



Court of Appeal Judge Jacobs Mwambegele (C), Chairperson of the Independent National Electoral Commission, leads a commission meeting in Morogoro Region yesterday to discuss various matters, including stakeholders' opinions on draft regulations for the 2025 General Election. Photo: INEC

Judge lauds GCLA for timely forensic results

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRINCIPAL Judge of the High Court, Mustapher Siyani, has commended the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) for providing timely forensic results which enhance efficiency of the judicial system in delivering justice.

Speaking in Dodoma yesterday during a visit to the GCLA booth at the ongoing Law Week exhibition, Justice Siyani praised the institution for its commitment to improving the speed and accuracy of forensic investigations.

"I highly commend GCLA for the remarkable advancements in forensic investigations," he said. "The ability to provide results promptly allows courts to make well-informed decisions, ensuring that justice is served without unnecessary delays."

Justice Siyani also emphasised the critical role GCLA plays in maintaining public trust, stressing the importance of safeguarding credibility as many citizens and stakeholders depend on the integrity of forensic findings for legal proceedings.

GCLA Director of Forensic Science Services, David Elias, acknowledged the government's efforts to modernise forensic capabilities, noting significant investments in state-of-the-art forensic equipment under the current administration.

"The government's commitment to improving forensic services has transformed our operations," Elias explained. "With the acquisition of modern technology, we have accelerated sample processing, enabling us to release results more efficiently and contribute effectively to the judicial system."

Elias further reassured both the judiciary and the public that GCLA's forensic experts and laboratories meet international accreditation

standards, reinforcing the credibility of their findings.

Through continuous improvements and technological advancements, GCLA remains dedicated to enhancing forensic services, ensuring that justice is delivered swiftly and fairly.

Established as an authority under the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority Act No. 8 of 2016, GCLA became operational in June 2022. The authority manages and regulates the production, importation, transportation, exportation, storage, handling, and disposal of chemicals, among other related matters.

Its core functions include providing laboratory analytical services to support forensic investigations, ensuring justice and the rule of law. Additionally, GCLA assesses the safety and quality of agricultural and industrial products and conducts laboratory analyses in cases involving sexual ambiguity and sibling verification.

The authority also serves as the government's principal advisory body on forensic science matters, including illicit drugs, DNA analysis, toxicology, laboratory testing of food and medicine, and chemical and environmental management.



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By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

RC urges journalists to help raise awareness about Marburg disease

KAGERA Regional Commissioner Fatma Mwasa has urged journalists to serve as effective ambassadors in educating the public about Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) by focusing on dispelling fears and countering misconceptions surrounding the disease.

Mwasa made the call on Tuesday during a training session for journalists aimed at enhancing their understanding of MVD and their critical role in preventing its spread, particularly following a recent confirmed case in Biharamulo District.

The outbreak marks the second

occurrence of MVD in Tanzania, following the initial outbreak in 2023.

Mwasa emphasised the need for professional and accurate reporting, highlighting the media's responsibility to provide reliable information. She urged journalists to avoid sensationalism and misleading narratives that could incite public panic. Additionally, she advised the community to exercise strict precautions during public gatherings.

UNICEF representative at the

meeting Edna Muturi reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to supporting Tanzania's health initiatives against Marburg and similar diseases. She commended the government for its collaboration with stakeholders and advocated for continued training of community health workers, traditional healers and other vital groups.

Dr Ntuli Kapologwe, Director of Preventive Services at the Ministry of Health, stressed the importance of education in combating misinformation. He noted that well-

informed journalists can foster positive changes in public health understanding.

Dr Norman Jonas, community health services coordinator, explained that Marburg virus is primarily transmitted through contact with bodily fluids of infected individuals. He described key symptoms as severe fever, bleeding, and gastrointestinal distress, emphasising the need to maintain proper hygiene practices to prevent the spread of Marburg and other infectious diseases.

