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Broken promises

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Health CS Mutahi Kagwe

Lacklustre response. Kenyans remain anxious over when some semblance of normalcy will resume but increasingly unmet pledges are a cause for concern

Inside the 40 days of broken promises

Kenyans now demand swift tangible solutions rather than daily status updates on State's handling of the coronavirus crisis.

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Forty days after the announcement of the first novel coronavirus case in Kenya, citizens are still grappling with the best ways to keep themselves safe and keep the virus at bay.

Apart from conducting tests and issuing an array of directives, little else has been done by the government for the majority whose taxes heavily fund its operations.

For six weeks, the government's response has been a series of unmet promises whose delivery date keeps being pushed forward with every press conference.

Two weeks into the pandemic, frontline healthcare workers were promised adequate personal protective equipment (PPEs). To date, many of them are struggling to get the correct equipment to go about their work.

Kenyans were also promised mass testing. This has not happened, with the State beating a hasty retreat on Sunday, clarifying that only a select section of the population would be tested.

There were promises of fully equipped isolation centres in the counties. To date, governors are struggling to convert classrooms and ill-equipped hospitals to fit the bill of what would medially pass as an isolation centre.

A virtual Council of Governors' meeting held yesterday revealed just how dire the country's current and future preparedness is when it comes to the Covid-19 fight after it emerged that 40 days later, not a single cent has been sent to the counties.

Even with some Sh5.23 billion in aid money, governors are yet to receive any cash to tackle the disease. In fact, they have been left worse off, with Sh40 billion initially meant to go to Universal Health Coverage being taken

back to the Exchequer.

Yet, all this while, there have been collections from well-wishers, corporates and State agencies totalling to more than Sh10 billion.

As the governors were meeting, the Covid-19 fund released a press statement. So far, nearly Sh918 million in cash donations had been collected.

"Funds and donations continue to be received and these will be updated in due course... the board seeks to reaffirm that the donations will be utilised to support the government's efforts in the supply of medical facilities and equipment, and support for the vulnerable communities," read the statement by board chair Jane Karuku.

There was no mention of the Sh7 billion from the Central Bank or the Sh2 billion from proceeds of crime given up by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Voicing concerns

Now, Kenyans on social media and in public spaces are voicing their concerns on the government's response to the crisis, and whether it will change its daily addresses from status updates to forums on the provision of more tangible solutions to what is turning out to be an existential threat to the country.

Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdulahi said: "What has been government's strategy in response to Covid-19? What has government been doing with resources mobilised because health workers are boycotting work due to lack of equipment like PPEs?"

Even with these concerns, former anti-corruption chief John Githongo believes that the biggest threat to Kenyan lives is not the ongoing pandemic; it is something more dangerous. Something whose damage can span generations.

"The biggest threat we face as a country now is a lack of imagination by those in charge of the country. A lack of imagining ways we can learn from this and lift ourselves up from where we are to where we want to be," Mr Githongo says.

Githongo argues that to date, despite what he calls timely



Chief Administrative Secretary Mercy Mwangangi addresses the press at Afya House in Nairobi yesterday, announcing that 15 more people had tested positive for Covid-19. [Edward Kipimo, Standard]

interventions at the beginning of the pandemic in the country, the government has shown little indication that things will change within its ranks, and that confronted by the corona threat, it was ready to radically shift its thinking.

"There has been no indication of a paradigm shift within its ranks that it is doing things different. That as a country we have well laid-out plans to bring back the economy or healthcare or education or tourism," he says.

For many, it seems to be same-old-same-old in government, with a lack of proper accountability or communication to the public.

And this, others say, has been one of the main reasons interventions do not seem to work as well as they should. On April 6, President Uhuru Kenyatta announced a partial lockdown aimed at limiting the movement of people out of or into four counties - Nairobi, Kwale, Kilifi and Mombasa - that had the highest numbers of Covid-19 infections.

But these directives have over time been flouted by a public that was initially enthusiastic about playing its part in the grander scheme of things.

"People need to know and see where you are taking them. Directives need to make sense to them in the long run," political commentator Herman Manyora says. "Eventually the public will rebel."

A day after the presidential directive that prohibited non-essential movement out and into the counties, dozens of individuals were caught on camera trying to make their way into the areas they had been cut out from.

"It is not easy to enforce a lockdown. This can only be possible if the people trust that the government has their backs. If not, the people will not adhere to a lockdown... full or partial," Githongo says.

Further, the public health sector has been gradually militarised, with those suspected to have Covid-19 being abducted from their homes in the middle of the night to be sequestered in hospitals, hostels and other State facilities pending testing.

On March 6, a suspected Covid-19 patient was whisked out of his house in what he described to *The Standard* as a "kidnapping". And the would-be patient was billed for the possibility that he could be sick.

Thousands more have gone

through what he has gone through. In Siaya, the family of an individual whose death was attributed to the virus was publicly shamed, with the deceased hastily buried at night. After this, other family members who would be crucial in contact tracing simply fled from local health officers, dealing the ministry's attempts at managing locally transmitted cases a blow.

This came on the back of a dusk-to-dawn curfew introduced to the public through the brutality of a bloodthirsty police force.

Autopilot

These events have slowly eroded the initial goodwill that Health CS Mutahi Kagwe had marshalled.

And in a country whose workforce largely depends on daily wages, the effects of the curfew have been devastating, and there is uncertainty on when a semblance of normalcy will resume.

"I am not convinced we are dealing with the effects of the pandemic as we ought to. We need a higher level of thinking and not the tunnel approach we currently have," Mr Manyora says. "We are looking at the response through the eyes of Mutahi Kagwe alone. Everything else looks to be on autopilot."

According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the world economy is projected to grow by 2.4 per cent, down from an estimated 2.9 per cent in 2019, the slowest pace since 2009, during the 2008-09 financial crisis.

The Treasury has projected that Kenya's economy will grow by a revised rate of 2.5 per cent this year on account of the devastating impact of Covid-19.

But critics argue that for the first time since independence, the country will experience negative growth or recession, killing whatever hopes of a revival the already fledgling economy harboured.

"We are looking at health interventions, but the economic jolt will be incredible," Githongo says.

Already, several firms in the hospitality and aviation sectors have sacked thousands of workers, with the surviving ones staring at painful pay cuts. Other companies have shut down.

"We are trying to keep as many jobs as possible," Mike Macharia, CEO of the Kenya Association of Hotel Keepers and Caterers, says. "But if things don't change, we may be forced to look at job losses for 300,000 people."

All this may grind to halt now, with industry players looking at the promise of a Sh500 million post-corona kitty by Tourism CS Najib Balala. He is in good company when it comes to making promises.

Mixed messaging

To date the public has been treated to mixed messaging from the Health ministry on mass testing, proven by other countries to be key in managing the pandemic. After weeks of promises of embarking on mass testing, the ministry on Sunday backtracked, clarifying that the government had decided to instead focus on testing high-risk populations.

"We have just seen the launch of this on TV, but our members in the counties are yet to be tested," Seth Panyako, the secretary general of the Kenya National Union of Nurses said. "We have had no reports of testing elsewhere."

To date, the country has tested just over 14,400 samples in the 42 days we have had the virus, translating to 342 tests per day. All this from kits donated by well-wishers.

Health Chief Administrative Secretary Mercy Mwangangi yesterday explained there is a shortage of some items used to collect oral and nasal swabs, "that is why our numbers in terms of sample tested has been reducing".

In Kiambu, an informal settlement in Nairobi that has been mentioned by health officials as one of the places that would benefit from intensified testing, this is yet to start. Yet, the science is pretty clear now. We must test as many people as possible or learn the ravages of the virus the hard way - like Italy, USA and Britain, the worst-hit countries in terms of cases and fatalities.

And something else is missing in these trying times.

"We have fallen far short of offering any hope to the country," Reverend Timothy Njoya says.

What works in fight against corona?

- Coronavirus requires a clear roadmap to contain: a daily ledger of infections and deaths is not enough
- Procure kits for mass testing to estimate the scale of the pandemic and the appropriate responses
- Medical workers are the country's biggest asset. They must be protected and rewarded appropriately
- Where is the money and other resources mobilised by Kenyans and donors to fight the pandemic?
- Public goodwill is priceless. Give Kenyans hope, not fear
- Quarantine and isolation centres are not detention camps. This stigmatises patients and families
- Stop the militarisation of responses. Arbitrary arrests only criminalise testing positive for Covid-19

Taita-Taveta

Curfew: Priest and MCA out on bail

A priest and a member of the local county assembly (MCA) were arrested for allegedly disobeying curfew directives on Covid-19.

The two, however, have not been arraigned four days after their arrest. Sagala Ward Rep Godwin Kilele was arrested in Voi town on Friday for not observing curfew time while the Mwakiki Catholic priest Father B. Wafula was arrested on Sunday for hosting 12 people in a church congregation.

Police had promised to charge the suspects on Monday for going against the government's Covid-19 directives.

Voi Sub County Police Commander Benastine Shari said the two paid a cash bail for their freedom. They were arrested over the weekend and detained at the Voi Police station before they were released on bail.

"The suspects were released on cash bail to allow police to conclude investigations. We are putting up a strong case against them. They will be arraigned once investigations are complete," said Shari.

The arrests come at a time the government has imposed a curfew and banned gatherings in the country to avert the spread of the viral disease. The curfew begins at 7pm and ends at 5am. [Renson Myamwezi]

Caution. Patients with sore throat should have enough sleep, reduce stress, exercise, avoid intake of alcohol and tobacco products

Do's and don'ts of nutrition to help the body fight off Corona

Consumption of fruits and vegetables helps to improve antioxidant levels in the body while warm fluids help clear sputum

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Chicken soup, tea and lots of water are recommended for Covid-19 patients, according to nutrition guidelines by the Ministry of Health.

The guidelines, which cover mild symptoms of Covid-19 such as fever to severe ones like kidney failure, recommend increased consumption of fruits and vegetables to improve antioxidant levels in the body.

The ministry also recommends herbs, like oregano, sage and cinnamon, if one has mild symptoms like fever, cough, headache and sore throat.

"Fever increases the need for more calories. Increase the amount of nutritious

food by increasing the number of times you eat. The food should include energy-rich foods, meat, milk, legumes and pulses, fruits and vegetables," reads the guidelines.

Coughs, the guideline says, can be relieved by use of honey, pineapple and chicken soup, gargling and hand washing.

"Sore throat can be relieved by taking tea, honey, ginger, turmeric, sage," the guidelines show, adding that patients should have enough sleep, reduce stress, exercise, avoid intake of alcohol and tobacco products.

"Limit intake of foods containing trans-fats and saturated fats e.g. fat and skin from meat, hydrogenated vegetable oils, shortening, fried foods, cookies, and pastries," reads the guidelines. "Limit intake of sugar, sweets, cake, soft drinks and sugar sweetened beverages."

As the disease progresses, the guidelines recommend alteration of the diet. For example, if one starts having difficulty breathing, avoid overfeeding.

"If need be, reduce the feeds to 50 per cent of required intake and increase the amount slowly as the patient stabilises," it reads. Eggs are a good source of protein at this stage.

If one starts producing

sputum, he or she should increase intake of warm drinks including clear broth soups, meaning soups without cream or dairy, and warm decaffeinated tea.

The ministry guidelines say some foods may cause increased mucus production if you are allergic or intolerant to them which include eggs, fish, milk, nuts, peanuts, shellfish, wheat and soy.

The guideline notes that patients with inadequate oxygen may complain of anorexia, early satiety, malaise, bloating, and constipation or diarrhea.

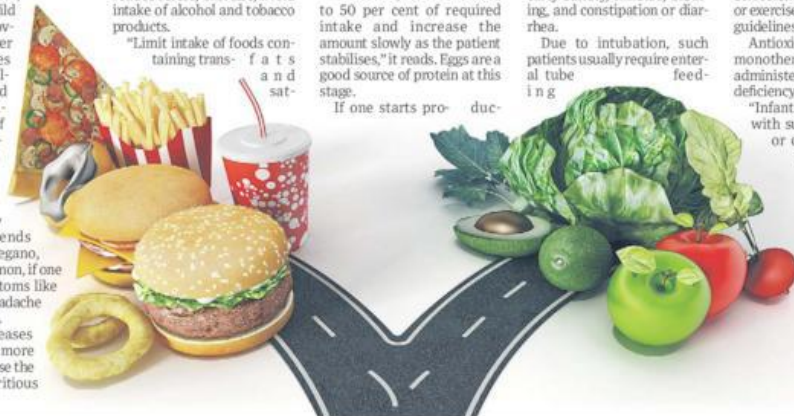
Due to intubation, such patients usually require enteral tube feeding.

or parenteral feeding.

Those with sepsis, a life threatening condition as a result of the body fighting infection, should ensure adequate intake of nutrients through normal diet, parenteral or enteral nutrition depending on severity of illness.

"Critically ill patients who are injured, septic, or bedridden may not gain weight, lean body mass, or strength as expected until the source of hyper metabolism is treated or corrected and physical therapy or exercise is begun," reads the guidelines.

Antioxidants as high dose monotherapy should not be administered without proven deficiency, the guidelines add. "Infants born to mothers with suspected, probable, or confirmed Covid-19 should be fed according to standard infant feeding guidelines, while applying necessary precautions for infection prevention and control," the ministry guidelines add.



Judiciary

Maraga extends closure of courts as LSK cries foul

Chief Justice David Maraga has extended closure of courts over Covid-19 fears, prompting angry reactions from Law Society of Kenya (LSK) president Nelson Havi.

Hours after they held a teleconference meeting alongside other members of the National Council of Administration of Justice, the CJ rescinded his earlier decision that was to have judges and magistrates resume hearing cases in open courts today.

Justice Maraga said after reviewing the current status on the spread of Covid-19, it would be a risk to have litigants and lawyers congregate in courts for hearings. He directed judges and magistrates to continue hearing and settling cases online.

"Taking all these factors into account, we have come to the

conclusion that while it is prudent to upscale court activities, it will not be wise to have open court sessions at this time. We must emphasise that this does not mean that courts have closed down as some want to claim," said Justice Maraga.

The CJ said courts are high risk areas as hundreds of thousands frequent the place in search of justice each day and some end up in prisons.

However, Havi on his Twitter account, disowned the directive, saying it was out of 'a litany of excuses.'

According to Havi, open courts should continue running but with the guidelines set to combat the novel disease put in place. [Kamau Muthoni]

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA

INVITATION TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2020/21-2022/23 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

The County Government of Mombasa is in the process of preparing the County Budget estimates for the 2020/2021- 2022/2023 Medium Term Expenditure Framework. In compliance with The Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 section 125(2) which requires all policy documents be subjected to public participation, the County hereby invites your input on the same.

Due to the prevailing conditions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and following the directives by the Ministry of Health suspending all public gatherings and the preventive measures by the County Government of Mombasa to flatten the curve, members of the public are invited to submit their views and input through:

- Submission of memoranda on priority programmes and projects to be factored in the 2020/2021 FY budget.

Memoranda should be sent via email to budget@mombasa.go.ke OR in writing to:

The CECM, Finance and Economic Planning
P.O. Box 90440-80100 Mombasa
Website: www.mombasa.go.ke or
Telephone: 0709002105

The county government is requesting all interested members of the public and stakeholders to submit their contributions by **28th April 2020**.

COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MOMBASA

Health. Why you should stay at home and take social distancing seriously

My 31 days in KU's isolation wards

Faith Gaci arrived for work as usual, hours later, her name was on the list of the latest coronavirus cases.

By Mwangi Muiruri
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On March 20, Faith Gaci, 28, reported to work at a pharmacy in Nairobi's Buruburu Phase Two.

Gaci, a pharmacist who ran her aunt's pharmacy, was not feeling very well.

She had a slight fever, a mild headache and mild fatigue, but shrugged these off, dismissing them as the onset of a common cold.

"I had gone through this countless times," she says.

At the pharmacy, Gaci's assistant, Sally, had not reported to work by 10am. She was two hours late, which was unlike her.

An hour later, Gaci's phone rang. It was one of Sally's relatives.

"At 11am, I received a phone call from a female relative of my colleague. She informed me that Sally had been taken ill the previous night and had been rushed to hospital with breathing complications," she recounts.

Then the caller dropped the bombshell: Sally had been diagnosed with Covid-19 at Kenyatta University's health facility.

Gaci's jaw fell. Suddenly, the puzzle of the slight fever and mild headache fell into place.

"Here was confirmation that

the virus was at my place of work. I was now very alive to the symptoms I was exhibiting," she recalls.

It later emerged that one of Sally's friends had returned from the US two weeks earlier and tested positive for coronavirus.

She immediately closed shop and rushed to a nearby branch of Gertrude Hospital. Here, she hysterically recounted all the symptoms she had. She capped it all by telling the health workers that her colleague had tested positive for coronavirus.

The reaction was instant.

"There was panic at the facility. The medic who was attending to me ran for personal protective gear," she says.

A decision was then made to have her transferred to an isolation facility at Kenyatta University.

Minutes later, Gaci had joined national statistics as one of the latest cases of coronavirus in Kenya.

At KU, medics ran more tests to ascertain the acuteness of the viral attack. Within minutes, Gaci had syringes stuck in

her body.

"Upon admission they put you on drips; the severity of the coronavirus determines the types and amounts of medicines to be administered," she recounts.

In her case, the medics determined that the symptoms were not acute and took her to a

normal isolation ward at KU with three other patients.

The three shared washrooms.

Then started the dreary routine: Check-up every morning and evening by doctors covered from head to toe in protective gear and with

random tests and check-ups in-between by nurses.

At the isolation centre, she was told to write down the names of everyone she had been in contact with for the past 14 days prior to her testing positive for coronavirus.

This, she says, was tougher than school homework.

"I had boarded public service vehicles to and from work; I had visited several shops and food cafés; I had walked the streets; how was I to remember every one I came into contact with," she asks.

To demonstrate the magnitude of her contacts web, Gaci has a rented room in Mukuyu, Murang'a County; she hails from Kirinyaga County and works in Nairobi County where she occasionally puts up with her aunt.

The list was so long that only her closest contacts were traced and tested, and Gaci now understands why the government is advising Kenyans to stay at home. Like a spider's web, the list of potential coronavirus cases spreads quickly and stealthily.

"Please stay at home and if you must venture out, observe all the directives being issued especially sanitising your hands, keeping social distance and wearing of facial mask. This virus is real and vicious," she extols.

At first, Gaci thought she would die. Such was her fear of death that for once she hardly noticed she had lost her phone.

"I thought: Of what use was a phone if I was going to die anyway? I felt sad that I was going to die young, without a home and baby of my own," she muses.

Locked from the outside world where she had no access to newspapers, radio or television, Gaci and her fellow patients in the isolation ward relied on bits of information gleaned from those who were attending to them.

From them they learnt that coronavirus cases beyond the ward were climbing steadily, as was the number of deaths.

Every morning, Gaci considered herself lucky to be alive.

On Monday, after 31 days, Gaci came out of the KU isolation facility, glad to have overcome one of the biggest nightmares of her life.

But now she finds herself in another precarious situation - she is jobless, penniless and still battling the stigma associated with coronavirus.

The government has since ordered the pharmacy she worked in closed, and KU slapped her with a Sh23,000 fine of which not even a penny was payable through her National Health Insurance Fund card.

Gaci is no longer ill with coronavirus, but she says she feels confused.

"I used my savings to offset my treatment bill and there is no sign of when I will resume work. My bills are accumulating," she says.



Faith Gaci. After 31 days she has finally beaten coronavirus. [Mwangi Muiruri, Standard]

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MIGORI

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2	CGA/MS/148/2019-2020	Purchase of Motor Vehicle	795137	08 May 2020	Open
3	CGA/PP/130/2019-2020	Construction of Finance main Street	794300	08 May 2020	Open
4	CGA/MS/148/2019-2020	Proposed Construction of Perimeter wall at Itebeba Sub-County Hospital	797972	08 May 2020	Open
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Interested eligible candidates may download a complete set of tender document from the IFMS tender portal www.supplierregistry.go.ke or IFMS portal and/or County Government of Migori website (www.migori.go.ke) using the unique IFMS Negotiation Number indicated above.

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Bidders must upload copy of original bid security to IFMS portal and deliver the original bid security to the office of Director Supply Chain Management Services at the County Headquarters. **All the bid securities must be registered.**

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DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER BUURI EAST

TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy County Commissioner Buuri East Sub-County wish to invite tenders for the proposed construction works of Buuri East Sub-County Headquarters.

TENDER NO. BU/EAST/1/2019-2020

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Valid National Construction Authority (NCA) Certificate category 6 and above.
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- Certified copy of valid tax compliance certificate issued by Kenya Revenue Authority.
- Certified copy of company certificate of incorporation/certificate of registration.
- Duly filled, signed and stamped form of tender.
- Provision of bid security of Ksh. 50,000 from a reputable bank or approved insurance from by PFA.
- Certified copy of CR12 and must provide copies of IDs/passport for directors.
- Proof of works of similar magnitude undertaken in the last three years.
- Proof of key personnel and equipment for the works.
- Certified bank statements for the last three years.
- Duly signed pre tender site visit certificate.
- All pages must be serialised/paged.

Tender documents are to be obtained from supply chain management at DCC's office Buuri East Sub-County Headquarters during normal working hours at a non-refundable fee of Kshs 1000.00 complete tender document enclosed in a plain sealed envelope marked TENDER NO. BU/EAST/1/2019-2020 deposited at the tender box located at the entrance of the DCC's office - Buuri East Sub-County on or before 21st May 2020 at 12:00PM

There shall be a pre-tender site visit on 19th May 2020 at 12:00 PM at the site which shall be mandatory.

Tender documents will be opened immediately thereafter at the Deputy County Commissioner's - Buuri East Sub-County in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

PETER W. JUMA
DEPUTY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BUURI EAST SUB-COUNTY

Devastation

Bodies recovered from Kerio Valley mudslide

Fifteen bodies were yesterday recovered after last week's heavy rains that triggered a mudslide at the Chesogon trading centre on the border of West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet counties.

The Senate was informed of the recovery by Speaker Ken Lusaka even as irked senators faulted the government's response to the tragedy that occurred in Kerio Valley, affecting residents of Sigor Constituency and Marakwet East Constituency. It has so far claimed 39 lives.

The senators took issue with the conduct of government officials in dealing with the incident, terming it discriminatory.

They also took a swipe at the National Assembly for "sitting" on the National Disaster Management Bill, sponsored by senators Mutula Kionzo Jnr (Makueni) and Johnson Sakaja (Nairobi), that provides a legal mechanism to deal with calamities like floods and landslides.

Senators Moses Wetangula (Bungoma), Aaron Cheruiyot (Kericho), Samson Cheragei (Nandi), Farhiya Ali (nominated), Hargura Godana (Marsabit), Ledama ole Kina (Narok), Mr Sakaja and Beatrice Kwamboka (nominated) questioned why the National Assembly is yet to consider the Bill.

Ms Ali said the State's actions pointed to a lack of serious preparedness, while Mr Cheragei sought to know if Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i was still unable to fly to the affected area as was the case with West Pokot County, where more than 60 people died.

"This is discrimination. It demonstrates that some parts of this country are not important," Mr Cheruiyot said.

Majority Leader Kipchumba Murkomen (Elgeyo Marakwet) said those who died were children and the elderly. [Roselyne Obala]

Turbulent times. No one knows when business will resume

Hotels and clubs shut but landlords still demand rent

When Sh66b hospitality industry bolted its doors, hitherto noisy nightclubs went eerily silent as millions were rendered jobless.

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Benson Munuve

Before Covid-19 struck, the Swahili would have described Benson Munuve, a proprietor of three nightclubs, a city cockerel.

He used to run the city, now he is running away from it.

Today, Munuve is a cockerel whose crow can only be heard upcountry. The coronavirus pandemic has transformed him from a city businessman into a country farmer.

So when we caught up with him for an interview on phone, the sound of a cock crowing could be heard in the background, betraying his newfound rural life.

Grow crops

"I am upcountry, and it has rained cats and dogs," said the hotelier-turned-farmer, happy that he can grow some crops.

His family is in Nairobi, and he jokingly says that after shutting down the three joints, he had to flee the country's capital city. The boredom in Nairobi, he says, was just terrifying.

"Can you imagine me waking up in the morning, I take tea, my wife gets into her laptop and sends her information to the office; the kid is busy reading online and you are all alone there like a kangaroo," says Munuve.

One of his clubs, the oldest, is in Nairobi County on Thika Road. The other is in Machakos County while the newest one is in his home county of Kitui. Combined, the three clubs used to earn him approximately Sh4 million in a month. Not any more.

If anything, these investments are only cashing out. Despite closure of the nightclubs, he still pays some overhead costs including rent, repairs, water and electricity, which add up to Sh150,000.

Landlords have particularly been a thorn in the flesh for Munuve.

"We are telling them (landlords) let us sit and negotiate. This is a natural calamity which has happened. Why don't we agree on a modality on how I will pay you when we open even if the rent will be a million shillings? But some are adamant.

They don't want to hear that. Instead, they insist they want their money and you are not making even a cent," Munuve says. Some real estate developers, however, have sought to give their tenants relief. Fusion Capital, a real estate development company, has waived 30 per cent for its tenants on all of its commercial properties.

Munuve sent all his 25

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Businessman Benson Munuve

employees home, but was forced to retain a security guard on each of the premises to keep an eye on his stock, fridges, television sets, and music systems.

When he parted with his employees last month, offering each an advance salary, he was sure this was going to be temporary. Then he thought they would be back to work in less than 21 days. That never came to pass. And now he does not know how things will pan out. No one knows, not even the government.

As a measure to stop the spread of the deadly viral disease, the government ordered the closure of all hotels, pubs, and nightclubs.

As a result, the entire hospitality industry has shut down. Hotels have bolted their doors. Hitherto noisy nightclubs are

eerily silent. Millions of waiters and bar attendants are out of work.

"Can you imagine those staff who are at home. There is no coin you are getting. And the owners want rent," wonders Munuve.

The overhead costs are ferociously eating into his savings, and he doesn't know what to do if things remain as they are for the next two months.

Munuve's story is part of the bigger tragic story of the hospitality industry, which employs close to 100,000 people, according to official figures. The industry, which includes sale of food, beverages, and accommodation, is worth over Sh66 billion.

Dominic Machira is an assistant manager at Heritage Hotels. When the hotel shut down, most of the 45 employees who are on permanent terms were given their March salary and told to return when the government will relax the mitigation measures.

Mr Machira, who hails from Kakamega County where his family is, wanted to go home but now can't. The landlord compelled them to pay the March rent. But he doesn't know how he will pay the one for April.

The worst thing about this pandemic is uncertainty. No one really knows when it will come to an end.

Wines and spirits

Both Munuve and Machira wish they could have been offered some space to continue eking out a living, just like the wines and spirits have been allowed to do.

"Because now they have allowed wines and spirit stores, why are they not allowing us to sell only for take-aways," wonders Munuve.

Major players in the hospitality industry have suspended their businesses.

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala had announced that the government had put together a war-chest of about Sh5 billion to help resuscitate the tourism sector, a major foreign exchange earner for Kenya.

However, in the mini-budget tabled in Parliament last week, the government allocated only Sh2 billion for the revival of the industry that has been characterised by massive lay-offs.

There are fears that the money might not reach thousands of small businesses in the hotel industry such as Munuve's, which do not have powerful lobby groups as the big hotels.

Health

Lockdown is not the way to go, says health expert



People enjoy themselves at an outdoor restaurant, amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Stockholm, Sweden on Monday. (Reuters)

A top epidemiologist has criticised governments' reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic, saying the authoritarian move to restrict movement may not yield the intended results.

Johan Giesecke, an infectious disease expert based in Sweden, has argued that the move to restrict people's movement only slows down spread of the disease, and in the end, once the restrictions are lifted, those who are susceptible to the illness could still die.

Sweden has taken a more relaxed approach in combating the pandemic sweeping through Europe, leaving its schools, restaurants and other hangout joints open. Its citizens, however, have been urged to act responsibly and follow social distancing rules.

Speaking to *UnHerd*, a British news website, Prof Johan, who has worked with World Health Organisation, said the spread and severity of Covid-19 largely depends on one's immunity and whatever the governments do, it will be difficult to stop its spread and impact thereafter.

"I think what we are seeing is a tsunami of a usually mild dis-

ease that is sweeping across Europe and (we see) some countries do this, others do that, others don't do that, and in the end there will be very little difference," he said.

He noted that lockdown should not be construed to be the main reason for the curve flattening as a result of less infection rates and deaths.

Johan said a better explanation was that the older population, who are more at risk, were dying hence the virus was left with the younger population, which was likely to survive if they got sick, or might not even show symptoms when infected.

He indicated that if serological tests were to be done, it would be found that the infection has spread to millions of people largely unaware they are sick.

Serological tests measure the amount of antibodies or proteins present in the blood when the body is responding to a specific infection, like Covid-19.

"Countries will ease up restrictions, see what happens in the next two to three weeks, and realise the numbers are rising and conclude the strategy

(lockdown) did not work so well, then we will try another way," he said. "Increased number of deaths (after lifting restrictions) will be part of checking which strategy should be kept or not."

Giving a case scenario of Europe, Johan said the disease is bound to spread all over the continent no matter how long people are locked up.

"How long do you think you can lock down people? We are saying, protect the old and try to slow down the pandemic so that healthcare systems would be able to manage when we have severely ill people," said Johan.

By yesterday, Sweden had reported 14,777 confirmed cases, with 1,580 deaths against a population of more than 10 million. In comparison, Italy had 181,228 cases and 24,114 deaths, Spain had 204,178 cases and 21,282 deaths while the UK reported 124,743 cases and 16,509 deaths.

Kenya had 281 cases with 14 deaths. Globally, there were more than 2.5 million confirmed cases and over 170,000 deaths. [Graham Kajiwala]

Appreciation

Big thank you drive for frontline workers in fight against disease

Kenyans are set to join the rest of the world in applauding frontline workers in the fight against Covid-19.

Every Wednesday at noon, do not be surprised to hear the car in front or behind you honking. Drivers will be expressing their support for healthcare providers, journalists, police officers and others who are in the frontline in the fight against Covid-19.

The #SAA6 campaign is a joint effort of Kenya Editors' Guild (KEG), the National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK) and the Kenya Medical Association. Alfred Obeng, the NNAK president, said the campaign

would impact lives of healthcare workers by assuring them of the required support dealing with the pandemic that has claimed thousands of lives worldwide.

"Sometimes just to hear someone tell you that you are doing a good job is all it takes. We depend on their conviction, no matter the circumstances, to treat us every day with their clinical excellence, but also to deliver that care with compassion," he said.

Jackie Kitulu, the KMA president, commended journalists for thinking about healthcare workers in this critical period.

Churchil Otieno, KEG presi-

dent, said it was every journalist's duty to find credible information and deliver it to Kenyans. "That duty puts many journalists at risk, but it also helps many avoid burdening our health workers and hospitals with sickness. We celebrate professionals who selflessly continue to serve on the frontline, and ask the public to make their work easier by staying at home," Otieno said.

The campaign comes two weeks after Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh pooled together people using social media to applaud medics and other essential service providers. [Everlyne Kwamboka]

Loss. Flooding wrecks homes, roads and crops



Residents flee their homes near Ahero town to safer ground after River Nyando burst its banks yesterday. [Denish Ochieng, Standard]



A bed in Peter Mutai's house. His six-year-old daughter Miriam Chepngetich was killed after a mudslide hit their home in Kipkelion West. [Nikko Tanui, Standard]

Four children killed as heavy rainfall leaves trail of misery



Flooded business premises at Dunga Beach in Kisumu. [Denish Ochieng, Standard]



Water rages under the Ahero bridge after River Nyando burst its banks. [Denish Ochieng, Standard]

From Elgeyo Marakwet to Kericho, Naivasha to Homa Bay, destruction is sweeping through villages in the wake of torrential downpour.

By Standard Team
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The torrential rains being witnessed in different parts of the country have led to the death of four children in Kericho, and left thousands of families without their homes. Crops worth millions of shillings have also been destroyed.

Tragedy hit the villages of Nyasake and Kipkurin in Kipkelion West after a mudslide claimed the lives of four children on Monday.

Kericho County Commissioner Moses Mbaruku said two siblings aged 12 and 15 died in Nyasake village in Kamasian Ward after a heavy downpour that lasted six hours. This caused a mudslide that knocked down homes and swept the children away.

