

Kondoa lags in registration of health fund

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KONDOA District is lagging behind in the registration of people into community health fund in Dodoma Region, slowing down the 30 per cent target set to be met by December, this year.

The data available at the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) here at Nzuguni grounds where the Nane Nane exhibitions are going on showcasing all Dodoma districts with their percentage, in registering people to CHF whereas Kondoa registered only three per cent.

District registrations with percentages in brackets include Kondoa (3), Dodoma Municipality (3.9), Chemba (4.5), Chamwino (11.2), Kongwa (15.4), Bahi (17.1) and Mpwapwa (18.4).

The NHIF exhibitor, Mr Emmanuel John told the 'Daily News' yesterday that the fund has special programmes for Kondoa, Dodoma Municipality and Chemba which are faring poorly.

He noted that for the Kondoa and Chemba districts, plans were underway to use influential

persons starting from the village level to sensitise people to join the fund.

"Kondoa District has a high population income than all the districts in Dodoma and it is also one of the well established districts, but this is not reflected in the number of people registered with CHF," he said.

He pointed further the NHIF will also make use of religious leaders to help pass over the message to their sheep and let them know the benefit.

Mr John noted further that the fact that Chemba was previous part of Kondoa and the fact it was still building up would have been one of the reasons as why it lags behind.

He noted that for the Dodoma Municipality, the NHIF will embark on use of business and social groups as a way of getting many in a short period to meet the December target.

Mr John noted that though many in Dodoma Municipality might have registered with NHIF but he believes that majority of the population is in informal sector and should have joined CHF.