

# YOUTHS GRADUATION

## MEDIA REPORT



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By ANTHONY TAMBWE

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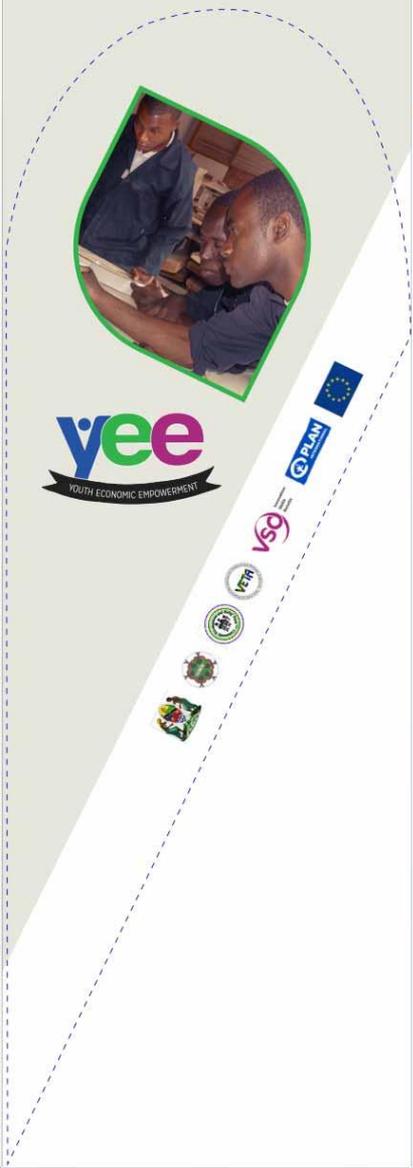
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# Activity Background

The Youth Economic Empowerment project (YEE) held a series of graduation events for its students in the regions of PWANI and DAR ES SALAAM. The events kicked off on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Kibuta, Kisarawe district.

Vocational Educational Training Authority (VETA) organized the events together with Plan International. A 3 years project (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2018) in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Pwani, Lindi and Mtwara regions is funded by European Union and implemented by also VSO, HIKI, CODERT and CCBRT together with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disability.

- At the event media were invited and below slides show the details

S/ N	DATE	PLACE	GUEST OF HONOR
1	15 July 2016	Kibuta	Dep. Minister LGRA. Hon: Selemani Jaffo
2	16 July 2016	Kisarawe town	Dep. Minister LGRA. Hon: Selemani Jaffo
3	18 July 2016	Dar es salaam	Dep. Minister (LYE) Hon: Antony Mavunde
4	26 July 2016	Kwala Kibaha Rural	Dep. Minister LGRA. Hon: Selemani Jaffo
5	26 July 2016	Mlandizi Kibaha Rural	Dep. Minister LGRA. Hon: Selemani Jaffo

**Many thanks to deputy Ministers , Seleman Jafo and Antony Mavunde for sparing their valuable time to officiate on the events.**



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## From adversity to triumph

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Irene Erasto Marangusi had not been feeling well for quite a while and on that day she decided to go for a medical checkup at one of the health centres.

Her close friend, Maïda Bosco who was in Form Three at that time had noticed changes in her body plus the drop in academic performance.

Sitting in the waiting room she hoped it was one of those minor illnesses but then the worst hit her when the doctor confirmed that she was actually pregnant. It was a painful pronouncement that brought her face to face with reality.

She felt like the whole world had deserted her as her dreams evaporated in thin air in a matter of seconds. She knew that from that minute on she had to pack her belongings and go back home.

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Irene had been suffering silently after she had been raped one afternoon by a family friend.

On that fateful day in September 2009 she had been asked to take some money to the guy who had repaired the family TV and as it turned out he was the man responsible for pregnancy.

"I had kept quiet about the incident and continued with school as if all was well. As the Easter mid-term break approached, my close friend Maïda advised me to remain at home after the holiday. That's how my life at Ujenzi Secondary School ended," she says.