The third child, a six-year-old, died at Kipkurin village in Kunyak Ward, while a 14-year-old boy was swept



A resident of Manera village in Naivasha walks through a flooded farm after a heavy downpour on Tuesday. [Antony Gitonga, Standard]



A child is carried to safer grounds in Ahero yesterday. [Denish Ochieng, Standard]

away as he tried crossing Rwandet River in the same ward.

A team led by Mr Mbaruku, Kipkelion West MP Hillary Koskei, and MCAs Hezron Kipngeno (Chilchila) and David Rono (Kunyak) spent hours trekking to homesteads to console bereaved families.

The roads had been rendered impassable, meaning people had to

walk for hours to reach the area.

The Standard met Peter Mutai at his home in Kunyak after a four-kilometre walk.

An overwhelmed Mr Mutai could not believe that his second-born daughter, Miriam Chepngetich, was no more.

The body of the six-year-old girl had been laid outside his timber house wrapped in dirty blankets after Mutai

and good Samaritans finally managed to dig it out from the thick mud and debris.

"It was raining heavily and Chepngetich was asleep in the bedroom at around 6.30pm when the landslide occurred. Mud, rocks and tree stumps rolled down the slope. I only manage to save my lastborn," said Mutai.

At the same time, a four-year student was airlifted to the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital after she was rescued from the deluge following deadly landslides in Chesegon, West Pokot County. As of Monday, the death toll stood at 12.

The student, identified as Nancy Chepyatich by locals, was found a few kilometres from the epicentre of the landslides on Monday during a search and recovery mission.

Samson Lopolian, who was part of the search team, said they were looking for missing persons along River Chesogon when they stumbled on the woman crying for help.

"She was half buried when we found her. We heard her crying for help, and we moved quickly and pulled her out of the debris and took her to Arpollo dispensary," he said.

Still missing

Meanwhile, four pupils from Cheptany Primary School in Elgeyo Marakwet County are still missing after a devastating landslide in Chesegon on Saturday.

And in Naivasha, tens of families have been displaced and property destroyed after River Kanati burst its banks on Tuesday morning. The river flooded the popular Delamere shopping centre on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway, the nearby Manera village and tens of farms.

Following the incident, various roads and estates in Naivasha were flooded for the better part of Tuesday morning, adversely affecting the flow of traffic.

According to Joseph Maina from Manera village, tens of houses and latrines had been flooded raising fears of a disease outbreak.

And in Homa Bay, more than 150 families in Rangwe Constituency have been displaced from their homes by floods caused by overflowing water from Lake Victoria.

The families living in four villages in West Koria were forced to move out of their homes as a number of homes had been marooned by water.

Some of the affected villages are Kachola, Kobiero, Komolo and Kanyango Nyakondo.

Area Chief Joshua Juma said the water levels in Lake Victoria keep rising.

[Report by Niko Tanui, Irisheel Shanzu, Anthony Gitonga and James Omor]

Pandemic. Coronavirus toll-free figures revealed

Men jam pandemic hotline with calls

Rift Valley and Western dominate in number of callers to 719; some call to say they have found a cure.

By Dr Mercy Korir
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More men than women are calling the 719 hotline set up by the Ministry of Health for coronavirus information.

According to call centre data, three quarters of the callers have been men, most of them from the Rift Valley and Western regions.

The toll free line, accessible from all mobile phone networks, was set up in March through the National Aids and STIs Control Programme (Nas-cop).

Nascop was chosen because it already had an existing elaborate call centre dubbed *Ujiza* Nascop that handled queries, counselling among other ser-

vices for people living with HIV and Aids in the country.

With this, the officers at Nas-cop already had experience in handling health related queries at a call centre. The officers were then supported by 50 more doctors to scale up the call centre to handle the coronavirus pandemic.

"Some of the cases we handle are very complex and need someone with a medical background to determine whether they meet the case definition, while some are healthcare workers who need help in managing the clients that they have," said Dr Lazarus Momanyi, a team leader at the call centre.

Referring calls

Callers are either referred to an emergency response centre, rapid response teams in the counties, the Kenya Police Service or the Kenya Red Cross for further assistance.

All calls and cases are logged

in as they come for record purposes to avoid any misinformation along the chain of communication.

The 50 doctors who were hired specifically for the call centre were trained for two days to equip them with all the necessary information on coronavirus and call handling skills.

William Adegu, one of the doctors at the call centre, said he found his new assignment both involving and fulfilling.

"It is more involving because you cannot see the client at the other end of the line; you have to use a lot of your clinical skills to pick up signs and symptoms from the client, even when they are not telling you because they think it is not important," said Dr Adegu.

Most Kenyans who initially called the 719 hotline were anxious about the pandemic, unsure of the symptoms they had and whether these were related to coronavirus.

Others called for information



Dr Pauline Karingu at the call centre. 50 doctors are on standby to respond to coronavirus concerns. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Daily call figures

- Daily calls to 719: 20,000
- Interactive texts (+719#): Between 100,000 and 200,000
- Covid-related calls: 54 per cent
- Patients calls: 76 per cent
- Calls on behalf of someone: 24 per cent
- General calls: 84 per cent
- Calls on suspected cases: 14 per cent
- Calls on probable cases: Two per cent
- Subjects of frequently asked questions: Face masks, mass testing, medical passes, availability of test kits, test results for people in quarantine and coronavirus-related deaths

on how to avoid contracting the disease.

"Some called to ask if we are prepared to handle the pandemic if it gets out of control," said Adegu.

Esther Wambui, fresh from medical internship three

months ago, took up the opportunity to be on call for Kenyans seeking advice on the coronavirus as a different way of applying her medical knowledge for benefit of the public.

"Some calls are pranks though, or about an illness

somebody had a decade back, while others call to say they have a cure for the virus," said Dr Wambui.

Still, the doctors at the call centre say the service should be expanded to counties to handle all medical queries before any further action.

At the beginning, 300 agents from Safaricom were trained in partnership with the Ministry of Health to handle basic queries on coronavirus from callers.

According to Safaricom's Chief Customer Officer Sylvia Mulinge, the number of callers has reduced compared to the calls and texts that the network received previously. She attributes this to more Kenyans having access to information on coronavirus.

"The quality of interactions has also changed; today they are more about cases rather than just seeking for general information," she says.

Still, the medics have to deal with all manner of calls. At some point, Adegu received a call from a mother of three saying she needed food for her children. She was promptly referred to the Kenya Red Cross, who have a nutrition programme.

The medics work in three shifts: two during the day and one from 8pm to 8am.

KWALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT



COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Public Service Board wishes to recruit competent and qualified persons to fill in the following positions in the department of Health.

VACANCY NO.	POST	JG.	NO OF VACANCIES
01/2020/KCPSB	Radiologist (Consultant)	P	1
02/2020/KCPSB	Orthopaedic Surgeon (Consultant)	P	1
03/2020/KCPSB	Registered Nurse (Nephrology)	L	1
04/2020/KCPSB	Registered Nurse III	H	8
05/2020/KCPSB	Assistant Public Health Officer	H	2
06/2020/KCPSB	Occupational Therapist III	H	2
07/2020/KCPSB	Enrolled Nurse III	G	7
08/2020/KCPSB	Medical Laboratory Technician III	G	2
09/2020/KCPSB	Assistant Health Records and Information Technician III	G	2
10/2020/KCPSB	Tailor III	F	1
11/2020/KCPSB	Driver III	D	1

NOTE: Please visit our website www.kwalecounty.gov.com for details of the requirements.

All applications should be submitted on or before **Tuesday 14th MAY, 2020 by 5:00 Pm** in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the left side the category in which they fall and addressed to;

The Secretary
Kwale County Public Service Board
P.O. Box 4 - 80403
KWALE

Posted or hand delivered at the Kwale County Public Service Board Offices next to Kwale Sub-County Hospital or sent via our official Email address kwalecpsb17@gmail.com

1. People with special needs are encouraged to apply
2. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA



LAIKIPIA COUNTY ASSEMBLY SECOND ASSEMBLY – FORTH SESSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL, 2019

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Article 196(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 24 of the Laikipia County Public Participation Act 2014 and Standing Order 120(3), the Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services herein invites interested Members of the public, investors, Civil Society Organizations, Community Based Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Non-Governmental Organisations and special interest groups to submit memorandums on the Laikipia County Disaster Management Bill, 2019.

The written and signed memoranda on the Bill may be submitted to the Clerk of Laikipia County Assembly, P.O. Box 487-10400, Assembly Building 2nd Floor, Nanyuki or by email to: assembly@ca.laikipiaassembly.go.ke to be received on or before Tuesday 28th April, 2020. The Bill is also available in the following Assembly's Website – <http://www.laikipiaassembly.go.ke>

J. Muturi
CLERK OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

curfew**Policemen seized for flouting Covid law**

Police officers, a pastor and worshipers are among more than 40 people arrested in Kirinyaga County for breaching government guidelines set to curb spread of Covid-19.

The security officers were found drinking at a bar in Piai market near Embu town. All bars have been ordered closed indefinitely following the incident.

Mwea East Officer Commanding Police Division John Onditi said those arrested would be arraigned for going against a government directive.

"It is worrying that security agents who should be in the forefront in following the guidelines to prevent the spread of the disease are the ones leading in defying simple rules meant to help in the fight against Covid-19," he added.

In Wang'uru town, 32 worshippers and their pastor were arrested after they were found praying in one of the followers' houses.

Onditi said neighbours tipped off the police, who went to the house and made arrests.

"The worshippers were from Thiba, Mutithi and Ngurubani. Clearly they don't understand what social distancing is. Pastors who have been defiant should know that the law will soon catch up with them. Failing to adhere to government directives is a crime," said Onditi.

A resident of Wang'uru town said the errant pastor should have known that it is biblical for the church to abide by government laws.

Seven other revellers were arrested at a bar in Kutus market. **[Joseph Muchiri]**

In Brief**Mombasa. KPA boss selection 'will be fair'**

The government has promised free and fair recruitment as it seeks Daniel Manduku's replacement at the helm of the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA). Mr Manduku resigned a month ago. Transport Chief Administrative Secretary Chris Obure said the government would ensure there is no political interference. He was speaking during a fact-finding tour at the Lunga Lungu border point in Kwale County on Monday. He denied claims that a conflict of interest led to the government halting the recruitment exercise. Mr Obure expressed his confidence in the KPA board. **[Patrick Beja]**

Pandemic. State has isolation facilities at hotels, schools and universities hostels

Kenyan quarantine centres are in worse state than jails

The 'stay at home' order has seen people lose their jobs as well as being faced with crippling bills to pay.

By Basillioh Mutahi
BBC

Like people around the world, Rachel Gachuna is extremely worried about catching coronavirus. But she is just as fearful about being locked up in a Kenyan quarantine centre.

If the single mother of one-year-old twins is to believe those already held at some of these government-assigned facilities, living conditions are not much better than at a prison.

"The toilets are just messy, dirty... even the cleaners who clean the toilets once a day complain how messy the toilets are," one woman in quarantine told the BBC.

"It's because there is no water, so people are touching the same taps when you want to wash your hands, if there is even water... it's just a mess."

People who arrived in Kenya from countries affected by the virus before it closed its borders and those found to have been in contact with a coronavirus patient have been sent to these centres for 14 days.

Lockdown extension

However, the quarantine period has been extended twice for everyone at centres where someone has shown symptoms of the virus - and they have had to keep paying the bills.

There have also been complaints that social distancing is impossible at some centres because of overcrowding.

"You pray to God that it never happens because I honestly do not know what I would do," Ms Gachuna told the BBC.

She is now on leave after first choosing to work from her



A section of Kenyans who were put in quarantine for 23 days after they arrived home from abroad are locked inside the compound of Kenyatta University. They have accused the government of holding them past the World Health Organisation's stipulated time frame. **[Evis Ogina, Standard]**



home in the capital, Nairobi - even though the city's residents are able to go out during the day.

To protect her family from infection, she only goes out to the shops when necessary - and would rather not go out at all.

Kenyans may now have to wear face masks in public and buses are carrying fewer passengers, but social distancing can be difficult.

"I try to be careful. When I get into the house, I have to take a shower before I touch my kids. You can't guarantee what your clothes have picked from outside," she said.

She has also let go of one of her nannies, who came in to help look after the twins during the week, because she was

worried that her use of public transport would leave the family vulnerable to infection.

Stopped from leaving

And her fears were heightened last week after dozens of people attempted to storm out of an isolation centre at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, citing unbearable conditions.

"First is our inability to pay

and secondly, because it does not make any scientific sense for our continued stay at the centre," Simon Mugambi, one of the would-be escapees said. Others spoke of their psychological and mental anguish after the government extended their stay beyond 14 days.

But the group was forced to return. In the words of another quarantine complainant: "It's like you are condemned... it's like you are at the mercy of the government."

By the end of March, the government had more than 50 quarantine facilities at hotels, hostels at schools and universities, which cost between Sh2,000 and Sh10,000 a night.

Some of these have now closed - but at least five are subject to a third period of quarantine. Out of 2,336 people put into quarantine, 425 remain there.

Some have fared better than others.

A Kenya Airways pilot who arrived from Dubai on March 24, told the BBC the airline was paying the hotel bill for him and his crew - and had offered for them counselling sessions.

Being confined for so long away from one's family was mentally tough, said the pilot, who did not want to be named.

'Lives being put at risk'

A group of human rights organisations, Kelin, has raised concerns over the conditions and lack of information being given to those in quarantine.

"The government has not been clear on who is paying for the cost; the government has not been clear on when people are supposed to be tested," it said.

Patrick Amoth, the acting Director-General in the Ministry of Health, also pointed to five centres when a second extension was announced where people "did not maintain optimal social distance and instead had close contact and interactions".

Operation**Police arrest 200 in Nairobi, send all to holding facilities**

More than 200 people were on Monday arrested by police in Nairobi after they violated curfew orders imposed to curb the spread of Covid-19 disease.

Nairobi Regional Commissioner Wilson Njega said 506 people have been placed in forced quarantine, at their own cost, for breaking public health law.

"People are not taking this curfew seriously," said Njega.

More than 300 others had been rounded up at the weekend and detained before being taken to different quarantine centres. They were arrested from roadblocks, clubs, homes and wedding ceremonies. The commissioner said Kilimani, Kasarani, Kayole and Buruburu are notorious.

Njega said they have arrested 1,088 people in the past week for flouting the rules. Some were taken to courts and

fined and forced to self isolate in their houses while others are being held at the Kenya Medical Training College hostels.

Kenya Medical and Practitioners and Dentists Board CEO Daniel Yumbya said the issue of quarantine shall not be stopped because of inability to pay and warned those caught breaking the law will be quarantined at their own cost. Yumbya said there are 54 quarantine centres

in the country after six more were opened last weekend. A total of 2,195 people have since been released from the centres after the mandatory 14 days.

Health Chief Administrative Secretary Mercy Mwangangi said those found outside their houses during curfew hours will be assumed to have contacted Covid-19 and would be put in quarantine. **[Cyrus Ombati]**



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUSIA

P.O. BOX PRIVATE BAG - 50400, BUSIA, KENYA
THE COUNTY TREASURY



INVITATION TO TENDER

The county Government of Busia invites interested eligible contractors to apply for the tenders listed below for FY 2019/2020.

S/NO	TENDER REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	IFMIS NEGOTIATION NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY
1	BSA/CG/TCI/262/2019/2020	Proposed Fencing And Construction Of 3door Pit Latrine At Likolis Market Amukura West	797274-2019/2020	Reserved
2	BSA/CG/TCI/263/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28number Market Stalls With Office At Tangakoria Market Nambale Township Ward	798048-2019/2020	Open
3	BSA/CG/TCI/264/2019/2020	Completion Of Modern Toilet At Butula Market Marachi North	797313-2019/2020	Open
4	BSA/CG/TCI/265/2019/2020	construction Of Abodaboda Shade At Namisi Bukhaya Central	797308-2019/2020	Reserved
5	BSA/CG/TCI/266/2019/2020	Construction Of 2door No Pit Latrine At Lwanyange Market. Bukhaya Central	797277-2019/2020	Reserved
6	BSA/CG/TCI/267/2019/2020	Construction Of No 4door Pit Latrine At Malanga Market Bukhaya Central	797330-2019/2020	Reserved
7	BSA/CG/TCI/268/2019/2020	Construction Of 6door Pit Latrine Of 3400rs Each At Buyofu And Mungachi Bukhaya East	797292-2019/2020	Reserved
8	BSA/CG/TCI/269/2019/2020	construction Of Bodadoda Shade At Singiga Bunyala West	797283-2019/2020	Reserved
9	BSA/CG/TCI/270/2019/2020	Construction Of 2door Pit Latrine At Bukhalarine Market Marachi Central	797302-2019/2020	Reserved
10	BSA/CG/TCI/271/2019/2020	Construction Of Amarket Shade At Mulukoba Bunyala West	797289-2019/2020	Reserved
11	BSA/CG/TCI/272/2019/2020	Renovation And Mechanical Works Of Biocenter At Budalange Market Bunyala North	797296-2019/2020	Reserved
12	BSA/CG/TCI/273/2019/2020	Renovation Laying Of Cabros, Refurbishment Of Stalls, And Gate At Soko Posta Market Busia	797333-2019/2020	Open
13	BSA/CG/TCI/274/2019/2020	Construction Of Fence And At Osere City Market Malaba North	797326-2019/2020	Reserved
14	BSA/CG/TCI/275/2019/2020	Construction And Completion Of Aboloi Block At Aboloi Market Angurui South Ward	797279-2019/2020	Open
15	BSA/CG/FICT/276/2019/2020	Supply And Delivery Of 10 KVA UPS Backup Batteries	798051-2019/2020	Open
16	BSA/CG/FICT/277/2019/2020	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Air Conditioning System and Network Management Tools	798055-2019/2020	Open
17	BSA/CG/TCI/278/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28 Numbers Stalls With Office Annex At Aboloi Market	797279-2019/2020	Open
18	BSA/CG/PWRIE/279/2019/2020	Proposed Construction Of Road Cross Culverts In Malaba South Ward	773563-2019/2020	Open
19	BSA/CG/PWRIE/280/2019/2020	Proposed Installation Of Solar Mass Lights To Busia County Samia Subcounty In Namboboto Nambuku Ward At Bukoma Mk (1 Units)	795146-2019/2020	Open
20	BSA/CG/PWRIE/281/2019/2020	Proposed Completion Of Ward Office At Kingandole Ward-Butula Sub-County Busia County	798152-2019/2020	Open
21	BSA/CG/PWRIE/282/2019/2020	Proposed Completion Of Nyalwanda Dispensary- Kingandole Ward.	798150-2019/2020	Reserved
22	BSA/CG/PWRIE/283/2019/2020	Proposed Construction of road cross culverts in Angurui East Ward	774277-2019/2020	Reserved

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1	BSA/CG/TCI/145/2019/2020	Proposed Fencing And Gates At Bugeingi Market, Matayos Sub-County	775316-2-2019/2020	Reserved
2	BSA/CG/TCI/152/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 2no.Door Pit Latrines At Akitesi Market-Teso South Sub-County	775329-2-2019/2020	Reserved
3	BSA/CG/TCI/153/2019/2020	Proposed Refurbishment Of An Existing Mundika Market Shade	775335-2-2019/2020	Reserved
4	BSA/CG/TCI/157/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28 Number (28no) Stalls With Annexed Office And Store At Asing'e Market	775340-2-2019/2020	Open
5	BSA/CG/TCI/158/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28 Stall And Two Offices At Nambuku Market-Samia Sub-County	775351-2-2019/2020	Open
6	BSA/CG/TCI/159/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28 Number (28no) Stalls With Annexed Office And Store At Kabuodo Market	775349-2-2019/2020	Open
7	BSA/CG/TCI/162/2019/2020	Proposed Erection And Completion Of 28 Number (28no) Stalls With Annexed Office And Store At Akedetewi Market	775364-2-2019/2020	Open
8	BSA/CG/TCI/179/2019/2020	Supply And Delivery Of Weighbridge Test Weights	775301-2-2019/2020	Open
9	BSA/CG/TCI/180/2019/2020	Installation Of Prover Tank	775296-2-2019/2020	Open

Tender documents containing detailed information on the tenders can be freely downloaded from the IFMIS Supplier portal (<https://supplier.treasury.go.ke>, <https://tenders.go.ke>).

Complete tender documents must be submitted through the IFMIS supplier portal: supplier.treasury.go.ke so as to be received on or before **Tuesday, 5th May 2020 at 9.00 a.m.** All tenders **MUST** be submitted through the IFMIS platform **SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 st DECEMBER 2019									
	Long Term Insurance Business 2019	General Insurance Business 2019	Total Insurance Business 2019	Long Term Insurance Business 2018	General Insurance Business 2018	Total Insurance Business 2018			
	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000			
INCOME									
Gross Written Premium	32,602	2,254,014	2,286,616	43,590	2,532,957	2,576,547			
Less outward Reinsurance Premium	7,830	1,258,471	1,266,301	10,617	1,182,996	1,193,613			
Net Written Premium	24,772	995,543	1,020,315	32,973	1,349,961	1,382,934			
Gross Earned Premium	32,602	2,360,867	2,393,269	43,590	2,219,874	2,263,264			
Net Earned Premium	24,772	1,302,196	1,326,968	32,973	1,036,678	1,069,651			
Investment Income	101,901	108,291	210,192	110,471	134,712	245,183			
Commission Earned	-	245,482	245,482	819	265,932	266,751			
Total Income	126,673	1,455,969	1,582,642	144,263	1,437,322	1,581,585			
OUTGO									
Claims & policyholders' benefits	65,551	1,567,302	1,632,853	103,803	1,134,910	1,238,713			
Less: Reinsurers' share of claims	(2,292)	923,980	921,688	2,492	585,498	587,990			
Net claims and policyholders benefits	67,843	643,322	711,165	101,311	549,412	650,723			
Commission payable	2,382	249,759	252,141	3,766	238,587	242,353			
Operating and other expenses	32,278	482,806	515,084	36,706	522,855	559,522			
Total outgo	102,503	1,375,887	1,478,390	141,783	1,310,794	1,452,577			
Profit before tax	24,170	80,082	104,252	2,480	126,528	129,008			
Income tax expense	8,698	19,926	28,624	2,480	30,875	33,355			
Profit for the year after Tax	15,472	60,156	75,628	-	95,653	95,653			
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME									
Change in fair value of investments at FVTOCI	-	1,322	1,322	-	(8,338)	(8,338)			
Total Profit & other comprehensive income	15,472	61,478	76,950	-	87,315	87,315			
Earnings per share									
					2.74				3.47
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2019									
	Long Term Insurance Business 2019	General Insurance Business 2019	Total Insurance Business 2019	Long Term Insurance Business 2018	General Insurance Business 2018	Total Insurance Business 2018			
	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000	Shs'000			
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS									
Share capital	150,000	402,000	552,000	150,000	402,000	552,000			
Retained earnings	3,474	60,287	63,761	(11,998)	265,431	253,433			
Revaluation reserve	-	(10,655)	(10,655)	-	(11,977)	(11,977)			
Shareholders' funds	153,474	698,232	851,706	138,002	655,454	793,456			
REPRESENTED BY:									
ASSETS									
Property and equipment	127	22,473	22,600	2,061	26,953	29,014			
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	19,524	19,524			
Investment properties	80,000	80,000	160,000	75,000	-	75,000			
Mortgage loans	-	4,801	4,801	-	6,411	6,411			
Loans to policyholders	7,163	-	7,163	8,093	-	8,093			
Right of Use Asset (ROU)	2019	69,098	69,098	-	2018	-			
Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangements	-	135,443	135,443	-	-	-			
Receivables arising out of direct insurance arrangements	2,891	490,729	493,620	6,491	533,293	539,784			
Reinsurers' share of insurance contract liabilities	1,000	725,866	726,866	3,292	790,355	793,647			
Other receivables	4,793	60,299	65,012	26,449	85,052	91,493			
Government securities	197,342	596,777	794,039	54,183	787,044	841,229			
Commercial paper	28,283	36,642	64,925	59,269	59,047	118,316			
Quoted shares at fair value through OCI	-	26,433	26,433	-	25,470	25,471			
Deferred tax asset	8	42,728	42,736	8	48,546	48,554			
Gross Deferred Acquisition Cost	-	103,771	103,771	-	112,789	112,789			
Reinsurance Additional Unearned Risk Reserve	-	20,281	20,281	-	8,430	8,430			
Corporate tax recoverable	-	34,699	34,699	-	8,411	8,411			
Deposits with financial institutions	254,394	434,485	688,879	266,397	349,702	616,099			
Cash and bank balances	19,611	210,414	230,025	76,352	130,510	206,862			
Total assets	595,572	3,094,839	3,690,411	1,069,437	2,967,709	4,037,146			
LIABILITIES									
Insurance contract liabilities	244,744	529,809	774,553	241,014	504,058	745,162			
Payable under deposit administration contracts	140,686	-	140,686	650,086	-	650,086			
Provision for unearned premium	-	1,052,026	1,052,026	-	1,158,679	1,158,679			
Payable arising out of reinsurance arrangements	26,887	-	26,887	19,057	50,785	69,842			
Payable arising out of direct insurance arrangements	-	277,141	277,141	-	331,035	331,035			
Other payables	21,233	144,836	166,069	18,227	126,257	144,484			
Reinsurance Deferred Acquisition Cost	-	50,447	50,447	-	57,802	57,802			
Gross Additional Unearned Risk Reserve	-	97,322	97,322	-	78,788	78,788			
Corporate tax	8,548	-	8,548	2,961	-	2,961			
Long Term Loan	-	101,336	101,336	-	-	-			
Lease liability	-	83,877	83,877	-	-	-			
Bank overdraft	-	59,813	59,813	-	851	851			
Total liabilities	442,098	2,396,607	2,838,705	931,435	2,374,255	3,245,690			
Net assets	153,474	698,232	851,706	138,002	653,454	793,456			
STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN DEPOSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2019									
Amounts payable under deposit administration contracts				2019	2018				
				Shs'000	Shs'000				
As at 1 st January				650,086	866,049				
Pension fund deposits received				25,632	17,978				
Summers & annuities paid				(965,299)	(284,543)				
Interest payable to policyholders				30,267	52,602				
As at 31st December				140,686	650,086				
KEY RATIOS									
	Long Term Insurance Business 2019	General Insurance Business 2019	Total Insurance Business 2019	Long Term Insurance Business 2018	General Insurance Business 2018	Total Insurance Business 2018			
	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018			
Capital Adequacy Ratio	38%	184%	83%	34%	94%	70%			
Claims Ratio	108.3%	70%	95%	63.4%	45%	59%			
Expense Ratio	6.0%	33%	33%	66%	30%	31%			

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KEY RATIOS

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Schools closure**Majority miss out on virtual learning**

Eighty-nine per cent of learners have no access to household computers in sub-Saharan Africa, while another 82 per cent lack internet access.

The grim situation has exposed gaps in virtual learning in low-income countries at a time coronavirus has caused shutting of schools.

Globally, half of the total number of learners - some 826 million students - kept out of the classroom by the Covid-19 pandemic, do not have access to a household computer and 43 per cent (706 million) have no internet at home at a time digital distance learning is used to ensure educational continuity.

These figures were compiled by the Teacher Task Force, an international alliance coordinated by UNESCO, on the basis of data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and the International Telecommunication Union.

Disparities are particularly acute in low-income countries. While mobile phones can allow learners access to information and connection with teachers and one another, 56 million learners live in locations not served by mobile networks, almost half in sub-Saharan Africa.

"While efforts to provide connectivity to all must be multiplied, we now know that continued teaching and learning cannot be limited to online means," said Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director General.

She added: "To lessen already existing inequalities, we must also support other alternatives including the use of community radio and television broadcasts, and creativity in all ways of learning."

Globally, at least 1.5 billion students and 63 million primary and secondary teachers are affected by the corona disruption school closures in 191 countries.

Even for teachers in countries with reliable ICT infrastructure and household connectivity, the rapid transition to online learning has been challenging. For teachers in regions where ICT and other distance methodologies are less available, the transition has been even more difficult.

Teachers also require training to deliver distance and online education effectively, but such support is particularly scarce in low-income countries.

Across sub-Saharan Africa, just 64 per cent of primary and 50 per cent of secondary school teachers have received minimum training, and this often does not include ICT skills.

"These inequalities are a real threat to learning continuity at a time of unprecedented educational disruption," said Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education. **[Standard Reporter]**

Unsettled. Education sector in disarray amid fears that preparation for exams has been chaotic and traumatising for learners

Pandemic exposes inequalities in learning

Private institutions have shifted to digital lessons, but children in many public schools are being left behind.

By Amos Kareithi and Augustine Oduor
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Cabinet Secretary George Magoha has said national examinations might not be postponed this year, even as glaring inequalities emerged in the education system amid the coronavirus pandemic.

While private and international schools have been swift to embrace technology to teach, learners in public schools are still lagging behind.

In some homes, smartphones, which are a basic requirement for online lessons, are not available.

Uncertain start

And in the face of an uncertain start to the second school term next month, Prof Magoha has said the ministry is weighing options that could be implemented if the health crisis takes a further toll on education.

Amid the confusion, teachers' unions have differed on whether national examinations should be rescheduled.

The Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) maintains that the level of anxiety in the school

system does not allow for exams to be carried out on schedule.

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut), however, argues that it is too early to discuss national examinations, insisting that the focus should be on fighting the pandemic.

Teachers who spoke to *The Standard* described the preparation of candidates for national exams as chaotic and traumatising to learners, who are also demoralised.

Peter Kimani's son is set to sit his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams this year and has been exposed to a computer. Mr Kimani, however, expressed his concern for millions of other candidates who have no access to a computer or mobile phone.

"Some children are suffering. Their parents are illiterate

"I am now at my wits' end. Two of my children are set to sit KCSE at Ortum Boys High and Propoi Girls' Secondary School. A third one is to sit at Ortum Mixed. I have no computer and I cannot afford to have three phones."

Selina Koiben, parent



Alawia Achieng, a pupil at Children in Freedom School, dances with her father during an online lesson at their home in Lanet, Nakuru. **[Kipsang Joseph, Standard]**

and cannot guide them in preparing for the examinations. There are teachers, too, who are not technologically literate. The coronavirus has exposed the country's inequalities and unpreparedness," said Kimani, a journalist and scholar.

He added that even in instances where teachers are tutoring candidates online, they did not understand the basics as they had just copied and pasted the normal timetable and content they used in normal classrooms, and were now sending this to pupils.

"It's chaotic. In my case, they are using more than one platform. The class lessons are back to back and there is no

provision for transition from the Zoom platform to Google learning," said Kimani.

He said there have been instances when the teacher is late for a lesson, leaving candidates stranded online.

"It is during instances like those that parents must be on guard, micromanaging what the learners do online for they could be easily distracted by games," said Kimani.

The government is providing free lessons all learners, accessed through radio, Edu-Channel Television, EduTV, YouTube and Kenya Cloud.

With schools officially closed, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development Acting CEO Joel Mabonga said soft

education programmes are being run on these platforms to replace the rigorous class lessons.

These include past music festivals clips, field games, track events, science conferences, competitive quizzes and debates.

Dr Mabonga said the lessons' timetable is being revised to accommodate all children when schools are expected to officially open in May.

According to the 2020 school calendar, second term was scheduled to start on May 4 and to last 14 weeks. The closing date was planned for August 7.

Hacked lessons

A number of challenges have been identified with home-schooling, with some parents complaining about an inability to access the Internet.

With varied syllabus implementation in schools, some students play catch-up during some of the lessons being broadcast.

Parents, however, complained that the broadcasts start new lessons even before children could comprehend the last ones.

It further emerged that some of the platforms used for home schooling posed security challenges, with cases of lessons held on Zoom being hijacked by hackers who stream illicit content to the embarrassment of parents and learners.

"This crisis has provoked the reassessment of accountability and transparency of our system," said Kimani.

Another parent, Selina Koiben from Ortum in West Pokot County, said she has encountered one challenge after another shepherding three Form Four candidates.

"I am now at my wits' end. Two of my children are set to sit KCSE at Ortum Boys High and Propoi Girls' Secondary School. A third one is to sit the exam at Ortum Mixed. I have no computer and I cannot afford to have three phones for all of them," Ms Koiben said.

Assessment**Ministry monitors impact of home schooling**

Ministry of Education has embarked on a nationwide survey on home learning to assess whether the lessons offered through online, radio and television have an impact.

The Directorate of Quality Assurance has prepared an assessment tool to be filled by head teachers to monitor the participation of learners and teachers in the home learning programmes.

