

# CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND REHABILITATION

## JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



### A note from the Acting Programme's Manager:

Teamwork makes the dream work. I would like to appreciate all of you for the great team work as we start implementation of the new projects. I urge you all to continue following Covid-19 guidelines and to ensure that we are safe whilst advancing the rights of the marginalised whose rights are violated further with the rise of the Covid -19 pandemic, attention is being drawn away from other social protection initiatives just because all attention is on Covid-19 prevention.



### July 2021 Activities:

Our Project team was in Karonga conducting a baseline survey in order to determine the % of people with knowledge of Universal Health Coverage principles, Covid-19 adherence and preventive measures and uptake of the Covid-19 Vaccine with support from Oxfam.

Our project team is in Salima holding an interface meeting with the community on Open Contracting with an aim to mobilize civic participation and clarify possible concerns from local partners with regards to open contracting with support from William and Florah Hewlett Foundation and working in collaboration with Africa Freedom of Information Centre.



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Community development is a key component to empowering the marginalised and less privileged, our project team in Salima under T/A Kombedza training women and men living with HIV and AIDS on Bee Keeping with support from The Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Power to Youth project, accepted before Machinga and Dedza District Executive Committee, baseline to set targets and indicators to start soon.

In attendance are all the consortium partners namely Youth Wave, CEYECE, AMREF, SRHR Alliance and MHRC.



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With support from Stephen Lewis Foundation our project team was in Namitete under T/A Kalolo, training women and men living with HIV and AIDS on how to conduct and operate small businesses to sustain themselves and further extend the knowledge to their community.

Our team attended a stake-holders review meeting on the Bodily Autonomy and Integrity project 2021/2022 (BAI): to generate ideas to address matters to do with LGBTI, HIV/AIDS and safe abortion issues, with support from ARASA.



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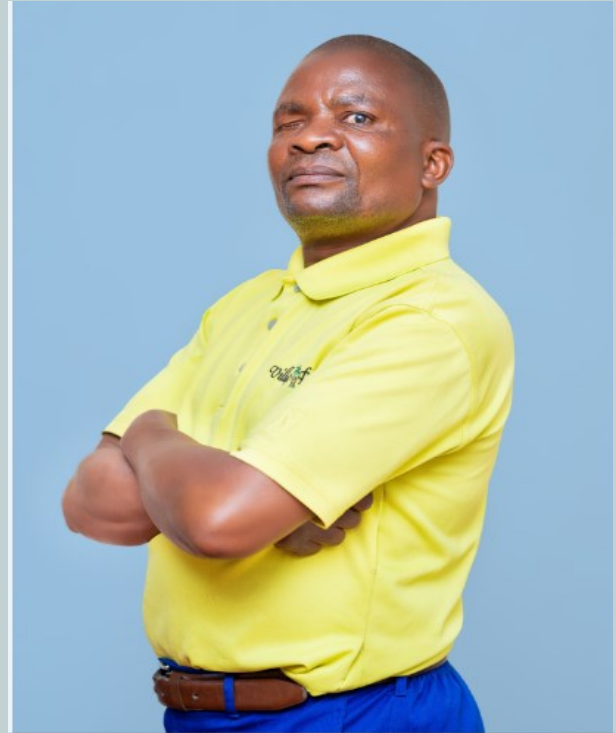


## FAREWELL ELIAS

Sorrow fills our hearts as we are saddened by the loss of our dear colleague. Elias Masanjara silently closed the door of life and departed from us. Our lives will be empty in the areas that he had brightened for us.

Albert Einstein said, "The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive." In one word, A'Masanjara was a man who gave, he gave much to his work, we will forever cherish the memories we shared with him during lunchtime 'memo'. Here was a life that exemplified brilliance, a life that inspired emulation, a life that burned so that others paths were lit.

Till our paths cross again, Farewell A'Busa.



## July Press Releases

(more details on our website [www.chrrmw.org](http://www.chrrmw.org))

**11 July 2021**  
**ZODIAK**  
**MPHEPO ZINAI**  
KHUMBO SOKO (LAWYER), ROBERT MKWIZALAMBA (LABOUR RIGHTS ACTIVIST), MICHAEL KAYATSA (HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST), WAFWILE MSUKWA (MINISTRY OF LABOUR)  
**MUTU LAMULO LA ANTHU OGWIRA NTCHITO**  
**TIME: 12PM**  
ON ZODIAK TV & FACEBOOK  
**CATCH A REPEAT**  
MONDAY 8:30AM, TUESDAY 9:00PM, THURSDAY 8:30AM

- \* CHRR is concerned about proposed changes to the Labour Relations Act Amendment Bill, 2021: "An employee shall not be entitled to receive wages for the period he is absent from work due to participation in a strike."
- \* We commend President Chakwera for pardoning 156 prisoners: We urge the President to further decongest our overcrowded prisons as inmates fear for their lives with the rise in positive Covid 19 cases.
- \* Urgent appeal to President Lazarus Chakwera not to assent to the Labour Relations Act Amendment Bill.
- \* CHRR urges Malawi Police to respect people's rights in the course of enforcing COVID-19 prevention measures.
- \* 20 July commemoration : A reminder to the Tonse administration to address governance lapses.



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## July Newspaper articles

- \* **Bodily Autonomy & Integrity wants LGBTI community's rights inclusion in Malawi's curriculum**

<https://www.maravipost.com/bodily-autonomy-integrity-wants-lgbti-communities-rights-inclusion-in-malawis-curriculum/>

- \* **National ID expiry date attracts mixed views**

<https://times.mw/national-id-expiry-date-attracts-mixed-views/>

- \* **CHRR Advocates For Open Contracting in Public Procurement**

<https://www.zodiakmalawi.com/nw/national-news/65-news-in-central-region/3677-chrr-advocates-for-open-contracting-in-public-procurement>

- \* **CHRR urges respect for citizens rights as police embarks on operation vala mask**

<https://www.nyasatimes.com/chrr-urges-respect-for-citizens-rights-as-police-embarks-on-operation-vala-mask/>

- \* **Judiciary faulted for ignoring Ombudsman**

<https://times.mw/judiciary-faulted-for-ignoring-ombudsman/>

- \* **MCTU to protest controversial labour law**

[https://times.mw/mctu-to-protest-controversial-labour-law/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=mctu-to-protest-controversial-labour-law](https://times.mw/mctu-to-protest-controversial-labour-law/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=mctu-to-protest-controversial-labour-law)

- \* **Civil society organisations, Transparency International bemoan corruption**

[https://times.mw/civil-society-organisations-transparency-international-bemoan-corruption/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=civil-society-organisations-transparency-international-bemoan-corruption](https://times.mw/civil-society-organisations-transparency-international-bemoan-corruption/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=civil-society-organisations-transparency-international-bemoan-corruption)

- \* **Tonse government urged to address government lapses, corruption and abuse of power to avoid triggering of mass protests**

<https://www.nyasatimes.com/tonse-govt-urged-to-address-governance-lapses-corruption-and-abuse-of-power-to-avoid-triggering-ass-protests/>

- \* **Prisoner transfers rile rights bodies**

[https://times.mw/prisoner-transfers-rile-rights-bodies/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=prisoner-transfers-rile-rights-bodies](https://times.mw/prisoner-transfers-rile-rights-bodies/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=prisoner-transfers-rile-rights-bodies)

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT, GET  
VACCINATED AS COVID-19  
IS STILL A PANDEMIC**

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twitter handle : @health\_malawi to  
get updates of all available vaccina-  
tion centers across Malawi

