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Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele (right) and Department of Financing and Tertiary Education director, Ms Neo Sebolao at the launch of 2025/2026 Tertiary Education Financing Sponsorship Cycle in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Maele said government would sponsor 12 034 prospective students to pursue tertiary education. Photo: Phenyso Ramatu

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APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS OF SENIOR PUBLIC OFFICERS

The public is informed of the appointments and promotions that have been effected in the public service.

1. **Ms. Keitirele Mathapi** has been appointed to the position of **Assistant Clerk of Cabinet** in the Office of the President.
2. **Ms. Tuduetso Madi** has been appointed to the position of **Director – Executive Support** in the Office of the Speaker of National Assembly.
3. **Dr. Mamiki Chise** has been appointed to the position of **Consultant (Paediatrics–Oncology)** in the Ministry of Health.
4. **Ms. Kgomotso Monnakgotla - Mojaki** has been appointed to the position of **Director Procurement Oversight (Government Buyer)** in the Ministry of Health.
5. **Dr. Victor Manuel Rivas Gomez** has been appointed to the position of **Consultant (Neurology) – Princess Marina Hospital** in the Ministry of Health.
6. **Dr. Mbali Palesa Mogomotsi-Pilane** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Pediatrics and Adolescent Health) – Princess Marina Hospital** in the Ministry of Health,
7. **Dr. Godwill Gulubane** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Public Health Medicine) – Greater Gaborone DHMT** in the Ministry of Health.
8. **Mr. Wilson M. Mankanku** has been appointed to the position of **Private Secretary – State House** in the Office of the President.
9. **Dr. Obadia Isaac** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Psychiatry) – Sekgoma Memorial Hospital** in the Ministry of Health.
10. **Ms. Thapelo Moalusi** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Deputy Director – Learner Support Services** in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education.
11. **Dr. Kagiso Bojosi** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Psychiatry) – S’brana Psychiatric Hospital** in the Ministry of Health.
12. **Dr. Gotsang Tshepo Garechaba** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Psychiatry) – Princess Marina Hospital** in the Ministry of Health.
13. **Dr. Amogelang Morapelo** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Ophthalmology) – Letsholathebe II Memorial Hospital** in the Ministry of Health.
14. **Dr. Onkemetse Linda Gumpo** has been appointed on promotion to the position of **Medical Specialist (Family Medicine) – North East DHMT** in the Ministry of Health.
15. **Mr. Onthusitse Max Mosiakgabo** has been appointed to the position of **Assessor** in the Directorate of Public Service Management.
16. **Dr. Dineo Keadiretse** has been appointed to the position of **Medical Specialist (Public Health Medicine)** in the Ministry of Health.

These appointments and promotions above take effect on assumption of duty.

Thank you.

Emmah A. Peloetletse
PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY TO CABINET

First Aid key in mining operations

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Promoting a culture of workplace safety and emergency preparedness requires building a resilient first response programme, particularly in high risk environments like mines.

Speaking at the 2025 Jwaneng Mine Inter-Departmental First Aid competition on Saturday, Member of Parliament for Jwaneng/Mabutsane, Mr Omphemetse Kwapa said building capacity to respond to emergencies should not only confine to the work environments but instead be developed into a safety culture everywhere.

He underscored the importance of First Aid competitions in strengthening skills as well as improving emergency response times.

He noted that this year’s theme: Building Capacity to Respond, Recover and Lead-Safely and Effectively, called for empowering workers to enhance their responsiveness even beyond the workplace.

“Building capacity speaks to investment in people, training, equipping and empowering individuals and teams with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to act swiftly not only in emergencies but also embedding it in our culture,” he said.

He said that effective speed, accuracy and coordination were key factors in saving lives in high risk environments. However, the MP further underscored the need to capacitate people on the recovery phase of such incidents.

“In any safety related scenario, responding is only the first step. The theme also highlights post-incident care which is the recovery phase; physical, emotional and operational recovery. It means helping injured individuals heal, supporting teams affected by trauma and

restoring safe operations efficiently,” he noted.

Jwaneng Mine assistant general manager, Mr Thabani Moyo noted that ensuring the highest level of safety was part of the company’s diamond story and values. He said the competition was part of their commitment to promote a safe and sustainable environment for all their stakeholders.

“As Jwaneng Mine leadership, we take safety as a value and a key priority to the sustainability of our business. We ensure that our facilities, activities, processes, environment and services provide assurance to employees, business partners and visitors that they will return home safely each day. This is a core part of our diamond story,” he said.

He noted that the growing intensity of the annual competition was instrumental in improving First Aid practices at Jwaneng Mine and ultimately across the whole mining sector.

He said they were optimistic that skills acquired during the competition would become handy both at work and home.

“We must practically prove that we put safety first in our daily work activities, it is our personal responsibility to ensure that we always adhere to the highest safety standards,” he said.

Meanwhile, Blesbok team, made up of project management office and Jwaneng underground departments, and Eagles (Ore Processing and Fixed Plants), will represent Jwaneng Mine at this year’s Botswana Chamber of Mines Inter-Mine First Aid competitions scheduled for September. The two teams triumphed over three others with an overall of 178.5 and 170.5 points respectively.

Moleofi Balekanye from Blesbok was named Best Player while Eshuler Ngwako walked away with the Best Newcomer award. **BOPA**



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Audit aims to address gaps in Bail Act

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Government aims to complete a full audit of sentencing patterns and the handling of issues of bail in gender-based violence (GBV)-related cases, an undertaking also aimed at uncovering inconsistencies and loopholes in legal instruments dealing with the issues.

Speaking on Saturday during a walk against GBV and the launch of Basket of Love Centre in Maun, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana said the new Bail Act, which tightens conditions on the granting of bail in GBV-related cases, had been introduced and was being

implemented.

"No longer will perpetrators walk free without strong scrutiny. Bail is no longer a right in the face of risk, it must now pass the test of public safety and survivor protection.

We have given survivors and community a voice at bail hearing," he added.

Government he said, was working on stationing legal access officers at shelters and clinics bringing the justice system directly to survivors and not the other way around.

Mr Ramaotwana further noted that government was strengthening police training on trauma-informed response and victim-sensitive investigation to

ensure survivors are treated with dignity from the first report.

He said that government was committed to strengthening survivor safety through immediate implementation of monitoring systems of GBV offenders out on bail including through electronic tracking of high risk individuals.

He also mentioned the launch of emergency safe houses across all regions, saying no survivor should have to choose between being homeless and being in harm's way.

He cited the launch of Basket of Love Centre, a place he said does not only offer walls and beds but hope, protection and new beginning as an important step

towards guaranteeing survivor safety.

"The truth is, we cannot end Gender-Based Violence in silos. No ministry, no organisation can do it alone but as government, civil society, private sector and community, we can build a Botswana where women and children are truly safe". Mr Ramaotwana appreciated Basket of Love Centre as proof that with collaboration it is possible to effectively tackle GBV issues, acknowledging that the envisaged shelters around the regions will serve as places where healing begins, where voices are restored and where fear is replaced with protection.

His ministry he said, would advocate for a Shelter Support Fund in the national budget as an acknowledgement that real justice required real action.

He thanked the founders of Basket of Love Centre for their vision and courage together with their partners who include Cresta Maun, Dorcus Oboetswe Foundation, Emergency

Assist 991, Diagnofirm, and Papanzana Hot Dishes, saying their contribution reflects what happens when business meets compassion.

Furthermore, Mr Ramaotwana stated that as a human rights-centred government, they would not be known for how they punish survivors but for how they protect them.

Basket of Love was established in 2017 in Maun to focus on child protection and family welfare. The organisation provides support to teenage mothers, sexually-abused children and survivors of Gender-Based Violence. **BOPA**



The Khama family members, Mr Tshekedi Khama (left), Kgosi Khama IV (second left), Mr Dale ter Haar (second right) and Mr Anthony Khama after laying wreaths at the graves of the late former president, Sir Seretse Khama and Lady Ruth at the royal cemetery in Serowe on Tuesday, in honour of Sir Seretse Khama Day. Kgosi Khama expressed appreciation to the Office of the President for its support towards the day's events and to Batswana for honouring the legacy of the founding president.

Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Family honours Sir Seretse

By Tshiamiso Moseitlha

SEROWE - The family of former President Sir Seretse Khama commemorated his birthday on Tuesday with a wreath-laying ceremony at the royal cemetery in Serowe, paying tribute to both Sir Seretse and Lady Ruth Khama.

The event took place amidst a backdrop of cultural significance and communal unity. Addressing Bangwato at Serowe Main Kgotla during Sir Seretse Khama Day, Kgosi

Khama IV highlighted that the celebrations commenced with a marathon aimed at fostering peace and harmony among Bangwato and other tribes in Botswana.

Kgosi Khama appreciated the Office of the President, for its contribution to Sir Seretse Khama Day and Batswana, for celebrating Sir Seretse Khama's legacy.

Former Bangwato regent, Kgosi Sediegeng Kgamane, said Sir Seretse Khama had achieved free widespread education

in Botswana and sought to diversify and strengthen the country's economy.

He said Sir Seretse's vision for a united Botswana ignited hope for a brighter future.

"Sir Seretse be remembered for nation-building efforts and his visionary stance on inclusive development," said Kgosi Kgamane.

Khama III Memorial Museum in Serowe, curator Mr Scorbiehonol Lekhutile shared the Khama family lineage. **BOPA**

Over 12 000 eligible for tertiary sponsorship

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - The Ministry of Higher Education will sponsor 12 034 prospective students to pursue tertiary education.

This was said by Minister of Higher Education, Mr Maele yesterday at the launch of the 2025/2026 Tertiary Education Sponsorship Cycle in Gaborone.

He said government would this year sponsor only one sponsorship category, being new students.

The number comprises fresh applicants and upgrades in Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE), as well as International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE).

A notable change in this years tertiary financing is the discontinuation of re-sponsorship as well as limited number of students sponsored for progression, Mr Maele said.

"Unfortunately, re-sponsorship will not be considered. We acknowledge the outstanding re-sponsorship applications of around 4641 clients who are eligible and require re-sponsorship for the years 2003 going backwards.

A limited number of 50 will be sponsored for progression," he added

Following the announcement, Minister Maele said the Student Loan Management System has been officially switched on for new students to apply for the tertiary financing sponsorship.

He said the over P3 billion budget allocation for 2025/26 tertiary education was in alignment with Pillar One of the National Vision 2036, of Sustainable Economic Development, in particular the sub-themes of a Knowledge Based Economy and Human Capital Development.

