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The northbound bus that was involved in a road traffic accident near Lecheng Lands on Sunday left nine people dead. Palapye Police Station Commander Koziba Phuluweni said they had launched investigations to establish the cause of the accident and determine the full circumstances surrounding the crash. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Nine die in bus crash

Tshiamiso Mosetlha
SEROWE

Nine people died and 36 others were seriously injured after an NKK Express bus overturned on Sunday evening along the A1 road near Lechana lands, Palapye police have confirmed.

Palapye Station Commander Superintendent Koziba Phuluweni, said the northbound bus was carrying 45 passengers from Gaborone to Francistown when it struck a cow at about 1930pm. “The impact caused the driver to lose control and the bus overturned,” Superintendent Phuluweni said.

All nine fatalities, including the driver, were declared dead on arrival at Palapye Primary Hospital. The remaining passengers received treatment for serious injuries. Two of the injured were transferred to Sekgoma Memorial Hospital in Serowe, two to Mahalapye Hospital, and three

were referred to Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital for further care. Superintendent Phuluweni said the deceased had not yet been identified. Police have appealed to members of the public to assist by visiting the Palapye Hospital mortuary. Investigations into the cause of the accident are ongoing. **BOPA**

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Police refurbishment saves govt over P600,000

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

The Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, has applauded Dulux Botswana and other stakeholders who contributed to the refurbishment and maintenance of the Jwaneng Police Station.

The project, which was undertaken in collaboration with the Ikageng Public Works Program, Jwaneng Technical College, and Jwaneng Mine, commenced in May and incurred a material cost of P140,000 donated by Dulux Botswana, bringing the total project cost to over P328,000.

Speaking at the handover ceremony on Thursday, Mr Mohwasa noted that the collaborative efforts saved the government over P600,000.

“According to the quantity surveyor’s estimates, the

‘The government would have spent more than P620,000 had these works been undertaken through conventional contracting methods.’

government would have spent more than P620,000 had these works been undertaken through conventional contracting methods. This project, therefore, demonstrates that strong partnerships not only deliver quality outcomes but also ensure greater value for public resources,” he said.

Additionally, Minister Mohwasa noted that the technical training and mentoring provided during the refurbishment represent a long-term investment in the country’s skills bank.

He highlighted that such skills empowerment could go a long way in reducing crime and other social ills, adding that the project is a testament that collaboration is key to delivering national development.

Also, Mr Mohwasa underscored the need to invest in the welfare and working conditions of the public service to enhance dignity and service delivery.

“This refurbished police station is a practical example of what can be achieved through a spirit of partnership to improve the working environment of our officers, enhance service delivery, and provide a more welcoming environment for every citizen who comes here seeking assistance. When we invest in the welfare of those who serve the public, we ultimately improve the quality of service to every Motswana,” he said.

He stated that in light of the fiscal challenges the government is currently facing, the collaboration is worth emulating by other stakeholders across the country.

He reassured the public that the government remains committed to infrastructure development, funds permitting.

Dulux Botswana Country Sales Manager, Mr Ayanda Sempe, said that as a way of giving back to the community, they imparted practical skills to 40 people during

the project, building on similar benefits provided in previous initiatives.

He noted that the gesture was intended not only to improve the aesthetics of the structures but also to uplift the spirits of the community as they reclaim their dignity.

“This initiative is more than just a donation of paint; it is a symbol of renewal, care, and commitment. We believe that a fresh coat of paint can transform not only buildings but also the spirits of the people who use them, whether it is a school, clinic, or community center. These spaces deserve to shine as areas of hope, learning, and healing,” he said.

For his part, Botswana Police Service Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Mr Katlholo Mosimanegape, noted that the project aligns with the Adopt-a-Police-Station initiative, which aims to open up collaborations with stakeholders to improve police stations across the country.

He applauded the corporate entities that continue to support this program in various capacities. He concluded that the face-lifting would motivate officers to deliver quality service to the public.

“This is the community service we are always talking about, and with this refurbishment, the customer is assured of a high standard of service,” he noted.

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Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (second left) at the official handover of the refurbished Jwaneng Police Station recently. The refurbishment project was a collaboration between various stakeholders including Dulux Botswana, Jwaneng Mine and Jwaneng Town Council. Photo: Khumile Moekejo

Machacha commends Chinese medical teams

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

The Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Dr Tshepo Machacha, has expressed gratitude for the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by successive Chinese Medical Teams.

He stated that their work has improved access to specialised healthcare, strengthened Botswana’s health workforce and contributed to better health outcomes.

Speaking during the farewell ceremony for the 17th China medical team and the official welcome of the 18th China medical team in Gaborone on Thursday, Dr Machacha said the deployment of Chinese medical professionals

every two years remained one of the most significant achievements of the longstanding health partnership between Botswana and China.

He noted that the Chinese medical teams had become an integral part of Botswana’s healthcare system by providing specialist services at the country’s two national referral hospitals namely; Princess Marina and Nyangabgwe referral hospitals while supporting skills transfer and capacity building among local healthcare professionals.

“The outgoing 17th China medical team, comprising 28 medical specialists and 11 nurses, offered specialized services in anesthesia, surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedics, acupuncture, pediatrics, internal medicine, and nursing care, among other clinical disciplines,” he said.

Dr Machacha described the team’s achievements during its assignment as remarkable, having provided more than 300 000 medical consultations and treatments, participated in over 8 100 surgical procedures, managed more than 5 000 critically ill and emergency cases, conducted seven free medical outreach programmes and trained more than 1 400 local healthcare professionals.

He said the accomplishments reflected the team’s commitment, professionalism and unwavering dedication to serving Batswana.

Beyond delivering specialist medical care, Dr Machacha said the team embraced Botswana as its second home, integrating into local healthcare institutions despite differences in language and culture.

He noted that members built

strong professional relationships with local healthcare workers through shared learning, professional exchanges and teamwork.

He also praised the team’s introduction and promotion of acupuncture services, stating that the initiative had expanded treatment options for patients while exposing local healthcare professionals to traditional Chinese medicine.

“Hundreds of patients have already benefited from the service,” he said.

According to Dr Machacha, the team’s contributions resulted in an increase in specialised procedures being performed at referral hospitals, enabling patients to receive timely treatment and improving the quality of specialist healthcare services.

He further highlighted the team’s commitment to sustainable healthcare through knowledge and technology transfer, academic collaboration, medical equipment donations and community engagement, initiatives that have strengthened Botswana’s healthcare system beyond direct patient care.

In the same vein, Dr Machacha welcomed the 18th China medical team, expressing confidence that it would continue delivering quality specialist healthcare services while sharing knowledge and expertise with Botswana’s healthcare professionals over the next two years.

He added that Botswana looks forward to expanding cooperation with China through initiatives aimed at reducing the cataract surgery backlog, establishing a paired hospital mechanism in urology, and creating structured exchange programs that will provide Botswana’s healthcare professionals with advanced training and exposure in Chinese hospitals. **BOPA**



Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Dr Tshepo Machacha (fourth right), Chinese Ambassador, Mr Fan Yong (fifth right), Chinese Medical team and other dignitaries at a farewell ceremony for the 17th China Medical Team and welcome of the 18th medical team in Gaborone on Thursday. Dr Machacha said the deployment of Chinese medical professionals every two years remained one of the significant achievements of the longstanding health partnership between Botswana and China. Photo: Felicity Male

'ConCourt safeguards human rights'

Booster Mogapi
MMOPANE

Public education on human rights remain important for people to appreciate the establishment of the Constitutional Court (Concourt). Panelists at the ConCourt panel discussion at Mmopane Primary School on Thursday in Mmopane said Batswana should understand that the ConCourt will safeguard their human rights. Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe Constituency office organised a panel discussion which forms part of a nationwide consultation process to exchange views with members of the public on the proposed establishment of a ConCourt. One of the panelists Mr Modiri Motshegwe, a scholar at the University of Botswana explains how a dedicated court will safeguard human rights and provide citizens with faster access to justice. He noted that the consultative process had potential to strengthen Botswana's democracy, transparency and protection of human rights. Mr Motshegwe explained said litigation in a ConCourt allowed direct access, significantly reducing costs and making justice more accessible to all.

'The ConCourt would align with the Constitution of Botswana with the main object of safeguarding human rights.'

Another panelist, Mr Butite Galeboe, a constituent, equally concurred that the ConCourt would raise awareness on human rights and the education and safeguard the interests of the coming generation. He stressed the importance of public education on the

introduction of the ConCourt adding that Batswana should not be afraid as it was meant for the good of the nation. Mr Galeboe said everything that was new might not be well received by people but it does not mean it was not important. Participants expressed support for the initiative with many viewing it as an important step to serve all citizens equally highlighting concerns that legal costs often hinder access to justice. Some attendants wanted clarity on the process of accessing ConCourt services. Ms Gorata Marumo asked about the steps that one takes to get their case registered with a ConCourt. Ms Kgakgamatso Moyo wanted to know if one must get legal representation to approach the ConCourt and whether one was at liberty to personally register their case at the court and be provided with legal representation by government. Member of Parliament for Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe, Ms Helen Manyeneng reassured her constituents that the ConCourt would align with the Constitution of Botswana with the main object of safeguarding human rights. She allayed fears that the ConCourt would be established to abolish the death penalty and allow for the legality of same-sex marriage, arguing that there were other courts designed to deal with such cases. Ms Manyeneng said the Constitution would give guidance on the do's and don'ts of the law. Ms Manyeneng added that in many instances human rights violation were on the high with many Batswana losing their inheritances along the way as there was no court to effectively deal with human rights cases. She said the ConCourt would give Batswana an opportunity to lodge cases on violation of their human rights and ensure that justice prevails. **BOPA**



Ministry of Health spokesperson, Dr Christopher Nyanga, said Botswana was operating under alert mode with all public health emergency systems fully activated.

Botswana heightens Ebola preparedness

Taboka Ngwako
GABORONE

Botswana has intensified Ebola preparedness measures following reported cases in parts of Central Africa, with the Ministry of Health assuring the public that the country remains on high alert. According to ministry's spokesperson, Dr Christopher Nyanga Botswana is operating under alert mode with all public health emergency systems fully activated. "While no cases have been detected, all technical pillars under the Public Health Emergency Management framework have been activated," he said. He said the country had implemented a costed national Ebola preparedness and contingency plan supported by Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) and Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs), which were on standby

and undergoing continuous training in outbreak response, including case investigation, contact tracing, sample collection and infection prevention and control. Dr Nyanga said surveillance has been strengthened at all border posts and points of entry, with mandatory screening for travellers from affected regions. "Truck drivers from affected countries and all other cross-border travellers are subjected to mandatory health screening," he said, adding that measures included temperature checks, health declaration forms and visual assessments, with designated holding areas for suspected cases. He further said isolation facilities had been identified across all districts and supply chains activated to ensure availability of PPE and essential medical supplies. Although Botswana had secured

medication and related supplies, the circulating Bundibugyo virus currently has no specific therapeutics and vaccines, with treatment focusing on supportive care. Dr Nyanga said Botswana was also working with neighbouring countries, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) to strengthen surveillance and information sharing. He further urged members of the public to be alert to symptoms including sudden fever, severe weakness, muscle and joint pain, persistent headache, vomiting, diarrhoea and in some cases unexplained bleeding or bruising, especially after travel to affected areas. "Anyone who develops these symptoms within 21 days of travel should immediately isolate and seek urgent medical attention," he said. **BOPA**

UAE market opens opportunities for beef exports

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Botswana's efforts to expand beef exports into the lucrative Middle East market have received a significant boost following the successful accreditation and listing of the Maun Abattoir for exports to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Acting Ambassador of Botswana to Kuwait, with accreditation to Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, Mr Amangwe Madisakwana, said the development marked a major milestone in Botswana's strategy to diversify its beef export markets. He said the accreditation would unlock new opportunities for cattle farmers in Ngamiland while strengthening Botswana's position as a supplier of premium, organic beef to high-value international

markets. Mr Madisakwana said the Maun Abattoir had successfully met the UAE's stringent inspection requirements, including compliance with halal slaughter procedures and internationally recognised food safety standards, paving the way for exports to Gulf markets where demand for high-quality beef continue to grow. He noted that, beyond the UAE, the accreditation could facilitate access to other member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including the State of Qatar, which accredited Botswana's beef exports in August 2025. "The accreditation of the Maun Abattoir represents a major milestone for Botswana's beef industry. It will provide farmers in Ngamiland with access to premium markets, improve returns

for producers and contribute to economic growth through increased exports," he said. Mr Madisakwana said the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) had been actively pursuing market diversification beyond its traditional European destinations, identifying the UAE and the wider Gulf region as strategic markets for Botswana's hormone-free, grass-fed beef. He said opening the UAE market to beef processed at the Maun Abattoir was expected to stimulate demand for cattle from the Ngamiland region, where communal farmers had long sought access to premium export markets. The development, he said, was also expected to encourage increased livestock production, support agricultural exports and contribute to the country's economic diversification agenda. Mr Madisakwana further expressed confidence that the accreditation would enhance Botswana's reputation as a reliable supplier of premium-quality beef while strengthening trade and investment ties with Middle Eastern markets, ultimately contributing to the country's gross domestic product (GDP). He also acknowledged the continued threat posed by foot-and-mouth disease in Ngamiland, largely due to the proximity of wildlife, but commended government for its efforts to contain the disease. "It is now up to the people of Maun to seize this opportunity and ensure they make the most of the market access that is within reach," said Mr Madisakwana. **BOPA**

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China donates medical equipment worth P180,000

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To strengthen Botswana’s healthcare capacity and improve patient care, the Chinese Embassy has donated medical equipment worth P180,000 to the Ministry of Health.

Speaking during a farewell ceremony for the 17th China medical team and a welcoming ceremony for the 18th China Medical Team on Thursday in Gaborone, the Ambassador of China to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong, said the donation reflected China’s continued commitment to supporting Botswana’s healthcare system and deepening bilateral cooperation in the health sector.

Mr Fan said the medical equipment formed part of broader efforts under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) to strengthen health partnerships and build sustainable healthcare capacity across Africa.

The donation includes among others, a multi-parameter patient monitor, an automatic electronic defibrillator, a portable ECG monitor, and two syringe pumps.

Mr Fan also announced two new health cooperation initiatives between the two countries: a hospital partnership programme between Fujian Provincial Hospital in China and Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in Francistown, as well as a dedicated cataract surgery project aimed at improving specialist eye care services in Botswana.

The Ambassador noted that healthcare has remained one of the cornerstones of China-Botswana relations since the establishment of diplomatic ties five decades ago.

China first dispatched a medical team to Botswana in 1981, marking the beginning of a partnership that has continued uninterrupted for 45 years.

Since then, 18 successive Chinese medical teams, comprising more than 600 medical professionals, have served in Botswana and provided healthcare services to more than three million patients.

According to Mr Fan, the contribution of the Chinese medical teams extended beyond clinical care, with members actively mentoring Botswana’s doctors and nurses, promoting hospital-to-hospital cooperation, and facilitating professional training opportunities



Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Dr Tshepo Machacha (left) receiving a donation of medical equipment worth P180,000 from Chinese Ambassador, Mr Fan Yong during a reception to bid farewell to the 17th Chinese Medical Team and welcome the 18th medical team in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Fan said among the 45 medical specialists who arrived in the country, 25 would be placed at Princess Marina Hospital, while 20 would serve at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital. Photo: Felicity Male

to ensure sustainable improvements within the country’s healthcare system.

“Their mission has not only been about treating patients but also about building local capacity and leaving behind knowledge and skills that continue to benefit Botswana long after each team has completed its assignment,” Mr. Fan said.

He paid tribute to the outgoing 17th China medical team, thanking its members for their dedication, professionalism, and compassion throughout their two-year mission.

