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The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Water, Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, greets EWURA's Director of Water and Sanitation, Eng. Exaud Fataeli, during the launching of Performance Reports for Regions and Districts Water and Sanitation Authorities in Dodoma recently. Looking on is the Ag. Director General of EWURA, Mr. Nzinyangwa Mchany.

From the Editor

DEAR esteemed readers! on behalf of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA's) management, I humbly welcome you all to join us into reading our latest edition of the Authority's Newsletter, the 24th Edition in series of EWURA Quarterly publications.

This edition is coming at the time when EWURA marks one year of shifting to Dodoma on 9th April, 2018.

I am personally honoured to invite you to read our interesting articles from various activities undertaken by EWURA for the period between January and March 2019.

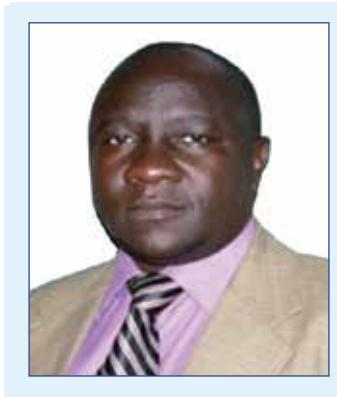
EWURA regulates technically and commercially three Energy Sub-Sectors; Petroleum, Electricity and Natural Gas; and one-Water Sector; Water and Sanitation.

During January–March 2019, the Authority undertook various regulatory functions of which some of them have been highlighted in this edition in compliance to EWURA Act, Cap 414 of the Laws of Tanzania, Section 6 (e).

Section 6 (e) of EWURA Act stipulates that the Authority shall strive to enhance the welfare of Tanzania society by enhancing public knowledge, awareness and understanding of regulated sectors including; the rights and obligations of consumers and regulated suppliers; the way in which complaints and disputes may be initiated and resolved and the duties, functions and activities of the Authority.

This Edition brings some interesting articles from our undertaken activities during the months of January and March 2019.

Enjoy reading and much welcome!



Titus Kaguo

Prof. Mkumbo: Without EWURA most Water Utilities would have crumbled

By Wilfred Mwakalosi

The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Water, Professor Kitila Mkumbo has admitted that without the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) regulatory contribution in improvement of the water sector, especially in managing effectiveness of Water Utilities in the country, many Water Utilities today would have crumbled.

Prof. Mkumbo acknowledged EWURA's contribution in the sector, and as a result, many water utilities are better today than they were in the past.

Prof. Mkumbo says despite of the existing challenges facing EWURA, it has always been very firm in abiding by the laws, rules and regulations to ensure that the regulatory framework results into desired achievements.

"Without EWURA factor in the management of these water utilities, many of them would have crumbled...the situation would have been bad," he said in his closing remarks at after a two days event to launch and discuss 2018 Performance Reports for Districts and Regional Water and Sanitation Authorities, and National Projects held in Dodoma in March, 2019.

Professor Mkumbo said it is of utmost importance for the regulator to protect its independence in order to fulfill regulatory obligations unbiased, insisting that "if there is no friction between the government and the

regulator...the probability is that one of them is not discharging his duties properly...and that might be the regulator."

He told the water utilities executives who attended the two day meeting that it was important for the regulator to be independent in order to make credible regulatory decisions.

"We in the government, if we think that the problem is the law, we will table in the parliament proposals for law amendments...do not hesitate...do your work in accordance with the law," he noted.

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EWURA is a technically and economically multisector regulatory institution, tasked to regulate the energy sub sector, (electricity, petroleum and natural gas) and water. In electricity subsector, EWURA regulates numerous private as well as public enterprises engaged in generation, transmission and distribution of electricity.

In the petroleum sub-sector, EWURA regulates thousands of petroleum related companies, many of which are private sector owned, while in the Natural Gas sub sector, there are a few big, state and private owned companies.

EWURA's awareness campaign extended to Editors

By Tobietha Makafu

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has met with media editors in the country in its efforts to impart educations to various stakeholders on all matters related with regulatory activities.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the meeting, EWURA's Acting Director General Mr. Nzinyangwa Mchany, expressed his sincere appreciation, to all editors for the great cooperation they had shown to EWURA for the previous years, and asked to continue with this productive cooperation always.

Mr. Nzinyangwa said: "You are the most important people for our institution, especially in ensuring that, important information regarding our operations, reach our stakeholders who are government, service providers and the general public through your media, timely"

The meeting was attended by editors from various media houses, including television, radio, newspapers and web news. Editors had an opportunity to listen to the presentation on activities, responsibilities and various challenges faced by EWURA, as well as future interventions, from the Manager of Communications and Public Relations, Mr. Titus Kaguo.

Mr. Kaguo said, EWURA is a regulator of energy and water

services, which directly touches the normal citizens, as well as the service providers, then through the editors and their media, it becomes easy to convey important information to EWURA's stakeholders.

"You are our important ambassadors in conveying important information to the public at the right time, and this meeting is meant to assist you to expand knowledge on our duties and responsibilities, in order to help us educate the public about EWURA," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the editors, Mr. Theophil Makunga said: "We are very grateful for this meeting. Today has been a great opportunity to learn about EWURA, this will help us when we report about electricity, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Water and Natural Gas sectors respectively."

Ms. Scolastica Mazula from EFM Radio Station said the discussion at the meeting has helped journalists and editors to broaden their knowledge about the institution, especially for the issues they were not aware of.

EWURA promised to continue working with editors and journalists alike, in order to strengthen transparency of its operations and foster information sharing with stakeholders.

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Dar Water Institute develops software for reporting pipe water leaks

Na Wilfred Mwakalosi

The Dar es Salaam Water Institute is set to develop a software that will revolutionize the reporting system of leakages along water pipes, a problem that many water utilities are currently facing.

The system, called *Pipeline Tracking and Leak Reporting System* currently which is currently at an advanced stage, will help a great deal water utilities deal to map out lay outs of underground pipeline networks that currently lack identification marks, thereby facing a risk of being damaged.

Mr. Vitalis Kitime, a third year Irrigation Engineering student at the Institute, told EWURA Newsletter recently that the new software will work to solve many problems currently facing water utilities, such as pipe networks and water leaks reports and leaks identification.

"Through an application to support the use of this software, it would be possible for an individual seeking to report a water leak incident right on the spot, by using a mobile phone, not necessarily making a call or visiting a water Utility office," he said at the Water Week Exhibitions in Dodoma.

Mr. Kitime said apart from leak reports, the system will also help to communicate details of new connection applications, such as exactly location of the applicant, the required length of the pipe to be connected and information about existing neighbouring main lines.

When dealing with a multiple reported leak, for instance, the software will make it possible for a Water Utility technician to establish well in advance, details like the size the size of the pipe, location, material of the pipe and the length of the troubled pipe.

This set of information will help to set priorities and alleviate the necessity of the technician to visit the leak site prior to obtaining information that is needed to prepare replacements, as all such information is provided through the software.

Water leaks are a major cause of losses of revenues for many Water Utilities in Tanzania. In the latest Water Utilities Performance report, the overall Non-Revenue Water has shown uneven trend over the past three years. Despite a slight improvement by 1.1% in FY 2017/18 as compared to FY 2015/16 yet the achievement is not within the service level benchmark of below 20%.



Leakages like this one will be treated by Dar's Water Institute New System.

Simiyu's Defence and Security Committees trained on regulations

By Wilfred Mwakalosi

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has embarked on a mission to meet the Defence and Security Committees in various regions to impart education on regulatory matters on strategic areas for the best cooperation.

