

TINFAYO

About the story

This is a story intended to stimulate thinking, reflection and action amongst the citizens, it highlights rights and responsibilities of citizens of Uganda as owners of Uganda, meaning of citizenship, duties of leaders, linkage of leadership to service delivery, importance of politics, importance of elections amongst others

Mr. Tinfayo owns a farm of cattle in Rubona, Kabarole District. Mr. Tinfayo employed Mr. Magezi as a farm manager. The cattle have the capacity of producing 100 litres of milk daily. Mr. Magezi sells the milk and uses the money for his personal benefit. Each morning, Mr. Tinfayo kneels down to beg Mr. Magezi to at least give him 5 litres of milk for his home consumption. One day, Mr. Tinfayo tried to go to the farm to count the animals and verify the litres of milk produced but he was chased by Mr. Magezi that the operations of the farm were not a concern of Tinfayo.

Mr. Tinfayo returned home, two weeks later, the contract for Mr. Magezi was expiring, this time Mr. Magezi got a good looking cow and a 20 litre jerrican of milk and took it to Mr. Tinfayo. Mr. Tinfayo got excited and he extended the contract of Mr. Magezi as the farm manager and increased his salary. Mr. Magezi has managed to acquire a lot of wealth for himself and Mr. Tinfayo keeps begging for help though he has land, animals and property that is managed by Mr. Magezi.

Questions

1. What do you learn from this story?
2. What rights did Mr. Tinfayo have?
3. How can you advise Mr. Tinfayo?
4. Who has the power in this story?
5. Where did Mr. Tinfayo blunder?
6. Who is the problem? Mr. Tinfayo or Mr. Magezi
7. Assuming Mr. Tinfayo is a citizen of Uganda and Mr. Magezi is the elected leader, how can you relate this story to the relationship between voters and elected leaders in Uganda?
8. If you are Mr. Magezi, what would you have done differently to protect your name and legacy (what should leaders do and how should they behave?)
9. If you are Mr. Tinfayo, what would you do to enjoy the proceeds of your farm
10. If you were Mrs Tinfayo, what would you do to support your husband to regain the power and control over the farm?

Interpretation

- ◆ Mr. Tinfayo represents Citizens of Uganda
- ◆ Mr. Magezi as a farm manager represents leaders who manage Uganda's resources.
- ◆ Farm represents Uganda
- ◆ Cows, milk represents resources and taxes paid
- ◆ Tinfayo's begging signifies how citizens expects services as a favour not as a right
- ◆ Recruitment represents election where leaders are elected
- ◆ Contract signifies term of office for leaders
- ◆ Tinfayo's visit to the farm represents duty of citizens to oversee and monitor
- ◆ Milk and cow given to Tinfayo represents gifts and money used by politicians while seeking votes



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