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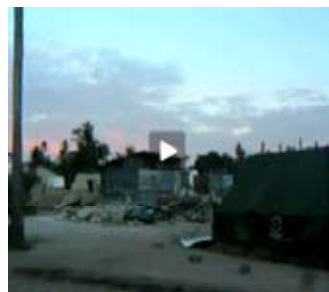
## Empowering African Media Talents -- Voicing African Views

### Community-based green energy in Cameroon



**Walter Nana Wilson, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Buea, Cameroon** -For the first time in the Republic of Cameroon, wind and water turbines have been erected. In the village of M'Muock Fosimondi, in Lebialem Division, Southwest Region of Cameroon, the first water turbine has been constructed and already in good use for that rural community... [View the video](#)

### Dar es Salaam: Bombs leave dozens homeless



**Deo Simba, VoicesofAfrica, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** - On April 29, 2009, a suburb of Dar es Salaam, Mbagala, situated about 20 km south of Dar City Centre witnessed huge blasts of bombs that went off at a military base located in the area. Official death toll had reached 27 May 10th, 2009, with more than 4,000 houses destroyed, some in part, some completely....[View the video](#)

### Kenya: The fibre optic cable is finally there



**Neville Omondi, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Nairobi, Kenya** - Kenya is now set for faster and cheaper internet thanks to the coming of the first fibre optic cable last week and another one, which is expected in a few days. The cable, which is the first of its kind in East Africa, arrived at the Kenyan coastal town of Malindi from the United Arab Emirates town of Fujairah... [View the video](#)

### Bob Marley's widow: Our time has come



**Daniel Nana Aforo, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Accra, Ghana** -The widow of reggae Superstar Robert Nesta Marley (Bob Marley), Nana Rita Marley has appealed to Africans to solve their own problem internally since the creator has given a lot to the continent.... [View the video](#)

### Mourning Michael Jackson



**Walter Nana Wilson, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Buea, Cameroon** - The news of King of Pop's death, Michael Jackson is not leaving any one unconcerned. Micko Jacko, MJ, as Michael Jackson was fondly referred to, suffered a Cardiac arrest in his luxurious Bel-Air residence, in Los Angeles, Thursday, June 25 2009... [View the video](#)

### Tanzania: Even the poor have a phone



**Joseph Alam Aron, VoicesofAfrica alumnus, Arusha, Tanzania** -Majority of Tanzanians own now a mobile phone. Yet, that same majority live below the poverty limit. The most amazing thing is that even the poorest's priority is to hold the latest version of a mobile phone.... [View the video](#)

## Editorial

### Closing is opening!



**Olivier Nyirubugara, VoicesofAfrica Coordinator** -The mobile reporting projects in Kenya and Tanzania have been closed. A total of six young men and women out of the initial nine have successfully completed the programme. They are now able to make informative reports with their mobile phones. They are able to chase news and of course assignment givers, because that is the ultimate goal of the project: equipping the reporters with skills and tools so that they can stand on their own feet and earn a living in the world of media. Our call to all the friends and supporters of the projects is to help us identify potential assignment givers in those countries. They might be governmental or non-governmental organizations whose activities need to be given more visibility with a local perspective. In the meantime, we are launching another project in Kenya. Trainees are about to start learning about how mobile phones amazingly make news reports! [View the Mid-Year Update video](#)

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