In February, 2019, EWURA met with the Defence and Security Committee from Simiyu region and its districts.

The then Acting EWURA Lake Zonal Manager, Eng. Loden Kitumbika said the meeting was part of regulator's efforts towards engaging various stakeholders in enhancing regulatory measures for the interest of the public safety. "State security organs are our important stakeholders—in both helping to prevent and combat trading of hazardous regulated products such as fuel," he said.

He noted that roadside traders especially in rural areas, for instance, who offer for sale petroleum products in unauthorized containers such as plastic bottles, and the manner in which they store the same products in their homesteads, is a serious breach of security to both mankind and its environment.

"These products are highly combustible. If mismanaged, may result into serious accident that may leave the whole neighborhood and the nation at large in total disarray as a result of loss of lives and properties," he said.

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Eng. Kitumbika told members of the districts and regional committee that while EWURA work hard to ensure that infrastructure and environment in which petroleum products business is conducted complies with the applicable laws, regulations and procedures, it relies heavily on their support to ensure that any illegal business which pose a security threat in their areas is discouraged appropriately.

Bariadi District Commissioner Mr. Festus Kiswaga, who represented the Regional Commissioner Mr. Anthon Mtaka at the meeting, commended EWURA for timely intervention in providing appropriate awareness to regional authorities.

"As we implement our national vision towards industrialized economy, it is indeed appropriate that investors in EWURA regulated areas are well aware of applicable laws and regulations to help them do the right thing, to avoid unnecessary legal hiccups after completion of investments," he said.

EWURA guidelines for investing in regulated business such as petroleum, gas refilling facility or electricity generation requires, among other things, a proof of land use plan and ownership (provided by Ministry of Land, or Village Executive Officer letter of consent where appropriate), a certificate of Environmental Impact Assessment from National Environment Management Council (NEMC) and an approved technical drawing of the facility structure.

Non-compliance gives 30 petrol stations hard time

By Asiatu Msuya

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has fined more than 30 petrol stations for non-compliance to licensing conditions, built without construction approvals and non-adherence to quality and standards.

In a regular inspection conducted between January and February 2019 across the country, EWURA found some petroleum facilities were operating in violation to the laws, rules and conditions governing the subsector. EWURA conducts regular inspections of the facilities to ensure standards, health and safety measures are in place.

During the inspection, seven (7) petrol stations in Tunduru, Nachingwea, Momba, Rombo, Siha, Ubungo and Kinondoni were found selling low marker petroleum products.

Unmarked fuel is a loophole for tax evasion, it sabotages the country's economy and pose a serious unfair competition behavior in the business. EWURA has been keen in dealing with the matter to ensure that taxes are appropriately paid.

Compliance monitoring conducted by the Authority, during the period found 22 stations were not meeting technical, licensing requirements or operating without licence and others constructed without approval. The stations are found in Chemba, Chunya, Dodoma, Geita, Igunga, Ilala, Ileje, Kibaha, Kirando, Kyela and Ludewa, Madaba, Makete, Mbarali, Mbeya, Mlele, Mpanda, Muleba, Njombe, Nkasi, Nyasa, Rungwe, Songea, Songwe, Sumbawanga Municipality, Tanganyika, Temeke, Tunduru and Wanging'ombe.

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During inspections, EWURA also intercepted and closed operations of Shinup Tanzania Ltd in Kongowe, Kibaha Coast region, the company that was found refining petroleum waste to produce petroleum product (Automotive Gas Oil) without EWURA license. The operations were also not complying with the requirements of health and safety. EWURA closed down the facilities.

EWURA continues to take stern measures against non-compliant petrol stations to the laws, rules and guidelines governing fuel business as it has been stipulated in section 131 of the Petroleum Act.

Tazama Pipelines gets EWURA license at last

By Wilfred Mwakalosi

For the first time in history, the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has granted an operating license to a cross-country pipeline. This marks an important milestone as the regulator moves to uphold best regulatory practices onto an interstate facility. Tazama Pipelines Ltd transports Zambian crude oil from Kigamboni Tank Farm, in Dar es Salaam, to Bwana Mkubwa terminal in Ndola, Zambia, covering a total of 1,710km—of which 954km is 8 inch pipeline and 798km is 12 inch pipeline.

The issuing of the license marks the end of a tedious regulatory process that ended with inspections late in 2018 to verify the current technical status of the facility. In March 2019, the Board of Directors of both EWURA and their Zambian counterparts—the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB), sat in Mbeya to deliberate on among other things, how to streamline regulatory processes in order to attain similar standards upon TAZAMA.

The two boards committed themselves to assist the pipeline company to realize its objectives for the benefit of the people of the two countries.

The Acting Chairman of EWURA Board of Directors, Mr. Richard Kayombo, said his office was keen to work with ERB towards a harmonized regulatory framework that will ensure that Tazama complies with the same standards required by both sides across the border.

Earlier on, the Managing Director of TAZAMA Pipelines, Mr. Davison Tawethe, had appealed to regulators to harmonize regulatory requirement so that: "Whatever we do across the border must be reflected on another side." "When we answer to the regulator, we should be answering to the same requirements on both sides," he told the two boards.

According to the Acting Director of Petroleum

regulation at EWURA, Eng. Shaaban Selemani, latest inspection report indicated that Tazama had complied with many aspects in relations to Health, Safety and Environment (HSE).

"Of the few requirements, Tazama will need to redress their approach in enhancing environment preservation in areas surrounding tanks both at the Kigamboni Tank Farm and along the pumping stations. This will put to minimal the effects of oil spillage in case something goes wrong," he said.

EWURA Board of Directors had the opportunity to inspect Tazama infrastructure—the tanks, the pumping units, the pipelines and the pig traps from Kigamboni to Mbeya. As a top decision making body, the board ought to have access to firsthand information to weigh out challenges and opportunities which are vital aspects when making regulatory decisions.

TAZAMA was incorporated in 1968 and is owned by the government of the Republic of Zambia with 66.7% share capital and the government of the United Republic of Tanzania with 33.3% share capital.

The company was formed for the purpose of cheaply transporting crude oil or its petroleum products from the port of Dar-es-Salaam into landlocked Zambia.

According to the Director of Operations and Engineering at TAZAMA, Eng. Deodatus Zegge, TAZAMA have also embarked on an exercise to replace all the 28 pumping units (4nos per each station) at a cost of USD5.2 Million per station.

"Replacement of main engines at three pumping stations of Kigamboni and Elphons Pass in Tanzania and that of Chinsali in Zambia have been completed. The remaining four stations will be concluded this year," he said.

Best Water Utilities named in Annual Conference

By Tobietha Makafu

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), has launched the regional, national projects, district and small towns water utilities and sanitation performance reports for the financial year 2018/2019.

The report was launched by the Minister for Water, Honourable. Prof. Makame Mbarawa, during the Maji week commemoration, which was supported by the slogan which says "*No one will left behind for the access of clean water and sanitation services in this world with climatic changes*".

Prof. Mbarawa said: " I do believe that, if these reports will be well utilized, will stimulate in practical the implementation of the water week slogan, because it has outlines the areas which needs special attention, in order to make sure no any Tanzanian who will left behind to access clean water and sanitation services.

Apart from the report launching, Prof. Mbarawa awarded the best Water utilities and Sanitation Authorities, which performed well in different categories, whereby the EWURA Performance Benchmarking Guidelines for Water Supply and Sanitation Authorities, 2014 were applied to rank the performance of Regional WSSAs in the provision of water and sewerage services.

