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President Advocate Duma Boko inspecting a guard of honour at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport in Gaborone yesterday before his departure to Luanda, Angola. President Boko has undertaken a state visit at the invitation of President Mr João Manuel Lourenço. The two leaders are expected to discuss and agree on concrete programmes to strengthen trade and investment linkages between Botswana and Angola. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

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# Partnerships bring Duma Boko School to life

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

The inaugural African Hero school, Duma Boko School in Gaborone is a testament to what government can achieve by partnering with the private sector. President Advocate Duma Boko said this during the launch of African Hero and the unveiling of its flagship school and clinic in Block 7, Gaborone on Saturday.

“I have heard the question, how much does the government spend on building this school? Nothing!” he said, explaining that all the government had done was make available land that had been idle for years.

The land had been earmarked for a school but the project was stalled by a lack of government funds.

President Boko noted, however that government would provide management for the school and the clinic, including teachers and nurses, medical supplies, pupil admission and other services.

He added that those who had borne the financial burden of building the school and the clinic were committed to driving the project forward.

He pointed out that Jindal Power had committed to building a school in the Mookane area where it operated, as a way of giving back to the community.

He further explained that the African Hero financing model relied on philanthropic funding from partners and supporters, and noted that Mr Naveen Jindal was the first to pledge funding for the initiative.

He invited more partners, supporters and philanthropists to come on board and build schools to contribute to community development.

“All serious business people and people of integrity are free to join and are welcome,” he said.

President Boko said the approach was intended to support the development of schools and other essential infrastructure without placing the initial financial

burden on government.

He noted that after Duma Boko School, more schools and clinics would be delivered across Botswana and the African continent using the same model.

He added that African Hero offered practical, adaptable and scalable social infrastructure solutions for Africa, with primary focus on healthcare and education.

African Hero founder and South African businessman, Mr Zunaid Moti, said the African Hero model was designed to build schools and clinics in record time.

Such an approach, he said, required moving away from the conventional brick-and-mortar method of building schools and health facilities.

He added that alongside Duma Boko School, a local factory had been set up to produce materials for schools quickly, for use in Botswana and across Africa.

He further said the school model would also be extended to old-age homes, noting that construction was far cheaper than conventional methods.

Meanwhile, Mr Jindal said Duma Boko School formed part of their company’s contribution to the community in which it operated.

He said Jindal Power was developing the multi-billion-pula Mmamabula Energy Project.

“We are proud to be part of the local community and to be supporting African Hero,” he said.

Mr Jindal said the school provided learners with an environment where they could learn and experience technology, while the clinic would bring essential healthcare to communities.

He further noted that investing in education is investing in people and in the future of the country, and remarked that the African Hero model should be exported to address challenges in Africa and around the world.

The flagship African Hero school, named after its founding chairperson, is designed to accommodate about 380 learners.

It consists modern classrooms, a resource centre and a computer laboratory, among other facilities. The clinic incorporates digital healthcare systems, telemedicine capabilities, a pharmacy and child welfare services.

African Hero is a Pan-African infrastructure initiative created to help close Africa’s education,

healthcare and skills infrastructure gap through a delivery-first model designed for speed, accountability and long-term sustainability. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) Jindal Group chairperson, Mr Naveen Jindal and Moti Group Founder, Mr Zunaid Moti during the official opening of Duma Boko School in Gaborone on Saturday. President Boko said the project offered an example of how government could leverage private-sector partnerships to overcome financial constraints. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

## Boko silences bureaucratic pushback with modern school

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

Critics said it was impossible to build a modern school in a matter of weeks, but President Advocate Duma Boko proved them wrong with the unveiling of the Duma Boko School at Block 7 in Gaborone on Saturday.

Pushing back against bureaucratic resistance and doubts over viability, the flagship project, built by Jindal Power for government, serves as the inaugural site for African Hero, a pan-African initiative designed to rapidly expand access to education, healthcare and skills development.

