusal of labour related documents.

The assessment confirmed that, most of employees have not been issued with employment contracts. For example, among 40 employees found working at Kinasi Lodge only 8 have a contract. Surprisingly, one female staff who has served the company for 8 good years had no employment contract and she was not aware on some deductions made from her salary.

Due to COVID -19 pandemic, most of the employers embarked on staff's retrenchment and offering leave without pay to some staffs who were working in hotels and fishing industries. As the result the workload become



Coastal Region Labour officer Vaileth Ndenza raising awareness on labour laws last year in Mafia. The event was organised by AATZ

so big to the remained staffs and were not entitled with other additional fringe benefits.

The interviewed staffs during the assessment confirmed that, in the past their employers were issuing overtime package to the staffs who were working beyond the normal hours but since the announcement of COVID-19 pandemic staffs are no longer entitled with the package while the working hours are also increased which affected staffs living condition.

The most tremendous effect of the disease is economic disruption in which most businesses have been shaken economically and production decreased. As the result some hotels, bars and restaurants closed and staffs who were working there retrenched without any package of payment. And most of the hotels and fishing industries owners failed to provide a clear evidence of the package issued to the retrenched staffs but the victims had a chance to provide evidence to the labor inspector on their claims issued to the employers who failed to act on it.

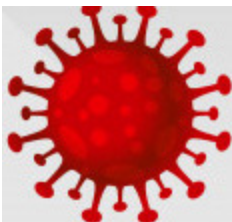
There are courageous staffs who have decided to channel their grievances to the District Commissioner Office, DED, RC and later to the ministry of Labor for government support. Most of these staffs who lost their jobs claimed that their employers are now using the eruption of COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to violate labor related rights which is

against the law.

The assessment process led the government to act on such violations including; issuing compliance order to every non-compliant employer elaborating area for rectification and giving thirty (30) days to rectify such anomalies, awareness raising, on various provisions of labour laws to both employers and employees and provision of necessary documents to the employer to assist them in implementing labor laws at their workplace.

Follow up inspection after thirty (30) days is necessary in order to check the rectifications by such employers and to enable other legal procedures (prosecution) to be taken against employers who will not have adhere to the compliance orders issued

The assessment and actions taken by the government is an achievement to ActionAid because the organisation committed to ensure youth and all barriers to decent work among young people are addressed by key stakeholders both in the public as well as in the private sector.



AATZ Supports North Unguja Community & Students

By Aisha Idd, Unguja LRP

ActionAid Tanzania Unguja LRP has handed over Personal Preventive Equipment (PPE) materials and students' learning materials to North Unguja Regional Office, aimed at benefiting people with disabilities as well as health centres.

The PPE materials which were distributed include: Facemasks (1,412pc), spray sanitizers (800pc) and Medical Kits (4pc). Also, ActionAid handed over students' learning materials for classes which are expecting to sit for national examinations this year (2020), including Standard VI, Form II and Form IV. The subjects covered were: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Biology, History, Kiswahili, English, Civics, and Arabic and Religion. More than 13,425 students are expected to benefit from the learning materials.

The handover event took place on the 15th of June 2020, at North Unguja Regional Office located at Mkokotoni Village and was officiated by the Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Mr. Omar Hassan, and attended by among others; Assistant RAS who is also Regional Education Officer (Mr Mshamara Chum), District Health Officers, officers from North Unguja Regional Office, representative from people with disabilities, teachers, students' representatives, and the media. ActionAid was represented by Head of Programmes and Policy (HoPP) Ms Jovina Nawenzake, ActionAid Coordinator Unguja LRP Mr Bakar Khamis and AA Unguja Programme Officer Ms Aisha Idd.

Addressing the audience, ActionAid Tanzania HoPP Ms Nawezake said that AATZ has been working closely with Zanzibar in supporting government efforts in many aspects. In Covid-19 response for example, ActionAid has been raising community awareness on the pandemic prevention through trainings, Public Address (PA) systems and media dialogues.

"After we made different analyses on how the education sector has been affected by Covid-19 due to closure of schools, we realised that although the government has made efforts to support students' learning during homestay by introducing distant learning through TV and radio, not all students benefited because not everyone has access to TV and radio. Therefore, we decided to fill the gap by supporting teachers in developing learning materials (handouts) for students who are expecting to sit for National Exams so that they can be able to read while at home,"



North Unguja Regional Administrative Secretary Mr Hassan Omary Masoud (Left) receiving the items supported by AATZ

she said.

Receiving the materials, the Regional Administrative Secretary, Mr Hassan, thanked ActionAid for their continued support to North Unguja Region and asked the community to value and use the materials effectively. He also appreciated AATZ for the unique consideration on people with disabilities.