The overall rank of WSSA was determined based on the total scores in the achievement of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), achievement of performance targets, evaluation of data reliability and accuracy and attaining Service Level Benchmarks.

Ten Key Performance Indicators for water services and for sewerage services that were used for ranking included, Average Hours of Supply, Metering Ratio, Non-Revenue Water, Working Ratio, Water Quality Compliance – Ecoli and Turbidity, Proportion of population served with water and Revenue Collection Efficiency. Others were Operating ratio, Personnel expenditure as % of collection from water services and other related income, Sewerage Services Wastewater quality compliance and Proportion of population connected with sewerage network.

As such, Tanga WSSA emerged the overall best utility in the provision water supply services after scoring 90.3 points, While Mpanda WSSA was the overall least performer in the

provision of water services.

Among the eleven (11) utilities with sewerage services, Mwanza WSSA emerged as the best performer in the provision of sewerage services while Tabora WSSA was the least performer.

Mtwara WSSA was the best performer under the category of utility ranking in water services while Geita WSSA was the least. Iringa WSSA emerged as the best performer under the category of utility ranking in sewerage services while Arusha was the least. On the other hand of District Water Utilities and Sanitation Authorities, Igunga WSSA emerged as the overall best performer for the provision of water services among 82 DT WSSAs. Igunga score 83.56 points which is interpreted as Very Good performance. On the other hand, the least performer was Namanyere WSSA scoring 19.97 points only.

On his part, The EWURA Board Chairman. Prof. Jamidu katima said, there are two reports which has been launched, first is the Performance report for Regional and National projects water utilities and second is for the districts and townships water utilities authorities.

Explaining about the efficiency of those water utility authorities, The EWURA Acting Director General, Mr. Nzinyangwa Mchany said: "In general the performance for water utilities Authorities has improved in different aspects, such as the improvement of water production and quality, increase of water distribution network, the increase of time for service delivery, Correlation of the ratio for staff and customers as well as improvement in revenue collection and the decrease for the non-revenue water".

Mr. Mchany concluded by advising the water utilities authorities, to make sure they protect and measure the water resources which are used for water production. Also for the national projects, he advised the Government though Ministry of Water to evaluate all national projects in order to identify areas which needs big maintenance to curb the spread of non-revenue water.

This is the tenth report to be launched by EWURA since financial year 2008/2009 whereby EWURA will continue to rank and evaluate Water utilities Authorities so as to fulfill the 28(2) of water Utilities of 2009.

EWURA for rural Mobile petrol stations

By Asiatu Msuya

The Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has devised a strategy to deal with a continued illegal sale of petroleum in vulnerable places, poor handling and inadequate storage that does not comply to products' standards to ensure safety and fuel availability in rural areas.

EWURA has come up with this new approach to establish mobile fuel stations in rural areas which will dispense fuel using special vehicles and tricycles designed specifically for the purpose; the aim being to comply to quality and standards and eventually shy away shark dealings of petroleum products sold in bottles or other unauthorized containers which compromise quality and is dangerous to health and environment.

EWURA's Communications and Public Relations Manager, Titus Kaguo, stated about the development recently in Njombe, while raising awareness to Njombe's Defence and Security Committees on regulatory issues. The event also included the introduction of the Southern Highlands Office which serves six regions of Mbeya, Songwe, Ruvuma, Njombe, Katavi and Rukwa.

Mr. Kaguo said that the move aims at smoothing access to fuel in various places in the country especially in rural areas where there are limited number or no petrol stations; taking into account high costs incurred in construction of big and modern stations found in large cities. Mobile petrol stations will also reach many rural dwellers.

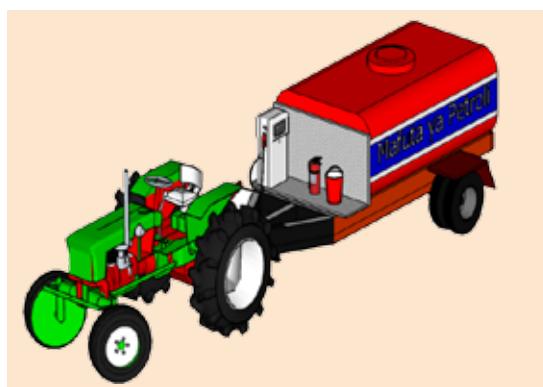
"Selling of petroleum products requires the highest level of compliance to standards. We have therefore, decided to come up with plan to set up mobile petrol stations especially in rural areas to handle demands of fuel consumption due to flourished motorcycles".

Mr. Kaguo added that EWURA has commissioned

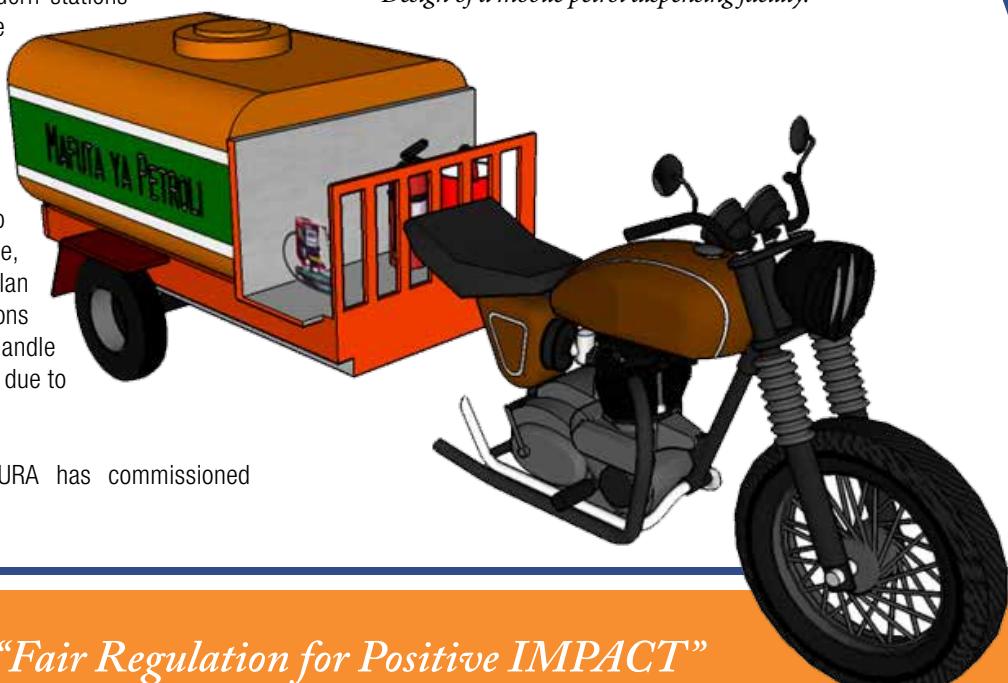
the University of Dar es Salaam to design sample of mobile station, an activity which is at advanced stage of completion.

Speaking of fuel adulteration, Kaguo explained that "We are trying to prevent adulteration of fuel which was rampant in past days but, after we have being firm in fuel marking and bulk procurement system we have been able to handle it".

EWURA calls on businessmen to explore the opportunity by investing in mobile petrol stations in order to improve service delivery and foster access of fuel in rural areas especially during rainy seasons as some roads are not all weathered.



Design of a mobile petrol dispensing facility.



EWURA warns Electrical Installation Personnel

By Tobietha Makafu

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), has warned against electrical personnel who are conducting electrical installation activities, without having an active license from EWURA.

Explaining about the matter, EWURA's Director of Electricity, Eng. Godfrey Chibulunje warned that electrical personnel who are conducting the electrical installation activities without having a valid license, should stop operating until they have a license which will allow them to do so.

