

Maagizo ya Dk. Mpango kwa Waziri wa Mifugo

NA LILIAN JOEL, ARUSHA

MAKAMU wa Rais, Dk. Philip Mpango amemwagiza Waziri wa Mifugo na Uvuvi, Abdallah Ulega, kupeleka mara moja mradi wa kunenepesha mifugo wilayani Monduli, mkoani hapa kwa lengo la kuwawezesha vijana wasomi wa kike na wa kiume, wajajiri.

Pia, ametoa rai kwa viongozi wa kimila nchini, kuendelea kusimamia maadili katika maeneo yao, ikiwa ni pamoja na kukemea vitendo vya mila za hovy, zinazolingizwa ambazo ni kinyume na desturi za Watanzania.

Dk. Mpango, aliyasema hayo Monduli jana, katika eneo la Mto wa Mbu ambapo alisimama kuwasalimia wananchi wakati akienda Karatu kuanza ziara ya siku nne.

"Nimesikia ombi la- Laigwanani, Mkuu wa kabila la kimaasai Tanzania la kuwasaida mabinti wasomi waliohitimu vyuo vikuu na hawana ajira.

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Kuhusu changamoto ya wananchi eneo

la Mto wa Mbu kukabiliwa na mafuriko mara kwa mara yanayoathiri makazi na shughuli za biashara, Dk. Mpango alisema atamwagiza Waziri wa Maji, Jumaa Aweso, kuja eneo hilo pamoja na wataalamu ambao watashirikiana na uongozi wa mkoa huo, kuhakikisha maji hayo yanakuwa fursa kwa wananchi.

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Katika hatua nyingine, Dk. Mpango aliwaagiza wakuu wa mikoa nchini kuendelea kuwashirika viongozi wa mila katika kutekeleza miradi ya maendeleo, huku akimpongeza Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Arusha, John Mongella kwa kutekeleza agizo alilotoa Novemba, mwaka jana.

Alisema serikali itaendelea kutekeleza ahadi zote ilizoahidi mkoani humo, zikiwemo

alizotoa Rais Dk. Samia Suluhu Hassan, wakati wa ziara yake.

NAIBU WAZIRI WA AFYA

Naibu Waziri wa Afya, Dk. Godwin Mollel, alisema wizara kwa kushirikiana na Tawala za Mikoa na Serikali za Mitaa (TAMISEMI), imeleta sh. bilioni 30 mkoani humo, kufanya maboresho katika sekta ya afya ambapo Wilaya ya Monduli, imepata zaidi ya sh. bilioni moja kuboresha Kituo cha Afya Mto wa Mbu.

Kwa upande wake, Naibu Waziri wa Nishati, Steven Byabato, alisema vijiji 21 katika wilaya hiyo, vimepata umeme kwani vijiji vitatu havikuwa na umeme.

Naye, Mwenyekiti wa Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) mkoani humo, Zelothe Steven, alisema utekelezaji wa Ilani ya Uchaguzi ya Chama, inatekelezwa kikamilifu.

DK. MPANGO AAGIZA WEZI WA VIFAATIBA WAKAMATWE

Pia, Dk. Mpango, aliagiza watumishi wanaotuhumiwa katika wizi wa vifaatiba na dawa katika maeneo mbalimbali nchini, wakamatwe popote walipo, wafikishwe mbele ya vyombo vya sheria kwa kuwa ni wahujumu uchumi.

Dk. Mpango alisema hayo wakati akiweka jiwe la msingi katika Hospitali ya Wilaya ya Karatu, ambayo imeanza kutoa huduma zote muhimu za matibabu.

Shamba lazindua malisho ya mifugo

Na Upendo Mosha, Chalinze

SHAMBA la kilimo cha malisho ya mifugo na ufugaji la Ukena lililopo Halmashauri ya Chalinze, Wilaya ya Bagamoyo mkoani Pwani, limeanza uzalishaji wa vyakula vya mifugo lengo likiwa ni kutatua migogoro ya wakulima na wafugaji nchini.

Hayo yalibainishwa na Meneja wa shamba hilo, Naweed Mulla wakati wa uzinduzi wa mradi wa kilimo cha mazao ya malisho ya mifugo, uliozinduliwa na kiongozi wa mbio za Mwenge wa Uhuru, Abdalla Kaim.

Alisema kutokana na changamoto za uhaba wa malisho ya mifugo ambao umekuwa ukisababisha migogoro ya ardhi baina ya wakulima na wafugaji taasisi yake imeamua kuzalisha mazao ya mifugo ambapo atakuwa anawahudumia wafugaji.

