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# EDITORIAL

This is the 15th Edition of #ENTHUSE'D and for fifteen weeks we have compiled and curated stories that give insight into life in Zimbabwe during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In this copy, we dive into the drought that makes a quarter of Zimbabwe's population sources of food or sustenance uncertain. A Canada-based, Zimbabwean man of the cloth who foresaw the passing of Morgan Tsvangirai now sees the same for His Excellency President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Speaking of politics; earlier this week the blue-eyed boy of the opposition politics, Nelson Chamisa lost his mother; a woman who was well known in the church. Ropafadzo reminds us that women aren't safe anywhere even in Japan. Hazel takes an interesting tackle of the life-long Lobola debate. Should we just ban the thing? Valerie has the super Christians out there super pressed by shaking the table that holds the perfect idea of Christianity. Please remember to share this as widely as you can, the more, the merrier.

Tie your laces tight and do enjoy this copy.

Yours in ideas,

**Stephanie Kapfunde**  
**Managing Creative**  
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# PROMINENT CHRISTIAN LEADERS MOURN THE DEATH OF AMBUYA CHAMISA

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

**P**rominent pastors and Christian leaders across Zimbabwe have joined in mourning the death of Ambuya Chamisa, mother to MDC Alliance leader advocate and Pastor Nelson Chamisa.

According to a communiqué issued by the party's spokesperson Fadzayi Mahere on Monday, Ambuya Chamisa died at her home in Gutu, Masvingo Province.

"It is with great sadness that the MDC Alliance announces the passing of Ambuya Chamisa, the mother of MDC Alliance President, Nelson Chamisa,"

Mahere said.

"Ambuya Chamisa passed suddenly in the late afternoon of the 6th of July 2020 at her home in Gutu.

“AMBUYA CHAMISA WAS A  
STAUNCH CHRISTIAN  
AND GUIDING FORCE FOR  
THE DEMOCRATIC  
MOVEMENT.”

She added, "On behalf of the MDC Alliance, we pass our sincere condolences to the Chamisa family, all relatives and loved ones."

She shunned city life and continued living in the humble surroundings of Chiwara village in Gutu, even as her son's political career soared, the party said.

Adv. Chamisa also confirmed the death, writing on his official Twitter platform that his mother was "a prayer warrior & pillar in the faith."

"She toiled to educate me just like all mothers do for families. She taught me industry, respect, discipline, integrity and hard work. A hardworking, multi-talented woman. A prayer warrior pillar in the faith. Collapsed in her garden & went to be with the Lord. Rest in power Mai Nerison!"

He wrote.

Meanwhile, clerics and other leaders are sending out commiserating messages to Adv. Chamisa.

Zimbabwe Council of Churches Secretary-general and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe cleric Reverend Dr Kenneth Mtata wrote:

"Our sincere condolences advocate @nelsonchamisa at the loss of mbuya Chamisa. May God comfort you and your family."

Former president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) and Faith Ministries Senior Pastor, Dr Shingi Munyeza tweeted....

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7.7 MILLION  
ZIMBABWEANS  
TO FACE FOOD  
INSECURITY  
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# ZIMBABWE FACES HUNGER

PARTNERS CHIP IN

ian Mapira / bhizimusi.com

**D**onors and financiers have started to chip in and support Zimbabwe's drought response efforts with the country's citizens facing starvation.

World Food Programme (WFP) says that 7.7 million Zimbabweans, which is about half of the African country's population will face food insecurity this year.

The United Nations Office for Coordination for Human Affairs (OCHA) blames drought and crop failure, exacerbated by macro-economic challenges and austerity measures, for the vulnerable households in both rural and urban communities.

**Country's government has always blamed sanctions for the challenges that have negatively affected human life in the country.**

But, the United States of America (USA) says Zimbabwe food security crisis is due to the combined effects of failed economic and agricultural policies, corruption, consecutive poor agricultural seasons, the aftermath of Cyclone Idai, and now, the COVID-19.

With millions being vulnerable to starvation, the African Risk Insurance Company Limited (ARC Ltd) paid US\$ 1, 465,602 to the Government of Zimbabwe and US\$ 290,288 to the WFP to support the extensive drought response efforts.

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The payouts are as a result of drought insurance policies bought by Zimbabwe and the WFP to cover the 2019/20 rainfall season.

Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube speaking after the ARC notification said:

**THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE IS TAKING MEASURES OF CUSHIONING ITS DISCUSS AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS, IN THE COUNTRY...**

... will complement existing social safety nets that Government has structured to counter droughts and other emergencies like COVID 19 pandemic.”

Niels Blazer, the WFP Country Director and Representative for Zimbabwe said,

“The ARC payout to the Government of Zimbabwe and WFP through the Replica initiative is proof that the concept works as an innovative instrument to humanitarian agencies to finance early response and life-saving actions in the aftermath of extreme droughts. When combined with other instruments such as micro-insurance for smallholder farmers and Forecast-based Anticipatory Action, it provides powerful combined approach that has the potential to accelerate progress towards zero hunger in Zimbabwe.”