“Many people pushed back against this project. We have had to fight along the way to assert the viability of this concept,” President Boko stated at the launch, calling out internal resistance from public servants that even delayed features like a planned swimming pool.

“So, you can see that even when the resources do not come from government, but from people of goodwill who are able and ready to assist, there is resistance from government itself,” President Boko said.

The President used the occasion to challenge traditional benchmarks for public education in a country where many state schools face dilapidated buildings, leaking roofs and severe over-crowding amid financial shortfall driven by the diamond market slump.

“When we say something is a school in Botswana, what features and attributes should it have to qualify as a school?

Is it just a building, in whatever state of repair or disrepair, with a small chalkboard, broken pieces of chalk and some teacher and learners?

Or must we, as a country, begin to set minimum standards for a school in this country?” President Boko asked.

“Is this a public or private school? It cannot be a private school because it is better than all the private schools we have seen in this country. It is also better than all the public schools, which means it is a public school,” he added.

Constructed as a prototype for modern African education, the single-storey, white-and-blue complex houses 380 pupils across pre-school and primary levels, with plans to add a junior school.

The state-of-the-art facility features bright and air-conditioned classrooms with interactive smart screens, clustered desks, covered walkways, a playground, an

adjacent model clinic and pre-packaged learning kits for every pupil.

The Gaborone facility is the first of 100 schools and 50 clinics planned for the country, with hundreds more envisioned across Sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 98 million children and young people are currently out of school.

Following the flagship’s completion, Mr Naveen Jindal of Jindal Power, which is developing the 700MW Mmamabula coal project, committed to building an identical facility in Mookane.

To overcome government funding constraints and procurement delays, African Hero relies on a non-traditional philanthropic model.

African Hero founder and South African businessman, Mr Zunaid Moti explained that the Foundation constructed projects upfront, absorbing initial costs and allowing donors or governments to pay flexibly only after delivery.

The initiative is backed by AfriForge, an 86 500-square-metre manufacturing mega-complex in Gabane that provides centralised panel, steel and aluminium fabrication, allowing for fast turnaround times and a 20-year maintenance warranty.

With its first project complete, the initiative is expanding rapidly across borders.

Malawi, represented at the unveiling by Vice President Enock Chihana, has already expressed interest in commissioning over 450 schools under the African Hero model. **BOPA**



Constructed as a prototype for modern African education, the single-storey, white-and-blue complex is expected to enrol 380 pupils across pre-school and primary levels. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

# Stakeholder collaboration pivotal in conservation

Lindi Morwaeng  
MMOKOLODI

President Advocate Duma Boko has called for stronger partnerships between government, communities, the private sector and other stakeholders to safeguard Botswana's natural heritage and ensure that conservation contributes to the country's future development.

Speaking at the Mmokolodi Wildlife Foundation fundraising gala dinner at Mmokolodi Game Reserve on Friday, President Boko, who is also the Foundation's patron, said conservation should be viewed as a shared national responsibility, particularly as the country faced growing environmental and economic pressures.

President Boko said Botswana's natural environment formed part of the country's national wealth and supports tourism, livelihoods, education and research.

"The challenge, therefore is to ensure that development and conservation advance together. Sustainable development is ultimately about that balance," he said.

President Boko warned that the country could face severe pressure on water and food security, while its economy could also come under further strain.

"We need to stay vigilant, focused, work together and address the challenges that we face," he said, adding that the experience of Mmokolodi Nature Reserve demonstrated the importance of conserving nature for present and future generations.

President Boko further commended the Kirby family for making land available for Mmokolodi wildlife reserve on a 99-year lease, saying their generosity helped give practical expression to the vision of establishing the reserve.

He said the reserve had grown into an iconic conservation institution through the contribution of successive leaders, board members, volunteers, staff, partners and supporters.

"Mmokolodi wildlife reserve is therefore more than just a sanctuary for wildlife. It is a place where conservation, education and public engagement come together," he said.

