

**RC MORO COMMENDS KILOMBERO SUGAR COMPANY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**4 May 2022:** Morogoro — The Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Martine Shigela has commended the Management of Kilombero Sugar Company Limited for its decision to allocate funds from the annual revenue for strengthening community services in the communities surrounding the factory.

Hon. Shigela made the remarks during a public meeting held recently with residents of Ruaha Ward, Mikumi Division in Kilosa District, which also involved some officials from Kilombero Sugar Company.

At the meeting, some citizens mentioned a number of challenges facing them, including poor road infrastructure, lack of quality health services, water and offices for delivery of community service.

"I commend the leadership of Kilombero Sugar Company for this step as this will strengthen the good relationship that exists between the company and the people living in surrounding areas from the villages and wards in Kilosa District Council and Kilombero District." said Shigela.

After hearing the challenges facing the residents, the Director of Corporate Affairs for Kilombero Sugar Company Limited, Ephraim Mafuru, said that the company will allocate more than 400 million shillings annually for strengthening social services.

He said the money will be used to strengthen community services in the area around the factory, and those bordering the company's sugarcane fields.

Mafuru said the local community has made a significant contribution to the operation of the factory and that the money should be used to strengthen the infrastructure in their areas as one of the way in recognizing their contribution to the company.

In another step, the management of the company has promised to prioritize employment for the community surrounding the factory in its expansion project whose implementation is expected to be completed by July 2024.

Meanwhile, Kilombero Sugar Company has continued to improve welfare services for its employees by building more than 1,800 staff houses.

The company's Business Affairs Manager, Bruno Daniel, said this at the World Workers' Day celebrations held regionally at CCM Mikumi grounds in Kilosa district.

He also said that workers living outside the factory area are given 15 percent of their salaries to cover housing costs.

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