Besides the ARC, the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will provide \$60.55 million toward the World Food Programme’s (WFP) 2020/21 Lean Season Food Assistance program to feed nearly one million people in Zimbabwe

The country’s Ambassador Brian Nichols said,

The United States remains committed to responding to the humanitarian situation, providing critical food assistance to Zimbabwe’s most vulnerable while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and maintaining essential services.”

Balzer said,

“WFP would like to thank the American people for their generosity and steadfast commitment to the people of Zimbabwe at this critical time. Our Lean Season Assistance programme addresses the urgent food needs of the most vulnerable Zimbabweans, who are facing a triple threat of climate induced drought, economic crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic.”



image source: action aid international





# Should Every **Creative** Move To Harare To Make It?

By Chris Charamba/ Enthusemag.com

## Creativity

the human prerequisite that defies what is known by exploring uncertain possibilities and thus, what drives innovation.

In recent years, the notion of the creative industries has obtained an elevated position in global intellectual discourse, and a lot has been said about its role in today's world. The collapse of the industrial past have given rise to a fresh crop of “**professionals without ties**” promising an even brighter future, with factories and warehouses converted into shining hubs of intangible creativity, occupied by shiny happy individuals. The underlying theme here is that you can't work down a mine, construction, or in a factory anymore, but if you like, you can become an artist and architect, designer and stylist, or work in tourism, or open a cafe, or make computer games and mobile apps. In this sector, you are basically free to make the most of your creative capability.

Cynically, as eccentric as the sector **claims to be**, it comes with its own set of myths, the confirmed wisdom that students, gets out and even experienced creatives often take at face value. “**This is how it works.**” “**That's just the way it is.**” While there may be a seed of truth in them, the reality is usually more sophisticated than we are led to believe sometimes, and these myths risk perpetuating damaging narratives, limiting what creatives feel they can do and be, and forcing everyone down the same career path.

One hot-button topic that has always been debated is that one has to go to Harare or merely colossal cities to make it or have a superb career. Long-standing arguments hold that the megacities provide opportunities, exposure and the critical mass to support most writers, musicians, illustrators, makers, and tinkerers' activities. Technically, one needs enough people to open a cafe or to fill the seats of an auditorium, and cities provide a pool of people large enough to support two or more cafes or it could be a theatre.

Samanyika rap/hip-hop musician **Flexxo Mushawarukwa**, who relocated to Chitungwiza recently, said unlike Mutare, his new residence provided him with a much livelier music scene in terms of gigs as most



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musicians there take music seriously that they consider it a “job”. Chi-town, he added, also comes with the convenience of working with renowned and professional creatives like composers, producers and vocalists.

Indistinguishably, **Marcus Zvinvashe**, part of the **Caligraph**, a Harare-based startup of mural artists, said he moved from Bulawayo to Sunshine City because there are more opportunities accessible there compared to other smaller cities. He said not that smaller communities do not have the opportunities, but just that Harare presents more.

“THAT YOU HAVE TO MOVE TO HARARE TO MAKE IT IS NOT JUST A MYTH; IT IS A PROVEN FACT. LOOK AT THE CURRENT ADVERTISING INDUSTRY, YOU WILL SEE THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE DOING COPYWRITING, CONCEPTUALISATION AND GRAPHIC DESIGNING ARE NATIVE TO HARARE. THAT SAYS A LOT. FOR ME, COMING FROM BULAWAYO TO SETTLE IN HARARE IS ALSO A FACT. I RECOGNISED EARLIER ON THAT IF EVER I’M GOING TO DO ANYTHING; IF WHAT I DO IS TO WORK, IT HAS TO BE IN HARARE BECAUSE IT HAS VAST OPPORTUNITIES,

- **avered Zvinvashe.**

Another line of thinking presupposes that cities provide a diverse range of skills, ideas, opinions and networks since creative folks need the challenge and stimulation of this diversity to produce novel ideas and creative solutions. Audiences tend to be conservative, but culture relies on new ideas.

Mutare hip-hop star and Diamond FM presenter Kritik Igwe adduced that the persuasion that one has to be in the

metropolis to have a great career owed chiefly to the inference that Harare has the most culturally and demographically diverse people. He added that more opportunities also arise there because the city boasts top mass media infrastructures and headquarters of most corporates which make it easier and faster for an artist to approach an organisation for whatever creative arts-related business.

Admittedly, city lights have always had some kind of hold on creative people and as a result, we have familiarised ourselves with the idea that “making it big” means moving to a big city. Particularly, the links between opportunity, success and the city are tightly bound as cities have played their parts as important hubs of creative life overtime.

