



Hai constituency legislator Saashisha Mafuwe (L) pictured in Machame Kati ward yesterday handing over to Hai district executive director David Lekel (C, in specs) improved coffee seedlings from the Tanzania Coffee Board. Photo: Godfrey Mushi

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* Tanzania has below standards milk uptake - WFP *

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MILK uptake in Tanzania is below the international standards, with one Tanzanian estimated to drink 50 liters a year compared to the required 200 liters, according to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

Speaking ahead of International Milk Day, Mbeya Regional

Administrative Secretary, Anjelina Lutambi said the level of milk consumption is low, especially in primary schools, where she gave an example of Kilimanjaro Region, saying there are 24 schools that provide milk, Mbeya has four schools and Iringa has two schools, a situation she said is unsatisfactory.

She said Tanzania has 210 schools

with more than 9,000 students, who are in the process of drinking milk so through the celebrations the government will encourage the community to drink milk.

One of the milk traders Tausi Azory has said that despite the government's promotion of milk consumption, the dairy market is still small, which is contributing to the drop in prices.

Another milk seller, Janeth Samson said that there should be a system in place to provide education from the family level to encourage the consumption of milk at the county and village levels.

She said that at national level, the International Milk Day scheduled for September 29, will be held at Ruanda Nzovwe grounds in the city of Mbeya

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