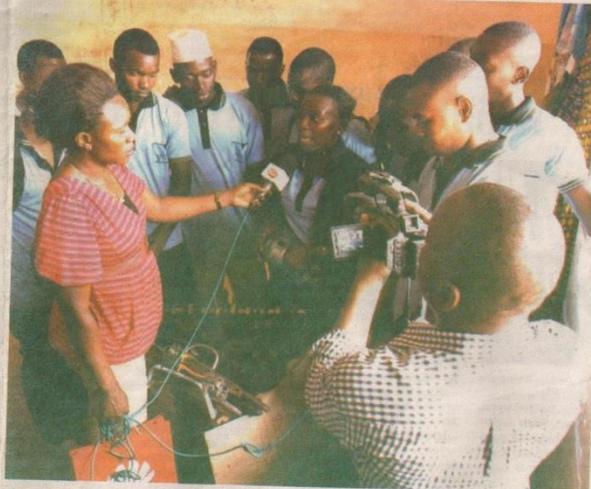
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"I was determined to work hard to prove the critics wrong. I wanted them to know that giving birth wasn't the end of the road for a girl," she says. She applied for the training facilitated by Plan International and Vocational Educational Training Authority (Veta) under the EU



Ms Irene Erasto Marangusi briefing reporters on how an engine of a motor vehicle works during exhibitions at the YEE graduation in Kisarawe town. PHOTO: LOUIS KOLUMBIA

## Relentless pursuit to become an engineer

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funding last year. "I chose a course on motor vehicle mechanic after consulting my mother, we concluded that the course would provide wider employment opportunities and I still wanted to be a mechanical engineer," she says.

Irene says that when she reported at the district council workshop where trainings took place she found out that she was the only female student in a class of 18.

They had to start from the beginning with basic theories which were followed by practical lessons but this was not until they had mastered the road safety rules and regulations. What followed was intensive six-month training at the workshop and apart from motor vehicle mechanics, they were also taught entrepreneurship and financial management.

In April this year she participated in a seminar aimed at empowering youth that took place at Veta Coast Regional offices in Kibaha.

"I got to know that districts had youth development funds and we were supposed to organise ourselves and form groups so as to access loans and financial assistance from the district and other development stakeholders," she says.

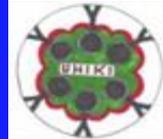
After the workshop, she said she persuaded four colleagues to collectively form a group called the Youth Empowerment Motor Vehicles Kisarawe Group (Yemoki). The group was registered and they intend to start off with a parts shop which will cost some Sh 10 million.

"We conducted research on the business, discovered the opportunities it has. We have already secured a location for the business, it has enough space that allows us to undertake maintenance activities. Hopefully, the project will transform our lives," she says.

Kisarawe District Youth Officer, Mr Rashid Dalidali acknowledges to have received Yemoki Group project proposal requesting Sh10 million loan through the Youth Development Funds, (YDF).

According to him the disbursement of funds depends on availability of funds, fulfillment of primary requirements such as registrations, member's stock ownership in the Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (Saccos).

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# Participating Media Houses

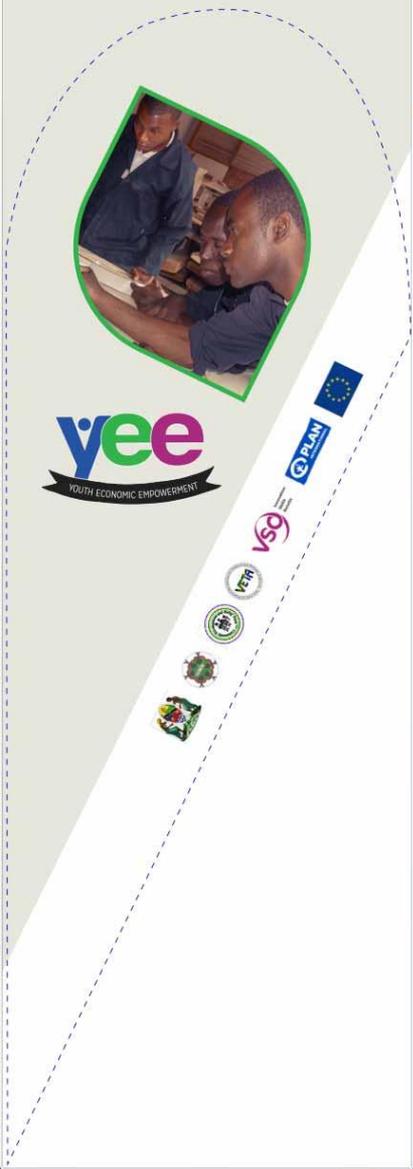
- The invited were main media outlets in the country as shown below;