The ministry seeks to understand whether head teachers and teachers are aware of the home learning lessons.

Under the programme, all public school learners are expected to access lessons through radio, Edu-Channel Television, Edu-TV Youtube and the Kenya Cloud.

Lessons are transmitted on the government-owned Edu-TV Channel and also through the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) website.

Radio programmes run from Monday to Friday through a defined timetable. Learners are expected to listen to lessons through Kenya Broadcasting Corporation Kiswahili and English Service stations for up to eight hours every day.

Some publishers have also provided education content free of charge on their websites.

The monitoring tool, however, wants teachers to state whether more improvements can be initiated to boost the radio and TV learning programmes aired by

KICD to enhance learning. All sub county Directors of Education and the sub county Quality Assurance and Standards Officers have been instructed to ensure the questions are filled by head teachers and teachers within their regions.

Weighting options

The assessment tool comes after Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha said the ministry is weighing options that would be rolled following closure of schools due to coronavirus.

Head teachers and teachers are expected to state whether the timetable released by KICD is adequate for learning and if it fully covers the syllabus.

KICD Chief Executive Officer Joel Mabonga last week said the lessons timetable is being revised ahead of school opening next month.

Teachers are also expected to state whether the radio and TV lessons have been designed to cater for learners with varied abilities and needs.

Most importantly, the ministry wants teachers to confirm whether children are actually attending the lessons from home.

"Comment on ability to know whether students are learning at home," reads one of the questions. The assessment seeks to establish the level of parents' participation in their children's learning at home. **[Augustine Oduor]**

Radical shift. With effects of the coronavirus affecting every sector, life for learners has changed from physical to virtual classes

School beats closure with e-lessons

In schools where model has excelled, teachers interact with learners on a screen and conduct lessons while at the same time taking questions from them.

By Kennedy Gachuhi
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The coronavirus pandemic has put to test every sphere of human life.

It has not spared the education sector, which is meant to generate knowledge useful in solving the myriad challenges faced by society.

And following the closure of schools to contain spread of the dreaded Covid-19 pandemic, some innovative teachers have turned to technology and are using various platforms set up by government and private sector to instruct learners.

A spot check by *The Standard* in various schools and homes established how life for learners has changed from physical to virtual classes.

The team established that learning from home could be

greatly hindered in poor families who have no access to the infrastructure needed for a virtual class.

The venture is costly. Parents have been forced to acquire laptops and also have internet installed in their homes. Besides the installation, one has to spend not less than Sh100 daily for connectivity.

All is not gloomy as some schools, among them Children in Freedom in Lanet, have launched a pilot programme where learners are engaged on pending class work that was to be covered in the first term from their respective homes.

Fist term

Monday morning began with the learners holding an online assembly opened by the children reciting the national anthem, as is the norm in schools on Mondays and Fridays.

"We started virtual learning a week ago and it has been a success on what we were to cover during first term. The learners will sit the end term exams later this week," said Olu Kanayo, the school director.



Sakhu Galma, a pupil of Children in Freedom School during an online lesson yesterday. The institution has adopted virtual learning after schools closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

At the school, each teacher is in their office armed with a laptop equipped with a webcam and loaded with content for learners in various grades.

Through an online platform, the teacher is able to interact with all the learners on a screen and conduct 30-minute lessons while at the same time taking questions from them in real time.

"We have reduced the number

of lessons per day to three. From morning to noon, we have two lessons with breaks in-between. The final afternoon lesson ends at 3pm," said Oka.

From the teacher's desk, the process appears an easy task but the main challenge lies on the other end where the learner and their parents are.

At home, parents ensure their children wake up early and prepare for class as usual. Galma

Chachu, a parent of three children, explained that though the new system is effective, it is costly. He, however, says it's worth investing in.

"The situation popped up from nowhere. I wasn't prepared for e-learning. I sourced laptops for my two sons and daughter from my nephews who are university students. Installation of internet connectivity came with a high cost but their education matters more," said Chachu.

Unique model

He said the model requires more involvement of parents who may not always be available to supervise and assist their children, roles that were previously handled by the teachers.

"After the lessons, teachers send assignments via mail while learners do it in books. I take photos of what they have written and send back to the teachers for assessment. Children can't do all this on their own and I may not be there all the time," said Chachu.

Apart from the live engagement with their teachers, the learners are also provided with

prerecorded learning materials prepared by their teachers or sourced from different online platforms.

These appear to be a blessing in disguise for the new Competence Based Curriculum, which lays emphasis on children taking up tasks practically.

Art and dancing are the favourite lessons for Alawia Achieng', a Grade Two learner at the school. With the assistance of her mother Fatuma Tune, Achieng' gets access to the content recommended by the school through a mobile phone.

"I have learnt a lot of artwork from the videos. When I'm tired with one task, I move to dancing lessons, which happens to be my hobby," said Achieng'.

Ms Tune says discipline is pivotal for the success of the programme before children can be left unsupervised with gadgets. "I am glad the discipline she has at school is the same at home. Before doing anything with the mobile phone, she has to seek approval. I have also ensured she can only access appropriate material for her age from the web," said Tune.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION THE SENATE

COVID-19 RULES

- The Public Health (Declaration of Formidable Epidemic Disease) Order, 2020
- The Public Health (Prevention, Control and Suppression of COVID-19) Rules, 2020
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) Rules, 2020
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Nairobi Metropolitan Area) Order, 2020
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Mombasa County) Order, 2020
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Kilifi County) Order, 2020
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Kwale County) Order, 2020

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

The Public Health (Declaration of Formidable Epidemic Disease) Order, 2020; the Public Health (Prevention, Control and Suppression of COVID-19) Rules, 2020; the Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) Rules, 2020; the Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Nairobi Metropolitan Area) Order, 2020; the Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Mombasa County) Order, 2020; the Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Kilifi County) Order, 2020; and the Public Health (COVID-19 Restriction of Movement of Persons and Related Measures) (Kwale County) Order, 2020 (together 'the COVID-19 Rules'), were laid on the Table of the Senate on 21st April, 2020 and thereafter stood committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of the Senate, the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights now invites interested members of the public to submit any representations that they may have on the COVID-19 Rules by way of written memoranda.

The Memoranda may be-

- hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or
- emailed to the Clerk of the Senate on the address - csenate@parliament.go.ke and copied to senatecovid19@gmail.com

to be received on or before **Friday, 24th April, 2020 at 5.00pm.**

The COVID-19 Rules may be found on the Parliament website at <http://parliament.go.ke/the-senate/house-business/salutory-instruments>.

CLERK OF THE SENATE/ SECRETARY,
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT | FOURTH SESSION THE SENATE

The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020)

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to be received on or before **Friday, 1st May, 2020 at 5.00pm.**

The Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020) may be found on the Parliament website at <http://www.parliament.go.ke/senate>.

CLERK OF THE SENATE/ SECRETARY,
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION.

Stardom. There is thin line between oblivion and hype

Are some artistes unsung or is it just a case of indifference?

The music industry is a trial-and-error institution as much as it is a popular cultural business. They love you today, hate you tomorrow, and then they love you again.

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In the music business, an active artiste's worst nightmare is to be written off before they get their point across, or to be judged as irrelevant when they still have numbers to put on the board.

In a fast-paced industry, creatives are afforded the luxury to either make it or break it within their 15 minutes of fame.

Consistency is paramount in this respect, or one has to have the righteousness of having an offering that resonates with the audience for a decent amount of time (a classic), if otherwise, the possibility of the axe from people's memory, especially in this short attention span era of the internet, is not unnatural.

With a new name, trend, or sensation breaking out every other minute on the dot coms, and easy access to music production tools, bedroom studios are hit sources today. *Panda by Designer* or *Old Town Road* by Lil Nas X for example. It's almost getting uncertain how long an artiste can maintain their grip on things because no one is replaceable in this discovery age.

Such is the reality of the musical art confines, hence artistes have to be introspect, analyse, reload and refresh audiences every now and then with respect to the next man.

Many have gone through the Julius Caesar class, *vini vidi vici*, but few have attained the much craved longevity that separates the greats from the good, the legends from the greats, and the good and the by-gones.

Oblivion and hype is a thin line to walk as observed.

"Slept on and underrated are two commonly interchangeable (often misinterpreted) terms for artistes in the industry. In my opinion, (slept on) acts refer to upcoming artistes (great rappers regardless) who don't get enough of mainstream media attention (though they should)," SoundQonnaisseur founder Blair Ochiombo says.

The number of Kenyan acts that do not receive their flowers while still in our midst can fill shelves in libraries. There are a plethora of reasons that may hold artistes from reaching optimum capabilities such as soaring heights of selling out platinum records and live performance arenas

beyond their own local precincts.

"Bad label contracts that tie down an artiste and their music. You can check on Xatic's situation with Sony, Dela, Tina Mungai and Kagwe Mungai's contracts with Taurus Musik, Steph Kapela and Atwal etc." Just Kid-ding Podcast host That Guy Chazy says.

"Riding the wave. Musical waves come and go. They never last. An artiste who can't keep up or remain authentic to their true self and craft gets lost in waves. Look at Kristoff's transition from rapping to 'pop/Kapuka'. Dude literally survived a year and a half and got washed off. Timmy T Dat? Kenzay?" he adds.

From acts that do not necessarily get adorned for their musical contributions, stars such as Muthoni Drummer Queen have been able to tread the treacherous waters of Kenya's music industry through different avenues. She is solely responsible for bridging the gap between corporate Kenya and musical art through her own festivals Blankets & Wine and Africa Nouveau that have expanded to other African territories besides Kenya, yet the industry still does not reciprocate her love and prowess in the arts.

Many other contemporary acts have been forced the short end of the stick, but have weathered the storm and still persevere through the pain. Victoria Kimani is among the wide array of artistes that uphold high international standards, but barely get the deserved respect that goes with that.

On whether the industry is merit-based or a hype affair, music columnist Karen Muriuki says: "Skill, consistency, and remembering why you really started is important. With the little interaction I've had with artistes, I've realised that those three things give them purpose and contentment, which I think is all that matters."

Ironically, many virtuosos who are struggling and barely getting booked for main-

stream gigs, or receive revenue still manage to make millions of streams from digital platforms. All the same, this highlights a gap in the Kenyan music industry that hinders artistes from making a leap into full-blown stardom.

In the same breath, overnight successes are not uncommon. Many ride on high horses until pegging issues catch up. Dubbed as one-hit wonders, or all sorts of derogatory terms despite their young ages or circumstances, in account of their room for growth, the critics can be cruel. The likes of Tunji, Camp Mulla and Wangechi have been ridiculed and their legacies sabotaged, only for their stans and core following to advocate their value during debacles. Some artistes just take their foot off the gas once, getting their big breaks resulting into costliness of their careers.

"Some artistes aren't comfortable with doing more than enough. They go to the studio, record music and send it to the people in their mailing lists (rarely do receivers listen to it) and then repeat the process. They are stuck in the creative loop and they overlook the rest of the work that has to be done to reach the market in an effective way. They sit back, and wait for the media to show up offering coverage on a silver platter," says Benson Kirobi, CEO and founder of Address Media.

The stagnation, myopic vision, and high for instant gratification is something that is leading many world class artistes astray. Patience and the marathon mindset have to be embodied if one wishes to go the long run in the music industry, which is a heavily trial-and-error institution, as much as it is a popular cultural business. They love you today, hate you tomorrow, and then they love you again.

"You see, part of being a successful creative is making sure you are constant-

ly networking with the people who will help propel your career forward. From my experience, new acts are terrible at this. Realising that they are not getting the response they expected, they are quick to claim that they are slept on but really it's they who sleep on themselves! However talented you believe you are, you'll indefinitely remain to be a closet rapper unless you do the actual work," says Media's Benson.

Many reasons come to play as blockades for artistes progress, whether structural, financial, social, governance or personal.

"People unlock their true potential in different ways, and in different times. Speaking for myself, I'd say the only barrier and reason for not touching that peak is TIME," says Coastal rapper Donn Jowle.

"I've been in the game for five years and I've only been visible to the public for two years give or take. Being the head hunko in any field requires time, patience and hard work, three things I possess in plenty, so I'm not really worried about unlocking the level of greatness that I know I can achieve. It's only a matter of time," the artiste,

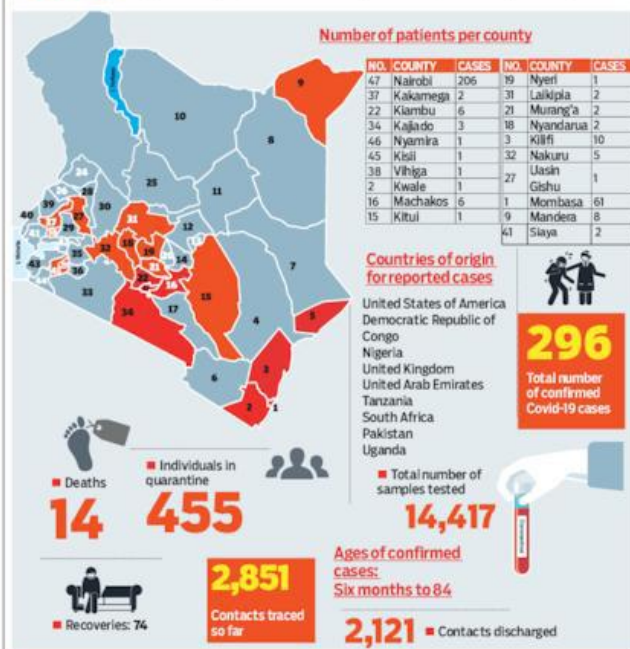
Tina Mungai performs at a past concert.

Dela Maraga onstage.

Muthoni The Drummer Queen

Coronavirus

Capacity. Kenya has equipment that can process 37,000 samples daily



Cases rise to 296 as shortage of testing kits bites

The number of samples has been dropping due to a shortage of some items used to collect oral and nasal swabs.

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The government's plan to conduct mass testing is yet to fully take off due to a shortage of some of the items required to collect samples.

This comes against the backdrop of the number of Covid-19 cases in the country continuing to rise. There has been a drastic drop in the number of samples tested, despite the government receiving a boost of kits from Roche Diagnostics, China and Germany last week.

In yesterday's update from the Ministry of Health given by Chief Administrative Secretary Mercy Mwangangi, only 545 samples were tested.

This is a drop from Monday's 634 samples. However, on Sunday, the samples tested were 1,330, with a similar

number tested on Saturday. Dr Mwangangi admitted that there is a shortage of some items that are used to collect oral and nasal swabs.

"That is why our numbers in terms of samples tested has been reducing," she said.

To date, Kenya has tested 14,417 samples.

The CAS explained that despite the country having expanded lab capacity with additional centres, the lack of nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs had made testing a challenge.

Turnaround time

Nasal and oral swabs are made partly of plastic, and Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said samples have been shared with manufacturers to determine if they can reproduce them to "ramp up our testing".

Currently, the government has 10 testing centres, with a Cobalt 8800 machine at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) that can test up to 37,938 samples in a day.

Mr Kagwe said in two

weeks, at least every county will have a testing centre, which should reduce the turnaround time associated with transporting samples to the main testing centres in Kilifi, Nairobi, Kisumu and Eldoret.

The government, while revealing the plan for mass testing, identified health workers, clustered populations like those in the Kibera slums in Nairobi, Kenya Ports Authority staff and individuals in quarantine among those to be tested first.

Kenya National Hospital CEO Evanson Kamuri said the first batch of 100 staff tested negative for coronavirus.

Of the 545 samples tested between Monday and Tuesday, 15 came back positive, taking the number of Covid-19 cases to 296. Six were from quarantine centres and nine were picked up by surveillance teams through contact tracing.

Eleven are Kenyans, while four are foreign nationals. Seven are from Mombasa, six from Nairobi and two from Mandera.



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Editorial

Relocate people from mudslide prone areas once and for all

A durable solution to this perennial problem is the relocation of people to higher ground

Devastation and loss of lives from mudslides are becoming an annual ritual in parts of West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet counties. Elsewhere, areas like Murang'a occasionally experience mudslides.

On Saturday last week, 12 people lost their lives, 18 were injured and by yesterday, several people could not be accounted for after mudslides hit the villages of Kipchumwa and Cheptulel on the border of West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet counties. Reports indicate that at least 4,000 people were displaced by the mudslides.

The deaths occasioned by mudslides have continued to grow since 2010 when 14 people were killed in Kitony village, Marakwet East, 16 in 2012 and the more than 50 who died in December 2019 in West Pokot.

The trauma, loss of property and livestock are unquantifiable. They are also unjustifiable because if government took the right measures, such incidences can be precluded. Predictions by the meteorological department are fairly accurate. Advance warnings of heavy rainfall have always been given out which, coupled with repeated fatal incidences of mudslides, should have given those in authority ample time and reason to act decisively.

But for some reason or another, the government has kept on dragging its feet, offering tokenism here and there and waiting for the next tragedy. This cannot be allowed to continue. The government must take its responsibility to protect its citizens seriously.

The government should adopt a proactive approach, as opposed to being reactionary, and seek a permanent solution to this perennial problem. Moving people to firmer ground, away from areas where weak soil and rock formations, destruction to vegetation, tree felling and haphazard farming on slopes leaves the soil exposed, should be the ultimate target. However, in seeking to move people to safety, the government will face resistance, but it must remain firm. It will not be easy to convince people to abandon their ancestral land and start life afresh elsewhere, but it should be done.

These hurdles can be overcome through sensitisation and adequate compensation for those who would be forced to look for new land on their own. Reclamation of areas where people are evacuated can best be achieved through the planting of trees and vegetation to give the exposed soil adequate cover from heavy rainfall. The onset of rain should herald blessings, not destruction.

V, U and L: How states will rise after pandemic

Leonard Khafafa

William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* presciently explains the current state of the world vis-a-vis the novel coronavirus: "If it be not come, 'tis not come. If it be not come, yet it will come - the readiness is all." Covid-19 has come to many parts of the globe. There are still others it is yet to reach, but it is certain that no country will be left unscathed. Is humanity ready?

Without doubt, no country was prepared for the onslaught of the pandemic. Western governments, slow, erratic, and disjointed, exposed the Global North's pandemic responses as being little better than those of developing countries. The learning curve is steep and will, at the end, have exacted a huge toll on human lives and other resources.

It is a foregone conclusion that the world is about to experience a recession perhaps comparable only to the Great Depression of the 1930s. Forecasts point to a lengthy period of significant decline in income and employment. Actions taken presently and in the near future will determine the impact of these Covid-19-induced anomalies on economies. Because stock markets are directly dependent on the performance of the economy of a country, their recessions or recoveries reflect that of countries.

There are common recoveries characterised by the letters V, U and L.

V-shape recovery occurs when, after a sharp fall in the economy, a strong and sharp rebound follows. Board of Innovation, a global strategy and business consulting firm, paints out the ideal V-type scenario. It talks of a six-month period in which a country engages in effective pandemic control with all appropriate economic stimulus. There is usually no impact on consumer spending or income after the fall. China best exemplifies this scenario. For starters, Covid-19 has its origins in Wuhan, a city in China's Hubei province. Once it became evident that this was no ordinary epidemic, the Chinese government took immediate action in stemming the spread of the virus through lockdowns of the city. Less than six months later, China

is slowly emerging from its shut-downs by restarting production at factories and resuming some flights.

A U-shaped recovery is longer than the V-type. According to Board of Innovation, the impact period is up to one and a half years. Covid-19 countries that will experience this are those that initiate such measures as social distancing coupled with prolonged economic stimulus. Although there is a drop in consumer spending, there is no impact on the income of the consumer. America best exemplifies this scenario. Terms like social distancing, contact tracing and staying at home are now commonplace. In addition, a \$2 trillion (Sh214 trillion) economic package has been rolled out to top money into the hands of citizens.

The L-shaped recovery comes after a severe recession. Typically, it takes time, according to Board of Innovations, three years. It is a worst-case scenario characterised by failed pandemic control, widespread bankruptcies and credit defaults. There is a severe impact on consumer spending and income. Global South countries risk falling into this category. Some have been slow to respond to Covid-19 through enforcement of social distancing, stay-home initiatives and outright lockdowns. Further, an acute shortage of personal protective equipment (PPEs) and the brain-drain of the best physicians exacerbates what is already a deplorable situation.

Africa, as part of the Global South, must start getting ready to confront what could potentially be intractable economic challenges. A new world will emerge out of this pandemic whose pecking order will be determined by how different nations overcome the crisis. A key to survival and ascendancy on the global stage is an African renaissance. The continent needs to hit reset on its foreign and economic policies. Currently, they do not flatter. How do innocent Africans in China get evicted from their houses without much protest from the diplomatic corps? How does a continent responsible for close to 50 per cent of the world's commodities contribute a paltry 0.1 per cent of global trade?

Africa's success can only come from a willingness to unite for two reasons: To actuate the Africa Continental Free Trade Area that will boost intra-Africa trade by 52 per cent in the next two years; and for the continent to take a united stand in the review of agreements with extractive capitalists or usurious international lenders at terms that are unfavourable to African states.

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Covid-19 shouldn't make hospitals to ignore patients

It is good to hear that detectives from the homicide unit have taken over investigations into the death of renowned author and journalist Ken Walibora.

We expect them to, among others, tell us who stabbed him in the hand and who was chasing him along Landhies Road when he was hit by a matatu. The public would also want to know whether the author was robbed before he met his death.

But we expect more from the investigators. Going by media reports, it is possible Prof Walibora could have survived even after the assault and being hit by the bus had he been assisted promptly.

First, there are claims that the first ambulance that arrived at the scene did not take him to hospital as expected; that Walibora was taken to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) by an ambulance that came later. Why didn't the first one rescue him?

But that's not all. Walibora could have gone through worse. When he was taken to KNH at around 10.30am,

it is suspected he remained unattended at the facility's emergency unit until he died 12 hours later.

If true, that is completely unacceptable. There are allegations that medical personnel there were afraid of attending to the patient due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It would be a serious dereliction of duty on the part of the hospital for a critically injured patient to remain unattended to even for one hour. The coronavirus should not be an excuse for hospitals not to treat patients. In fact, KNH, being the biggest public hospital in Kenya, should show other hospitals how to attend to all patients at this time.

If health workers have no protective gear, clients should be directed to other hospitals. In fact, there is no point of a hospital that is not ready to serve patients to open its doors. Investigators should establish what exactly transpired at KNH and ensure anyone who could have led to Walibora's death is punished.

There are allegations that medical workers were afraid of attending to Walibora due to the coronavirus pandemic

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Have universities played a vital role in the fight against coronavirus?

The coronavirus pandemic has not stopped scholars and researchers in institutions of higher learning from trying to halt its spread. Though a vaccine has not been found, researchers are working tirelessly to find a solution to the plague that has paralysed socio-economic activities across the globe.

Globally, universities have been involved in the manufacture of personal protective equipment like the masks used in the fight against the virus. Others are producing hand washing machines, detergents and sanitisers that are in high demand as countries grapple with the virus. In the setting up of isolation and quarantine centres, universities have been very helpful as student hostels are used for such purposes.

Training of health experts on the infectious nature of the pandemic is mostly credited to the institutions that are closely working with county health officials on how to manage the virus.

With county governments ill equipped, coupled with their shaky health statuses, institutions are coming up with ways of modifying these equipment to address the scarcity issue.

Just last week, students from a local university modified a ventilator and promised to make at least 50 of them once they get an approval from the government.

Institutions have also invested heavily on research, especially how to produce supplies like disinfectants efficiently and cost effectively to alleviate the acute situation.

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Universities have not done much in fighting covid-19. In the villages, the public has the wrong conception regarding cause and genesis of the deadly virus. Researchers and scholars have done very little to convince the public of their contribution through scientific and verifiable studies on the pandemic.

Scholars have also failed in demystifying the myths and misconceptions that have been doing rounds on social media. As a country that boasts of well-equipped universities, the inability to manufacture personal protective equipment for medicals says a lot. Institutions have failed in coming up with testing kits that can help in faster detection of the virus.

Such pandemics can shape the destinies of some students, especially those whose efforts are on research to find a vaccine. However, this cannot be realised with most universities closed and subsequently failing to properly reach out to students online. Additionally, institutions have failed to provide new solutions to the government regarding new technologies for temperature monitoring and quarantine measures.

There have also been multiple claims that coronavirus could re-infect individuals already healed of the disease. Infectious disease specialists have not addressed this issue properly. In the fight against the scourge, institutions have also failed in providing a workforce to the government and left the fight to health workers alone.

Mr Ogundo is a nursing officer in Kisumu County

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PALAUER



If there is one thing that Kenyans can be sure of, it is that a financial scandal will be revealed after this pandemic is over. We know for a fact that there is so much money lying about, that a few individuals had access to it and carried it in sacks across the streets a few years back, that junior clerks in government whose salaries can barely pay their rent are billionaires, and so forth. What then, one wonders, is so difficult that the government cannot spend some of this idle money to repatriate Kenyan students stuck and being mistreated in China?

And even if the government is so mean that it cannot spend some of its money on Kenyans genuinely stranded in foreign lands, can't it at least accede to the request of Jecinter Hezron? Stranded in India with her mum and a group of 54 Kenyans, Hezron has asked the government to loan them cash, repayable within three months upon their return, and that the surety for the loans be their passports. Surely, can this, too, be beyond government means? What are governments for if not for the people?

Where a burglary occurs at a market centre in normal times, the police can be excused if investigations take long and eventually fizzle out without anybody being arrested and charged with the crime. Not so when there is a curfew. Only the police patrol at night during curfew hours. Who then are these people who able to break into shops during curfew hours when they could not do so before the curfew? Police officers cannot wiggle out of these atrocities being committed across the country. Kenyans want the truth, not promises of useless investigations.

Cursed are those who inflict pain on widows. For a long time in Kisii, widowed women have often been accused of being witches, get lynched and afterwards, their land appropriated by some individuals. Elders have come out to say most of the victims are innocent people. Shouldn't the elders do something about this menace? How come the county government has done nothing to stop these lynchings? There is no law that gives citizens the power to lynch witches, or is there such law in Kisii County?

Those who laugh at others wearing masks specifically to stop them from contracting the dreaded coronavirus, and call them names such as 'Corona', 'Covid-19' or 'cowards' should know that cowards live much longer, says Justin Nkaranga. "Those who sit on shop verandas, or on top of balconies or at market places laughing at some of us who strictly cover our mouths and noses to keep safe should know that he who laughs last, laughs the loudest."

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Homeschooling is not for every parent

Elias Mokuu



So, parents are supposed to assist children do their homework?

I know of a few parents who are damned figuring out what an LCM (Least Common Denominator) is. Why? Because they last heard of this kind of thing about 15, 20, 30 years ago. Now, they fight back not to embarrass themselves before their children.

Children are given take-home assignments commonly known as "homework." Parents are supposed to not only ensure the assignments are done, but also "help" children do them. Sounds fine, doesn't it?

In my estimation, there are four broad types of parents: Intellectuals, professionals, for lack of a better word, School Fees Payers (SFPs), and Academically Deprived Persons (ADPs).

Intellectuals, in this context, are parents who love education for its own sake as well as a pathway to forming a learned person capable of good reasoning and decision making. They are very interested that children get the best education. They make follow-ups on the progress of the child at school, scrutinise performance reports and seek any details that can help them support their children to become intellectually sharp.

Intellectuals also make follow-ups. They spend time with the child, seeking to find out how best the child can grow academically. They invest heavily in the child - of course each according to their financial capacities. Their desire to give the best education possible to the children is solidly supported by material and moral support to the child, teachers and school administration. Intellectuals will, in their limitlessness, be home to assist children do their home work.

Professional parents are different. Obviously, like the intellectuals, they want the best for their children. They provide all learning essentials, attend Parents' Day and show up in a big way. They "wow" the little friends of their children. However, professionals are either busy or lack the intellectual giftedness to look at assignments with children in the evening. Some would rather hire a neighbour to help the child do the home work than do it themselves.

SFPs are just that. They pay school fees as a duty. They want to know how much is needed. In as long as they have a breakdown

of what is needed they are good to go. They pay and often promptly. They just want the teachers to do their part for they have done theirs. Perhaps they are busy, or are not intellectuals, or they are simply interested in the academic development of the child as long as they pay fees. It is up to the child to take the opportunity and learn. As you can correctly guess, SFPs will not be bothered with homework.

ADPs are parents who for reasons beyond their control do not understand the complexities of education. They probably had to drop out of school for understandable reasons. These could range from early marriage, unplanned for pregnancies, lack of school fees, family conflicts, illness and many other reasons. Life has been cruel to them. They want the best education for their children but they face many hurdles to make that happen.

Most of the ADPs would have their children in public schools, private schools for the poor or other institution that provides some form of education. Now, asking ADPs to assist their children work out assignments is adding misery to a struggling parent.

Even if we were to assume that every parent has the interest and the knowledge needed to do the assignments, teaching isn't just a profession. It is a calling. Not all parents have the calling to teach. Teaching involves many dimensions particularly cognitive and emotional. Teachers understand this better.

Following guidelines

Besides, two important factors are critical in child learning. First, the teacher prepares a teaching scheme, then a lesson plan and makes use of teaching aids. The teacher therefore knows how much a child can take at a time following guidelines from the Ministry of Education. The delivery is calculated.

Second, most parents are not professionally prepared to teach. Some work in the police, in hospitals, in roads construction, trading in open markets, in political parties and a majority in the farms toiling every day for their survival. At the end of the day, these parents come back home fatigued. They want to unwind. They do not want to come home to revise topics that have been revolutionised by the advancement in technology. Teaching mathematics today is very different from the way it was taught in 2010.

Among other goals, education is meant to be an equaliser between the fortunate and the less fortunate in society. To push work to parents, some of whom have no capacity to teach, is undermining the very spirit of educating society.

Dr Mokuu lectures on Media and Communications Studies

Loans. Banks to adopt a risk-based approach that takes into account borrowers' credit reports

How credit information sharing system will work

Patrick Njoroge



On April 8, 2020, new regulations came into force for Credit Reference Bureaus (CRBs) and Kenya's Credit Information Sharing (CIS) system, refreshing the framework that has been in place since 2013.

The regulations provide for the licensing and supervision of CRBs by Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), and importantly, a framework for the exchange of borrowers' credit information between lenders and CRBs.

The Credit Information Sharing mechanism aims to bridge the information gap about borrowers' creditworthiness — by taking into account the borrower's credit history and allowing credit to be priced accordingly.

A good credit record resulting from a good repayment history demonstrates the borrower's higher creditworthiness and should lead to a lower cost of credit.

It is therefore an important tool in ensuring that the banking sector works for and with Kenyans, as was outlined in the Banking Sector Charter that was launched in February 2019 by CBK.

The CIS system has not worked as expected, requiring a refresh. For instance, it was seen as a punitive "blacklisting" tool that bars Kenyans from getting loans, instead of helping borrowers take advantage of their credit history to get better pricing of loans.

There are 378 million records in CRBs, of which 42 million are blacklisted. Of these, 13 million are being black-

listed for amounts less than Sh1,000.

Customers have also complained about slowness in updating CRB records after arrears have been cleared; delays in correcting errors by lenders who mistakenly "blacklisted" compliant borrowers; and the cost of clearance reports for youth entering the employment market.

Unregulated digital (mobile-based) and credit-only lenders were seen as particularly outrageous in using CRB listing and other measures to harass delinquent borrowers.

The improvements in the CIS are to be seen against a backdrop of two important pillars to strengthen the behaviour of banks. Banks are now required to adopt a risk-based pricing approach that takes into account borrowers' credit reports in the pricing of loans.

CRBs are required to generate borrowers' credit score that lenders can use to assess their creditworthiness.

Digital lenders

Banks are also required to be customer-centric, including by promptly resolving customer complaints including those relating to CRBs. These pillars will go a long way in addressing some of the underlying concerns.

However, unregulated digital lenders and credit-only institutions have been removed from the CIS mechanism as they lack effective customer complaints and redress mechanisms.

The refresh of the regulations improves the CIS framework for the benefit of borrowers and lenders alike. The key elements include:

First, the new regulations set a minimum threshold of Sh1,000 for negative credit information that is submitted to CRBs by lenders. Thus, borrowers' information regarding non-performing loans below that threshold will not be submitted to CRBs.

Further, more than five million unique borrowers comprising more than one-third of the borrowers in CRBs that were "blacklisted" for amounts less than Sh1,000 will be "del-

isted."

Second, first-time CRB clearance certificates will now be provided by CRBs at no charge. This will be particularly beneficial to our youth and graduates who are seeking formal employment for the first time, as the cost of these certificates had become a barrier.

