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WTM to reach out to street families this Saturday

As away of giving back to the society, the Word of Truth Ministries in conjunction with 97.1 Fish FM your good news radio will this weekend be showing love to the street families. Word of Truth Ministries coordinator Gideon Banda says the Saturday's event that will be taking place at the Eldoret social hall from 2 pm will see them spend time with the children apart from distributing to them some necessities of life.

Donations can be dropped at the Fish FM's offices at Barnge'tuny plaza ground floor room number nine or you can join the WTM and Fish FM family this Saturday afternoon at the rescue center in Eldoret. At the same time Banda thanked all who have given in cash and in kind towards this worthy cause adding that the doors to make donations are still open till then. The Word of Truth Ministries in conjunction with 97.1 Fish FM organizes such events annually with an aim of putting a smile on the faces of the less fortunate in society. This year's theme is 'MERCY'.

Ends...David Macharia.

Kenya Christians on Constitution Forum heads to Kakamega

The vice chairman of the Kenya Christians on Constitution Forum (KCCF) Eldoret branch, Rev. Joseph Likavo has called upon the Kenyans to team up with the church in its efforts to oppose the proposed constitution. He said that the church should not be perceived as blockading the search for a new constitution saying it's the right of every Kenyan to air their views. Rev Likavo revealed that the proposed constitution has some missing clauses and called on the government to critically examine them before campaigning for it and wananchi going to the august 4th referendum.

He at the same time disputed claims that the church is supporting some politicians putting it clear that the church's grievances differ from those of the politicians. The Kenya Christians on Constitution Forum (KCCF) Eldoret branch will this Saturday be holding prayers at the Muliro gardens in Kakamega town in preparation 4th August referendum.

Ends.....Stanley Magut.

Synnovate findings

Synnovate formerly known as steadmann today released its 2nd poll on the proposed constitution at the referendum. George Waititu, who is Synnovate MD said Abortion, Kadhi courts, and land were the main contentious issues in the draft constitution and were likely to lead to the NO vote. This Latest survey was taken between the 22nd to 28th May where 6017 Kenyan voters were surveyed on the likely voting trends. The research firm also says the media was monitored to highlight the amount of time given on stories touching on the constitution. Still, a majority of Kenyans don't have an idea of the draft document and Synnovate is challenging the COE and civic educators to step up their efforts of informing Kenyans.

Not surprisingly, 58 per cent of registered voters say they were informed on the contents of the draft constitution by Radio station as 80 per cent of adult Kenyans listen to Radio in the country.
Ends.....Pat Ojwang

Public smoking zones now designated in Eldoret

The Eldoret Municipal council has now designated public smoking zones within Eldoret town. Speaking in his office, the Eldoret mayor William Rono stated the various public smoking zones the council has set aside. The mayor also said the municipal council court has already been instituted whose magistrate is expected in town later next week and will help prosecute the offenders of council by laws.

This comes at a time when Eldoret residents have complained a lot over smokers who handle their smoking habits carelessly hence affecting non-smokers in the streets. The government has been firm on public smoking though the by law has been operational in only a few towns.

Ends.....Job Wesonga

Talent search comes to Eldoret

Kings International, an organization involved with nurturing talent among the youth will be holding a major concert on Saturday in Eldoret. They will be here to launch the Kenya Kings International School of talent identifying gifting in Music, radio and Television presentation among. The Saturday event will be issuing cash awards ranging from 10,000 to 100,000 shillings among other awards and the youth have been encouraged to take advantage of this. The organization director Dr. Kennedy Waningu says they saw it fit to shift focus from Nairobi in search of upcoming artists and to empower them economically.