He also added that government was reviewing top achievers programme with the view to discontinue it.

During the previous year, Mr Maele said the ministry sponsored a total of 10 180, adding that the cut-off point for sponsorship was maintained at 36 points for the mainstream applicants.

Mr Maele said the sponsorship applications would be processed through the online or e-services platform of the Student Loan Management System.

Since its development in 2020, he said, the online platform had continued to serve clients well and had also enhanced operational efficiency.

"We are now able to process applications for all the over 12 000 applicants within a period of one month, as opposed to the previous four months.

"Response to new student application will be given immediately, as on average, an individual application is processed within an hour, including generation of the sponsorship letter," he added. The application process will run from July 2 to July 31. **BOPA**

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Botswana Assemblies of God leader, Bishop Moratiwa Tshukudu (left) and Jwaneng District Commissioner, Mr Goleba Kgari at the AOG Men's Fellowship Annual Conference in Jwaneng over the weekend. Mr Kgari appealed to the church to intensify its efforts and be at the forefront of the fight against social ills.

Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

'Augment church, family teachings with Children's Act'

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - The church must play a valuable role in eradicating challenges of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and drug abuse. The District Commissioner, Mr Goleba Kgari highlighted the social challenges as of primary concern to the community of Jwaneng.

Officiating at the Botswana Assemblies of God Men's Fellowship Annual Conference in Jwaneng over the weekend, Mr Kgari appealed to the church to elevate efforts and be at the forefront of the fight against social ills facing the society.

The conference was held under the theme, "The Revelation of a True Disciple."

"The church is the moral fibre that shapes and moulds our society and I therefore appeal to you to transform behaviour and restore our nation to where it needs to be," he said.

Mr Kgari further challenged the men's fellowship to devise

a strategy aimed at addressing emerging challenges in families and marriages.

He noted that believers did not exist in isolation and therefore they were equally affected by GBV and drug abuse.

Subsequently, he implored them to strive for good moral standing and avoid destructive behaviours such as marriage wrecking.

Mr Kgari said Jwaneng, a cosmopolitan mining town was experiencing increasing number of GBV cases and drug abuse, partly due to the economic imbalance between men and women.

He said the town continue to register incidents of abuse and teenage pregnancies, with the statistics pointing to men as main perpetrators. Therefore, appealed to the conference attendants to cease the opportunity to introspect and collaborate efforts towards behavioural change. Additionally, he urged men to take their responsibility as leaders in families and be fully involved in raising

their children.

Mr Kgari advised the conference to augment their family teachings with the Children's Act, which espouses both the rights and responsibilities of children.

"Even though we all know that parenting has no formula, let us get closer to our children and eliminate the risks. Let us also review the way we raise them," he said.

Furthermore, Mr Kgari applauded Assemblies of God Assistant Bishop and also Jwaneng Assembly of God resident pastor, Reverend Titose James for his contribution towards community building in various ramifications.

He said Reverend James was always available to partner with the town leadership in their local activities.

He said the three-day Men's Conference would also go a long way in stimulating economic activity in Jwaneng, amidst national economic challenges emanating from declining diamond markets. **BOPA**

Ramogapi tours Bonno projects

By Keith Ketji

MAHALAPYE - Minister of Water and Human Settlement toured Bonno National Housing Programme site in Mahalapye West at Mowana ward where 1 000 houses would be constructed.

The minister appreciated the layout plan for the project. Prior to the tour, the minister addressed a kgotla meeting in Mahalapye where he briefed residents about Bonno National Housing Programme.

He said adequate housing was essential for other fundamental human rights such as health, education and work, while providing security of tenure and allowing living in dignity.

Minister Ramogapi said housing was not just a human right but a basic right.

On the importance of housing, the minister said government was on a mission to build 100 000 affordable houses over a period of two years through Bonno National Housing Programme.

However, he said government pledged to deliver the promised mandate in a period of five years in its manifesto 2024 that focused on education, housing, and healthcare reforms, but as time rolled over were of the view that they had to deliver the promised mandate without delay or timely.

Minister Ramogapi said the initiative to come up with the housing threshold was crafted from United Nations Sustainable Development Goal number 11 that aimed to ensure access to adequate, safe and affordable housing, while ensuring individuals including vulnerable populations have access to housing that met basic standards

of safety, privacy and habitability along with essential services like water and sanitation.

He said it was government's wish to turnaround the economy and therefore emphasised the need for every Motswana to partake on the move.

Minister Ramogapi said the ministry was committed to deliver 100 000 housing units within the set target, thus expressed courage and inner strength that failure was impossible.

"The perception that the target of 100 000 houses was unattainable was not the ministry's believe and was non-existent," he said. He said the project created employment opportunities for Batswana and turns the economy around.

"The Bonno National Housing Programme consists of five key schemes; the Bonno Home Loan Improvement Scheme, the Bonno D4 Equivalent and Below scheme, the Rent to Buy scheme, District and Institutional Housing, and the Bonno Turn Key housing scheme," he said.

Unpacking the scheme that aimed to provide affordable housing options to citizens across various income brackets and needs, he said Bonno Home Loan Improvement Scheme targeted individuals within income range of P4 400 to P95 000 and focused also on assisting with improvements to existing homes.

As for Bonno D4 Equivalent and Below, he said the scheme was designed for those earning between P95,001 and P282,120 annually, targeting individuals in the D4 salary scale and below.

As for Rent to Buy Scheme; a collaboration with Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) and private developers he said allowed tenants to eventually own their homes through a rent-to-buy arrangement while District and Institutional Housing component addresses housing needs in specific districts and for institutional purposes, with ongoing efforts to explore ownership opportunities for individuals in these sectors.

Additionally, he said Bonno Turn Key Housing Scheme targeted those earning between P4 400 and P95 000, providing a comprehensive package for building new homes. He said Batswana aged 18 years and above were eligible for Bonno housing programme that aimed to address housing shortage and provide access to affordable and decent housing for a wide range of citizens.

On other issues, he said the ministry was considering the extension of Water Utilities Corporation's debt amnesty campaign that sought to address the high level of domestic water arrears, which had reached P833 million given the pouring scores of people at the eleventh hour.

The campaign offers a 50 per cent discount on eligible debts for accounts overdue by more than 90 days, requiring customers to pay half their outstanding amount and settle the remainder over three months. **BOPA**

BGI conducts controlled flooding at BCL Mine

By Manowe Motsathebe

SELEBI PHIKWE - A decision has been made to conduct controlled flooding at south east extension shaft of the BCL Mine, chief executive officer of Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI), Mr Puso Akanyang says.

Speaking during kgotla meetings, Monday, where a task team set up by minister of minerals and energy, updated residents of Selebi Phikwe and peripheries on cessation of dewatering operations at south east extension shaft, he said that the controlled flooding would ensure that frequent tremors were curtailed if not controlled.

The process, he said, was birthed out of realisation that dewatering was costly on a mine not economically viable, yet continually bleeding government coffers while trying to address tremors. As a result, BGI boss said that they had since beefed up their team with experts on mine closure and controlled flooding from South Africa, strategically placed some seismographs to record seismic waves caused by earth quakes and some piezometers to record underground water pressure.

The interventions were born from

complaints of 'frightening' tremors by the residents of Selebi Phikwe back in 2018 which set in motion investigations and assessments by BGI and partners to determine the causes of tremors and subsequent solutions. Now that the south east extension and shaft three of the BCL Mine had been deemed not economically viable and would be handed over to government at the completion of the liquidation process which is reportedly at the penultimate stage. Measures needed to be taken to ensure that management of the shaft did not continually bleed the government coffers and hence the controlled flooding.

Frequent dewatering at the said facilities, it is reported, was costly and the introduction of the controlled flooding, informed by scientific explanations, would help ease of the burden of dewatering the shaft.

Mr Akanyang said that the watering pumps were left underground when some of the property and or goods were retrieved so as to aid in the controlled flooding by pumping out some water when it reaches a set level.

Prior to their investigations,

during a time at which residents reported the tremors, Mr Akanyang said that there were no measures in place to control flooding in the mine and as water filled up, the tremors resulted.

Speaking at the same meetings, to rebuff complaints and grievances of the ex-employees and beneficiaries of the BCL Mine who were visibly charged, especially at Botshabelo kgotla, an official from Mineral Development Company Botswana, Mr Johnny Tshutlhedhi apprised residents that the task team was not charged with the liquidation process which was a preserve of the liquidator.

He said that part of their task was to ensure that due process of closing the BCL mine was followed and to assess and investigate possible benefits from the liquidated mine.

Having been set up in December 2024 and immediately meeting up with the portfolio minister, the task team, comprising some government departments and state-owned enterprises resumed their duty in Selebi Phikwe late January to map a way for a due process of mine closure and beyond.

In its assessment, the task team amongst other things, would determine the value the

closed mines could offer beyond liquidation and final closure especially considering the resources left at the facilities like mine school. "In some instances, there can be some tourism activities and or value derived from these closed shafts," said Mr Tshutlhedhi.

Alive to some sobering and debilitating impacts of BCL mine liquidation and closure, Mr Tshutlhedhi appealed for calm, saying that issues such as retrenchment packages of ex-miners and staff houses had been elevated to Office of President for address. At Botshabelo kgotla, some residents, ex-miners especially, digressed from the aim of the task team and sought answers on retrenchment packages following the liquidation and closure of the mine, called for 'treading with extra caution' when addressing mine liquidation and subsequent final closure since it was a 'very sensitive matter.'

Some even questioned the rationale behind the task force, arguing that President Advocate Duma Boko promised a commission of inquiry on the closure of BCL Mine in 2016. They argued that the inquiry superseded the task force set up by minister Bogolo Kenewendo. **BOPA**

Association rallies for clean environment

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - The Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane says clean environments are the responsibility of all.

Marking the commencement of a clean-up campaign by the Balekane Ba Botswana Association at the Francistown bus rank recently, Mr Moswaane noted that the state of cleanliness in the city left a lot to be desired.

The assistant minister was particularly unhappy with some of the materials used to erect stall structures, saying most of them were worn-out, recycled material which were an eyesore to the general public.

Though benchmarking exercises were conducted in Windhoek,

Namibia by the Francistown City Council in the past to improve the litter management situation, little fruit has been borne out of the initiative.

He, therefore, called on both the city council and councillors to work hand-in-hand with small businesses to iron out the matter, which he said made the city look shabby and unattractive.