MWALIMU COMMERCIAL BANK PLC

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (Amounts in million shillings)		Current Quarter 31-Dec-2024	Previous Quarter 30-Sep-2024
A. ASSETS:			
1. Cash		695	707
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania		8,027	6,105
3. Investments in government securities		2,000	1,000
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions		373	87
5. Cheques and items for clearing		4	75
6. Inter branch float items		-	-
7. Bills negotiated		-	-
8. Customers' liabilities for acceptances		-	-
9. Interbank loans receivables		18,150	10,135
10. Investment in other securities		-	-
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowance for probable losses)		57,628	59,399
12. Other assets		2,425	2,169
13. Equity investments		-	-
14. Underwriting accounts		-	-
15. Property, plant and equipment (net)		1,048	1,063
16. TOTAL ASSETS		90,350	80,740
B. LIABILITIES:			
17. Deposits from other banks and financial institutions		1,000	260
18. Customer deposits		69,773	59,947
19. Cash letters of credit		-	-
20. Special deposits		-	-
21. Payment orders/transfers payable		-	-
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued		-	-
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable		1,961	1,415
24. Acceptances outstanding		-	-
25. Interbranch float items		1,461	1,826
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges		163	93
27. Other liabilities		289	1,437
28. Borrowings		-	-
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES		74,845	64,977
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)		15,704	15,762
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:			
31. Paid up share capital		30,912	30,912
32. Capital reserves		114	114
33. Retained Earnings		(20,400)	(20,400)
34. Profit (Loss) account		78	135
35. Others capital accounts (Advance towards share capital)		5,000	5,000
36. Minority interest		-	-
37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		15,705	15,762
38. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
39. Non performing loans & advances		1,255	1,187
40. Allowances for probable losses		(777)	(767)
41. Other non performing assets		-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS			
- Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets		17.4%	19.5%
- Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans		2.1%	2.0%
- Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits		80.3%	97.4%
- Loans and Advances to Total Assets		62.9%	72.6%
- Earning Assets to Total Assets		86.1%	87.4%
- Deposits Growth		17.5%	5.3%
- Assets Growth		11.9%	0.7%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (Amounts in million shillings)				
	Current Quarter 31-Dec-2024	Comparative Quarter 31-Dec-2023	Current Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2024	Comparative Year Cumulative 31-Dec-2023
1. Interest income	2,688	2,574	10,383	10,372
2. Interest expense	1,291	1,193	4,945	4,919
3. Net interest income (1 minus 2)	1,397	1,381	5,438	5,383
4. Bad debts written-off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment losses on loans and advances	10	77	273	447
6. Non-interest income:	508	582	1,946	1,954
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/losses	9	-	(9)	(42)
6.2 Fees and commissions	466	537	1,758	1,768
6.3 Dividend income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other operating income	43	45	198	228
7. Non interest expenses	1,955	1,710	7,075	6,828
7.1 Salaries and benefits	857	661	3,246	3,040
7.2 Fees and commission	-	-	-	-
7.3 Other operating expenses	1,098	1,059	3,829	3,788
8. Operating income/(loss)	(60)	176	137	73
9. Income tax provision	-	-	59	(52)
10. Net income/(loss) after income tax	(60)	176	78	11
11. Other Comprehensive Income	-	(40)	-	-
12. Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(60)	136	78	11
13. Number of employees	66	67	68	65
14. Basic Earnings Per Share	-1	3	2	1
15. Number of branches	2	2	2	2
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.01%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	-0.4%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	102.6%	87.0%	94.5%	86.0%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	1.6%	2.0%	7.1%	7.6%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (Amounts in million shillings)				
	Current Quarter 31-December-2024	Previous Quarter 30-September-2024	Current Year Cumulative 31-December-2024	Comparative Year Cumulative 31-December-2023
I. Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net (loss)/profit before tax	(80)	(86)	137	73
Adjustment for:				
- Impairment/amortisation/depreciation	85	(423)	177	849
- Net change in loans and advances	2,343	(16,503)	(7,389)	(969)
- Net change in deposits	5,073	646	10,098	(1,379)
- Net change in short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
- Net change in other liabilities	1,239	1,915	(1,144)	(703)
- Net change in other assets	(505)	8,858	9,045	(469)
- Tax paid	(15)	(15)	159	-
- Others	-	(10)	-	46
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	8,186	(5,700)	11,024	(2,452)
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	683	136	(175)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
- Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	-	683	136	(175)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
- Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
- Others	-	-	-	66
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	-	-	-	-
IV. Cash and cash equivalents:				
- Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,128	1,228	2,128	(2,561)
- Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter/year	6,974	5,746	6,974	6,889
- Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter/year	9,102	6,974	9,102	4,328

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 (Amounts in million shillings)					
	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Advance towards share capital	Provision General reserve	Total
Current Year					
Balance as at the beginning of the year	30,912	(20,400)	5,000	114	15,626
Profit for the year	-	78	-	-	78
Provision General reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	30,912	(20,322)	5,000	114	15,705
Previous Year					
Balance as at the beginning of the year	30,912	(20,254)	5,000	17	15,675
Profit for the year	-	11	-	-	11
Provision General reserve	-	(97)	-	97	-
Other	-	(80)	-	-	(80)
Balance as at the end of the previous period	30,912	(20,400)	5,000	114	15,626

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements

Name and Title	Signature	Date
Richard L. Makungwa (Chief Executive Officer)	(signed)	22 January 2025
Mussa Mwachaga (Head of Finance)	(signed)	22 January 2025
Jeanitha Mashulano (Head of Internal Audit)	(signed)	22 January 2025

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with international Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
1/ Francis Ramadhani (Chairman)	(signed)	22 January 2025
2/ Berthasia L. Patrick (Director)	(signed)	22 January 2025