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Big 'No' to service delivery Barabbas mentality: Minister Garwe



Local Government Minister Daniel Garwe (centre) Chitungwiza mayor Rosaria Mangoma

By TSITSI MASHIRI

LOCAL Government and Public Works minister Daniel Garwe has implored Chitungwiza residents to reject the Barabbas mentality when making service delivery decisions and warned those illegally dumping garbage that the government was crafting a law that will make littering an offense punishable by imprisonment.

Garwe said this yesterday when he officiated at the launch of Operation Chenesa 2 at Chigovanyika Shopping Centre in St Marys, Chitungwiza.

The operation is set to restore cleanliness in Chitungwiza which has put residents' lives at risk by failing to provide basic services including perennial sewer challenges and garbage collection.

"We are not only going to impose fines, but we will pay a fine and also go to jail this will make people living in sanitises the environments

"In places that we visit be it in China, Japan us or UK you don't throw litter everywhere because you will be jailed

Garwe said Chenesa 2 was the last such operation and urged residents to have a Chenesa 3 mindset that beginning by cleaning up their thoughts in order to clean up the environment you live in.

"Pontius Pilate was obligated to select one person who the people would decide to be freed when he was making judgments on who to sentence to death by hanging.

"Pilate asked the people to make a choice on who to forgive between the king of Nazareth Jesus and Barabbas the notorious thief.

"People like us said we should forgive Barabbas, Barabbas whom we all knew to be a notorious thief, murderer, a serial rapist and everything that is bad is the one we decided to forgive and Jesus was then hanged.

"Barabbas did not even spend a


month after he was forgiven before he started to steal, murder, rape and the same people went back to Pilate saying look at what your Barabbas is doing and he said he is yours you are the ones who said I should forgive him

He added that they are two spirits that control the world, the spirit of Jesus Christ, that is the Holy Spirit and the spirit of Barabbas that is the spirit of dumping waste everywhere and murdering and insulting others

and raping.

"Choose the spirit that you want... the Holy Spirit or the spirit of Barabbas, chose the Holy Spirit and leave the Spirit of Barabbas."

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By ALBERT MASAKA
CHITUNGWIZA chamber secretary, Japson Nemuseso risks losing his current acting town clerk position following a serious fall-out with councillors due to his failure to manage the rapidly declining level of service delivery in

the corruption-ridden municipality, in a move that also reduces his chances of becoming the substantive town clerk.

This came out during a heated debate among councillors Friday's full council on the deplorable level of sewer

blockages in Chitungwiza.

The debate was precipitated by Chitungwiza mayor councillor Rosaria Mangoma who expressed her concerns on the failure of

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THE lack of adequate and continuous water supply is the major cause of Chitungwiza's perennial sanitation problems that is underscored by frequent sewage outflows and recurring sewage pipe bursts.

Councillor Watmore Muchairi revealed during last week's full council meeting that perennial bursting of pipes and outflows of raw sewage in the third most urban populated city in Zimbabwe were due to old and strained water and sewer infrastructure capacity.

"Our sewer pipes are very old. As for the challenges we are facing, I am sure that everyone in this chamber understands that sewer and water work hand in glove. As long as we don't have water I don't think we will overcome that issue."

"Because each sewer line is designed if you see 100mm diameter 5, 150mm diameter pipe, 300mm diameter 5, 450mm diameter trunk and so on and so forth it have water that it must contain to give it what is called self-cleansing velocity that will make it clean itself on its own"

Clr Muchairi added that sewer system is under strain due to siltation.

"This is causing an increase in siltation in our lines which are also rotten. That is why that company

failed because of siltation and there was no adequate or continuous flow of water.

"Let's not think that the engineering department has failed to do its job yet we have a big elephant in the room that we should also need to look into."

"That's why we are seeking all these investors it's because we want them to address the issue of water to solve the perennial sewer problems"

Muchairi likened the recent work by council of upgrading trunk lines to that of building septic tanks.