According to the law, any activity including wiring, extension and installation of electricity or any other activity, are to be done by a contractor or electrical personnel who is licensed by EWURA. This is to ensure that, these activities are conducted by appropriate qualified person so as to protect the health and safety of the consumers and their environment.

Eng. Chibulunje said: "All unlicensed electrical installation can apply their licenses direct by using Licensing and Order Information System (LOIS), through EWURA's website www.ewura.go.tz or directly visiting to EWURA's Head office in Dodoma or zonal offices in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya

and Arusha.

Eng. Chibulunje added by saying that "EWURA will conduct continuous operation, to identify those who are continuing to carry out installation services and punish them in accordance with the law".

He advised all licensed electrical installation personnel, to carry their valid licenses at all times when working, and must be able to present them to relevant officials or even to their customers upon demand for easy identification.

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"EWURA advice customers of electrical installation services, to refrain from using unlicensed personnel, and we urged them to request for their identification, before engaging them or obtain an up-to-date list of those with valid license from EWURA website", he added.

By March 2019 a total number of 1,139 licenses, has been issued to electrical personnel in Tanzania mainland, therefore it is an offence to conduct any electrical installation activity without a license issued by EWURA, any person who will be found guilty will have to pay fine of five million shillings or to spend three years in jail.

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PICHA YA MBELE

Katibu Mkuu wa Wizara ya Maji Profesa Kitila Mkumbo akisalimiana na Mkurugenzi wa Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira wa EWURA, Mhandisi Exaud Fataeli nje ya kikao cha Uzinduzi wa Ripoti ya Utendaji wa Mamlaka za Maji za Mikoa, Wilaya na Miradi ya Kitaifa jijini Dodoma hivi karibuni. Katikati ni Kaimu Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa EWURA, Bw. Nzinyangwa Mchany.

Kutoka kwa Mhariri

Wapenzi Wasomaji wetu! kwa niaba ya Menejimenti ya Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA), kwa unyenyekevu, ninawakaribisha wote kujiunga nasi katika kulisoma toleo letu la 24 la Jarida la EWURA katika mfululizo wa machapisho ya Majarida ya EWURA.

Jarida hili linakuja wakati EWURA ikiwa imetimiza mwaka mmoja tangu kuhamishia shughuli zake katika Makao Makuu ya Nchi, jijini Dodoma, ambapo ilihamia April 9, 2018.

Tukiwa tumefanikiwa kuhamia Makao Makuu ya Nchi huku tukiona EWURA ikifanya kazi nzuri kwenye masuala ya udhibiti, kwa heshima nawakaribisha kusoma taarifa za kuvutia za shughuli zetu zilizotekelawa na EWURA katika kipindi cha mwezi Januari na Machi 2019.

EWURA inadhibiti kiufundi na kibiashara sekta ndogo tatu za Nishati ambazo ni Petroli; Umeme na Gesi Asilia na Sekta moja ya Maji; Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira.

Katika kipindi Januari hadi Machi 2019, EWURA ilifanya shughuli mbalimbali za kiudhibiti ambazo baadhi yake, zimechapishwa katika toleo hili, ambalo linachapishwa katika kutekeleza matakwa ya Sheria ya EWURA Sura na 414 ya Sheria za Tanzania, kipengele cha 6(e).

Kipengele cha 6(e) cha Sheria ya EWURA, kinasema kwamba ni wajibu wa Mamlaka kuhakikisha inaboresha ustawi wa jamii ya Watanzania kwa kuimarisha elimu kwa umma, ufahamu na uelewa wa sekta zinazodhibitiwa ikiwa pamoja na haki na wajibu wa walaji na watoa huduma wa sekta zinazodhibitiwa; Njia za kutatua migogoro na kusikiliza malalamiko, kazi na shughuli za mamlaka kwa ujumla.

Toleo hili linakuletea baadhi tu ya habari zilizotokana na utendaji wa shughuli za kiudhibiti kwa kipindi cha Januari hadi Machi 2019 .

Furahia usomaji wa Jarida letu na karibu sana!



Titus Kaguo

Profesa Mkumbo: Bila EWURA Mamlaka za Maji zitaanguka

Na Wilfred Mwakalosi

Katibu Mkuu wa Wizara ya Maji, Profesa Kitila Mkumbo, amekiri kwamba bila ya uwepo wa Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA) katika kuinua sekta ya maji, Mamlaka nyingi za Maji zingekuwa zimeanguka.

Prof. Mkumbo amesema anautambua mchango na kazi kubwa inayofanywa na EWURA katika kuinua sekta ya maji nchini iliyofanikisha Mamlaka nyingi za maji kuwa katika hali bora ya utoaji wa huduma.

Profesa Mkumbo aliyasema hayo hivi karibuni alipokuwa akifunga mkutano wa Tathmini ya Ripoti ya Utendaji wa Mamlaka za Maji za Mikoa, Wilaya, Miji Midogo na Miradi ya Kitaifa kwa mwaka wa fedha 2017/18 mjini Dodoma.

Alisema pamoja na changamoto ambazo EWURA inakumbana nazo katika sekta hiyo, imekuwa imara katika kufuata sheria, taratibu na kanuni ili kuhakikisha kazi ya udhibiti inatoa matokeo yaliyokusudiwa.

"Bila msukumo wa EWURA kwenye udhibiti wa mamlaka hizi, nyingi zingeshaanguka," alisema.

Profesa Mkumbo alisema ni muhimu kwa mdhibiti kuendelea kulinda uhuru wake ili atekelze shughuli zake bila upendeleo, akisisitiza kwamba "Ukiona

hakuna msuguano baina ya serikali na mdhibiti, ni kwamba mmoja wapo hafanyi kazi yake sawasawa...na huyo atakuwa ni mdhibiti."

Aliwaambia wakurugenzi na wenyeviti wa bodi wa mamlaka mbalimbali za maji na usafi wa mazingira waliohudhuria mkuatano huo wa siku mbili kwamba ni vizuri mdhibiti akaendelea kulinda uhuru wake kwa kufuata sheria na kanuni ili afanye maamuzi sahihi.

"Sisi serikalini kama tukiona tatizo ni sheria, tutapeleka bungeni zikabertilishwe... lakini nyie msiogope kufuata sheria, fanyeni kazi," alisema.

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EWURA inadhibiti kiufundi na kiuchumi sekta mchanganyiko za Nishati (Umeme, bidhaa za petroli na gesi asilia) na Maji. Katika sekta ndogo ya umeme, EWURA inadhibiti makampuni binafsi na mashirika ya umma kadhaa yanayoijishughulisha na uzalishaji, usafirishaji na usambazaji wa umeme.

Katika sekta ndogo ya petroli, EWURA inadhibiti maelfu ya makampuni ya mafuta pamoja na bomba la mafuta, yanayoendesha shuguli zake nchini, mengi yakiwa ni ya sekta binafsi. Hali ni hivyo kwa Gesi Asilia, ambako kuna kampuni kubwa chache zinazodhibitiwa.

Mkakati wa EWURA elimu kwa umma wawafikia Wahariri

Na Tobietha Makafu

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA) imekutana na Wahariri wa vyombo vya habari nchini katika jithada zake za kufikisha elimu kwa wadau mbalimbali juu ya masuala ya udhibiti.

Akizungumza na Wahariri hao hivi karibuni, Kaimu Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa EWURA, Bw. Nzinyangwa Mchany aliwashukuru kwa ushirikiano mkubwa walionunesha kwa EWURA, kwa miaka iliyopita na kuwaomba kuendeleza ushirikiano huo wa kikazi wenye tija.

