



European Year of
Volunteering

EU Celebrates Volunteerism in Tanzania

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'Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something'



European Year of Volunteering 2011

Message from Head of Delegation



On November 27, 2009 the European Union decided that 2011 is the European Year for Volunteering with the theme-*Volunteer: Make a Difference*.

The year 2011 is dedicated to working together towards an enabling environment for volunteering, empowering organizers of voluntary activities to improve the quality of voluntary activities, identify and recognize voluntary activities and raising awareness of the value and importance of volunteering.

Volunteering has been part of the European culture and every year there are around 150 million adults involved in volunteering in the EU. In countries like Austria, Netherlands, Sweden and UK over 40

percent of their adult population is involved in voluntary activities.

In recognising the importance of volunteering, this year the Delegation of the EU to Tanzania has prepared and conducted a series of events for the celebrations in collaboration with the National Authorisation Office, organisations and institutions such as Alliance Francaise, British Council, Goethe Institute, Jane Goodhall&Roots and Shoots, Global Network of Religious Councils, AMEND, Tanzania House of Talent (THT), Trinity Promotions, UWABA among others.

Please read on to know how the Delegation has been and will continue to celebrate volunteering in Tanzania

Tim Clarke

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Joining communities in volunteer work

'Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see'

Mark Twain



On 7th May, Ambassador Tim Clarke and his colleagues of the Delegation of the European Union and EU Embassies joined volunteers from Zinduka Malaria campaign and local residents to clean and destroy mosquito breeding grounds along Kisutu Street and areas around TX Market area in Kinondoni district.

Kinondoni Hananasifu Councillor, Abbas Tarimba also participated in the event.

They then proceeded to the Msasani Mwisho Primary School where together with volunteers from the Global Network of Religious Councils (GNRC), the Jane Goodall Tanzania Institute/Roots&Shoots and school children assisted to mitigate floods that have been persistent for many years at the school.

Kawe Constituency Member of Parliament, Halima Mdee also participated in the event. She promised to

work hand in hand with the school's management in addressing the flooding problem alongside efforts by other partners.

The events were part of Europe Week and the European Year for Volunteering celebrations.



Campaigning for volunteerism through biking



Speaking after the caravan had ended, Ambassador Clarke commended efforts by UWABA describing it as a prime example of a community based organisation working on an entirely volunteer basis.

UWABA's members contribute their time to advocate for better conditions for cyclists, educate cyclists on cycle safety and organise community events such as the cycle caravan.

"Everyone can make a difference. Volunteering your time, volunteering your energy and vitality, volunteering your skills and knowledge. Giving this for free, to help others - there can be no nobler cause," Ambassador Clarke said.

In his speech, UWABA's Chairman, Mejah Mbuya, called upon the government to take measures against people and businesses that have encroached on road reserves and special lanes for cyclists and pedestrians.

Responding to the call Minister Magufuli urged urban authorities to enforce laws without fear or favour. In an amazing tribute to UWABA's efforts, he promised to see to it that all roads to be constructed in the country provide space for cyclists and other road users for their safety.

ON Sunday May 8, 2011 major highways in Dar es Salaam were coloured in orange. Over 400 cyclists including the disabled turned up for a special cycle caravan that was organised by the Dar es Salaam Cyclists Organisation (UWABA) to promote road safety. UWABA is run entirely by volunteers.

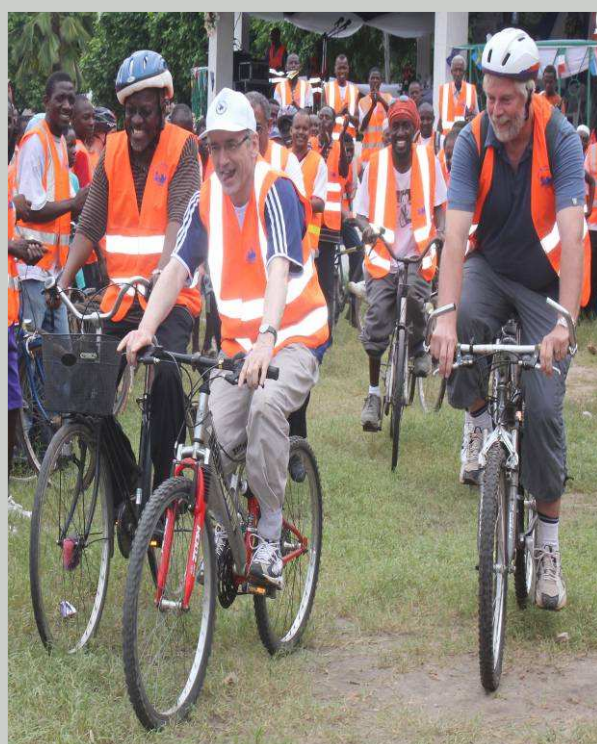
This was part of celebrations to mark European Union Week and the European Year of Volunteer-

ing-2011.

The cyclists were dressed in orange reflector jackets with messages-*Volunteer: Make a Difference*.

Tanzania's Minister for Works, Dr. John Magufuli, French Ambassador to Tanzania, Jacques Champagne de Labriolle alongside the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke and staff from the Delegation of the EU and EU Missions in Tanzania also participated in the caravan.

The caravan started and ended at the famous Mnazi Mmoja Grounds near the city centre and passed through the city's main roads i.e. Bibi Titi Mohammed Road, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, Kawawa Road and Uhuru Street.