Ends.....CAROLINE Koech

End of the road for illegal water users

Siaya district residents have been warned by the Siaya Water and Sewerage Company against using water from illegally connected pipes. This was announced Thursday at a gathering by the water company chairperson Anthony Okusa, who said that residents who are using water illegally will be given thirty days to disconnect the pipes or else face the full wrath of the law. Okusa said this at an opening ceremony of six water points, an initiative aimed at cubing water shortage among those who had no direct link to the home water supply. Present at the event was the Siaya district commissioner, Mohammed Salim who said he will work closely with the Siaya Water and Sewerage Company to bring offenders to justice.

ENDS... ROBERT K'ODINGO

TJRC receives statements from inmates

The Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission today held its session at the Bungoma GK Prison where the 85 remandees gave their statements. The remandees and inmates from the

region were specifically targeted by the Commission which is undertaking a 3 week statement recording exercise in Mt Elgon district as being among those whose rights might have been violated in the conflict prone area. The prisoners narrated their perspectives on the source of conflict in Mt Elgon which culminated in the 2007 violence in which at least 3,000 people were killed.

Commissioner Tom Ojienda said those who were in remand and were seeking reconciliation with their accusers could be assisted by the Commission. Commission Secretary Patricia Nyaundi assured the prisoners that their statements would be confidential.

ICC urged to focus on justice for women

The world is facing a critical moment in international justice especially for women. Nobel Laureates Wangari Maathai and Shirin Ebadi along with Sudanese civil society and human rights activist, Suzanne Jambo, called for global end to this impunity at the first ever review of the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC) this week in Uganda. The Nobel Peace Laureates called for the signatories to the Rome Statute to strengthen their financial support to the ICC, as well as their political support.

The ICC has established groundbreaking standards in criminal prosecution and accountability particularly for women with Maathai noting that crimes against women such as rape, sexual slavery and forced sterilization are recognized as crimes against humanity, war crimes and in some instances genocide. Jambo noted that it is nearly impossible to build lasting peace without the full participation of women. So far, 111 countries have ratified the Rome Statute that created the ICC-including 30 in Africa. Many see the court as the last resort for accountability in their countries.

Be keen on the maize you consume, govt warns

The government has issued an alert to Kenyans to keenly examine the maize they are consuming. This follows reports of the huge amounts of aflatoxin-infected maize circulating in the country. According to the director of medical services Dr. Shanaaz Shariff, the infected maize has so far been discovered in 20 districts across the country.

Shariff however noted that the ministry of public health is investigating claims that one person has died after consuming the contaminated maize. The director further stated that any person found dealing with the poisonous grain will face the full force of the law. Public health and sanitation minister Beth Mugo stated that laboratory tests carried out revealed that three quarters of maize harvested in Coast and Eastern provinces contains aflatoxin.

Ends.....Silvanoh Chumba

REGIONAL NEWS JUNE 4TH 2010

UN calls for DR Congo probe into activist's death

UN chief Ban Ki-Moon has called for an independent investigation in the Democratic Republic

of Congo into the death of a human rights activist. Floribert Chebeya's body was found in his car after he was called to a meeting with the national police chief, which did not take place, on Tuesday. A senior UN investigator said the circumstances of the death "strongly suggested official responsibility". The government has not responded to the comment, but has ordered an inquiry. The UN has about 20,000 peacekeepers in DR Congo, helping the nation recover from years of civil war and insecurity. Chebeya, 47, headed Voice of the Voiceless and activists say he received regular threats over the last 20 years.

EU to keep Madagascar aid block

The EU is set to suspend development aid to Madagascar for another year over the new president's failure to implement power-sharing agreements. EU ministers are expected to approve the European Commission's recommendation on Madagascar next week. Humanitarian aid - not directly involving coup leader Andry Rajoelina and his ministers - will continue. The EU froze 600 million euros (£501m; \$738m) of development aid last year after President Marc Ravalomanana's ousting. Foreign donors and international mediators have called for the formation of a consensus government in Madagascar, to pave the way for fresh elections. The EU, the biggest donor, has rejected Rajoelina's transition plan. Last month, he announced he would not run in the elections

Global News June 4th 2010

Naoto Kan becomes Japan's new prime minister

Japanese lawmakers have elected Naoto Kan as the country's new prime minister, two days after the surprise resignation of Yukio Hatoyama. Kan, the outgoing finance minister, promised economic reform and a focus on social welfare, as well as smooth ties with the US. He becomes Japan's fifth prime minister in three years. Hatoyama resigned as prime minister on Wednesday in a dispute over a US military base in southern Japan.