But the narrative has dramatically changed in recent years. There seem to be on the rise a neo-liberal thinking that beckons that creatively-inclined folks do not necessarily have to move to Harare or megacities to make it. To them, that is hook, line and sinker. Creatives, the argument goes, can create and make the best of or out of what they do from the fringes of Harare and could still attract consumers. Creating and serving from smaller cities and communities enables people to find their own creative spaces, and here it is easier to stand out if you’re fed up with the competitive, constantly churning culture associated with big cities. There there are lots of perks, less at stake financially, and you won’t necessarily have to work a million side jobs. Also, there is a greater community spirit that satisfies socially-minded entrepreneurs.

For the years that I have worked within the creative sector, I have realised that now...

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“DON'T JOKE WHEN A MAN OF GOD IS TALKING.”



PROPHET TOM TIRIVANGANI

## THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE CAN NEVER BE THE VOICE OF GOD:

PROPHET TOM TIRIVANGANI

[Chris Charamba/hallelujahmag.com](http://ChrisCharamba/hallelujahmag.com)

Canada-based Prophet Tom Tirivangani has always registered himself as a man of controversy.

In 2004, the Voice of Restoration Ministry founder prophesied that the late Movement for Democratic Challenge leader Morgan Richard Tsvangirai would never rule Zimbabwe.

Fast forward to 2017, the man of God declared Mr Tsvangirai's death in which he passed away the following year.

“DON'T JOKE WHEN A MAN OF GOD IS TALKING. WHEN I SPOKE IN 2004, IT TOOK 14 YEARS, BUT THE WORD OF GOD NEVER WAVERED. THE WORD OF GOD CAN ENDURE FOREVER,” HE SAID TO HIS VIEWERS IN A RECENT CHURCH SERVICE BROADCASTED LIVE ON HIS VOR TV.

Well, before he died, Prophet Tom claimed that he saw the rise of the now-leader of the MDC Alliance, Advocate Nelson Chamisa to power as God chose him through Tsvangirai.

“I said this young man (Adv. Chamisa) must take care of himself. I said not now, but it would come. Now it’s coming. It’s like a whirlwind. It’s coming. Nobody can stop it,” said the man of the cloth.

Speaking in the same sermon, Prophet Tom also waved goodbye to the current President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, saying that his days were numbered and he cannot stop what God has declared.

Said Tom;

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“MR WHATEVER THEY  
CALL YOU: ED,  
EMMERSON  
MNANGAGWA,  
WHATEVER THEY SAY  
ABOUT YOU; YOUR  
EXCELLENCE,  
GOODBYE...”

... I say your Excellence, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Goodbye Sir. Goodbye Sir. Your time is over. Goodbye, Sir. You will not stop this The Word of God will never never never get rotten like a piece of food.”

Tom said the Zimbabwean leader knew what he did behind the scenes and God gave him ample time to repent. He said the President had failed to do so and has proceeded to run with the mantra that “the voice of the people was the voice of God”.

“You know what you did behind the scenes. God was giving you an opportunity to repent, but you have not repented. You have continued to act as if the voice of the people is the voice of God,”

Said Tom;

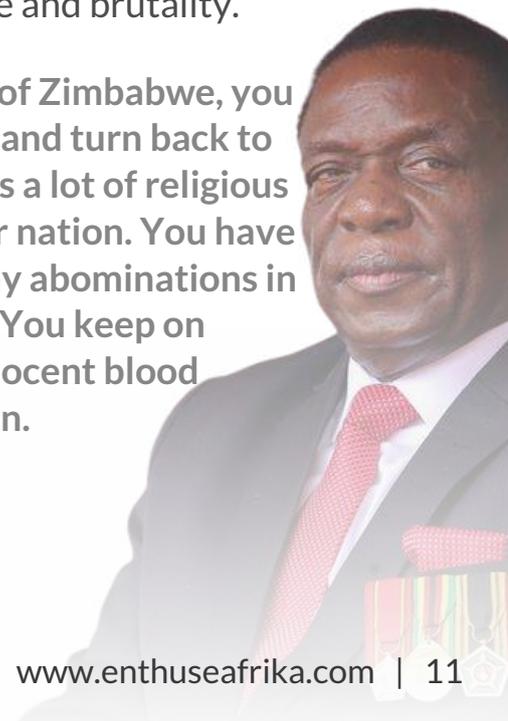
“The voice of the people can never be the voice of God. The voice of God is the voice of God. So, Your Excellency, I can’t say good morning, Sir. I would have to say goodbye because heaven says goodbye. You had your time and your time is up. Your Excellence, your time is up,”

added the prophet.

The prophet, however, seems to disregard that last month President Mnangagwa hosted a National Day of Prayer and Fasting and led the nation in repentance and offered a prayer for Zimbabwe for intervention in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tom also said it was a time that Zimbabwe also repents from its apostasy as it was a new era for Zimbabwe without murder, violence, torture and brutality.

“The people of Zimbabwe, you must repent and turn back to God. There is a lot of religious spirit in your nation. You have allowed many abominations in your nation. You keep on shedding innocent blood in your nation.