"We thank ActionAid for their consideration on people with disabilities. This is because, in time of disasters the most vulnerable groups are children and people with disabilities whereby they experience a lot of hardships in facing the situation. I promise that these materials will be used effectively as planned," he said.

He also requested North Unguja communities to continue taking precaution on coronavirus prevention since the virus is still

around.

Also, the RAS thanked ActionAid for facilitating students' learning materials during home stay and said that the materials will be very useful since the students have been staying home for a long time, hence were not able to cover all the topics required for first term. Since the materials (notes) are the summary of topics which were to be taught in first term, they will be very useful even when schools are open.



Learning materials provided by ActionAid ready for distribution

AATZ Held Discussion with Parliamentary Budget Office

By Emmanuel Mabodo, Project Officer

Since 1st July 2019, ActionAid Tanzania started implementing phase two of the project on Strengthening Social Accountability and Oversight in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa, under the Partnership for Social Accountability Alliance – PSA.

The Project deliberates to engage the Parliamentary PBO, as an important office to support the parliamentarians to execute their budgetary oversight role over financial management.

On 29th to 30th June 2020, ActionAid Tanzania had a technical meeting with the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) staff in the National Parliament of Tanzania (Dodoma) basically to familiarization of the PSA Phase II project and agree on good working modality. AATZ was represented by Country Director, Head of Policy & Program, SDC Country Project Manager and Project Technical Officer.

The meeting was also necessitated by the fact that in phase one of the project, the engage-

ment with the Tanzania PBO was not effective as it was anticipated.

During the meeting, ActionAid Tanzania Head of Program and Policy, Jovina Nawenzake explained that, Parliamentary Budget office(PBO) is very important actor in this project. she insisted that, based on the importance of the office and the challenges from the previous phase, the organization has put more focus to the PBO to take full involvement into implementation of PSA phase two project.

On how PBO works with Non-Government Organization and independently in providing professional advises to parliamentarians, PBO Director Mr. Michael Kadebe explained that, “through the Budget Act No. 11 of 2015 has clarified roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in the budget process including CSOs with relevant work on budget and economy matter”. Hence, ActionAid Tanzania was welcomed and get all the blessing from the PBO to work together under the PSA project.

He also explained that, PBO is a non-partisan

professional office in the Parliament hence its free and independent to support Parliament (Legislature) to increase transparency and accountability in the National Budget Process.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that capacity building to PBO & other committees, and frequently engagement with ActionAid is very crucial during the implementation of PSA Project.

PSA phase two project will run for four (4) years (2019-2023). The project aims at improving accountability and gender-responsiveness in public resource management, particularly in the areas of HIV/SRH services for adolescents and youth and agricultural services for smallholder farmers, contributes to the realization of selected SADC regional commitments across five countries (Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe).



Parliamentary Budget office(PBO) staff in a meeting with ActionAid Tanzania team

ActionAid yasaidia vifaa vya corona

Na Mwandishi Wetu, PEMBA

SHIRIKA lisilo la Kiserikali la ActionAid Tanzania limekabidhi vifaa vya kunawia mikonzo kwa ajili ya kujikinga na maradhi ya corona kwa uongozi wa Hospitali ya Wete pamoja Shule ya Sekondari Utaani.

ActionAid trains women, young leaders in Kilwa about COVID-19

By Beatrice Philemon

TWENTY-FIVE women and young leaders in Kilwa district have been trained on Covid-19, the highly infectious respiratory disease caused by the Coronavirus.

The training offered by ActionAid Tanzania in collaboration with the Kilwa district council health committee will see beneficiaries sharing crucial information on the disease to their fellows in respective areas.

ActionAid Kilwa Project Coordinator Steven Benard said training participants were from two non-governmental organisations – Tumaini Jipya la Wanawake Kilwa Platform (Tujwaki) and Kilwa Youth Development Initiatives (Kiyodi).

The training was conducted on May 8th this year by Epidemiologist and Surveillance Officer Dr Daudi Seleman from the Focal Development College in Kilwa.

Benard said the trainees will share acquired skills to people in ten wards namely, Kivinje, Singino, Lihimalyo, Mandawa, Mitole, Njinjo, Miguruwe, Mungumbi, Somanga, Kinjumbi and Namayuni.

"We are glad because trained women and youth leaders have started taking initiatives to raise Covid-19 awareness in their communities. They are educating people on how to prevent the virus spread," he noted adding that they also distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to the residents.

He however said despite efforts to educate resident on the pandemic, the villagers are likely to find it difficult to combat the deadly disease due to water scarcity.

He called upon the government to consider improving water availability at the area to facilitate frequent hand washing since most of the villagers cannot afford to buy hand sanitisers.

Secretary of Tumaini Jipya la Wanawake Kilwa Women Platform, Pili Mohamed mentioned the five wards which face critical water problems as Mandawa, Njinjo, Miguruwe, Kivinje and Singino. She said despite sensitisation campaigns on frequent hand washing with soap and running water, villagers at the wards do not wash their hands frequently owing to water scarcity.

"Water shortage has affected more women especially in Njinjo and Miguruwe. The two wards were hit by floods in between January and February this year hence the need for them to walk 3-7 kilometers in search of water," said Mohamed.

She however noted that there are good numbers of people who are still unaware of the novel disease as well as its preventive measures. She said efforts are required to make sure similar educative programmes on Covid-19 reaches the people in remote rural areas.

Others include time to wear face masks as a precaution against from one person to another.

Read the story here: <https://go.shr.lc/2LC3KGg>

DODAI ZAO

Vijana waitaka Tanzania kuridhia mkataba wa ACDEG

Na Mwandishi Wetu, PEMBA

JUMUIYA ya Vijana ya Pemba Youth Voice Organization iliyopo chini ya Shirika la Actionaid imeshauri Serikali ya Tanzania, kuridhia na kusaini mkataba wa Afrika wa Demokrasia, Uchaguzi na Utawala Bora (ACDEG), ili kullelele nchi maendeleo zaidi.

Walisesa mkataba huo vilipitishwa Januari 30, 2007 na kuanza kufanywa kazi Februari 12, 2012, ingawa Tanzania hajiridhia wala kusaini, licha ya kuwa ni moja ya mwanachama wa Umoja wa Afrika (AU) kizingatia kuwa imekuwa ni alama ya amani na utulivu.

Wakizungumza katika mkutano wa vijana na Wajumbe wa Baraza la Wawakilishi katika ukumbi wa Baraza hilo Wete, walisesa mkataba huo unekusudia ajndi za wakazi wa nchi za AU kuhusu kuhimiza na kulinda demokrasia, haki za binadamu na utawala wa sheria.

Walisesa vifungu vingi vilivyomo pia vipimo kwenye mifumo wa sheria za

Tanzania, ambapo inamini utawala wa sheria, demokrasia, utawala bora na haki za binadamu, hivyo ipo haja ya kuridhia na kusaini mkataba huo.

"Kwa mifumo stala muhimu la utawala wa sheria linalindwa vizuri na Ibara ya 13 ya Katiba ya Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, haki nyingi za kijamii na kisiasa zinalingwa na Ibara ya 12 hadi 23, misasala muhimu ya utawala bora yameitishwa kwenye Ibara za 4, 21 (1), 46 (2), 46 A na 56, Katiba na kanuni za demokrasia kwenye Ibara za 5, 8, 20 na 21, alisesa mmoja wa vijana hao.

Mwenyekiti wa Jumuiya ya Vijana, Mohamed Hassan Juma, alisesa una ibara 53 ambapo sehemu kubwa inajadili misingi ya muhimu kwenye vifungu vya kanuni za demokrasia, haki za binadamu, utawala wa sheria, ukazi wa Katiba na mpangilio wake.

Aidha, mabadiliko ya demokrasia ya Serikali, utulivu, amani, ulinzi, uhuru wa makama, utawala bora, vyanzo vingi na kuvumiliana, vita dhidi ya rushwa, ushirikishwaji, utwizi, uwajibikaji, usawa wa kijinsia na ush-

irikiano wa pamoja.

Zamzam Ali Hassan na Hamid Suleiman Hamad, waliomba Tanzania iridhie mkataba huo kwani taleta maendeleo endelevu kwa vijana na nchi kwa ujumla.

Nao Bimvua Suleiman Ane na Rahima Omar Ali, waleleza kuwa kijana ana nafasi kubwa ya kuendelea demokrasia, hivyo elimu inahitajika zaidi ili kujiteleva na kujita haki zao za msingi, jambo ambalo lisaidia kulelele maendeleo zaidi.

Mkuu wa Idara ya Programu za Sera kutoka Shirika la Actionaid, Jovina Nawenzake, aliwomba wawakilishi kusoma kwa kina mkataba huo na kupendeleza usainiwe ili kuonyesha umoja na mshikamano na mataifa mengine.

"Ni jimbo la kusikitisha kuona kwamba Tanzania hujasaini wala kuridhia mkataba huo toka mwaka 2007, suala hili linaleta haja hasa ukizingatia Tanzania imekuwa kitovu cha amani na utulivu, hivyo tunomba kuridhia na kusaini ili kuwaletea vijana maendeleo," alisesa.