He said the team had worked closely with Botswana healthcare professionals, saving lives, easing suffering, and strengthening the friendship between the peoples of China and Botswana.

Mr Fan also welcomed the newly arrived 18th China medical team, which landed in Gaborone on June 27 and consists of 46 specialists selected from leading hospitals in China’s Fujian Province. Twenty-five members will be based at Princess Marina Hospital in

Gaborone, while the remaining 21 will serve at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital in Francistown.

He expressed confidence that the new team would continue the long-standing tradition of providing high-quality medical services while sharing expertise with their Botswana counterparts.

Mr Fan stated also that China and Botswana elevated their relationship to a Strategic Partnership in 2024 and celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations in 2025.

He said the growing cooperation in healthcare demonstrated the strong and enduring friendship between the two countries and thanked the Ministry of Health, the Ministry for International Relations, Princess Marina Hospital, Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, and other government institutions for their continued support of the Chinese medical teams, expressing confidence that the partnership would continue to grow for the benefit of both nations.

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Butale urges inclusive green transition

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

Minister for International Relations, Dr Phenyio Butale, has called on African countries to take deliberate steps to ensure the continent’s transition to a low-carbon economy is fair, inclusive and creates opportunities for its people rather than deepening existing inequalities.

Officially opening the Just Transition Platform (JTP) Convening 2026 in Gaborone recently, Dr Butale said the debate was no longer about whether the global transition would happen, but about ensuring Africa charts a pathway that protected workers, empowered communities and promoted sustainable economic growth.

He said a Just Transition must place people at the centre of development, by supporting workers whose livelihoods had historically depended on traditional industries while creating new opportunities for young people, women, entrepreneurs and local communities. “We must ensure that no country, no worker and no community is left behind,” he emphasised.

Dr Butale said Botswana understood the responsibility, having built its development on the prudent management of natural resources. He noted that as global demand for critical minerals continued to grow, African countries should seize the opportunity to move beyond exporting raw materials and instead invest in value addition, industrialisation, innovation and skills development that create jobs and improve livelihoods.

He further stressed that stronger regional cooperation, fairer climate financing and greater accountability would be critical to ensuring that the benefits of the green transition were shared equitably. Governments, investors, communities and development partners must move beyond commitments and work together to implement practical solutions, Dr Butale said.

ITUC-Africa Programme Lead for Climate and Just Transition and Co-Convenor of the Just Transition Platform, Ms Rhoda

Boateng, said the Botswana meeting marked a significant milestone in the evolution of the Platform as it entered its second phase of work.

Ms Boateng explained that the Just Transition Platform was conceived during the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow in 2021, where environmental justice organisations, labour movements, gender advocates and academics began developing a common African vision for a Just Transition. Subsequent meetings in Accra, Mauritius and Nairobi helped shape and launch the Platform’s Just Transition Principles.

She said the Gaborone convening now shifted the focus from developing principles to identifying practical pathways for implementation across key sectors, including the world of work, trade, finance and investment, energy transition, agriculture, forestry and land use, and the care economy.

Ms Boateng said approximately 40 delegates from different countries were attending the four-day meeting, where they participated in 12 high-level sessions examining issues such as critical minerals, green industrialisation, climate finance, labour productivity, social protection and accountability in the transition to greener economies.

Hosted by the Botswana Federation of Trade Unions (BFTU) in partnership with ITUC-Africa, the convening was held under the theme: Weaving Just Transition Principles into Pathways. The meeting brought together governments, labour organisations, development partners, civil society and academia to co-create practical policy pathways that will ensure Africa’s transition to a low-carbon future delivers decent work, social justice and sustainable development for all. **BOPA**



Minister for International Relations Dr Phenyio Butale

Compensation Act excludes rats damage - official

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

Despite growing complaints from farmers that rats are destroying crops on a large scale, the rodents are not covered under the Compensation Act and do not qualify for government payouts, says Senior Wildlife Warden, Ms Tshola Zibochwa.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Temo Boswa Arable Farmers Association harvest day in Tonota on Thursday, Ms Zibochwa explained that rats were not classified as wildlife under the mandate of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks.

She explained that the primary category of animals managed by

her department includes huntable or regulated species, which excludes rats.

Instead, she noted, rats fall under the jurisdiction of agriculture, meaning any linked losses should be reported to the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

Ms Zibochwa stated that only Batswana themselves could convince the government to reclassify rats as problematic animals that merit compensation. In addition she said the Wildlife department and national parks currently lacked data to present to the government to prove large-scale crop destruction by rodents. Also, she informed farmers that melon varieties were currently not compensated for when damaged by wildlife, noting

that the department lacked figures indicating widespread losses for those same.

Many farmers, like Mr Mukani Mochochwa of the Natale ploughing lands, who grows groundnuts on a large scale, questioned government’s exclusion of both rats and melons from compensation arguing that the uncompensated losses undermined national food production and household incomes.

However, Tonota District Agricultural Coordinator, Mr Kebitselepe Motsele, expressed optimism and noted that yields appeared better than expected, more so since some farmers were still harvesting. With the final production figures not yet compiled, Mr Motsele relayed that 2 674

of the 4 109 farmers have been assisted through the Lemang Dijo programme.

“Tonota East managed to plough 879.9 hectares, contributing 30 per cent of the total ploughed area in the Tonota district,” he said.

Temo Boswa Arable Farmers Association Chairperson, Mr Nchenje Mogapi, used the moment to set firm rules for members and warned that anyone who abandoned their farm during ploughing season to harvest mopane worms or to seek employment under the Ikageng programme would be expelled from the association.

He reminded all and sundry that no single member of Temo Boswa Association received government’s assistance during the past ploughing

season. That Notwithstanding, Mr Mogapi was happy that majority of the members managed to plough at least four hectares, primarily using indigenous seeds.

Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse of Tonota echoed the call for commitment to food production in his welcome remarks and appealed to farmers not to sell their ploughing fields, suggesting instead that the land should be rented out for production purposes.

“Progressive farmers are recognized by what they produce, whether lablab, white sorghum, or maize,” he said, calling for farmers’ resilience, especially since crop production remained the mainstay of livelihoods in rural communities.

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Diversity in farming key

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
CHANOGA

In Ngamiland, where dry spells are prolonged with shrinking water sources and frequent elephant invasions threatening agricultural production, farmers are compelled to fully explore the agricultural value chain, diversify the sector and engage proactive strategies to curtail challenges.

For many rural households, resilience may lie not in doing more of the same, but in embracing farming systems that work together toward diversifying the sector.

The idea behind coming with means to turn the sector into a viable undertaking despite challenges of wildlife and climate change dominated discussions during the Chanoga Agri-Capacity Building Training Initiative on Thursday.

Farmers were urged to rethink agriculture by integrating crop production, livestock farming and other complementary enterprises to strengthen food security and improve livelihoods.

Delivering the keynote address at the training, acting North West District Agriculture Coordinator, Mr Erick Mesho said agriculture remained the backbone of livelihoods in rural communities and should be practiced as a connected system in which every enterprise supports another.

He said rather than relying on a single source of production, farmers should develop diversified farming systems that maximise available resources, reduce losses and create sustainable sources of income throughout the year.

“The different enterprises within agriculture should complement one another if we are to build resilient farming systems capable of withstanding today’s challenges,” he said.

Mr Mesho observed that climate change had increasingly exposed farmers to unpredictable weather patterns, recurring drought and water shortage, making it necessary for producers to adopt more adaptive and sustainable farming practices.

He further said the capacity-building initiative was designed to equip farmers with practical knowledge to address production challenges while strengthening farmers’ associations through improved leadership and management skills.

Beyond discussions on production, participants were introduced to practical methods of protecting crops from wildlife, particularly elephants, whose destruction of fields continue to undermine farming efforts in many parts of Ngamiland.

Eco-exist Education Coordinator, Mr Maipelo Molatlhegi demonstrated a range of non-lethal elephant deterrent methods, including electric fencing, chilli fences, chilli bricks, solar-powered lighting, spike barriers and the strategic use of tin cans to discourage elephants from entering crop fields.

Mr Molatlhegi encouraged farmers to work together to ensure food security in the country as well as to be able to defeat the many challenges that farmers face in the fields.

“Elephants are intelligent animals that quickly learn where food is available, therefore, farmers should combine different deterrent methods and remain consistent in maintaining them rather than relying on a single solution,” he said.

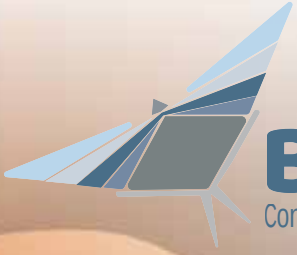
He further taught farmers to distinguish between warning behavior and an actual charge, noting that elephants often spread their ears, raise their heads and vocalise as a warning before advancing.

For her part, a farmer at Chanoga, Ms Gakeolathe Maphane welcomed the idea of collaboration among farmers, saying it was a positive initiative that could help achieve food security in Ngamiland.

She emphasised that farmers should work together to strengthen one another’s weaknesses and prevent challenges from overwhelming them, noting that teamwork in farming would also help improve yields. **BOPA**

Some of the farmers who gathered for an Agri-capacity building training initiative in Chanoga on Thursday. Acting North West District Agriculture Coordinator, Mr Erick Mesho, said agriculture remained the backbone of rural livelihoods and urged farmers to adopt integrated, diversified farming systems in which enterprises complemented one another. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

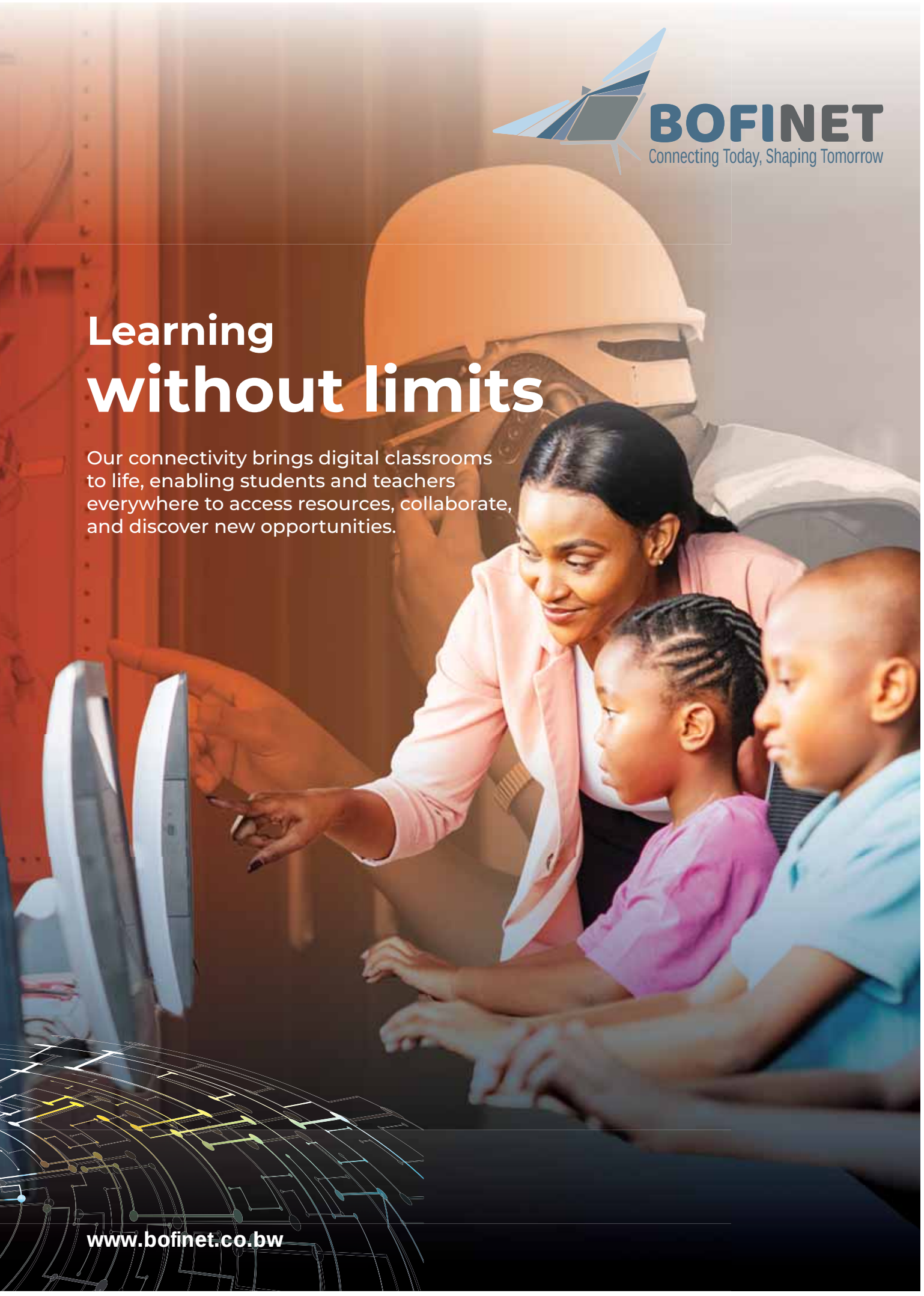




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Partnership to enhance Okavango ecosystem protection

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

In an effort to strengthen collaboration in conservation and to enrich ecological research and environmental management, the Okavango Research Institute (ORI) and And Beyond Company have entered into a five-year partnership to protect the ecosystem of the Okavango Delta.

The partnership is founded on a shared commitment to scientific excellence, environmental stewardship and evidence-based decision making on management of Botswana's globally significant natural ecosystems, particularly the delta and adjacent drylands.

Speaking during the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris underscored the importance of the delta basin to the livelihoods of the community, to tourism and its contribution to the national economy hence its protection was paramount.

Prof Norris said ORI was mandated to do scientific work on sustainable development, tourism, conservation, wildlife and human interaction among others, citing that the entity had been doing good research in the delta and through the partnership, they aimed to strengthen the institute into a prestige and leading institution on issues of sustainable development, tourism and conservation.

To reach that level, Prof Norris said they had to cooperate with other stakeholders hence their partnership with And Beyond to

ensure that the delta continued to thrive for generations to come.

Furthermore, he highlighted that ORI believed strongly that whatever it did in terms of research and innovation must impact the communities, noting that the reality was in some of the areas where tourism was thriving, where most of the communities' livelihoods were not good.

"That must change hence as the university, we continue to partner with other organisations like And Beyond to really look on how best we can empower communities and enrich our research to make it more impactful".

Giving an overview of the MOU, ORI director, Dr Casper Bonyongo acknowledged that protecting the remarkable ecosystem of the delta required more than scientific research but also demanded strong partnerships that bring together academia, government, communities and the private sector.

Therefore, the understanding between ORI and And Beyond demonstrated their collective recognition that lasting conservation outcomes were achieved when knowledge generation and practical conservation management work hand in hand.

The MOU, he said, established a collaborative framework through which both parties would cooperate in applied ecological research, biodiversity conservation, environmental management, environmental monitoring, graduate education and training, knowledge



And Beyond Company regional general manager, Ms Charlee Venter (left) and University of Botswana Vice Chancellor, Professor David Norris during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in Maun recently. Photo: Esther Mmolai

exchange and sustainable tourism development within And Beyond concessions and surrounding ecosystems. "This partnership is particularly important because it strengthens the relationship between the University of Botswana and the private sector.

Nature-based tourism depends fundamentally on healthy ecosystems, while scientific research provides the evidence required to manage those ecosystems sustainably," he noted.

Dr Bonyongo further stated that when universities and tourism operators collaborate, science became more relevant, management became more evidence-based and informed while conservation became more effective. According to

the director, for the University of Botswana and ORI, the partnership offered significant opportunities as it would provide access to important research landscapes that support long-term ecological studies and environmental monitoring.