“God said, I will requite of the blood of the innocent people you have murdered. It’s time for a new dawn for that country. We prophesy a new era again, a new dawn for that country. A new beginning. Mark my words,” said Tom.

Said Tom.

While the prophet said that the Lord has chosen Adv. Chamisa, he said the MDC Alliance must humble himself as it was not about him but God’s plan.

“And you Mr. Chamisa, I’m talking to you; humble yourself. Don’t talk too much, humble yourself. It’s not about you. It’s about God who wants to fulfill his purpose and wants to use you. So keep quiet. Shut up and see the salvation of the Lord,”

said Prophet Tom.

As of other proliferating political leaders, Tom said he wouldn’t want to delve much into them as they were destined for light political weight. He reduced them to “**tuckshop**” size significance as opposed to national treasure.

Although he claims prophetic legitimacy and says that he knows the beginning and the end of Zimbabwe, Prophet Tom has been called all kinds of names for his other-worldly prophecies.

In 2018, controversial bible scholar Howard Nyonu took to social media Twitter to dig at the prophet for allegedly misleading the nation with his political prophecies after he had prophesied a Nelson Chamisa win, but that was not.

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# ZIMBABWE FACES A DOUBLE HEALTH TRAGEDY

By Ian Mapira/Bhizimusi.com

Zimbabwe is now facing two life-threatening outbreaks in illnesses at the same time with the Gastrointestinal Disease (GIT) troubling Bulawayo amid a global pandemic, COVID-19.

Currently, Zimbabwe has recorded 787 COVID-19 cases, with nine deaths.

The GIT outbreak in the Old Luveve, New Luveve, Cowdray Park and Gwabalanda suburbs of Bulawayo has claimed nine lives with a total of 1 500 suspected cases according to the Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister, Monica Mutsvangwa.

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF (COVID-19) CASES IS ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO THE INFLUX OF RETURNING CITIZENS. MOST OF THE RETURNEES ARE FROM SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAS RECORDED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN AFRICA,

Mutsvangwa said.

“The (GIT) outbreak is attributed to the 144-hour water-shedding regime as well as the vandalism of outfall sewers.”

The broadcasting Minister Mutsvangwa said **four treatment stations have since been set up and Rapid Response Teams are currently conducting door to door inspections to determine the extent of the GIT outbreak.**

“Cabinet has directed Treasury to immediately avail financial resources in order to contain the outbreak and address the water challenge in Bulawayo,”

she said.

“Plans are also underway to increase raw water supplies to the City of Bulawayo through pumping water from Mtshabezi, Insiza, Inyakhuni dams, as well as the Epping Forest and Rochester Aquifers.

Bulawayo, which has faced consistent drought is left with three dams operating out of six reservoirs which normally supply the city and this has resulted in water challenges.

Concerning COVID-19, the government will conduct a three-week survey beginning 29 June 2020, to determine the level of COVID-19 infection in the population according to Mutsvangwa...

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# CAN WE TOSS OUT THE AFRICAN METHOD OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE!?

By Hazel Lifa/Enthusemag.com

In my short odd twenty-something years of life on this earth, I have managed to grasp a few truths.

**“The African culture teaches us, girls, to be “good” wives, to keep the home, the husband and kids cared for but who cares for us?”**

Guys ALWAYS hate losing to girls, Chicken livers are always better spicy and the African Method of a union is a chauvinistic mess that holds women hostage.

When I think of all the married women I have met in my life they were hardly happy. It was always some sad story about a girl that fell in love with one guy and ended up spending the rest of her life with some other version of him. More than necessary you find these women put their joy aside by choosing to live for their children.

In worse cases, which are more common than you'd expect, mind you, these poor women either end up HIV positive or literally lose their minds because the African man couldn't keep it in his pants or honour his vows, his own words.

As a young woman heading into a more adult-like relationship, it's infuriating how I am suddenly expected to be faithful and have my man's back yet, all he thinks about is him and what he wants and when he wants it.

I know of a woman who actually lost her mind over a philandering husband, an intelligent mathematician who lost it one day and never recovered. As if to add insult to injury, it seems as I don't though the husband couldn't care less.

**If anything, it seems to have made his life easier!**

The African culture teaches us, girls, to be “good” wives, to keep the home, the husband and kids cared for but who cares for us?

Who has my back and is faithful to me?

Who understands and appreciates my love and efforts?

Call me crazy or trying to be western but this deal stinks. These feelings of disapproval don't come from a scorned heart or some sexist misguided agenda but from simple experience.

Any woman's first ever great love is her father; that relationship defines how she relates to men forever, my father was definitely a unicorn. Yes, a unicorn the nicest person everyone loved him, he treated my mother with the love and respect I automatically search for today but probably will never find on account of the African method...