Mwakilishi kutoka Jimbo la Mcheweni Shamata Shaame Khamis, alisesa kuwa, kila jambo linakwenda kwa utaratibu wake na maslahi ya taifa, hivyo mombi yake watapeleka sehemu husika, ili kufanyiwa kazi.

"Naishukuru Serikali namna inavyo-oteleza misingi ya demokrasia na Utawala bora, inajipa vita viwendo vya rushwa, hivyo tutalifikisha na iwapo itafiona kwamba itafaa na kuwa na maslahi na nchi yetu naamini Tanzania itaridhia mkataba huo," alisesa.

"Serikali haiwataki mabaya wananchi wake pamoja na kurwamba maboya yaliyoainiwa kwenye mkataba huo ndio yale yale yaliyomo katika kariba yetu, lakini hatuwezi kujua, inawezekana kuna changamoto ndani yake," alisesa Mwakilishi wa Jimbo la Konde, Omar Seif Abed.

Katika hatua mpye mwakilishi wa vijana Mkoa wa Kaskazini Pemba, Vive Khamis Abdalla, aliwataka vijana huo wosote tayari kutumiliwa viba na mtu woyote asipendelea mema nchi yake.

average per person is 20.3kg a year. bodies increased from 2018/19 to 3,274,165 tons in Fisheries, LUBERA WIPUMBI

Kilwa sardine traders on the receiving end of Covid-19 proceeds

By Beatrice Philemon

THOUSANDS of sardines women traders at Kilwa Kivinje fish landing site in Lindi region have suffered huge losses as the novel coronavirus disrupted markets denying them income from consumers.

Chairperson of the sardine women traders' group, Halima Madadi said during a dialogue on the impact of Covid-19 on women's businesses in Kilwa held last week that

The dialogues which organized by Kilwa Women's Platform with the support from ActionAid Tanzania, further heard that the number of traders from Democratic Republic of Congo who frequent the market

dropped dramatically from 20 to one per month while prices fell to between 20,000/- and 27,000/- per 20 litre from between 35,000/- and 37,000/-.

"Most women have lost their capital due to coronavirus outbreak as DRC traders stopped coming to Kilwa to purchase sardines,"

Madadi said noting that the majority of the women are currently struggling to survive as their husbands have also abandoned their families.

According to her, the majority of women traders selling sardines at Kilwa Kivinje are struggling to repay debts as they took loans of between 20m/- and 30m/-.

"Before COVID-19, life was very good, the business was



Sardines at a market.

also good but the virus has wiped out all our savings and everything has since changed dramatically for the worst," she noted.

Other women businesses such as 'Mama mtiles' have also suffered because reduced customer numbers from the Congolese bring with it big numbers of others.

Commenting on the subject, Secretary of Tumaini Jipya la Wanawake Kilwa Women Platform, Pili Kuliwa said because the virus has affected their businesses, they are requesting the government

"We also call on Kilwa District Council to come up with a new and effective tax collection system for fish and fish products so that 20 percent of generated revenue should be returned

'Provide more desks to allow social distancing in schools'

By Beatrice Philemon

PARENTS and guardians in Kilwa District, Lindi Region have called on the government to provide more desks to allow observance of social distancing in schools so as to avoid the spread of coronavirus to students.

Chairperson of Msingeni Women Reflection Circle Action, a meeting held at Kilwa Kivinje, Halima Madadi, made the appeal yesterday during the group's meet to discuss the effect of coronavirus to the communities, challenges and what should be done.

The call comes two days after the reopening of primary and secondary schools across the country following the closure of the institution in March this year due to the outbreak of coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting was organised by Tumaini Jipya la Wanawake Kilwa Women's Platform with the support from ActionAid Tanzania.

"As parents we want our children to sit on desks in accordance with social distancing measures, to play our

role as parents and stakeholders have the responsibility to mobilise and donate the same for them because the main goal is to protect all students in schools."

Elaborating on the effects of covid-19 to the community, she said the majority of women in Kilwa Kivinje are currently undergoing economic hardships because they have been abandoned by their partners.

According to her, fishing is one of the major economic activities of the residents of the mainly coastal district with majority of Kilwa Kivinje residents engaged in fishing, food vending and small scale farming.

Elaborating on education development for children, she said the coronavirus has immensely affected their children's education as most of them didn't continue with e-learning when schools were closed.

"Instead of learning at home, students were involved in running small businesses like selling snacks in the streets, food vending and other activities while their colleagues from other families studied online," she

has decided to embark on a plan to support the children during that life was very hard as their mothers were not getting required resources.

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