Bw. Nzinyangwa alisema: "Ninyi ni watu muhimu sana kwa taasisi yetu, hasa katika kuhakikisha tunaufikia umma kupitia habari mbalimbali za utekelezaji wa majukumu yetu, kwa wadau wetu ambao ni serikali, watoa huduma na wananchi wote kwa ujumla."

Wahariri wote kutoka vyombo mbalimbali vya habari vikiwemo, Televisheni, redio, magazeti na habari za mtandao walipata wasaa wa kusikiliza wasilisho kutoka kwa Meneja wa Uhusiano na Mawasiliano kutoka EWURA, Bw. Titus Kaguo liliolusu, kazi, wajibu na changamoto mbalimbali zilizoikabili taasisi katika kipindi cha mwaka 2017/2019, pamoja na mipambo mikakati ya mbeleni ya Mamlaka.

Bw. Kaguo alisema EWURA ni mdhibiti wa huduma za nishati na maji, ambazo humgusa moja kwa moja, mtumiaji wa mwisho ambaye ni mwanachi pamoja na watoa huduma hivyo basi kupitia wahariri na vyombo vya

habari ni rahisi kufikisha taarifa muhimu kwa wananchi hao.

"Ninyi ni mabalozi wetu muhimu katika kuhakikisha taarifa zinawafikia wananchi katika muda muafaka, hivyo basi, tumeona tukutane nanyi, ili mpate kufahamu masuala muhimu ya kiudhibiti na kuifahamu taasisi yetu vizuri ili mwende kuelimisha umma juu ya kazi na wajibu wetu," alisema.

Akizungumza kwa niaba ya wahariri Bw. Theophil Makunga alisema: "Kwanza tunashukuru sana EWURA kwa mukutano huu, pili leo imekua fursa yetu kubwa sana kujifunza mambo mbalimbali yahusuyo EWURA, hii itatusaidia kuhakikisha pale tunapotoa taarifa zinazohusu umeme, petroli, maji na gesi asilia zinakua ni za uhakika na ukweli.

Naye Scolastical Mazula kutoka redio - EFM, alitoa shukrani nydingi kwa EWURA, kuandaa mukutano huu, kwasababu kupitia maswali na majibu pamoja na maelezo yaliyotolewa ameweza kuondoa ukakasi wa vitu vyote ambavyo alikua hafahamu kabla Kuhusu udhibiti.

EWURA itaendelea kuboresha ushirikiano na wahariri pamoja na waandishi wa habari, ili kuongeza uwazi katika kufanya kazi zake na kuwashabisha wananchi moja kwa moja kupitia vyombo mbalimbali vya habari.

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asilia zinakua ni za
uhakika na ukweli."**

Chuo cha Maji Dar chabuni programu ya taarifa za mabomba yanayovuja maji

Na Wilfred Mwakalosi

Chuo Cha Maji jijini Dar es Salaam kimegundua mfumo wa programu ya kompyuta itakayoleta mapinduzi ya utoaji wa taarifa za mabomba yanayovuja maji, tatizo ambalo limekuwa likizisumbua Mamlaka nyingi za Maji nchini.

Mfumo huo unaojulikana kama Mfumo wa Kufuatilia na Kuarifu Kuvuja, ambao kwa sasa uko katika hatua za juu, utazisaidia sana mamlaka za maji kufahamu mtandao wa mabomba ya maji ardhini, ambayo kwa sasa si rahisi kuyafahamu kwa sababu ya kukosa alama ya utambuzi, na hivyo kuwamo kwenye hatari kubwa ya kuharibiwa.

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Bw. Vitalis Kitime, mwanafunzi wa mwaka wa tatu wa Uhandisi wa Umwagiliaji Maji kwenye Chuo hicho, aliliambia Jarida la EWURA kwamba programu hiyo mpya itasaidia kutatua matatizo mengi yanayozikabili mamlaka za maji, kama vile utambuzi wa mitandao ya mabomba na utoaji wa taarifa za uvujaji wa maji.

“Kwa kutumia programu maalum ya matumizi, itakuwa inawezekana kwa mtu anayetaka kutoa taarifa ya maji yanavovuja kutoka kwenye bomba fulani, kufanya hivyo akiwa eneo la tukio, na si lazima apige simu au aende ofisi ya Mamlaka hiyo,” alisema wakati wa maadhimisho

ya Wiki ya Maji jijini Dodoma hivi karibuni.

Bw. Kitime amesema zaidi ya taarifa za kuvuja kwa maji, mfumo huo pia utasaidia kupatikana kwa urahisi kwa taarifa za maombi ya kuanganishwa mabomba ya maji, kama vile eneo la mwombaji, urefu na aina ya bomba linalotakiwa, na mabomba makuu yaliyopo jirani.

Inapotokea kuna sehemu nyingi zinazovuja, kwa mfano, fundi husika atawezza kufahamu mapema kabisa taarifa kama ukubwa wa bomba hilo, mahali na umadhubuti na namna bomba hilo lilivyotengenezo.

Taarifa hii itasaidia kuweka vipaumbele na kupunguza ulazima wa fundi kufika kwanza eneo la tukio kwa ajili ya kufanya tathmini ya vifaa vinavyotakiwa kufanya matengenezo, kwa kuwa taarifa zote anaweza kuzipata kuititia programu hii.

Tatizo la kuvuja kwa maji linazisababishia hasara kubwa mamlaka nyingi za maji nchini. Katika ripoti ya hivi karibuni, upotevu wa maji umeonesha tabia yenye kubadilika badilika katika miaka mitatu iliyopita. Licha ya kupungua kwa asilimia moja kwa mwaka 2017/18 ikilinganishwa na 2015/16, bado hali hii hairidhishi kwa kuwa iko juu kabisa ya viwango vinavyokubalika vyta chini ya asilimia 20.



Mivujo kama hii itatatuliwa na mfumo mpya uliogunduliwa na Chuo cha Maji Dar es Salaam.

Kamati za Ulinzi na Usalama

Simiyu zafundishwa masuala ya udhibiti

Na Wilfred Mwakalosi

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA) imeanza kamjeni ya kukutana na kamati za ulinzi na usalama za mikoa mbalimbali nchini ili kubadilishana taarifa za maeneo mbalimbali ya kimkakati ambayo vyombo hivyo viwili vinaweza kushirikiana kwa kufanya kazi pamoja kwa matokeo bora zaidi.

Februari 2019, EWURA ilikutana na Kamati ya Ulinzi na Usalama ya Mkoa wa Simiyu na Wilaya zake.

Aliyekuwa Kaimu Meneja wa EWURA Kanda ya Ziwa Mhandisi Loden Kitumbika alisema kikao hicho kilikuwa sehemu ya jithada za mdhibiti kuwashirikisha wadau mbalimbali katika jukumu la udhibiti kwa manufaa ya usalama wa umma.

"Vyombo vya usalama ni wadau wetu muhimu—katika kuzuia na kupambana na biashara haramu ya bidhaa zinazodhibitiwa kama zile za jamii ya petroli," alisema.

Alisema biashara ya bidhaa za petroli kwenye chupa za plastiki, kwa mfano, na namna mafuta hayo yanavyohifadhiwa kwenye makazi ya watu majumbani, ni ukiukwaji wa kiwango kikubwa wa taratibu za kiusalama kwa binadamu na mazingira yake.

"Bidhaa hizo zina asili ya mlipuko wa kiwango kikubwa. Kama zisipodhibitiwa vizuri, zinaweza kusababisha ajali kubwa itakayoliacha eneo hilo na taifa kwa ujumla kwenye simanzi kutokana na upotevu wa maisha ya watu na mali zao," alisitiza.