It would also create valuable field-based learning opportunities for postgraduate students and early-career researchers, strengthen interdisciplinary research, enhance scientific publications, facilitate innovation, and improve the institute ability to attract competitive research funding through collaborative projects. "Equally important, our researchers will be able to generate knowledge that directly informs conservation management and policy, ensuring

that research conducted by the university delivers tangible benefits for Botswana's natural heritage." For And Beyond, the partnership would provide access to the scientific expertise, multidisciplinary research capacity and analytical facilities of the university.

For his part, And Beyond field operations manager, Mr Dux Mareja conceded that the delta was one of the world's most extraordinary ecosystems and that protecting it required collaboration, sound science and informed decision-making.

As conservation challenges continue to evolve, he said meaningful partnerships were becoming even more essential.

"By combining ORI's research excellence with And Beyond's practical conservation experience, we have an opportunity to strengthen biodiversity monitoring, ecological research, environmental management, and the application of science to conservation on the ground," he highlighted, observing that their philosophy was simple: Care of the land, care of the wildlife and care of the people.

He said the principles would guide everything they do and reflect their belief that conservation and tourism were inseparable. He acknowledged that the partnership would create valuable opportunities for researchers, students and conservation teams, especially their guides who play a vital role in interpreting Botswana's natural heritage for guests from around the world. **BOPA**



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vietnam pepper export revenue up 10.6 per cent

HANOI - Vietnam exported 145 686 tonnes of pepper worth US\$940.5 million in the first half of 2026, up 17.4 per cent in volume and 10.6 per cent in value year on year, the Vietnam News Agency reported Monday, citing the Vietnam Pepper and Spice Association. The United States remained Vietnam's largest market, with shipments to the country reaching 35 362 tonnes, up 28.7 per cent year on year, according to the report. The Southeast Asian country imported 45 198 tonnes of pepper worth US\$257.7 million during the six-month period, surging 59.7 per cent in volume and 48 per cent in value from the same period last year, mainly from Cambodia, Brazil and Indonesia. **Xinhua**

Chinese yuan weakens against US dollar

BEIJING - The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, weakened 19 pips to 6.8066 against the US dollar Monday, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trade System. In China's spot foreign exchange market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 2 per cent from the central parity rate each trading day. The central parity rate of the yuan against the US dollar is based on a weighted average of prices offered by market makers before the opening of the interbank market each business day. **Xinhua**

OPEC+ to raise oil production cap

VIENNA - OPEC+ countries agreed on Sunday to raise the oil production cap in August by 188 000 barrels per day from July levels, according to a statement published after a virtual meeting of OPEC+. The decision marks the fifth consecutive month for the OPEC+ to ramp up its production, in spite of the exit of the United Arab Emirates from the OPEC and the wider OPEC+ alliance on May 1. The announcement follows the meeting attended by Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman, which reviewed global market conditions and outlook. In their collective commitment to supporting oil market stability, the seven participating countries decided to implement a production adjustment of 188 000 barrels per day from the additional voluntary adjustments announced in April 2023, the statement said, adding that the adjustment will be implemented in August. **Xinhua**

Expert drills farmers on aquaculture

Portia Rapitsenyane
PALAPYE

Aquaculture holds immense potential in transforming agriculture across Southern Africa. Founder and Managing Director of Charadza Fisheries and Agric Solutions Company in Zimbabwe, Mr Cephas Maritaona said fish farming was no longer an emerging sector but a strategic industry capable of improving food security, creating employment, generating income and supporting sustainable agricultural development.

Speaking at a training on chilli production, turmeric farming and fisheries in Gregas organic farm at Setatse lands near Palapye on Saturday, Mr Maritaona said the training was a good initiative as it gave farmers an opportunity to interact, change ideas and learn from one another.

He said fish farming was growing rapidly globally. Mr Maritaona said fish farming offered high quality protein production, with excellent market demand, efficient feed conversion, high returns on investment, employment creation, import substitution and export opportunities.

He said for many African countries, aquaculture represented one of the most promising solutions to future food security challenges.

Mr Maritaona said aquaculture was not just about raising fish but it was an entire value chain with significant business potential.

He said the selection of species of fish depended on climatic conditions, water availability and market demand, adding that the common species were Nile tilapia, Africa catfish, trout and common carp.

He and advised farmers to consider the growth rate, feed efficiency, disease resistance, consumer preference and market value when selecting species.

Meanwhile, Dr Godfrey Marange, who is an agricultural specialist and regional sales manager, also engaged the farmers on turmeric and chilli farming using organic crop production methods.

Dr Marange said cultivating turmeric and chilli as cash exports required significant investment, compliance and careful field management. For chilli production, he advised farmers to grow high demand varieties like African bird's eye.

He said the two crops (chilli and turmeric) have great returns on investment because of the high demand and low production space.

Dr Marange said turmeric was a medicinal crop with a lot of other uses, as its leaves were used for green tea while the tuber was to make spices, cosmetics, antibiotics face powder and soap. Dr Marange said a well-managed hectare of chilli could produce harvests for up to two years and was highly sought

after by local and international processing companies for sauces and spices.

He said beyond the kitchen, chilli could also be used medicinally or on gardens. He also introduced the farmers to value addition opportunities including processing turmeric into tea, coffee and

medicinal product. He called on farmers to embark on organic turmeric and chilli farming for export markets.

Gregas Organic Farm Director, Mr Samuel Kealotswe urged farmers to put acquired skills into practice. Gregas Organic Farm is one of the pioneering group of

24 Batswana farmers selected and contracted to produce organic turmeric for the German market.

Mr Kealotswe therefore advised farmers to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Germany market, among others and transition toward commercial organic farming. **BOPA**



Gregas Organic Farm director, Mr Samuel Kealotswe showing farmers turmeric grown at his farm during a turmeric and chilli production training session recently. Photo: Portia Rapitsenyane

Halal certification opens export opportunities

Tumisang Moilwa
MOCHUDI

As Botswana seeks to expand access to halal meat markets, three newly certified halal slaughtermen say their qualifications will not only create employment opportunities for themselves but also help farmers, butcheries, and poultry producers reach new customers locally and internationally.

The trio recently received their certification from the Gaborone Halal Certification and Islamic Institute.

Speaking with BOPA, 38-year-old halal inspector, Mr Theetso Sekwale said the certification equipped recipients with the knowledge and skills to carry out slaughter in accordance with Islamic requirements; something he said enabled businesses to meet the halal standards demanded by both local consumers and export markets.

Mr Sekwale explained that halal, an Arabic word meaning "permissible," refereed to practices that complied with Islamic law which in the context of food governed how animals were slaughtered for consumption by Muslims.

"Halal slaughter requires a Muslim trained slaughterman, hygienic facilities that meet regulatory standards, the invocation of God's name before slaughter, and the use of a sharp knife to sever the major veins to

allow the animal to be properly bled," he told BOPA adding that although animals may be stunned before slaughter, the halal slaughter process must still be strictly observed.

He said businesses could become halal certified even if the owner was not Muslim, provided there was compliance with halal-certified slaughtermen practice and set standards.

He noted that certified halal inspectors regularly assessed abattoirs and processing facilities to ensure ongoing compliance with halal requirements.

Mr Sekwale highlighted that Botswana already has halal-certified facilities, including the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and Gaborone Butchery, demonstrating the country's capacity to meet international halal standards.

He emphasised that halal certification presented a significant opportunity for Botswana's livestock sector, particularly as many countries in the Middle East required imported meat to be halal certified.

Me Sekwale added that while the cattle industry continued to face challenges brought about by Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), the poultry sector presented an immediate opportunity for Batswana and has thus encouraged poultry farmers and meat businesses to employ halal-certified slaughtermen so

they could supply halal-certified chicken to a broader market, including Muslim consumers and restaurants serving Middle Eastern and Pakistani cuisine.

Another newly certified halal slaughterman is 32-year-old Arbeton Kwape from Mochudi. Mr Kwape, who grew up in Rasesa, was introduced to Islam while attending an Islamic school after his regular classes.

He has previously worked as a halal slaughterman for Tswana Pride and has since transitioned to cattle slaughter.

He expressed optimism that this certification would open up new employment opportunities.

Thirty-four year-old Kaene Marco Mmusi from Mochudi is yet another hala certified slaughterman who recently received training and having being inspired by the Islamic family to pursue halal certification.

He echoed both Mr Sekwale and Mr Kwape words and urged business owners to seek halal certification and employ qualified halal slaughtermen to avoid missing out on potential local and international markets.

He has also encouraged members of the public to learn more about halal practices to dispel misconceptions surrounding halal food and certification, adding that the certification programme remained open to anyone interested in acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills. **BOPA**



Kedirebofe Pelontle
GUMARE

Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) has attributed late payment for Ngamiland cattle producers to the Foot and Mouth outbreak. BMC Executive Manager Livestock Procurement, Mr Kenneth Makubate said BMC has experienced losses due to the recent FMD outbreak in the Southern part of the country.

Mr Makubate said this when addressing cattle producers in Gumare recently. He said BMC had as a result of the outbreak suffered a catastrophe when the European Union market which contributed immensely to the BMC profits got affected in the process.

Botswana Meat Commission according to Mr Makubate was now not able to adhere to the usual turnaround time for cattle producers and failed to pay

Botswana Meat Commission executive manager for livestock procurement, Mr Kenneth Makubate has attributed delays in payments to cattle producers in Ngamiland to the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak.

BMC blames FMD for delayed payments

farmers in the entire Ngamiland timely. “Although the BMC payment turnaround time was set at two weeks, the commission has however been able to pay farmers within three to four days in the past due to availability of funds,”

he said promising farmers that the commission was doing the best it could under the circumstances to assist farmers accordingly.

He told farmers also that BMC was exploring other markets in countries like Angola and

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Commenting, farmers raised concern that delayed payments negatively affected their lives since they sold cattle hoping to use proceeds to address imminent challenges and

responsibilities.

Farmers decried the perennial failure by the commission to pay them on time on an annual basis and called for BMC to find a practicable solution to the problem once and for all. **BOPA**

LEA advocates strong ecosystem to grow SMMEs

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Maun Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) branch manager, Mr Outwile Ebutswe has underscored the need to have an effective business ecosystem to ensure a thriving small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs).

Through collaboration and partnerships, he said SMMEs could enjoy coordinated support and targeted market opportunities among others.

He made the remarks on Friday when briefing the North West district councillors about the national proposal on SMME Mandatory Registration which aims to strengthen the country’s enterprise development ecosystem and support the long term economic transformation agenda.

The proposal aims to establish a comprehensive national SMME database and improve access to support services, finance and

markets.

While he appreciates the critical role played by the SMMEs in contributing to the economy and job creation, Mr Ebutswe mentioned some common challenges hampering SMMEs growth citing access to finance, limited access to markets, lack of business and technical skill, competition threats, policy and regulatory bottlenecks among others.

Acknowledging efforts by LEA in promoting entrepreneurship growth and accelerate sustainable growth of SMMEs through its services such as mentoring and coaching, business advisory, training and policy advocacy, he emphasised the importance of creating an effective ecosystem where government policies, financial institutions and private sector among others interact and provide a supportive environment.

“Small businesses are the engines of future economic growth and they are facing a number of challenges that impact

their growth and sustainability. In order for small businesses to thrive, it requires a supportive entrepreneurship ecosystem hence the introduction of the mandatory registration exercise which will help create a credible national database that enhances data integrity, enables evidence based policy formulation and improves coordination across ministries, agencies and development partners,” he added.

Mr Ebutswe further stated that the mandatory registration would also provide measurement of SMMEs impact and economic contribution, strengthen institutional ecosystem coordination and efficiency as well as support economic diversification and job creation.

He said they had done some benchmarking trips and observed that the initiative was working wonders in other countries such as India, Kenya, Rwanda and Mauritius as they had even introduced some incentives and benefits.

The countries offer some benefits such as tax incentives, waiver on penalties and interest, concessional loan schemes reservation scheme of 20 per cent government tenders and custom duty exemption on production equipment.

In India, he highlighted that SMMEs enjoyed benefits like overdraft interest free exemption, protection against delayed payments, collateral free bank loans, subsidy on patent registration and industrial promotion subsidy.

“It is a law in India that all registered SMMEs should be paid for goods and services supplied within 15 days or else penalties in the form of interest are applied,” he said.

He said when the SMMEs Development Act was enacted in India in 2006 and in 2015, SMMEs contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) stood at 12.5 per cent while in 2025 increased to 30.1 per cent.

However, Mr Ebutswe pointed

out that in Botswana if the mandatory registration could be done, they would introduce incentives and benefits as well appreciating that at least 97 per cent of members of the community supported the initiative as it was indicated during their country wide consultations.

He said people were of the view that the initiative could create a desirable SMME ecosystem and eventually create more jobs to reduce the high rate of unemployment among the youth.

Mr Ebutswe also challenged parents to encourage their children to embrace entrepreneurship as a driver of the country’s future saying it was the ultimate path to economic freedom. Children, he said should start enterprises now to optimise the networking opportunities. “Let’s encourage our children to be entrepreneurs than employees. Let us educate them about the importance of business ethics because with such, we can fight unemployment rates,” he added. **BOPA**

Nursing college unveils P2.5 million training facilities

Relief Lephutshi
KANYE

In a mission to expand the college of nursing’s training and academic programmes, Kanye Seventh Day Adventist College of Nursing commissioned facilities worth P2.5 million on Friday.

The facilities are five blocks of porta cabins, of which two are classrooms with accommodation capacity of 100 and 60 students respectively, 10 block offices with ablution and kitchen, a block of female and male restrooms with paraplegic platform to cater for individuals with spinal challenges.

Acting Principal Accountant, Mr Thabo Kereng said on Friday during the tour the facilities that their construction started in December 2025 and completed in May 2026. He said the new facilities would be put to use in August when the college welcomed the 2026 intake of students.

He said the August intake was expected to double the student population from the current 500 to 1000 students.

The President of Botswana Union Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist, Pastor Phemelo Seboka said the commissioning of the new facilities was evident of the recent advancement of the college by upgrading to offer degree programmes. He said for the past 78 years, the college was only offering diploma courses.

Pastor Seboka urged the college to consider putting more efforts on

research. Emphasising the need for research, Pastor Seboka said it was vital for faculty members, students and even pastors to be imparted with research skills to position them for identifying problems in the community, should the need arises.

Kanye Council Chairperson, Mr Morapedi Kgosithebe applauded the college expansion as it comes with an economic boost to the community of Kanye as well as providing adequate accommodation for students.

He said the new facilities would equally encourage the college to produce quality graduates, who would add value to the society, as well as motivate a workforce to train and serve humanity and excellence.

College Principal, Ms Carol Shabane said the expansion of facilities would provide additional capacity to strengthen the college’s strategic growth while maintaining quality standards expected by both regulators and stakeholders.

Ms Shabane said the college vision extended far beyond establishing buildings but to as well build institutional capacity, human capital, expand opportunities for young people and strengthen Botswana’s health care system.

She further noted that the expansion contributed to the socio economic development of the community further citing employment creation, increased student intake and strengthened partnerships. **BOPA**



Masunga Primary School head, Mr Bawana Steven (left) and Parents Teachers Association chairperson, Mr Polly Molao (centre) receiving the donation from chairperson of Mosadi Thari Trust, Ms Kagiso Matebesi on Friday. The donations included track suits and stationery amongst others. Photo: Goweditswe Kome

Mosadi Thari Trust warms learners

Goweditswe Kome
MASUNGA

In an endeavor to keep a child warm, Mosadi Thari Trust is on a campaign to reach out to vulnerable children in the North East District.

Formed in 2020, the trust is primarily focused on donating clothes to vulnerable children, collected through the support of philanthropic individuals and organisations.

