

Investment earmarked areas will have paved roads - Nagu

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The government has reassured investors in Tanzania that it will continue building new and strengthen existing infrastructure such as roads to facilitate them do their work and attain their objectives.

Dr Mary Nagu, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment and Empowerment), gave that assurance on Thursday when touring Mkulazi area in Morogoro Rural district.

The area has an area of 63 hectares, designated by the government as an investment

area for agriculture.

She said the government is obliged to put up required infrastructure such as roads in plantation areas as one way of creating a conducive investment climate in the country.

Mkulazi has significant potential for the country, she said, asking the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to contact the relevant authorities for the 63 hectares area to have paved roads.

"This is a challenge for all of us. Let us work together to face it fast and successfully," the minister said.

Large scale agriculture projects such as sugar cane and rice plantation have the

potential in helping the country fight poverty, the minister said, elaborating that the government and the private sector should work together to realize that objective.

"Quite often we face sugar shortages. We will solve this by facilitating investments in sugar cane plantations," she affirmed.

Dr. Nagu said that the government will continue allocating more areas for investments as a strategy to widen the tax base and help to attain sustainable development.

"It is through this method that we will be able to reach our objectives as a country," said Dr. Nagu.

Earlier, the TIC Director of Investment Facilitation, Ms. Nakuala Senzia said already the area has been demarcated by experts according to land use plans.

"The work to demarcate the area according to usage has been completed; certificates have been issued, what we are waiting for is an agreement from the Ministry of Lands," she stated.

TIC had also communicated with the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) at their base in Ngerengere so that they can help in cleaning the area, a request that has been granted.

"After a few days that this area will be clean," she further noted.