



Kongwa suspends leaders over alleged land sales

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Kongwa

KONGWA District Commissioner, Mayeka Mayeka, has suspended Njoge Village leadership amid allegations of irregular land selling involving village grazing areas and farmland.

Other officials have been summoned by the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) for interrogation.

Speaking during the meeting in the village, Mr Mayeka said persistent conflicts among village leaders have been hampering development activities in the area and that

strong decisions were needed to resolve the situation.

He said the leaders would remain suspended from performing their duties pending decisions by the district authorities and completion of the PCCB investigations.

“There have been endless conflicts among leaders, and this has affected the development of the village. I am, therefore, suspending them from performing their duties until the matter is addressed at the district level and PCCB completes its investigations,” Mr Mayeka said.

The District Commissioner also directed the vil-

lage chairperson to comply with requirements governing village leadership, including the requirement to reside in the village where they serve.

“The law governing village leadership requires the chairperson to live in the village where they serve. Therefore, the village chairperson must choose either to move here or continue living elsewhere and relinquish the leadership position because they are the chairperson of Njoge but live in Kibaigwa,” he said.

Kongwa District Executive Director, Dr Omary Nkullo, urged village lead-

ers to stop forming divisions by selectively working with certain officials, warning that such practices could deepen disagreements and undermine development efforts.

He called on the leaders to advise and support one another and work collectively to improve service delivery to residents.

Njoge Ward Councillor, Mr Josephat Mponda, said divisions among village leaders were among the factors contributing to the ongoing conflict.

He alleged that some leaders had been leasing out sections of village grazing ar-

reas for personal benefit without involving residents and other village leaders.

Residents also raised concerns over the leadership dis-

putes, with some alleging that senior village officials, including the chairperson, were unwilling to accept criticism. They said disagreements

among leaders had contributed to the prolonged conflict in the village.

The suspensions and PCCB inquiry come as dis-

trict authorities seek to resolve leadership disputes and investigate allegations concerning the management and use of village land in Njoge.

Specialist eye care reaches 500 in Tabora

From LUCAS RAPHAEL in Tabora

MORE than 500 patients in Tabora have received free specialist eye care, including 48 who have undergone cataract surgery, as efforts intensify to bring treatment closer to residents who would otherwise face the cost and challenges of travelling long distances for medical services.

The services are being provided by specialist doctors from Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) during an outreach programme at Tabora District Hospital.

KCMC Chief Public Relations Officer and spokesperson, Mr Gabriel Chisseo said more than 500 patients have received services by the third day of the programme, while some have been referred to KCMC for further examination and treatment.

He said the programme would be extended to all districts in Tabora Region, covering eye screening and treatment as well as capacity-building for local health professionals.

“Specialist services will be extended to all districts in Tabora Region and will include eye screening, treatment and capacity-building for local health professionals,” Mr Chisseo said.

Tabora Regional Commissioner, Mr Beno Malisa, who visited Tabora District Hospital to inspect the services, commended KCMC for extending specialist healthcare to residents of the region.

“Bringing the services closer to communities help address challenges faced by residents who have to travel long distances to access specialist treatment,” he said.

Mr Malisa also welcomed cooperation between the government and the private sector in strengthening the delivery of quality health services.

Besides eye care, KCMC specialists will train doctors

and other health workers at Tabora District Hospital in anaesthesia and critical emergency care.

Mr Chisseo said the outreach would provide residents with access to specialist services closer to their communities while strengthening the skills of local health workers.

The outreach follows discussions held on June 8, 2026, when Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Presiding Bishop Dr Alex Gehaz Malasusa visited Tabora Region and met Regional Administrative Secretary Dr John Mboya, who represented the Regional Commissioner.



WATER technicians undertake construction work on a water substation at Sahwa, Lwahnima Ward, Nyamagana District in Mwanza, yesterday. The facility is expected to become operational in December. (Photo by Abela Msikula)

Singida councils set El Niño response plans

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Singida

THE Singida Regional Secretariat has directed councils and public institutions to prepare contingency plans for possible impacts of El Niño rains, including flooding, infrastructure damage and disruption of essential services.

Opening an initial preparedness meeting on Wednesday, Singida Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Mr Rodrick Mpogolo directed all councils and public institutions to develop practical plans outlining actions to be taken should the forecast rains cause disruptions.

Mr Mpogolo called for close cooperation among leaders and technical experts, while urging authorities to follow laws, regulations, procedures and guidelines when implementing preparedness measures.

“The plans should cover roads, bridges and culverts, water and electricity infrastructure, education and health services, sanitation and areas considered vulnerable to flooding or other weather-related risks,” he said.

Presenting the regional preparedness plan, Singida Regional Disaster Manage-

ment Committee Coordinator, Mr Patrick Kasango said the region and its institutions have identified measures intended to make the response to possible El Niño impacts more effective and coordinated.

He said the measures include inspecting roads, bridges and culverts to identify potential risks, protecting water and electricity infrastructure, preparing rescue equipment and stocking medicines for diseases likely to increase during emergencies.

“We are also identifying temporary accommodation for residents who may require evacuation in the event of emergencies,” Mr Kasango said.

The meeting brought together officials from the Regional Secretariat, council directors, district administrative secretaries and heads of government institutions to establish a coordinated approach to strengthening preparedness and reducing potential impacts of the rains.

The preparations focus on ensuring that councils and public institutions have clear responsibilities and response measures in place before any weather-related emergencies occur.