## Electronic media

- TBC 1
- TBC Taifa
- ITV
- Radio One
- Channel10
- Azam TV

## Print Media

- The Citizen
- Mwananchi
- Daily News
- HabariLeo
- The Guardian
- Nipashe
- Mzalendo



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The Guardian of  
July 21, 2016  
page 8.

## Youth employment remains a truly daunting challenge

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The minister cautioned that there was a big challenge of unemployment due to lack of proper experience on the part of the youth, despite the implementation of MKUKUTA programme. "More than one million youths who complete primary and secondary school education every year fail to get opportunities to go for further studies, which is a challenge to the government. There is need to increase the number of vocational training centres," he said.

In working towards this end, the government has started turning vocational training centres into fully fledged universities because there is a great demand in the labour market for a qualified work force.

It is open secret that there is therefore the need to improve and increase access to employment opportunities and promote economic

achieving equitable, inclusive and sustainable development in the country.

However, youth employment situation in the country remains one of the key challenges in Tanzania. Unemployment rate among youth -15 and 34 years old- was 13.4 per cent; females stand at 14.3 per cent and amongst males were 12.3 per cent. Urban areas are hardest hit with unemployment rate, reaching 22.3 per cent as against 7.1 per cent in the rural areas.

It is characterised by features like imbalance between supply and demand in the labour market and increasing of urban employment pressures with outflow of rural surplus labour to non-agricultural sectors. Speaking on the importance of job creation in the country recently during the launching of the World Bank report entitled 'Tanzania: Productive jobs wanted', former President Jakaya Kikwete said that securing a decent and well paying job was the inspiration and wish of every Tanzanian, young and old.

"Every year it is estimated that over 800,000 young men and women enter the labour market. These include school and college graduates and people who have migrated from rural areas to urban areas", president Kikwete noted. According to him, it is estimated that by 2030 the labour force



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The graduation ceremony of 556 youths under the youth economic empowerment project, was held at the VETA Chang'ombe and was sponsored by Plan International Tanzania and other partners.

The Project Manager, Simon Ndembeka who spoke on behalf of Plan International Country Director Jurgen Hudson, said the aim of the project was to improve and increase access to employment opportunities and promote economic empowerment for marginalised young women and men aged 15 to 35 years in nine districts.

He said the project aims to equip and support 9,100 marginalised youths with technical and vocational skills.

“This is a three year project which started in April last year and will end in March 2018. It

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Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries



Ministry of Health



Ministry of Water, Land and Rural Development



Ministry of Energy



Ministry of Transport



Ministry of Information



Ministry of Culture

## Jafo ataka waliohitimu VETA watumike

■ Immaculate Ruzika

NAIBU Waziri katika Ofisi ya Rais (Tamisemi), Utumishi na Utawala Bora, Selemani Jafo amelitaka Shirika la Umeme Tanzania (TanESCO) kuwatumia vijana waliohitimu mafunzo ya VETA ili, Shirika hilo lijiendeshe kwa ufanisi wa hali ya juu.

Jafo alisema hayo mwishoni mwa wiki iliyopita katika mahafali ya vijana 110 waliopata mafunzo mbalimbali ya ufundi kwa ufadhili wa Shirika la Plan International katika Mradi wa uwezeshaji kwa vijana yaliyofanyika Kisarawe.

Jafo alisema kuwa, vijana waliohitimu katika mfunzo hayo ya miezi sita, wameiva hivyo hawana budi kupatiwa kazi katika mashirika mbalimbali ili kuimarisha ufanisi wa kazi walizosomea.

"Vijana wamenionesha ujuzi -waliopata VETA na wako vizuri,

hivyo ningewataka TanESCO na mashirika mengine, wawatumie vijana ili watumie ujuzi wao katika kujenga uchumi wa nchi yetu", alisema naibu huyo.