Third, saccos regulated by the Saccos Regulatory Authority (SASRA) will now provide and access information from CRBs, similar to commercial and micro-finance banks.

Saccos are major players in Kenya's financial sector and a significant number of Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) borrow from saccos.

It is therefore important that the credit history with saccos be included in assessing a borrower's creditworthiness.

Four, the regulations strengthen the supervision of CRBs in accordance with global best practices. In particular, they enhance the governance of CRBs by requiring a diversified board composition, and empower CBK to set minimum capital requirements to ensure CRBs are financially sound.

An important development was the suspension of the sharing of negative information for a period of six months from April 1 to September 30, 2020, to lessen the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Loans that were performing but have become non-performing during that period would not lead to a "blacklisting" of the borrowers.

These changes and actions present a secure path for the CIS framework to work for and with Kenyans. On their part, borrowers should repay their loans as scheduled to develop a good credit history.

This would underpin the financial sector's journey to deliver affordable credit, driving shared prosperity and growth for Kenyans.

Dr Njoroge is the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya

Racism against Africans will persist as long as we have no self-dignity

Mark Bichachi



Rights are never given, they are taken. If you allow anyone to give you your rights you simultaneously give them the power to take them back. The idea that somehow racism against the black race will stop because we politely ask the other races to do so is laughable. If today Kenya mistreated white nationals, you would see how swift and devastating a response we would get from the West.

When Mugabe touched white Zimbabwean farmers, he faced sanctions so steep that they gave new meaning and dimension to inflation. For as long as Africans do not have dignity, rest assured we will continue to be the victims of racism.

When white people come to Africa, they are tourists. When they settle in Africa they are called aliens and given alien identity cards. If Africans go to the West, legally or illegally, they are immigrants. When white people visit Africa, they are treated like royalty. The red carpet is rolled out for them and they can expect prompt service at our cafés and hotels. I remember how, while queuing to pay for a ticket some years back, the attendant allowed a white person to jump the queue on account of his whiteness. But I protested and as a result was served first.

When we travel to the West, no carpet is rolled out for us. At their immigration desks they look at you with suspicion and hate and at the club they sneer when they see you talking to one of their own.

The reality is, we have allowed ourselves to be undignified for too long. Africa sends her children to the West and other places to flip burgers, wash toilets, change diapers and do all the work that is too undignified for the locals.

Africa is also home to leaders who rob their countries dry and stash the money in the West to grow Western economies at the expense of their own. The West, therefore, finds it hard to find success in Africa without the attendant corruption and largesse at the expense of the larger population.

Further, we are always in their corridors, cup in hand, begging for a grant, a loan, a gift, anything they can give us. Our NGOs spend half their time begging for money.

When we need experts, we

hire people of fairer skin and ignore locals. We listen more to western music, watch more western movies and consider everything western better than our own. We have abandoned our traditions and decided that the western traditions are holier. It is the reason a black couple will hold a white wedding and are convinced that this is pleasing to God.

We export raw materials, we refuse to process things locally and do not like locally manufactured goods. We like the western brands and ignore local brands, yet some of the western brands are manufactured in our local EPZ.

We Africans lack self-respect. We have no unity and our greed has exposed us to plunder from the West and East. I cringe every time I hear people claim that we won independence; no we did not. It was simply cheaper to colonise us by our greed and myopia than it was to colonise us by the gun. Like any good business model, the coloniser simply outsourced colonisation. For as long as Africa keeps waiting for a white messiah, we will continue to be mistreated all over the world.

The way out? We must ensure our people live in dignity. It does not make sense when we send our sons and daughters to change nappies in Arabia. Have we no nappies to change in Africa? We must begin to make it better to be poor and free at home than a slave to a master abroad. To achieve this, we must ensure that no Kenyan is dirt poor. The government should, therefore, make cash transfers to the poor permanent. This will ensure that no Kenyan will ever lack a coin in their pockets.

Yes, I know naysayers will argue that this will make Kenyans lazy. That is not true. Those who argue that free money makes people lazy should visit a country like Sweden where, as a result of Covid-19, those who choose to stay at home are given over 50 per cent of their salary.

We need to stop relying on the West and East. We need to stop being their dumping ground for used clothes and electronics. Covid-19 forced us to ban *mitumba*; it should stay that way. Why can't we manufacture a shirt locally at Sh400? Why do we have to wear, at a fee, what someone else used and rejected?

Finally, we must get the courage to stand up to anyone who mistreats us. They must know that we will retaliate; that we will take our rights back and defend them. Other nations will not need to be asked to respect us. If they think we are desperate, let them roll up their roads and take them back to their countries. We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees!

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FROM THE WEB

Oil prices rise after historic crash to below zero

■ **Peter Oloo:** Oil production in the US is more expensive compared to countries like Saudi Arabia. Most of their drilling companies are small and it would be easier for them to go bankrupt. But if the trend continues, the low prices would hurt oil producers in Africa like Nigeria.



■ **George Chiyandie:** The low prices are because there are fewer cars on the roads. There is also limited demand from industries hence less pollution, which means cleaner air everywhere.

■ **Vijay Patel:** Does this mean I can go to the petrol station, fill up my tank and ask the attendants to also give me money?

■ **Sarah Ottilie:** I am not bothered. The only bad thing is that people are losing their jobs. But by not flying or driving, the environment is emerging as a big winner. Less pollution means better health for us.

SMS

■ **Precious Nihorowa:** The initiative by universities to design ventilators and make hand sanitizers, mass testing kits, face masks and personal protective equipment is a worthy endeavour. It shows the fight to manage this contagious disease has not been left to the government.

■ **Githuku Mungai:** Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala was in the news encouraging Africans to start visiting neighbouring countries that have been hard hit by loss of tourists from the West. The intention was good but the timing was terrible given that people are broke.



■ **Kazungu Charo:** The nationwide curfew imposed on March 27 has served its purpose and should now be lifted. There have been cases of deaths reported as citizens rush to get home, or those who fall sick at night and cannot get to hospital.

Education**Remote learning not a substitute for school**

Kenyans are eager to know the fate of their children in matters concerning education. Both schools and colleges closed prematurely in a bid to contain spread of the coronavirus disease. With national examinations scheduled at the tail end of the year, loss of learning hours portends the likelihood of postponement. The Ministry of Education has on two occasions allayed fears of carrying the tests forward. This is understandable, given that schools lost only three weeks in their first term. Normally, such time would have been dedicated to internal testing. This can nevertheless be foregone. In any case, we previously experienced more wastage occasioned by teachers' strikes – the longest spanning almost a full school term. Remedial measures, however questionable, were put in place. The current anxiety among parents and other stakeholders is informed by the uncertainty of when the Covid-19 menace will end. Methinks we shouldn't push the ministry so hard since they are equally in the dark.



But going by views from several opinion platforms, it appears that many Kenyans are outraged by the government's insistence that children continue to learn remotely. But even if the requisite resources were made available, expert teachers will tell you that teaching does not guarantee learning. This is determined by a number of factors, with the learning environment having the greatest impact. So how will hungry children in the slums attend to lessons being broadcast by KICD? Teachers will tell you how hard they work

to ensure that children attend to learning activities. This bitter reality invites us to think of the value we should attach to the supposed remote learning that children are receiving. While I am not opposed to remote learning because the future lies in blended learning, it is important that it should be pursued in a gradual and systematic manner. The Ministry of Education should remain sensitive to the infirmities of the vulnerable even as it struggles to save the government's many faces. **Wycliffe Osabwa**

Letters.**Random testing will help understand virus spread**

It is important for us to understand just how widely the coronavirus disease has spread in our population. Only then can we figure out a course of action. The only way to do this would be through random testing. This is not about testing people who have interacted with coronavirus patients, or people who have a travel history, or those showing symptoms. It should be about stopping random people on the streets or visiting random people at home and in the work places and requesting to test them for the disease. We should know how many random people were tested (sample size) and how many turned out to be positive. Based on the total numbers tested and those who are positive, we can calculate an infection rate percentage. And if the infection rate turns out to be anything above two per cent (one in 50 people), it would mean the virus is already freely circulating in our population.

This would mean there is no point in subjecting people to a curfew or lockdown, or closing bars and places of worship. Those results would show we have been living, unknowingly, with the virus for some time. But if the infection rate is less than, say, 0.1 per cent, it would mean there is still a chance of controlling its spread. We may also need to shift our focus from trying to get an immediate cure or vaccine. Instead, let us focus on how to deal with the disease's most deadly symptom, which is the breathing difficulty. The question we need to ask ourselves is what medications – from the ones that are already in existence (including the various mucolytics) – can be used to prevent this effect? **Kamau Mwangi, Thika**

**Let us support Munya's bid to make farming profitable**

In my primary school days, we were taught that agriculture is the backbone of our economy. Farmers were making good money from coffee, tea, *miraa* and other agricultural products. But earnings started dwindling and life became unbearable, so some farmers resorted to uprooting tea and coffee bushes to plant food crops. But there appears to be a wind of change after Agriculture CS Peter Munya started cracking the whip on unscrupulous middlemen and cartels that have helped impoverish farmers.

Following the recently issued guidelines in the tea sector, it is only a matter of time before farmers start smiling all the way to the bank. The ministry has also taken the initiative to bring fertiliser to the farmers thus ensuring they have access to this essential commodity. The decision to extend credit facilities to coffee farmers will spur a revival in the industry and restore the crop's 'green gold' status. We need to support the minister in his efforts to make farming more profitable. **Elijah Kimathi**

TALK OF THE DAY**Dr Korir tested for Covid-19 on live TV**

Thank you for undergoing the test and the good advice. Your actions may prompt other people to get tested. Zula Chama

I am not going anywhere if that is what it means to be tested. I don't want to go through that experience, especially the nasal swab. **Dianz Williams**

I used to fear going for a HIV test. This one for Covid-19 also looks painful. Let us follow the State directive; it will be the easiest way out of this pandemic. **Eunice Wairimu**

I got nauseous just watching the test. Alex Mientis

The doctor looks a bit apprehensive. Thanks for showing us that medics are human, too. **Aaron Oluoch**

Bravo, doctor. What is the cost of the test at Lancet Kenya? **Joy Gakli**

That is promoting Lancet. Why not go to a government testing facility? **James Gaks**

It looks uncomfortable. **Faith Kagendo**

Will it be possible to test the nearly 50 million Kenyans? **Philemon Okuta**

My roommate was tested recently. It looked uncomfortable and painful. **Phoebe Mukwana**

Is the test free of charge? **James Gathaiya**

Bravo. That was nice reporting. **Cheruiyot Kipkoeh**

My colleague and I were tested and it was really uncomfortable. Thank God our results came back negative. **Teresia Alice**

Nyeri

20 fined Sh20,000 for covid law fault



More than 20 people arrested in a Nyeri entertainment joint for flouting public health regulations have been ordered to pay a Sh20,000 fine or do community service for one month.

The 20 were convicted on their own plea of guilty as Nyeri MCA Paul Kanyari (pictured) who was arrested alongside two of his colleagues, pleaded not guilty.

The Rware MCA was charged with contravening control measures against Covid-19 spread and consumption of alcohol illegally.

The MCA and his co-accused were arrested on April 17, holed up in a residential house at King'ong'o sampling assorted brands of alcohol and meat while sitting close to one another.

Government ordered bars and entertainment joints to remain closed during the coronavirus scare.

"I was at the premise to pick up a take-away meal when police suddenly arrested me," Kanyari said before Nyeri Chief Magistrate's court. "I am not at all guilty."

The prosecution unsuccessfully petitioned for a mandatory 14-day quarantine for the MCA at the Wambugu farm.

They argued the measure would serve as an example of how standing members of society would be dealt with if they broke laws made to stop spread of the Covid-19.

Chief magistrate Wendy Kagendo entered a plea of not guilty for the MCA and set the hearing of the case for Thursday.

Police were tipped off by residents of King'ong'o area that the MCA had congregated with friends at the La Cuisine Guest House. [Frida Kingori]

Men at work. Building against hope



Paving the way. A paver re-carpeted the Kisii-Nyamataro by-pass in readiness for this year's Madaraka Day. The event is scheduled to take place at Kisii town's Gusii Stadium on June 1. The county is optimistic that by that time the coronavirus scare will have gone. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

Pandemic

UN agencies appeal for more donor funding to tackle virus

Sh37b urgently needed to assist World Food Programme set up logistics system for moving health workers and equipment.

By Allan Mungai
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The United Nations is calling for increased funding to help its humanitarian agencies scale up their efforts in countries that are most at risk of the coronavirus pandemic.

The heads of all the UN's humanitarian agencies issued an appeal yesterday for \$350 million (Sh37.4 billion) to help the World Food Programme (WFP) set up a logistics system to move health workers and critical equipment and cargo to areas where movement has been affected by cancelled flights and disrupted supply routes.

The WFP manages the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot where consignments of personal protective equipment are stored and dispatched.

"All elements of the Global Humanitarian Response Plan are crucial and

need continued funding, but without these logistics common services, the global response could stutter to a halt," the agency heads, among them World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, said in a letter yesterday.

The UN expects that the funding will help construction of treatment centres in countries that desperately need them, as well as manage medical evacuation services for front-line workers.

The open letter signed by the 15 heads of humanitarian agencies communicated concern that cancelled flights and disrupted supply routes had disproportionately affected countries where humanitarian aid and supplies are essential to beat back the pandemic.

"In this race against an invisible enemy, all countries must fight back, but not all begin from the same starting line. It is in everyone's interest to stop the virus from spreading unchecked, destroying lives and economies, and continuing to circle around the world," they said.

The letter is signed by the heads of the World Food Programme, World Health Organisation, United Nations Children's Fund, UN Refugee Agency

How funds will be used

- Establishing, equipping and managing international consolidation hubs and regional staging areas
- Air and shipping cargo services
- Passenger air services, with the necessary measures to avoid further spreading of the virus
- Medical evacuation services for front-line workers
- Infrastructure and construction of treatment centres
- Real-time remote data collection
- Critical investments required to safely deliver operations and services

and International Organisation for Migration, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Development Programme, Food and Agriculture Organisation among others.

They said they were inadequately funded to get relief to countries such as

South Sudan and Somalia, which are ravaged by war, poverty and climate change and now face the coronavirus pandemic with weaker health systems.

The appeal comes as US President Donald Trump said his country would halt funding for WHO, for apparently mismanaging the coronavirus pandemic.

At the same time, the UN agencies said a \$2 billion global humanitarian response plan launched by Secretary-General António Guterres to fund the fight against Covid-19 in the world's poorest countries had received pledges worth \$550 million.

"The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has also released \$95 million to kick-start the Covid-19 response, help contain the spread of the virus, maintain supply chains, and provide assistance and protection to the most vulnerable people, including women and girls, refugees and internally displaced persons. But more needs to be done."

The funding appeal follows ongoing attempts to raise funds by UNHCR-Kenya which is asking for donations via an M-Pesa pay bill number.

Utility bill

Late Angaine sister disputes Sh1.5m power bill

A sister to the late politician and Cabinet minister Jackson Angaine has disputed a Sh1.5 million electricity bill.

Mariam Kirago, 84, has accused Kenya Power of frustrating her over the electricity bill that has allegedly accumulated over five years.

Ms Kirago, who lives in Tudor, Mombasa, said she has been in the dark for a month after Kenya Power disconnected power to her house. She claimed that despite her son paying Sh300,000 for the power to be reconnected, the company has demanded Sh500,000.

"I am tired of KP frustrating me with huge electricity bills that I don't understand where they come from," said Kirago.

Her daughter Sophia Ahmed claimed that last month they were given a bill of Sh84,000 yet KP staff did not read the meter.

She said they were not aware

of any outstanding bill when they rented the house in 2015 from the Asian landlord.

However, KP County Business Manager Hicks Waswa disputed Kirago's allegations and said that she holds no account with the company and had not filed any formal complaint.

Mr Waswa said when KP followed up on the account over unpaid bills, she committed to pay. "The issue of the bill being Sh10,000 or over Sh1 million is neither here nor there because this can be reviewed through filing a complaint," he said. [Joachim Bwana]



Mariam Kirago displays the Kenya Power bill for March amounting to Sh84,000 in Kiziwi, Mombasa. [Gideon Maundu, Standard]

Donations

Covid-19 emergency fund receives cash donations, items worth Sh1.3b

Out of this amount, Sh370,300,000 is in form of foodstuffs and other items.

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The Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund has now raised over Sh1.2 billion, according to its chairperson, Jane Karuku.

The fund was established on April 1, 2020 by President Uhuru Kenyatta to mobilise resources for emergency response towards containing the spread, effects and impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In a statement, Ms Karuku said they had raised Sh917,768,950 in cash. In terms of material resources, that is food and non-food items, the fund had raised Sh370,300,000, bringing the total contribution to close to Sh1.3 billion.

"The board embarked on its

mandate and I am happy to report that the support and goodwill towards this initiative has been very encouraging. Corporates, foundations, religious institutions and individuals have enthusiastically stepped forward to donate to the fund," Karuku said.

Through the Media Owners Association, 15 media houses have each agreed to donate advertising space and airtime worth Sh10 million, bringing their total contribution to Sh150 million.

These are Standard Group, Capital, Ebru Africa, Family, Kass, KBC, Media 7, MediaMax, Nation Media, Radio 44, Radio Africa, Royal Media, Switch TV, Three Stones and TV 47.

"The contribution will be made available to the fund as it mobilises resources towards containing the spread, effects and impact of the pandemic. The advertisements will be carried across our newspaper,

Sh917,768,950

Total cash donations

Sh370,300,000

Amount raised in form of foodstuffs and non-food items

radio, TV and digital platforms," said MOA chairman Wachira Waruru. Karuku said the donations will be used to support government's efforts in the supply of medical facilities and equipment and support for vulnerable communities.

"The board would like to express its deepest gratitude for the support and goodwill that we continue to receive from Kenyans from all walks of life," she added.

Earlier this month, Nairobi Regional Commissioner Wilson Njenga said anyone who wished to make coronavirus-related donations has to register with the Covid-19 Emergency



Jane Karuku, Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund chairperson.
[Courtesy]

Response Fund. Njenga spoke at Visa Oshwal Community Centre in Nairobi, where 57 organisations donated foodstuffs to street families and vulnerable people around the city.

"We are doing this because we need to coordinate the efforts to avoid any confusion," he said, noting that a coordinated approach would help manage crowd and adherence to health ministry guidelines.

Njenga said the national administration has an inventory of people in need. Should any organisation approach them, he said, they would be able to access the data on the vulnerable.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT KWALE COUNTY BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

The County Government of Kwale has prepared a draft budget for the financial year 2020/2021. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 and other acts have provided for public participation as mandatory in the formulation and approval of county programmes, policies and laws. The appropriation act which will authorize public spending is preceded by preparation of the budget through various stages which incorporate citizens' engagement.

The county budget making process for the financial year 2020/2021 kicked off in July 2019 with the preparation of the County Annual Development Plan (CADP). Citizens participated in its preparation through public meetings held from 6th – 10th August 2019 at the ward level. The public participation fora were advertised vide the Daily Nation dated July 30th 2019 on page 26. Upon submission to the County Assembly, a second public participation on the development plan was conducted by the Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee from 14th – 18th January 2020 to validate the public views. The CADP was approved in February 2020.

The county government also conducted public participation fora during preparation of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper which outlined the county priorities, policies, projections of revenues and expenditure ceilings for departments. The public notice was made vide the Standard newspaper of February 13, 2020 and the citizens participated in the meetings held at the sub county level from 20th – 21st February 2020. The priorities, projections and ceilings were firmed up in March 2020 by the County Assembly.

The emergence of COVID-19 has posed challenges to conduct meetings where citizens can gather to deliberate on the draft budget for FY 2020/2021. Specifically, guidelines and measures put by the National and county government may make it impossible to hold public meetings. It is in cognizance and adherence to these guidelines that the county government of Kwale is calling for memoranda and written presentations on views regarding the draft budget. Memoranda and/or written presentations can be hand delivered to the County Secretary or sent vide P.O. BOX 4-80403 Kwale or through our email address: kwalecountytreasury2018@gmail.com on or before 29th April 2020. The draft budget 2020/2021 and additional information can be obtained from the county government website and sub county/ward administration offices.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NO. NCC/HRM/T/350/2019-2020 PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER FOR STAFF OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

The Nairobi City County Government invites sealed bids from eligible Medical Insurance Underwriters for the Provision of Comprehensive Medical Insurance Cover for staff of the Nairobi City County. The medical insurance cover is for a period of (1) one year.

Interested candidates may obtain the tender document by downloading it from the Treasury Portal www.tenders.go.ke or Nairobi City County portal www.nairobi.go.ke

Tender documents downloaded from the website are free of charge.

For the purposes of receiving any further tender clarifications and/or addenda, visit Supply Chain Management Office, Nairobi City County, City Hall Annexe, First Floor Room 105. Any request for clarifications must be made in writing.

Prices quoted should include an insured inpatient medical cover and an out-patient medical cover. The prices should also be net inclusive of all taxes and must be expressed in Kenya Shillings and shall remain valid for 60 days from the closing date of the tender. Tenders must also be accompanied by a tender security of Ksh 1,000,000 (one million shillings only) inform of a bank guarantee payable to the County Secretary, Nairobi City County.

Completed tender documents should be clearly marked NCC/HRM/T/350/2019/20 – PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER FOR STAFF OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY and addressed to:

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and deposited in the tender box situated at the Supply Chain Management Office, Nairobi City County, City Hall Annexe, First Floor room 105 to be received on or before 11:00am on Thursday 7th May 2020. Bulky tender documents that do not fit in the tender box should be delivered and registered at the Supply Chain Management Services, Nairobi City County.

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Noble cause. Nyandarua Woman Rep Faith Gitau donates masks and sanitisers to boda boda riders in Ol-Kalou, Nyandarua County, on Tuesday. The MP said she received Sh522,000 from the national government to help in the fight against coronavirus locally. [John Githinji, Standard]

Justice. Petition

Court dismisses plea to silence politicians

Petitioners wanted elections suspended for at least 20 years and State run by more responsible Kenyans.

By Kamau Muthoni
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The High Court has rejected a plea by eight Kenyans to have general elections suspended for at least 20 years and the country run by a council of 'responsible Kenyans.'

The petitioners had sought to get rid of politicians, claiming they were the source of runaway corruption, negative ethnicity, inequality and election chaos.

However, Justice William Musyoka dismissed the case filed against the Attorney General, the Office of the President and Registrar of Political Parties as being too general and vague.

Grounds for dismissal

"After going through the application, and the submissions of the petitioners, one cannot help but notice the generalities in the petitioners' case. The petitioners allege a wide range of issues, with no specificity and particulars to those allegations," Justice Musyoka ruled.

Tired of runaway corruption, endless political party wars, partisan politics and chaotic general elections, Isaac Muthoka, Stephen Atinya, Wycliff Mboya,

What the petitioners wanted

- Suspend elections and politics for 20 years
- Have a council in place to run the country
- Compensate Kenyans who were either maimed or killed in previous election violence at Sh2 million
- Declare winner takes it system in elections unconstitutional and create rotational presidency
- Order politicians who stir violence to pay Sh20 million or jail them for five years
- Gag the media from covering National Assembly until MPs behave
- Order State to pay the costs of the case

Wycliff Shikuku, George Ayole, John Matikho, Morris Etemesi and Mildred Ayako sought the court's intervention, saying the country was sinking under the watch of rogue politicians.

"The politics of this nation and the crop of politicians it nurtures are inimical to nation-building and the cause of major ills afflicting Kenyan. The usual politics of government and opposition seesaw, usual self-serving politicking and general elections should be suspended for at least 20 years," the petitioners implored the judge.

The eight sought court orders that after 20 years under the council rule, the presidency and county leadership should be held in turns, with the top leaders coming from different regions.

"This will promote inclusive nation building, equitable resource allocation, develop-

ment, justice and peace," the judge heard.

The petitioners had argued that a national government should involve a coalition with the winner of an election taking 50 per cent of the government positions while the main opposition party and minority parties share the other half at a ratio of 40 per cent and 10 per cent.

To heal the wounds of those either maimed or whose kin

"The usual politics of government and opposition seesaw, usual self-serving politicking and general elections should be suspended for at least 20 years."

Petitioners

are killed in the past elections, the petitioners asked the court to order compensation of Sh2 million per victim.

To tame chaotic politics, they implored the court to find that a politician who incites the public should summarily be fined Sh20 million, which is to be paid to victims of the political violence resulting from such or be jailed for five years.

They also wanted the court to bar the media from covering National Assembly proceedings until such a time Members of Parliament 'behaved honourably.'

AG opposes case

The AG opposed the petition, saying the petitioners did not support their claims with evidence. According to the AG, the eight could not explain which of their rights had been infringed. He added that elections involved a political process, and which courts could not intervene in.

Justice Ngugi agreed with the AG.

"There are no facts or evidence to support the allegations leveled against the respondents, and I refuse to accept the petitioners' invitation to take judicial notice of all of the issues raised and to relax the rule of evidence that required them to lay evidential facts before the court. In all fairness, I do not see how the respondents can respond to any of the allegations," he ruled.

Investigation

Homicide team to probe death of singer's husband

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations homicide unit has joined the probe into the death of gospel artiste Ruth Matete's husband.

The detectives jointly with those from Athi River will investigate the circumstances that led to the death of Nigerian John Apewajoye on April 11. He succumbed to burns following a gas cylinder explosion in their house at Wall Gardens Estate, Athi River.

A postmortem examination on the body was expected yesterday to establish the cause of death.

"They are our colleagues and it is meant to ensure no doubt is left. After the autopsy we will know the way forward," Athi River police boss Cathrine Ringera said of the involvement of homicide detectives.

Ms Matete was questioned by police soon after the death of her husband.

The gospel artiste and 2012 Tusker Project Fame star told police her husband died two weeks after he suffered burns following a gas cylinder explosion.

Police and officials from Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority officials have visited the house and the gas cylinder is among exhibits taken away for analysis.

Matete told police her husband's upper body was burnt on March 30 at around 5pm after failed attempts to light their refilled gas cylinder.

According to the singer, Apewajoye was only wearing a pair of trousers when he took the cylinder from the kitchen to the balcony after he thought it was overfilled and wanted to release some gas. She said thereafter he attempted to light the gas but it exploded and the flame engulfed him before he rushed to the living room seeking help.

Matete dashed to the bedroom to get a duvet to cover him and put out the flame while screaming for help, which attracted the attention of neighbours.

Apewajoye was rushed to hospital and was admitted to the high dependency unit. On April 5, he was referred to Kenyatta National Hospital where he succumbed to the burns on April 11. Officials said he sustained about 60 per cent burns.

At least 10 witnesses, including first responders, have recorded statements with the DCI over the incident. [Cyrus Ombati]



Ruth Matete

Appointment

Barchok seeks to fill vacant cabinet posts

Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok has picked two nominees to fill vacant Cabinet positions.

The names of the nominees were tabled before the County Assembly for vetting during a special sitting on Tuesday.

Barchok has nominated Alice Kirui to take up the Gender, Culture and Social Service docket.

Education and Vocational Training executive Juliana Yegon has been in charge of the docket in an acting capacity after Bernard Ngeno was kicked out by the assembly over claims of incompetence.

Peter Tonui has been nominated to take up the Water and Sanitation docket.

Mr Tonui will take over from Roads and Transport executive Joseph Terer, who has been in charge in acting capacity.

The governor has also nominated two chief officers.

Jane Sigilai (Gender and Social Services) and Joyce Tonui (Medical Services and Health) have been acting chief officers follow-

ing a reshuffle by the governor.

Barchok has nominated Peter Bii to head the County Public Service Board.

Bomet County Assembly Leader of Majority Josphat Kirui tabled the names before the House.

Acting Speaker Wesley Kiprotich committed the names to respective committees for vetting.

The special sitting was held in the chamber with only 15 MCAs being allowed to attend.

The speaker said MCAs will be admitted to the chamber on a first come basis.

He, however, explained that members who have business to table before the House will be given priority.

The speaker said communication to MCAs will be done electronically and urged members to check their emails.

He banned the public from the assembly premises as part of measures to curb spread of Covid-19. [Gilbert Kimutai]



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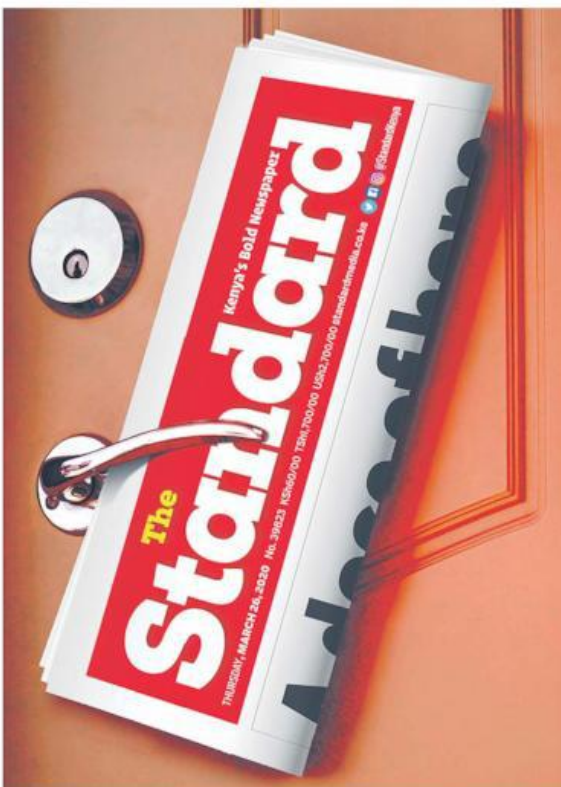
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Nairobi

Uhuru's voluntary pay cut to play out

President Uhuru Kenyatta will take home Sh288,000 down from Sh1.44 million at the end of this month.

The difference will go towards cushioning vulnerable Kenyans from biting effects of the coronavirus epidemic.

All accounting officers have been directed to effect voluntary salary cuts in public service starting this month until June. The pay cut is, however, not mandatory and those willing to participate must give written consent.

A circular by Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua, in furtherance to the president's announcement on measures to cushion Kenyans against the effects of Covid-19, has laid down guidelines on how to implement the directive.

He provided a payroll code 959 for the Emergency Response Fund to be utilised for the deductions through the Central Bank of Kenya account.

Deputy President William Ruto will also contribute 80 per cent of his pay to the Covid-19 Response Fund from this month.

This means the DP, who currently takes home Sh1.22 million pay, will remain with Sh245,000.

Cabinet Secretaries and Chief Administrative Secretaries will forgo 30 per cent as Principal Secretaries waive 20 per cent of their pay in the period.

CSs who earn Sh924,000 per month will now take home Sh646,000 as PSs who ordinarily earn Sh765,000 will do with Sh612,000 from this month till June.

Other senior government officials have also been encouraged to take a pay cut.

Dr Kinyua, however, stated that the other arms of government (Parliament and Judiciary), constitutional commissions, independent offices and agencies may also apply the provisions of the circular in effecting the voluntary salary cuts.

"The voluntary cuts is subject to review based on the advice of the Ministry of Health on the status of Covid-19 pandemic in our nation," reads the circular to PSs/ accounting officers and chief executive officers of State departments and agencies.

In the circular dated April 16, Kinyua clarifies: "Each public officer participating in the voluntary salary cuts shall signify their consent to their respective authorised officers."

Kinyua instructed all accounting officers to file returns with his office on or before the 10th day of the succeeding month on amounts realised from the ministries, State departments and agencies. [Roselyne Obala and Cyrus Ombati]

Mombasa

Traders fear ferry channel could be coronavirus weak link

Hundreds of traders and users of the Likoni ferry point have expressed fear of contracting coronavirus due to overcrowding.

At least 40 people have tested positive for the virus, making Mombasa the second most affected county after Nairobi.

In a letter to Kenya Ferry Services managing director Bakari Gowa, the county's

Public Health department directed that the traders be immediately relocated.

The letter stated that the traders were "not adhering to social distancing rule and failed to practice basic hygiene."

The traders, estimated at more than 1,000, often mingle with commuters from the ferries, causing overcrowding.

"The area is overcrowded and this is

not good at all, as we fight the deadly disease," said Mishi Mhoko, the Likoni MP.

Kenya ferry head of security Hamadi Kamanya said they had barred the traders from accessing the premises. He urged the county enforcement team to evict the traders loitering around the premises.

