

JOURNEY THROUGH TOGETHER- RECOVERING FROM COVID19

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“NDIYO MZEE” - PROF JAY, 2001

- His journey, and this track perfectly captures how we create governance and can be both complicit and oppositional in our creation of it together.
- He went from being a hip hop “Bongoflava” artist to becoming a member of Parliament where he regularly gets in trouble for being outspoken.



“MY” MP? HON. JOSEPHAT GWAJIMA OF KAWE- DAR ES SALAAM...



ENCOUNTERS WITH THE BANK

- The first time that I came to the World Bank offices I was wearing my travelling shoes and ready to take on a difficult assignment: how to make the Bank feel closer to the people using social media.
- I come from a generation that uses “Structural Adjustment” as an expletive. Communication does wonders though. I learned a lot.





MEN AND WOMEN AT WORK

- The second time I came to the World Bank offices was not so auspicious.
- However this left a mark: how far from omnipotent the Bank can be in the face of national challenges and also how a passion for their work can unite people .

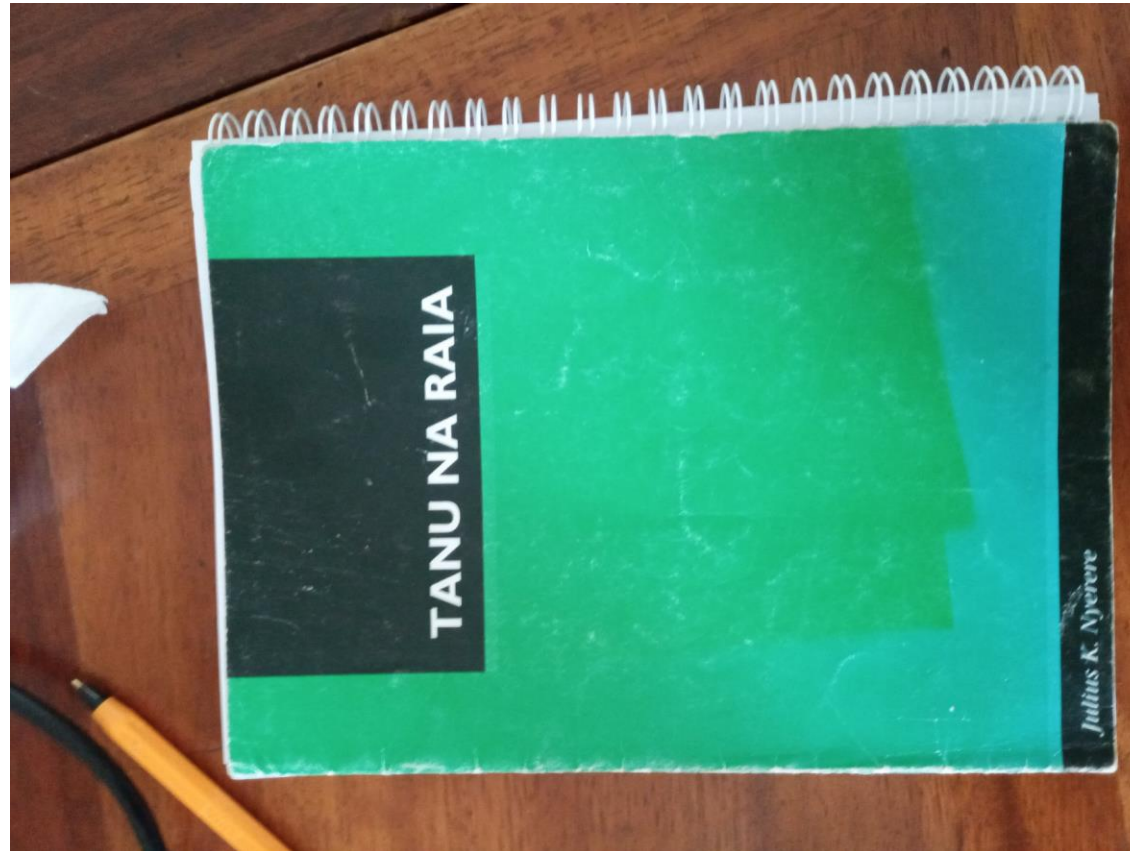


JOURNEYING THROUGH 'GOVERNANCE'

- I spent the next few years on my side of the government-civil society divide
- Fortunately for me, the Public Sector Accountability Monitor (PSAM) had a project where I got immersed in researching the actual business of governance.
- Suddenly some of the hard differences I had set between civil society and government seemed inadequate. Travelling and being invited into several countries' governance conversations changed me.



TANU AND CITIZENSHIP- JULIUS NYERERE THE SPIRIT OF TANZANIA THEN AND NOW.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF COUNTRY...

- My country has changed socially and politically over the course of the past 6 years, tightening up.
- I had quit blogging years ago in protest, and I have left the Mikocheni Report up to flag that protest.
- I didn't recognize us anymore, and it didn't look like things would get better anytime soon.





A CONSTRICTING MEDIA SPACE...

- Self-Censorship became normal for many of us who wanted to keep on working.
- Independence of thought and political debates which pitted opposing ideas against each other declined.
- This led to a lot of silencing about the many other violations that were on the rise in the country



THE COVID19 PANDEMIC IN TANZANIA

2020 had already started out on a difficult note at home: I watched my country contract in its civil liberties. Then people got sick.

It isn't easy for me to make sense of things in numbers, I have to say it in words.

Germ theory went out of the window, hospital beds came at a premium, we learned the price of oxygen tanks. Parents left children behind.



TANZANIA'S STATE FUNERAL- MARCH 2021

AN AFRICAN EVENT OF IMPORT.



- The State Funeral held in Dodoma was attended by several African Heads of State
- The East African Community was represented
- The African Union was represented
- The Southern African Development Community was represented



THE MUTUALITY OF OUR WORK AND HUMAN THRIVING.

- I asked myself what a strong recovery from covid19 looks like, and the answer has been here all the time. We keep moving.
- Perhaps before this it was harder to appreciate our shared humanity, but the pandemic has forced us all to do so.
- **My journey through issues of governance and accountability started small, with exposure here and there but ultimately ended in my belief in our common goals- human survival and thriving.**





DAR ES SALAAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION: 5 MILLION SOULS AND COUNTING.

- Roughly 200 meters from this particularly busy junction at Morocco there is a Rapid Transit Bus Station.
- Unauthorized pictures of the terminals or on the buses- but I promise it is right there.



“MIHOGO YA JANG’OMBE” - BI KIDUDE, (1998?)

This last track is by Bi Kidude and is a Zanzibar classic that is always a good way to start the week. Bi Kidude was a quintessential traveller, a rule-breaking seafaring woman in her youth, and ultimately a cultural ambassador for Zanzibar and Tanzania. She brought us together as one.





MADAM PRESIDENT SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN.

- Former Vice President of the United Republic
- Sworn into office on March 19th 2021 in Dar es Salaam at the State House
- 100 Days in Office will be at the end of June 2021
- Mama Samia hails from Unguja, Zanzibar.