"Let this campaign today mark the beginning of a journey towards a clean city and homesteads," he said, giving Balekane Ba Botswana a pat on the back for the noble gesture.

Francistown chief public health officer, Ms Osenaope Ketshabile echoed Assistant Minister Moswaane's words, saying that achieving clean city status should not be the sole responsibility of the city council.

She therefore, relayed that the city council was happy to onboard everyone, including associations such as Balekane Ba Botswana, to achieve the objective of a clean city.

Also, Ms Ketshabile called on Batswana to teach their children the importance of a clean environment at home.

Carbon Environmental Botswana's Ms Jaqueline Mfosi noted that substantial profit could be derived from recycling some of the waste. She therefore, encouraged the general public to set up cooperatives, which she stated would act as platforms to sell

recycled materials.

National Executive Committee Chairperson for Balekane Ba Botswana, Mr Falcon Sedimo was of the view that environmental laws needed to be reviewed to address the issue of waste management adequately.

Like other speakers before him, Mr Sedimo felt robust emphasis should be placed on public education on waste.

Earlier during the welcoming ceremony, deputy mayor Councillor Uyapo Nyeku relayed that clean cities were a magnet for tourists, kept diseases at bay, and lured

investors, and thus commended Balekane Ba Botswana for their noble gesture.

Mr Nyeku's sentiments were echoed by Balekane Ba Botswana Francistown regional chairperson, Mr Mmoloki Thomola who said the geographical position of Francistown as a gateway to the north and south of Africa, necessitated that the city should be clean at all times.

He said that as an association of individuals born in 1966, they have formulated a programme of activities country-wide as a way of giving back to society. **BOPA**

Defence admits more witnesses in Thapane case

By Bonang Masolotat

GABORONE - The defence counsel in the case of the late Solomon Thapane's estate has admitted evidence from three more state witnesses.

The defence attorneys, Mr Kgosietsile Ngakaagae for the first accused person, Bhekizwe Nkomazana, and Mr Enoch Mazonde for the third accused person, Daniel Gasefiwe, made the admission before Magistrate Ms Kamogelo Mmesi on Monday.

"The defence just admitted three witnesses today," stated Ms Seeletso Ookeditse from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions. As a result, the state was not in a position to proceed with the trial as it had lined up the three witnesses for the day.

The admitted statements related to Moduedi Sebina, a transport officer at the Department of Roads and Transport Services (DRTS), which implicated Nkomazana and Gasefiwe. Another DRTS computer programmer's evidence was also admitted, affecting both Nkomazana and Gasefiwe.

Additionally, the defence team admitted the statement of Fidelis

Nkomazana, which only affected Nkomazana. Ms Ookeditse informed court that the prosecution would be left with only ten witnesses to complete its case and pleaded with court to allocate more dates for the trial continuation.

Hence, Magistrate Mmesi scheduled the trial to continue on November 25, 26, 27, and 28, where the state is expected to wrap its case.

Nkomazana, a Zimbabwean national also known as Khaya Bheki Mazibuku, is charged with failing to disclose Thapane's death to his family and subsequently obtaining about P4 million through selling his properties, including a house in Gaborone and a farm.

Nkomazana worked for the late Thapane as a gardener until his passing in September 2016 and is charged alongside Othusitse Seoke, Daniel Gasefiwe, and Levy Mosweu, who are accused of official corruption in abetting him to obtain a birth certificate, national identity card (Omang), and a driver's license.

Nkomazana is represented by Mr Ngakaagae, Gasefiwe by Mr Mazonde, while Seoke and Mosweu are self-represented. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane leading the clean-up campaign in Francistown recently. He said the clean-up campaign by the Balekane Ba Botswana Association marked the beginning of a journey toward a clean city and homesteads. Photo: Thamani Shabani

Contractor outlines strategies to expedite project completion

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - Okavango Africa Consortium, responsible for the overall reconstruction of the A3 (Francistown-Nata) road will have to implement night construction strategies to expedite project completion.

Briefing the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Mr Noah Salakae on the progress status of the road recently, Development Manager (DM) team leader Mr Moemedi Gabana said the company would need to adopt new strategies, including night-time construction, in order to recover lost time due to heavy rains experienced last year.

Mr Gabana outlined the progress of the project, adding that current estimates indicate that the road is only 16 per cent complete since construction began last year, with a targeted completion date in 2027.

He explained that three significant rain events had caused delays totalling 29 days due to necessary rebuilding of layers, resulting in interrupted scheduling.

Night construction he said, is a method successfully employed in other countries to mitigate daytime traffic disruptions, and is now being considered a critical element

of the Consortium's time recovery plan.

He noted that the current construction status was at Stage 5 which wraps up the preliminary works that precede the actual road construction, adding that the project would thereafter proceed to Stage 6, which was the final construction phase.

Mr Gabana explained that the Consortium was also addressing challenges that had affected progress.

These he said, included encroaching properties, high water tables in certain areas, the relocation of existing services, traffic management, the presence of spongy black cotton soil along the route, and the unavailability of construction materials.

"To tackle these issues, the Consortium is implementing high-quality solutions, such as installing membranes to protect the road where the spongy black cotton soil is prevalent," he added.

In addressing traffic flow, Mr Gabana revealed plans for a flyover at the Orapa junction to facilitate easy passage from the mining and logistics Special Economic Zone near the Phillip Matante International Airport as well as

prevent congestion with trucks traversing the A3 road towards northern Africa.

At the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium, he detailed a decision to construct a traffic circle at the entrance leading to Monarch location to alleviate potential congestion from motorists at the airport area, opting for this solution over a flyover due to budgetary constraints.

He said originally, the road was intended to be a dual carriageway from Francistown, specifically from Francistown Toyota to the Sebina junction.

However, due to financial challenges, Mr Gabana said the dual carriageway would now terminate at Mathangwane, providing access roads to nearby villages situated 10 kilometres from the main route all the way to Nata.

Despite these numerous challenges, Mr Gabana assured Minister Salakae that Okavango Delta Consortium is back on track and remains committed to delivering the project on time.

The reconstruction of the A3 road, which extends 200 kilometres to Nata and is widely utilised by trucks, is being implemented under the DM model. **BOPA**



Ms Seeletso Ookeditse (left) and Ms Nametso Maphane (second left) from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, with daughter of the late Solomon Thapane, Ms Itumeleng Thapane (second right) and Detective Senior Superintendent Sergeant Marapo at the magistrate court on Monday. The defence counsel in the case of Thapane's estate admitted evidence from three more state witnesses. Photo: Teko Letsholo

South Africa pushes for US tariff pause extension

JOHANNESBURG - As the United States' 90-day tariff pause is set to expire on July 9, South African Trade, Industry and Competition Minister, Parks Tau said on Tuesday that South Africa, along with other African countries, is advocating for an extension.

Tau's remarks followed a meeting last week between his deputy minister, Zuko Godlimpi, and Assistant US Trade Representative for Africa, Connie Hamilton to discuss pressing trade matters.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the US-Africa Business Summit in Angola, where South Africa raised concerns about the issue of reciprocal tariffs. During the discussions, it was revealed that the United States is developing a 'trade-matters template' to serve as a framework for future engagements with sub-Saharan African countries.

Tau noted that given the limited time before the tariff pause expired and the need for further negotiations, an extension was necessary. "In this regard, we are of the view that South Africa

may need to resubmit its trade and investment proposal in accordance with the new template. It is thus expected that the deadline be shifted," he said.

Tau also said the United States had yet to share the trade template with African countries, and they should be given more time to engage with it. "We urge the South African industry to exercise strategic patience and not take decisions in haste, and that the government will continue to use every avenue to engage the US government to find an amicable solution to safeguard South African interests in the U.S. market," he added.

According to South Africa's Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, the template would be shared with them once it was finalised. South Africa, which was among the countries targeted with higher tariffs earlier this year by the Trump administration, submitted a proposed "Framework Deal" in May.

The proposal outlines steps to strengthen a mutually beneficial trade and investment agreement. *Xinhua*

Namibia mining sector booms as

WINDHOEK - Namibia's mining sector delivered a strong performance in April 2025, with

uranium and gold emerging as the main contributors to export growth, according to the latest

update from the Chamber of Mines of Namibia released on Tuesday.



ENTEBBE - Imported big-eared goats at the National Animal Genetic Resources Centre & Data Bank in Uganda on Tuesday. Nine Chinese hybrid goats, known as Jianzhou big-eared goats, arrived in the country to boost goat meat production and livestock industry. Photo: Xinhua



Cheetah Conservation Botswana showcasing a range of locally produced goods during the handing over of Exatheni Veld Products Centre in Bere on Monday. The organisation demonstrated to community members how indigenous plants such as Morama and Sengaparile could be used to extract products like body perfumes, beverages and oils in order to generate income and uplift livelihoods.

Photo: Malebogo Lekula

World Bank reclassifies Cape Verde income level

PRAIA - The World Bank has reclassified Cape Verde from a lower-middle-income country to an upper-middle-income country, reflecting an increase in per capita income, the institution said in a statement on Monday.

"Effective July 1, 2025, Cape Verde will be classified as an upper-middle-income country,

based on the criteria established by the World Bank Group," the statement said.

According to the World Bank, the reclassification reflected a 16.8-per cent increase in the country's gross national income (GNI) per capita between 2023 and 2024, driven by a real gross domestic product growth rate

of 7.3 per cent in 2024, mainly fueled by the tourism sector. Lower domestic inflation and a downward revision of the national population, with a 12.8-per cent decrease based on United Nations data, also contributed to the calculations, directly influencing the per capita GNI, the statement added. *Xinhua*

diamond output falls

The monthly mining update shows that uranium production increased by 59 per cent year-on-year, driven by growing global demand for clean energy. According to the report, uranium became the country's top export commodity, generating about US\$163 million (N\$2.86 billion) in April, or 26 per cent of total exports.

"Namibia is cementing its reputation as a strategic supplier of uranium to the world, especially as nuclear energy gains renewed momentum in global energy transition efforts," the report says. Gold exports also performed well, earning 1.69 billion Namibian dollars and accounting for more than 15 per cent of total exports.

The report attributes this to historically high gold prices, which averaged US\$3 309 per ounce in May 2025, a 41 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2024. Meanwhile, the report states that diamond

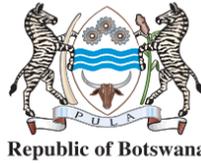
production declined by 26 per cent in April, adding that its share of export earnings fell to 10.5 per cent from 12.9 per cent a year earlier.