Aidha Jafo alitaka Halmashauri ya Kisarawe, kuwasaidia vijana hao kwa kuwapa mitaji ili waweze kujiajiri wenyewe endapo watakosa ajira.

Alisema Serikali imeandaa mpango mkakati wa kuwasaidia vijana katika kujikwamua na tatizo la ajira kwa kutoa mikopo inayotolewa katika Halmashauri.

Jafo alilipongeza Shirika la Plan International kwa juhudi zake katika kusaidia vijana wanaoishi katika mazingira magumu na walemavu.

Plan International ilifanikiwa kupeleka vijana hao mafunzoni kutokana na fedha walizopatiwa kutoka mataifa ya Ulaya kwa lengo la kuwasaidia vijana wanaoishi katika mazingira magumu.

## BRIEF Translation

Minister Selemani Jafo appeals to institutions and companies to employ the YEE graduates as they have received good skills from a leading government technical institution-VETA

Jambo Leo  
page 12. July  
19th, 2016 –  
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HabariLeo -  
page 9. July  
18th, 2016

## Serikali kusitisha kubadili vyuo vya ufundi kuwa vyuo vikuu

Na Jacquiline Mrisho, MAELEZO

SERIKALI imejipanga kusitisha kuvibadili vyuo vya ufundi kuwa vyuo vikuu kwa nia ya kuinua vijana, kukuza na kuimarisha mafunzo ya ufundi stadi nchini.

Hayo yalisemwa na Naibu Waziri wa Wizara ya Kazi, Sera, Bunge, Ajira, Vijana na Watu Wenye Ulemavu, Anthony Mavunde, alipoalikwa kama mgeni rasmi katika mahafali ya kwanza ya vijana waishio katika mazingira magumu yaliyofanyika katika Chuo cha Elimu na Mafunzo ya Ufundi Stadi (VetaA), jijini Dar es Salaam.

Mavunde alisema kuwa serikali imeshaanza kuchukua hatua za awali za kuimarisha elimu na stadi mbalimbali za ufundi nchini ambapo moja ya hatua hizo ni kusitisha utaratibu wa kuvibadili vyuo vya ufundi kuwa vyuo vikuu na imefanya hivyo kwa sababu ya kutambua umuhimu na mahitaji makubwa ya wataalamu wanaohitimu katika vyuo hivyo kwenye soko la ajira.

"Serikali itaendelea kusimamia Sera ya Elimu na Mafunzo ya Ufundi Stadi ya mwaka 1994 ambapo pamoja na mambo mengine, inaweka msisitizo katika kuweka mazingira na kutoa elimu ya ufundi stadi katika ngazi mbalimbali ili kuendana na mahitaji ya mafundi sanifu nchini," alisema Mavunde.

## Brief Translation

The government to stop changing Technical colleges into universities



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## Marginalised youth get breakthrough from training

From **HILDA MHAGAMA**  
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**A** TOTAL of 137 youth who were marginalised and some living a risky lifestyle in Kisarawe District have successfully completed an economic transformation training to enable them break the poverty cycle.

They have graduated in different technical courses offered at the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) centres including electrification, masonry, mechanics and welding, metal fabrication, tailoring and catering.

"Plan International is committed to tackling this global problem of unemployment and beneficiaries are youth aged between 15-35 years, in which 53 per cent are girls, 47 per cent are boys and 10 per cent are disabled," Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE) Project Manager, Mr Simon Ndembeka elaborated.

Mr Ndembeka said beside

technical education, the youth have been equipped with entrepreneurship skills in which they have also formed loans and savings associations to enable them employ themselves and others.

The graduates were under YEE project which is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by, among other organizations, Plan International, Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), VETA and Community Development Relief Trust (Codert).

EU has injected more than 3 million Euros and it involves colleges under VETA in the regions of Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Lindi and Mtwara, it will be implemented for three years from April 2015 to March 2018.

Speaking during the event yesterday in Kiguta, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Local Government and Regional Administration), Mr Selemani Jaffo, said that Kisarawe community must utilise those youth in various activities in their areas.

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Mr Jaffo said as the government directed each council in the country to set aside ten per cent of their earnings for youth and women, it was crucial for them to implement that as the funds will assist them in fulfilling their dreams.