Mhandisi Kitumbika aliwaeleza wajumbe wa kikao hicho kuwa wakati EWURA inajitahidi kuhakikisha kuwa miundombinu na mazingira ya ufanywaji biashara ya petroli inafuata sharia, taratibu na kanuni zake, inategemea sana msaada wa vyombo hivyo katika kuzuia biashara yoyote haramu inayoweza kuhatarisha usalama wa maisha ya watu na mali zao kwenye maeneo yao.

Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Bariadi, Bw. Festus Kiswaga, aliyemwakilisha Mkuu wa Mkoa Bw. Athony Mtaka, alipongeza EWURA kwa kuchukua hatua za kuelimisha watendaji kwa wakati muafaka.

"Tunapotekeleza maono ya taifa letu kuwa na uchumi wa viwanda, kwa kweli ni muhimu sana wawekezaji wa shughuli zinazodhibitiwa na EWURA wawe wanafahamishwa mapema juu ya sharia, taratibu na kanuni husika ili ziwasaidie kufanya shughuli zao kwa usahihi, na kuepuwa uvunjaji wa sheria usiokuwa wa lazima hasa baada ya kufanya uwikezaji," alisema.

Taratibu za EWURA katika kuwekeza kwenye biashara inayodhibitiwa kama petrol, mitambo ya kujaza gesi ya kupikia au uzalishaji wa umeme, zinamtaka mwekezaji pamoja na mambo mengine, awasilishie uthibitisho wa matumizi ya ardhi pamoja na umiliki wake, (kutoka Wizara ya Ardhi au Watendaji wa Serikali za Vijiji), cheti cha Athari za Mazingira kutoka Baraza la Taifa la Usimamizi wa Mazingira (NEMC) na mchoro wa miundombinu inayotarajiwaa kujengwa ambao umeidhinishwa na mamlaka husika.

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binadamu na mazingira
yake.**

Vituo 30 vya mafuta vyaadhibiwa kwa kutokidhi masharti ya Leseni

Na Asiatu Msuya

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA), imeviadhibu zaidi ya vituo 30 vya mafuta kwa kufanya biashara bila leseni ya EWURA, kujengwa bila vibali na kutokidhi viwango vya ubora vya utoaji huduma ya mafuta.

EWURA imechukua hatua hiyo baada ya kubaini kuwepo kwa ukiukwaji mkubwa wa masharti ya uendeshaji wa vituo hivyo, kupitia ukaguzi uliofanywa kati ya mwezi Januari na Februari 2019, katika maeneo mbalimbali nchini. EWURA hufanya ukaguzi wa mara kwa mara katika vituo vya mafuta ili kuhakikisha huduma zinazotolewa zinakidhi viwango vya ubora, kulinda afya na kuzingatia usalama wa afya na mazingira.

Katika ukaguzi huo, EWURA ilibaini vituo saba (7) vilikuwa vinavyouza mafuta yasiyo na vinasaba katika maeneo ya Tunduru, Nachingwea, Mombasa, Rombo, Siha, Ubungo na Kinondoni.

Uuzaji wa mafuta yasiyo na vinasaba ni mwanya wa ukwepaji kodi na ni uhujumu uchumi wa nchi, hivyo EWURA imekuwa ikisimamia suala hili kwa umakini mkubwa.

Vituo vingine 22 vilibainika kutokidhi vigezo vya

kiufundi, kujengwa bila vibali vya ujenzi kutoka EWURA na kutokidhi masharti ya leseni. Vituo hivyo vilibainika kuwepo katika maeneo ya Chemba, Chunya, Dodoma, Geita, Igunga, Ilala, Ileje, Kibaha, Kirando, Kyela, Ludewa, Madaba, Makete, Mbarali, Mbeya, Mlele, Mpanda, Muleba, Njombe, Nkasi, Nyasa, Rungwe, Songea, Songwe, Sumbawanga, Tanganyika, Temeke, Tunduru na Wanging'ombe.

Pia katika zoezi hilo la ukaguzi, EWURA ilibaini kuwepo kwa kampuni ya Shinup Tanzania Ltd ya Kibaha, mkoani Pwani, iliyokuwa ikisafisha bidhaa za petroli bila ya kuwa na leseni, wala kuzingatia viwango vya ubora na usalama. EWURA ilichukuwa hatua ya kuvifungia vituo hivi hadi vitakapokidhi masharti ya uendeshaji kwa mujibu wa nyenzo za kiudhibiti.

Aidha, EWURA ilibaini kuwepo kwa vituo vitano vinavyouza mafuta yenye ubora hafifu katika mikoa ya Kilimanjaro na Pwani.

EWURA imeendelea kuchukua hatua kali kwa vituo vya mafuta visivyofuata sheria, kanuni, taratibu za uendeshaji biashara ya mafuta kama ilivyoainishwa katika kifungu cha 131 cha Sheria ya Petroli.

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EWURA ilibaini vituo saba
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Siha, Ubungo na Kinondoni.**

Hatimaye Tazama Pipelines yapata leseni ya EWURA

Na Wilfred Mwakalosi

Kwa mara ya kwanza katika historia, Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA) imieipa leseni ya uendeshaji kampuni ya TAZAMA Pipelines Limited. Hii ni hatua muhimu kwa EWURA kama mdhibiti inapoanza kusimamia viwango vya udhibiti kwa kampuni hiyo ya nchi mbili.

Tazama Pipelines Ltd inasafirisha mafuta ghafi kwa ajili ya Zambia kutoka kwenye maghala yake ya Kigamboni, jijini Dar es Salaam, hadi eneo la Bwana Mkubwa, mjini Ndola, Zambia, ikiwa ni jumla ya km 1,710—huku km 954 zikihusisha bomba la ukubwa wa nchi 8 na km 798 zikiwa za bomba la ukubwa wa nchi 12.

Utoaji huo wa leseni unahitimisha taratibu ngumu za kiudhibiti zilizohitimishwa kwa ukaguzi maalum mwishoni mwa mwaka 2018 ikiwa ni sehemu ya uhakiki wa hali ya kiufundi wa bomba hilo.

Mnamo Machi 2019, Bodi ya Wakurugenzi ya EWURA—na ile ya wenzao wa Zambia—Bodi ya Udhibiti wa Nishati (ERB), zilikutana jijini Mbeya ili kuamua, pamoja na masuala mengine, namna ya kuwianisha taratibu za kiudhibiti ili kuwa na viwango vinavyofanana kwa Tazama.

Bodi hizo mbili zilimedhamiria kuiwezesha Tazama kufikia malengo yake kwa faida ya wananchi wan chi hizo mbili.

Kaimu Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya EWURA, Bw. Richard Kayombo, alisema ofisi yake imedhamiria kushirikiana na ERB katika kuoanisha mfumo wa udhibiti wa bomba hilo ili kuhakikisha kwamba Tazama inatekeleza masharti ya viwango vinavyokubalika katika pande zote mbili za wabia.

Mapema, Mkurugenzi Mtendaji wa TAZAMA Pipelines, Bw. Davison Tawethe, alizomba mamlaka za udhibiti za ERB na EWURA kuoanisha mahitaji ya kiudhibiti ili “lolote tunalotekeliza basi liweze kukubalika na upande wa pili.” “Tunapomjibu Mdhibiti, tuwe tunamjibu kuhusu masuala ya kiudhibiti ambayo yanawiana baina ya pande zote mbili,” aliwaeleza wajumbe wa bodi hizo.