"If we finish work on the trunk line as long as we don't have continuous flow of water it will accumulate silt and cause blockages again"

"If we are to look at the monthly report from public works since January they are clocking more than 1 000 blockages a month then we disappoint them saying they are not working people"

He added that the sewer pipes are dilapidated and laden with silt resulting in a recurrence of bursts.

Chitungwiza faces the perennial challenge of poor water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) service delivery.

Its sewerage infrastructure is overwhelmed, resulting in over-spills of effluent.

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the Public Works committee to ensure that the engineering department resolves the sewer challenges bedeviling the town.

In response, Public Works committee chair Councillor Musa Makweza did not mince his words while issuing a warning to Nemuseso to either reign in his errant management team, most of whom are also in acting positions, or face the axe as acting town clerk.

"From now onwards if your managers continue to fail to implement our resolutions I will personally propose for your removal from that chair so that there is someone else who will be able to supervise those people."

"Because I can't hide the truth, if you see your managers failing to implement (resolutions), then we have nothing to do with those managers, we will deal with you accordingly."

"Because we can't keep on saying the same thing and going backwards due to your failure to supervise your management, we have passed many resolutions, if people are not respecting them, you rotate them, but you are comfortable with the situation."

"If you are comfortable with the situation its okay, but to tell you the truth, if these resolutions are not implemented I will personally move a motion" Cllr Makweza said.

Nemuseso, who was appointed the town's chamber secretary and later assumed the role of acting town clerk in line with the Urban Council's act, is reported to be vying for the position of town clerk.

Chitungwiza has been without a substantive town clerk for five years following the suspension in September 2019 of Dr George Makunde who was later dismissed in June 2021 under controver-





Organization Profile

Zimbabwe Forum on Substance Abuse

“Transforming Lives, Changing the Future”

INTRODUCTION

The Zimbabwe Forum on Substance Abuse is dedicated to preventing and reducing substance abuse and its associated harms in Zimbabwe whilst fostering social and economic transformation within communities.

MISSION

Our mission is to foster collaboration, advocacy, and action among stakeholders to create a healthier and safer drug-free society for all.

VISION

We envision a Zimbabwe where individuals and communities are empowered to make informed choices, where substance abuse is minimized, and where support systems are readily available for those in need.

OBJECTIVES

Awareness and Education:

Raise awareness about the risks and consequences of substance abuse through targeted educational campaigns and community outreach initiatives.

Prevention and Intervention:

Implement evidence-based prevention programs and early intervention strategies to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse among vulnerable populations, including youth and marginalized groups.

Treatment and Rehabilitation:

Advocate for accessible and affordable treatment and rehabilitation services for individuals struggling with substance abuse, ensuring a holistic approach that addresses physical, mental, and social well-being.

Policy Advocacy:

Advocate for evidence-based policies and regulations that promote effective substance abuse prevention, treatment, and harm reduction measures at local, national, and regional levels.

Capacity Building:

Provide training and capacity-building opportunities for professionals, community leaders, and volunteers engaged in substance abuse prevention, treatment, and advocacy efforts.

Activities and Initiatives:

Organizing conferences, seminars, and workshops to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration among stakeholders.

Developing and disseminating educational materials and resources on substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Establishing partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, healthcare providers, educational institutions, and community organizations to implement joint initiatives.

Conducting research and data collection to inform evidence-based practices and policy recommendations.

Providing support and resources for individuals and families affected by substance abuse, including peer support groups and counseling services.

Target Audience

Our organization engages a wide range of stakeholders, including policymakers, healthcare professionals, educators, law enforcement agencies, civil society organizations, community leaders, and individuals affected by substance abuse.

Get Involved

If you are passionate about addressing substance abuse and promoting health and well-being in Zimbabwe, we invite you to join us in our efforts. Whether you are interested in volunteering, partnering, or supporting our initiatives, together, we can make a difference.

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Conclusion

The Zimbabwe Forum on Substance Abuse is committed to building a strong and resilient community that rejects substance abuse and embraces a culture of health, safety, and support.