The chairperson of Mosadi Thari Trust, Ms Kagiso Matebesi said the campaign to raise winter clothes that were on Friday handed to Masunga Primary School was done through social media platforms in May. Ms Matebesi said it was important for learners to have the

necessary comfort while at school despite weather conditions to fully focus on their learning.

Speaking during handing over ceremony, Ms Matebesi said for learners to excel, they needed to come to a school environment, warm and comfortable.

She appealed to members of the public and all other sectors of the society to join hands and donate to noble endeavor aimed at inspiring children to get education.

She stated that with this initiative, more students would be motivated to come to school as they would be kept warm in classes, enhancing concentration during lessons.

Ms Matebesi said the donation included stationery, adding that well-resourced teachers would ensure that learners receive proper education.

Receiving the donation, the School Head, Mr Bawana Steven said it was encouraging to receive such gifts as they would support learning.

He highlighted that the donation came at the right time when Standard 7 were in dire need of revision material. For his part, Parents Teachers Association chairperson, Mr Polly Molao said the donation meant a lot as it motivated both teachers, students and the PTA. He urged all to take care of the donated material and use it with due care to derive the desired benefits. Mr Molao said the donation was a sign that the trust was determined to invest in education. **BOPA**

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Finding A Better Way



Awaiting a second life. Stacks of cardboard boxes collected by Mr Walter Serole being prepared for transportation to recycling companies in Gaborone.

Serole turns waste into opportunity

Samantha Gabaeme
HUKUNTSI

At first glance, Mr Walter Serole's homestead in Hukuntsi appears to be a picture of disorder.

Plastic bottles lie scattered across the yard, stacks of cardboard boxes line the perimeter, and a towering machine dominates the space, hinting at the heavy work that unfolds daily.

Nearby, transport vans stand ready for the next load as Mr Serole, clad in a safety helmet, moves confidently through what many would dismiss as chaos.

For him, however, this is not a rubbish dump.

It is a workplace, a source of livelihood, and proof that opportunity can be found in the things others discard.

Before venturing into recycling business, Mr Serole worked as a driver for the Kgalagadi North District Council.

He explains that his perception of waste began to change during this period, after routinely collecting discarded materials from a local supermarket.

He recalls meeting a man who informed him that the cardboard boxes he was collecting were not just waste, but valuable materials that could be sold in Gaborone.

That conversation completely changed how he viewed throw-away items.

Driven by curiosity, he began intentionally collecting more cardboard boxes and eventually travelled to Gaborone to find companies that buy recyclable materials.

This experience marked the beginning of what later became his recycling business, Domec Engineering Pty Ltd.

The business officially launched in 2019, turning his growing interest in recyclable materials into a structured, income-generating enterprise.

Today, Mr Serole's daily work involves collecting tins, plastics, used paper and cardboard boxes from around the district, which



Driven by waste, powered by purpose, Mr Walter Domi Serole stands beside one of the Domec Engineering Pty Ltd vans used to transport recyclable materials from Hukuntsi to recycling companies in Gaborone. Photos: Samantha Gabaeme

he then sorts and compacts before selling them to established recycling companies such as Pro-Meg, Waste Recycling, and Collect-a-Can.

When he first started, the work was gruelling, as he relied entirely on manual labour to compact the materials. This manual process was slow and physically demanding, making it highly challenging to handle large volumes of waste.

However, the introduction of a large compacting machine has significantly improved his operations.

The machinery has made processing recyclable materials faster and more efficient, drastically increasing the volume he can manage.

Despite this progress, operational space remains a major hurdle.

Mr Serole notes that he can no longer operate effectively from

home, as his yard has become overcrowded with recyclable materials and equipment.

Although, the Kgalagadi North District Council had previously indicated that they would discuss identifying an alternative site with the Kgalagadi North Land Board to operate from, little progress has been to date.

In the meantime, he continues to run his business from his congested homestead.

Funding is another major challenge that brings visible emotions to Mr Serole.

A lack of capital continues to stall his expansion plans.

He previously approached the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) for financial assistance but did not receive support. As a result, he has been unable to acquire additional necessary equipment, including more tin-crushing machines,

leaving him dependent on a single unit. Labour management presents its own set of difficulties.

Mr Serole notes that some of his employees frequently report for duty under the influence of alcohol, which severely impacts productivity and workplace workflow.

Furthermore, he says many workers prefer short-term daily tasks, expecting payment at the end of each day rather than committing to longer employment periods, making it difficult to maintain consistency and stability within the business operations.

Community habits such as burning recyclable waste by some community members, he notes also impact his bottom line as it directly reduces the volume of material he can salvage.

This makes it difficult to meet his monthly target of about 100 stacks of cardboard boxes, resulting in

lower income.

Also, he says rising fuel prices makes it expensive to run his vehicles efficiently, which is a critical problem since transport is essential for delivering the materials to Gaborone.

Despite these steep challenges, Domec Engineering Pty Ltd has grown significantly since its inception.

Mr Serole has managed to acquire two vehicles to support his operations and permanently employs three people, an effort he notes contributes in a small way to curbing unemployment.

The business has also generated significant returns at times, with highest earnings reaching about P44,000 in a single month.

This income has enabled him to cover daily living expenses, support his family, and reinvest in the business.

Furthermore, he says the operation benefits the wider community. When local individuals are unable to sell their recyclable materials directly to big companies, Mr Serole's team collects and transports the items to Gaborone on their behalf.

They sell the materials and return the full proceeds to the residents, deducting only the direct transport costs.

This arrangement has helped many locals earn an income from waste they would have otherwise thrown away.

Mr Serole's greatest wish is to secure a dedicated commercial plot that will give him space to expand the business far beyond its current capacity.

His ultimate vision is to see Domec Engineering Pty Ltd grow into a fully-fledged recycling factory, creating even more employment opportunities for his community.

Despite the obstacles, Mr Serole remains hopeful that his dream of owning a large-scale recycling plant will become a reality some day, allowing him to transform even more waste into opportunity while uplifting those around him. **BOPA**

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Lelwapa la ga Mme Nani Mojuta (ka fa mojang) le la ga Mme Gloria Lezulu ke mangwe a a tllhasetsweng ke go pumpunyega ga metsi kwa Lecheng. A re metsi ao a setse a tladitse ntlwana ya boitiketso e bile go sena se ba ka se dirang. Dinepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

Go pumpunyega ga metsi go kgoreletsa metsamao

Portia Rapitsenyane
LECHENG

Malwapa mangwe kwa Lecheng mo kgaolong ya Tswapong Bokone a tllhasetswe ke go pumpunyega go tswa kwa tlase ga lefatsheng mo go felelang go ba kgoreletsa go dira ditiro tsa letsatsi le letsatsi ka bontsi jwa malwapa a nna a na metsi fela go sena fa ba ka nnang teng.

Mo nakong eno malwapa a le masome a mabedi le bone a setse a itemogela seemo se, se go supilweng fa se tllhagoga kwa malwapeng ka go farologana e bile dipalo tsa ba ba amegileng di setse di oketsega.

Mo potsolosong, Mme Phetogo Dikolanyane yo e leng mongwe wa ba ba amilweng ke seemo seo, o supile fa e rile morago ga dipula tse di neng tsa na ka bokete mo ngwageng ono, ba itemogela metsi a a neng a tswa kwa tlase ga lefatsheng mo ba neng ba sa lemoge le gore metsi ao a tllhagoga fa kae mme fa ba sekaseka ba lemoga fa go na le mafelonyana a a farologaneng mo lwapeng fa metsi a tswang teng.

Metsi ao, a a dikologileng ntlo ya gagwe a ne a supa fa a tllhagoga fale le fale mo teng ga lelwapa mme a felele a elela mo lwapeng lotlhe.

Mme Dikolanyane o ne a supa fa a na le pelaelo e ntsi ya gore le kwa tlase ga ntlo a teng ka a bonala mo leboteng la ntlo e bile go utlwala serame se sentsi thata mo ntlong ya gagwe.

O ne a supa fa a nna ka letshogo ka a sa itse gore a ntlo ya gagwe e sireletsegile kgotsa jang le gore letsatsi le le latelang go tlaa diragala eng.

O supile fa ba kile ba itemogela seemo se mo dingwageng tse di fetileng mme se ne sa seka sa tsaya nako e telele se ntse se tswetsetse. A re o gakgamadiwa ke gore mo nakong eno metsi ao a tsere nako e telele a ntse a tswa kwa tlase ga lefatsheng mme ba tshogela botsogo jwa bone ka ba sa itse gore a ga

ba na go tsenwa ke malwetsi a serame.

Mme Gloria Lezulu le ene a re o itemogela seemo sa metsi a a tswang kwa tlase ga lefatsheng mo lwapeng la gagwe mme a setse a tladitse ntlwana ya boitiketso e bile go sena se ba ka se dirang.

Kgosi wa Lecheng Prince Obuiseng a re ba itemogela seemo sa metsi a a pumpunyegang ka fa tlase ga lefatsheng morago ga pula ee bokete ya ngwaga o simologa.

A re seemo se ba ne ba sa se

ipaakanyetsa mme se kgoreletsa matshelo a banni ka ga ba kgone go dira ditiro tsa bone tsa letsatsi le letsatsi mo malwapeng a bone.

Mo godimo ga moo Kgosi Obuiseng a re seemo se, se amile ditsela tse di fa gare ga motse ka jalo se ama motsamao wa batho le dikoloi, a supa fa bangwe ba palelwa ke go tsena mo malwapeng fa bangwe ba palelwa ke go tswa mo malwapeng.

Kgosi Obuseng o ne a supa fa metsi a mantsi mo motseng

a kgona go baka malwetsi a tshwana le jwa Malaria.

A re ka ngwaga wa 2012 morago ga dipula tse dintsi metsi a ne a pumpunyega fela jaaka mo nakong eno, mme ga tllhagoga bolwetsi jwa Malaria mme jwa felela bo gapa botshelo jwa motho a le mongwe.

Kgosi Obuseng a re mo nakong eno ga go ise go nne le thuso e e tsepameng ya gore ba ba amilweng ke metsi ao ba ka thusiwa jang mme bogogi jwa

khansale le molaodi wa Palapye Mme Utllwanang Kerekang bo ne jwa tla go bona seemo le go bona gore ba ba amegileng ba ka thusiwa jang.

A re le ntswa matlo a supagala a amiwa ke metsi ao ka go itshupa ga metsi mo leboteng, mo nakong eno ga go ise go nne le a a oleng mme ba beile mo dithapelong fela gore go seka ga nna le kotsi epe kana matlo mangwe a a ka gosomanang ntateng ya go amiwa ke metsi a. **BOPA**

Theko ya diteemane e wetse tlase - Kelebeng

Puseletso Kenyaditswe
DITSHEGWANE

Tona wa Metshameko le Ngwao e bile e le mopalamente wa Takatokwane Rre Jacob Kelebeng, o tllhalositse fa diteemane tsa Botswana di sa rekwe sentle jaaka pele.

Tona o buile se kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e e neng e tshwerwe kwa Ditshegwane bosheng.

Tona Kelebeng o supile fa diteemane di kile tsa bo di tsisa letseno la 60 per cent mo itsholelong ya lefatsheng, mme gompieno di rekwa ka 17 per cent fela. O tllhalositse fa ka lebaka le le lee itsholelo ya Botswana e ne e ikaegile ka diteemane, ke sone se gompieno e wetseng tlase.

O tllhalositse fa puso e fetisitse melao jaaka wa go tllhabolola dikgang tsa lekgetho, gore bao ba amogelang botoka ba kgethe go le go golwane, gore ba tle ba neele Botswana ditirelo tse di botoka.

Tona o supile fa ba tshwanetse go fetola molao motheo gore ba go dumelwang ba gateletswe ba nne le kwa ba ka itshekang teng, ke sone se ba dumelang fa go tshwanetse ga nna le Constitutional Court, gore e tle e itebaganye le go seka ditshwanelo tsa batho.

Mo go tse dingwe tona o ne a

tllhalosa fa puso e tsentse letsogo go thusa gore badiri ba pele ba meepo kwa lefatsheng la Afrika Borwa ba duelwe, a bo a supa fa ba thusana le ba TEBA mo dikgannyeng tseo.

O kopile babereki ba pele go ikwadisa kwa ofising ya mopalamente kwa Takatokwane le ya Letlhakeng, a bo a kopa ba ba nang le bolwetse jwa mahatla go dira ditlhatlhobo le bosupi jwa bolwetse joo, le go ya go ikwadisa ba tshwere dipampiri tse di tlhokafalang.

Tona o ne a supa fa mo maitekong a gagwe a go batlela banana diphatlha tsa dikole tse dikgolwane, a bone diphatlha di le masome a mabedi kwa sekolong sa Limkokwing, gore ba ye go oketsa dithuto tsa bone. O tllhalositse fa seo e le go fa banana ditshono tsa botshelo, mme go duelelwa sekole fela go sena sengwenyana se ba se fiwang. O ne a tllhalosa fa a agile matlo a le mararo mo kgaolong kea metseng ya Metsibotlhoko, Maboane le Dutlwe, e le ntlha nngwe ya go fa banni ba kgaolo seriti. A re o mo tseleng ya go batlela Ditshegwane Support Group madi gore ba tllhabolole setsha sa bone sa go lema merogo.

Banni ba Ditshegwane ba boditse ka dikgaaisano tsa ga

tautona gore di simolola leng. Rre Boikotlhao Madori o ne a supa fa metshameko eo e ne e thusa banana go tswa mo borukutliling.

Rre Madori o ne a botsa gape gore kgang ya kokelo ya Letlhakeng e tsamaya fa kae ka ba sale ba se solofeditse. Rre Moeti Nkgoko ene o ne a botsa ka tsela ya Letlhakeng/Kaudwane gore ka ba kile ba e solofediwa e tsamaya fa kae.

Fa Rre Nkgoko a ne a tllhalosa fa tsela e ba itsa go tsena ditiro tsa mo kgaolong ka leeto le le lengwefela mo go yone koloi e tla e senyegile. O ne a supa gape fa dithoto di okediwa ditlhwatlhwa, mme a kopa puso go tsenya leitlho mo kgannyeng eo.

Kgosi Kably Gaoforwe wa kgotla ya Modimo kwa Ditshegwane o ne a tllhalosa fa mapalamente ba tllhophiwa ke Botswana, mme fa ba tsena kwa palamenteng ba bua sekgoa fela, selo se se dirang gore ba fetwe ke molaetsa oo botlhokwa e le batlhophi.

Kgosi Gaoforwe o ne a kopa tona gore ba emise go gasa kwa seromamoweng sa Botswana gore melemo e teng kwa dikokelwaneng le ntswa e seyo.

Kgosi Phakamisa Mmidinyane wa kgotla ya Kgare/ Sebotswana o ne a kopa gore mapodisi ba

thusiwe ka koloi gore ba heme borukutlhi jo bo diragalang kwa Kgare le mo tikologong. Kgosi Mmidinyane o ne a tllhalosa gore fa mapodise ba dikologa kwa motsaneng wa Kgare le mo merakeng le masimo borukutlhi bo nna botoka.

O ne a supa matshwenyego gore megala ya letheke ga e tshware kwa Kgare fa e se fela fa motho a palame setlhare, a bo a kopa gore ba thusiwe ka seemo se.

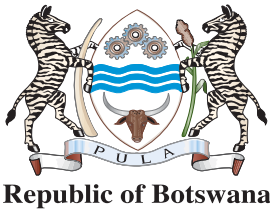
Fa a araba mothusa molaodi mo go tsa ditlhabolo kwa Letlhakeng Mme Bianca Moswela, o ne a supa fa kago ya kokelo ya Letlhakeng e ntsheditse P10 million.