The report notes that the decrease follows planned output reductions by Debmarine Namibia, Namibia's leading marine diamond mining company, aimed at stabilising global diamond prices.

However, the diamond sector continues to face pressure from synthetic alternatives and weaker demand in key Asian markets. Almost half of Namibia's total export earnings in April came from mining and quarrying exports, which totaled N\$5.4 billion.

The chamber reported easing inflationary pressure, with the annual inflation rate falling to 3.5 per cent in May 2025, down from 4.9 per cent a year earlier, which it says has helped reduce operating costs across the mining industry. *Xinhua*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CALL OF APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-2026
– NEW STUDENTS SPONSORSHIP**

LOCAL SPONSORSHIP FOR CRITICAL AREAS OF TRAINING

The Department of Tertiary Education Financing under the Ministry of Education & Skills Development invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana for Tertiary Education Government Sponsorship for **2025/2026 Intake**. All applicants are therefore advised to adhere to terms and conditions for applying for sponsorship as stated in this notice to ensure compliance to set requirements. **Applicants are expected to have an email account/address in order to apply for sponsorship. The applicants will be allowed a maximum of three (3) choices of programmes.**

Prospective students will submit their tertiary education financing application for the 2025/2026 sponsorship cycle on-line. The system will validate your citizenship, age, secondary school results, admission at University/College, accreditation status of the programme applied for before awarding a sponsorship.

All applicants who fall under the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and Remote Area Communities (RAC) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) categories should confirm their status with the respective administrative offices managing the programmes and subsequently log on to the system to apply for sponsorship within the time scheduled for students in this category of sponsorship.

The award of sponsorship will be confirmed by issuance of a sponsorship letter. Please take note that if the documents on which the offer was based are at any time found to be incomplete or fraudulent penalties will be imposed including the withdrawal of the sponsorship.

Applicants will not be allowed to defer their sponsorship offers to the subsequent year except for medical reasons

APPLICATION PERIOD:

The online applications will be open from Wednesday **02 July, 2025 to Tuesday 29th July, 2025** on DTEF website <https://tef.gov.bw>, updates will also be posted on DTEF Facebook page: **'Department of Tertiary Education Financing'**. The system shall not accept any application after the closing date. The applicant is expected to upload supporting documents, therefore keep ready scanned copies of such supporting documents in **pdf, jpeg, png or jpg** format for uploading. DTEF, reserves the right to amend information on this public notice as it deems necessary.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants should be

- Be a citizen of Botswana
- Be able to complete the programme of study before turning thirty-five (35) years of age
- Have obtained a minimum cut off points of 36 points or better in BGCSE or equivalent for Mainstream and 31 points for OVC/RAC/SEN applicants
- Have a minimum of 36 points or better in BGCSE or equivalent even if they have upgraded their results.
- Not have benefitted from Government sponsorship before.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

The following documents should be uploaded into the system:

1. Copy of Statement of Results/BGCSE or equivalent
2. Copy of National Identity Card (Omang) or Birth certificate where years or doesn't have OMANG
3. Copy of admission letter from the institution of your choice stating programme of study and duration.
4. Affidavit from Commissioner of Oaths in case your names are different as contained in the academic certificate, Birth Certificate and National Identity Card (Omang).
5. An official confirmation of change of surnames if surnames in the academic certificate and Omang are not

the same.

6. Copy of foreign certificates should be certified at the respective Embassies and evaluated by Botswana Qualifications Authority.

DISCLAIMER:

Admission at Tertiary Institution is not a guarantee for Government sponsorship. Therefore, meeting the minimum requirements of the advert does not guarantee sponsorship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

STEP 1: Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship Log-in.

Visit the official website of the Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship and Click on **Sign Up**, top right, this allows you to create a user account to use to interact with DTEF. Capture your details as per the form displayed. Enter a valid email address. At the end, click **Create New Account**, a notification email will be sent to you through the email address you provided to confirm that you created the account.

STEP 2: Verify your email

Login on to your email and retrieve email from DTEF and follow the given steps. This prompts you to create a password, after which, you will be able to login with this password.

STEP 3: Apply

After logging in, click **Apply for Sponsorship**

STEP 4: Choosing the Application Type.

Ensure that the form displays **New Students**, as shown below:

Applicants and Beneficiary New Students

• **New Students**



STEP 5: Filling the application form & Attaching supporting documents

Enter all relevant details carefully. Ensure that you choose the relevant Category of Sponsorship from the options provided. Upload the relevant supporting documents in **pdf, jpeg, png or jpg format** at the **Attachment** section.

Click **Next>** button to move to the next page, and **<Previous** button to access the previous page.

Click **Save Draft**, button to save your application in draft mode. You can continue with your application or logout and retrieve it at a later stage, provided the submission deadline has not passed. Ensure that you submit your application once you are satisfied with what you have filled.

Note that the **Reset** button will allow you to start the application afresh and clears all that you have captured before. This applies only to applications that have not been submitted, including the ones in Saved as **'Drafts'**.

Note that if you do not meet the minimum required cut off points, the system will not allow you to proceed to the next step. A notification email will be sent to you through the email address you provided to that effect.

STEP 6: Signing of Application form/Declaration.

After filling and uploading all supporting documents, sign the application form, on the **Student Declaration** section by **clicking** on the given box, which will result in a tick

By signing the form, you will be accepting all the terms and conditions of the application requirements. N.B In the event where programme has reached the sponsorship limit, click "ADD REVISE PROGRAMME" for the alternative choice.

STEP 7: Review of the Application

Please take a look at your application before the final submission by clicking **Review**.

STEP 8: Submission of the Application.

Click **Submit** button for your application to be considered.

STEP 9: Confirmation of Submission.

After successful submission of the application form, you will get a confirmation message/acknowledgement of receipt of your application through your email address.

STEP 10: Viewing & Printing the Form.

You can view and/or print out the submitted Application Form and the Acknowledgement receipt after submitting an application for your own records.

STEP 11: Check status of Application

You can view your submitted application's status at any time after successful submission by logging on the website and then choosing Submissions.

STEP 12: Accepting & Signing of Sponsorship Agreement.

After successful completion of all sections of the application form and meeting the minimum required cut off points, and if offered sponsorship, you will receive a Sponsorship Offer; upon accepting this offer, all the terms and conditions of the Sponsorship will be presented to you. Upon agreeing to these terms and conditions of the DTEF **Sponsorship Agreement**, DTEF will send your sponsorship letter to your email address which you can now print and proceed to undertake registration at your preferred institution.

PRIORITY FIELD OF STUDY & PROGRAMMES APPROVED FOR SPONSORSHIP:

Applicants may be sponsored on the approved Undergraduate areas of study listed under each priority Fields of Study below. For more information on accredited programmes and accredited institutions offering such, applicants may visit the **Botswana Qualification Authority** website <http://bqa.co.org>.

FIELD 1: AGRICULTURE	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	
1. Agriculture	6. Biometry
2. Animal Health Production	7. Food Science & Technology
3. Forestry and Range Ecology	8. Horticulture
4. Horticulture	9. Plant Health
	10. Soil Sciences
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)	11. Wildlife Management
1. Agricultural Economics	12. Biodiversity, Conservation & Ecology
2. Agricultural Education	13. Mathematical Biology (Biomaths)
3. Agricultural Mechanization	
4. Agriculture	
5. Agronomy	

FIELD 2: AVIATION	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	
1. Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	

FIELD 3: BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	
1. Procurement and Supply	13. Event Management
2. Purchasing & Supply	14. Finance
3. Event Management	15. Financial Management
	16. Fiscal Studies
	17. Information and Technology Management

AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)	
1. Accounting	18. International Business
2. Applied Business Computing	19. Logistics
3. Banking and Finance	20. Marketing Management
4. Business Administration	21. Production Management
5. Business Information Technology	22. Project Management
6. Business Innovation and Enterprise	23. Public Finance
7. Business Intelligence and Data Analysis	24. Public Relations & Integrated Communication
8. Business Leadership	25. Public Relations Management
9. Business Management	26. Purchasing/Procurement
10. Chartered & Certified Accountants	27. Retail Management
11. Computing with Finance	28. Risk Management
12. Entrepreneurship/Enterprise Development	29. Insurance
	30. Strategic Management
	31. Supply Chain Management

FIELD 4: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apparel Design Fashion Design Furniture Design Graphic Design Textile Design Music Design Interior Design 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Film & Television Production Fine Arts Industrial Design Music Professional Design Theater Arts Sports Science Exercise Psychology Exercise Science & Wellness Recreation & Sports Management

FIELD 5: CONSTRUCTION	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Industry Building Construction Industry 	

FIELD 6: EDUCATION & TRAINING	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Education Secondary Education 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science Education Counselling Education Design and Technology Education Special Education Inclusive Education Family & Consumer Science Music Education Primary Education Science Education Music Education

FIELD 7: ENGINEERING	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical & Electronics Engineering Electrical and Mechanical engineering Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Water and Environmental Engineering Motor Body Repair/Automotive Engineering Plant Engineering 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical and Electronic Engineering Energy Engineering Environmental engineering Geological Engineering Industrial Engineering Manufacturing Engineering Materials Engineering Mechanical Engineering Mechatronics & Industrial Instrumentation Mineral engineering Mining Engineering Multimedia Engineering Software Engineering Telecommunications Engineering

FIELD 8: FOUNDATION	
1. A Level for Top Achievers – refer to Top Achievers Sponsorship Advert	
ONLY Applicable to Top Achievers Sponsorship beneficiaries in local institutions – refer to Top Achievers Advert	

FIELD 9: HEALTH	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Technology Emergency Care technology Environmental Health General Nursing Health Education & Promotion Healthcare Management Medical Laboratory Technology Occupational Health and Safety Pharmacy Technology Medical Record & Transcription Rehabilitation Counselling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Medical Care Environmental Health Health Education and Promotion Health Information Management Health Care Management/Administration Health Service Management Medical Laboratory Science Medicine Nursing Science Generic Occupational Health and Safety Pharmacy Physiotherapy Psychology Public Health Counseling Psychotherapy Rehabilitation Counseling Speech Therapy

FIELD 10: HOSPITALITY & TOURISM	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Culinary Arts Travel, Tourism, Hospitality Cultural Tourism Event Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Operations & Management Tourism Management Hospitality Management Travel /Tourism Management

FIELD 11: HUMANITIES	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Theology 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Theology Pastoral Care Broadcasting and Journalism Chinese studies Counseling Digital Media Humanities Pastoral studies Public Relations Portuguese Lisophone studies

FIELD 12: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Systems Administration 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Network Computing Information, Communication Technology Mobile Technology Computer Networking Network/Cyber Security Computer Forensics Information Systems Data Management Business Information Technology

FIELD 13: PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS	
AREA OF STUDY (Diploma)	
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACCA CIMA CIPS 	

FIELD 14: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Architectural Technology Geometrics Sound Technology Telecommunication Systems 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forensic Accounting and Finance Forensic Sciences Geology Geomatics Geometrics Information Communication Technology Information systems Information Systems & Data Management Information Technology Mathematics & Finance Mobile Computing Mobile Technology Multimedia Systems Networking Computing Physics Physics with Meteorology Pure & applied chemistry

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Histo/Cytotechnologist Earth Science Environmental Science 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pure & Applied Mathematics Quantity surveying Real Estate Management Science Software Engineering Sports Management Urban & Regional Planning
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FIELD 15: SOCIAL SCIENCES	
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Archives and Records Management Community Development Criminal Justice Economics Information & Knowledge Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Law Law & Public Administration Media Studies Public Administration Social Sciences Social Work Statistics

FIELD 16: TRANSPORT	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fleet Management Transport Management & Logistics Transport Planning and Management 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Management & Logistics

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- Failure to submit all supporting documents will render your application incomplete.
- Only applications on the above listed areas of study

will be considered for sponsorship.