By working together, We will create positive change and build a brighter future for Zimbabwe.

COMMENT

Chitown service delivery takeaways

We thank all our stakeholders in making this dream a reality.

Perfection Media (Pvt) Ltd got the nod to publish *Dungwiza News* some years ago.

We are a licensed community newspaper that seeks to empower communities through solution-based journalism.

Our publication covers Chitungwiza, Seke and Manyame areas.

Our focus today is on Chitungwiza.

Quality service delivery in Chitungwiza can only be realised through strong public institutions in the health, energy and government sectors that also recognise the residents as key actors in decision making.

Good local governance is founded on principles such as transparency, participation, effectiveness, and accountability.

The Constitution of Zimbabwe recognises the right of communities to manage their own affairs and further their development.

However, the lack of transparency, accountability, and responsiveness among elected leadership and management at Chitungwiza municipality has seen limited access to basic services and the deterioration of service provision in our communities.

However, a glimmer of hope came through during the recent full council meeting held at Council Chambers when the mayor and her councillors took a tougher stance by taking senior management to task over poor service delivery.

By right councillors being the mouth piece of residents must ensure that community members interests are included in the decision-making process.

They express residents' needs and aspirations, and hold local officials accountable for their actions.

Accountability can take the form of discussions and inquiries to understand the reasoning behind specific decisions.

Feedback meetings for residents have been an eye-opener for councillors.

At such meetings residents have expressed their grievances and held those responsible accountable.

In that light our role as a community newspaper for Chitungwiza is for us to play a crucial role in good local governance by providing citizens with a means to express their desires and improve the quality of public services.

Through us media, residents can voice their concerns and pressure local officials to address their demands for better local services.

The development of media aligns with plans for sustainable development at national levels, and this requires that the media plays an active role in development.

While urban councils may differ in their resources and capabilities, they should all strive to improve communities by meeting the needs of residents.

We need to stress that development is a collaborative effort involving the government, citizens, and civil society, each with their assigned roles.

In that light we commend the work of residents associations but advise them not to sink into the basher-mode as they strive to seek relevance.

Given the complexity of the challenges facing Chitungwiza, it is essential to have an effective and influential media that actively contribute to shaping ideas, presenting opinions and information.

We will not shy away from guiding society's behavior in line with central and local government's development policies.

However our role in supporting such development depends on accurate information about development plans, addressing citizen needs, and promoting their interests.

We implore all stakeholders to respect the media's role and not pursue self-ish agendas.

Certainly the role of councillors is not that of a real estate agent and should not even be perceived to be such, lest they become conflicted and become de facto land barons in the eyes of the public.



OPINION



Navigating difficult waters: addressing Africa's water scarcity challenges through PPPs

By Robert Daniels

According to the UN, more than 1.3 billion people in Africa face water insecurity. (Image source: Synergy Consulting)

Water scarcity poses a significant challenge to sustainable development and the well-being of people across the Africa and with factors such as a burgeoning population, changing climate patterns, infrastructural gaps, and uneven distribution of resources, the continent is grappling with the tangible consequences of restricted access to clean and safe water sources

According to the 2023 Global Water Security Assessment by the UN, more than 1.3 billion people in Africa face water insecurity, with 13 countries being critically water insecure.

Sub-Saharan Africa, as of 2019, reflects a concerning scenario where only 56% of urban residents have access to piped water (down from 67% in 2003), and a mere 11% have a sewer connection.

Addressing water scarcity requires strategic investments in modern water infrastructure, the adoption of climate-resilient agricultural practices, and active community engagement. Governments and international organisations must prioritise efficient water resource management systems, such as dams, wastewater treatment and reuse facilities, and desalination facilities. To reduce the financial burden on state-owned water utilities and improve operational efficiencies, governments can adopt the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for the improvement of water infrastructure. And there have been demonstrated success stories for the same:

- **Wastewater treatment plants (WTP):** Wastewater treatment plants are an absolute necessity in the industrialised world. They reduce the pollution of already scarce freshwater resources, and the treated water can be used for irrigation and industrial uses and even for drinking after further treatment, reducing the stress on natural sources. The PPP model in WTP was first introduced to Africa in 1999 with a WTP in Durban, South Africa, and the success was later replicated in New Cairo, Egypt in 2009.
- **Water desalination plants:** For places with little to no fresh water and an abundance of sea/brackish water, Water desalination plants offer a good value proposition. Globally, more than 300 million people get water

from water desalination plants. For instance, Algeria successfully implemented the PPP model for its Water Desalination Program and brought international experience and funding into the country.

