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**Government should intensify war on ghost workers**

The media is awash with reports about 2,924 ghost workers who have been milking from the government and finally, have been removed from the payroll system. In fact, the government incurred a loss of Tsh7 billion during 2008/9 financial year from these ghost workers.

According to the reports, the Minister of State in Prime Minister's office (Policy, Coordination and Parliamentary affairs), Mr Phillip Marmo said that an appraisal was conducted in the education sector in 2007 and found a total of 1,413 ghost workers. In another review that was done for the health sector in 2008, found 1,511 ghost workers.

The Controller and Auditor General (CAG) on the health sector for the year that ended in June 2009 indicates that a sum of Tsh 77,707,817 was paid to retirees, deceased and absconded employees, which is unpractical and may result into nugatory expenditure of public funds. The report from the prior financial year (2008) also indicates that there were salaries adding to Tsh 325,574,300 paid to retired, absconders and deceased and chances of recovery are remote.

This is totally unacceptable and the government should leave no stone unturned especially at this time where there have been calls for the government to cut its expenditure. Sikika feels that those behind this social anomaly should be brought to book and restrictive measures taken to solve this problem once and for all.

Also, there is a need of establishing proper database of human resources in the health sector. This can be done by using the report of the survey conducted by the President's Office, Public Service Commission which is yet to be publicized.

Sikika is hailing the heads behind the programme of doing away with ghost workers in the education sector but at the same time, is appealing to the government to intensify the war the health sector.

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