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# GENDER IDEOLOGY & WHAT CHRISTIANS NEED TO KNOW

SOURCE: UNSPLASH

By Chris Charamba/hallelujahmag.com

## Transgenderism

is one of the most contentious issues being debated today, affecting everything from beauty and fashion, to sports, education and the law. It's ideology claims that each person has a 'gender identity' (an internal sense of gender) which may or may not align with their biological sex. The 'real you' is what you feel it to be on the inside

Underlying this movement is a radical form of **self-determination**, with its roots in Gnosticism. **Subjective feelings overriding objective, biological, genetic reality.** Ultimately, it seeks to completely destroy the distinction between men and women that God in his wisdom has created.

**Transgender people identify as something other than their birth sex.** Many struggle deeply to accept their male or female bodies and choose to undergo medical alterations. They may say they are 'trapped in the wrong body'.

In recent years transgender ideology has been embraced by the mainstream.

Celebrities and much of the media are keen to promote it. Activists are pushing society towards accepting it unquestioningly and shutting down essential debate. This means that instead of providing transgender people with the support they need to help them embrace the bodies they were born with, society is compounding their confusion, with damaging consequences.

## Dr Sharon James

a social policy analyst for **The Christian Institute** and the author of **Gender Ideology: What Christians Need to Know**, which as the title suggests is a handbook for the Church to get grips with this challenging ideology.

She spoke to **Christian Today** about why she is so worried about how the debate of gender identity is playing out and the implications for society, most especially children.

**CT: You're quite brave for putting these views out there as traditional views may not always receive a warm reception. How has the reception to your book been?**

**Sharon:** I always like to speak positively and I've been encouraged by some very strong reviews on sites like the Gospel Coalition and 9Marks. I absolutely understand that there are people who disagree with me on this but, as I argue in the book, we should protect freedom of speech and allow people to have their genuinely held conscientious objections and opinions.

**CT: What was it that prompted you to write this book?**

**Sharon:** This issue has come upon us very quickly. Even 10 years ago, very few people might have heard of the term 'transsexual' or 'transgender', but today it's one of the biggest social and moral debates in this country – and indeed internationally.

It somewhat caught Christians on the back foot because as Christians we rightly want to treat every human with dignity, because every human is created in God's image and we're to love our neighbour and treat everyone with kindness, respect and compassion.

But the question is: what do real respect and compassion and kindness look like? Does that mean we have to endorse everything that a person claims about themselves? And what if that claim is based on a lie?

Many people who are genuinely suffering gender confusion are actually victims of a false ideology, and we need to make a very clear distinction between trans activists who are promoting an ideology and people who are actually suffering from gender confusion, because those people may not themselves want to promote that ideology. Nonetheless, they are victims and to help them, we need to understand what gender ideology is.

**CT: What do you think has made transgenderism so quickly become one of the biggest hot button issues of our day?**

**Sharon:** There are a number of reasons, which I explain in greater detail in my book, but activists within international bodies are promoting this theory that we have a gender identity that is completely separate from our biological sex. Confusingly, different people mean different things by gender identity and it's based on personal feelings.

But in most cases it seems unscientific – it's unprovable and unfalsifiable – and yet it is with amazing speed being embedded in our legal system and promoted in schools. One indication of this is the number of storybooks promoting this idea and aimed at very young children that have been produced recently. For example, *The Gender Fairy* is a picture book that tells 4-years-old “only you know whether you're a boy or a girl, no one can tell you”.

Multinational businesses are falling over...

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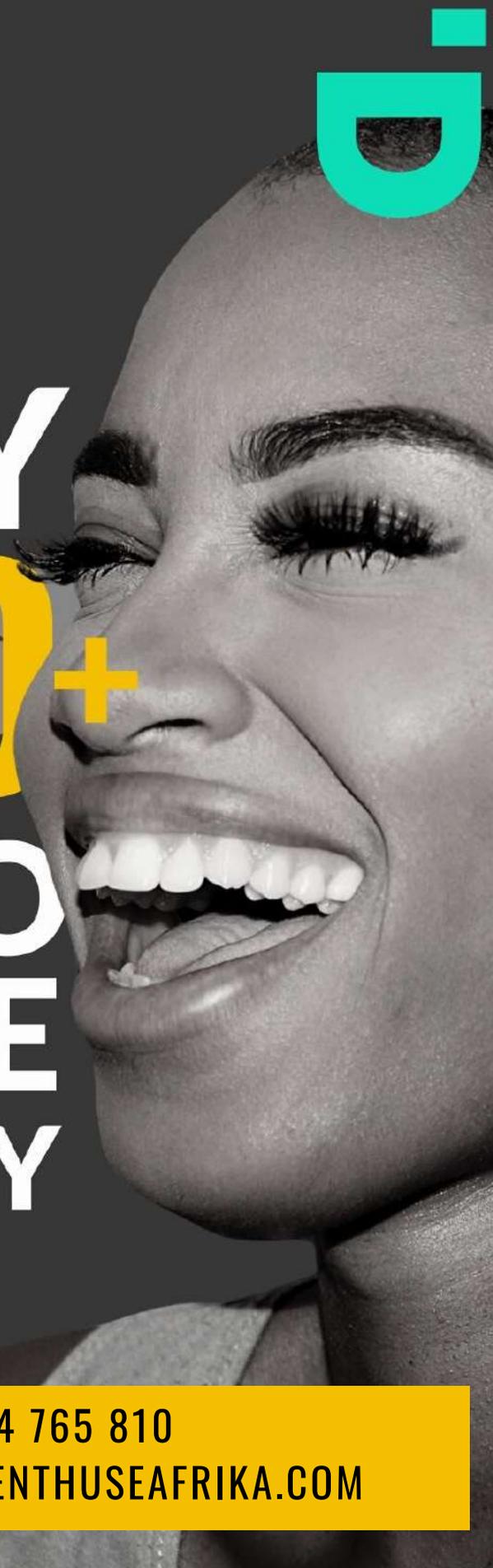
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# Financial Literacy 101