- **Water pipeline projects:** Water transfer projects include any type of infrastructure that transfers water from any freshwater body to a place where it will be utilised by humans. With water resources spread unevenly across the continent, water transfer projects will not only improve clean water access but also bring economic development on the back of Industrial growth.

Water PPP projects underway

As the continent navigates these challenges, numerous PPP projects are underway, offering hope for a more sustainable future. Examples include the following projects:

- 6th October City West Phase 3 in Egypt, SoQs are expected in Q1 2024.
- The Chobe-Zambezi water transfer and Glen Valley water reclamation plant in Botswana, RFQ is expected in Q1 2024.
- uMdloti and uMkhomazi WWTP in South Africa, RFP expected in Q1 2024.
- Nador SWRO in Morocco, RFP expected in H1 2024.

These initiatives signify a collective effort to alleviate water scarcity and foster resilience, emphasising the importance of a holistic approach to secure a water-secure future for Africa.

Synergy Consulting has provided services to its clients on key water and wastewater projects in Africa, including financial advisory services to the Kigali Water Project in Rwanda; AREVA desalination project in Namibia; the New Cairo Wastewater project, Lusae Wastewater Treatment project, and IWPC Sinai Water Treatment in Egypt; transaction advisory services for an M&A opportunity in Namibia; procurement advisory services for Casablanca IWP project and Nador IWP project in Morocco; and bid advisory services for Glenn Valley WWTP & Reuse PPP.

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To cap it all the Yadah FC owner is set to host the Magaya Sports tournament this Saturday where local football and netball teams will battle it out with the winners sharing US\$2 600 in cash prizes.

In addition, each team that participates in the tournament will receive a sports kit.

The move comes after the cash-strapped Chitungwiza Council recently snubbed Prophet Magaya's master plan donation.



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By SPORTS REPORTER

EXCITING times beckon for local soccer fans after Yadah FC owner Prophet Walter Magaya last week launched Chitungwiza United FC signalling the beginning of a journey set to restore the town's former football glory.

Prophet Magaya, who is rooted by many to become the next Zifa president revealed this on Thursday while donating football kits to young footballers at Unit L Football Grounds

Chitungwiza United FC is expected to play in Division One soon and follow in the

footsteps of Darryn T. Fire Batteries and Buy more who become household names in the country's premier league then.

Soccer legends who graced the occasion lauded the move by the Yadah FC owner who also hails from Chitungwiza.

"We thank Prophet Magaya for this commendable gesture that he has bestowed on our town, in particular Chitown FC its a new club that is still finding its baby steps and with such great support the club will go far and compete in the premiership," said Taurai Chamboko.

Other local soccer heroes present included David Rediyoni, Charles Maguraushe, Musset Zengeni, Elliot Matsika, Washington Pakamisa, Nicodemus Muramba, Charles Manjera, Richard Bepura, Moreblessing Wachi, Ernest Jamu, Gabriel Rinemhota and Valentine Ndaba.

In a move that symbolises the Yadah FC owner's passion to cultivate a positive relationship with the community he grew up in, the new Chitungwiza United FC owner is the process of requesting permission from council to use Unit L ground for home matches.

"Chitungwiza United Football Club is dedicated to promoting sports within the community and providing a platform for local talent to flourish. Having access to a suitable playing field is essential for our club's success and the development of our players," a source close to Prophet Magaya said.

The source added that they have identified Unit L ground as a suitable location due to its infrastructure, facilities, and convenient location for both players and supporters.