



TANZANIA'S EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND ASSET RECOVERY

CRIMES THAT PROMPT ASSET TRACING

- Corruption
- Money Laundering
- Poaching
- Forest offences
- Offences related to taxation
- Financial Fraud & Theft
- Illicit trafficking in narcotics
- Human trafficking
- Financing Terrorism, etc

THINGS TO FORFEIT

- Money in the bank
- Real estates
- Businesses
- Cars
- Boats
- cash

CASE STUDY

We became aware from one of the widely circulating news paper the citizen that one of our Regional Administrator from Kilimanjaro Mr. Bogibenda (pseudo name) is living a luxurious lifestyle. Mr. Bogibenda who earns a modest salary but maintains a vacation home in a leafy part of Arusha town that is valued at Tsh . 2,500,000,000/=(\$ 1,083,000)USD. The home is registered in the name of a company but the Director and his family appear to be the true owners.

- A confidential source reports that Mr Bogibenda filed a Declaration of interests, Assets and Liabilities with the ethics Secretariat that did not disclose the ownership of any property other than a modest home in downtown Dodoma . Infact his declaration did not disclose any wealthy or expensive assets. Further surveillance of the residence in Arusha disclosed that a Toyota Prado V8 with registration No.T836 BXU is usually parked in the driveway.

INVESTIGATION PLAN AND APPROACH

- Investigation had to find the writer of the article newspaper for more information on the identity of the suspect, the allegations.
- Search was done at the Ethics Secretariat
- Search was done at land registry for ownership of the said vacation home
- Search done at the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to reveal the car ownership
- Search profile for Vipindi Tours Safaris Ltd at Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA)
- Another TRA search on Tax Returns of Vipindi Tours safaris Ltd

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

- -Mr.Bogibenda is a Zonal Director of Government Medical Stores Department (MSD) , responsible to develop, maintain and manage logistic system of procurement, storage and distribution of approved essential medicines and medical supplies for public health facilities .
- The informer disclosed that the vacation home is situated in the Njiro Area of Arusha next to VETA
- Mr. Bogibenda at the Ethics Secretariat did not disclose other assets apart from the house in Dodoma worth Tshs.80,000,000/=(\$ 34,632) USD and a car Toyota RAV4 No.T502 DXY worth 7,000 USD he bought from bank loan .

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS CONT..

- Land registry confirmed Mr. Bogibenda ownership of the Dodoma house & a two bedroom house in his rural home of Serengeti jointly owned by his wife Sara/Mariam Omary .And the house on plot No.637 Njiro area of Arusha is owned by a Tour company known as Vipindi Safaris Ltd whose director is one Priscilla Mao and Omar Kika.
- Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)-reveal the Toyota Prado V8 with No.T836 BXU is registered in the name of Vipindi Tours Safaris Ltd

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS CONT..

- BRELA search revealed the ownership of the Vipindi Tours and Safaris Ltd is one miss. Priscilla Mao with 20% shares , Mr. Omar Kika with 10 % and miss. Mariam Omar 30% shares .
- TRA Tax returns for 2 yrs on Vipindi Tours Safaris revealed Bongibenda has been receiving payments in terms of fees as a board member of the company.
- Investigation interview of Vipindi Directors Omar Kika and Priscilla Mao on their source of Capital they admitted to be related to Mr. and Mrs Bogibenda ,working as employees of Vipindi Tours Safaris Ltd.

- It was revealed that Omar Kika is a retired procurement officer with the MSD and a brother to Mariam Omar/ Mrs. Bogibenda's maiden name while Priscilla is a niece to Mr. Bogibenda.
- Further investigation revealed that miss Priscilla Mao and Omar Kika have no knowledge of their status at the BRELA.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS CONT..

- Investigation revealed Mr. Bogibenda has been lying in his annual Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities at the Ethics Secretariat
- Investigation revealed Mr. Bogibenda possesses wealth beyond his income
- Investigation revealed Bogibenda to be involved in misusing his position to embezzle MSD supplies for personal gain.

MEASURES TAKEN

- Mr. Bogibenda and his wife Sara (Mariam Omar) were charged with offence of Money Laundering contrary to section 3 of the Anti-Laundering Act, Cap.423/2016.
- Mr. Bogibenda was charged for the offence of embezzlement contrary to Section 28 and Possession of unexplained property contrary to Section 27 of PCCA (Prevention and Combating of Corruption Act, No.11/2007).

MEASURES TAKEN

- Mr. Bogibenda was relieved of his duties and convicted by Court to serve jail term of 5 years and properties involved confiscated.
- His wife Sara /Mariam Omar was also jailed for 3 years as a complice



CHALLENGES



- Lack of political will to persons who are politically exposed
- Cash based/informal economy in Tanzania allows easy concealment of proceeds of crime; greater resource requirements for effective investigation.
- Lack of asset management regulations.



CONCLUSION



- Despite the challenges, we have managed to move forward in creating public awareness by engaging with the community in an effort to encourage members of the community to report instances of corrupt activities and those who have enriched themselves .



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING