

October 17
2010

NEWS

seminar for journalists to brief contributed to the socio-economic Mr Sondo also said the transport. The Fund would benefit Fund after they moved from one the government.

MCC provides 428bn/- for Rukwa road projects

**From PETI SIYAME
in Sumbawanga**

THE Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is providing support for the project of upgrading to tarmac level three major roads in Rukwa region at a cost of more than 428bn/-.

Upon completion the project which will cover 600 kilometres will open up Rukwa and connect it with neighbouring regions and bordering countries including Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zambia and Malawi.

Sumbawanga town is a main trade link with Zambia and DRC through Kasanga port in lake Tanganyika.

Six international contractors from Greece, People's Republic of China,

Denmark and The Netherlands are implementing the projects scheduled to take between 22 months and 32 months.

This was revealed by Rukwa Tanroad Regional Manager, Engineer Joseph Nyamhanga, during a function to hand over the work to contractors that took place at Chiwanda and Chenjele villages in Mbeya region yesterday following the recent signing of works contracts to two International Contractors based in China and Greece.

During the occasion MCA -T handed over the Tunduma - Ikana (63.7km) and Ikana - Laela (64.2 km) roads to contractors from China and Greece.

Tunduma - Ikana road is one of the sections of the Tunduma - Sumbawanga

(223.21km) road earmarked for upgrading. In April 29 this year MCA -T signed works contract with Aarsleff - BAM international Joint Venture V.O.F from Denmark and The Netherlands to upgrade the Laela - Sumbawanga section (95.31 km).

And handing over of the Laela - Sumbawanga section project took place on June 12 this year at Lwiche area in Sumbawanga Municipality.

MCA -T is the accountable entity for the management of the implementation of the project wholly funded by the government of United States of America through Millennium Challenge Corporation. On September, 17, this year it awarded works contract worth of over 76.1bn/- to M/s China New Era international Engineering

Corporation of People's Republic of China to upgrade Ikana - Laela roads (64.2km) to tarmac level.

Another international contractor, M/s Consolidated Contractors Group S.A (off-shore) (CCC) of Greece has been awarded work contract to upgrade Tunduma - Ikana section (63.7km) to tarmac level.

Based on the engineering works analysis, it is estimated that construction work for the duo projects each will take 23 months to complete the projects.

The project covering 224.5 kilometres has been divided into three sections to expedite the process. They are Tunduma-Ikana (63.7km), Ikana-Laela (64.2 km) and Laela-Sumbawanga (96.5 km). It is wholly funded by the government

of United States of America (USA) through Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).

Mr Nyamhanga further said that other major road projects that are upgraded into tarmac level in the region include Sumbawanga-Namanyere-Mpanda/Kibaoni (274) and Sumbawanga-Matai-Kasanga Port by Lake Tanganyika (112 km).

Two contracts have already been signed for upgrading to tarmac level of the Sumbawanga- Namanyere-Mpanda-Kizi / Kibaoni road (274 km) and the work has already started. The contracts are for the construction of Sumbawanga-Chala-Kanazi (Namanyere) road covering 75 kilometres. The contractor is Jianqxi Geo-Engineering (Group) Corpora-

tion who will do the job for 78.84 bn/-.

The upgrading of Kanazi (Namanyere) to Kizi - Kibaoni (76.6 km) is estimated to cost over 82.84 bn/- upon completion and has been contracted to China Hunan Construction Engineering Group Corporation, according to Mr Nyamhanga.

The road of Sumbawanga - Matai - Kasanga port (112km) will be upgraded at the cost of over 133 bn/- upon. Its contractor is China Railway 15 Bureau Group Corporation (CR15G) jointly with Hunan Provincial Newcentury Road & Bridge Construction Ltd. The project is undertaken through 'Design and build' contract, Mr Nyamhanga said.

He added that the projects were wholly funded by the government of Tanzania.

ously in
ments.

Wit
started
at a di
the sho
white
lowed
in the
was co
depart
parted
Salaam
nal exp
conclu

Alt
the mi
sustain
of nat
tourism
full pa
comm
the obj
achiev

Ch
istry to
and st
lead to
vation
and e
overly
the off
selves