Kwa mujibu wa Kaimu Mkurugenzi wa Udhibiti wa

Petroli wa EWURA, Mhandisi Shaaban Selemani, taarifa ya hivi karibuni ya ukaguzi wa miundombinu ya Tazama inaonesha kuwa kampuni hiyo imekidhi kwa kiwango kikubwa mahitaji yote ya kiufundi yanayohusisha Afya, Usalama na Mazingira.

“kati ya mahitaji machache yaliyobaki, Tazama inahitaji kuangalia upya namna ya kutunza mazingira kwenye maeneo yanayozunguka maghala ya kuhifadhi mafuta kuanzia Kigamboni hadi kwenye vituo vya kusukuma mafuta. Hii itasaidia kupunguza sana athari zinazoweza kujitokeza iwapo mafuta yatavuja kwa sababu yoyote ile,” alisema.

Bodi ya wakurugenzi ya EWURA ilipata nafasi ya kufanya ukaguzi wa miundombinu ya Tazamae—kuanzia maghala ya kuhifadhi, vituo vya kusukuma mafuta, mabomba na vituo vya kuweka na kupokelea vifaa vya kusafisha bomba, kuanzia Kigamboni hadi mkoani Mbeya. Kama chombo chenye kufanya maamuzi ya kiudhibiti, Bodi inapaswa kupata taarifa moja kwa moja kutoka kwa mdhibitiwa ili kuweza kuelewa changamoto na fursa zilizopo, mambo ambayo ni muhimu katika kufikia uamuzi wa kiudhibiti.

Tazama ilianzishwa mnamo mwaka 1968, na inamiliikiwa na serikali ya Jamhuri ya Zambia kwa hisa za asilimia 66.7, na serikali ya jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania yenye hisa asilimia 33.3.

Kampuni hiyo ilianzishwa kwa lengo la kusafirisha mafuta ghafi au bidhaa za petroli kwa gharama nafuu zaidi kutokea bandari ya Dar es Salaam hadi Zambia, ambayo haina Bandari.

Kwa mujibu wa Mkurugenzi wa Uendeshaji na Uhandisi wa Tazama, Mhandisi Deodatus Zegge, Tazama pia imeanza kubadilisha mitambo yote 28 ya kusukumia mafuta (minne kwa kila kituo) kwa gharama ya Dola za Kimarekani milioni 5.2 kwa kila kituo.

“Ubadilishaji wa mitambo mikuu katika vituo vitatu vya Kigamboni na Elphons Pass hapa Tanzania na kile cha Chinsali nchini Zambia umekamilika. Vituo vinne viliviyobaki vitakamilishwa mwaka huu,” alisema.

Mamlaka bora za maji zatajwa kwenye mukutano wa mwaka

Na Tobietha Makafu

Mamlaka ya Udhhibit wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA), imezindua ripoti za utendaji wa Mamlaka za Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira za mikoa, miradi ya Kitaifa, Wilaya na Miji Midogo kwa mwaka wa fedha 2017/2018 na kutaja mamlaka zinazofanya vizuri katika utoaji wa huduma.

Ripoti hizo zilizinduliwa na Waziri wa Maji, Profesa Makame Mbarawa katika maadhisho ya wiki ya maji yaliyofanyika kati ya Machi 18 hadi 22, yaliyokuwa na kauli mbiu: "Hakuna atakayeachwa: Kuongeza Kasi ya Upatikanaji wa Huduma ya Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira kwa Wote katika Dunia Inayobadilika Kitabia Nchi" iliyofanyika mjini Dodoma mapema mwezi wa tatu.

Profesa Mbarawa alisema: "Ni imani yangu kwamba, Ripoti hii ikitumiwa ipasavyo, italeta chachu katika kutekeleza kwa vitendo kauli mbiu ya mwaka huu ya maadhisho ya wiki ya maji -, kwani imeainisha maeneo yanayohitaji msukumo wa haraka, ili kuhakikisha hakuna Mtanzania anayesalia, bila kupata huduma za uhakika za majisafi na usafi wa mazingira"

Pamoja na kuzindua ripoti hizo, Prof. Mbarawa alitoa tuzo za Huduma za Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira, kwa mamlaka zilizofanya vizuri katika nyanja mbalimbali, ambapo Mwongozo wa ushindanishi wa Mamlaka ya Utoaji Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira ya 2014 ilitumika katika kutengeneza ripoti ya utendaji kazi wa mamlaka hizo.

Kwa ujumla ushindanishi uliku ukiangalia alama za matokeo ya jumla, kwa kuzingatia viwango na viashiria vya utendaji kazi, mafanikio ya malengo ya utendaji, tathimini ya data zilizosahihi ili kufikia viwango vya utoaji wa huduma bora.

Kuna viashiria 10 vya utendaji kazi kwa utoaji wa huduma za majisafi na majitaka vinavyotumika katika ushindanishi ambavyo ni, wastani wa masaa ya huduma, uwiano wa maji, kiasi cha mita zilizofungwa, udhibiti wa maji yanayopotea, ubora wa maji, uwiano kati ya maji yanayozalishwa na idadi ya wateja, ufanisi wa ukusanyaji mapato, uwiano wa gherama za uendeshaji na watumishi, huduma za majitaka pamoja na kiwango cha wateja waliouniganishwa na mtandao wa majitaka.

Kutokana na mchujo huo, Mamlaka ya maji Tanga iliibuka mshindi katika utoaji wa huduma za maji kwa kupata alama

90.3 na Mamlaka ya Maji Mpanda kushika mkia katika kundi hilo.

Mamlaka ya Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira ya Mwanza imeibuka mshindi wa utoaji wa huduma bora za majitaka kati ya mamlaka 11 zinazotoa huduma hiyo huku Mamlaka ya Maji Tabora ikiwa ya mwisho.

Pia Mamlaka ya Maji Mtwara, imeibuka na ushindi wa mtendaji bora, katika kundi la mamlaka ya maji bora, wakati Mamlaka ya maji Geita ikishika mkia. Pia Mamlaka ya maji Iringa iliibuka mshindi na kuwa mamlaka bora katika utoaji wa huduma za maji taka wakati Arusha ikiwa ni ya mwisho.

Kwa upande wa mamlaka za wilaya, Mamlaka ya Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira Igunga, iliibuka na kuwa mshindi wa jumla katika utoaji wa huduma za maji kati ya mamlaka 82 kwa kupata alama 83.56, huku Mamlaka ya maji Namanyere ikishika mkia katika kundi hilo kwa kupata alama 19.97.

Mwenyekiti wa Bodi ya EWURA Profesa. Jamidu Katima, alisema, Ripoti zilizozinduliwa zimegawanyika katika makundi mawili, Kwanza ni Ripoti ya Utendaji wa Mamlaka za Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira za Mikoa na Miradi ya Kitaifa. Pili ni Ripoti ya Utendaji wa Mamlaka za Majisafi na Usafi wa Mazingira za makao makuu ya Wilaya na Miji midogo.

Akizungumzia ufanisi wa mamlaka hizo, Kaimu Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa EWURA, Bw. Nzinyangwa Mchany alisema: "kwa ujumla utendaji wa mamlaka za maji umeimarika katika nyanja mbalimbali na kufanikisha kuongezeka kwa kiwango cha maji yaliyozalishwa, viwango vya ubora wa maji, mtandao wa maji safi na majitaka, wastani wa muda wa upatikanaji wa maji kwa siku, kuwiana kwa wafanyakazi na idadi ya wateja, kuongezeka kwa makusanyo na kiwango cha ufanisi cha ukusanyaji maduhuli na kuimari na ufungaji wa mita za maji kwa wateja."