This came in the wake of reports that some of the Covid-19 suspects who had

been isolated at Likoni School for the Blind, escaped. They are yet to be traced.

Area MCA Ahmed Salama had claimed four suspects who had escaped from the facility were later apprehended and taken back. Mombasa County Commissioner Gilbert Kitiyo dispelled the "rumours". [Weldon Kipkemai and Patrick Beja]

Crime. Who killed Deputy President's office security man?

Kenei murder probe restarts after break

Father invited to Nairobi for "talks" amid claims that the old man is under pressure to state that his son committed suicide.

By Cyrus Ombati
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Detectives are today expected to interview the father of Sergeant Frank Kipyegon Kenei, the slain policeman, who until his death was attached to the Office of the Deputy President.

Officials aware of the development said John Chesang had been invited to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) for "a talk" as part of ongoing probe into the murder of the officer whose body was found in his house in Nairobi on February 18.

There have been unconfirmed claims that some strangers have been pestering Chesang, who is a government officer, to state that his son committed suicide.

On his Facebook page, Kapseret MP Oscar Sudi waded into the saga, alleging a hidden agenda in inviting Kenei's father to DCI.

But DCI boss George Kinoti yesterday declined to comment on the claims.

More statements

Other sources indicated that three police officers attached to the DP's office are also expected to record statements today in connection with the murder of Kenei.

Police are pursuing the angle that Kenei's death was murder and that his killers tried to make it look like suicide.

The officer's body was found lying on the floor of his house, with a single gunshot wound on his chin. The bullet



John Chesang, father of slain Sergeant Kipyegon Kenei, during an interview at his home in Chamasisi village in Rongai, Nakuru County. He is expected at the DCI today. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

exited through the upper part of his head.

Investigators say data in the slain officer's phone was deleted, leaving little to rely on to trace the people he last spoke to before he was murdered.

They say a suicide note collected from Kenei's house on the day his body was found did not bear his handwriting.

"Everything was well planned to appear like suicide. Sending money to his family, leaving behind a sui-

cide note, making his bed and leaving the gun next to his body," Kinoti told the Press. No arrest has been made so far.

Kenei had been scheduled to record a statement with the DCI on February 19 in connection with an incident in which former Sports Cabinet Secretary Rashid Echesa and three others are suspected of visiting the second floor of the DP's Hamambee House Annex office to sign an arms deal.

Sh39.5 billion deal

Echesa, alongside Daniel Otieno, Clifford Otho and Kennedy Oyoo, are suspected of defrauding international investors through a fake military equipment deal worth Sh39.5 billion.

They have denied charges of conspiring to commit a felony, making a document without authority, obtaining money by false pretence, and uttering a false document.

Kenei's five colleagues have recorded statements with the DCI. They claimed they were acting on instructions to clear guests to the second floor of the Office of the Deputy President.

Detectives believe Kenei's killers sought technical assistance to clear his phone of all its data. They say they have reconstructed the policeman's last movements.

Kenei's house is an extension of a main house. However, his neighbours said they did not hear a gunshot.

Investigators have ruled out suicide after examining the possible trajectory of the bullet that killed Kenei.

"If someone shoots himself while standing, you expect the ceiling to be hit by a bullet and blood to splatter, but this was not the case," said Kinoti.

Investigation is ongoing.

"Everything was well planned to appear like suicide. Sending money to his family, leaving behind a suicide note, making his bed and leaving the gun next to his body."

DCI

Compliance

Teachers miss pay over order on wealth

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has withheld March and April salaries for some 3,500 teachers and secretariat staff for failing to declare their wealth on time.

Commission Secretary Nancy Macharia says the employees did not declare their wealth within the stipulated December 31, 2019 deadline.

Teachers were expected to declare their 2017/2019 income, assets and liabilities through the TSC wealth declaration online portal.

"Consequently, the commission has stopped the employees' salaries for non-compliance from March and April 2020 payrolls," said Dr Macharia in a circular dated April 14, 2020.

In order to enhance efficiency, TSC introduced an online declaration portal to be used in the last exercise covering 2015-2017. The last declaration of wealth by the TSC staff was done in 2017.

Teachers and secretariat staff declare their wealth after every two years in line with Section 26 of the Public Officer Ethics Act, (POEA) 2003, Revised 2009.

"Every Public Officer shall, once every two years prescribed by section 27, submit to the responsible commission for the public officer a declaration of the income, assets and liabilities of himself, his spouse or spouses and his dependent children under the age of 18 years," it states.

Under income, teachers are expected to state their salary and emoluments and income from investments.

Yesterday, Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) wrote to TSC asking for an extension of the wealth declaration deadline, citing coronavirus pandemic.

"It would be insensitive on the commission's part to be punishing teachers during this pandemic when other government departments are issuing temporary reprieves to citizens and foreigners for non-compliance with certain protocols," said Kuppet Secretary General Akelo Misori. [Augustine Oduor]



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Sierra Leone. A bodyguard of Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Bio has tested positive for coronavirus. The president on Monday night announced that he was in good health despite a staffer testing positive. President Bio (pictured) will self-quarantine for 14 days because of having contact with the bodyguard, according to BBC's Umaru Fofana. Sierra Leone has confirmed 43 coronavirus cases. [BBC]



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Animals 'could be killed if zoos close because of coronavirus lockdown'



World

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In Brief

Rwanda. 28 arrested for opening bars

The Rwandan police have arrested 28 people for operating bars in their homes in contravention of the country's Covid-19 lockdown measures. "The police arrested 10 women and 18 men who had turned their homes into bars in different parts of Kigali, which is against Covid-19 lockdown measures," police spokesperson John Bosco Kabera told Rwanda Television in a news programme. The lockdown was extended until April 30. [Xinhua]

UN. Global hunger could double due to Covid-19



The number of people facing acute food insecurity could nearly double this year to 265 million due to the economic fallout of Covid-19, the UN's World Food Programme (WFP) said yesterday. The impact of lost tourism revenues, falling remittances and travel and other restrictions linked to the Covid-19 pandemic are expected to leave some 130 million people acutely hungry this year, adding to around 135 million already in that category. "Covid-19 is potentially catastrophic for millions (of people)," WFP said. [Reuters]

Ethiopia. New stance on asylum irks HRW

A change in asylum procedure by Ethiopia's government is undermining Eritreans' access to asylum and denying unaccompanied children protection, Human Rights Watch asserted yesterday. The rights group said Ethiopia, in January, changed its refugee policy that had granted Eritrean asylum seekers refugee status. Eritrea's system of forced military conscription leads thousands of people to flee the country. [AP]

Governance

Scandal-hit Lesotho prime minister to get 'dignified' exit

Lesotho's government has agreed that Prime Minister Thomas Thabane, who is accused of murdering his estranged wife, will immediately resign.

The deal brokered with the help of South African mediators is said to promise the prime minister a "dignified and secure" exit from office.

Mr Thabane has been under

pressure to resign over suspicions he was involved in the killing in 2017.

His current wife has been charged. Both deny any involvement in the murder.

It is not yet clear if he will agree to stand down immediately, as the deal stipulates.

Gummen shot and killed Thabane's then-wife Lipoelo Thabane on June 14, 2017. Officials

charged Thabane's current wife Maesaiah with the murder this year, and also named the prime minister as a suspect - although he has not yet been formally charged.

Lesotho has been plunged into a political crisis over the accusations.

On Saturday Thabane deployed the army on the streets, accusing law enforce-

ment agencies in the kingdom of undermining democracy. A day later, South African diplomats stepped in to try and calm tensions.

Although the exact contents of the deal haven't been published, the official statement appears to suggest that the 80-year-old leader would no longer be under investigation, BBC Africa regional editor Will

Ross reports.

The joint statement, signed by South African mediator Jeff Radebe and Lesotho Deputy Prime Minister Monyane Moleleki said: "The government commits to effecting the implementation process or modalities for the dignified, graceful and secure retirement of the right honourable prime minister." [BBC]

Invasion. Food agency is supporting control unit stations to undertake vital survey and control operations

UN agency ramps up efforts to curb spread of locusts

The FAO says its collaboration with the Somali government will help combat the desert locusts upsurge even as the attention has been shifted to combatting the Covid-19 pandemic.

By Xinhua
Mogadishu

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has enhanced cooperation with Somalia to curb the spread of desert locusts in the East African country.

The FAO said its collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will help strengthen local capacities, surveillance, and control operations to combat the desert locust upsurge even as the attention has been shifted to combatting Covid-19.

"Despite the current circumstances dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is crucial that we keep reinforcing our collaboration and continue the hard work to contain the desert locust upsurge, and to

protect lives and livelihoods," FAO Representative in Somalia Etienne Peterschmitt said in a statement.

"Otherwise, we could end up in a serious food crisis by the end of the year."

The UN food agency said it is directly supporting desert locust control unit stations to undertake vital survey and control operations.

Mr Peterschmitt said the current situation is critical, with the second generation of mature adults laying eggs and a new generation of immature adults forming swarms in Ethiopia and Kenya.

These, the UN official warned, could reach Somalia

"Even in times of coronavirus, we must not forget the massive threat that desert locusts pose to Somalia's food security and livelihoods."

Said Hussein Iid, Somalia's minister of agriculture and irrigation

during the main Gu season, ravaging young crops and pasture.

Said Hussein Iid, Somalia's minister of agriculture and irrigation, said the FAO's technical expertise and capacity to mobilise resources is key for his country to confront the crisis.

"Even in times of coronavirus, we must not forget the massive threat that desert locusts pose to Somalia's food security and livelihoods," Iid said.

Thanks to concerted efforts by the government and the FAO, 31,026 hectares of land out of the 360,000 estimated to be affected across the country has been controlled.

The FAO said ground control has been strengthened with the purchase of 18 vehicles for spraying, in addition to another 15 vehicles currently on hire for survey and control in northern and central Somalia. "Nature-based biopesticides are a reliable, less harmful alternative for controlling locust outbreaks in fragile environments like Somalia," Iid said.

Recently, the FAO said, 12



A boy tries to chase away desert locusts from a farm in Kitul County, Kenya. The United Nations is helping Somalia step up its fight against locust invasion. [AP]

vehicle-mounted sprayers and 10 backpack sprayers were delivered in Hargeisa and Mogadishu, with a further 10 vehicle-mounted sprayers triangulated from Mali and Morocco

to support control efforts.

"Given the vast areas that need to be sprayed, three helicopters are being mobilised to Somalia to carry out aerial control operations," it said.

Israel

Coalition deal keeps premier in power

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his chief rival have forged a deal to form a coalition government.

This ends months of political paralysis and averts what would have been a fourth consecutive election in just over a year.

Mr Netanyahu and former military chief Benny Gantz, leader of the Blue and White party, signed the power-sharing agreement on Monday after weeks of negotiations for what they termed a "national emergency" government meant to steer the country through the coronavirus outbreak.

Although Netanyahu repeatedly came up short in three elections over the past year, the coalition agreement returns the long-serving leader to the premiership, defying critics who predicted his downfall and restoring his reputation as a political wizard. It means that Netanyahu will almost certainly remain in office for the duration of his upcoming trial on corruption charges.

Judicial appointments

The deal calls for a three-year period, with Netanyahu serving as prime minister for the first half, and Gantz taking the job for the second half. Gantz's party will take control of a number of senior government ministries, including defence.

The agreement delivers Netanyahu a significant boost as he fights to hold on to power while fending off corruption charges. His party will gain influence over judicial appointments.

The deal also requires the approval of both parties on key appointments including the attorney general and the state prosecutor — granting Netanyahu veto power over the officials who hold sway over his legal fate.

"I promised the state of Israel a national emergency government that will work to save the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Israel," Netanyahu tweeted. [AP]

Pandemic. Step-by-step reopenings are underway in Europe

WHO: Rush to ease Covid-19 rules could cause resurgence

Health agency says governments must strike the right balance between keeping people healthy and allowing economies to function.

By AP
Bangkok

Rushing to ease coronavirus restrictions will likely lead to a resurgence of the illness, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday.

The warning comes as governments started rolling out plans to get their economies up and running again.

"This is not the time to be lax. Instead, we need to ready ourselves for a new way of living for the foreseeable future," said Dr Takeshi Kasai, the WHO regional director for the Western Pacific.

He said governments must remain vigilant to stop the spread of the virus and the lifting of lockdowns and other social distancing measures must be done gradually and strike the right balance between keeping people healthy and allowing economies to function.

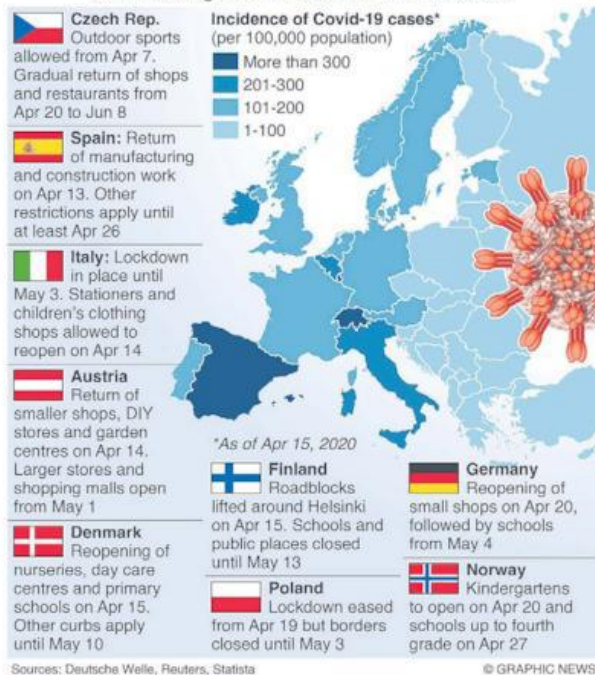
Despite concerns from health officials, some US states on Monday announced aggressive reopening plans, while Boeing and at least one other US heavy-equipment manufacturer resumed production.

Elsewhere around the world, step-by-step reopenings were underway in Europe, where the crisis has begun to ebb in places such as Italy, Spain and Germany.

Australia yesterday said it will allow the resumption of non-urgent surgeries from next week as health authorities grow more confident that hospitals there won't be overwhelmed by Covid-19 patients.

Europe easing coronavirus lockdown

Some European countries are starting to gradually ease restrictions imposed to limit the spread of coronavirus disease (Covid-19), amid a slowing trend in the number of new infections



The reopenings come as politicians grow weary of soaring unemployment numbers and the prospect of economic depression.

Asian shares followed Wall Street lower yesterday after US oil futures plunged below

zero because of a worldwide glut as factories, automobiles and airplanes sit idle.

The cost to have a barrel of US crude delivered in May plummeted to negative \$37.63 (\$4,026) as traders run out of places to store it. It was at

roughly \$60 (\$6,420) at the start of the year.

Businesses that start operating again in the US are likely to engender goodwill with President Donald Trump at a time when his administration is doling out billions in relief to

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Takeshi Kasai, WHO regional director for the Western Pacific

companies. Trump has been agitating to restart the economy, singling out Democratic-led states and egging on protesters complaining that the shutdowns are destroying their livelihoods and trampling their rights.

In several states — most of them Republican-led — governors said they had seen signs that the coronavirus curve was flattening, making it possible to start reopening businesses and public spaces.

Worldwide the virus has infected nearly 2.5 million people and caused more than 170,000 deaths, according to a Johns Hopkins University count. The US has been the hardest hit country with more than 787,000 infections and more than 42,000 deaths. The true figures are believed to be much higher, in part because of limited testing and difficulties in counting the dead.

Dr Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, warned on ABC: "Unless we get the virus under control, the real recovery economically is not going to happen."

There have been encouraging signs in places like New York state, where hospitalisations have leveled off. Monday's death toll, at 478, was the lowest in three weeks, down from a peak of nearly 800.

In Brief

Tanzania. MP tests positive for Covid-19

A Tanzanian MP attending a marathon budget session in the capital Dodoma has tested positive for Covid-19. Deputy Speaker Tula Ackson announced on Monday. Ms Ackson told Parliament the lawmaker was infected with the novel coronavirus after travelling to Dar es Salaam. "The MP is receiving treatment and is doing well," Ackson told the House shortly before she adjourned its session to allow disinfection of the chamber. The deputy Speaker did not reveal the identity of the MP but urged lawmakers to take precautions against the virus. Health authorities on Monday announced 84 new cases of Covid-19 in three days, bringing the total number to 254 from 170 reported last Friday. Health Minister Jimmy Mwalimu said there were three new deaths, bringing the death toll to 10. [Xinhua]

France. Virus threat to media freedom

Media watchdog Reporters Without Borders is sounding the alarm that the coronavirus pandemic poses a threat to press freedom around the world. In its annual evaluation of global media freedoms, the group yesterday warned that the health crisis could serve as an excuse for governments "to take advantage of the fact that politics are on hold, the public is stunned and protests are out of the question, in order to impose measures that would be impossible in normal times." North Korea ranked

bottom of the group's Press freedom index. As in 2019, Norway again topped its ranking of 180 countries and territories. Overall, the report judged Press freedom to be "satisfactory" in the United States, but also said "public denigration, threats, and harassment of journalists continued to be a serious problem" last year. The US ranked 45th on the group's list, behind countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. "Hostility toward journalists and news outlets in the US deepened and intensified, and few attacks were as vitriolic as those that came from the president," the group said. [AP]



Canada. Mass shooting death toll rises to 19

The death toll from the worst mass shooting in Canada rose to 19 from 16, including a police officer, police said, adding that they expected to uncover more fatalities from the weekend massacre in Nova Scotia. The gunman, who at one point masqueraded as a policeman and also painstakingly disguised his car to look like a police cruiser, shattered the peace of rural communities in the Atlantic province in a 12-hour rampage that started late on Saturday, authorities said. [Reuters]

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Hospital back in insurers' fold. Medical insurers have reinstated the services of Nairobi Women's Hospital, which was suspended in February on claims of unethical conduct. A statement from the Association of Kenya Insurers yesterday said customers' medical bills will be covered as specified in the respective policy schedules. "The reinstatement applies to the main hospital and all satellite branches throughout the country," read the statement. [Correspondent]

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Virgin Australia enters bankruptcy administration after lawmakers refuse financial aid



Amendments

Electricity producers oppose new taxes

Kenyans may have to shoulder an extra burden in electricity costs if proposed tax amendments are passed, according to a power sector lobby.

The proposals in the Tax (Amendment) Bill 2020, include levying of 14 per cent value added tax, a change from the tax-exempt status previously enjoyed by power generators.

The Electricity Sector Association of Kenya (Esak) wants the government to reconsider recommendations made in the Bill, saying the additional costs on electricity producers would be transferred to retailers.

"Esak notes with deep concern that the proposed Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020 goes beyond the Covid-19 interventions announced and introduces changes to tax incentives that directly impact the electricity sector, especially upcoming renewable energy projects," said the association in a statement yesterday.

"It has been noted that most tax incentives previously afforded to power generators and equipment manufacturers have moved from exempt to a 14 per cent VAT tax rate."

Investment deduction
The Bill proposes a cut in investment deductions, currently claimed at a rate of 100 per cent or 150 per cent, with new deductions applied on a reducing balance on the residual value annually after establishment.

Additionally, it proposes the withdrawal of the exemption from compensating tax for power producers and an increase of withholding tax on dividends to non-resident shareholders from 10 per cent to 15 per cent.

"Esak believes that the removal of exemptions that drive the growth of the electricity sector will not only affect this sector, but in turn have a ripple effect on the cost of electricity that would affect the country's efforts to increase manufacturing capability and in the long run, the end consumer, who is the most vulnerable," said the statement. [Peter Theuri]

Lost opportunity. College graduates unable to get jobs because of bad credit scores

CBK directive frees 13 million loan defaulters

Borrowers blacklisted for less than Sh1,000 removed from CRB books as Njoroge censures lenders for abusing their powers.

By Dominic Omond
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There are 13 million Kenyans who have been blacklisted at the Credit Reference Bureaus (CRBs) for defaulting on loans of less than Sh1,000.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Governor Patrick Njoroge says such trifling sums have been a source of major economic crisis in the country, including the curse of youth unemployment.

Young people straight from college have been denied loans to start or grow their own businesses after failing to pay back loans of less than Sh1,000 that they might have borrowed from digital lenders.

Others have missed out on job opportunities as employers insist on credit reference bureau (CRB) clearance certificates as one of the condition for employment.

In an opinion article in The Standard, Dr Njoroge, who recently ordered the delisting of borrowers blacklisted for amounts of less than Sh1,000, decries the misuse of the credit information

sharing (CIS) system by some financial service providers.

"The CIS has not worked as expected, requiring a refresh. For instance, it was seen as a punitive 'blacklisting' tool that bars Kenyans from getting loans, instead of helping borrowers take advantage of their credit history to get better pricing of loans," he says in the article.

There are 378 million records held by CRBs, according to CBK, of which 42 million are blacklisted. Of these, 13 million are blacklisted for amounts less

378m

■ Records held by credit reference bureaus, out of which 42 million are blacklisted.

than Sh1,000. Unregulated digital lenders and credit-only microfinance institutions were prohibited from using CIS, with CBK alluding that they had not used the system as a credit-scoring tool but to deny borrowers loans.

Following the new regulations, a key elements include delisting of more than five million unique borrowers comprising more than one-third of the borrowers in CRBs—that were

"blacklisted" for amounts less than Sh1,000. "First, the new Regulations set a minimum threshold of Sh1,000 for negative credit information that is submitted to CRBs by lenders. Thus, borrower's information regarding non-performing loans below that threshold will not be submitted to CRBs," explained the Governor.

There have been complaints that whereas financial providers have been quick to punish those with poor credit scores by denying them loans, they have not similarly rewarded the good scorers with reduced interest rates, for instance.

CBK introduced the additional measures on credit information sharing following a directive by President Uhuru Kenyatta to suspend the listing of defaulters as the government moves to cushion Kenyans from the adverse impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The listing of borrowers whose loans were performing previously but have become non-performing from April 1, 2020 has already been suspended for a period of six months from April 8.

The new measures are a huge relief for thousands of Kenyans listed for small amounts, some of which were ledger fees on their

accounts that they did not even know about.

"First-time clearance certificates will be provided by CRBs at no charge. This is particularly beneficial to Kenyan youth and graduates who are seeking employment," said CBK.

The barring of unregulated credit providers from using the CIS, analysts have noted, might sound a death knell to the dozens of mobile lending apps that have come to dominate the micro-credit industry.

However, the firms, under the Digital Lenders Association of Kenya, have hinted that they are open to regulations.

Central Bank of Kenya Governor Patrick Njoroge. [File, Standard]



In Brief

Project. Group seeks to chart tourism's future

■ Key decision makers in 26 nations, including Kenya, have launched a new initiative, Project Hope Travel, to share ideas for tomorrow's tourism. Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala is among the founders of the initiative, a public-private

partnership to prepare for a new reality after Covid-19. "Tourism, the way we know it, will be history, but if we play our cards well, it will emerge even better and more beautiful," said Travel News Group Chief Executive Juergen Steinmetz. WTTC Chief Executive Gloria Guevara said travel and tourism is a critical sector of the global economy, accounting for one in four of new jobs worldwide and contributing 10.3 per cent to the gross domestic product. "Our sector touches everyone. It builds communities, reduces poverty in the world and improves the social impact of everyday lives," she said. [Philip Mwakio]



Report. KCB named most attractive bank

■ KCB has been named as the country's most attractive bank by investment and real estate company, Cytonn Investment. The bank topped among 38 peers that were analysed on a franchise score measuring the comprehensive business strength of a bank across different metrics, and an intrinsic score that measured the investment return potential. Other banks that performed well in the weighted index were I&M Holdings, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, Equity Group Holdings, DTBK and Stanbic Bank in that order. Absa, NCBA, Standard

Chartered and HF were also rated in the top 10. In the 2019 Financial Year Banking Sector Report, Cytonn noted that 82.9 per cent of the adult population was able to access formal financial services. "This has largely been driven by digitisation, with mobile financial services, transfer and lending, rising to be the preferred method to access financial services in 2019, with 79.4 per cent of the adult population using the channel," said Cytonn. The top 10 ranked banks recorded stronger deposit growth in 2019, which came in at 12.7 per cent, faster than the 10.3 per cent growth recorded in the sector in 2018. [Peter Theuri]

Break even

SGR revenue plan goes off track

The standard gauge railway (SGR) will take longer to break even following disruption of passenger and cargo services by the coronavirus pandemic.

Income from the freight and commuter services was expected to ease the pressure on the Railway Development Levy and other budgetary supplements that the project has been heavily relying on to operate.

"Our operations have been affected. Until normalcy resumes and we start to operate, only then can we review our

projections," Kenya Railways Managing Director Phillip Mainga told The Standard.

Kenya borrowed Sh324.01 billion from China's Exim Bank in May 2014 to build the 385-kilometre modern railway between Mombasa and Nairobi.

A five-year grace period on the loan ended last year, and the government will start paying the instalments this year.

But the SGR line raked in sales of only Sh10.1 billion in its second full year of operations, signalling that the mega project

would take longer to break even.

Earlier this month after the government announced a cessation of movement in and out of Nairobi to curb the spread of Covid-19, Kenya Railways suspended the SGR commuter train to Mombasa, hurting the already struggling service.

Cargo transport was expected to shoulder the burden in offsetting the loan, but the service has had low uptake with many transporters opting for the road. [Awal Mohammed]

Economy. Sub-Saharan Africa to see worst recession in 25 years

Treasury cuts GDP forecast to 2.5pc

Economy to grow at slower pace than earlier projected as Covid-19 devastates major sectors, leading to tax shortfalls.

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Kenya's economy will grow by a revised rate of 2.5 per cent this year on account of the devastating impact of Covid-19, the Treasury has said.

The projection is the first formal illustration of how the coronavirus is impacting on the economy, including the severe shortfalls in tax collection, which is the fairest indicator of how an economy is faring.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani told legislators in his explanatory notes of last week's Supplementary Budget that the growth rate could hit three per cent in the best-case scenario.

Issued estimates

He attributed the slowdown to the closure of borders after the first positive Covid-19 case was confirmed in Kenya on March 12, hurting the pillars of the economy that include tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and trade.

It would be the worst year for the country since 2008 when the post-election violence that followed the 2007 presidential polls crippled the economy.

Mr Yatani's prediction is the most bullish yet. Global institutions issuing country-specific estimates have indicated a possible 1.9 per cent growth for Kenya.

The World Bank has indicated that Covid-19 will push sub-Saharan Africa, where



"If the extreme shock persists, growth is likely to drop further to 2.5 per cent as global demand remains weak."

Treasury CS Ukur Yatani

Kenya is among the biggest economies, into its first recession in 25 years.

"If the extreme shock persists, growth is likely to drop further to 2.5 per cent as global demand remains weak," the CS wrote to the National Assembly.

"Considering the foregoing developments, the preliminary growth forecast for 2020 is projected to decline to around three per cent."

Prior forecasts said the economy would expand by 6.1 per cent, but that was before the global pandemic broke out to devastate all sectors.

Yatani did not, however,

indicate when his ministry expects normalcy might return. Globally, no one has given predictions on how the pandemic would evolve or even whether it would take weeks or months to subside.

But as it stands, severe travel restrictions have led to the closure of several sectors, including hospitality where nearly all hotels have shuttered and sent their workers home on unpaid leave.

McKinsey & Company, an American management consulting firm, in its projections on the health of the Kenyan economy earlier in the month put the growth rate at a paltry 1.9 per cent.

It cited reduced household and business spending, disruptions to supply chains for key inputs in machinery and chemicals, and tourism as the sectors where the economy would hurt the most.

Numbers fell

A push by the government to stop the spread of the virus informed the decision on social distancing and the ban on gatherings, disproportionately hurting the hospitality industry.

Tourist numbers have fallen dramatically, Yatani said, a situation that is directly attributable to the closure of international travel by almost all countries.

Agricultural exports have drastically fallen, specifically flowers, which are a major commodity that earns the country more than Sh100 billion a year.

"The agriculture sector has further been affected by the low global demand for agricultural exports especially horticulture (fresh produce), tea, coffee among others," the CS wrote in his memo.

NAIROBI STOCKS

Main Investment Market 21/04/2020

HIGH	LOW	WVAP	PREVIOUS	VOLUME
AGRICULTURAL				
17.60	9.90	Eastgate Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS	10.00	-
440.00	290.00	Kakuiat Pld Ord 5.00	301.00	-
100.00	57.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Pld Ord 0.50 AIMS	71.00	-
605.00	405.00	Thelema Tea Co. Pld Ord 20.00 AIMS	475.00	100
22.70	14.00	Sasani Pld Ord 1.00	16.50	-
178.00	92.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Pld Ord 5.00 AIMS	115.00	-
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES				
27.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.50	100
BANKING				
13.85	9.30	ABSA Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	10.25	10,050 12,396,200
38.00	22.40	BK Group Pld Ord 8.00	22.40	-
166.00	76.50	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	86.00	-
55.50	32.15	Equity Group Holdings Pld Ord 0.50	34.85	33,500 2,635,500
79.00	3.38	HF Group Pld Ord 5.00	4.00	412 100,400
126.00	42.50	IGM Holdings Pld Ord 1.00	50.00	52.75 107,200
55.50	33.75	KCB Group Pld Ord 1.00	37.00	35,950 2,834,300
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.12	-
41.00	24.90	NCA Group Pld Ord 5.00	29.05	28,500 7,800
175.00	83.00	Stanbic Holdings Pld Ord 5.00	97.00	95,000 100
225.00	168.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord 5	195.00	194,300 496,500
16.60	10.05	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd 1.00	12.25	12,300 3,364,600
COMMERCIAL SERVICES				
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Pld Ord 2.50 AIMS	0.45	-
1.30	0.77	Eweyady East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.80	0.86 1,900
8.50	4.95	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	5.48	5.48 100
9.50	0.98	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	1.04	1,08 252,200
8.80	4.26	Longhorn Publishers Pld Ord 1.00 AIMS	4.86	4.67 1,100
1.20	0.54	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00 GEMS	0.60	0.60 500
71.00	22.00	Nation Media Group Pld Ord 2.50	23.60	24,050 61,900
4.70	1.72	Samuel Africa Pld Ord 5.00	2.20	2,000 100
33.00	19.50	Standard Group Pld Ord 5.00	19.80	-
25.15	11.50	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	15.00	15,000 100
0.95	0.23	Uchumi Supermarket Pld Ord 5.00	0.30	0.30 39,500
22.00	9.90	WPP Scam Group Pld Ord 1.00	16.05	36,000 100
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED				
8.35	2.40	ABM Cement Pld Ord 1.00	5.55	-
145.75	45.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	48.00	-
92.00	53.00	Crown Paints Kenya Pld Ord 5.00	53.00	-
3.98	1.44	E.A. Colloid Ltd Ord 5.00	1.80	1,800 3,200
20.50	12.95	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	14.25	-
ENERGY & PETROLEUM				
7.40	4.00	KenGen Co. Pld Ord 2,506.66	4.90	4,900 146,700
5.90	1.63	Kenya Power & Lighting Co. Ltd Ord 2.50	2.10	234,800
5.90	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00	5.00	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	-
33.00	22.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	23.65	23,900 900
8.70	5.00	Umemet Ltd Ord 5.00	6.90	6,900 45,000
INSURANCE				
10.50	5.70	Britam Holdings Pld Ord 3.00	6.64	6,900 48,000
4.85	2.00	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.30	2,300 40,100
462.00	250.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	280.00	280,250 1,200
16.30	2.10	Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.70	2,570 76,700
13.00	6.80	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	8.50	8,300 1,000
26.00	13.80	Sankam Kenya Pld Ord 5.00	15.00	-
INVESTMENT				
37.40	19.60	Cerium Investment Co. Pld Ord 0.50	23.40	23,000 12,400
0.77	0.30	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 GEMS	0.41	0.41 51,500
1,500.00	1,500.00	Kurulu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00 GEMS	1,500.00	-
3.39	2.00	Olympic Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.30	-
4.50	1.60	Trans Century Pld Ord 5.00 AIMS	1.61	1,700 4,800
INVESTMENT SERVICES				
16.00	8.24	Nairobi Securities Exchange Pld Ord 4.00	9.30	9,008 10,600
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED				
87.00	52.25	B.O.C Kenya Pld Ord 5.00	70.25	72,000 900
70.00	255.50	British American Tobacco Kenya Pld Ord 10.00 360.00	365.00	10,100
10.80	7.10	Caribac Investments Pld Ord 1.00	9.00	9,000 200
230.00	135.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	148.75	147,750 255,300
315	0.90	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825 GEMS	0.96	54,900
14.00	12.25	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	12.25	-
0.70	0.25	Mumukha Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	-
42.00	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	29.00	29,000 100
TELECOMMUNICATION				
33.50	20.10	Safaricom Pld Ord 0.05	28.40	28,500 39,408,900
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST				
11.00	6.88	STANBIL FAHARI-REIT Ord 20.00	8.90	8,500 1,100
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS				
16,500.00	1,235.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1780	1,615,000 -

NSE All Share Index Up 0.41 points to close at 138.25 NSE 20-Share Index Up 9.32 points to close at 1994.66; NSE 25-Share Index Up 28.79 points to close at 3208.59

Investment

CMA warning on unlicensed firms

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has cautioned investors against investing through unlicensed firms.

In a press statement, the authority said investors would only get protection offered by the

regulatory framework through approved entities.

"Investors who (use) unregulated and unapproved entities risk loss of their investments with no recourse afforded to them under the capital markets

regulatory framework," said CMA Acting Chief Executive Wyckliffe Shamiah.

He advised investors to confirm the licensing status of any firm in the capital markets industry with CMA. [Correspondent]

UNIT TRUSTS

MONEY FUNDS	Daily Yield	E.A. Rate
CIC Money Market Fund	5.10%	5.66%
Madison Money Market Fund	5.10%	5.62%
Bratton Money Market Fund	5.07%	5.47%
ICMA Money Market Fund	5.07%	5.25%
Nairobi Money Market Fund	5.45%	5.87%
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KenCap Investment Fund	6.87%	5.07%
African Alliance Kenya Shilling Fund	6.88%	7.09%
STANBIL Money Market Fund	5.55%	5.70%
Sankam Money Market Fund	5.55%	5.70%
Other Funds	5.55%	5.70%
OC Balanced Fund	9.64	5.68
Zenith Balanced Fund	8.01	7.78
OC Fixed Income Fund	8.77	6.88
Madison Balanced Fund	4.61	43.61
Bratton Equity Fund	13.15	136.07
ICMA Equity Fund	195.25	899.25
Nairobi Equity Fund	9.24	7.10
African Alliance Kenya Shilling Fund	14.83	136.95
STANBIL Equity Fund	13.83	102.83
STANBIL Balanced Fund	18.07	164.07
Sankam Equity Fund	14.30	141.30

EXCHANGE RATES

CURRENCY	MEAN
US DOLLAR	108.8934
STG POUND	133.0094
EURO	116.0091
SARAND	5.7062
KES / USHS	35.2725
KES / THHS	21.6500
KES / RWFP	8.9113
KES / JIBF	17.6694
ALIBHAM	29.0983
CAN \$	75.8031
SFRANC	110.4271
JPY (100)	99.2178
SW KRONER	10.4883
NOR KRONER	10.2960
DAN KRONER	15.5713
INDRUPE	1.3964
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.7911
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	75.1740
SAUDI RIAL	28.4830
CHINESE YUAN	15.1115
AUSTRALIAN \$	68.0306

BANK RATES

	BUY	SELL	BUY	SELL
ABC	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
EDITY	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
IBM	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
DANBANK	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
ITBANK	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
KCB	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
PRIME	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
FAMILYBANK	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
FCI BANK	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
CTBANK	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
NCB	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
NIB	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
STANDARD	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
QBT	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
WBA	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
COOP	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90
ABSA	100.70	100.90	100.70	100.90

Source: Central Bank

DAY'S GAINERS

Stock	Price	% daily change	Volume
SMER	2.20	+10.00	100
CGEN	23.50	+6.82	100
KNRE	2.70	+5.06	76,700
FAHR	8.90	+4.71	1,100
LKL	4.88	+4.50	1,100

DAY'S LOSERS

Stock	Price	% daily change	Volume
EVRO	0.80	-6.98	1,900
TCL	1.61	-5.29	4,800
BRIT	6.64	-3.77	48,000
KQ	1.04	-3.70	257,200
HFX	4.00	-2.91	103,400






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EASY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Large prawns (6)
7 Halfway or passage (8)
8 Grain store (4)
10 Heavy and inert (6)
11 Turkish capital (6)
14 Obtain (3)
16 Lubricated (5)
17 Anon (4)
19 Player's first game (5)
21 Pigmeat (5)
22 Arm joint (5)
23 Harsh grating noise (4)
26 Love deeply (5)
28 Container (3)
29 Serious, glum (6)
30 Choose (6)
31 Foot part (4)
32 Visualise (8)
33 Clearing cloth (6)

DOWN

1 Walking poles (6)
2 First ever (6)
3 Religious image (4)
4 Part of speech (7)
5 Perfect (5)
6 Staff of life (5)
8 Pudding ingredient (4)
9 Permit (3)
12 Equipment (3)
13 Harvests (5)
15 Lure (5)
18 Surpass (5)
19 Flatfish (3)
20 Bend (3)
21 Stain (7)
22 Before (3)
23 Measuring sticks (6)
24 Biblical murder victim (4)
25 Golf club (6)
26 Fire remains (5)
27 Only fruit (5)
28 Golf peg (3)
30 Cast off (4)



Tuesday's solution

ACROSS 1, Daubs 6, Beano 9, Roundup 10, Trait 11, Rests 12, Gunge 13, Gallant 15, Peg 17, Ogle 18, Damage 19, Amber 20, Sample 22, Aide 24, Era 25, Tiptoes 26, Besom 27, Mafia 28, Pilot 29, Tractor 30, Cedex 31, Deems.

DOWN: 2, Airbag 3, Bridge 4, Sot 5, Input 6, Burglar 7, Epee 8, Nutmeg 12, Gnome 13, Gorse 14, Llama 15, Patio 16, Genes 18, Denim 19, All ears 21, Arcane 22, Attire 23, Deform 25, Torch 26, Bite 28, Pod.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 The only job for which a person is absent (3-3)
7 I'm right in saying it's wrong (8)
8 For fear of being in a humble state (4)
10 Islands having a full range of retreat is ordered? (7)
11 Expand the use of detail (6)
14 Swear like a nun! (3)
16 Possibly early cover (5)
17 Still, it's regular (4)
19 Having eaten too many dates? (5)
21 In a word, more comprehensive (5)
22 Great he may be, but he gets some quant it's wrong (5)
23 Got rid of a female deadhead (4)
26 Give everyone a share of the vote (5)
28 Court an N.C.O. with love (3)
29 Moderately shrewd about the broadcasting medium (6)
30 Be tall suitably for dancing (6)
31 Like those old Johnnies in the stage door? (4)
32 Showing what the photographer's doing? (8)
33 Fixed starting place in furniture production (6)

DOWN

1 Only an eighth of a musical interval? (6)
2 Order Ronald to be king, one imagines (6)
3 Is apt to make outbursts! (4)
4 That which follows when a retreat is ordered? (7)
5 A little squirt, perhaps (5)
6 The judge of an essayist? (5)
8 Not all benevolence may be affectionate (4)
9 Unite at three points (3)
12 Left notes for a young man dates? (5)
13 Strained at present? (5)
15 Means of locating a girl in a car (5)
18 De Havilland's house? (5)
19 What MP's do in opposition deadhead (4)
20 How many are able to be defensible? (3)
21 Too empty-headed even to make a joke? (7)
22 A hill in Estoril (3)
23 Sloven water? (6)
24 Keep making a hotel out of state (4)
25 A state Dorothy takes years to get into (6)
26 In search of the sound of some laughter (5)
27 Goes slowly, like a number of politicians (5)
28 The joker wants a wage cut! (3)
30 Possibly paper trousers? (4)



HOROSCOPE

Virgo - Aug 23 - Sep 22
You may be eager to deepen your knowledge of a subject that has always fascinated you. This could be difficult, since many academic institutions have been shuttered. But just because classes and library trips aren't possible right now doesn't mean you are sentenced to boredom.

Libra - Sept 23 - Oct 23
It's rare for an even-tempered person like you to fall victim to anger, but today you may be tempted to get revenge on someone you feel did you wrong. Realize that this isn't a winning scenario and there are better uses of your energy. You may try channeling your frustration into a creative or expressive outlet.

Scorpio - Oct 24 - Nov 21
Improving your attitude is an inside job. You cannot depend on others for emotional security because a close relationship can't thrive if your partner feels responsible for your mood. Instead, it's up to you to focus on better-feeling thoughts.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21
Harping on minor details can waste valuable time, energy, and resources today. It's better to turn in a draft than miss a deadline in a quest for perfection. Don't set anything in stone just yet. If a critic tries to make you feel unprepared, don't buy in to this portrayal; it's simply not true.

Capricorn - Dec 22 - Jan 19
Having fun doesn't have to mean spending lots of money. Instead of going on a shopping spree today to cure your boredom, try taking pleasure in what you already have. Curl up with a good book, stream a favorite movie, or play some online games. The New Moon in your 5th House of Creativity and Play reinforces the need for enjoyment in your life right now.

Aquarius - Jan 20 - Feb 18
Sometimes less really is more. If you want a partnership to thrive, paradoxical as it may seem, you may need to encourage the other person to become more self-sufficient. Getting a job, pursuing an education, or learning a new skill are all things they can do to develop their self-esteem.

Pisces - Feb 19 - March 20
Playing the detective might suit you. You're also likely to be especially observant. Once a lie is revealed, you could end up turning in to a new radio station. Viewed differently, you could see opportunities that might have been in the air since last autumn but which are only now crystallising.

Aries - March 21 - April 19
Finding a new source of income could be more difficult than usual. Rather than focusing on money as the solution to your problems, try thinking about other forms of emotional and physical security today. Devoting more attention to a close relationship could be revelatory.

Taurus - Apr 20 - May 20
Try not to take a rejection personally today. If you've been passed up for a job, loan, or creative opportunity, this just means the universe has something better planned for you. Keep your eyes and ears open for a more rewarding path. However, resist the temptation to alter your appearance to gain acceptance or popularity.

Gemini - May 21 - June 21
You may not be feeling particularly sociable today, but push yourself to connect with others anyway. This could be anything from FaceTiming with a friend to participating in a group text to responding to e-mails. Putting yourself out there may open a door of opportunity in your life. Once you've put in your time maintaining your important connections.

Cancer - Jun 22 - Jul 22
Whether you admit it or not, you need help turning a dream into reality. Hoarding on doing things your own way will only undermine your progress. Reach out to an experienced person today who knows how to implement a business, art project, or fundraiser. Unfortunately, your best friend or romantic partner may not be very supportive of this effort.

Leo - July 23 - Aug 22
Trying to achieve power at any cost is a losing proposition. There's no point pursuing a high-pressure job that will make you miserable. You don't have to suffer to be successful. Pursuing a more artistic career path may be both emotionally and financially rewarding. Make it clear you are willing to take a chance for happiness.

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WHAT'S ON KTN

ktn NEWS

6:00 Am	Morning Express
9:00 Am	News Center
10:00 Am	Leo Mashinani
1:00 Pm	News Desk
2:00 Pm	Bottom Line
3:00 Pm	Business Today
4:00 Pm	Mbiu Ya KTN
5:00 Pm	Zizala Vwajani
6:00 Pm	Jukwaa la KTN
7:00 Pm	KTN Leo
8:00 Pm	The Big Story
9:00 Pm	KTN Prime News
9:45 Pm	Point Blank with TG
10:00 Pm	BBC Focus On Africa
11:30 Pm	The Big Story Rpt
12:00 Am	Zizala Vwajani Rpt
1:00 Am	KTN Prime News Rpt
2:00 Am	Business Today Rpt
3:00 Am	Al Jazeera

Radio Maisha
Tuko mbele pamoja!

04:00	Safari na Anthony Ndema
06:00	Maisha Asubuhi with Billy na Tricky
10:00	Saaabika na Ann Njogu Babu and Gathoni
12:00	Konnect na Mwende and Clemo

03:00	Maisha Joni na Emmanuel Mwashimbe and Shuga Boy
07:00	Papa Nick na Nick Odhiambo
10:00	Maji Makuu na Babu Wakajaka and Moaruk
12:00	Maisha Xtra na Hassan Umar

bTV

5:00 Am	Tenderesa
6:00 Am	BBC Dina Ya Dunia
6:30 Am	Wild Planet
7:00 Am	Kubash School Life
9:00 Am	Free Lip Live
11:00 Am	Reggae Frequency
12:00 Pm	Chirya Mwa
12:30 Pm	Hustle Yangu
1:00 Pm	Bona
1:30 Pm	Zingia Sport
2:00 Pm	Bongo Rava
3:00 Pm	Talanta Mwaari
4:00 Pm	Wild Planet

4:30 Pm	Duty
5:00 Pm	Hip Hop
6:30 Pm	Baba Yoo
7:00 Pm	KTN Leo Live
7:30 Pm	Ladies Night
9:30 Pm	Bona
9:35 Pm	Talika
10:00 Pm	Talanta Mwaari
11:00 Pm	Oga Beats
11:30 Pm	BBC Dina Ya Dunia
12:00 Am	Zingia Sport
1:30 Am	Free Lip Live
4:00 Am	Hood Life

NTV

5:00am	CNN
5:30am	Password Plus
6:30am	Your World
9:00am	Generation 3
10:00am	Ubongo Kids
10:30am	Akili and Me
11:00am	Music Mix
12:00pm	NTV Sasa
1:00pm	NTV at 1
1:30pm	BBC Life Clinic
2:00pm	Memories Off Low
3:00pm	The Three Sides Of Africa - RPT
4:00pm	NTV Alas

4:30pm	Barbie Living The Dream
5:00pm	The Heat
6:00pm	The Blood Seters
7:00pm	NTV Jumi
7:30pm	National Leadership Forum
8:00pm	NTV Tonight
10:00pm	Li360
11:00pm	Movie: ANONYMOUS
12:00am	The Heat
2:30am	CNN

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10.00AM-03.00PM	Riddim Culture
03.00PM-07.00PM	Adrenaline
07.00PM-10.00PM	Cease N Sekkie
10.00PM-5.00AM	Night Patrol
05.00AM-06.00AM	Iziz

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6:00 Am	Agri-News
6:30 Am	Eye On Country
7:30 Am	Dairy Farm Rpt
8:00 Am	Successful Farmers
8:30 Am	A Farmer's Life for Me
9:30 Am	Shamba la Wanyama
10:30 Am	Fresh and Fruity
11:00 Am	Access Agriculture Documentary
11:30 Am	Get it Right
12:00 Pm	Agri-News

12:30 Pm	Eye On Country
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2:30 Pm	Successful Farmers
3:00 Pm	AgriTalk/Shamba la Wanyama
4:00 Pm	Fresh and Fruity
4:30 Pm	Wild Planet
5:00 Pm	A Farmer's Life for Me
6:00 Pm	Sheep and Goat Farming
6:30 Pm	Beef Farming

Spice
Nairobi: 94.4 Standard 87.9
Ngora: 97.7 News 90.9
Nairobi: 96.0 Classic 102.5

06.00AM-10.00AM	The Situation Room
10.00AM-03.00PM	Spice Soul
03.00PM-07.00PM	Spice Drive with Monique
07.00PM-10.00PM	The Adults in the Room
10.00PM-MIDNIGHT	Mellow Spice
MIDNIGHT-04.00AM	Soul Night
04.00AM-06.00AM	Spice Worship

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5:00	Vuka Pait
6:30	Fitness Time
7:00	New Day
9:00	Hits
10:00	My Doctor
11:00	Naja Cinema
12:00	Up To Date @1
13:00	Business Insight
14:00	Hits
15:30	Cartoons

QUOTE OF THE DAY

I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! -- When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library. Jane Austen.

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PERSONAL NOTICES

A9/LOST

LOST of title Nyandarua/Mawingo Salient/106881069 for Elizabeth Mweru Karanjahi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT CAP 2019 EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owners of plot no Lr No Aguthi/Gathu/1243 located along Nyeri-Gatitu road, proposes to extend the User from Agricultural to include Residential (Multi Dwelling) User subject to approval by County Government of Nyeri. Plans and attendant briefs are deposited at county's planning office for inspection. Individuals, institutions, etc. with comments or objections are requested to submit them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

The Director Physical Planning
County Government of Nyeri
P.O. Box 112-10100, Nyeri.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Physical and Land Use Planning Act, (No. 13 of 2019) Change of User

The Owners of Plot L.R. No: 209/13285/2 off Popo road at South C area propose to change the user of the plot from Residential to Religious (Mosque) subject to approval by the Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Secretary,
Nairobi City County Government,
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MOTOR VEHICLES

ACCESSORIES & CAR HIRE

H2/FOR SALE - PRIVATE



TOYOTA HARRIER 2013 - KCC at KES 2,200,000, **TOYOTA LAND CRUISER TX - 2017** - KCC at KES 6,200,000, **TOYOTA LAND CRUISER V8 - 2011** - KCC at KES 6,800,000, **LEXUS RX 270 - 2012** - KCC at KES 2,800,000

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K1/SERVICES

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RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS PROPERTIES

L1 /PROPERTIES FOR SALE

BURUBURU ph2 4br maisonette @12M 0746806982

KAHAWA Wendani 5storey building with 59units bedditters income 590000kpm, price @55M Neg 0746806982

KASARANI Maternity 6 storey building with 42units of bedditters each @6500 plus 2units of 1 br each @10000 total inc 293000kpm price 30M 0746806982

KASARANI Clayworks 6storey building with inc 367000kpm price @40M 0746806982

KIAMBU RD Mushroom estate 5br maisonette on 0.5acre @70M 0746806982

KIAMBU Kirigiti 5 storey building with 20units of 3br each @26500kpm price 55M 0746806982

RURIU Mugutha 3br new bungalow on 50*100ft @75 m 0746806982

L9/PLOTS/LAND FOR SALE

35 acres for sale - Kajiaido 2 parcels of 35 acres at 2.1m per acre. Can be subdivided on request Call 0708443731

1/8 Ac Namanga 600k neg 0723785864

5AC @IM, Dundori-Charagita 0724142050

ATHI river town 1.5Acres industrial plot tarmac 0722858562

BIRIKI 6.5 ac Tony 0725772819

BIRIKI 2a, 1.5a, 1.4a 0725772819

DAGORETTI 0.160ac 0722519049

DAWAMU 50/100 1.2m 072549900

EMBU Kiamuringa 10 acres 1km off Siakaga road. 0787230086

ISINYA 5 acres fronting tarmac & 24 acres town centre. 0725210219 owner

ISINYA Nkito Town 50x100 plot ready title 7kms tarmac 0725210219

JUJA Kenyatta Rd 1/8ac title 3M, Muigili-Inn 1/8ac, 2.8M 0722467230, 0732313170



MOTOR VEHICLES FOR SALE

We are inviting offers from interested parties for the purchase of motor vehicles as listed hereunder:

NO.	DESCRIPTION	REG. NO	STORAGE YARD	Y.O.M	RESERVE PRICE	YARD CONTACT
1	BELL 225 LOGGER	KHMA 702J	DELAX MOTORS, MERU	2010	3,050,000.00	0728777727
2	BHACHU FLATBED TRAILER	ZF 0897	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2014	1,085,000.00	079336885
3	CASE 3057 4WD TRACTOR	KTCB 600R	MUWASA STORAGE, KISI	2016	1,320,000.00	076669945
4	EICHER TERRAZZ TIPPER	KBY 723K	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2013	680,000.00	0722740612
5	EICHER TERRAZZ TIPPER	KBT 244T	TNL NAKURU	2012	1,450,000.00	071445036
6	FAW CA 1044 TRUCK	KCF 657W	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2015	1,030,000.00	0722740612
7	FAW CA1081 BUS	KCA 426Q	PURPLE ROYAL YARD, KIAMBU RD	2013	725,000.00	0725077948
8	FAW CA-4322 PRIME MOVER	KBY 048W	AUCKLAND STORAGE, RUAKA	2013	2,100,000.00	072259586
9	FAW CA-4322 PRIME MOVER	KBY 245T	JOYLAND STORAGE, ELDORET	2015	845,000.00	0722276287
10	FAW CA-4322 TIPPER	KCG 326H	TMD RUAKA	2015	2,350,000.00	071445036
11	FORD ECO SPORT	KCF 832V	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2015	1,230,000.00	071041619
12	FORD RANGER Q/CABIN PICK UP	KCN 305D	LEAKEYS STORAGE, LUNGA LUNGA	2010	1,360,000.00	071041619
13	HELLHUSSE WHEEL LOADER	KHMA 145P	LEAKEYS KITLU ROAD	2014	3,320,000.00	0708207055
14	HINO DUTRO TRUCK	KCH 069T	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2015	1,990,000.00	0722740612
15	HONDA INSIGHT	KCR 159L	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	680,000.00	071041619
16	HONDA INSIGHT	KCT 093H	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	625,000.00	071041619
17	ISUZU ELF TRUCK	KCR 415F	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2011	2,420,000.00	0722740612
18	ISUZU NKR BUS 26 SEATER	KCR 902R	TMD RUAKA	2018	2,575,000.00	0722740612
19	JOHN DEERE 6100D	KTCB 844G	TNL NAKURU	2013	1,475,000.00	071445036
20	KUBOTA M7040D TRACTOR	KTCB 606V	JOYLAND STORAGE, ELDORET	2016	2,930,000.00	0722276287
21	KUBOTA TRACTOR	KTCB 132W	TNL NAKURU	2016	2,885,000.00	071445036
22	MAN CLA 15.2208R TRUCK	KBT 965Z	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2012	1,405,000.00	0722740612
23	MAZDA PREMACY	KCM 180Z	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2010	545,000.00	071041619
24	MERCEDES BENZ AXOR R/MOVER	KCD 630V	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2010	1,010,000.00	079336885
25	MERCEDES BENZ AXOR R/MOVER	KCD 611V	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2009	1,725,000.00	079336885
26	MERCEDES BENZ AXOR R/MOVER	KCD 623V	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2010	2,435,000.00	079336885
27	MERCEDES BENZ AXOR R/MOVER	KCD 612V	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2010	2,435,000.00	079336885
28	MERCEDES BENZ AXOR R/MOVER	KCD 625V	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2009	990,000.00	079336885
29	MERCEDES BENZ C180	KBZ 575W	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2007	875,000.00	071041619
30	MERCEDES BENZ E250	KCV 599G	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2013	2,850,000.00	071041619
31	MYTUBISHI OUTLANDER	KCH 109N	NYALUOYO STORAGE, KISUMU	2014	1,725,000.00	0722329463
32	NEW HOLLAND T80 2WD	KTCB 590R	TNL NAKURU	2014	215,000.00	071445036
33	NEW HOLLAND T18 80 4WD TRACTOR	KTCB 603V	BUNGOMA STORAGE	2016	1,780,000.00	0720553774
34	NISSAN MARCH	KCS 931H	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	450,000.00	071041619
35	NISSAN NOTE	KCT 209G	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	560,000.00	071041619
36	NISSAN NOTE	KCR 719G	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2011	540,000.00	079336885
37	NISSAN SERENA	KCP 803L	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2010	685,000.00	071041619
38	NISSAN SERENA	KBY 078E	VALLERS YAKETHIKA ROAD	2007	390,000.00	072636213
39	NISSAN TEANA	KCQ 144U	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	790,000.00	071041619
40	NISSAN TIBDA	KCP 107W	AUCKLAND STORAGE, RUAKA	2011	590,000.00	072259586
41	NISSAN WINROAD	KCT 620H	DELAX MOTORS, MERU	2011	550,000.00	0796230409
42	RANGE ROVER VOGUE	KBX 553R	CARMAX, KAREN	2006	1,580,000.00	077770704
43	SUZUKI APV VAN	KCH 959T	AUCKLAND STORAGE, RUAKA	2014	760,000.00	072259586
44	SUZUKI MARUTI ECCO	KBW 760A	FEMFA STORAGE, KITALE	2011	195,000.00	072259586
45	TOYOTA CROWN	KCJ 446D	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2009	820,000.00	071041619
46	TOYOTA CROWN	KCL 622V	CAPITAL DIAMOND, RUIRU	2010	715,000.00	0723961618
47	TOYOTA ISS	KCO 203M	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	735,000.00	071041619
48	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER PRADO	KCT 008G	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2011	3,610,000.00	071041619
49	TOYOTA MARK X	KCS 217S	NYALUOYO STORAGE, KISUMU	2011	865,000.00	0722329463
50	TOYOTA PRIUS	KCU 026T	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2012	1,060,000.00	071041619
51	TOYOTA RUMON	KCM 428S	NCBA CAR CENTRE, NAIROBI	2010	710,000.00	071041619
52	TOYOTA SENTIA	KCR 927D	DELAX MOTORS, MERU	2013	695,000.00	0728777727
53	TOYOTA TOWNACE	KCK 908E	LEGACY STORAGE, NAKURU	2009	435,000.00	0708207055
54	TOYOTA CROWN	KCB 043X	LEGACY YARD, NAKURU	2007	760,000.00	0722740612
55	TRANSTRAILER FLATBED TRAILER	ZF 0682	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2015	1,150,000.00	079336885
56	TRANSTRAILER FLATBED TRAILER	ZF 0681	MATRIZ MOVES, MOMBASA	2015	1,070,000.00	079336885
57	VOLKSWAGEN TOURIG	KCF 390V	LEAKEYS LUNGA LUNGA	2008	1,650,000.00	0708207055
58	ZOOMLION TRACTOR	KTCB 192W	MUWASA STORAGE, KISI	2015	1,455,000.00	076669945

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MAANZONI 2acs 45m, 0733522375

MAKUYU Manaja @180K 0799455444

MARAGUA Kaharati 4ac 0723488507

MARAGWA Bobo 1.2Ac 0703585111

MATHIRA 8.Sacres 0718583849

MAURUI bypass 1/2ac 0722467230

MEMBLEY 1/4ac 100x100 0729-475785

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NAIVASHA 6acres 0721991166

NANYUKI 2km @370k 0799455444

NAZRA Estate prime Title 0722815340

NDEIYA 4ac tarmac 0789471888

NDEIYA 2ac tarmac 0789471888

NDEIYA 1/4ac 1.2m 0789471888

NGARA, Pangani, Sec 3, 50x100 comm. title. Price - 38-68M neg 0721513344

NGONG road nakumat junction, 1acres with petro station, 600m neg 0722520514

NGONG / kimika 1/8 ksh 1.1 in 6 months instalment 0723718023

NGONG Ololua Karen West 50x100 8acre plots, 0722682286 owner

OLKALOU 10, 20, 270ac 0722467230

ONGATA Rongai Nkoroi 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, acre plots ready title: 0722682286

ONGATA Rongai Masai Lodge 5Acres prime land 0722858562

ONGATA Rongai prime plots, 400m from rd & 3br Bungalows 0721646464

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PROMOTION TO GLORY



Gerald Benjamin Gitonga

It is with great sadness that we announce the promotion to glory of Elder Gerald Benjamin Gitonga on Saturday the 18th April, 2020 after a short illness bravely borne. Until his death, he was serving as an elder of PCEA Macedonia Church, Baraka Parish, Kajiado County.

Loving husband to Naomi Wangari Gitonga. Amazing dad to Carol and Patrick Karuki, Florence and Joe Ngugi, Late Emmah Wamuyu and Pauline and Mike Hermann. Son to the Late Benjamin Njeru and Late Jael Nyambura. Son in law to the late David Wambugu and Late Shiffrah Wambui.

Brother of Elisha Wamuyu, Joshua Muchiri, Late Eva Nguthari, Late James Munga, Meshack Maingi, Phyllis Wanjiru, Deborah Wandia, Rose Kiarie and Charity Ngari.

Brother-in-law of Late Muchungu, Alice, Monica, Nguthari, Damaris, Late Kiarie, Ngari, Isabella, Esther and the Late Ngara, Late Muriithi and Mercy, Samuel and Priscilla.

Dotting Grandfather to Chris, Ciku, Julie, Makena, Jaba, Michael, Mitchell, Jata and Kul.

He will be laid to rest at his Ongata Rongai Farm, Melonye Road on Friday, April 24th, 2020.

*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God!
(Matthew 5:8)*

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



George Orwa Okumu

We regret to announce the death of Senior Superintendent of Prison George Orwa Okumu (Retired) at the age of 61 years after a short illness in the USA on the 9th April 2020. He was a former teacher at Nyabisawa Girls High School, Homa Bay Boys High School and Moi Girls Secondary School Nairobi. He also served as an officer at United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Liberia and Afghanistan.

He was the beloved son of late Mzee Zakayo Okumu and late Mama Leonida and Herina Okumu of Kanyamwa South, Homabay County. Beloved Husband to Mary Cheiang'at Okumu. Son in law to late Stephen Chelimo and Mama Annah C. Stephen of Cheranganyil. Father to Dr. Nida Akinyi Okumu-Ndemo, Captain Eng. Melvin Zakayo Okumu and Fiona Achaye Okumu. Brother to the late C/O. Joshua Ogola Okumu, James Okumu, Nelly, Joseph, Ben and Shem. Brother-in-law to Margaret, Beatrice, among others. Uncle to Elector Opar, Nicholas, Denis, Mitche, Jr among others. Father-in-law to Joseph Ndemo and Lucy Naitore Makathimo. Grandfather to Ayana Ndemo, Joe Ndemo and Zana Maryannah Zakayo.

Dad's body is at Gerald J. Neufeld Inc. Funeral home, NY, USA. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Olivet cemetery, NY, USA on the 24th April 2020 at 1500hrs (1pm) NYC time.

Fundraising is on-going and contributions can be sent to 0725100808 or 0723458288

1st Peter 5:10 "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. Amen!"

In God's hand you rest, in our hearts you remain forever. Rest in peace Dad.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



CHARLES LEO ODUOR OLOO

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Charles Leo Oduor Oloo of **Standard Media Group, Kisumu**, after a short illness bravely borne. He was son to Mzee Andrew Oloo Were and the late Yvanitah Aliuch. Loving husband to Beatrice Apondi. He was father to Pauline Akinyi, Jane Atieno, Angela Awino, Andrew Oluoch and Yvanitah Aliuch.

He was brother to Maurice Makoloo, late Lucas Oryango, late Bernard Otieno, Lawrence Otieno, Roselyne Atieno and Monica Adhiambo.

The late Charles will be laid to rest on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at his home in Ukonge Village, Nyamenda Sub-location in Ugenya, Siaya County.

Go thee well Wud Ayuni. You have finished the race on this earth and it is time to fly with the Angels.

Your untimely death is a huge blow to Mzee Oloo family and a painful loss to the **Standard Group**, where you performed your duties with a rare zeal.

REST IN PEACE

PROMOTION TO GLORY



Susan Wambui Gitau

The family wishes to announce the death of Susan Wambui Gitau of Happy Valley Thika which occurred on Sunday, 19th April 2020 after a long illness. Wife of the late Julius Kamande Gitau. Mother of Caroline Kamande Karanja of Maryland, USA, Cliff Richard Gitau Kamande of Thika, James Kamau Kamande of Thika. Mother in law of Charles Karanja of Maryland USA. Grandmother of Calvin Kimani Karanja and Caleb Kamande Karanja both of Maryland USA. Daughter of the late John Kamau Maina and the late Ruth Nyoki Kamau of Kandara, Muranga. Daughter in law of the Late Richard Gitau and the late Mary Wanjiru Gitau of Nginda, Muranga. Co-mother-in-law of Rose Wangui Kimani of Thika.

Sister to Maina, Mbairi, Kimani, Nyokabi, Kiarie, Njoroge and the late Ng'anga. Sister in law to Joyce, Wairimu, Njoki, Wambui, Njeri, Winnie, Chege, Sera and Nyaguthie.

She was an auntie to many.

The cottage leaves Umash Funeral Home Mbagathi way on Friday 24th April 2020 at 7am. Funeral and burial service will take place at the grave site at her farm in Nginda, Maragua, Muranga at 11am.

We would like to inform you that due to the Government Directives on COVID 19, the service will be restricted to only close family members.

SHE HAS FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, SHE HAS KEPT HER FAITH AND FINISHED THE RACE. 2nd TIMOTHY CHAPTER 4 VERSE 7. MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD REST HER SOUL IN PEACE

"God instructs the heart, not by ideas but by pains and contradictions"

— Jean-Pierre de Caussade



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CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

**PAUL GITAU MUTURI**

To my loving husband,

My love, when we met, you told me you love me and I followed you knowing you were my true love.

Thank you for giving me three lovely children. You promised to cherish and care for our children and me. You worked so hard for us and gave us a comfortable life and you protected us. Thank you for your support.

