

By BERNARD LUGONGO

WHAT began as an idea led to experts coming together to create the Government Mailing System (GMS), which now marks a decade of successful usage.

It was a question lingering among the experts of the e-Government Authority (e-GA) over 10 years ago who asked themselves why shouldn't them create a government e-mail system so that every public servant can communicate officially through such a platform.

In addressing the question, they sat down and designed the system which was launched in 2014, when the e-GA was still an agency.

The primary goal was to streamline communication between public institutions and their stakeholders, while strengthening the security of government information in this age of Science and Technology, where ICT plays a vital role in various activities, including social, economic and public service delivery.

Before advancements in technology, formal communication between institutions and stakeholders was conducted through paper-based letters, which were costly and time-consuming, thus hindering efficiency and productivity in service delivery.

To address these challenges, e-GA decided to design and build the GMS in 2014, aimed at enhancing communication within public institutions and between public institutions and their stakeholders.

According to the Director General of e-GA, Engineer Mr Benedict Ndomba, the GMS has simplified communication within public institutions and empowered leaders and officials to make timely decisions.

Before this system, some government institutions used private email systems provided by contractors or disposable emails from providers such as Yahoo and Gmail to exchange government documents and information.

"These types of email sys-

Government Mailing System: 10 years of secured communication



DIRECTOR General of e-GA, Engineer Benedict Ndomba

tems faced several security challenges, as the storage of information was not transparent to the government due to the absence of agreements regarding the security of information between the government and the system providers," explained Ndomba.

Moreover, the cost of purchasing and maintaining these email systems was high and their efficiency was low. Now, the GMS not only saves the government significant funds but also ensures the security of government information and guarantees reliable email communication within public institutions.

In the 10 years since the GMS was introduced, email communication within public

institutions has become more secure and reliable. Institutions can now use domain-specific email addresses, enhancing their identification.

"One of the Authority's roles is to create collaborative infrastructure and systems for public institutions to reduce redundancy in ICT systems. The GMS, which is now used by all government institutions, has eliminated the proliferation of email systems in various institutions, thereby reducing operational costs," said Ndomba.

So far, more than 700 institutions and service centres, including Ministries, Independent Departments, Public Corporations, Cities, Municipalities, Authori-

ties, Agencies and District Councils, use the GMS.

"The GMS is constantly being updated as technology evolves to ensure system security and meet user needs, which sometimes requires the addition of new features," Ndomba emphasised.

Additionally, the GMS has enabled all public institutions to have institution-specific email addresses for all employees, regardless of the institution's financial capacity.

CPA Pius Maneno, Director General of the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA), noted that the GMS has simplified the sending and receiving of letters within public in-

stitutions, which previously took a long time and often resulted in delays.

"Now, through the GMS, each institution has a dedicated email account for sending letters. Here at NBAA, we use barua@nbaa.go.tz and as soon as we click 'send,' the letter reaches its destination without delay," said CPA Maneno.

Mr Salumu Ally Kulindwa, a Senior ICT Officer from the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), congratulated e-GA on 10 years of GMS use and encouraged further collaboration between e-GA and other public institutions, including COSTECH.

"In these 10 years of GMS usage, we at COSTECH are proud of this system because e-GA has always provided prompt support whenever we face challenges, whether with the GMS or other systems," said Mr Kulindwa.

He added that COSTECH has benefited from various ICT consultations provided by e-GA, which has driven progress in ICT usage and the development of e-Government.

Ms Magreth Kageya, the Senior Communications and Public Relations Officer at NBAA, said that the GMS has made it easier to send and receive government information securely between public institutions.

The system ensures that the recipient can verify that the information is coming from the relevant institution, as all emails come with the sender's name, institution and domain.

"Today, the confidentiality and security of government information have been greatly enhanced. When an employee sends government-related information, they can be sure that the

data remains secure within Tanzania, safeguarding our national interests," explained Kageya.

Dr Adolar Beatus Duwe, Chief Personnel Officer from the Medical Stores Department (MSD), mentioned that the cost of running email systems within public institutions used to be high and when a system issue occurred, contractors had to be paid to bring in experts to fix the

problem.