By Theresa Ntswaki / bhizimusi.com

As I get older, I hear more and more about the importance of financial literacy (see My Account Course). To be frank, anything to do with math and finances makes my brain freeze (see She Leads Africa). I failed to grasp the concept of business studies in high school. Fourth-grade economics is all I know, and don't get me started on my disastrous relationship with accounts. If my commercial subjects teachers were to remember me, I know it would be the eternal disappointment of having had me as their pupil.

## So what is financial literacy?

### Financial Literacy

the possession of skills that allow people to make smart decisions with their money.

For some reason, it's something conveniently left out of the curriculum; and it's also why people live paycheck to paycheck. You know, serving instead of living. I still don't know what taxes are. Yikes.

To have great financial literacy, one must be able to:

- Balance a chequebook
- Understand personal income tax
- Understand budgeting!!!

Just the bare necessities of or surviving capitalism.

No Biggie.

## How to become self-taught:

**Read:** there're plenty of books and online resources to use to your advantage. Dedicate whatever amount of time you have to read about financial literacy. (see *Invested Wallets*)

**Use Money Tools:** money tools are resources that make your life about one hundred times easier! They help you reach your goals by helping you budget and invest. If you're a foodie like me, you'll need to learn ways to maintain your indulgent lifestyle and you can't do that if you're broke.



**YouTube and Podcasts (are your best friend):** if you're not a reader, you can watch videos and listen to podcasts on how to monetarily organize yourself.

**Get over your aversion for mathematics:** I'm not a mathematician myself but money is math, unfortunately. You'll need to get reacquainted with percentages, simple and compound interest, as well as your basic math. On the bright side, it's not  $y=mx+b$ .

**Unlearn the consumer mentality:** many of us love to spend, some like to show, and others feel the need to keep up with whatever's à la mode. You don't need a new iPhone every other year, nor do you need that overpriced shirt.

—“——

IF YOU CAN'T BUY IT TWICE,  
YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT.

——”-- JAY Z

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## What You Reap:

**Control:** imagine no longer living paycheck to paycheck. They say you can't buy happiness but in this capitalist society where only a few enjoy the benefits of money, money can solve a lot of problems. Being financially in control will make one feel more confident with the moves they make.

**No Debt:** it speaks for itself.

**The ability to identify fraud:** being financially illiterate are being preyed on....

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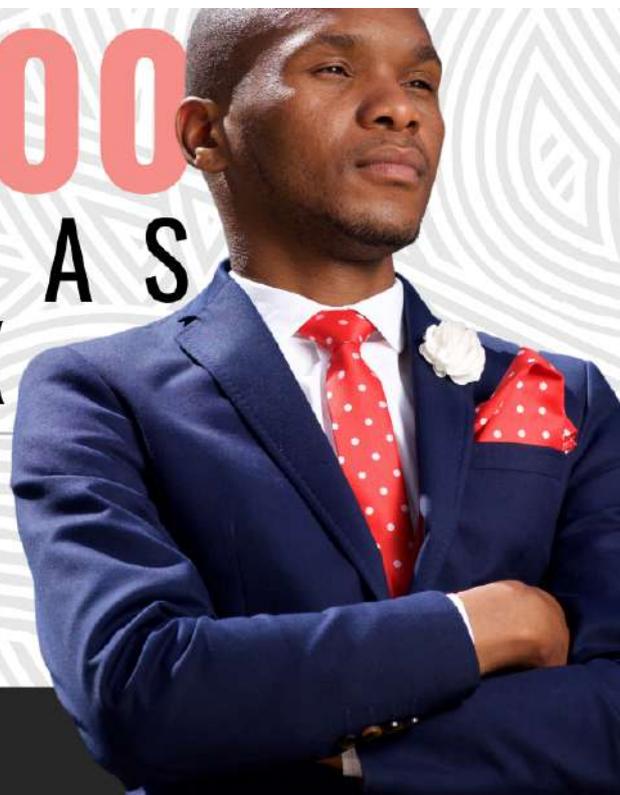
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# Being Female-Black-African & Foreign

SOURCE: UNSPLASH

By Ropafadzo Chiduwa/ enthusemag.com

Japan is considered one of the safest countries in the world. In my five months living here, I can attest to that. I have seen people leave their cars running go into a store to do their shopping and come back.