We got married over fifty years ago, and throughout this time you have never lifted your hand to hit me. You have never sent me back to my parents. You have all along been a loving husband. I love you.

You were always focused and humble. I miss your great sense of humour. You made me laugh even when I was down. You were never ashamed of bringing me some meat on your way back home. I feel sad that you have left me too soon for I longed to age gracefully together with you. I promise to take care of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Your legacy will live on forever. I will never forget you. I love you and I miss you so much.

Paul was born in 1943. He passed away on July 22, 2019.

**JOSEPH WAWERU NJIRAI-INI**

There's a special kind of love that children have for their grandparents.

It's filled with love and respect for their wisdom and accomplishments.

It abounds with gratitude for the values they've instilled in us.

It overflows with delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share.

It's a special kind of love that is built on a lifetime of caring and giving.

It is the kind of love that we still feel for you, grandpa, today and always.

Joseph, who was born in Kericho in 1930, passed away on February 7, 2016.

**JAMES OYUGI**

On that Friday morning, I rang my dad to ask him how he was doing after a long journey home from Mombasa.

He told me he was fine, save for a mild headache. We agreed that he would visit a hospital to have it checked.

That was the last time we talked. My father was my pillar, my inspiration, my only confidant, a man so generous and accommodating. This loss has hit me hard, especially the mystery and manner of his demise. I'm still lost for words: it's like a bad dream I hope to wake up from.

When I talk about my father, I recall a man who was loved by one and all, from his colleagues to everyone in the village. He was a man who had the whole village abuzz with his presence, lending a helping hand wherever he could.

As a family, we have lost a patriarch, the sole candle that lit the whole family. I don't have the exact words to explain our loss. The most disgusting thing and traumatic memory we will battle for the rest of our lives is what you saw doing rounds in social media. It's not something you wish for even your worst enemy.

The permanent scar that that incident has left in our family is indescribable. We were still coming to terms with our loss when the police ambushed us with the body in a bag, dumped him without the least human dignity before rounding up everybody for mandatory quarantine.

I have never in my lifetime witnessed such a tragedy and never imagined that it could befall my family.

As I mourn my daddy, I pray that whoever has some humanity grant us the opportunity to give our dad a befitting send-off. That's all I can ask for - at least it will restore my sanity.

Rest in peace, daddy. We will battle for your last respects, no matter what it will take. You'll be greatly missed baba, we loved you and we are ready to defend you.

Tribute by your daughter, Lucy Oyugi.

**MURIU OLE LISA**

It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life,
I have no regrets, whatsoever said

The pain I left behind,
Those dear hearts
Who love and care...

And the strings pulling
At the heart and soul...

The strong arms
That held me up when my own strength
Let me down,

At the turning of my life
I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me

Even when time raced me by,
Farewell, farewell my friends.

Born in 1930, Muriu passed away on September 27, 2019.

**MARYANNE MARISYANNA
ANNUARITE OMTATAH**

Maryanne Marisyanna Annuarite Omtatah was born on the 8th of April 1998.

A third born in a family of 4 children. She started her schooling in 2001 at Bethany Junior Academy in Ongata Rongai where she joined Baby class at a tender age of 2 years 8 months.

She schooled there throughout her primary school education after which, she joined Loreto Convent Valley Road for her Secondary School Education.

She later joined Riara University where she did her Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy and graduated on top of her class with a Distinction.

She rejoined Riara for a Bachelor of Arts Degree course in the same and at the time of her death, she was doing her third year.

Maryanne was an exceptional student and learner. While in college she did her Industrial Attachment at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and her performance there was sterling. She excelled to an extent that she 'as an attachee' worked together with Ministry employees to organize and coordinate international events at the Ministry in conjunction with the UN. Maryanne wanted to be a Diplomat and had she lived, she would have become an renowned international Diplomat.

I will miss the long hours I used to spend with her debating topical issues as we watched news on international TV networks.

She had it all. Maryanne was very sociable. Easy to get along with. She was a great networker. She had a every strong and warm spirit that enabled her face and conquer some of the worst challenges in her life. She had a strong, loud and dynamic voice that attracted ones attention to her as soon as she spoke. She had a pleasant personality and a beautiful warm smile that wrapped it all up. She was unstoppable. Nothing and or anybody could stop her from doing what she set her mind to do. She was focused and ambitious and always always aware of what she wanted in/ from life. She was left handed with multiple talents. She was a public speaker, a creative artist, a make up artist and a singer. She did all that easily. She was an amazing daughter and sister who knew what to do without being told. Above all, she was the peacemaker who ironed out any differences and sealed any cracks that would occasionally emerge in the family. She will be missed greatly. May God rest her soul in eternal peace.

Tribute by your father, Okiya Omtatah.

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Cricket. Australia could lose hundreds of millions of dollars if this year's Test tour by India is scrapped because of the coronavirus, its chief executive warned yesterday. Kevin Roberts said Australia was considering extending the four-Test series to five games, which would mean sacrificing the one-off Test against Afghanistan in November. In October and November, Australia are also hosting the Twenty20 World Cup, for which the International Cricket Council has said it is "exploring all options". [AFP]

Sports

FOOTBALL: OLUNGA DREAMS WORLD CUP HISTORY WITH KENYA. P. 40

Tennis

Australia's Kyrgios says no fan of ties with no crowd

As Grand Slam governing bodies ponder over the perfect blueprint of future events amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, Australian world number 40 Nick Kyrgios has said he does not want to play in a major in the absence of crowd.

The tennis season was suspended in March due to the pandemic and the shut-down will continue at least until mid-July with countries closing borders and going into lockdown to contain the spread of the virus.

The French Open, the first Grand Slam to be hit by the spread of the coronavirus, moved the claycourt event to September 20-October 4 from its traditional May start while the Wimbledon championships, set to begin in late June, were cancelled.

The organisers of the US Open said last week that playing the hardcourt Grand Slam without fans is on the table but highly unlikely.

The Australian Open organisers have said they were also exploring all options, including the possibility of running an event just for broadcast.

"100% no," the mercurial Kyrgios, who always draws huge numbers on court, told fellow Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis on an Instagram chat when asked if he would play a Grand Slam without fans in the stands.

Kyrgios, who was placed on probation by the governing body of men's tennis over his on-court behaviour last year, emerged as Australia's hero earlier in 2020 during the bushfire crisis.

His "bad boy" image has been transformed since his appeal to the tennis world kick-started a campaign that raised millions of dollars for the victims of the crisis before and during the Australian Open Grand Slam in Melbourne.

The Australian Open, which started in January, has so far been the only Grand Slam that was not impacted in 2020.

"These extraordinary times dictate a need for agility and extensive planning that explores a very wide range of options," Tennis Australia Chief Executive Craig Tiley said this month. [Reuters]



Bills. The year-long delay caused by the coronavirus will cost \$2 billion to \$6 billion

The Sh600b Tokyo Olympics bill no one wants to touch

IOC conflict over who pays for postponement of the games.

By AP
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An open conflict broke out yesterday between Tokyo Olympic organisers and the IOC over who will pay for the unprecedented year-long postponement.

Tokyo spokesman Masa Takaya said the organising committee has asked the Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee to remove a comment from its website suggesting that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had agreed that Japan would shoulder most of the postponement costs.

Media reports in Japan estimate the year-long delay caused by the coronavirus pandemic will cost \$2 billion (Sh200 billion) to \$6 billion (Sh600 billion).

Neither side has given an official estimate, but Tokyo CEO Toshio Muto has called the postponement costs "massive."

"It's not appropriate for the prime minister's name to be quoted in this manner," Takaya said on a 90-minute teleconference.

"The Tokyo 2020 organizing committee and all stakeholders are now dedicating themselves to this new date."

Tokyo spokesman Masa Takaya

Almost all of the questions, mostly from Japanese reporters, centered on the IOC's statement and the costs for Japan.

The IOC statement, on a page titled "Frequently Asked Questions about Olympic Games Tokyo 2020," said Abe had agreed that Japan "will continue to cover the costs it would have done under the terms of the existing agreement for 2020, and the IOC will continue to be responsible



1500m Olympic champion Faith Kipyegon. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

ble for its share of the costs."

Without using Abe's name, IOC President Thomas Bach said almost exactly the same thing 10 days ago in an interview with the German newspaper Die Welt on Sunday.

Abe's spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, also challenged the IOC and said

there "is no such agreement related to additional cost stemming from the postponement."

Despite the conflict, there is not much debate about who will pay; it's the Japanese side, but it's also a sensitive subject, particularly for Abe during an economic downturn

brought on by the spreading virus. Japan is officially spending \$12.6 (Sh1.2 trillion) billion to organise the Olympics, but a government audit report says it's at least twice that much.

It's all public money except for \$5.6 billion (Sh560 billion) from a privately funded organising committee budget.

Under the terms of the Host City Contract signed in 2013 when Tokyo was awarded the games, the city of Tokyo, the Japanese Olympic Committee and local organisers are obligated to pay most of the costs of the Tokyo Games.

Section 68 of the contract reads: "Unless expressly stipulated otherwise in this contract, all obligations of the city, the NOC and/or the OCOG pursuant to this contract, shall be at their expense."

Sh1.2 trillion

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John Coates of Australia, an IOC member who oversees Tokyo preparations, said in a conference call last week with Tokyo organisers that the postponement would cost the IOC "several hundred million dollars." Bach had said the same thing to the German newspaper.

Coates made it clear the IOC's payments would go to struggling national Olympic committees and international federations — and not to Tokyo.

One of Coates' solutions to help Tokyo was to cut frills from the program.

According to organising committee documents, the IOC has already contributed about \$1.3 billion to organise the Tokyo Olympics. This is from income of \$5.7 billion in the latest four-year Olympic cycle.

Japan, with a \$5 trillion GDP, obviously has more resources.

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Rugby. The Kenya Simbas player says coronavirus crisis will affect athletes' income

Mukidza holds firm on concluding Kenya Cup

Clubs have submitted a formal appeal requesting KRU to rescind the cancellation of leagues.

By Clement Wekulo
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KCB utility back Darwin Mukidza believes it will be unfair to hand the Kenya Cup title to Kabras Sugar, if the season is not completed.

The Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) cancelled the 2019-20 campaign due to the coronavirus crisis but clubs have since submitted a formal protest to the federation's Judicial Appeals Committee requesting the decision to be rescinded.

One of the verdicts that could be made might see Kabras Sugar declared champions because the sugar millers were top of the standings when the league was disrupted.

The Appeals Committee could also order that the leagues resume when it's safe to do so, while supporting the initial decision to cancel the season is also a possibility.

Former Mean Machine and

Mwamba winger Edward Rombo and ex-Kenya Harlequin

chairman Paul Nyamodi are

members of the Appeals

panel.

"The Kenya Rugby Union has received petitions from its clubs requesting for a review of the decision to cancel the season. The board continues to hold further consultations with the various stakeholders and will provide further updates once the process is completed."

KRU Secretary General Ian Mugambi

"It will not be fair to hand the team which was on top of the standings the title. There are so many factors that should be considered including the investment that all the other teams have put in," Mukidza said.

The Kenya 15s player rather wants the cancellation of the KRU leagues upheld, if the deadly pandemic,

which has brought sports to a grinding halt, is not contained in good time.

"We should apply the wait-and-see approach for now and if the crisis persists before thinking of planning for next season. If things cool down quickly, we should be allowed to compete on the field," he said.

"There is also the issue of relegation and promotion. Some teams in the second division deserve to be promoted but they are yet to complete their season. No one can predict the outcome and they all deserve to be given a chance to compete fairly," added Mukidza.

Just like many other athletes who cannot access training facilities during this period, Mukidza has been forced to be innovative in order to maintain his fitness.

He has a training schedule which he says is

affected depending on the weather.

"We have been forced to improvise and do some little exercise because we don't know how long this thing (coronavirus) will take," said Mukidza.

"After waking up, I go for a morning run which includes some sprints at a nearby field. I then come back home to continue with more indoor exercises," Mukidza said.

Mukidza expressed fears that the coronavirus pandemic could affect athletes' income as he called on the government to cushion players in the coming days.

"There are many athletes who have the necessary academic qualification but are unable to get employment and sports is their only source of income," he said.

"I know it's a difficult time for my teammates and fans since rugby is a social event and they are missing a lot. But I urge them to adhere to the government's directives so that

we can combat the virus and go back to our normal way of life soon," said Mukidza.



George Adongo (right) of Nakuru RFC battles for the ball with Darwin Mukidza of KCB in a past Kenya Cup match. (Kipsang Joseph, Standard)

Rugby

Former captains call for Australia bosses to quit

Almost a dozen former Wallabies captains have called on the leadership of rugby's governing body in Australia to step aside, domestic media reported Tuesday.

The letter -- reportedly signed by 11 Wallabies captains, including greats such as Nick Farr-Jones, George Gregan and Michael Lynagh -- says rugby in Australia is in crisis.

"In recent times, the Australian game has lost its way," the Australian newspaper quoted the letter as saying.

"It is a defeat inflicted not by COVID-19, or an on-field foe, but rather by poor administration and leadership over a number of years."

With Australia languishing seventh in the world rugby rankings, the game Down Under faces fierce competition from other sports and a hefty bill

after firing star try-scorer Israel Folau for homophobic comments, an incident that ended with a large pay-out.

In their criticism, captains singled out the financial management of Rugby Australia, which was already struggling before the coronavirus crisis hit.

"It is with this in mind we ask the current administration to heed our call and stand aside to allow the game to be transformed so we emerge from this pandemic with a renewed sense of unity," the letter said.

The comments heap pressure on current chief executive Raelene Castle, who has faced repeated rumours that she may be axed. [AFP]

Australia's Reece Hodge with team mate Will Genia. [Fie]



Rugby

Fiji chief resigns after homophobia claims

World Rugby has welcomed the decision of the Fiji Rugby Union to stand down chairman Francis Kean from the World Rugby Council after accusations of "rampant homophobia".

The move also means Kean, who was convicted of manslaughter in 2007, is no longer a candidate for the World Rugby Executive Committee.

A report in Britain's Sunday Times said Kean had been accused of "rampant homophobia", with the newspaper saying they had heard a recording of him making offensive remarks when he was in charge of the Fijian prison service.

The Fiji Rugby Union has seconded Bill Beaumont's bid to serve a second four-year term as World Rugby chairman, with the former England captain being opposed by Argentina great Agustin Pichot.

World Rugby launched an investigation into the allegations against Kean and yesterday acknowledged the steps taken by the FRU.

The global governing body said it was important for the allegations to be fully investigated.

But it added: "It is in the best interests of the sport that Mr Kean steps down from the Council and his Executive Committee candidature be withdrawn."

Kean had come under further pressure earlier yesterday when a Pacific players' group made fresh allegations against him.

Former Samoa captain Dan Leo, chief executive of Pacific Rugby Players Welfare, wrote a scathing open letter that strongly criticised Kean and his candidacy for the executive committee.

"You may have thought as Pacific Islanders, we would fall in line in

support of Kean. But it is extraordinary to anyone involved in the game in the Pacific that Kean is even on the ballot," wrote Leo.

In his hard-hitting letter, Leo said Kean, a brother-in-law of Fiji Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, made several claims, including that he travels on a diplomatic passport that carries different names from those on the passport he held when convicted.

Kean's place on the World Rugby Council will be filled by Fijian union CEO John O'Connor.

World Rugby have stressed Beaumont's nomination came from the Fiji Rugby Union, rather than from the chairman individually, with council places similarly awarded to national unions not individuals.

Fijian support for Beaumont is seen as a counter-balance to Pichot. The election result will be announced on May 12. [AFP]



Past action between Kenya and Fiji in the Sevens World Rugby Dubai Series. [AFP]

Athletics

Former UK Athletics chief Neil Black dies

Former UK Athletics performance director Neil Black, who defended Mo Farah's involvement with now-banned coach Alberto Salazar, has died, the governing body announced yesterday.

Black left his role last year after US authorities handed down a four-year doping ban to Salazar.

Black was in charge when UK Athletics appointed Salazar as a consultant to its endurance programme in 2013.

Salazar worked closely with Farah at his Oregon Project group and the Briton won four Olympic gold medals on the track, two at London 2012 and two more at Rio four years later.

Black had previously described Salazar as a "genius".

There is no suggestion of wrongdoing from Black or Farah.

A British Athletics statement read: "British Athletics is shocked and saddened to confirm the loss of our friend and former colleague Neil Black, who passed away suddenly at the weekend."

"Neil loved the sport of athletics and dedicated his life to supporting athletes - as a world-class physiotherapist, as head of sport science, and then in recent years as performance director for British Athletics."

Black took up the UK Athletics performance director role in 2012 after Charles van Commenee left his position as Olympic head coach. [AFP]



Former UK Athletics performance director Neil Black. [Reuters]

NBA

Offended families sue helicopter firm in Kobe Bryant crash

The families of four passengers who were killed in the helicopter crash with NBA legend Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna have launched legal proceedings against the firms that owned and operated the chopper, media reports said.

The lawsuits were filed Sunday in the Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of the families of basketball coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and their 13-year-old daughter Alyssa - who played basketball with Gianna - and of assistant coach Christina Mauser, the TMZ website said.

The complaints accuse Island Express Helicopters and Island Express Holding Corp. of negligence.

Bryant's widow Vanessa filed a lawsuit nearly two months ago against the operators of the helicopter and the estate of the pilot, Ara Zobayan, who was among the nine killed when they crashed in rugged terrain west of Los Angeles on January 26.

Her complaint faults the company for allowing the helicopter to fly in "heavy fog and low clouds."

The helicopter was headed to Bryant's Mamba Sports



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant with his daughter Gianna. [Fie]

Academy in Thousand Oaks, where his daughter was set to play.

The other victims included another of Gianna's basketball teammates, Payton Chester, and Payton's mother Sarah.

The death of Bryant, a five-time NBA champion for the LA Lakers, shocked fans around the world. [AFP]

Golf

South Korea women's game draws world top-10 players

Professional women's golf will resume in South Korea next month after a coronavirus hiatus, with a report yesterday saying two of the world's top 10 would seize the chance to return to competition.

South Korea dominates the women's game globally, with its best players gravitating towards the lucrative US-based LPGA tour, where they occupy three of the top six ranking spots and eight of the top 20.

But sport events around the world have been put on hold as the novel coronavirus has swept the globe with total cases nearing 2.5 million.

South Korea once had the largest confirmed cases outside China but appears to have brought the outbreak under control with a huge "trace, test and treat" strategy.

And government officials have said that outdoor sports events will now be allowed, with restrictions.

The Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA) Championship is scheduled to be played over four days from May 14 in Yangju, east of Seoul.

World number six Kim Sei-young and 10th-ranked Lee Jeong-eun will be part of the 144-strong field.

KLPGA officials were still discussing whether spectators would be allowed on the course.

South Korea had nine new cases on Monday, its fourth consecutive day of less than 20 new infections, taking the national total to 10,683. [AFP]



Volleyball. Former Kenyan international reveals why he is the right man to succeed KVF boss Kioni

Men's game should grow more teeth and bite again

Nairobi branch official accuses KVF of favouring Malkia Strikers at the expense of men's national team

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Former Kenyan international Michael Njoroge feels he is the 'right man' to replace the long-serving Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) president Waithaka Kioni when his term expires in 2022.

Kioni, who has been at the helm of the Kenyan volleyball for over two decades, will not be defending his seat in the next elections.

Though the former journalist turned sports administrator, who is also the Kenya Olympic Committee (NOC) second vice president has had a relatively successful tenure, his critics have accused him of favour-

ing the women's national team Malkia Strikers at the expense of the men's squad.

While Malkia Strikers have dominated the continental scene-winning five Africa championships, four All African Games gold medals and qualified for three Olympic Games (2000, 2004 and 2020) as well as clinching their FIVB World Grand Prix (Group 3, 2015) title during Kioni's 21-year spell, it has been the opposite for the 'forgotten' men's team.

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Years Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) president Waithaka Kioni has been at the helm

Save for reclaiming the regional title in Kigali (2017) and consequently booking a ticket to the African Nations Cup in Egypt where they finished 10th, the men's team has been a shadow of their former selves.

Kenya's failure to qualify for the 2019 All African Games in front of their

home fans in Nairobi (finished last in a four-nation qualifying tournament) was a far cry from eight years ago when they won bronze medal in what was their last appearance in the tournament in Maputo, Mozambique.

Since the Maputo exploits, the men's volleyball standards appear to have stagnated.

And it is because of this reason that the 37-year-old KVF Nairobi Branch treasurer (pictured inset), who previously turned out for KCB, Co-operative Bank and Forest Rangers, has decided to vie as the federation's president.

Having featured for the national team for 13 years before eventually retiring this year from active volleyball, the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) employee feels negligence and lack of support is what is ailing men's volleyball in the country.

"I believe I'm the right man to take volleyball to the next level. I want to uplift the standards of the men's team, professionalise the league and fight for players' welfare. It is time for fresh blood to join the federation's leadership," Njoroge said.

"I've played for the national team for

over a decade but I feel we've not been given the same treatment as the ladies team (Malkia Strikers)."

Njoroge, who is a FIVB Level 1 and 2 coach, added: "Ironically, the national league is dominated by men's

teams but when it comes to national teams, it is the ladies who are favoured. Remember, it has taken 16 years for Malkia to qualify again for the Olympics. Unlike the men's team, Malkia have been participating in all the qualification tournaments."

Njoroge revealed that plans are underway for the KAA team to rejoin the national league since their last show in 2010.

"The management has shown a lot of goodwill and everything is now set for the team to come back to the league," he said.



Official's profile

Name: Michael Njoroge
Age: 37
Designation: KVF Nairobi Branch Treasurer
Former clubs: KCB, Co-operative Bank and Forest Rangers

AGSU volleyball team's fan.
[Kisang Joseph, Standard]



FKF elections. Parties seek protection FKF assets as SDT set to issue written directions Friday

Sports Tribunal: Fifa issued contradictory positions

Sports Disputes Tribunal shocked that the letter by Mosengo-Omba went against what they had agreed in principle with world football body.

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It has emerged that world football governing body, Fifa, gave a contradictory position on the Sports Disputes Tribunal's (SDT) decision delivered on March 17.

This is after the SDT chair John Ohaga revealed yesterday during a hearing with parties to the Football Kenya Federation's petition that Fifa had agreed in principle with their verdict.

Yesterday's hearing was a follow up to its order on March 17 to issue further directions on its verdict.

Ohaga's revelations came after lawyer Nelson Odongo, representing the interested parties to the petition asked the Tribunal to direct FKF to make public the letter they wrote to Fifa informing them of the SDT decision on March 17.

"It is a question I would like to put to FKF lawyer Mr. Omwebu (Victor) as to whether their letter to Fifa was the basis of what came out to the Tribunal as a shock because the letter from Fifa came through FKF and not through the Tribunal.

"In a verbal communication with Fifa they agreed in principle with the SDT decision and what remained was for them to thrash out the modalities of how the decision would work," Ohaga said.

On March 17, the Tribunal ruled that FKF's Electoral Code 2020 had locked out many aspirants and clubs resulting to FKF incumbents sailing unopposed, an exercise the SDT nullified.

However, in a response to SDT's ruling on March 25, Fifa Chief Member Associations Officer Veron Mosengo-Omba in a letter to FKF CEO Barry



John Ohaga (left) is congratulated by Chief Justice of Kenya and President of Supreme Court David Maraga when he was sworn in as the Chairman of the Sports Disputes Tribunal. [Elvis Ogina, Standard]

Otieno said: "We would like to highlight that the FKF statutes do not expressly recognise the jurisdiction of the SDT as being the ultimate arbitration forum at national level.

It added: "Moreover, we note that the SDT is not a national arbitration tribunal in the sense of Fifa circular 1010 dated 20 December 2006... Therefore, we wish to emphasize that the relevant SDT ruling has no legal effect on Fifa."

Lawyer Odongo said: "We note with concern that the same person, who drafted a letter to FKF that Fifa Standard Electoral Code is just a guide and is not binding is the same person who gave a contradictory position as now

revealed by the SDT chair."

He added: "Immediately after the ruling on March 17, Nick (Mwendwa) and his team held a press conference where they said the president would continue in office despite SDT unequivocally saying their term had ended. That stance was confirmed by Veron's letter on March 25. Is there a correlation between all these happenings?"

Odongo asked the SDT to issue orders to preserve FKF assets and to prevent strangers from accessing the federation premises at Kasarani.

"The SDT ruling was clear that the term of office of the FKF NEC had ended. Therefore, there is a real danger to



Nick Mwendwa and his team at Safari Park hotel on March 17. [Stafford Odongo, Standard]

FKF assets, accounts, official documents if you have strangers in control," Odongo said.

FKF lawyer Omwebu, however, disagreed with the request saying the Fifa Goal Project is not a government property.

"Granting such orders would constitute government interference. Besides, there is no evidence whatsoever of vandalism as suggested," Omwebu said.

Journalist Milton Nyakundi appearing as an interested party said: "Protecting assets of FKF including the financial records' integrity is important. I strongly urge the Tribunal to give orders barring unauthorized persons from accessing Kandanda House, which persons are the individuals who served with Mr Nick Mwendwa as NEC members between 2016 and 10th February 2020."

He added: "History bears witness to how at times like this, certain individuals have vandalised Goal Project as was the case in 2011."

Nyakundi also urged the SDT to decline the invitation to a meeting by Fifa arguing that doing so would compromise its jurisdiction. "It is my submission that the Tribunal has given its ruling and being part of such a meeting would take away its jurisdiction to hear any possible disputes that would arise should there be any disagreements from the meeting of Fifa, government and the rest of us."

Tribunal's orders and directions on March 17



THE JUDICIARY

■ Office of Sports Disputes Tribunal; Case No 3 of 2020
■ Panel: Mr. John M. Ohaga, C.Arb - Chair
■ Mrs. J. Njeri Onyango - Member
■ Ms. Mary N. Kimani - Member
■ Hearing: February 25, 2020
■ Ruling: March 17, 2020

■ I. A declaration be and is hereby issued that the decisions by the Sports Registrar in her letters to FKF dated 25th October 2019 and 15th November 2019 directing FKF to register county sports associations and to call off elections are without lawful basis;

■ II. A declaration be and is hereby issued that a branch of a national sports organization is not synonymous with a county sports association and consequently, a national sports organization has no obligation in law to register county sports associations but can create and maintain branches as an organizational unit as it may from time to time deem fit and as provided for in law;

■ III. A declaration that all the football clubs duly registered by FKF are eligible to participate in FKF elections at their respective levels of competition within FKF's organizational structure be it at the National or sub-county levels and more particularly as provided for in the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Sports Act, 2013, 2017 FKF Constitution and the FKF Electoral Code;

■ IV. A declaration that the notice convening the SGM of 28th January 2020 was compliant with the FKF Constitution 2017 and the Special General Meeting was accordingly properly convened and constituted;

■ V. A declaration that FKF has complied with the orders of Sports Disputes Tribunal in SDT No. 6.9 and 19 of 2015;

■ VI. A declaration that the public participation on the 2020 FKF Electoral Code did meet the constitutional threshold;

■ VII. A declaration that the Appeals Board proposed in the FKF Electoral Code meets the threshold of independence and impartiality contemplated in Article 47 and 81 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, FIFA Statutes, the FKF Constitution 2017 and FIFA Standard Electoral Code;

■ VIII. A declaration that the eligibility criteria at Section 4 of the 2020 Electoral Code are unreasonable and designed to lock out potential aspirants and is therefore a gross violation of the principle of free and fair elections contemplated by Section 46 (6) as read with Paragraph (d) of the Second Schedule to the Sports Act and Article 81 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

■ IX. Therefore, an order be and is issued declaring the intended elections and the process towards these elections unlawful for non-compliance with Article 38 and 81 of the Constitution of Kenya;

■ X. A declaration that the term of office of the NEC is at an end;

■ XI. A request that FFA appoints a normalization committee for the purpose of inter alia, holding the elections of the FKF;

■ XIII. The matter shall be mentioned on 21st April, 2020 for further directions;

■ XII. A declaration that the bodies established under the Electoral Code such as the Electoral Board and the Appeals Board remain validly in place and will await the appointment of a normalization committee before they can resume their work;

English Premier League

Crystal Palace claim to be world's oldest pro club

Crystal Palace have made an audacious claim to be considered the oldest league club in existence still playing professional football after new research appeared to show they were founded in 1861.

For decades Notts County, currently playing in England's fifth-tier National League, have been regarded as the oldest professional club following their foundation in 1862.

But author Peter Manning, working on behalf of Premier League side Palace, has discovered a link between the south Londoners, founded as a pro-

fessional club in 1905, and a cricket and football club formed a year before County were born.

The research claims there is a direct connection between the two outfits through their ownership by the Crystal Palace Company.

"Without the Crystal Palace and the Crystal Palace Company there would have been no Crystal Palace Football Club," said Manning.

"It was always one club and always part of the Crystal Palace Company's business. As the founding of the football club



Crystal Palace's Wilfried Zaha reacts with referee Stuart Attwell. [Fie]

dates back to 1861, it can claim to be the oldest professional league club in the world."

Palace chairman Steve Parish said: "As a lifelong supporter of Crystal Palace, it's amazing that we have a legitimate claim to be the oldest professional league club still in existence, that we were in the very first FA meetings, and that our history dates all the way back to the Victorian cricketers of 1861 at the Palace even involving the great W.G. Grace."

Football's authorities have yet to confirm or deny the validity of Palace's claim. [AFP]



Football. How Kenyan international has become a darling of fans abroad

Olunga dreams of World Cup history with Kenya

Why Engineer is a cult hero at almost all clubs he has played for.

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Kenyan international Michael 'Engineer' Olunga appears to have been a cult hero at almost all clubs he has turned out for.

From record Kenyan Premier League champions Gor Mahia to Djurgardens IF in Sweden, Girona in Spain and J1 League's Kashiwa Reysol, Olunga, 26, has left a legacy there.

Though Olunga led Harambee Stars to the 2019 Africa Nations Cup for the first time in 15 years, he feels playing at the 2022 World Cup finals in Qatar will leave quite an imprint at his national team fans.

Kenya is in Group E of the World Cup qualifiers alongside Mali, Uganda, and Rwanda.

"Every single player dreams of playing in the World Cup," Olunga told *FIFA.com*.

"If you look at these teams, Uganda and Mali were at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations, and they progressed to the Round of 16, too, while we were eliminated after the group stage. If you look at it that way, we are one of the weaker teams in the group.

"But football is changing and each and everyone has the opportunity to play home and away, so you have the same advantages as your opponents in a sense."

Olunga was part of the 2015 Gor Mahia invincible squad where he won the KPL best player award after scoring 19 goals.

He then moved to Swedish top tier side IF Djurgardens and netted 12 goals before joining Girona on loan from Guizhou Zhicheng in 2018.

Olunga bagged a hat trick against Las Pal-

mas in a span of 22 minutes to become the first African to score a hat trick in the Spanish top division on debut.

He then signed for Kashiwa Reysol in 2018 and netted staggering 32 goals in over 40 appearances to help them earn a promotion back to the topflight football, just one year after being relegated.

Olunga set a record in J2 League after scoring eight times in his side's 13-1 victory over Kyoto Sanga last year.

He has since then become a cult hero at Reysol celebrating with the Kenyan flag as well as singing the famous 'Jambo Kenya! Hakuna Matata' with fans after scoring.

"Now when anyone in Kenya hears about the J.League, he or she will have me in their minds," said Olunga.

"That's great because I'm also trying to work much harder to promote the J.League in general to the African continent, which is positive for the growth of football in Japan."

He added: "My chant at Reysol is based on Boney M's 'Jambo-Hakuna Matata', a famous Swahili song.

"When the fans made a chant for me they probably googled famous songs in Swahili and found this one! I heard them singing it one game and I liked it because it portrays my culture. Being sung in Swahili it makes me want to give more to the team because I feel the culture. This is why I love the chant."

Player's profile

- Name: Michael Olunga
- Nationality: Kenyan
- National team caps: 40
- Age: 26
- Current club: Kashiwa Reysol
- Past clubs: Thika United, Tusker, Gor Mahia, Djurgardens IF, Guizhou Zhicheng and Girona



Michael Olunga (right) in action against Ethiopia's Antene Tesfeka (left) and Ashalew Tamene during their AFCON 2019 qualifier at Kasarani Stadium, Nairobi, on October 2018. [File]



Coronavirus

Spurs stars flout distancing advice

Tottenham will speak to Serge Aurier and Moussa Sissoko (pictured) after the Premier League stars flouted government guidelines on social distancing during the coronavirus.