He further said as each village in the country will get 50ml/- as per ruling party manifesto, the funds should also be utilised to empower youth.

The project goes alongside five year Country Strategic Programme (CSPIII) where youth employment is the major priority in which 34,800 female youth and 22,500 male youth aged between 15 to 35 years with marginalisation background have been targeted to receive support for decent employment before 2020.

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of  
July 17th,  
2016 pg 2.



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The Citizen  
of  
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## Jafo vows to protect JPM's village fund

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**Dar es Salaam.** The government says it will make sure the Sh59 billion set aside by President John Magufuli to empower villagers is not misused.

The deputy minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mr Selemani Jafo during a graduation ceremony of a special training for youth dubbed 'Youth Employment Empowerment' (YEE).

Mr Jafo said the government has learnt a lesson after money allocated to empower the poor, in some projects undertaken in the past, landed on wrong hands.

Disbursement of Sh50 million shillings was in line with President John Magufuli's pledge made during last year's election campaign. The money is intended to empower women and the youth.

Mr Jafo said the government is committed to ful-

money reach the intended recipients," he said.

According to Mr Jafo the money will only be enough for 1,180 villages out of 12, 433 villages.

However, Mr Jafo said the government will review its budget in December to reallocate a total Sh562.6 billion to the remaining villages.

Mr Jafo who is also Kisarawe Member of Parliament urged the beneficiaries of the funds to make sure that the money is used accordingly.

During the Youth Employment Empowerment (YEE) graduations organized by Plan International in partnership with the Vocational Educational Training Authority (Veta) under the European Union (EU) funding held at Kisarawe on Saturday, Mr Jafo handed over certificates to 110 youth trained in the fields of electrical installation, motor vehicle mechanics, tailoring, driving, catering and decorations.



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of June 25

## Ofisa misitu Kisarawe alalamikiwa

Na Lucy Lyatuu

**N**AIBU Waziri Ofisi ya Rais, Tawala za Mikoa na Serikali za Mitaa (Tamisemi), Selemani Jaffo ameahidi kufikisha taarifa za Ofisa Misitu wa Wilaya ya Kisarawe mkoani Pwani kwa Waziri wa Maliasili na Utalii ili amuondoe katika nafasi hiyo kwani anaonekana hatoshi kwenda na uongozi wa awamu ya tano.

Jaffo alisema hayo jana wilayani Kisarawe wakati akitoa vyeti kwa vijana waishio katika mazingira magumu walionufaika katika Mradi wa Kuwzesha Vijana Kiuchumi (YEE) unaofadhiliwa na Jumuiya ya Ulaya (EU).

Mradi huo unaendeshwa na Shirika la Plan International kwa kushirikiana na wadau mbalimbali ikiwemo Mamlaka ya Elimu na Mafunzo ya Ufundi Stadi (VETA) ambayo inatoa mafunzo hayo kwa kuwafuata vijana mahali walipo kwa kushirikiana na Shirika la Kuhamasisha Kujitolea (VSO), Shirika la Uhamasishaji Hifadhi Kisarawe (UHAKI) na Shirika la Kuhamasisha Kuweka Akiba (Codet).

Akimzungumzia Ofisa Misitu wa Kisarawe, Jaffo alidai kuwa wapo baadhi ya watawala wanaojiona miungu watu ilihali wanatakiwa kufanya kazi kwa kutimiza wajibu wanaotakiwa na kutekeleza yanayostahili.

Alidai kuwa ofisa huyo ingawa alisikia agizo la serikali la kutaka mbaao zote zinazokamatwa katika vizuzi mbalimbali vya ukaguzi wa mazaao ya misitu zitumike katika utengenezaji wa madawati kwa ajili ya wanafunzi katika shule mbalimbali, aliendelea kuhifadhi mbaao alizokusanywa kwa kuziweka ofisini kwake hadi zimeharibika kwa kuliwa na wadudu na nyingine zikiuzwa kwa wananchi kwa bei ya Sh 10,000 kila moja.