- Appeals to the Ministry against the decision of the Director DTEF regarding non approval of sponsorship application will only be considered up to **Wednesday 15th August, 2025** or within 14 calendar days of having received the response.

The Department of Tertiary Education Financing reserves the right not to award sponsorship if the applicants do not satisfactorily meet the application requirements

- Restrictions:**
- Applicants whose admission information is not captured in the system by the relevant institution will not be permitted to apply.
 - The system will not permit applications from individuals who do not have National Identity number or birth certificate number.
 - The system will **NOT** permit applications from individuals with academic points below the cut off points.
 - The system will **only** permit application under special dispensation category of sponsorship for individuals whose information has been uploaded into the system by the relevant administrative offices.
 - The Department will not process applications from students who sat for examinations after **December 2024**.

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 - Submission of an application online does not guarantee an award of sponsorship
 - Any false statement or declaration made to acquire sponsorship/loan will result in invalidation of the application, revocation of the sponsorship offer and may result in prosecution.

APPLICATION INQUIRIES:
For any information, applicants are advised to contact the Department from **0730hrs to 1630hrs on weekdays only** through the under-listed lines:

- Toll Free No: **0 800 600 185**
- Call Centre: **3719364/3719439/3719441/3719473**.
- Public Relations: **3719319/3719321**
- Switchboard: **3791300/ 3719301**

**DEPARTMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION FINANCING
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOP ACHIEVERS SPONSORSHIP FOR
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

02 July, 2025
The Department of Tertiary Education Financing under the Ministry of Education & Skills Development invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana for Tertiary Education Government Sponsorship for **2025/2026** under the **Top Achievers Sponsorship Program**. All applicants are therefore advised to adhere to terms and conditions for applying for sponsorship as stated in this notice to ensure compliance to set requirements.

All applicants are advised to adhere to terms and conditions for applying for the Top Achievers Sponsorship as stated in this notice to ensure compliance to set requirements. Qualifying applicants will be considered for placement in local private high schools for their foundation programme i.e. AS level and A Level. Upon completion of the foundation level, students will be considered for both internal and external training in programmes specified in this advert **only**.

- The General Priority Areas of Training includes:**
- Agriculture
 - Mining
 - Tourism
 - Transport and Logistics
 - Sports and Creative Industries
 - Trade
 - Manufacturing
 - Health
 - Science and Technology
 - Engineering
 - Business, Financial Services and Trade
 - Education and Training
 - Professional Programs

APPLICATION PERIOD:

The applications will be open from **Wednesday 02 July 2025 ,Tuesday 29 July 2025** on DTEF website <https://tef.gov.bw>, updates will also be posted on DTEF Facebook page: **‘Department of Tertiary Education Financing’**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicants must meet the following:

- i. Must have completed **BGCSE, IGCSE, A LEVEL, AS, IB DIPLOMA & MATRIC** in November/December **2024** and have attained the following Minimum Cut Off Points:

CERTIFICATE TYPES	CUT OF POINTS
BGCSE	6 (A*)
IGCSE	6 (A*)
AS LEVEL	4 (A)
IB STANDARD	4 (7)
MATRIC	4 (7)
A'LEVEL	3 (A)
IB DIPLOMA (HIGH)	3 (7)

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMES BY FIELD OF STUDY:

Applicants must be able to complete training before the age of 35.

The prospective students will only be awarded sponsorship in the fields of study listed in the table below and successful applicants will be placed in external institutions only if their selected programme of study is not available in the local and regional institutions.

NO.	FIELDS OF STUDY	PROGRAMMES
1	AGRICULTURE	Veterinary Science Veterinary Medicine Forestry & Range Ecology Wildlife Management Nature Conservation Agronomy Entomology Toxicology Fish pathology Bee pathology Biotechnology Ecology Microbiology
2	MINING	Mining Machine e-Learning
3	TOURISM	International Tourism Management Culinary Arts
4	TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transport Economics/Planning
5	BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE	Financial Engineering Econometrics Digital Marketing International Business and Trade Law International Trade and Finance Fintech Actuarial science
6	SPORTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	Any Creative/Design programmes

		Music Fine Arts Performing Arts Fashion/Apparel Design Theatre/Visual/Dramatic Arts Sports Science and Management Culinary arts Creative coding Copy right law
7	MANUFACTURING	Robotics Artificial Intelligence
8	HEALTH	Dentistry Physiotherapy Psychology Occupational Therapy Diagnostics, Radiography & Imaging Audiology Speech Pathology/Therapy Clinical Psychology Pharmaceutical Chemistry Public Health Medical Imaging Science Neuroscience Mental Health Dental Therapy Dietetics & Nutrition Prosthetics & Orthotics Optometry Medicine with specialization in; Urology Anesthesia Radiologist Ear nose and throat surgery. Cardiothoracic Surgery Plastic surgery Neuro surgery Ophthalmology Nephrology Oncology-surgical, radiation medical surgery Dental; Orthodontics Prosthodontics Pediatric Dentistry Maxillofacial Surgery Periodontology
9	SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY	Bio-Medical Science/Engineering Nuclear Physics Land Architecture Data Science Heavy Plant Mechanical Forensic Science Nanotechnology Cyto/Histo Technology Earth & Environmental Science Water & Sanitation Sanitation & Waste Management
10	ENGINEERING	Bio-Medical Science/Engineering Aerospace Engineering Building Construction Engineering Civil & Structural Engineering Construction Management/Studies Construction Economics Heavy Plant Mechanical Earth & Environmental Science Water & Sanitation Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Building & Civil Engineering Oil and Gas Engineering Robotics Engineering Artificial intelligence

11	EDUCATION & TRAINING	Special Education – specialization in Learning Disability, Visual Impairment & Hearing Impairment
		Psychology discipline
12	PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS	Chartered Financial Analyst

CONDITIONS FOR COUNTRY OF PLACEMENT:

- i. Prerogative placement of students into countries of study lies with the Department and the Department reserves the right to revoke the sponsorship of such students
- ii. Qualifying applicants will be considered for placement in local private high schools for their foundation programme i.e. AS level and A Level where their choice of programme is not offered locally.
- iii. External placement will be considered for those who acquired direct entry into their First Degree programme and their programme of study is not available locally
- iv. Government will **NOT** sponsor qualifying applicants for Bridging/ Foundation programmes in external institutions
- v. Applicants who had to retake or re-sit failed subject for the purpose of qualifying for Top Achievers Sponsorship will **NOT** be considered.
- vi. Applicants who had to upgrade or improve their subjects' grades for the purpose of qualifying for Top Achievers Sponsorship will **NOT** be considered.

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURES – LOCAL PLACEMENT

Qualifying applicants who have been admitted into local private high schools are advised to apply online as outlined below;

STEP 1: Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship Log-in.

Visit the official website of the Online Tertiary Education Sponsorship and Click on **Sign Up**, top right, this allows you to create a user account to use to interact with DTEF. Capture your details as per the form displayed. Enter a valid email address e.g. jjabavu@yahoo.com at the end, click **Create New Account**.

STEP 2: Apply

After logging in, click **Apply for Sponsorship STEP 3: Choosing the Application Type**.

Ensure that the form displays **New Students**, as shown below:



STEP 4: Provide Exam details

STEP 5: Fill in information on personal details

STEP 6: Program Details

Select the institution and the systems will auto-fill other details.

STEP 7: Attaching the relevant documents

Upload the relevant supporting documents in **pdf, jpeg, png or jpg** format at the **Attachment** section.

STEP 8: Declare, Preview and Select Submit.

STEP 9: Select Application-My Application New Student on the Main Menu. Select and view the Memorandum of Agreement on the table that appears.

STEP 10: Select Accept on the table to generate Offer letter. Click Offer letter then view PDF to download.

Note that the **Reset** button will allow you to start the application afresh and clears all that you have captured before. This applies only to applications that have not been submitted, including the ones in Saved as **'Drafts'**.

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IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT:

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ONLINE APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS:

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Ka Keetile Bontsibokae

MOLEPOLOLE - Mogolwane go tswa kwa Legal Aid Botswana Rre Lesedi Seloka o sedimoseditse baswagadi ka ditshwanelo tsa bone mo kgaoganyong dithoto tsa boswa kwa letsatsing la mafatshefatshe la baswagadi kwa Molepolole ka Matlhatso.

Rre Seloka a re ba itemogetse gore dikgang tsa go lwela dithoto tsa boswa di simolola fela fa yo mongwe a sena go tlhokafala. Are banyalani ba kgona go tlhoka kutlwisisano mo tsamaong ya nako, mme yo mongwe a boele kwa gaabo, e re fa a tlhokafala ba gaabo ba itshupe fa e le bone ba ntseng ba mo tlhokomela.

Ke ka moo, Rre Seloka a neng a tlhalosetsa botlhe gore lekalana la bone le le tlhamilweng ke puso go fa Batswana dithuso tsa semolao tsa mahala, le ikemiseditse go thusa baswagadi ka ditshwanelo tsa bone.