A friend has had her transit card which had no security codes returned to her. Wallets have been returned. You can leave doors open and go out and still come back with everything intact. The list is just endless and there isn't doubt that it is safe here.

**Let's take a moment to talk about the part that matters the most, the safety of women.**

With the rising cases of femicide, rape, and any other kind of violence against females it is only natural to wonder where safety lies. In my personal experience, it has been a breath of fresh air being around males and not having to worry about lewd looks or catcalls.

I can take walks any time of the night and not have to worry about being groped. In the few months I have been here, I have not had any unwarranted looks or that kind of usual nonsense. Or maybe I'm not their type? Well, it could be but whatever the case, this has been the most peace I have felt as a female for as long as I can remember.

When I spent two weeks in Nagoya, I noted that one of their subway lines has carriages for females only, which is absolutely great especially during peak hours. Testimonies from fellow colleagues who have been here longer than I have corroborated with mine. It has been good to be in a safe city.

These are however points of view from a 'freshling' in Japan. Recently, **I decided to dig into articles talking about the safety of females in Japan, and it's sad to say that I came across dozens of horror stories regarding that.** The idea of utopia was instantly crashed.

The articles go only up to 2018 and there haven't been any since then but it wouldn't be prudent to dismiss them.

Don't get me wrong Japan is great, it's a lovely country with most of its people kind, helpful and moral towards anyone regardless of race, colour, creed. **The downside which is a 'major blindspot' as one author put it, is the violence against females.**

According to the 2018 articles, it remains one of the most misogynistic countries women aren't considered at all....

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# Fast Track vs Real Life Christianity

SOURCE: UNSPLASH

By Valerie Chitando / hallelujahmag.com

**A**llow me to unveil to you my dears, the intrinsics of what I like to call 'Fast-track Christianity?'

It goes like this....you blast out machine gun prayers every morning, 'doo doo doo doo!', and get the demons of hell in a frenzy. After that you're out in the streets, bible in hand evangelizing and winning souls for our family (amazing thing really, for he that winneth souls is wise).

Next you're taking the devil on, one on one, and getting him back under your feet, not once giving room to worry, sin and temptation. Your prayers are answered regularly and people around you know for a fact you must have special VIP status with God. You are the Christian everyone covets and wishes to be like. You make people like me seem like toddlers in the faith.

**If Christianity had a postcard,  
you would be on it.**

Now, don't think I'm hating on anyone. I believe its commendable if you fit into this category and I encourage you to 'keep on keeping on' as Bishop Jakes says.

One of my favourite authors **Max Lucado** describes **Christianity as a ship.**

Every person has a place and a role. Some are the sergeant commanders, petty officers, lieutenants and captains (I love reading books on war), they bring order to the ship and issue out orders. When it's time for warfare, these guys direct the guns, 'over left shoot!'. Then we have the navigators They make sure the ship is going in the right direction and spot any enemy ships before they attack. We have the cleaners, the cooks, the maintenance crew and then we have....well we have the rest of us.

We are just glad to be on the ship really and we look at everything in awe. Everything is always an adventure and we tend to rub off the hard workers the wrong way.

And when we get to real life? We doubt a lot, worry, sin then feels guilty, repent do it again and feel even more guilty. We pray but not for hours and sometimes we wonder if we'll ever see the results. We question God, we get angry with Him at times and even lose our patience...

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## Stewie Le Savage Take Yanos to the Jungle with "The Revelations"

By Chris Charamba/ Enthusemag.com

**A** year or two ago, a subgenre of house called Amapiano also known as **Yanos** took the South African musical scene by storm. Birthed in the boroughs of Johannesburg and Pretoria, the wave has become the beacon and the new pop music in the Southern African country.

**Sonically**, it is an oddity that places the fruity elements of a beat — keys, synths and pads — at its core. The bass, likely or definitely lifted from 90s Kwaito, is secondary and gets augmented by kick rolls that come and go.

Quick to identify because of its sui generis features (mix of deep house and Gqom mixed with jazzy and soulful piano), the subgenre has given birth to new stars; the likes of Kabza De Small, KayGee DaKing, Kamo Mphela, Sandy MRD, among others, while mainstream artists like DJ Maphorisa, Samthing Soweto, DJ Tira have also hopped on the Yanos bandwagon.

Since the wave is so booming that it's a matter of either adapting or getting left behind, the effect of Yanos is not only bound in Mzansi but has been exported in the neighbouring countries, like Zimbabwe and Malawi.

**Stewie Le Savage** — a burgeoning poet and musical artist from Bulawayo — is among many other voices who are catching a transonic ride with the infectious subgenre.