Mogolwane go tswa kwa ofising ya Metshameko le Bodiragatsi Mme Masego Motswiri o ne a supa fa metshameko ya kgaaisano ya ga tautona e tlaa nna teng monongwaga.

Mogokaganyi wa tsa Temothuo Rre Thomas Tadubana o ne a supa fa mo kgaolong ya SADC go sena tllhwatlhwa ya dikgomo, a supa fa kgomo e itheka.

Rre Tadubana o kopile barui go tshuba ka tshipi le go di rwea manyena a supa fa dikgomo tsa go nna jalo di kgona go latedisiwa sentle. O kopile barui gore fa ba reka manyena ba supe gore baa go rwea dikgomo kwa kgaolong go tla ketsaetsego. **BOPA**

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MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION FINANCING

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: 06 July 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2026-2027 NEW STUDENTS SPONSORSHIP

The Department of Tertiary Education Financing under the Ministry of Higher Education invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana for tertiary education Government sponsorship for **2026/2027 undergraduate studies ONLY**. 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 as follows.

- I. Applicants are expected to have an email account/address in order to apply for sponsorship. The applicants will be required to submit a maximum of three (3) choices of programmes.
- II. The sponsorship is open for applicants who have obtained 36 points or above at BGCSE or its equivalent and 31 points or above for applicants under affirmative action.
- III. Prospective applicants shall submit their tertiary education financing application for the 2026/2027 sponsorship cycle online. Every candidate will:
 - a. create an account on the DTEF website: <https://tef.gov.bw>
 - b. fill the required personal data
 - c. Upload the required documents (Refer to page two)
 - d. Be expected to pay a non-refundable sponsorship application fee of **P50.00** which will be deductible from the first allowance. (Refer to the Memorandum of Agreement).
- IV. The system will validate your citizenship, age, secondary school results, admission at University/College, accreditation status of the programme applied for, before awarding sponsorship.
- V. 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 fraudulent, **penalties will be imposed including the withdrawal of the sponsorship and reporting to the relevant authorities.**
- VI. 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 before logging into the system to apply for sponsorship.

Note: Applications should be submitted online only through DTEF website provided: <https://tef.gov.bw>
Any other mode of application submission will **NOT** be accepted

1. APPLICATION PERIOD:

The online application period commences on Monday 6th July 2026 on DTEF website <https://tef.gov.bw>
Deadline for submission of applications is on Friday 7th August 2026.

Updates shall 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants should

- 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 above in BGCSE or its equivalent for Mainstream, and **31 points** for OVC/RAC/SEN applicants (as guided by matrix table)
- Have a minimum of **36 points** or above in BGCSE or its equivalent even if they have **upgraded** their results.
- **Not** have benefitted from Government sponsorship before.

3. REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

Each candidate is expected to create an account on the platform, fill in the requested data and upload the following documents,

- i. Copy of National Identity Card (Omang) or Birth certificate where one is below 16 years or doesn't have OMANG
- ii. Copy of Statement of Results/BGCSE or its equivalent
- iii. Copy of admission letter from the institution of your choice stating programme of study and duration

- iv. Affidavit from Commissioner of Oaths in the event your names are different as contained in the academic certificate, Birth Certificate and National Identity Card (Omang).
- v. An official confirmation of change of surnames if surnames in the academic certificate and Omang are not the same
- vi. Copy of foreign certificates should be certified at the respective Embassies and evaluated by Botswana Qualifications Authority.

The award shall be null and void if false information is discovered on the supporting documents

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES (How to submit application file)

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:



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 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.

Follow the below steps to accept the Sponsorship letter:

- I. Log into your <http://tef.gov.bw> account
- II. Click applications
- III. Select My Sponsorship, new student
- IV. Accept Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- V. View PDF
- VI. Declare and Save
- VII. Accept Offer Letter

PRIORITY FIELDS & AREAS OF STUDY 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 2. Animal Health Production 3. Forestry and Range Ecology 4. Horticulture 5. Meat Processing, Safety & Inspection	4. Agriculture 5. Agronomy 6. Biometry 7. Food Science & Technology 8. Horticulture 9. Plant Health 10. Soil Sciences
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL) 1. Agricultural Economics 2. Agricultural Education 3. Agricultural Mechanization	11. Wildlife Management 12. Biodiversity Conservation & Ecology 13. Mathematical Biology (Biomaths) 14. Biosystematics and Taxonomy
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 2. Purchasing & Supply 3. Event Management	15. Financial Management 16. Fiscal Studies 17. Information and Technology Management 18. International Business 19. Logistics 20. Marketing Management 21. Production Management 22. Project Management 23. Public Finance 24. Public Relations & Integrated Communication 25. Public Relations Management 26. Public Sector Accounting & Finance 27. Purchasing/Procurement 28. Retail Management 29. Risk Management 30. Insurance 31. Strategic Management 32. Supply Chain Management 33. Financial Management 34. Real Estate
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL) 1. Accounting 2. Applied Business Computing 3. Banking and Finance 4. Business Administration 5. Business Information Technology 6. Business Innovation and Enterprise 7. Business Intelligence and Data Analysis 8. Business Leadership 9. Business Management 10. Computing with Finance 11. Entrepreneurship/Enterprise Development 12. E-Business 13. Event Management 14. Finance	

FIELD 4: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)	AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Apparel Design	1. Digital Film & Television Production
2. Fashion Design	2. Fine Arts
3. Furniture Design	3. Industrial Design
4. Graphic Design	4. Music
5. Jewelry Design & Manufacturing	5. Professional Design
6. Textile Design	6. Theater Arts
7. Interior Design	7. Sports Science
8. Broadcasting, Radio and Television	8. Exercise Psychology
	9. Exercise Science & Wellness
	10. Recreation & Sports Management
	11. Broadcasting and Radio Journalism

FIELD 5: CONSTRUCTION
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Construction Industry
2. Building Construction Industry
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Construction industry

FIELD 6: EDUCATION & TRAINING
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Primary Education
2. Secondary Education
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Art and Design Education
2. Business Education
1. Computer Science Education
2. Counselling Education
3. Design and Technology Education
4. Special Education
5. Inclusive Education
6. Family & Consumer Science
7. Music Education
8. Primary Education
9. Science Education
10. Foreign language
11. African Language
12. Speech/Sign Language
13. Secondary Education

FIELD 7: ENGINEERING
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Civil Engineering
2. Mechanical engineering
3. Electrical & Electronics Engineering
4. Electrical and Mechanical engineering
5. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
6. Water and Environmental Engineering
7. Motor Body Repair/Automotive Engineering
8. Plant Engineering
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Chemical Engineering
2. Civil Engineering-
3. Computer Engineering
4. Electrical and Electronic Engineering
5. Electronics & Communication
6. Energy Engineering
7. Environmental engineering
8. Geological Engineering
9. Industrial Engineering
10. Manufacturing Engineering
11. Materials Engineering
12. Mechanical Engineering
13. Mechatronics & Industrial Instrumentation
14. Mineral engineering
15. Mining Engineering
16. Multimedia Engineering
17. Software Engineering
18. Telecommunications Engineering

FIELD 8: FOUNDATION
NB: ONLY Applicable to Top Achievers Sponsorship beneficiaries – refer to Top Achievers Advert

FIELD 9: HEALTH
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Clinical Technology
2. Emergency Care technology
3. Environmental Health
4. General Nursing
5. Medical Laboratory Technology
6. Pharmacy Technology
7. Pharmacy
8. Medical Record & Transcription
9. Rehabilitation Counselling/Therapy
10. Dental Therapy
11. Health Care Management

AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Emergency Medical Care
2. Environmental Health
3. Health Information Management
4. Health Care Management/Administration
5. Health Service Management
6. Hospital Administration
7. Medical Laboratory Science
8. Medicine
9. Nursing
10. Occupational Health and Safety
11. Occupational Therapy
12. Pharmacy
13. Physiotherapy
14. Public Health
15. Counseling Psychotherapy
16. Rehabilitation Counseling
17. Speech Therapy
18. Audiology
19. Histotechnology and Cytotechnologist
20. Biomedical science

FIELD 10: HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Culinary Arts
2. Travel, Tourism, Hospitality
3. Cultural Tourism
4. Events Management
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Travel Operations & Management
2. Tourism Management
3. Hospitality Management
4. Travel /Tourism Management

FIELD 11: HUMANITIES
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Theology
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Theology
2. Pastoral Care/Pastoral Studies
3. Chinese studies
4. Digital Media
5. Humanities
6. Public Relations

FIELD 12: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Systems Administration
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Network Computing
2. Information, Communication Technology
3. Mobile Technology
4. Computer Networking
5. Digital Forensics
6. Network/Cyber Security
7. Computer Forensics
8. Information Systems
9. Data Management
10. Business Information Technology

FIELD 13: PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. ACCA
2. CIMA
3. CIPS
4. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY

FIELD 14: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Architectural Technology
2. Sound Technology
3. Telecommunication Systems
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Actuarial science
2. Applied Geophysics
3. Architecture
4. Biological & Ecological sciences
5. Biotechnology
6. Business Computing
7. Business Information Systems
8. Computer Science
9. Computer System Engineering
10. Computing
11. Creative Multimedia
12. Earth Science
13. Environmental Science/Ecosystem sciences
14. Forensic Accounting and Finance
15. Forensic Sciences
16. Geology
17. Geomatics

18. Information systems
19. Information Systems & Data Management
20. Information Technology
21. Mathematics & Finance
22. Mobile Computing
23. Mobile Technology
24. Multimedia Systems
25. Networking Computing
26. Physics/Chemistry/Biology
27. Physics with Meteorology
28. Pure & Applied Chemistry
29. Pure & Applied Mathematics
30. Quantity surveying
31. Science
32. Software Engineering
33. Sports Management
34. Urban & Regional Planning
35. Chemical Drug Discovery and development

FIELD 15: SOCIAL SCIENCES
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Archives and Records Management
2. Community Development
3. Criminal Justice
4. Criminology
5. Economics
6. Human Development & Family Studies
7. Information & Knowledge Management
8. Law
9. Law & Public Administration
10. Media Studies
11. Public Administration
12. Security Management
13. Social Sciences
14. Social Work
15. Statistics
16. Gender and Transformation
17. Psychology

FIELD 16: TRANSPORT
AREAS OF STUDY (DIPLOMA LEVEL)
1. Fleet Management
2. Transport Management & Logistics
3. Transport Planning and Management
AREAS OF STUDY (DEGREE LEVEL)
1. Transport Management & Logistics
2. Fleet Management/infrastructure planning

5. IMPORTANT PROCESSING NOTE:
- I. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted
 - II. The online system allows you to save your application in **Draft mode** and revisit at a later stage provided it is before submission deadline.
 - III. Failure to submit all supporting documents will render your application **null and void**.
 - IV. Only applications on the above listed areas of study will be considered for sponsorship.
 - V. **Appeals against the decision of the Director DTEF regarding non approval of sponsorship application will only be considered up to Monday 31st August, 2026 or within a month of having received the response. All correspondence should be addressed to the Ministerial Appeals Committee, Ministry of Higher Education, (Private Bag 00517 Gaborone).**

6. RESTRICTIONS:
- i. Applicants whose admission information is not captured in the system by the relevant institution will not be permitted to apply.
 - ii. The system will not permit applications from individuals who do not have National Identity number or birth certificate number.
 - iii. The system will NOT permit applications from individuals with academic points below the cut off points.
 - iv. **The system will only permit applications under special dispensation category of sponsorship for individuals whose information has been uploaded into the system by the relevant administrative offices.**
 - v. The System will not process applications from students who sat for examinations after **December 2025**.

7. DISCLAIMERS:
- i. Admissions at Tertiary Institutions does not guarantee award of Government sponsorship.
 - ii. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee award of sponsorship.
 - iii. Submission of an application online does not guarantee an award of sponsorship
 - iv. 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:** 371 9364 /371 9439 / 371 9441 / 371 9473.
- **Public Relations:** 371 9319 / 371 9321
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FARM WORKES

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER
@ Mohuhumetsa farm, Kgatleng, Motlopi and Maretlwa poles. Contact Mr Ben Phiri 71 490 317 Box 50 Mochudi

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moshana farms. Contact: Agnes Nyambe 74 106 895

ONE HERDBOY WANTED Micho Mpugwa Box 301515 Francistown Cell: 77 607 471

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mathangwane Ms Mathala Box 142 Mathangwane Cell: 71 782 628

I AM LOOKING FOR FARM WORKERS at Moroka village Lulama Nduna P O Box 1020 Francistown 76 731 793

1 x LOBOURER NEEDED in Tuli Block, portion 3 Mabelel Estates. Applicant have relevant experience 5 years willing to spend extended period in remote area. No dependents. Contact Dream Big Botswana Safaris on +267 76526884 Johnny@dbasafaris.com. Before 31st July 2026

TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED Natale Chati Johane Box 10279 Tatitown 77 607 471

FARMWORKER WANTED Box 178 Mmadinare Call: Gorata Bagopi at 77 732 087

WANTED FARM LABOURER, Farm Manager and one Herdboy Chobe District contact number 71691746

I STEPHEN TAMAPO from Kasane am looking for a Farm Worker at 256 Farm plot No.256/ CHS 100X100

WANTED ONE FARM MANAGER and one Herdboy chobe District contact number 71 858 338

FARM WORKER NEEDED: in Mmanoko, Motlolotsetshega farm with no experience. Please call 73136314. Closing date 26.08.2026

WANTED HERD WORKER Moageledi Sefhemo P O Box 503161 Gaborone, Cell 74 601 665.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Kgalapitse. Call 72 657 892

HERDBOY AND MAID WANTED. Contact 71 304 206

VACANCY GENERAL FARM worker with livestock experience at Kaulani ranch Lobatse. Apply 17 July, cell 71 300 469

LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER to care for animals and crops at Dikgokonnnye lands. Apply to Box 60045 Gaborone

TWO MALE FARM WORKERS wanted at Nkwanapedi lands – Mmadinare. Apply to : Box 192 Mmadinare. Call 73 800 870

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Mmathubudukwane. Contact Serehete Matsietsa on 77 442 674. Closing date 26/07/2026

LOOKING FOR A FARM WORKER at Makoro P O Box 10948, Palapye

HERDBOY/HERDGIRL WANTED in Rakops. Apply to Keseketswe Ernest Gabotogwe. P O Box 14 Rakops

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 7554 at Mabeleng ward Bobonong is proposing to change land use from residential to Civic & Community (Clinic). Any objections contact Bobirwa District Council Physical Planning Office on 261 9274.

LESEDI DISELE WOULD like to change plot 10755 at Mothabaneng, Shoshong from residential to commercial for objection contact Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning at 471 8600 within 14 day of publication of notice.

KGOMOTSO MAIPELO MODISE of plot no. 6628 Mmaratanang/ Tlokweng to erect a boundary wall. Any objection to be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning Tel 369 5002

OWNER OF PLOT 2335, Gabane wants to change land use from single family residential to multifamily residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Kweneng District Council within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

NOTICE IS GIVEN to neighbours who share a boundary with owner of plot no 76922 in Gaborone North wishes to build a double story. For objection contact Gaborone city council within 14 days of this publication.

MOEMEDI JUNIOR TAFa wishes to inform plot owner 7838 of his intension to change land use from ploughing field to mixed use Agriculture. Objection should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Tel 577 7411

JILLIAN THUTO OF plot 18422 Selepa Francistown intends to change from single to a multi-residential. For any objection contact Francistown Physical Planning Office (+267) 241 1050 within 14 days of publication

Looking for a farm worker in Tlokweng Letlapeng

Send application to:

The Farm Owner
Dr Ishmael Takaedza
Nshakashogwe
P.O.BOX 1020,
Gaborone
Tel: +267 71302931

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 000001-25

FISRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
IN THE ESTATE of the late **EDITH CHATIWILA MOTHOB**- ESHFT 000001-25 who died at Bobonong Primary Hospital, Bobonong, Bobirwa District on the 16 December 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for a period of twenty- one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02 DAY OF JULY 2026.