He had promised to move the airbase off Okinawa Island, but failed to find an acceptable compromise to please locals and the US. Kan said that he would continue the programme of reform set out by his predecessor. Hatoyama led the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) to a historic election victory in September 2009, ousting the party which had led Japan for more than half a century. Kan was elected by DPJ lawmakers and then confirmed as prime minister by votes in both houses of parliament.

Sports News June 4th 2010

Injured Drogba may miss World Cup

Ivory Coast captain Didier Drogba's participation in the World Cup is in serious doubt after he suffered a fractured elbow in a friendly. The Chelsea striker, 32, picked up the injury 16 minutes into the game after clashing with Japan defender Marcus Tulio Tanaka. Ivory Coast kick off their World Cup campaign against Portugal on 15 June. Drogba, the Premier League's top goalscorer

last season, helped open the scoring with a 13th-minute deflected free-kick and Ivory Coast went on to win the game 2-0 with Manchester City defender Kolo Toure also scoring. Drogba, who has scored 44 goals in 69 appearances for his country, is key to Ivory Coast's hopes in South Africa and Eriksson will anxiously await news of his injury.

But the former England boss said he did not blame Tanaka for the incident. Ivory Coast face Brazil, Portugal and North Korea in their World Cup group. Drogba is an enormous star in his native Ivory Coast and across the whole continent of Africa, and his possible absence would be a significant blow to the tournament.

Appiah excited about World Cup

Ghana captain Stephen Appiah insists he is fit and ready for the 2010 World Cup even though he admits he is by no means a certainty for the starting line-up. The Bologna midfielder has struggled at club level over the last two years but was still picked by Milovan Rajevac in the final squad of 23 players that will represent Ghana at the World Cup. Appiah says he is excited about the opportunity to play in another World Cup and is confident he is fit for the rigours of it despite his recent injury history.

Appiah played in all four of Ghana's games at the 2006 World Cup but knows there is no guarantee of that happening in South Africa. Meanwhile Michael Essien has been expressing his disappointment at not making the World Cup. Ghana open their 2010 World cup campaign against Serbia on 13 June

Sacco regulatory body gets new CEO

The SACCO Society Regulatory Authority (SASRA) has appointed Carilus Ademba as its new Chief Executive Officer. Speaking during the introduction of the new CEO, SASRA Chairman Peter Gakunu said SASRA is also the fifth regulator that now brings to the armpit the cooperative sector. Gakunu who was speaking at the Cooperative offices in Nairobi said that as a SACCO regulation, SASRA will help to restore confidence among the members and the wider stakeholders in to the sector.

He said the Board consists of four members outside the government while others are the Commissioner of Cooperative Development, Representatives of the Governor of Central Bank and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Kenya halves 364-day T-bills offer to \$50 mln

The Central Bank of Kenya halved the amount offered in a 364-day Treasury bill to 4.0 billion shillings (\$50 million) and brought the auction forward by a month. The paper, issued at a discounted price, has a value date of June 14, 2010 and a maturity date of June 13, 2011.

The amount is normally sought out by the government to settle short term expenditures. The central bank had on Thursday invited bids totalling 8 billion shillings and with a value date of July 12. The amount to be raised was new borrowing for the Treasury. The instrument qualifies for secondary market transactions such as transfers, lien creation and repos, and can be traded over the counter without being listed on the Nairobi Stock Exchange, the bank said in a

statement. There has been increasing interest from both local and overseas investors in Kenya's corporate and government debt markets in the last few months.