Mr Rico Boma, Director of ICT Services Management at e-GA, said that GMS has evolved from version 1.0.0 to version 4.0.0 and has been integrated with other ICT systems, including the e-Office, Enterprise Resource Management System (ERMS) and the National e-Procurement System (NeST).

Boma further stated that

e-GA provides training to ICT officers within public institutions to equip them with the necessary skills to efficiently manage the GMS system.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) Rafael Rutahiwa, Manager of Legal Services at e-GA, urged all public servants to use the GMS for all government-related communications, warning that failure to do so constitutes a violation of the e-Government Act No. 10 of 2019.

In celebrating the 10th anniversary of the GMS, it is clear that the system has brought numerous benefits, including increased productivity, improved communication efficiency and strengthened security for government information.

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Doctors Without Borders reflects on cholera outbreak in Kilwa

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

THE Doctors Without Borders or Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has shared first-hand experience working with the state medical team in Lindi's Kilwa district to manage a cholera outbreak which left health services in the area struggling to cope with the rapidly increasing number of patients.

The most seriously affected facility was the Nanjiriji health center.

Ms Ester Mtinangi, a nursing team supervisor with MSF, described the situation as "completely overwhelming. We quickly ran out of beds and had to place two patients in one bed to accommodate the influx."

This urgent need for assistance highlighted the limitations of local resources.

Between July and August, the health center admitted up to 44 new cholera patients each week. Many of these individuals, especially children under five, suffered from severe dehydration due to relentless vomiting and diarrhea.

Ms Mtinangi told the 'Daily News' at the centre that the critical importance of immediate treatment, as the risk of fatalities without care was alarmingly high and that MSF's intervention was crucial.

"When local resources were stretched thin, MSF stepped in with essential medical supplies and additional personnel," Mtinangi said.

The organisation helped stabilise the situation and prevent further deaths. According to the health practitioner, one particularly challenging case involved a young child in severe distress.

"The situation seemed hopeless, but through the tireless efforts of the MSF doctors, the child survived. It was a

struggle for the life-saving," Ms Mtinangi recalled.

Eye witnesses and patients expressed deep gratitude for the care they received.

One of the patients who was admitted under MSF care, Ms Asha Abdalah expressed her appreciation to the team of specialists, saying she was so ill that she thought her life was over. She noted that the doctors acted quickly and their care saved her life.

"Today, I can smile again and look forward to the future," she remarked.

Another patient, Mr Hamisi Mashaka, shared his emotional experience after recovering from the outbreak. He said he was taken to the health centre at the last minute.

"The MSF doctors never gave up on me. Thanks to them, I am alive today and I will always be grateful," she said.

MSF maintains that their immediate interventions had focused on preventing further loss of life among vulnerable populations.

"Our efforts focused on the most affected, especially children," Ms Mtinangi said, highlighting the organisation's commitment to crisis response.

The outbreak and MSF's response underscore the need for swift, coordinated action in public health emergencies.

MSF reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening local

health systems and improving preparedness for future emergencies, demonstrating the critical

role humanitarian organisations play in addressing urgent health challenges worldwide.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR:

SUPPLY and Integration OF CCTV Junction Boxes | REF.: 1090-EOI-SNEF-TZ-TEL-CCTV JB

The EITS Contractor (Electrical, Instrumentation and Telecommunications Systems) part of the EACOP project, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in the provision of:

SCOPE OF WORK:

Supply and integration of 58 CCTV Junction boxes (Model: Schneider Thalassa – Enclosure Polyester 647x436x250 - IP66 Ral 7035 NSYPLM64G) including for each:

- Breakers + Terminal Blocks
- AC/DC Transformer
- Fiber Optical Splice Cassette
- Industrial switch 10 ports, brand: TRENDnet
- Din Rails + Cable Channels

The scope will include supply of the above elements, integration (above items) as per the provided wiring diagram, packaging, provision of datasheets / Certificates, and delivery FCA.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Proof of business registration and business license for Tanzania
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) (TIN and VRN) and Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) for the latest year available.
- Proof of Tanzania Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania
- Provide financial statements for the past 3 financial years.
- ISO 9001, ISO14001, ISO 45001 & Industry Certification(s)

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All documents must be submitted in English language with the reference number as the subject by:

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