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Rutendo posing before a photo at her farewell gathering held at Head Office.

The Grain Marketing Board(GMB) bid farewell to one of its Accounts Clerk ,Rutendo Gono, at GMB Head Office recently.

Rutendo joined GMB in 2015 as a student on attachment and was latter recruited by the Parastatal in 2017 on contract basis. In April 2021 she was given a Permanent position.

Rutendo showered praises on GMB for giving her a chance to build her name as an accounting professional.

"It is with heavy heart that I advise my departure from a place I have been privileged to call home for the past few years", she said.

She added that GMB embraced her as a rookie in the professional world with just a dream. She said she was glad that she was leaving the parastatal a better person as GMB helped to mould and shape that dream into reality.

GMB staff members gave Rutendo presents as they parted ways with their colleague.

"I feel like I lost my blood sister as most of the times we used to spend time together at work. I will forever cherish those moments Rutendo", said Mrs Phyllis Maziti in tears.

Financial Accountant Mr Mthokozisi Moyo also praised Rutendo for her commitment to work.

"Rutendo was a hard working girl since the day she joined GMB. I wish you success on your future".

At her farewell party, Rutendo appropriated GMB management for their guidance, support and countless advices.

Recently a farewell function was held for former GMB Treasury Officer, Mrs Sunungurai Muzenda, also known as Sue, and Mr Anthony Mhazo (Analyst Programmer in the Computer Systems Department).

The two received presents from the company for their loyalty and exemplary workmanship to their last day of service.





GMB CONDUCT INDUCTION FOR NEW SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGERS

Newly appointed GMB supply Chain Managers underwent a three days induction at Aspindale Training Centre recently.

There were seven (7) Supply Chain Managers for the following depots, Rutenga, Kamutsenzere, Jerera, Chinyudze, Chimanimani, Mushumbi and Nyika.

Northern Region Manager Mr Felton Kamambo highlighted that the Managers should have an arsenal of skills in their back pockets when leading.

"You are the head of the company in your depots, as Managers you have to show a good picture to the outsiders to ensure that the company will continue to grow and thrive," said Mr Kamambo.

He urged the Managers to have good communication skills and not to look down upon customers in the depots.

Corporate Communications Manager Mr Nixon Kanyemba stated that Supply Chain Managers in depots are ambassadors of the GMB.

"You are ambassadors of the GMB, if the depot is not in good shape you have to make the loudest noise", said Mr Kanyemba.

He added that the Managers should make sure that there is customer satisfaction that is making good relations with the customers.



Corporate Communications Manager Mr Nixon Kanyemba giving a presentation to the newly appointed Supply Chain Managers at Aspindale Training Centre





GMB Board Members (sitting) posing for a photo at Chegutu Depot with victims of the blast recently

SOME Grain Marketing Board (GMB) Board Members and Senior Managers recently visited Chegutu where they interacted with the 10 victims of the accident that occurred at Chegutu Depot.

The team was led by Board Members Mr Thompson Mukahlera and Ms Antoneller Sofalino. They were accompanied by Operations Director Mr Forward Takaindisa, Corporate Secretary Mrs Rosina Gwanetsa, Human Resources and Administration Manager Miss Nyaradzo Makoni and Corporate Communications Manager Mr Nixon Kanyemba.

Mr Mukahlera appreciated the effort shown by GMB management for the recovery of the employees.

"I humbly appreciate the effort that has been shown by GMB management since the first day you got admitted at Chegutu Hospital", said Mr Mukahlera.

The GMB management handed over fruits basket to the victims and wished them a speedy recovery.

Before the visit GMB's Corporate Communications Manager had issued a Media Release confirming the unfortunate incident. He also had interviews with various media houses.

Mr Kanyemba said 10 GMB employees were rushed to Chegutu General Hospital in Mashonaland West Province after an accident occurred at Chegutu Depot silos.

"I can confirm that 10 people were injured when an accident occurred at the Depot," said Mr Kanyemba.

He added that there were no fatalities and the injured were rushed to Chegutu General Hospital.

Speaking to Dura News during the visit by Board Members, one of the victims said he did not notice where the fire emerged from.

"I just cried, I didn't notice anything or where the fire came from", he said

Fire brigade teams deployed from Municipality of Chegutu rendered assistance after the explosion.





Transporters following procedures at thier induction held at Aspindale Training Center

GMB HOSTS TRANSPORTERS

The Grain Marketing Board (GMB) recently conducted a workshop for its transporters at Aspindale Training Centre in Harare.

The parastatal relies mainly with third party transporters for activities that include transporting Pfumvudza/Intwasa inputs from one point to another and also transporting grain from one depot to another.

Dura news (DN) correspondent spoke to Mr Kudakwashe Magaya (KM) Logistics and Transport Officer and he said over 50 transporters attended the workshop and they also managed to register new transporters. Below are excerpts of their conversation.

DN: What was the main purpose for holding the workshop(s)?

KM: To have an interface with the third party transporters so as to ensure good working relationship.

DN: What was the target audience/participants?

KM: All transporters in Haulage business

DN: What was the response from them?

KM: It was remarkable as we managed to retain all the transporters we had last season and also engaged a sizeable number of new transporters.

DN: What were the objectives and were they met?

KM: To outline our expectations from the transporters, to enlighten transporters about our policies and procedures, to understand transporters expectations and hear their suggestions as well as queries. Indeed, the objectives were met.

DN: Of what benefit was the workshop to the GMB?

KM: Got a supposedly honest view of our operations with regards to handling business with third parties.

DN: Is it something that will be held regularly or it was a once off event?

KM: The workshops will be held annually.



GMBIN PICTURES





Chegutu Staff Member explaining to the GMB Managers and Board Members how the silos system works.



Some GMB employees joined Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) and other parastatals under the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development during the recently held Presidential Clean Up