EXECUTOR DATIVE **AND TO:** Master of the High Court
P O BOX 202780 Private Bag F13
Gaborone. **FRANCISTOWN**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GAONTEBALE AKANYANG	ESHMY 000177-26	24.08.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000148-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **REJOICE GALEEPIWE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 24th March 2024.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 24 Day of June 2026.

The Executor Dative
Galeepiwe Rankeke
P. O. Box 3564 Serowe Cell:71508567

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000160-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **EDWARD KOOSALETSE**- ESHGB 000160-26, Who died at Bokamoso Private Hosipital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 4th day of February 2019.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executor, Mooketsa Busboy Kesupile, P O BOX 161, KANYE
CELL:71754702/77962409

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of estates act(Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased	PersonEstate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KGOSIMODIMO NGAKA	ESHMY 000215-26	25.08.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 29TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administrative of Estates Act (Cap.33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DICHELEKETO SAPITSE	ESHFT-000550-26	15-09-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 29TH DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the name of the deceased relative for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

MORULAGANYI CHAMME	ESHMY 000003-26	24.08.26	0900HRS	SARM
Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 26TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000546 - 22

IN THE ESTATE who of the late **KEBADIRE TINY RATSOMA ESHGB 000546 - 22** Who died at **Letshabo Ward, Molapowabojang, Molapowabojang District, Botswana** on the 24th day of February 2018

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executor
Condriil M. Busang
P O Box 46396 GABORONE Cell: 73334740

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000157-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **ONTEFETSE DITLHAKO** who died at Mamadila Ward, Lecheng, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 27th November 2024.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026
The Executor, Marks Obusitse Dintwa, P.O. Box 23, Lecheng
Cell: 76035239

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 6841 in Kang propose to change use from residential to commercial. Any objections contact Kgagaladi North Council Planning Office on 6510113

I PELWAN MOHAMMED owner of plot no. 81882 Gaborone North wishes to erect a double storey. For any objection contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office on telephone no. 3903430 within (14) fourteen days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT 13913 Lenganeng, Tlokweng would like to inform neighbours about erecting a boundary wall. Any objections to be forwarded to T.D.C Physical Planning Office Tell 392 8200

I MABLE BONYANA BOLELE, the owner of a ploughing field at Molongwana would like to change its land use to Agro- Tourism. Any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Unit at 577 7411

NEIGHBOR CONSULTATION the owner of plot No Portion 130, farm Knockduff No 6-JO Portion 30 situated at Lobatse would like to erect boundary wall and a multi-family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Gamalete District Council- Physical Planning Office on Tel 538 1200 within fourteen (14) days of publication

GABORONE CITY COUNCIL-owner of plot 60779 in Block 7 Gaborone intends to change use from Recreational Use to mixed-use recreation. If any objection, do contact GCC Physical Planning on 365 7400 or write to P/Bag 0089 Gaborone within 14 days of this notice.

HITWALL INVESTMENT (PTY) Ltd, owner of 15019 in Egepeto ward, Tlokweng wishes to change use from ploughing field to mixed-use agriculture. Whoever has an objection should contact Tlokweng district council 369 5000 / 71433986 or call 74 200 948 within 14 days

PROPSPACE (PTY) LTD, owner of a plot in Mmatshipa wishes to change use from horticulture to commercial plot. Whoever has objection should contact Kgatleng district council 577 3512 / 577 7411 or call 74 200 948 within 14 days.

VACANCIES

MORUPULE WANDERERS FC is looking for coach, with a minimum qualification of CAF. Send your CV's to rmotsholapheko@mcm.co.bw

Change of Land Use

The owner of plot 1791, in Ledumadumane, Mogoditshane is proposing change of land use from **single residential to multi-family residential use.**

For any objections contact **Mogoditshane - Thamaga** District Council, Physical Planning at **316 6646 / 3960790** within **14 days** from publication of this notice.

Adverts booking

365 3592
365 3591

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BARAEDI DIKGABELA	ESHFT-0000500-26	15-09-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
OABONA MOESI	ESHFT-0000552-26	15/09/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000115-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late JOSEPH MABUAAEME who died at Palapye Primary Hospital ,Palapye-District ,Botswana on the 12th May 2025.

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

DATED AT _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executrix, Itumeleng Mabuaaeme, P O Box 409, MAUNATLALA CELL: 74580059

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MOAGI MAROPE AND TSELANE IRENE MAROPE	ESHFT-000499-26	25-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
OBOLETSE SAMSON AND ANNAH MOROTS	ESHFT-0000483-26	01/09/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
CHOOKULA GULUBANE	ESHFT-000120-25	22-07-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT 001062-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late HILARY D GAREKWE ESHFT 001062-25 who died at PALAPYE PRIMARY HOSPITAL, PALAPYE, PALAPYE DISTRICT on the 27th day of JULY 2025.

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 22nd DAY OF JUNE 2026

SEGAETSHO GAREKWE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 150, PHIKWE

AND TO : Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

VACANCY: SUNNI MUSLIM IMAM

A well-established Mosque is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of **Imam**.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Relevant Diploma or Higher
- Sound knowledge of the Qur'an, Hadith, and Sunni Islamic jurisprudence.
- Formal Islamic theological training.
- Ability to lead the five daily prayers, Jumu'ah, and Islamic ceremonies.
- Strong leadership, teaching, and community engagement skills.
- Good moral character and excellent communication skills.

Interested candidates should submit their application, detailed CV, copies of qualifications and references by **22/07/2026**.

APPLY TO:

Botswana Muslim Association
Molepolole Mosque
P O Box 1543
Molepolole

VACANCY

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Extreme Electrix (Pty) Ltd is looking for an Operations Manager with 20 years' experience who will be managing all the operations of electrical reticulation projects throughout the country.

Responsibilities

- Ensuring that the company is operating efficiently and cost effectively.
- Carrying out extensive marketing and tendering promoting company growth.
- Studying technical drawings, specifications of electrical systems and topographical maps to ensure installation and operations conform to standards and customer requirements.
- Developing and managing departmental tactical plans.
- Liaising with Botswana Power Corporation and consultants

Qualifications

- Diploma in Electrical Power and Electronic engineering
- High Voltage Switching and 66000Volts power line construction experience
- 20 years experience in electrical, mining and construction industry

Applications and full detailed CVs with traceable references should be addressed to;

The Managing Director
Extreme Electrix (Pty) Ltd
P. O Box 409, **Selebi Phikwe**

Tel No: 2910036
Tele Fax: 290036
Cell No: 75785440

Or Email to: Alphaluka19@gmail.com

JOB VACANCY

Are you a team player, dynamic with an outgoing personality and have experience in Coaching. Youngstars Football Club invites candidates who wish to be part of a universal workplace to apply for the below position.

time.

- Establishing rules and regulations and ensuring players are familiar with them.
- Identifying exceptional players who might be scouted to play in professional leagues.
- Encouraging players to engage in other recreational sports and to live a healthy life with a balanced diet.

TITLE: HEADCOACH

OBJECTIVE: A football coach plans and leads training sessions with the aim of helping players improve at playing the game. Football coaches develop the skills, motivation and fitness of football players and teams. They also organize and lead the team in competitive matches.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conducting research and analysing previous games to develop game plans, tactics, techniques, formations, and strategies.
- Organizing and scheduling tryouts and shortlisting potential players.
- Determining individual player abilities, strengths, and weaknesses, and factoring these into the gameplay and strategy sessions.
- Ensuring the football field is available for practice sessions and that players show up on

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- Capacity to work under pressure to ensure delivery of the objective
- Good Interpersonal and communication skills
- Customer orientated, innovative and proactive
- Fluent in English both written and speaking

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- CAF/BFA B Coach Course certificate (CAF/ BFA A-License will be an added advantage)
- Driver's License – Class B
- 5 or more experience coaching as a Head Coach in either Botswana Football League or First Division
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Applications along with resume/CV should be forwarded to youngstarsfcbw@gmail.com not later than 16th July 2026

RAMATEA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL T/A RAVOS TECHNICAL COLLEGE:

JULY 2026 INTAKE IS ON: CALL 5403361/5441752 : ENROLL NOW

NOW OFFERING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIPLOMA (TEACHING) PROGRAMS GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAMS.

CURRENT COURSES OFFERED: ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN.

1. Certificate in Early Childhood Education(1 year)	5. Diploma in Early Childhood Education (2-3 years)
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3. Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (1 year)	7. Diploma in Primary Education (3 years)
4. Certificate in Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (1 year)	8. Diploma in Secondary Education (3 years)

ENTRY REQUIREMENT: JC AND ABOVE: CAMPUS ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE RAVOS IS REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED BY BQA AND HRDC.

ALL AVAILABLE ON FULLTIME, WEEKEND, CORRESPONDENCE AND ONLINE SHORT PRACTICAL COURSES: with RESTAURANT, TUCKSHOP & ACCOMODATION

1. Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy (6 weeks)	4. Solar Energy (Design, installation, and maintenance) – 6 weeks
2. Dressmaking & Fashion Design (6 weeks)	5. Training of Trainers – Accredited by HRDC
3. Small Stock Production (6 weeks)	6. Assessor and moderator Training – Accredited by HRDC

VISIT WWW.RAVOSCOLLEGE.CO.BW

HOW TO APPLY : Cell / WhatsApp 74 132 016 Or Visit us at Ga-Kgolo Ward, Kanye

Email: ravoscollege@gmail.com Facebook Ravos Technical College Official

Contact our Gaborone, Francistown and Mahalapye offices for bookings

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a **certified copy of lost Title Deed No 2442/2021** dated **22 day of December 2021** Made in favor of **Joint Estate of the late Nimrod Garayi and surviving spouse Oripah Garayi** in respect of the Lot

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 8761 Gaborone
SITUATE : In Gaborone Administrative District
MEASURING: 525m² (five hundred and twenty five square metres)
HELD UNDER : Deed No. 2442/2021 Dated 22 December 2021

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same with the **Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks** from the last publication of this notice

Date at Gaborone on this 2nd day of July 2026

APPLICANT

Name :JANET GARAYI | Address :BOX 20335 GABORONE

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
BORNWELL MAPHORISA	ESHFT-0000496-26	26-08-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act | [Cap 31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SEBITSENG ARON	ESHFT-0000484-26	26/08/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000258-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GALENKITSE THAKOTONA** who died at Serorome Ward, Palapye, Palapye District, Botswana on the 12th May 2017.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 16th Day of June 2026

The Executrix

Gobatlwang Kooagile

P O Box 1198 MMADINARE

Cell: 71724191

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000059-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late PONO KELEBONYE who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on the 20th December 2023.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executrix, Dibonetse Ontiretse, P O Box 725, Palapye
Cell: 72916801/71260391

H/W MAGETSE

IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

CASE NO: CCMFT-000412/24

In the matter between:

PAMELLA SIMANGO

AND

LUCKSON MUSEKE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Judgement of the above Honourable Court, the following immovable property of the above named **DEFENDANT** will be sold by Public Auction by **Deputy Sheriff MAGUDU c/o Ndawana & Company** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE:

28TH AUGUST 2026

VENUE:

MAKOMOTO LANDS

TIME:

0900HRS

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:

piece of land being an Agricultural Plot (feedlot).

TERMS OF SALE:

Cash or Electronic Bank Transfer. Conditions of sale may be examined at the office of the Deputy Sheriff.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY 2026

NDAWANA & COMPANY
(Plaintiff's Attorneys)
P.O. Box 500159
FRANCISTOWN

TEL: 2414954
DEPUTY MAGUDU
C/O PAPHIDZANI MORWA
(Assistant Deputy Sheriff)
72148474
FRANCISTOWN

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000565-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **VERONA LINDA LOTTERING** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 11th Day day of December 2023.

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) **21** days from the date of publication hereof.

DATED at.....on this.....Day of2026.

Executor

Kirk Wayne Lottering

P O BOX 402970 GABORONE

CELL: 77472698

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: -ESHFT 000163-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Festus Senyane Dikaedi** who died on the **04 March 2005** at Selibe Phikwe Government Hospital, Selibe Phikwe, Central District.

Notice is hereby given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their Debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within 30 days** after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2026

The Executor Testamentary

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters's Reference: ESHGB 000312/26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MOLAO NTOBE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 5th December 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30)** days after publication hereof.

DATED at Gaborone on this 3rd day of July 2026

Elinah Molao

c/o Kebonyetsala Nkwe

P O Box 80124

GABORONE

Cell: 74116602 / 72873385

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act | [Cap 31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SKIPPER MPHO NDUBIWA	ESHFT-0000489-26	26-08-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD / ALL ACCESS JUNCTION

UNITY GROUP(PTY)LTD. hereby give notice of intention to construct an access road along A1 Road into a proposed consolidated commercial Plot No. 6309 and Plot 6310 situated in Boatile Industrial site.

The proposed works will involve the construction of an access road/junction connecting the development to the main road. All interested and affected parties, including neighboring properties and the general public, are hereby informed of this intended development.

Any person who wishes to object to or comment on the proposed works may do so in writing.

For any objections or further information, please contact:

Mr Robert Kalane, 71722944

P.O.Box V759, Ramotswa, Botswana

All objections must be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication.

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby Given that the undersigned intents to apply for a **certified Copy Of Deed No: TL 261/2022** dated 11th day of **March 2022**.

Made in favour of **David Dorp Segobaetso** In respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot **22550 Mochudi**
SITUATE : At Mochudi (Cadastre 28) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING : **2857 m²** (Two thousand Eight Hundred and fifty-seven square meters)
HELD UNDER : Title Deed No. TL261/2022 Dated 11th day of **March 2022** In favour of **David Dorp Segobaetso**

All person having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the registrar of **Deeds, PRIVATE BAG 0020 Gaborone** within **three (3) weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

DATED AT Gaborone on this 02nd day of July 2026

APPLICANT

Deaf Advocacy and Empowerment

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BSD MEMBERS AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Members and Public are notified of the Annual General Meeting of the Botswana Society for the Deaf to be held on the 07 August 2026, at 08:30 at, a venue to be announced soon

For more information contact:3188374 or 71900251

By Chairperson

VACANCIES

MORUPULE WANDERERS FC IS looking for strikers, midfielders and defenders. Send your profiles to rmtsholapheko@mcm.co.bw

JOY INTERNATIONAL CHURCH looking for a Pastor. Certificate, Diploma in Ministry, Degree in Theology, marriage coaching. Apply to Box 5326, Gaborone. Closing 30/07/2026.

MASHARIKI INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD urgently looking for an extra heavy duty driver with 5 – 10 years experience in cross border, send CV to Box 31 Bokaa or email to mashariikiinvestments@gmail.com

BUKHARA RESTAURANT requires 3 chefs in Indian cuisine. Candidates should have knowledge in Tandoori, Afghani and Indian curry. Candidates should have a minimum of 5 years experience. Send Cv certificates and references to P O Box 45045 Riverwalk, Gaborone

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Rural Adminstration Centre

All correspondences should be addressed to Council Secretary

REF: NEDC 3/6/1 III (47) 18th June, 2026

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Nedc Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd
The North East District Council (NEDC), through its Investment Company, invites suitably qualified, experienced, and reputable professionals to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for appointment as **Independent Non-Executive Directors** on the Board of the North East District Council Investment Company.

Nedc Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd is the investment and commercial arm of the North East District Council established to drive sustainable economic development, unlock value from Council assets, attract investment, facilitate strategic partnerships, and promote socio-economic transformation within the District and beyond.