A re ba na le babueledi ba semolao ba ba farologanyeng, ba itebagantse le botlhe ba ba batlang dithuso tsa semolao e bile mmueledi yoo, a tsamaya le mongongoregi kwa lekgotla tshekelong ntle fela kwa lekgotleng la Setswana.

A re molao o papametse gore motho yo o nang le tshwanelo ya go fitlha yo o tlhokafetseng mo lenyalong, ke ene a nang le tshwanelo ka fa molaong go tsaya tshwetso a le esi kgotsa a na le bana gore ba ya go bolokela kae.

Rre Seloka a re ka setho, ke



Bangwe ba bomme ba ba neng ba le kwa kgotleng ya Bakwena go ipelela letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la baswagadi kwa Molepolole ka Matlhatso. Mogolwane go tswa kwa Legal Aid Botswana Rre Lesedi Seloka, o sedimoseditse baswagadi ka ditshwanelo tsa bone mo kgaoganyong dithoto. Senepe: Keetile Bontsibokae

gone moswagadi a ka rerisanang le bo matsalaagwe gore o batla go fitlha mopati wa gagwe kae.

O ne a fa sekai, a re go a diragala gore bomatsale ba kgone go tsaya

sentlakana sa leso kwa ofising ya kwadiso matsalo le dintsho, mme a tlhalosa gore moswagadi o na le tshwanelo ya go ya kwa ofising go supa fa e le ene yoo setseng e

bile a ne a nyalane le moswi.

A re fa go ntse jalo, ofisi ya kwadiso dintsho le matsalo e tlamaga ka fa molaong gore setlankana sa leso se se neng se tserwe ke bomatsale se kgaphelwe kwa thoko mme moswagadi a bo a neelwa se sesha.

E re le go ntse jalo, mothusa Kgosi ya Bakwena Rre Lawrence Mhaladi a re melao mengwe ya setso le ya dikereke e tletse kgokgontsho mo go yoo tlhokafaletseng.

Rre Mhaladi o ne a fa sekai ka bomme ba baswagadi ba a reng gatwe ba apare mebala mengwe go supa khutsafalo ya bone.

A re go botlhokwa go botsa gore ditsamaiso tsa go nna jalo, di sante di berekela setshaba, go itebagantswe le diphetogo tsa segompieno.

Mogolwane wa mokgatlo wa Widows Walking Together Society of Botswana Mme Dineo Phuti le ene o gateletse gore tsamaiso ya Setswana e e sa kwalwang ka fa molaong e rotloetsa gore ditshwetso di tsewe ka maikutlo mme se se baya baswagadi ka fa mosing.

“Jaanong re ne kopa magosi gore ba thuse gore melao e e sekasekwe. A melao ya setso le yone ya segompieno e lemoge baswagadi, mme e sekasekwe

e bo e kopanngwe e tle e re thuse,” ga itela Mme Phuti

Fa a tswa la gagwe Kgosi Kgari Sechele III wa Bakwena a re o lemogile gore dithulaganyo tse di neng di akareditswe mo lenaneong la letsatsi leo di ne di na le dintlha tse di botlhokwa jaaka go dira mokwalo wa kgaoganyo dithoto (last will and testament), dikgang tsa ba melao le tsa kgaoganyo tiriso ya madi tse di ka nowang moro ke botlhe.

Fa a ruta baswagadi ka botlhokwa jwa go nna le mokwalo wa kgaoganyo boswa, moemedi wa ba Botswana Life Fiduciary Services Rre Kabelo Moruti a re mokwalo oo, ke one o mong wa dithoto a nankolang dikeletso ka tse a dibapetseng le kamano ya tsone.

Rre Kabelo a re mokwalo oo, ke go kaela ba ba setseng gore go diragala eng ka dithoto tsa gagwe le go hema dikgotlhang tse di nnang teng fa motho a sena go tlhokafala.

A re mokwalo oo, o ka dirwa ke mongwe le mongwe go sa kgathalesege gore o itsholetse go le kae, a tsewelela ka go gakolola gore batho ba seka ba nna maoto a tshupa go o dira ka jaana leso le sena morero le itlela nako nngwe le nngwe. **BOPA**

Monna o tlhokafetse mo kotsing ya tsela

Ka Cathrine Simane

TSABONG - Monna wa dingwaga tse masome mararo le botlhamo (35) o tlhokafetse mo kotsing ya koloi mo tseleng ya Khawa ka Tshipi.

Mookamela mapodisi a Middlepits Superintendent Keadire Mmopi, a re koloi ya modiro wa Toyota Hilux double cab e ne ya pitikologa mme ya gapa botshelo jwa rre yoo, yo e bileng e ne ele ene mokgweetsi.

Supt, Mmopi a re kotsi e diragetse mo tshokologong ka nako ya botlhamo, dikhilomethara di ka nna masome a mararo go tswa kwa Khawa.

A re moswi le ba a neng a na le bone ba le boferabobedi ba ne ba tswa Khawa ba ya Tsabong.

O tlhalositse fa ditlhotlhomiso

di supa fa mokgweetsi a ne a latlhelwa ke taolo ya koloi, mme seo sa baka kotsi.

A re ba le babedi ba ne ba robadiwa morago ga go bona dikgobalo tsa go robega mabogo, a le mongwe a ne a romelwa kwa kokelong ya Princess Marina kwa Gaborone ka dikgobalo mo mahatlheng, fa ba le batlhamo bone ba ne alafiwa mme ba gololwa gone foo.

Moswi o tlhologa kwa Omaweneno.

Supt Mmopi o gakolotse bakgweetsi go obamela matshwao a tsela le go nna kelotlhoko ka nako tsothle le gone go ikgapha mo go tsa nnotagi fa ba kgweetsa.

A re tsela ya Khawa ke ya lekgarapana, e dikhuti, gape e itsoketsa kgapetsakgapetsa ka jalo e tlhoka gore mokgweetsi a

nne kelotlhoko.

O tlhalositse gape gore ba begetswe tiragalo ya petelelo ka Matlhatso kwa Khawa.

A re mme wa dingwaga tse di masome mabedi le bone wa Tsabong o ikuetse mo mapodising morago ga gore monna wa dingwaga tse di masome mabedi le borataro wa Khuis a tlhakanele dikobo le ene ntle le tumalano.

Supt Mmopi a re mmelaelwa o mo diatleng tsa mapodisi, fa ditlhotlhomiso tsone di tswelutse.

Fa a soboka ditiragalo tsa moletlo wa ngwaga le ngwaga wa Khawa Dune Challenge, Supt Mmopi a re le fa go nnile le ditiragalo tsa borukuthi jaaka kangang ya petelelo, tshoboko ke gore bontsi jwa ba ba neng ba le koo ba ne ba lemoga botlhokwa jwa go ipela ka kagiso. **BOPA**

Dulux empowers Mahetlwe youth

By Lindi Morwaeng

MAHETLWE - Dulux Botswana has empowered 25 youth of Mahetlwe with painting skills in its mission to meaningfully give back to the communities.

The training programme is aimed at boosting youth with life skills and community development saw the 25 graduates being awarded certificates of completion in Mahetlwe on Friday.

"Instead of just donating paint or painting buildings for people, we go a step further by engaging and empowering the locals with the skill to do it themselves. This way, we are not only improving infrastructure but also equipping people with skills that can sustain them economically," said Dulux Country Sales Manager, Mr Ayanda Sempe.

The community upliftment initiative is part of Dulux corporate social responsibility, and was executed in collaboration with Molepolole North Constituency office.

He said the painting course covered surface preparation, paint mixing, brush and roller techniques, wall coating and finishing skills.

Mr Sempe said the acquired skills could help the trainees find work in their communities or even start their own painting businesses.

The country Sales Manager said

similar community empowerment projects have been carried out in Shakawe, Goodhope, and at St. Joseph College.

Mr Sempe said the projects reaffirmed Dulux commitment to expanding its community outreach programme.

Molepolole North Member of Parliament, Mr Arafat Khan said Dulux graciously consented to his idea of training and empowering the young people of Mahetlwe.

He said the training programme covered painting of the Kgotla shelter walls, tribal administration offices and the community hall.

"This project is about leaving a legacy of empowerment," said MP Khan.

"Dulux didn't just paint our buildings, they taught our young people to fish," the area MP added. Deputy Bakwena Paramount Chief, Kgosi Lawrence Mhaladi said the initiative which included painting of the Kgotla shelter and office was a welcome development.

"Today, our Kgotla and offices have a fresh new face.

This is the spirit of leadership we value," said Kgosi Mhaladi.

He nonetheless encouraged the graduates to uphold integrity and community service in their future work.

One of the trainees, Mr Gaamangwe Morwaesi, said they did not just gain painting skills but also learned teamwork, discipline and social skills. **BOPA**



A kgotla shelter that was refurbished by Mahetlwe youth with the help of Dulux Botswana recently. As part of their corporate social responsibility, Dulux Botswana has empowered 25 Mahetlwe youth with painting skills. The training programme is aimed at boosting the youth with life skills and community development. Photo: Lindi Morwaeng



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

- **Kazungula Bridge Project Office**
- Tender Reference No. KBP/SP/03/2024-LOT 1A
- Procurement Requirements are: Procurement of Services for Landscaping, Grounds Cleaning and Waste Management Services
- Sealed Tender offers are invited from 100% citizen owned companies for the provision of Services for Landscaping, Grounds Cleaning and Waste Management Services for Kazungula Bridge Project Office at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post-Botswana for a period of 12 Months
- The Procuring Entity is Kazungula Bridge Project Office
- Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
- Tenderers who are domiciled in Botswana must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
 - Code: 137 - Gardening and Landscaping Services.
 - Sub code(s): 01 – Gardening, Landscaping and Maintenance.
 - Code: 103 – Collection and Disposal of Hazardous Material
 - Sub code(s): 02 - Refuse collection and disposal services
- This tender is reserved for Citizen Service providers in line with Section 76 of the Public Procurement Act.
- Preference Margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the following schemes:
 - Directive on the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD), Presidential Directive CAB 34 (B) 2014 will also be applied
 - The Directive CAB 19(B) 2013: Local Procurement Scheme (LPS) shall apply in this tender and bidders shall complete the Local Procurement Registration Certificate Attached. The Bidders shall submit evidence for youth, women, disability, rural setting and employment.
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Administrator Office, Kazungula Bridge project Office
- DRTS Plot, Along A33 Road, Kazungula, Botswana
- Documents may be collected during working hours between 08:00hrs – 12:30hrs and 14:00hrs - 17:00hrs

A non-refundable deposit of P500.00 payable by Bank deposit to the Account below and produce deposit proof upon collection of the tender documents in favor of the Kazungula Bridge Project Office. Proof of payment may be sent to records@kazungulabridgeproject.com and the soft copy of the ITT/ Bidding document will be availed by the Kazungula Bridge Project Office.