"Serikali ya sasa haitaki watendaji wabovu bali wanaotakiwa ni wale wanaoona matatizo ya eneo husika na kuyafanya kazi ama kuyabainisha, kama wanaona hawawezi waondoke," alisema Jaffo ambaye pia ni Mbunge wa Jimbo la Kisarawe.

Alidai kuwa ofisa misitu huyo licha ya

kupata agizo hilo la serikali, alizikusanya mbaao na kuziweka katika ofisi yake hadi zimeliwa na wadudu na nyingine kuota utandu.

Alisema wakati wa utengenezaji wa madawati ukiendelea, lakini amekuwa akiuzwa mbaao hizo kwa bei ya Sh 10,000, hivyo atamshtaki kwa Waziri wa Maliasili Utalii ambaye ana dhama na kumuondoa kwani madawati bado yanahitajika katika shule mbalimbali zilizo katika wilaya hiyo.

Hata hivyo gazeti hili halikufanikiwa kumpata ofisa huyo ili kueleza tumama zinazomkabili.

Kuhusu mafunzo ya YEE, aliagiza Halmashauri ya Kisarawe kuhakikisha inawatimiza vijana waliohitimu katika mafunzo hayo kwa kufanya shughuli mbalimbali pindi zitokeapo fursa ambazo zitaweza kuwanufaisha pamoja na kuinaa uchumi wa eneo husika.

"Mkurugenzi naagiza pindi zitokeapo fursa za kazi mbalimbali watumieni vijana waliohitimu katika mradi wa YEE, wapo wapambaji katika sherehe mbalimbali, mafundi seremala na hata washonaji wa nguo, sihitaji kusikia watu wa aina hiyo wametolewa jijini Dar es Salaam kufanya kazi hiyo huku kukiwa na nguvu kazi ya kufanya kazi," alisema Jaffo.

Naye Meneja Mradi wa YEE, Simon Ndembeke, aliyezungumza kwa niaba ya Mkurugenzi wa Shirika la Plan International, Gwyneth Wong, alisema mradi huo wa miaka mitatu unatekelezwa katika mikoa mitano nchini ukilenga kuwafika vijana 9,100 kwa lengo la kuwawezesha kiuchumi na kuwatoa katika hali duni za maisha.



Selemani Jaffo

## Brief Translation

Minister Jaffo ordered the arrest of forest officers in Kisarawe district for failure to heed to government instructions of not cutting trees. He revealed this during the graduation ceremony of YEE youth at Kisarawe July 18



# 'Special Publication on one of the events'



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### In this issue...

• YEE graduations at two of Kisarawe centres

The Youth Economic Empowerment project (YEE) is holding a series of 11 graduations for its students in nine districts in five regions in mainland Tanzania. The graduations started in July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Kibuta Ward in Kisarawe district, Pwani region and will continue until mid August. The graduation involve youth (both boys and girls) who attended 6month courses offered by our project partner Vocational Educational Training Authority (VETA).

YEE is a three years project (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2018) and is implemented in Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Pwani, Lindi and Mtwara regions with generous support from the European Union in Tanzania. Plan International Tanzania and VSO Tanzania implement the project in partnership with VETA, UHAKI, CODERT and CCBRT together with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disability.

### Now ready to conquer the world



Graduation event schedule

DATE	PLAQUE	DISTRICT	REGION
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16 July 2016	Kisarawe town	Kisarawe	Pwani
18 July 2016	Dar es salaam	Dar es salaam	Dar es salaam
26 July 2016	Kwaka, Kisarawe, Mwanji, Kisarawe Rural	Kisarawe Rural	Coast Region
28 July 2016	Lindi Urban	Lindi	Lindi
17 Aug 2016	Lindi Rural	Lindi	Lindi
2 August 2016	Mtwara Urban	Mtwara	Mtwara
20 August 2016	Mtwara Rural	Mtwara	Mtwara
17 August 2016	Mwanjozi	Kilimanjaro	Mwanjozi
18 August 2016	Kisarawe town	Kilimanjaro	Mwanjozi

"It's our sincere hope that the graduating youth will use the acquired skills to work with different government structures at all levels, get the required support to reach their goals. Simon Ndembeke, Project Manager"

These graduations involve youth from two training (batch 1 in September 2015 and batch 2 in January 2016) who took various technical courses offered at different VETA centers including electric installation, masonry, motor vehicle/motorcycle mechanics, welding and metal fabrication, tailoring, catering and decoration among others.