In line with principles of sound corporate governance and the need to strengthen the Board’s strategic and technical capabilities, Nedc Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd seeks to appoint **two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors** possessing specialized expertise and proven leadership experience.

1. PURPOSE OF THE APPOINTMENTS
The appointments seek to strengthen the Board’s capacity in providing strategic oversight, governance leadership, investment guidance, and commercial direction to the Company as it implements its mandate of promoting sustainable investments and development initiatives.

The successful candidates will be expected to contribute independently and objectively to Board deliberations and support the achievement of the Company’s strategic objectives.

2. POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Position 1: Investment, Finance and Corporate Strategy Expert

Applicants should possess demonstrable expertise and extensive experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Corporate Finance and Investment Management
- Financial Analysis and Project Appraisal
- Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
- Asset Management and Portfolio Development
- Commercialization and Business Development
- Banking, Capital Markets and Development Finance
- Corporate Strategy and Enterprise Growth
- Risk Management and Corporate Governance

- Key Competencies**
- Strategic leadership and decision-making
 - Financial and commercial acumen
 - Investment evaluation and due diligence
 - Corporate governance and compliance
 - Stakeholder engagement and negotiation
 - Board leadership and oversight

Position 2: Property Development, Infrastructure and Economic Development Expert

Applicants should possess demonstrable expertise and extensive experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Property Development and Real Estate Investment
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Infrastructure Development and Project Management
- Industrial and Commercial Estate Development
- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development
- Agribusiness and Rural Economic Development
- Land Use Planning and Spatial Development
- Engineering, Construction and Built Environment

- Key Competencies**
- Project conceptualization and implementation
 - Infrastructure planning and development
 - Public sector and local government knowledge
 - Economic development and investment promotion
 - Strategic partnerships development
 - Governance and regulatory compliance

3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must:
- Be citizens or permanent residents of Botswana
 - Be a local expert (North East District) with domain-specific expertise
 - Possess a minimum of a Bachelor’s Degree in a relevant field. A Master’s Degree or professional qualification will be an added advantage.
 - Have at least ten (10) years of relevant professional experience, with a minimum of five (5) years in senior management, executive leadership, board, or advisory roles.
 - Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of corporate governance principles.
 - Have no criminal record involving fraud, corruption, financial misconduct, or dishonesty.
 - Be able to dedicate sufficient time to Board and Committee responsibilities.
 - Be independent and free from conflicts of interest that may compromise their duties as Directors.

4. CROSS-CUTTING COMPETENCIES

- The ideal candidates should demonstrate:
- Strategic thinking and leadership
 - Corporate governance and ethical conduct
 - Investment and commercial awareness
 - Stakeholder management and partnership building
 - Analytical and problem-solving abilities
 - Effective communication and negotiation skills
 - Accountability, integrity and professionalism
 - Understanding of local government and economic development priorities

5. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

- Successful candidates will be expected to:
- Provide strategic direction and oversight to the Company.
 - Promote sound corporate governance and accountability.
 - Review and approve investment opportunities

- and business proposals.
- Monitor financial performance and organizational sustainability.
- Support resource mobilization and investment attraction initiatives.
- Participate in Board Committees and special assignments.
- Safeguard the interests of the shareholder and stakeholders.
- Contribute to policy development and risk management.

6. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Interested candidates should submit:
1. A Letter of Motivation outlining suitability for appointment.
 2. A detailed Curriculum Vitae highlighting:
 - Professional qualifications
 - Relevant experience
 - Board memberships (current and previous)
 - Key achievements
 - Professional affiliations
 3. Certified copies of academic and professional qualifications.
 4. Certified copy of National Identity Card (Oman) or Passport.
 5. At least three (3) professional references.
 6. Declaration of any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

- 7. SELECTION PROCESS**
The selection process shall include:
- Eligibility screening
 - Technical evaluation of qualifications and experience
 - Governance and fit-and-proper assessment
 - Interviews for shortlisted candidates
 - Recommendation to the Ministry and Shareholder for appointment

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

- 8. TERM OF APPOINTMENT**
Successful candidates shall be appointed in accordance with the Company’s governance framework and applicable legislation governing state-owned enterprises and local authority investment entities.

- 9. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**
Expressions of Interest should be clearly marked:

“EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT AS INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-Nedc INVESTMENT COMPANY”

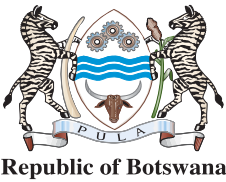
Applications should be addressed to:

The Council Secretary
North East District Council
Private Bag 004
Masunga

CLOSING DATE: 24th July 2026

For more information, contact Human Resources office at Telephone: 2489242.

Tel: 371 9300 / 371 9301
Fax: 391 2891 / 391 5622



Republic of Botswana

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GABORONE, BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION FINANCING

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2026-2027 TOP ACHIEVERS' SPONSORSHIP

Date: 06 July 2026

1. The Department of Tertiary Education Financing under the Ministry of Higher Education invites applications from qualified citizens of Botswana for Tertiary Education Government Sponsorship for **2026/2027** 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.

2. The 2026/2027 cohort shall be sponsored for undergraduate programmes **ONLY**, therefore there will be no progression to Masters and PhD Level.

3. Applicants are expected to select **A Level subjects** in line with established priority training areas, as stated in this advert to ensure seamless transfer to tertiary institutions.

4. Qualifying applicants shall be considered for placement in local private Secondary/high schools for their foundation programme i.e. AS level and A Level.

5. Applicants will be considered for both internal and external training for programmes specified in this advert upon completion of foundation programmes and **there shall be no Government sponsorship for foundation programmes in external institutions.**

6. The Priority Training Fields includes:
- i. Energy and Mining
 - ii. Agriculture
 - iii. Manufacturing
 - iv. Tourism
 - v. Financial Services and Digitalization
 - vi. Education
 - vii. Health Care

7. **CONDITIONS FOR PLACEMENT:**
- i. The Department retains the prerogative to determine students' countries of study and reserves the right to revoke the sponsorship of any sponsored student. Training will be based on cost effectiveness.
 - ii. Qualifying applicants will be considered for placement in local private high schools for their foundation programme where they cannot get direct entry at a tertiary institution i.e. AS level and A Level
 - 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. Sponsorship will be awarded to an applicant with Secondary/ High School results obtained at first sitting.
 - vi. Sponsorship covers standard single qualification paths and excludes double degree undergraduate programmes.
 - vii. The final award of sponsorship is based strictly on official **A Level examination results rather than** the institution's A Level predicted grades.
 - viii. Applicants must be able to complete training before the age of 35.
 - ix. Be expected to pay a non-refundable sponsorship application fee of **P50.00** which will be deductible from the first allowance. (*Refer to the Memorandum of Agreement*).

8. **APPLICATION PERIOD**
The applications will be open from **Monday 6th July 2026 to Friday 7th August 2026** on DTEF website <https://tef.gov.bw>, updates will also be posted on other Public and private electronic/print media, DTEF Facebook page: 'Department of Tertiary Education Financing'.

9. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
The applicants must meet the following:

- i. Must have completed **BGCSE, IGCSE, A LEVEL, AS, IB DIPLOMA & MATRIC in November/December 2025 (single sitting)** and have attained the following Minimum Cut Off Points:

CERTIFICATE TYPES	CUT OF POINTS
BGCSE/IGCSE/COSC/MYP-IB	6 (A*)
AS LEVEL/IB STANDARD/MATRIC	4 (A)
A LEVEL/IB DIPLOMA(HIGH)	3 (A)

10. SPECIALISED PROGRAMMES BY FIELD OF STUDY

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	
1.	Seed Science Technology	2. Harvest Horticulture & Grain Production
3.	Aquaculture	4. Veterinary Science
5.	Veterinary Medicine	6. Forestry & Range
7.	Ecology Wildlife Management	8. Wildland Fire Science

- 9. Nature Conservation Agronomy
- 11. Toxicology
- 13. Biotechnology/Biochemistry
- 15. Microbiology
- 10. Entomology
- 12. Fish/Bee/Plant Pathology
- 14. Ecology
- 16. Meat Inspection

2 MINING

- 1. Mining
- 2. AI and Machine e-Learning
- 3. Extraction and Processing Engineering

3 TOURISM

- 1. International Tourism Management
- 2. Culinary Arts

4 TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

- 1. Transport & Economic Planning

5 BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE

- 1. Econometrics
- 2. Digital Business and Marketing
- 3. International Business and Trade Law
- 4. Financial Technology (Crypto Currency Technology)
- 5. Actuarial science
- 6. E-Commerce and Supply Chain Technology
- 7. Digital Finance/Accounting Technology

6 SPORTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- 1. Music
- 2. Fine
- 3. Arts
- 4. Performing Arts
- 5. Fashion/Apparel Design
- 6. Theatre/Visual/Dramatic Arts
- 7. Sports Science and Management
- 8. Culinary Arts
- 9. Creative coding
- 10. Copy right law
- 11. Cinematography

7 MANUFACTURING

- 1. Robotics
- 2. Artificial Intelligence
- 3. Manufacturing Technologist
- 4. Jewelry Technologist
- 5. Machinist

8 HEALTH

- 1. Physiotherapy
- 2. Dentistry
- 3. Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- 4. Radiography & Imaging
- 5. Audiology & Speech Therapy
- 6. Dietetics
- 7. Pathology/Therapy
- 8. Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics
- 9. Optometry
- 10. Bio-Medical Engineering
- 11. Pharmaceutical
- 12. Neuroscience
- 13. Trauma Nursing
- 14. Psychiatric Nursing
- 15. Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing
- 16. Anesthetic Nursing
- 17. Theatre Nursing
- 18. Orthopedic Nursing
- 19. Medicine

9 SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Nuclear Physics
- 2. Land Architecture
- 3. Data Science
- 4. Forensic Science
- 5. Nanotechnology
- 6. Earth & Environmental Science
- 7. Sanitation & Waste Management

10 ENGINEERING

- 1. Aerospace Engineering
- 2. Construction Economic Engineering
- 3. Heavy Plant Mechanical
- 4. Earth & Environmental Science Engineering
- 5. Aircraft Maintenance Engineering
- 6. Building & Oil and Gas Engineering
- 7. Robotics Engineering
- 8. Artificial intelligence
- 9. Geodesy and Geo-informatics
- 10. Manufacturing Engineering
- 11. Industrial Engineering
- 12. Material science and Engineering
- 13. Mechatronics
- 14. Chemical Engineering

11 EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 1. Special Education – specialization in Learning Disability, Visual Impairment & Hearing Impairment
- 2. Psychology Discipline

12 PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- 1. Chartered Financial Analyst

11. 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'.

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.

12. IMPORTANT PROCESSING NOTES:

- i. Hand delivered applications will **NOT** be accepted. Except otherwise advised.
- ii. The online system allows you to save your application in **Draft mode** and revisit at a later stage provided it is before submission deadline.
- iii. Failure to submit all supporting documents will render your application incomplete.
- iv. Only applications on the above listed areas of study will be considered for sponsorship.
- v. There will be no consideration for award in retrospect for those who self-sponsored before award of scholarship.
- vi. **Appeals to the Ministry against the decision of the Director DTEF regarding non approval of sponsorship application will only be considered up to 2 weeks after closure or within 14 calendar days of having received the response. All correspondence should be addressed to the Ministerial Appeals Committee, Ministry of Higher Education, (Private Bag 00517 Gaborone).**

The Department of Tertiary Education Financing will not award sponsorship if the applicants do not satisfactorily meet the application requirements.

13. ONLINE APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS:

- i. Applicants whose admission information is not captured in the system by the relevant local private secondary schools will not be permitted to apply.
- ii. The system will not permit applications from individuals who do not have National Identity number or birth certificate number and non-citizens.
- iii. The system will NOT permit applications from individuals with academic points below the cut off points.
- iv. The Department will not process applications from students who sat for examinations after December 2025.

14. DISCLAIMERS:

- v. Admission at Tertiary Institution does **NOT** guarantee award of Government sponsorship.
- vi. Meeting the minimum requirements does **NOT** guarantee sponsorship.
- vii. Submission of an application online does **NOT** guarantee an award of sponsorship.
- viii. Any false statement or declaration made to acquire sponsorship/loan will result in invalidation of the application and may result in prosecution.

15. 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: **0800 600 185**
- Call Centre: **371 9364 / 371 9439 / 371 9441 / 371 9473.**
- Public Relations: **371 9319 / 371 9321**
- Switchboard: **379 1300 / 371 9301**

Botswana intensifies drug fight

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
GABORONE

Botswana is stepping up efforts to strengthen drug treatment and prevention systems as rising substance abuse among young people and growing transnational drug trafficking threaten public health and national development.

Speaking at a three-day workshop on supporting the implementation of the International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders, organised by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Gaborone recently, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) principal public education officer, Ms Lorraine Modise said the country was adopting a balanced approach that integrated prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration under the National Drug Control Master Strategy (2026–2030).



Accused changes plea at eleventh hour

Khumile Moekejo
JWANENG

A 32-year-old man of Mosarwa Ward in Lefoko, Kabo Kgaogano has somersaulted on his initial plea for the two counts he is facing.

Even though he had initially pleaded not guilty to both counts, Kgaogano who recently appeared before Magistrate Kelebogile Molapo of Jwaneng Magistrate Court changed his plea by admitting all witness statements from witnesses that the prosecution intended to call during trial.

Having satisfied itself that the accused person fully understood that his admission to witness statements translated to a change of plea, the court proceeded to read him the facts of the case, which he also corroborated. Subsequently, he was convicted as charged on his own plea on both counts, and ordered to return to court for mitigation and sentencing on July 13, while he shall be remanded in custody until then.

On the first count, Kgaogano is accused of having reportedly assaulted Amantle Kokong on

Ms Modise said the youthful population and high unemployment levels continued to increase vulnerability to drug use.

She revealed that between 44 and 45 per cent of secondary school learners used substances in the past year, while 31 per cent met the criteria for substance use disorder.

Alcohol remains the most commonly used substance among young people, followed by tobacco, cannabis and the misuse of codeine cough syrup.

She added that cannabis, commonly known as dagga, remained the country's most prevalent illicit drug.

Between January and March this year, 397 dagga cases were recorded, leading to the arrest of 512 citizens and 31 non-citizens. CAT was the second most abused drug, with 19 recorded cases and 32 citizens arrested. Meanwhile, remarks delivered on behalf of UNODC Regional Representative

for Southern Africa, Ms Jane Marie Ongolo, commended Botswana for its commitment to tackling drug abuse through evidence-based prevention and treatment.

She noted that the recently launched 2026 World Drug Report highlighted the growing threat posed by synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances across Southern Africa, alongside increased methamphetamine and heroin trafficking along the Southern drug route.

Ms Ongolo said these emerging trends underscored the urgent need to strengthen national treatment systems while improving collaboration between law enforcement and public health sectors. She welcomed the country's progress in establishing two rehabilitation centres, developing the National Drug Control Master Strategy and hosting the African Union consultation on synthetic drug supply reduction.

Ms Ongolo further said UNODC

remained committed to supporting Botswana through technical assistance, including expanding community-based treatment programmes and other public health interventions aimed at reducing the harmful effects of drug use.

She urged stakeholders to focus on people affected by stigma, trauma and addiction, stressing that no one should be left behind in the country's response to substance use disorders. **BOPA**



Botswana's mining sector celebrates a major milestone with the official opening of Tataki Mine, a new, strategically significant operation backed by GCR Group. Positioned in one of the country's key mineral belts, Tataki Mine is set to become a cornerstone of sustainable economic growth, job creation and local development. The mine is now actively recruiting to fill a wide range of vacancies, the recruitment drive aims to empower communities and stimulate long-term economic participation.

1. Rigger

Job Purpose
The position will be responsible for preparing, securing and directing the safe lifting, movement and positioning of heavy equipment and materials while ensuring compliance with all safety standards and lifting procedures.