Hii ni ripoti ya 10 kuzinduliwa na EWURA tangu mwaka 2008/2009, EWURA itaendelea kutathmini utendaji wa mamlaka za maji ili kukidhi matakwa ya kifungu cha 28(2) cha Sheria ya maji na usafi wa mazingira ya mwaka 2009, ili pamoja na mambo mengine kutathmini utendaji wa mamlaka hizo.

EWURA yabuni Vituo vya Mafuta kuhudumia vijijini

Na Asiatu Msuya

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA), imebuni vituo vya mafuta jongefu, ili kuondokana na kushamiri kwa uuzaji wa mafuta ya petroli maeneo ya vijijini katika mazingira hatarishi, bila kuzingatia vigezo na ubora wa bidhaa hiyo.

EWURA imekuja na mkakati huu mpya wa vituo jongefu, ambavyo vitakuwa maeneo ya vijijini na vitatumia magari maalumu, zikiwamo pikipiki za miguu mitatu, zitakazotengenezwa kwa kazi hiyo, ili kuhakikisha kuwa mafuta yanapatikana vijijini tena katika hali ya usalama.

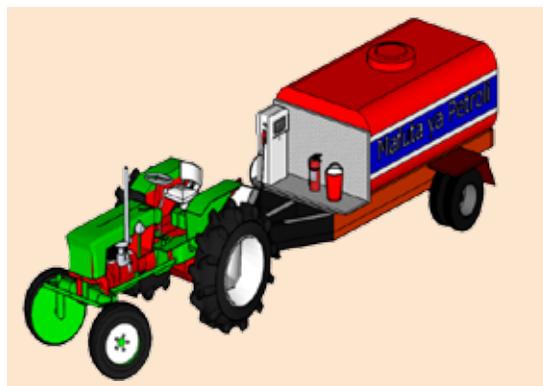
Meneja Mawasiliano na Uhusiano wa EWURA, Bw. Titus Kaguo, alieleza hayo hivi karibuni mkoani Njombe, wakati akitoa elimu kwa Kamati ya Mkoa ya Ulinzi na Usalama kuhusu majukumu ya EWURA ikiwa ni pamoja na kuitambulisha Ofisi ya Kanda ya Nyanda za Juu Kusini, yenye makao makuu Mkoani Mbeya na inayohudumia mikoa sita ya Mbeya, Ruvuma, Sumbawanga, Njombe, Katavi, Songwe na Rukwa.

Bw. Kaguo alisema kuwa, mpango huo unalenga kurahisisha upatikanaji wa mafuta katika maeneo mbalimbali nchini hususani vijijini kwa kuwa kujenga vituo vikubwa ni gharama, hivyo njia hii ya vituo jongefu ni bora na itakuwa rahisi kuwafikia wateja walio wengi. "Nishati ya mafuta inatakiwa kuuzwa kwa utaratibu unaokubalika hivyo tumeamua kuja na mpango wa kuanzisha vituo vya mafuta tembezi hasa vijijini ili kupunguza gharama za kujenga vituo katika maeneo mbalimbali na kukidhi mahitaji ya mafuta kutopteka na kushamiri kwa usafiri wa pikipiki maarufu kama bodaboda," alisema.

Bw. Kaguo aliongeza kuwa, EWURA imefanya makubaliano na Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaam kuunda magari na pikipiki zitakazotumika kuuzia mafuta na kuwa kazi hiyo ipo katika hatua za mwisho kukamilika.

Kuhusu uchakachauji wa mafuta, Kaguo alieleza kuwa "Kama EWURA, tumejitahidi kukomesha tatizo la uchakachauji wa mafuta ambalo lilikithiri siku zilizopita lakini sasa limekwisha baada ya kutumia njia ya kuweka vinasaba (fuel marking) vya rangi pamoja na uagizaji wa mafuta kwa pamoja (bulk procurement system)."

EWURA inawakaribisha wafanyabiashara wenye nia ya kuwekeza katika biashara ya mafuta lakini wana mitaji midogo, kujitekeza katika mpango huo ili kuimarisha upatikanaji wa nishati ya mafuta vijijini ambao umekuwa mgumu kutopteka na changamoto ya miundombinu ya barabara hususani kipindi cha mvua.



Mfano wa kituo cha mafuta cha kutembea.



Ole wake Fundi Umeme asiye na Leseni ya EWURA

Na Tobietha Makafu

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Huduma za Nishati na Maji (EWURA), imewaonya mafundi umeme wote wanaofanya shughuli za ufungaji wa mifumo ya umeme, bila kuwa na leseni hai iliyotolewa na EWURA.

Mkurugenzi wa Umeme EWURA, Mhandisi Godfrey Chibulunje alisema, EWURA inatoa tahadhari kwa mafundi umeme wanaota huduma za uwekaji mifumo ya umeme, bila kuwa na leseni halali, kuacha mara moja na kuomba leseni itakayo waruhusu kufanya shughuli hizo EWURA.

Kwa mujibu wa sheria ya umeme, kazi zote za ufungaji umeme, ikiwemo upanuzi, kubadili, kufanya marekebisho na matengenezo kwenye mifumo, zinatakiwa zifanywe na fundi mwenye leseni iliyotolewa na EWURA. ili kuhakikisha shughuli hizo zinaendeshwa na watu wenye utaalumu stahiki kwa usalama wa watu na mali zao.

"Mafundi wote ambao hawana leseni wanaweza kuomba leseni kwa kutumia mfumo wa kielekroniki wa Licensing and ordering Information System (LOIS), uliopo kwenye tovuti ya EWURA, www.ewura.go.tz au kufika katika Makao Makuu ya EWURA au ofisi za Kanda zilizopo Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Arusha, Mbeya na Mwanza" alisema Mhandisi Chibulunje.

Mhandisi Chibulunje aliongeza kuwa: "EWURA itaendelea kufanya ukaguzi endelevu, kuwabaini

wote watakaoendelea kutoa huduma za uwekaji wa mifumo ya umeme, bila ya kuwa na leseni na hivyo watachukuliwa hatua stahiki kwa mujibu wa sheria"

Aidha Mhandisi Chibulunje alitoa mwito kwa mafundi umeme wote wenye leseni, kuhakikisha wanakuwa na leseni muda wote wawapo kazini na wazioneshe pale wanapotakiwa kufanya hivyo na wakaguzi au wateja wao.

"EWURA inawatahadharisha wateja wa huduma za uwekaji mifumo ya umeme kuepuka kutumia mafundi wasiokua na leseni. Kwa utambuzi ni vyema kuomba kitambulisho cha fundi husika au kutumia orodha ya mafundi inayopatikana kwenye tovuti ya EWURA. www.ewura.go.tz," alimalizia.

Kwa mantiki hiyo ni kosa la jinai kuendesha shughuli za ufungaji umeme bila kua na leseni halali, mtu yeyote atakayepatikana na hatia ya kuendesha shughuli hizo bila leseni atatozwa faini ya shilingi milioni tano au kifungo cha miaka mitano au adhabu zote kwa pamoja.

Mpaka mwishoni mwa mwezi Machi 2019, jumla ya leseni 1,139 zilikuwa zimetolewa kwa mafundi umeme Tanzania bara. Hivyo, ni kosa kisheria kufanya shughuli za ufungaji umeme, bila ya kua na leseni ya EWURA.

Mtu yeyote akikamatwa na kosa hilo atapata adhabu ya kulipa fine au kifungo cha miaka mitatu jela.

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