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Five more Tanzanians join Voices of Africa Media Foundation mobile reporting project

Voices of Africa Media Foundation in partnership with Tanzania Media Fund has launched its second phase of mobile reporting training in Tanzania, where five more trainees joined the project after a four-day training in the capital Dar es Salaam. Kenya-based Khamis Ramadhan, the Foundation's coordinator for East-Africa, conducted the training in late March.

The trainees are all already involved in conventional journalism, mostly as community radio reporters or as paper journalists. The aim of this training is to let them discover and then domesticate new technologies, especially the mobile phone and Web 2.0 media, and integrate them in their usual reporting activities.

The new team includes two young women: Salma Said in Zanzibar and Nassra Mohamed Khatib in Pemba, and three young men: Mugini Jacob in the Mara Region, Ibrahim Issa Kasian in Iringa, and Alvar Mwakyusa in Dar es Salaam.

Since 2007, Voices of Africa Media Foundation has trained about twenty five young men and women in different parts of Kenya. The aim has always been to open the doors of the new media world to the less privileged but talented young Africans. A similar project is underway in Ghana, and a new phase is about to start in Tanzania. The project was also completed in Cameroon.

From left to right: Nassra Mohamed Khatib, Mugini Jacob, Ibrahim Issa Kasian, Salma Said, Alvar Mwakyusa.

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