Youth owned companies shall pay only P250.00 as per Presidential Directive CAB 14(B) 2015 In addition, youth companies shall provide certified copies of Omang for shareholders.

Account Details:

Account Name: Kazungula Bridge Project
Bank Name: Absa Bank of Botswana
Account No. 1071042
Branch Name: Maun
Branch Code: 291967
Swift Code: BARCBWGX
Account: Corporate Current Account
Currency: BOTSWANA PULA (BWP)

- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing no later than 5 days before the tender closing date to Mr. Mothusi Ntseme and Eng. Lazarous Nyawali at Tel No. 6253029, e-mail: records@kazungulabridgeproject.com
 - A compulsory site visit and/ or pre tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Kazungula OSBP Botswana on 14th July 2025 starting at 09:00hrs.
 - No persons participating in the site visit shall be allowed to represent more than one tenderer. A site visit attendance register will be signed on site as evidence of site visit attendance. Any clarifications regarding the tender will be addressed onsite.
 - Any bidder who fails to attend the site visit shall be disqualified from further participation on the tender.
 - The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is 09:00 hours on 28th July 2025
 - Late tender offers will not be accepted.
- The Bid Submission Method is: One envelope Submission Method in which a single envelope or package method in which a bid is submitted in a one sealed envelope or package.
- One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and 3 duplicate copies of the original
 - Document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked
 - "Tender Reference No. KBP/SP/03/2025-LOT 1A Procurement of Services for Landscaping, Grounds Cleaning and Waste Management Services for Kazungula Bridge Project Office at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post-Botswana" shall be delivered to Kazungula Bridge Project Office.
 - The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority's Standardised Conditions of Tender for Services apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

{Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, Kazungula Bridge Project Office is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.}

Mr. Mothusi Ntseme
Ag Project Manager
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CHANGE OF LAND-USE. P.
Moedi, owner of Plot 7951
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Planning office on 310 5615
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CHANGE OF LANDUSE I Lorato
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days of publication of this notice.
Any inconvenience caused with the
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regretted

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT- 000427/24
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **TEEDZANI BAPUTAKIE ESHFT- 000427/24** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the 13th December 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE 2025

THATO MONYI AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG F13
P O BOX 757 FRANCISTOWN
FRANCISTOWN CONTACT: 74587553

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION IN
TERMS OF SECTION 3 OF THE LAND CONTROL ACT, 1986**

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 5 of the Land Control Act that **SHERWOOD VILLAGE INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** intends to enter into a Sale Agreement with **CAMP HHA PROPRIETARY LIMITED** a non-citizen company in respect of the below mentioned property, for the consideration of **\$565,000.00 (FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS)** or the pula equivalent namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Portion 12 (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Albertina No: 5-LQ;
SITUATE: in the Tuli Block;
MEASURING: 629,5869Ha (Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Comma Five Eight Six Nine Hectares);
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ANY citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

ANY citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the offices of the Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services, Plot Number 1108 AKD Building Main Mall, Private Bag 00434.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

Osei-Ofei Legal.
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P O Box 26546,
GABORONE

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT FRANCISTOWN** Master's Reference: ESHFT000121/22
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOIKAEGO BOTOTENG- ESHFT000121/22** who died at Central-Boteti District on the 24 March 2022.

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DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE 2025

Gofamodimo Mmanie Majo EXECUTOR DATIVE AND TO: Master of the High Court
P O BOX 889 LETLHAKANE Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
Cell Number: 76 702 777

THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT GABORONE Master's Reference: ESHFT — ESHGB-000599/25

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Norah Jenamo Kefithile** who died at Goo Madisa Ward, Metsimothabe, Central — Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 20th day of May 2025.

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DATED at Gaborone this 27th day of July 2025.

Norman Nkosana, The Executrix Dative, P.O. Box 46, Chadibe North.
AND TO: Master of the High court, Private Bag 00220, Gaborone

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for certified copy of **Deed No: F TTL 390/2008** dated the **11th November 2008** made in favour of **ESTATE LATE BROTHER MTSHAVELI KHUPE** in respect of:

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Measuring: 1602 m² (One Thousand Six Hundred and Two Square Metres)
Situate: At Jackalas No. 1 in the Tati Tribal Area
Held Under: Deed No.: F TTL 390/2008

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- Strong leadership and team management experience.
- Familiarity with CRM tools, digital analytics, and industrial marketing automation platforms.

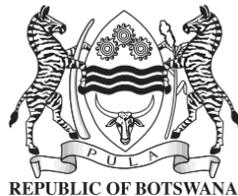
Key Competencies & Skills:

- In-depth understanding of CPVC pipe systems, specifications, and customer applications.
- Strong strategic thinking, market forecasting, and business planning capabilities.
- Exceptional communication, negotiation, and interpersonal skills.
- Strong data-driven mindset with the ability to analyse marketing metrics and KPIs.
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced manufacturing environment with a solution-oriented approach.
- High proficiency in MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, and digital marketing tools (e.g. Google Analytics, HubSpot, etc.).

To apply and be considered for this position, please email your application to: recruitment@flortekafrika.com

NB: **ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE RESPONDED TO.**

CLOSING DATE: July 14th, 2025



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

- Tender Reference No. KBPO/SP/04/2024-LOT 2A
- Tender Title: **A Tender for the Procurement of Office Cleaning Services for Kazungula Bridge Project Office at Kazungula One Stop Border Post for a duration of twelve (12) Months**
- Sealed Tender offers are invited for the provision of Cleaning Services at Kazungula Bridge One Stop Border Post for a duration of twelve (12) months.
- The Procuring Entity is Kazungula Bridge Project Office
- Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
- Tenderers who are domiciled in Botswana must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
 - Code: 132 Cleaning Services.
 - Sub code(s): 01 Building Cleaning Services (including windows, carpets & others),
 - 04 Hazardous Materials
- The tender is reserved for 100% citizens or citizen owned contractors as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.
- *Directive on the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD), Presidential Directive CAB 34 (B) 2014 will be applied in this tender.*
- *Directive on Local Procurement Scheme (LPS) of Presidential Directive CAB 19 (B) 2013 will also apply to this tender.*
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Administrator Office, Kazungula Bridge Project Office
- DRTS Plot, Along A33 Road, Kazungula, Botswana
- Documents may be collected from 20th June 2025 during working hours between **08:00hrs – 12:30hrs and 14:00hrs - 17:00hrs**
- A non-refundable deposit of **P500.00** payable by Bank deposit to the Account below and produce deposit proof upon collection of the tender documents in favour of the Kazungula Bridge Project Office. Proof of payment may be sent to records@kazungulabridgeproject.com and the soft copy of the ITT/ Bidding document will be availed by the Kazungula Bridge Project Office.
- Youth owned companies shall pay only **P250.00** as per Presidential Directive CAB 14(B) 2015 In addition, youth companies shall provide certified copies of Omang for shareholders.

Account Details:

Account Name: Kazungula Bridge Project
Bank Name: Absa Bank of Botswana
Account No. 1071042

Branch Name: Maun
Branch Code: 291967
Swift Code: BARCBWGX
Account: Corporate Current Account
Currency: BOTSWANA PULA (BWP)

- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than five (5) days before the tender closing date to Mr. Mothusi Ntseme and Eng. Lazarous Nyawali at Tel No.6253029, Fax No. 6251495, email- records@kazungulabridgeproject.com.
- A compulsory site visit and/ or pre-tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Kazungula One Stop Border Post on **14th July 2025** starting at **14:00hrs**, at the entrance gate parking lot.
- No persons participating in the site visit shall be allowed to represent more than one tenderer. A site visit attendance register will be signed on site as evidence of site visit attendance. Any clarifications regarding the tender will be addressed onsite.
- Any bidder who fails to attend the site visit shall be disqualified from further participation on the tender.
- The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **12:00hrs on 28th July 2025**.
- Late tender offers will not be accepted.

- The Bid Submission Method is: One envelope Submission Method in which a single envelope or package method in which a bid is submitted in a one sealed envelope or package
- One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and 3 duplicate copies of the original Document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked

“Tender Reference No. KBPO/SP/03/2024-LOT 2A Procurement of Services for Office Cleaning Services for Kazungula Bridge Project Office at Kazungula Bridge One Stop Border Post-Botswana” and shall be delivered to Kazungula Bridge Project Office.

The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Standardised Conditions of Tender for Services shall apply to this procurement, for which all the applicable Tender Data is contained in the tender documents.

{Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Kazungula Bridge Project Office is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer.}

Mr Mothusi Ntseme
Acting Project Manager
Kazungula Bridge Project Office
Botswana

Eng. Lazarous Nyawali
Project Manager
Kazungula Bridge Project Office
Zambia

'Be global solution makers'

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - As gender-based violence (GBV) continues to pose a serious challenge in Botswana, Miss Universe Botswana finalists have been urged to lead by example and become voices of dignity and national pride.

South Africa High Commissioner to Botswana Thaninga Shope-Soumah implored the young women to use their platforms to speak out against GBV and to promote respect, both in their homes and broader society.

She made the call on Monday ahead of the Miss Universe Botswana finalists departure to South Africa for a bootcamp.

"The education we give our children especially our boys matters," she said and further advised them to teach boys to never shout or hit a woman. "Gender-based violence begins with what children see at home, and that is where we must start changing the narrative," she said.

She reminded them that GBV was not only physical, but also emotional, and encouraged media and entertainment industries to contribute to the fight through awareness and representation. "We need dramas that educate people about the dangers of violence.

We must keep speaking about it until it stops," she said.

She challenged the contestants to carry themselves with absolute dignity and confidence as they represent Botswana during the regional tour and to embrace their roles as ambassadors, reminding them to be grounded, disciplined, and informed.

"You must know your country, its challenges, strengths, be aware of issues like GDP and food security. If someone asks you what Botswana is about, have an answer. Know Thailand too where one of you is going to represent Botswana. Don't say, 'I don't know where it is.' Learn about it. Learn about Africa." She stressed the importance of global and continental awareness, adding that they should be able to engage with confidence on various topics such as youth empowerment, economic development, or diplomatic ties among others.