EWURA calls for more investments in rural fuel stations

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Tabora

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Western Zone has urged investors to tap into business opportunities in rural areas by establishing fuel stations to expand fuel supply networks and support local economic growth.

EWURA Western Zone Manager, Mr Karim Ally made the call yesterday during a seminar for local and village government chairpersons and street and ward executives in Nzeza Town Council, Nzeza District, Tabora Region.

The seminar aimed to educate local leaders and officials on the authority’s responsibilities, including regulation of fuel-related activities.

Mr Karim said EWURA had created a conducive environment for investors, including favourable costs and procedures for constructing fuel stations.

“It is equally important to stop selling fuel through informal means, including using containers along streets and instead use authorised stations

for the purchase and sale of petroleum products,” he said.

He further said informal fuel businesses could expose communities to health, safety and economic risks.

Speaking on behalf of the Nzeza District Commissioner, Nzeza Town Council Executive Director, Mr Shomari Mbolwa called on EWURA to continue creating a conducive regulatory and investment environment to attract investors in various sectors and contribute to the implementation of the National Development Vision 2050.

“Proper regulation of fuel businesses will help reduce disasters and accidents that could result from storing petroleum products in homes without following legal requirements,” he said.

Some seminar participants said the education would help bring about changes in their communities, particularly in curbing informal fuel sales and encouraging formal investment. They pledged to act as ambassadors for the information in their respective areas.

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF WATER



WAMI/RUVU BASIN WATER BOARD (WRBWB)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

ENHANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE ON WATER RESOURCES IN MKONDOA CATCHMENT (ECRWRMC) PROJECT

Provisional Of Consultancy Services For Developing Basin Gender Sensitive Capacity-Building Manual On Climate Change Adaptation For Water Resources Managers At The Basin, Catchment And Community Based Organization; And Training On National And International Resiliency And Climate Policies, Climate Fund Resource Mobilization.

Financing Agreement Reference: 5190155000109

Project ID No.: P-TZ-EAZ-004

Reference No/Tender No.: TR007/2026/2027/C/03

Date: 5 October 2026

1. The government of the United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Climate Resilience of Water Resources in the Mkondoa Catchment (ECRWRMC) Project and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grand to payments under the contract for Provision of **Consultancy Services For Developing Basin Gender Sensitive Capacity-Building Manual On Climate Change Adaptation For Water Resources Managers At The Basin, Catchment And Community Based Organization ; And Training On National And International Resiliency And Climate Policies, Climate Fund Resource Mobilization.**

2. The consultancy services will cover the following tasks:

- Conduct a Capacity Needs Assessment :** Assess the existing institutional, technical, and knowledge capacity gaps among basin, catchment, and community-level water resources managers and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), with emphasis on climate change adaptation, gender mainstreaming, and climate finance readiness.
- Develop Capacity-Building Materials :** Develop a comprehensive Climate Change Adaptation Capacity-Building Manual and structured training modules that incorporate practical tools, climate-resilient planning approaches, gender-responsive strategies, and climate finance concepts.
- Facilitate Capacity-Building Training:-**Design and deliver training programmes for basin, catchment, and community-level stakeholders on climate change adaptation, climate resilience policies, climate finance, gender mainstreaming, and the application of the developed manual.
- Strengthen Climate Finance Readiness :-**Build stakeholders' capacity to identify, access, and mobilize climate finance opportunities, including the preparation of bankable climate adaptation project concepts and proposals.
- Promote Knowledge Sharing and Institutional Coordination :-**Facilitate knowledge exchange, stakeholder collaboration, and coordination among basin institutions, local government authorities, and Community-Based Organizations to support the implementation of integrated and climate-resilient water resources management initiatives in the Mkondoa Catchment.

3. The Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board (WRBWB) is the implementing agency of this project now invites eligible consultants to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Demonstrated experience in developing capacity-building manuals, training programmes, and institutional strengthening initiatives related to climate change adaptation, water resources management, resilience, gender mainstreaming, and climate finance.
 - Proven experience in conducting stakeholder capacity assessments and delivering training for government institutions, basin organizations, local authorities, and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), including integration of gender-responsive and inclusive approaches.
 - Experience in undertaking similar assignments in emerging or developing countries, including at least three (3) successfully completed projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, shall be an added advantage. For each referenced project, the Consultant shall provide the client's name and address, start and completion dates, and the names of the lead and associate firms, where applicable. Cited projects **with insufficient information will not be considered.** Consultants may form joint venture to enhance their chances of qualification.
 - Availability of qualified multidisciplinary managerial and technical experts, with demonstrated experience in climate finance resource mobilization, including preparation of bankable climate adaptation concepts and proposals, preferably within Sub-Saharan Africa and Tanzania.
4. Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the **Bank's Procurement Policy Framework dated October 2015**, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
5. Expression of Interest must be submitted in written form (**hard copy and soft copy in SSD External**) to the address below in person by **27 October 2026 at 12:30 hrs** East African time. The submission should be clearly marked as:-

“Expression of Interest for Provision of Consultancy Services for Developing Basin Gender Sensitive Capacity-Building Manual on Climate Change Adaptation for Water Resources Managers at the Basin, Catchment and Community Based Organization; and Training on National and International Resiliency and Climate Policies, Climate Fund Resource Mobilization”.

6. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 to 15:00 hours, Monday to Friday inclusive, except on public holidays.

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