### Kibuta graduation, Kisarawe



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## From adversity to triumph

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Ms Irene Erasto Marangusi briefing reporters on how an engine of a motor vehicle works during exhibitions at the VEE graduation in Kisarawe town. PHOTO: LOUIS KOLUMBIA

### In Summary

Irene Erasto Marangusi had not been feeling well for quite a while and on that day she decided to go for a medical checkup at one of the health centres.

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By Louis Kolumbia

Irene Erasto Marangusi had not been feeling well for quite a while and on that day she decided to go for a medical checkup at one of the health centres.

Her close friend, Maida Bosco who was in Form Three at that time had noticed changes in her body plus the drop in academic performance.

She had minor illnesses but then the worst hit her when the doctor confirmed that she was actually pregnant. It was a painful

Irene had been suffering silently after she had been raped one afternoon by a family friend.

On that fateful day in September 2009 she had been asked to take some money to the guy who had repaired the family TV and as it turned out he was the man responsible for pregnancy.

"I had kept quiet about the incident and continued with school as if all was well. As the Easter mid-term break approached, my close friend Maida advised me to remain at home after the holiday. That's how my life at Ujenzi Secondary School ended," she says.

She says that as days went on she continued to grow weaker and suffered from frequent headaches. It was not until the seventh month of pregnancy that her family realized that all was not well.

This did not please her family at all! And what followed was sheer stigma as their neighbours saw her as an outcast who had brought shame to the family especially with the fact that her mother Trifonia Michael was a nurse at Kisarawe District Hospital.

"I was hurt by the gossip that was going around and spent most of my time locked up in my bedroom. On June 12, 2010 I gave birth to a baby girl, who I named Silvia," she says.

Speaking at the Youth Employment Empowerment (YEE) graduations last week, Irene says she did not let her adversity turn into despair as she promised to get back to her feet again.

"I was determined to work hard to prove the critics wrong. I wanted them to know that giving birth wasn't the end of the road for a girl" she says. She applied for the training facilitated by Plan International and Vocational Educational Training Authority (Veta) under the EU funding last year. "I chose a course on motor vehicle mechanic after consulting my mother, we concluded that

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THE government is set to tackle the problem of unemployment by equipping youths with technical and vocational skills to enhance their employment prospects.

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This was revealed yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and People, Anthony Mawunde during the first graduation ceremony of the Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE).

The minister cautioned that there was a big challenge of unemployment due to lack of proper experience on the part of the youth, despite the implementation of MKUKUTA programme.

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## Jafo vows to protect JPM's village fund



The deputy minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mr Selemani Jafo.

### In Summary

The deputy minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mr Selemani Jafo during a graduation ceremony of a special training for youth dubbed 'Youth Employment Empowerment' (YEE).

By Louis Kolumbia @Collouis1999  
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Dar es Salaam. The government says it will make sure the Sh59 billion set aside by President John Magufuli to empower villagers is not misused.

The deputy minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mr Selemani Jafo during a graduation ceremony of a special training for youth dubbed 'Youth Employment Empowerment' (YEE).

Mr Jafo said the government has learnt a lesson after money allocated to empower the poor, in some projects undertaken in the past, landed on wrong hands.

Disbursement of Sh50 million shillings was in line with President John Magufuli's pledge made during last year's election campaign. The money



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They have graduated in different technical courses offered at the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) centres including electrification, masonry, mechanics and welding, metal fabrication, tailoring and catering.

"Plan International is committed to tackling this global problem of unemployment and beneficiaries are youth aged between 15-35 years, in which 53 per cent are girls, 47 per cent are boys and 10 per cent are disabled," Youth Economic Empowerment (YEE) Project Manager, Mr Simon Ndembeka elaborated.

Mr Ndembeka said beside technical education, the youth have been equipped with entrepreneurship skills in which they have also formed loans and savings associations to enable them employ themselves and others.

The graduates were under YEE project which is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by, among other organizations, Plan International, Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), VETA and Community Development Relief Trust (Codert).

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