EU Day Reception in Pictures



May 9 is Europe Day. On this date the EU commemorates the day that French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman in 1950 made an important speech that laid the foundations of today's EU.

To mark the day, EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke and his wife Anne, hosted a reception at which, among other things, a special website on the volunteering - **Jitolee Tanzania** and a project to identify and award vol-

unteers-Tanzania Gives Back were launched.

Over 400 dignitaries and staff from the Delegation of the EU, EU Member States and partner countries, Government Officials, local and international organisations attended the function which was entertained by youths from Tanzania House of Talent (THT).

The day also coincides with the birthday of Ambassador Tim Clarke.





TANZANIA GIVES BACK



A search for Tanzania's unsung volunteering heroes



The EU Day reception witnessed the launch of 'Tanzania Gives Back' project that has been organised by the Tanzania House of Talent with support from EU and other partners.

The project is a platform for highlighting and giving recognition to outstanding, special people who give back to their

community for free.

'Tanzania's Give Back' will culminate in an Annual Awards night that highlights Tanzanian and expatriate volunteers who give their time and skills for free for the benefit of individuals, organizations, villages, towns or the wider Tanzanian community who may need support, training or assistance.

Showcasing the outstanding contribution of Tanzanian 'unsung heroes' is not only giving recognition to people who often go unseen but also encourages fellow Tanzanians to adopt this rewarding participa-

tion to the wider community. The project aims to find, identify and reward volunteering heroes who have been giving their services for free without funfair or publicity.

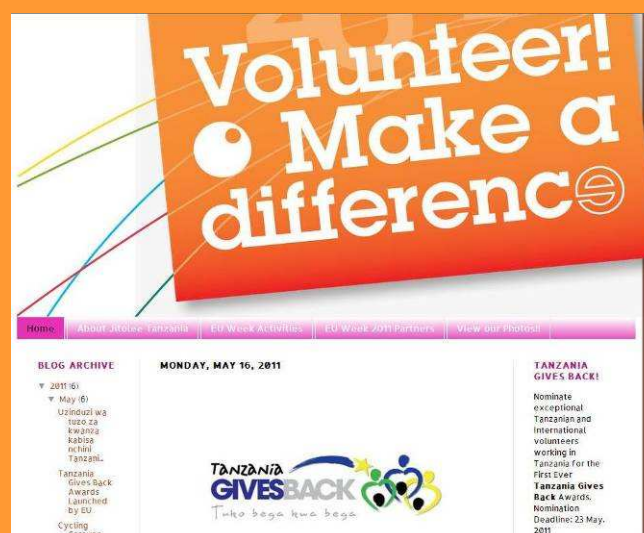
It covers the following categories; Health and Social Welfare, Education and Vocational Training, Physical Disability, Environment, Children and Youth, Poverty Reduction and Social Business, Gender Empowerment, and Culture.

President Jakaya Kikwete is expected to be the Guest of Honour at the award

Nomination of unsung volunteers goes online



awards that will be handed over to them at a function in mid July. President Jakaya Kikwete is expected to grace the occasion as the guest of honour. The website is supported by a blog www.jitoleetanzania.blogspot.com also created by Trinity Promotions Ltd. with support from the EU.



With the launch of a special website- www.jitoleetanzania.com, Tanzanians from all across the country are now able to nominate the names of people whom they think have made tremendous improvements in their communities through vol-

unteering. The website, which has been created specifically for communicating EU Week and 2011 EU Year for Volunteering celebrations to both internal and external audiences, also includes forms for nominating individual volunteers from across the country for

Volunteering for Road Safety in Zanzibar

ON Wednesday May 11 European Union Ambassador to Tanzania, Tim Clarke and the Zanzibar Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Communications, Issa Haji Ussi, launched the Decade of Action for Road Safety in the isles as part of celebrations to mark Europe Week and European Year of Volunteering.

The launch was preceded by a procession by school children, parents and members of the public from Lumumba Primary School to Malindi Grounds near Stone Town. Ambassador Clarke, and his wife Anne joined the march which was led by a Brass Band from Zanzibar Police.

Deputy Minister Ussi received the procession at Malindi grounds. In his speech, he said that the event was part of a global launch of the United Nations' Decade of Action for Road Safety that aims to reduce road accidents by 50 percent by 2020.

Zanzibar Traffic Officer Makame Ali Makame said that several efforts were made to reduce accidents on the roads in the Isles.

He mentioned a special programme-*Usalama Wetu Kwanza* (Our Safety First) by the Police Force through which school children



are taught about their safety while at school or during going and returning from school including road safety. The programme is done by police officers on voluntary basis. Ambassador Clarke commended efforts by the Police Force and all other stakeholders in reducing road accidents and promised full support from EU in the drive.

The launch was organised by an international NGO advocating for road safety-AMEND in collaboration with the Zanzibar Police Force, Ministry of Infrastructure and Communication with support from EU.



Upcoming Events

- 1)  **Cast your vote!**
For more information visit www.jitoleetanzania.com
- 2) Volunteer Activities organised by Alliance Francaise, British Council, Goethe Institute in collaboration with 12 Dar es Salaam Secondary School-June and July
- 3) Volunteer Activities by Jane Goodall/Roots&Shoots in collaboration with Global Network of Religious Councils (GNRC) in Pemba, Unguja, Kigoma, Mbeya, Moshi-May to July
- 4) Award Night for Tanzania Gives Back-Mid July

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