Key Responsibilities

- Inspect and select appropriate lifting gear, including slings, shackles, chains, wire ropes, hooks and lifting beams.
- Safely rig loads for lifting and movement.
- Calculate load weights and determine the appropriate lifting equipment.
- Ensure all lifting equipment is inspected, certified and fit for use.
- Direct crane operators using standard hand and radio signals.
- Assist in planning lifting operations and conducting risk assessments.
- Ensure loads are balanced and secured before lifting.
- Maintain lifting gear registers and inspection records.
- Identify and report defective lifting equipment.
- Adhere to all Mine Health and Safety regulations and company procedures.

Requirements

- NCC or N3 equivalent.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience as a rigger in a mining, construction, or heavy industrial environment.
- Knowledge of lifting equipment, lifting techniques and load calculations.
- Ability to read and interpret lift plans.
- Good understanding of occupational health and safety requirements.
- Physically fit and capable of working in demanding environments.

Competencies

- Strong commitment to safety.
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills.
- Attention to detail.
- Ability to work under pressure.
- Reliable and dependable.

2. Multi-Skilled Operator

Job Purpose
The position will be responsible for ensuring that lifting operations are carried out efficiently, safely and in accordance with company procedures

and statutory requirements.

Key Responsibilities

- Operate up to 80 tons mobile cranes safely and efficiently.
- Operate the following EMVs: Loader, Backhoe, Dump Truck and Skid skier.
- Conduct daily pre-start inspections and routine equipment checks.
- Ensure cranes are operated within their rated lifting capacity.
- Read and follow lift plans and operational instructions. Work closely with riggers and signalers during lifting operations.
- Report equipment faults and maintenance requirements promptly.
- Maintain operational records and inspection checklists.
- Ensure compliance with all Mine Health and Safety regulations.
- Participate in safety meetings, toolbox talks and risk assessments.
- Keep the crane clean and in good operating condition.

Requirements

- Valid 80-ton Crane Operator Certificate/ Licence.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience operating mobile cranes in a mining, construction, or heavy industrial environment.
- Good knowledge of crane load charts and lifting procedures.
- Ability to interpret lifting plans.
- Physically fit and able to work in a demanding environment.

Competencies

- Strong focus on safety.
- Good communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and within a team.
- High level of responsibility and professionalism.
- Good problem-solving skills.
- Attention to detail.

Suitably qualified candidates should forward their applications to jobs@tatakimine.com

Applicants are required to submit a detailed Curriculum Vitae, certified copies of relevant qualifications and the names and contact details of at least three traceable referees. Applications should be merged and in PDF format.

Closing Date: 12 July 2026.



Minister of Higher Education, Prince Maele (right) and CUCSA president, Mwape Nshimbi arriving for the official opening ceremony of the CUCSA Games 2026 Gaborone.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



Team eSwatini in a parade at the opening of the games.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

CUCSA Games

in pictures



Mpesi Nthabiseng of Lesotho (right) battling for ball possession with Hajra Bwanali of Malawi during the CUCSA Netball games. Malawi won 62-47.
Photo: Phenyio Ramatu



Botswana tennis player in action at CUCSA.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Pintes Ricardo of Botswana (left) in action against Msukwa Fortune of Malawi at the CUCSA football games. Malawi won 1-0.
Photo: Washa Bofelwang



Team South Africa in a jubilant mood after being crowned the overall winners of the 22nd CUCSA Games 2026 in Gaborone. The team won 24 golds, 15 silvers and 7 bronze medals followed by team Zimbabwe in second position and team Botswana in third position.
Photo: Felicity Male



Botswana's Sethunya Motsumi (right) tightly marked by Zimbabwe player, Shontel Mugwagwa during basketball games. Zimbabwe won 84-43.
Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo



Molengwa cashes in on childhood passion

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

What began as a childhood passion in the village of Otse has blossomed into a thriving career for visual artist Junior Molengwa, better known by his professional name, Jmile Arts. Now based in Gaborone, the full-time artist has built a brand around expressive acrylic portraits, customised footwear and artwork that celebrates African identity, resilience and emotion. “The name Jmile Arts reflects my artistic journey. The ‘J’ stands for Junior, while ‘Mile’ represents distance. I see my artistic journey as a mile, the distance I have travelled to reach where I am today,” he explained.

Molengwa’s love for art began in primary school and remained constant throughout his academic journey. He earned an Associate Degree in Fine Art in 2017 before completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Professional Design at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology Botswana.

He draws inspiration from renowned South African self-taught visual artist Enock Mlangeni famous for creating portraits using instant coffee and painting on unconventional surfaces such as furniture, refrigerators and swimming pools.

After completing his Fine Art

qualification, Molengwa decided to turn passion into a business.

“I felt it was the right time to start earning from my craft because I had acquired fresh knowledge and skills from university,” he said.

Among his earliest commissions were family portraits for notable clients, including a Botswana footballer who was playing professionally overseas at the time.

Today, Molengwa specialises in acrylic portrait paintings distinguished by bold blues, purples and reds, layered with textured palette-knife finishes and expressive brush strokes that give each piece its own character.

Rather than aiming for photographic realism, he focuses on emotion and storytelling.

“What makes my work unique is that I often paint people from my surroundings. Sometimes I dream about a person and then wake up and transfer that image onto canvas,” he said.

Beyond traditional canvases, Molengwa also paints on ceramic plates and customises sneakers into wearable works of art.

“I hand-paint and dye shoes to create unique pieces that reflect personality, culture and

interests. It is also a way of giving new life to old footwear,” he said.

His artwork frequently explores themes of Black womanhood, identity and resilience.

One of his notable pieces portrays a woman in deep blue and purple tones against a dark background.

“The blue drips resemble tears, rain or ancestral spirits flowing through the subject. The work is emotional, expressive and deeply rooted in African contemporary art,” he explained.

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Junior Molengwa, popularly known as Jmile Arts, has transformed his passion for visual art into a thriving full-time career. He specialises in acrylic portrait paintings. Photo: Keetile Bontsibokae

Budding photographer showcases heritage

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

From abandoned homesteads and flourishing flowers to fascinating wildlife and breathtaking sunsets, Olerato Tshosa’s Captured by Olee Photography offers extraordinary glimpses into Botswana’s natural

world.

While the budding photographer could have pursued the more commercial forms of photography commonly practised in Botswana, her profound love for nature proved irresistible, ultimately drawing her into the world of nature photography. For her,

Captured by Olee was built on the belief that Botswana’s beauty deserves to be celebrated, displayed and appreciated.

Now, after two years of exploring the outdoors with her trusted Canon 700D always by her side, a keen eye for detail, endless patience and an instinct

for spotting beauty in the ordinary, the 25-year-old photographer has made it her mission to showcase Botswana’s breathtaking natural heritage through her lens.

“Many people travel far to admire landscapes, wildlife, flowers and sunsets, but I found myself captivated by the beauty

that already exists around us in Botswana. I wanted to preserve those moments and share them with others,” Tshosa said in an interview.

Behind every striking photograph, however, lies a lesson in patience.

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Molengwa cashes in on childhood passion

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Although his career has grown steadily, Molengwa says financial constraints remain one of the biggest challenges facing artists.

“My dream has always been to host a solo exhibition, but securing sponsorship and funding has been difficult,” he said.

He also believes many clients fail to appreciate the true value of original artwork.

Molengwa noted that commissioned portraits, which commemorate weddings, graduations, newborns and departed loved ones, cost between P300 and P8 000 depending on their size and complexity, while customised shoes range from P150 to P450.

He added that artists across the world continue to grapple with unstable incomes, high gallery commissions and limited opportunities.

“Creating good art is only part of the journey. The real challenge is getting people to see it,” he said, adding that visibility is increasingly influenced by networks, galleries and digital algorithms.

He also expressed concern about the growing influence of artificial intelligence, saying technological advances pose new challenges for traditional artists.

Despite these obstacles, Molengwa remains optimistic about the future.

He hopes to establish free training programmes for aspiring artists, believing that creative skills can generate sustainable

livelihoods while strengthening Botswana’s creative economy.

He is encouraged by the growing number of companies commissioning local artists, particularly mural painters, and hopes to collaborate with internationally acclaimed visual artists through exhibitions and art auctions within the next two years.

“My dream is to keep creating meaningful work even when no one is applauding,” he said.

To young artists, his message is simple.

“The world does not need another copy. It needs your unique story, your perspective and your creativity. Do not wait for permission, share your work and keep improving.”

His dedication has earned praise from clients and supporters.

Tuelo Moseki described Jmile as an artist whose passion has never wavered.

“Molengwa has always loved art and has remained passionate about it from a young age. He takes his work seriously, and I would rate him 100 out of 100,” he said.

Another supporter, Wrongo, said Molengwa consistently delivers quality work.

“He has done signboards, customised shoes and even painted a portrait of my daughter. He never disappoints,” he said.

As Botswana’s creative industry continues to evolve, Molengwa is determined to keep pushing boundaries, proving that passion, perseverance and authenticity can transform art into both a livelihood and a lasting legacy. BOPA



Founder of Captured by Olee Photography, Olerato Tshosa, has expanded her work into botanical art, creating works by hand rather than through a lens.

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From chasing the perfect sunrise or sunset to waiting for butterflies to settle and documenting the intricate details of Botswana’s mophane caterpillars, Tshosa has discovered that the natural world reveals its beauty only to those prepared to slow down and observe.

One photograph that perfectly illustrates this patience is her favourite, an awe-inspiring image of Botswana’s beloved mophane caterpillar. Capturing the tiny creature required more than a quick press of the shutter, particularly as the photograph had not been planned.

“I had spotted a few on the ground and decided to photograph one, but it kept moving, so I had to patiently wait for the right moment,” she said. “It is a special image to me because it marked the beginning of my journey as a nature photographer and reminded me that some of the best moments happen unexpectedly.”

Yet capturing the beauty of the natural world is not without its challenges. Early in her career,

Tshosa discovered that she had chosen a path less travelled and one that remains relatively unpopular among consumers.

“In Botswana, nature photography is often not taken seriously as an art form. Many people prefer portraits, events or commercial photography, but fewer see nature photography as something worthy of hanging in their homes or investing in,”

she said.

As a result, building Captured by Olee has required patience, faith and a willingness to believe in a vision before others fully see it.

Nonetheless, Tshosa is showing no signs of slowing down. Recently, the young photographer expanded her work into botanical art, this time creating works by hand rather than through a lens, while still remaining true to where her passion lies: nature.

For Tshosa, nature photography is about far more than taking beautiful pictures.

“It is storytelling. It is preserving moments that will never exist in exactly the same way again. It is drawing attention to the details we often rush past, a flower blooming, sunlight touching a landscape, or the intricate patterns found in creation,” she said. BOPA

Tshosa has made it her mission to showcase Botswana’s breathtaking natural heritage.



Kalahari half marathon ignites Tsabong

Naomi Leepile
TSABONG

Biting winter temperatures, registering a low Degrees Celsius on Saturday morning was not piercing enough to deter hundreds of physical fitness enthusiasts and spectators who graced the inaugural Kalahari Half Marathon in Tsabong .

Despite the cold weather, the Kalahari Half Marathon hosted by Werda Athletics Club, ignited Tsabong, momentarily transforming the somewhat reserved desert epicentre into a vibrant hub of athletics, uplifting community spirits and cementing a historical mark.

While the energy at the starting line was electric, runners were quickly met with an unexpected, gruelling, challenging route as the majority of competitors had a first encounter with the unforgiving terrain of the Kgalagadi.

The unforgiving encounter with a route that navigates through the uncompromising sand of the Kalahari Desert was written all over the faces of the many athletes, legs heavy, as they

dragged their bodies, digging deep into their energy reserve to merely cross the finish line.

Many athletes noted after crossing the finish line that the deep sand tracks were incredibly heavy on the legs, demanding immense physical stamina and drastically slowing down projected finishing times.

Despite facing a mammoth of a task, the runners showed remarkable grit, adapting to the tough conditions to complete their respective 21km, 10km, and 5km courses.

The ultimate testament to this was delivered in the 10km category by 42-year-old Golebamang Akanyang.

Living with a disability ,

Akanyang shattered expectations and left spectators in absolute awe by dominating the race, powering through the heavy sand to cross the finish line in a spectacular to secure first position in 38 minutes.

Akanyang’s landmark victory sent a resonant message through the athletics community, proving that passion and dedication recognise no physical limitations, and solidifying the marathon’s mission to remain an open, non-discriminatory platform for all individuals.

The success of the marathon extended far beyond the race track, delivering an immediate and substantial economic boost to Tsabong and other villages of the Kgalagadi South region.

Event Organiser, Tshepiso Kashiwa expressed immense pride in how the community rallied together despite the freezing temperatures.

Kashiwa noted that the half-marathon has successfully put Tsabong on the map as a premier destination for sports tourism.

“With the inaugural edition now wrapped up, the Kalahari Half Marathon has firmly established itself not just as a test of endurance, but as an essential vehicle for community empowerment and social inclusion,” said Kashiwa. **BOPA**



Runners during the inaugural Kalahari Half Marathon in Tsabong on Saturday. Despite the heavy sand dragging out their race durations, the runners showed remarkable grit, adapting to the tough conditions to complete their respective 21km, 10km and 5km events. Photo: Naomi Leepile

How Kebinatshipi dismantled USA sprinters

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Local fans in Oregon felt entirely confident when Benjamin maintained his dominant front running position at the 350-meter mark, with Kebinatshipi chasing in second.

What makes Kebinatshipi terrifying on the circuit is his absolute refusal to run out of steam as he remains entirely relaxed, reading his opponents during the final bend.

Kebinatshipi emptied his energy reserve in the last 10-metre, unleashing enough sprint to catch up with Benjamin, taking him down on the verge of crossing the finish line, stopping the clock at 44.00 seconds, while Benjamin finished second in 44.11 seconds.

His performance dismantled a formidable field of seven



elite American sprinters right on their home turf.

Confronted by unpredictable weather and a stadium where he has less support, Kebinatshipi against all odds adapted to the demanding conditions.

The positive showing did not end with the quarter-mile boundary as Olympic Champion, Letsile Tebogo secured second place in 200m, with a time of 19.93 seconds. **BOPA**

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RANKING	COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
①	SOUTH AFRICA	24	15	7	46
②	ZIMBABWE	7	14	14	35
③	BOTSWANA	4	4	16	24
④	ZAMBIA	3	4	6	17
⑤	ANGOLA	1	1	-	2
⑥	ESWATINI	1	-	1	2
⑥	MALAWI	1	-	1	2
⑧	LESOTHO	-	1	-	1

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Van Der Vyver emerges victorious

Martin Van Der Vyver emerged as the overall winner of the Sarona 1 000km Desert Race after delivering a commanding performance in his Global Elite Racing Ford Ranger. He claimed top honours ahead of a competitive field during the gruelling three-day off-road endurance event. The prize-giving ceremony was officiated by Molepolole South MP, Shima Monageng, who presented trophies to the overall winner, class winners and other top-performing crews as the race concluded on Sunday. Photo: Washa Bofelwang





How Kebinatshipi dismantled USA sprinters

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

The world witnessed a tactical master class currently tormenting global quarter-milers taking centre stage at the Prefontaine Classic in Oregon, USA on Saturday night, snapping envisaged home soil celebration by American athletes. Collen Kebinatshipi proved that his signature running style is an unstoppable force of nature as he stormed to victory in a highly decorated and star studded 400m event against among others, American and Olympic icon, Rai Benjamin. Through the opening 100m, Kebinatshipi charged out aggressively to lead the pack. However, the momentum altered by the 250-metre mark as Benjamin surged ahead, temporarily relegating Kebinatshipi to third.

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