The innocent-faced independent musician recently teamed up with producers Shuza Drums and Tha Dawg for his latest single entitled "The Revelations". With palpable influences from Zilin-cum-Gnawa — a well-preserved African heritage that combines ritual poetry with traditional music and dance — the song and video is a fusion of Spoken word and Amapiano, and it takes on the preparedness of people for judgement day or literally the day they'll die.

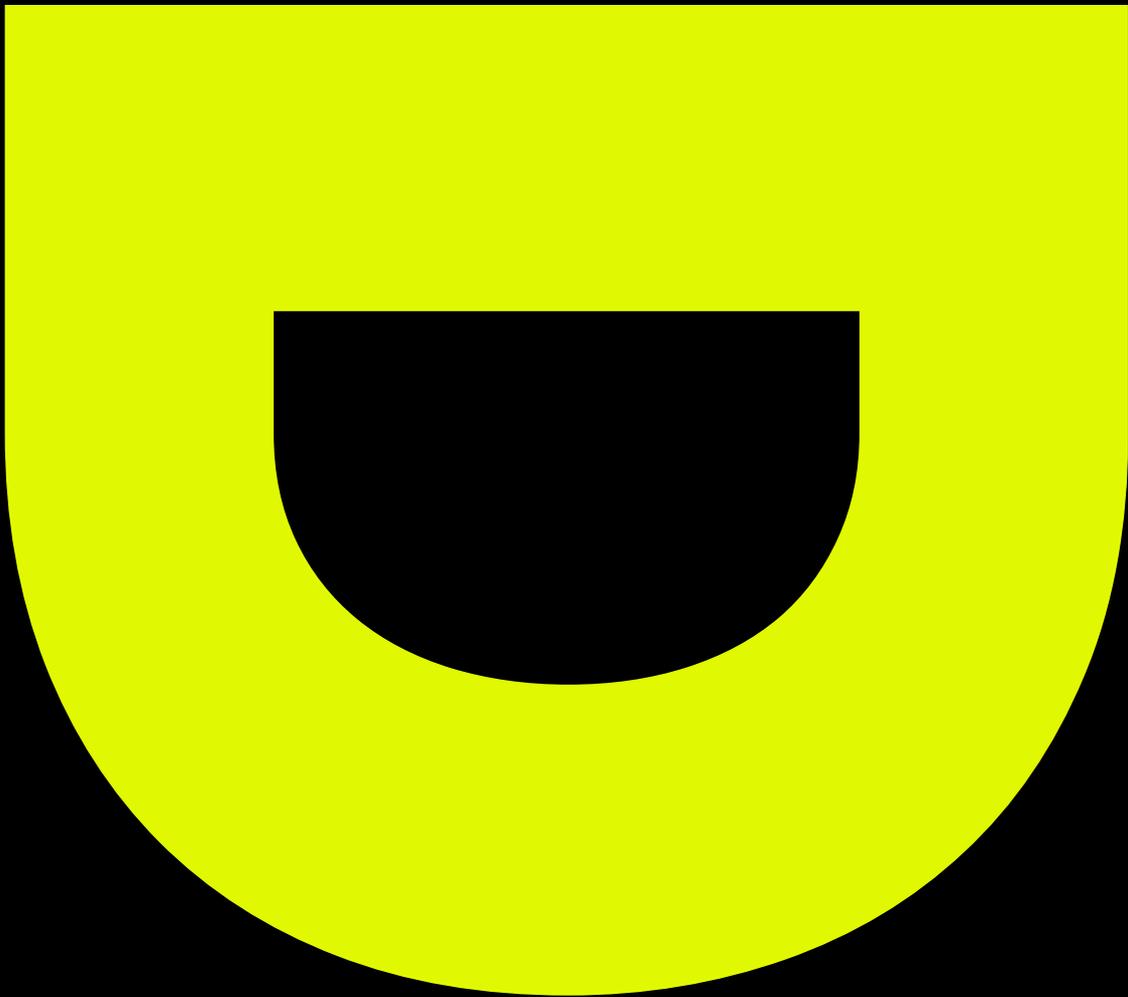
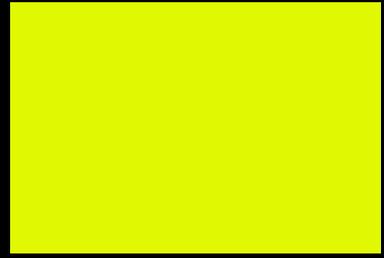
Clocking in at little over four-minutes, the video was shot in the City of Kings & Queens and directed by Brilliant Delani Dlodlo of Brints online. Clad in spectacular African traditional costumes designed by Mary Accessories and Lorraine Snini Ndlovu, it stars Stewie Le Savage, Mandy Mae, Lisa Chikerema and Kimoe from Dynamics Dance Crew.

Born Stuart Chikuni, Le Savage grew up in an environment where music had a predominant place in his everyday life. Strongly influenced by the likes of Nina Simone...

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