The boot camp, will see contestants visit iconic sites including Sun City, Pretoria and Johannesburg and key economic and diplomatic hubs.

Shope-Soumah described this as an important step in exposing young Botswana to real-world trade systems, continental partnerships, and how infrastructure linked economies.

"We cannot bring the world to Botswana without South Africa. Everything must pass through our neighbour. That is why this trip matters not just for beauty, but for understanding Africa's business and diplomatic heart."

She spoke about global challenges such as racism, sexism, and drugs, urging the finalists to remain focused and alert.

She advised them to never let anyone make them quit or change who they were. Sharing a personal experience working with vulnerable youth affected by drugs, the envoy underscored the need for strong moral foundations and peer guidance.

"When you see a sister going down the wrong path, speak up. Do not fall into traps like sugar daddies or peer pressure. Walk with dignity and purpose, because whatever you do, you carry the flag of Botswana"

As they prepare to represent Botswana on global platforms, including the Miss Universe stage they were reminded that true beauty lies in their ability to think boldly, act responsibly, and lead with grace. **BOPA**



Miss Universe Botswana finalists with South Africa High Commissioner, Thaninga Shope-Soumah (centre) and Miss Universe Botswana director, Safie Sekgwa (left) during a visit to the high commission in Gaborone on Monday. The finalists left for South Africa on Tuesday to attend a bootcamp, which runs until July 10. Photo: Dimpho Buisanyang

Kebakile narrates *Elephant* in Setswana

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Oratile Kebakile has made history by lending her voice to the first-ever Disney film narrated entirely in Setswana, bringing Disney Nature's *Elephant* to life for local

audiences at its African premiere during the recent Wildscreen Film Festival in Maun.

Originally released in 2020 and narrated in English by the Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle, *Elephant* has now been translated into Setswana.



Oratile Kebakile

Kebakile, a celebrated Motswana creative known for her work in radio broadcasting, advertising, and as the voice behind a popular cellular network call centre line (123), was chosen to narrate the localised version of the film.

"It's a tremendous milestone for Setswana-speaking creatives and audiences who have longed to hear their mother tongue in films that tell stories about our natural heritage," said Kebakile.

She co-translated the script with Isaiah Mwesi of Elephants Without Borders, infusing the narration with her own heartfelt interpretation.

Participating in this landmark project signifies more than just a career highlight for the local talent, as it is a step forward in diversifying the African wildlife filmmaking landscape.

"It was an exciting experience to be part of the real-time transformation of the nature and wildlife filmmaking space in Africa. This opportunity helped amplify the visibility of African talent in the sector and opened doors for future collaborations," said Kebakile.

The hour-long documentary follows Shani, a majestic African elephant, and her spirited son, Jomo as they embark on an epic migration from the Okavango Delta to the Zambezi River, retracing the footsteps of

countless elephant generations before them.

"The film also explores the unique nature of these magnificent creatures. They are incredibly intelligent, deeply social and fiercely loyal. Qualities that shine through in their journey," Kebakile explained.

Set against the backdrop of Botswana's rarely seen landscapes, the film immerses viewers in the breath taking beauty of the country, globally recognised as a premier safari destination and home to the largest elephant population in the world.

Through Kebakile's narration, audiences are guided through Botswana's vibrant natural ecosystems and the harmonious relationship between wildlife and their environment.

Kebakile expressed heartfelt gratitude to AfriScreen Films, the Maun-based production company specialising in natural history storytelling, for entrusting her with this groundbreaking role.

"It feels amazing to say I've worked with some of the best professionals in the industry on this film," she said.

The Setswana version of *Elephant* is slated to air on Botswana Television, with the official broadcast date yet to be announced. **BOPA**

Marathon lives up to expectation

By Keith Ketji

SEROWE - Participants turned out in large numbers for the Annual Sir Seretse Khama Marathon in Serowe on Tuesday.

The event, which honours Botswana's founding president, Sir Seretse, brought together runners, fitness enthusiasts and community

members to celebrate his legacy through sport.

Speaking in an interview following the marathon on Tuesday, chairperson of Sir Seretse Khama Marathon 2025 organising committee Dineo Tumotumo said the marathon turned out to an exciting even, drawing hordes of international athletes and

spectators alike.

He said all the categories of the marathon went well and they were looking forward for the third edition to assimilate the race into Botswana Athletics Association calendar and enable athletes to qualify for international meets through the race.

Tumotumo said such was not a

small feat, pointing out that the 21 kilometre race was commissioned by Kgosi Khama IV of Gammangwato at Serowe Sports complex while in Palapye, Minister of Water and Human Settlement, Onneetse Ramogapi and also area MP kick-started the 42 kilometre race that culminated in Serowe.

Serowe West MP, Onalepelo

Kedikilwe kickstarted the five kilometre race while the MP for Serowe and Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Baratiwa Mathoothe, and commissioned the 10 km.

Tumotumo said most of the 560 athletes that registered took part in the event and an addition of 95 of unexpected people or who did not register also turned-up to be part of the marathon, some doing the fun run.

He said it was the committee's mission to minimise complaints and ensure the marathon lived up to expectations to honour the legacy of Sir Seretse Khama.

Kitsiso Joseph of BDF Athletics Club who won 42 km of women's category said the race was good and thanked organisers for creating a conducive environment for athletes to thrive.

Meanwhile, Lazurus Too of Kenya got position one in 42 km men's category after clocking 2:17:53. Kagiso Lefela scooped position one for people living with disability in 10 km.

Lopang Oontse of Mmadinare Athletics Club scooped position one in 10 km senior men category while Gaone Bathoeng of BDF athletics club got position one in women's category in 21 km. Position one of 10 km in women's category went to Mosadikwena Gotswakgosi of BDF athletics club.

Diteko Kethomilwe of Selebi-Phikwe athletics club won the five kilometres race in women's category while the five kilometres for men was won by Karabo Teko of Jwaneng athletics club.

Tatenda Ndove from Zimbabwe of Black Rhinos athletics club won the 21 km race for men's category.

10 km veteran category for men went to Collins Dube of Francistown athletics club who scooped position one.

In an interview, Lefela said the race was just fine but needed one to be strategic to reach a podium finish, whilst Too said he enjoyed the race even though his body took a while to respond to the demands of the race. **BOPA**



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LONDON - Coco Gauff competing during the women's singles first round match against Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in Britain on Tuesday. Photo: Xinhua

Namibia to host AUSC Region 5 Youth Games

WINDHOEK - Namibia will welcome more than 2 000 athletes and officials from 10 southern African countries and regions as the 11th African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 Youth Games opens on Friday.

In a statement, Namibia's sports minister Sanet Steenkamp said the biennial multi-sport event for athletes under 20 would take place in Windhoek and Swakopmund from July 4 to 13.

The Games will feature 14 sporting disciplines, including athletics, swimming, football, basketball, boxing, judo, volleyball and e-sports. Namibia will host 314 athletes and officials as part of its own delegation, while South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe are expected to send some of the largest teams.

Steenkamp said Namibia had undertaken a series of infrastructure upgrades in preparation for the event.

These include the refurbishment of sports facilities, improvements to a major stadium, and the installation of a heating system at a national swimming pool to meet World Aquatics (formerly FINA) standards.

She noted the Games would also help Namibian athletes prepare for upcoming events, including the Africa School Sports Games and the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.

The event forms part of Namibia's broader talent

development strategy aimed at achieving Olympic podium finishes under the country's "Road to 2028 Los Angeles & Beyond" program, Steenkamp said. **Xinhua**

Nations eye Rugby Africa Cup as 2027 world cup qualifier

WINDHOEK - The Namibia Rugby Union (NRU) on Tuesday announced a 28-man squad for the 2025 Rugby Africa Cup, scheduled to take place in Uganda from July 8 to July 19.

The Rugby Africa Cup is a continental rugby union tournament, which will mark a pivotal moment as Namibia embarks on its qualification campaign for the 2027 Rugby World Cup.

The named squad comprises 17 forwards and 11 backs, who in turn will be supported by a 10-man technical management team.

"This is the team that we pin our hopes on to get us qualified for the World Cup," NRU President Petri Theron said at a press briefing in Windhoek, Namibia.

This year's 2025 tournament will include participating countries

such as Uganda, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Namibia, Kenya, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, and the winner of the 2024 Men's Rugby Africa Cup Repechage, Morocco.

Namibia enters the tournament following a disappointing 73-6 loss to Italy in a one-sided international friendly match played in Windhoek recently.

Despite the setback, Theron expressed confidence in the team's prospects.

"We wish them well for the final preparations and the tournament, and we fully believe this team will qualify for the World Cup," he said. Currently, the Rugby Africa Cup champions are Zimbabwe.

This year's winner of the 2025 Rugby Africa Cup will directly qualify for the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia. **Xinhua**



CASABALANCA - The Mares physiotherapist, Unoda Chepete massaging players during a training session in Morocco. She said the team was currently free of injuries, noting they had minor knocks and bumps, which were typical for players during training. Photo: Anastacia Sibanda

Team fit, ready to go

By Anastacia Sibanda

CASABALANCA - The national women's football team, The Mares, are ready to showcase their strength at the 2024 TotalEnergies WAFCON, kicking off this Saturday in Casablanca, Morocco.

The team is in Group B with Algeria, Nigeria and Tunisia, and their first assignment will be against Algeria on Sunday. They

will thereafter face Nigeria on July 10, followed by Tunisia on July 13

The Mares' physiotherapist, Unoda Chepete stated in an interview that the team was currently free of injuries, noting they had minor knocks and bumps, which were typical for players during training.

She mentioned that some were carried over from the player's respective clubs but there was

currently no player with an injury that could affect their ability to play effectively.

"Even at training they are very consistent with stretches, and the physical trainer and performance coach helps them with good stretching techniques," he said.

Chepete said injury prevention was top priority at their camp to enable smooth performance of the team.

She also noted that players were

encouraged to stay hydrated, as proper muscle function relied on well-functioning mitochondria.

Mitochondria is part of a cell responsible for producing the energy needed for its survival and proper functioning, therefore, Chepete explained that without proper hydration, the body became strained due to lack of essential nutrients reaching the cells. She stressed that water played a vital role in the recovery process.

A football physiotherapist plays a crucial role in both injury prevention and rehabilitation for players.

They assess, diagnose, and treat musculoskeletal injuries, develop and implement injury prevention programs, and create rehabilitation plans for injured players.

Additionally, they work to optimise players performance and help them return to the field safely after an injury. **BOPA**

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