Ivory Coast defender Aurier posted a video of himself training with Tottenham team-mate Sissoko on Instagram yesterday.

The 27-year-old, who was wearing a mask, has since deleted the videos, which showed him

running shuttles and sitting next to France midfielder Sissoko, disregarding the current social distancing advice.

Aurier and Sissoko are the latest high-profile figures at Tottenham to ignore the guidelines while Britain is on lockdown due to the pandemic.

Just two weeks ago, Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho was pictured holding a one-on-one training session in north

London with French midfielder Tanguy Ndombele.

Mourinho was forced to admit his mistake, saying his "actions were not in line with government protocol".

On the same day, Tottenham duo Ryan Sessegnon and Davinson Sanchez were filmed running side-by-side, while Aurier has also posted a separate video of him running with a friend.

[AFP]

Coronavirus

Uefa: Finish seasons

Uefa made a "strong recommendation" yesterday that domestic European football league seasons, currently on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic, be completed.

"There was a strong recommendation given to finish domestic top division and cup competitions," European football's governing body said. It added that "some special cases will be heard once guidelines concerning par-

ticipation to European competitions — in case of a cancelled league — have been developed." Uefa said any further decisions would be announced after its Executive Committee meets on Thursday. League seasons across Europe were halted in March as coronavirus spread across Europe. The German Bundesliga is set to become the first top-flight league to attempt to restart its season on May 9. [AFP]

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Tackling the frontiers of doing business.

4 ways to future proof your brand

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Lack of sufficient capital, faulty infrastructure or business models, and steep competition are some of the most common reasons businesses fail.

But there's one threat to businesses that many entrepreneurs overlook: becoming irrelevant due to advancements in technology and trends.

In fact, one study found that around half of small business owners find tech trends, such as cloud computing, AI and data analytics, complicated. But if you don't anticipate these changes, your business might not survive the evolving landscape.

To give your business the best chance of survival, here are some strategies you can use to prepare it for the future.

1. Know that a lean team is a winning one

The traditional hierarchy of command and responsibility in a company might not be as effective as it once was. For instance, companies no longer need a big number of employees to run effectively. Numerous studies have revealed that small teams are more effective at tasks than huge teams.

In one study published in the

journal *Nature*, researchers who analysed 65 million papers, patents and tech products from 1954 to 2014 found that smaller teams of scientists consistently found new ideas. On the other hand, larger groups were more likely to only add new information to existing ideas.

Many successful companies have adopted the 'small team' model to maximise on this effect while minimising running costs. Google is known to separate employees into tightly-focused teams that specialise on specific projects on a micro level.

Because company sizes are varied, there's no magical number for an effective team. However, every business owner should strive to keep their company structure lean. If possible, go for a horizontal/flat organisational structure to minimise middle management levels.

If it works for your type of business, you can also cut overhead costs by having your staff work from home. This eliminates the expenses associated with having an office.

2. Offer an experience, not just a service

Known as CX in the business world, customer experience is what defines your customers' perception of the brand. This perception begins forming even before the customer buys your product, and is

intensified through each stage of the lifecycle including purchase, onboarding, implementation and renewal.

Once a customer comes in, it is up to you to make sure you establish and maintain a fulfilling relationship. Once this bond is established, it will be harder for a customer to ditch you for a competitor, even if they're offering slightly more advanced technology or lower prices.

"One 2019 study by Airtasker found that remote employees work 1.4 more days per month than office-based counterparts, which translates to three additional weeks of work per year."

Your physical stores should be welcoming to your customers, with courteous and helpful employees as well as an inviting ambience.

Your online stores (where shoppers are spending more time nowadays) should be easy to navigate.

Bear in mind that loyal customers are the best promoters for your business. They buy more from your business, stay with your brand longer, and make trustworthy recommendations to their friends and acquaintances. But you

don't need to go overboard to win your customers' loyalty.

According to Toman Dixon in his book *The Effortless Experience*, the key to great customer experience is consistency in delivering a good experience, resolving queries quickly, while requiring minimum effort from the customer.

If your business meets these expectations every time, you are likely to retain customers and see better profitability.

3. Predict tomorrow today

Remember that tomorrow's technology is built on today's. To successfully prepare for the future, you have to learn everything you can about the existing technology and trends. Armed with this information, you can anticipate end-user's needs and create solutions that will be in high demand.

Keep an eye out for influencing factors surrounding your business. For example, look at how the introduction of smartphones affected the camera industry. Kodak, which was once a billion-dollar camera and film company failed to plan for this, which led to it filing for bankruptcy in 2012. Smartphones have also killed other products, such as radios, music players, paper maps, GPS devices and recorders.

Don't be afraid to think differently. When Henry Ford was building cars, he had to deal with naysayers who were used to horses.

"If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses," he famously said.

Your customers might not even be able to explain what they want, but it is up to you to

anticipate their needs. To do this, you have to be a keen observer of trends in your industry. If you're operating in a developing country like Kenya, you can stay ahead by regularly checking international trends in your industry. You can do this by following relevant blogs or creating a Google Alert on topics of your interest.

4. Diversify or die

You might have heard that focusing on one product is the key to success. In fact, many companies owe their success to one great product.

A good example is Crocs, the

company which creates a casual shoe. For many years, the company has maintained its focus on the same basic shoe design, albeit in different colours and stickers.

But this strategy can be unsustainable in the long run, especially for big companies. It's still advisable for small companies and start-ups to focus on their best seller. But you must always think of ways to diversify your product portfolio to increase your chances of survival.

You don't have to create entirely new products - diversification can be as simple as offering different colours or qualities.

EDITOR'S NOTE



A LITTLE SELFISHNESS DOESN'T HURT

I know of a man who paid for his siblings' higher education and even catered for some of his cousins and their children's school fees. At the time, he was at the helm of his career, a chief auditor in a leading financial institution. Today, he is 70; plagued with loans all accrued from trying to establish businesses to keep him and his wife afloat through their sunset years. Last I heard, he had blood pressure issues brought on by stress thanks to worrying about his finances. One would ask, where are all the people he built up back in the day? Well, they are flourishing. And the old man is now a bother to them. His constant pleas for a handout are a nuisance they would rather not deal with.

I'm not saying that you shouldn't be generous. No, by all means, do it. But set boundaries, because, like the man in the story I learnt too late, you can't put expectations on people for your well-being; not even those you bent over backwards for. While selfishness is frowned upon, there is a selfishness that is akin to self-love. Don't give and give and leave yourself bottomed out. Sometimes saying no can be the best thing you do for yourself. If giving leaves you angry, frustrated or at your wits' end, then that isn't the giving you need to be doing. At the end of the day, you owe yourself as much generosity as you give to others.

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how i did it

Advice from someone who found success.



My special forces training inspired my business

I sunk deeper into mental health problems after my family disintegrated around 2009. I battled alcoholism among other things. The army's machinery to deal with mental health challenges at the time were simply nonexistent. I had witnessed a comrade get mishandled and sadly, his service later terminated. Years later he eventually committed suicide by locking himself in his house and then setting it on fire. I then had to make a decision to leave. I believed the time had come for me to venture out. And it is one of the soundest decisions I ever made.

Also, I do love a good challenge. I had excelled in all my pursuits in the army and the stint in the special forces indeed marked the very ceiling of military service and advancement to me. I felt it was time to seek more challenging pursuits where my special expertise would add real value.

to pump in any capital into this business. I tapped into the net worth of my network base that I was able to offer consultancy and other tailored services to.

I am an avid reader, and I would say my business Bible was William A. Cohen's "How to Make It Big As A Consultant". It helped me come up with a set of best practices that ensured I was able to reach for consistent excellent performance.

What do you wish you knew about entrepreneurship when you started?

Four things:
1. That sometimes, even your best isn't enough. Let me

explain. There is a principle in psychology called "Pygmalion effect", which loosely translates into 'high expectations will lead to high performance'. I believe in it, but I hadn't accounted for influencing factors like corruption that defined the operating environment. You would easily get outcompeted by the mediocre simply because they knew their way around or corruptly obtained the ticket to supply "air".

2. You can't do it all. The special forces trains and packs into an individual many skills making you a jack of all trades, and a master of all. This can make one overly confident of themselves. And here lies another trouble. When I started off as a consultant after leaving XFOR, alone, with nothing, I

took on everything that came my way. Quite sensibly, you can only do a few things excellently. You get spread thin. I have since learnt to be calmer, plan thoroughly and with forethought, and focus more on assembling a strong team with the right expertise and character before taking on any project.

3. If I were to start all over again, I would never sell myself short. Deal in integrity and superior service delivery that has immense value to the clients and after meeting all the bad options out there, they will find you.

4. It is OK to say NO to small or unimportant things, so you can say YES to bigger and critical things.

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He dropped out of university to join the army, thinking that he would serve his country for just five years and go back to complete his undergraduate studies. What Byron Adera didn't know was that he had found his one true calling, leading him down a winding journey into entrepreneurship. He is now a security expert, trainer and consultant running his own firm; Byron Adera Consultants. He shares the ups and downs of his journey with Hustle.

Why security consultancy?

It was a natural progression. My professional security career started in the army where I became a platoon commander in the elite Kenya Parachute Regiment after about two years in cadet training. During this time I went through successful operational missions both within and outside the borders. I was then handpicked to join the first Special Forces Unit. My last appointment in the army was as an operations officer in 30 KSF. I then joined corporate security in 2012, starting off as a country operations director for an international security company called XFOR. I branched out on my own in 2014. I can now admit that resigning from XFOR was an emotional decision.

How was resigning an emotional decision?

Resigning from XFOR was the most difficult career decision I ever made. It was all spurred by losing my mother in 2013. I owed literally all my achievements to her and being away for work when she died haunted me. I hadn't spent enough time with her. So I resigned. It was an emotional decision and I had not properly calculated my next move and this led me into huge personal losses. Essentially, I was navigating on a broken compass. I even got auctioned and I lost my most prized possessions then - my books and shoes! What saved me was my mental strength and tremendous belief in myself. I came up with a plan. I sought referrals from my pool of networks and took on projects that I knew were within my special expertise to perform excellently at minimal costs. And I slowly got back in the game.

Why quit army when you seemed set for a promising career?

The special forces unit is decidedly a community of super achievers and it is humbling to have been part of its beginning. However, my army life was impacted by mental health challenges, which drove me into deep depression. I even suffered a nervous disorder called Bell's Palsy.

What does a security consultancy entail?

In a nutshell, we provide expert security and safety advice after doing an analysis of your existing security. In some cases, we have been part of advancing the solutions. Businesses and individuals suffer major losses when unseen security and safety "disasters" strike and find them flat-footed because their existing safety and security protocols were adequate enough to counter the risk.

Who are some of your clients?

Our portfolio of clients includes both public and private entities: government institutions, agencies, corporates, religious institutions, schools and individuals. Our reach is both nationwide and international. Last year, we conducted security and safety training for learning spaces in Lusaka, Zambia. This brought together Deputy Vice Chancellors and security managers of universities across four countries.

How did you raise capital to start your own company?

I was lucky. I had a soft landing after the army, being picked as the country director of the UK based Security Company. While at it, I grew a solid network base that aided in my transition into my own consultancy ventures later on by 2014. This meant that I did not need



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The biggest lies I was told about growing w

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1. That business will break even in the first year

Nelly Tuikong, founder and director at Pauline Cosmetics Ltd

One big misconception about entrepreneurship is that one will become an instant success. It took me two years to break even. My initial business plan had been to break the bank in six months. I'm laughing at that plan now. Because the makeup industry was a late bloomer in most of Africa, I started the business when there was basically no market. I was looking at the future and I believed change was coming and I was going to be one of the industry leaders.

Creating your own brand back then was not common, except for big companies that had existed for a long time. Today my predictions have come to pass and the beauty industry is thriving. But sometimes I feel like I started too early. It was a struggle for

almost three years with no market. And I had so much of me tied to it. I was always praying for a breakthrough, and when it finally came, it made up for all the waiting. Still, it was tough, but no experience goes to waste. All that has toughened me up and given me the courage to go take risks and be able to survive them.

Another big misconception is that the business will always generate wealth. A lot of people have tied their identities to their business and its consuming them whole.

Their businesses are black holes. They have mortgaged their houses, borrowed up to their necks to keep the business afloat and they can't seem to be able to break through or to let go all together.

It is important to take time to explore why one wants to start a business. If the reason is to make money, then you need to be willing to wait a really long time, and in some cases be willing to lose money or walk away from the business.

Consider working or interning for small businesses and/or start-ups where you will be able to see the ins and outs of a business and determine if you see yourself in that position.

3. That a great business idea is all you need

Flora Mutahi, founder and CEO at Melvins Tea

Six months into running my business I realised that that not everything was as simple as it looked on paper. Free time was a mirage as I had to put in more work hours than usual to get the business going. That entailed doing everything from being the receptionist, messenger and accountant. Time also becomes your most valuable resource as you realise you only have so many hours in a day and you have to make an impact. How you spend your time has a direct impact on how much value you will produce. You have less free time as you always take your business with you wherever you go. What you do get is flexibility to manage your own timetable without necessarily answering to someone

else's time.

There's also an assumption that all you need is a great idea and you're ready to go. A great idea is obviously important; however, execution and timing are equally just or more important than a good idea. An idea will just remain an idea on paper if extra effort is not put in bringing it to fruition. No matter how good your idea is, it is only valuable if it solves a problem. The idea has to be feasible, practical and profitable for any form of execution to proceed.

Finally, there's a misconception that you will start making money immediately because other people in the same business are making money. Far from it. It takes time for a business to break even. It is advisable that you have over six months' worth of savings to be able to pay your bills. This figure varies from industry to industry, so it is advisable to speak to people in your intended industry and hear their story.

2. That every business owner takes risks

Mary Muthoni, founder and chairperson at St Petroc Premier Schools

The biggest misconception about entrepreneurship is that everyone takes risks in business. Risk takers are a minority. Most businesspeople gain success by being smart, limiting risks, and planning carefully. The other misconception is that funding is always needed. This is not necessarily true. Sometimes you need to start with the little you have as opposed to always waiting to get funding.

from banks, friends, or family. People also say that you will be your own boss once you start a business.

That's false - your clients will be your bosses. Also, you don't need to quit your job to start your own business. Are you able to sustain yourself after quitting? Why not invest in a business and create systems that work for you? Lastly, there's a myth that all you need is a great idea. The truth is, just because you love your idea doesn't mean that there is an actual need in the market for it. Will other people get behind this idea? Get opinions from business owners you know and respect.

4. You do not need high returns and high savings to grow money

Beth Thuo, vice president of Consumer Banking at SIM Bank (Kenya) Ltd

The biggest misconceptions about growing money is that you only grow money or create wealth when you stumble upon a great investment idea. What they don't tell you is that a consistent saving culture is more important. Most people also think they are too young to save and invest. Saving then is not a priority and is delayed.

The reality is the younger you are when you start saving and growing money, the better off you will be. This misconception made me unconscious about present consumption and the need to apply wealth in a manner that created even more wealth.

I delayed the need to create a consistent savings culture from when I began earning, waiting for a moment when I would have "enough" to start investing. The best time to start saving is in your early twenties because you have fewer responsibilities and expenses. Time is a valuable asset, so an early start for savings compounds in value. Also, the best investment you will ever

make is in yourself. Improve your network. Increase your expertise, talent and experience. Invest in becoming a better version of yourself. That will generate better long-term results, than any other investment, and the only one that will help you live a more fulfilling life.



Health

6 That you need a loan to set up a business

Esther Muchemi, CEO at Samchi Group of Companies and author of 'Give Me My Mountain'

Many people have been made to believe that you need to have it all to start growing money. This is not true. Everyone has something they can start with. When looking for capital, for instance, always start from a place of possibility, a place of belief that something can be birthed from the little that you have. While there are some people who may have had significant capital at start up, majority of people (including myself) had to start from where we were.

When I started Samchi, I only had Sh50,000. The starting capital was so little that I couldn't afford to employ anyone. I did everything from cleaning to selling and taking the stocks. Another misconception is that only the rich can save. You can start saving even as a student from the little pocket money your parent offers. We save by spending less than what we earn and by having the discipline to put away a portion and then reinvesting it. When you cultivate a culture of saving early in life, it becomes much easier for you to save later when you have more.

People also often say that money is

the root of all evil. What determines whether money is good or evil is the use of it and the attachment or the relationship you have with it. What is the money being used for? Is it being used for God's glory or is it being used only for pleasure? Does it bring pride? Or is it being used for a higher purpose? Money should be used to create a comfortable life for yourself and those close to you, but more importantly it must have an impact on the larger society. You should find the bigger purpose of the money. I believe in chasing wealth not riches, and I also believe in sustainable wealth creation. Sustainable wealth creation has a long-term view that outlast the current generation or season. Being rich is having the ability to spend lots of money now;

being wealthy is accumulating assets that allow you to preserve your money for use in the future. I believe in being wealthy. There are several forms of capital that form a circle of wealth generation.

These are spiritual capital, social capital, human capital, innovation capital and financial capital. All these must be managed sustainably for long term benefits. Therefore, I advise people to work on creating wealth and not riches.



7 That you can't grow wealth off your salary

Timothy Wambui, principal officer at Natbank Trustee and Investment Services Ltd

The three most common misconceptions about growing money are: you have to have a lot of money for you to grow money; you are too young to start thinking about growing your money; and there are some asset classes where you are guaranteed that your wealth will keep growing forever (for example, property).

I was lucky to work in a wealth management firm right after college. Continuous financial planning training and interactions with clients made me realise that one can begin growing their wealth using their salary.

I had clients who started investing a very small portion of their salary and after four years, the growth was exponential. Previously, I believed that people aged over 40 are the ones who should be thinking about growing wealth.

The belief was that those under 40 have a small salary and huge bills to maintain, so they have no money and therefore cannot grow wealth. I realised this was a misconception when I saw my clients who began with the little monthly savings that saw their investment grow to almost double in six years. The property bubble burst in the United States which culminated in the global financial crisis in 2008 made me realise that property too can depreciate in value. The jury is still out on whether the Kenyan property bubble is bursting, but the point is if it can happen elsewhere, it can also happen in Kenya.

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5 That life insurance is a scam

Dorothy Ooko, head of Africa communications and public affairs at Google

Many of us let two main emotions around money dominate our decisions: fear and greed. That's why we still believe the outdated mantra "Go to school, go to university, get a job, play it safe" when in reality no job is safe anymore. Covid-19 is showing us this.

For example, when you get a raise at your job, a wise choice would be to invest the extra money in something that builds wealth like stocks or bonds, which has medium to high risk, but also a very high reward. Maybe you find a good fund with a 60 per cent chance to double your money within a year, but a 40 per cent chance of losing it all.

However, most likely your fear of losing the money altogether will keep you from doing so. But when your greed takes over, you might then spend the extra money on an improved lifestyle, like buying a car, and the payments eat up the money - this way you're guaranteed to lose 100 per cent. This gave me a



glimpse of how important it was to educate myself financially. Now I think that had this been my way of thinking much earlier in life, I would have had more assets at a younger age.

Since we don't really receive any financial education at home or in school, sadly, we make a number of bad choices before learning. No one ever talked to me about growing money. I looked at anyone who talked to me about it with great suspicion.

Take, for instance, life insurance brokers. I was taught to look at insurance sellers as thieves who just wanted to get commissions from my lack of knowledge. When I started working, I thought taking life insurance was a waste of money when I could travel and see the world. When looking for a loan for my first home, the banker asked if I had a life insurance which would serve as a collateral.

We calculated how much that would have been if I had invested earlier when I started working. We need to teach our children how to have a healthy relationship with money, and especially how to work for it and save it, and how to make money work for them.



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Learning from the people in business.

Keep your bank close and don't trust easily

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While barely out of her teens, Susan Kaitany would approach the men and women of the highland town where she was pursuing a university education to sell them airline tickets.

"I was in Eldoret and I didn't want to party with my peers. I wanted to start a business, and a travel agency sounded like a good idea. But it was like selling a dream to the farming population. There was no proper airline back then, and the town only got one incoming flight a day," she says.

Still, she kept at it and eventually succeeded to the point of becoming an employer. And that marked the beginning of her entrepreneurship journey.

Today, Susan is the CEO of Posh Palace, a high-end beauty parlour in Nairobi. She shares with *Hustle* the tough lessons in business management that she has learnt over the years.

1. When starting out, you will make mistakes, but learn fast

Have a business plan

When starting out, try to have at least one thing going right; a solid business plan.

Set up systems

When I started my first business, I did not have structures and systems. I was printing out invoice books as needed. I lost a lot of money to theft as a result.

Posh Palace



Don't trust easily

I trusted people too much too fast. When you are starting out, you aren't really aware that there are people who can take advantage of you and steal from you. Always let people earn your trust.

Start small

You don't need a million employees to begin with. You don't need a fancy office. All that will come with time. I started my first business in a tiny room and I was the sole employee. Later, when business grew, I brought on three employees.

Surround yourself with inspiring people

Entrepreneurship is a journey, so I have to keep learning new things every single day. People need to add to your life and give you invaluable knowledge; great insights that you would have never been able to have on your own. So, network widely and surround yourself with people who will motivate you.

2. Be a leader your people can follow

Human resource is the hardest thing for all businesses across the world. It is still my greatest challenge today and overcoming it is still a work in progress. You can have a good product and systems in place, but if your people are not happy, there is nothing much you are doing.

If you are the leader, every-

one is looking up to you so the bar is high. You cannot speak one thing and live something else. You have to be a leader who follows through. It starts with you and your actions.

Are you putting in the work yourself? Are you leading by example? It is your actions that matter most. When your staff look at you and your life, they should be able to say, "Yes, I want to be like my boss. I like the way she carries herself. I like the way she lives her life. She is a focused person."

People will only follow you when you give them a reason to. You have to motivate them daily. As much as you have to drive sales, don't forget they are also human. Be approachable and reachable. Have an open-door policy. They need to be comfortable with you.

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3. Succeeding in a competitive market takes work

It took a lot for me to succeed in Eldoret. I was a Nairobi kid who had moved upcountry. All my clients were older. I had to tone down my dressing and grow up fast.

I did door-to-door marketing, and sometimes I would trudge back to my campus hostel in tears. Eventually, I learned that the biggest and best way of marketing your work is actually through your work. It speaks for itself.

Your clientele is always going to be your number one seller. Over the years, I have tried to market in different ways - newspapers, radio, billboards - but I have found that the thing that will always speak for me is my work. If you have done a

good job, your clients will tell other clients. My service delivery has been my main marketing tool.

4. Make the bank your friend

Cash flow is the heart of a business. Not having good cash flow is like not having enough blood in your body. Cash flow is what keeps the business going.

And in tough spots, you will need your bank. Thus, you need to have a decent relationship with your bank. You cannot depend on other people to bail you out because many times, they will disappoint you.

At the end of the day, it is just you and your banker, who most times will try not to fail you if you have maintained a decent account with them over time.

There have been times when I have asked my branch manager to allow me to overdraw my account and they do it because they can look at the account and see that there has been reasonable cash flow. Identify a good bank and stick with it.

5. There is always room, even in a crowded market

It does not matter what business you get into. The question is whether you can differentiate yourself. We could all be selling toothbrushes, but my toothbrushes will be different.

I don't allow myself to be the norm. I purpose to be different. The truth is that there is enough for everyone. If you are opening something, put in a bit of yourself in it. When you think about Posh Palace, for instance, you can see me in it. It has a personal touch to it.

If the customers can feel you and feel your passion and can see what your vision is, then you will be different for sure. It is different from someone who just wakes up and copy-pastes someone else's business.

My business is founded on the things that make me happy. When I go to a beauty parlour, I want to go to a place where I can enjoy the music, I can have some tea, some wine and sit at a bar. I want to be able to relax.



Posh Palace
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Kaitany.

When I am getting my hair done, I want to feel like I am in a hotel room.

Life is generally hard so you just want one hour where you take some time out, and you want to have that in a nice place. I am the test customer for my own businesses - I make it what I would like to experience.

6. Stick to the timeless truths of succeeding in business

Consistency is key

Doing the same thing over and over again with finesse is what a successful business is about. Also, if you fail, get up. Again and again. You can't give up. It's dreaming up ideas to

better your business, over and over again. You can't be complacent; improve consistently.

Be passionate

If you are not excited about your business, there is very little you can do for it. When you are passionate, you are driven. Running a business takes a big chunk of your life; you need to be excited about it or close shop.

Work hard

You can never underestimate the power of work. The hustle is the grease to life. It keeps the business going. Plus, when you hustle, you feel good. Any time you win, it gives you a high. Even when you try but fail, the rush is worth it. It is like skydiving every single time. Enjoy the process.

Life skills

Learning the basics of business

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There is no shortage of tips and tricks that promise to get your business to where you want to see it. But after all is said and done, you have to make decisions that work for both you and your start-up. Here are the principles upon which you can build the business of your dreams.

1. Learn to delegate while you focus on the bigger picture

Virgin Group CEO Richard Branson once said: "The secret to my success is people because they had skills that I did not. In some areas, they knew better than I did how to make my vision a reality."

One of the secrets of a successful entrepreneur is knowing what to be involved in directly and what to delegate to others. To truly develop your business, you cannot try to do it all on your own. By outsourcing or hiring staff to take care of most of the time-consuming tasks, you get the chance to focus on the most important, high-level priorities.

2. Choose your business partners wisely

Many times businesses fail because people blindly pick their friends and relatives as business partners. Rather than selecting business partners purely based on blood ties and friendship, go into a partnership based on considerations of complementary skills, talents and abilities. Friends and relatives could easily compromise business values by expecting favours or being unable to distinguish family relationships from business relationships. Choose a partner that is committed to the job, is diligent, hard-working, visionary and, above all, trustworthy.

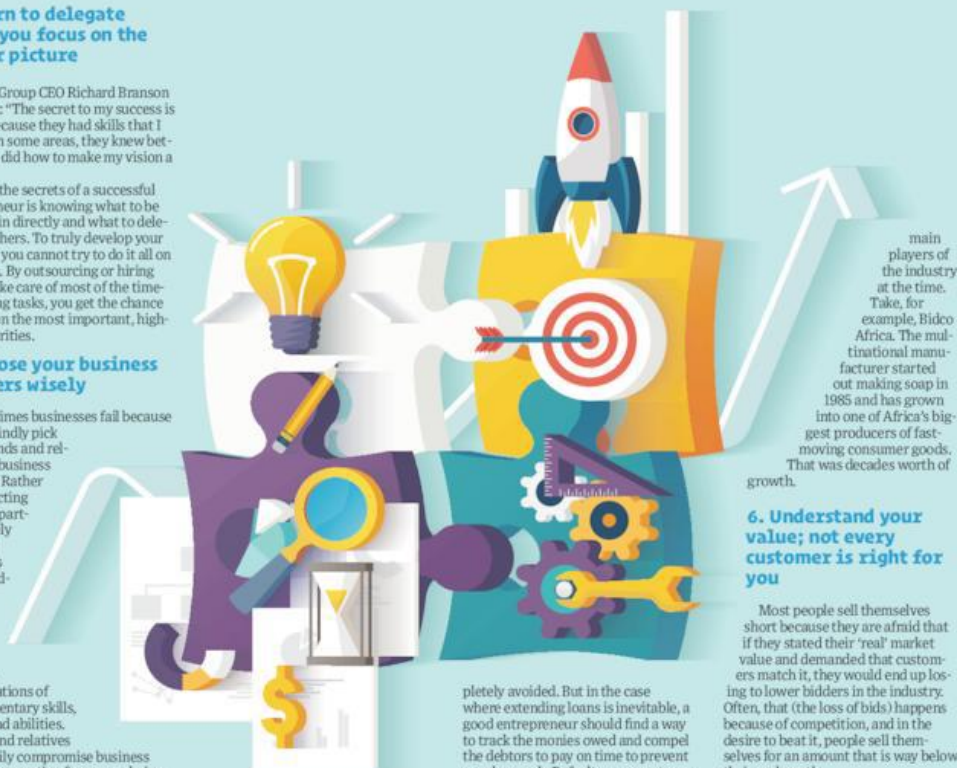
3. It's not about great ideas; it's about solving market needs

Strive Masiyiwa, Econet founder and Zimbabwe's richest man who made his fortune in mobile telecoms, says if he were starting his entrepreneurial journey today, he would venture into agriculture.

This is because Africa imports a lot of food from other continents, worth well over \$60 million (\$6.4 billion) each year. This was echoed by Aliko Dangote, Nigeria's wealthiest man.

Basically, what these tycoons are saying is the motivation to enter busi-

11 secrets to finding success in business



main players of the industry at the time. Take, for example, Bido Africa. The multinational manufacturer started out making soap in 1985 and has grown into one of Africa's biggest producers of fast-moving consumer goods. That was decades worth of growth.

6. Understand your value; not every customer is right for you

Most people sell themselves short because they are afraid that if they stated their 'real' market value and demanded that customers match it, they would end up losing to lower bidders in the industry. Often, that (the loss of bids) happens because of competition, and in the desire to beat it, people sell themselves for an amount that is way below their real worth.

An entrepreneur should be aware that the markets will be unfair and will expect them to sell their goods and services for way less than their value. But the entrepreneur should not bow to this exploitative trade off. If you offer quality, the right customers for you will show up. Your prices do not have to keep up with those from competitors offering mediocre services.

7. Consider mergers as an easier way to fundraise

One of the challenges that affects start-ups is raising funds that can sustain the business in the short term before the venture can independently support itself. Sometimes loans from financial institutions may be impossible to obtain, or repayments impossible to keep up with.

And many people are unwilling to risk investing their resources in ven-

tures whose returns are not guaranteed. One way to get around this and still raise funds is to merge with someone interested in your industry and who has the resources, or even key contacts, to keep your business running.

8. Be ready for backlash, failure and disappointment

Entrepreneurship is about highs and lows. Stumbling blocks will always be along the way, trusted partners sometimes turn out to be disappointing betrayers, and the business landscape can be unforgiving. Entrepreneurship is not for the faint-hearted. You have to rise above the challenges, learn from the mistakes and always give it a stronger, better shot.

9. Separate your work life from family life

Many entrepreneurs end up failing because they are unable to strike a healthy balance between work and family. They become obsessed with the operations of the business such that they do not have any family or private time.

Make sure to separate family and business time. This will help you avoid burnout. Separate family finances from business finances as well so that you can keep track of your net worth, expenditure and assets.

There are those who avoid carrying work home so that when they are with family, they can focus on being present. This, however, requires great discipline. You can also decide to separate your work email from your personal email, and even have office telephone contacts that will not be reachable on unless you are in the office.

10. Understand that no sales means no business

This is the ultimate mantra of business. You are here to make money, and at the end of the day, factors such as branding, customer relations and office décor will amount to nothing if there are no sales to show for all the hassle. No sales means the entrepreneurial venture should not even exist.

11. Lower on your overheads

Limit, as much as possible, your overhead costs.

Make smart hiring decisions and hire quality instead of quantity. Also, negotiate new deals with landlords during times such as these, when there is a pandemic that could lead to business failure.

Find ways to reduce costs on utilities, such as the Internet. You can either get a lower bandwidth, or rope in fellow entrepreneurs and share the costs of connectivity.

Outsource services whose internal maintenance is costly, such as IT or even accounting. This way, you can also reduce sales and marketing costs.

ness should primarily be about finding the niche in the market - what people are lacking at that time.

A lot of potential entrepreneurs miss this point. They may have a great idea borne from lots of research, but it won't amount to much if it does not solve an existing problem.

Good entrepreneurship is all about solving pain points. It is all about changing people's way of living by introducing, or developing, a good or service that essentially translates into an easier life for people.

4. Give debt to clients with caution

Whenever possible, avoid getting into deep debt or extending big credits. Debts whose defaulting could lead to business slowdown should be com-

pletely avoided. But in the case where extending loans is inevitable, a good entrepreneur should find a way to track the monies owed and compel the debtors to pay on time to prevent a cash crunch. Defaulters, or partners who are not creditworthy, will ultimately jeopardise business projects.

Perform a thorough background check on a business before offering credit. Also, offer discounts for the early repayment of bills. Check the level of credit your competitors offer and tune your business to that.

5. Forget about being an overnight success

Rome was not built in a day, neither was any successful business. Take time to learn and improve. Start small and rise through challenges and competition, creating networks along the way, overcoming upsets until you finally stand out. That is why one of the main characteristics of any successful entrepreneur is persistence.

Some of the biggest companies in the world started very small, way below average, streets behind the



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