Akizungumzia mradi huo alisema umesaidia kuajiri zaidi ya wafanyakazi 400 jambo ambalo litasaidia kupunguza uhaba wa ajira.

"Wafanyakazi wote wanaishi hapa hapa na kwenye eneo la mradi na familia zao na nimefanya hivyo kwa lengo la kuwawekea mazingira bora ya kuishi," alisema.

Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Pwani, Abubakari Kunenge alisema Mwenge wa Uhuru utazindua miradi 99 yenye thamani ya Sh trilion 4.4 na unategemea kutoa ajira kwa wananchi.

Akizungumzia uzinduzi wa mradi huo, kiongozi wa mbio za Mwenge wa Uhuru kitaifa mwaka 2023, Kaim aliwataka wakazi wa wilaya hiyo kutofanya shughuli za kibinadamu jirani na vyanzo vya maji na badala yake kuwa walinzi na kuhakikisha vinasaidia vizazi vilivyopo na vijavyo.

Aliwahimiza wakazi hao kujilinda kiasia dhidi ya maambukizi ya magonjwa na kuwa na afya njema na kushiriki shughuli za maendeleo.

Mbunge wa Chalinze, Ridhiwani Kikwete (CCM), aliwataka wakazi wilayani humo kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali hasa kutunza mazingira na kulinda vyanzo vya maji.



Kati ya wachelewa Mbu Oga



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* Govt in final stages of starting rolling out free milk in school *

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government is working on a final process to embark on an exercise to implement the School Milk Program (SMP), the eagerly-awaited project which focuses on improving student's health as well as cognitive ability.

Prof. Riziki Shemdoo, Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, said the parent ministry was currently working on some pending issues in readiness to start rolling out milk to the intended schools from across the country.

Speaking during the final meeting for the perusal of the crucial plan, Prof. Shemdoo said the government was seriously irked with the grim revelation over poor milk drinking rate and culture in Tanzania.

"While the World Health Organisations (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) recommend an individual to consume at least 200 liters of milk annually, here in Tanzania the rate is very disconcerting, only at 64 liters," he unveiled.

He stated that the government in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and FAO, has decided to bridge efforts to ensure the school milk pro-

gram was being implemented successfully as a way to help improve the situation from the grassroots.

He also said the parent ministry was looking forward to engaging potential dairy players from the private sector to add muscle in the dispensation of the program, especially in assuring for the availability of abundant milk.

Patrick Codjia, head of nutrition at UNICEF-Tanzania, stated that the envisaged plan was of paramount importance in helping improve student's health and academic performance, saying his side was keen and well prepared to cooperate with the government in the rolling out of the program.

Dr. George Msalya, the Registrar of the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB), around 15bn/- was needed to have the program implemented for the five year within a total of 500 schools across the country.

According to him, the vision is to start with at least 100 schools in the period of 2023/2024 while other 100 schools will be added every year for the five consecutive years of the implementation, and schools covered are expected to increase from 125 to 625 schools by 2027, with the targeted beneficiaries students are those aged between 4 to 19 years.

"Under the timely program," Msalya said, the milk products to be distributed to the students will be

the processed milk, either pasteurised, UHT, cultured milk or yoghurt depending on the availability and infrastructure of the area, and the quantity of milk supplied can are of 150mls to 200mls produced.

He added that the implementation of the program was projected to play a meaningful role to spur school enrolment and reduce absenteeism whereby once the children are in schools, added: "the program can also contribute to their learning through avoiding hunger and expanding their cognitive abilities."

Numerous records prove that in Tanzania school milk feeding programs started way back in early 2000s, nah has involved different models (ways of implementation), and has reached a peak of 125 schools and 99,000 children in the recent past.

But despite the efforts, the vital program has been limited in terms of coverage, access of dairy products to school children, and involvement of stakeholders.

Moreover, evidence from the Tanzania National School Malaria and

Nutrition Survey (SMNS) of 2019 indicates that on average, children from public primary schools consumed limited diversified meals with animal source food being the least consumed food groups by majority of school children.

Among the stakeholders who involved in the development of the Action Plan for Implementation of School Milk Program in Tanzania (2023-2028) include the President Office, (Regional Authority and Local Government), Prime Minister's office, ministry of education, min-

istry of health, Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

Others are Tanzania Milk Processors and their association (TAMPA), Tanga Fresh Limited, ASA Dairies Limited, Shambani Milk, Profate Dairy, Nronga Women Dairy, Land O'Lakes Venture 37, Heifer International (Heifer Tanzania), Solidaridad, Nutrition Connect, TETRA Pack and SNV.