President Boko said the reserve's environmental education programmes were particularly important because they allowed young people to experience wildlife and nature directly.

He said such experiences helped cultivate appreciation,

curiosity and responsibility among children, who would eventually become scientists, educators, conservationists, entrepreneurs, policymakers and leaders.

He urged stakeholders to support Mmokolodi's efforts to extend its reach to children who might otherwise have limited opportunities to experience the natural environment.

"Government, communities, the private sector, civil society, development partners, educational institutions and individuals all have a role to play," he said.

Meanwhile, Mmokolodi Wildlife Foundation board chairperson Mr Ramachandran Ottapathu said the reserve currently educates between 9 000 and 12 000 children annually, with an ambition to increase the number to 25 000.

Mmokolodi Wildlife Foundation was established in 1991 and opened as a reserve in 1994 in response to the concern that Botswana's children should not grow up disconnected from wildlife and the natural environment.

He said the children were taught about environmental sustainability, wildlife conservation and the importance of protecting natural resources.

On conservation, Mr Ramachandran said Mmokolodi had been involved in rhino conservation for more than 30 years, with its white rhino breeding programme contributing to the reintroduction of 25 rhinos to different areas of Botswana.

He said the reserve was also proud of its newly completed free-flight aviary, which strengthened its wildlife conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

The foundation's next ambition, he said, was to establish an intensive care unit as part of a comprehensive wildlife rehabilitation centre.

Mr Ramachandra also highlighted Mmokolodi's tourism potential, citing its proximity to Gaborone as a key advantage in positioning the reserve as a tourism hub.

He said the reserve attracted about 12 000 visitors a month and aimed to increase this to 25 000.

Portia Rapitsenyane  
GOO-MOREMI

Minister of Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi appeals for multi-sectoral collaboration and community active participation in protecting the endangered Cape Vultures.

Mr Mmolotsi said the vultures were a vital ecological and tourism asset for Botswana.

He said this at the International Vulture Awareness Day commemoration walk on Saturday, organised by the Goo Moremi Resort, a joint partnership between the Moremi Manonnye Conservation Trust and the Botswana Tourism Organisation.

Mr Mmolotsi underscored the critical role of the Cape Vultures as nature's clean-up crew.

Also, he said the vultures played an indispensable role in maintaining ecological balance, as their highly acidic stomachs allowed them to safely consume dangerous bacteria from carcasses, a natural disposal process that reduced the spread of diseases, recycled nutrients and maintained

Among the attractions are game viewing, rhino tracking, a restaurant and conference facilities.

"We invite you to not only support Mmokolodi as it is today,

but to partner with us in building the Mmokolodi of tomorrow," he said.

Mr Ramachandran said contributions to the foundation

went toward supporting children's environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation and broader conservation efforts. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) interacting with guests during Mokolodi Wildlife Foundation gala dinner in Mokolodi on Friday. He said conservation should be viewed as a shared national responsibility, particularly as the country faced growing environmental and economic pressures. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

## State visit to unlock opportunities

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President Advocate Duma Boko's State Visit to Angola is expected to unlock significant opportunities for mutually beneficial economic and commercial cooperation, strengthen people-to-people ties and further deepen the longstanding relationship between Botswana and Angola.

According to a press release from Office of the President, President Boko's visit to Angola, is built on a series of high-level engagements between Botswana and Angola, including a State Visit to Botswana by President Joao Lourenco in 2023, a working visit to Angola by President Boko in March and the recently concluded inaugural Session of the Joint Permanent Commission between Botswana and Angola held in Luanda from September 3 to 6.

During the visit, the release states that the two Presidents are expected to discuss and agree on concrete programmes to strengthen trade and investment linkages between Botswana and Angola in key sectors such as mining, energy, transport, food security, tourism and regional connectivity.

It also states that they are expected to witness the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of Botswana-Angola Bi-National Commission, which will provide an enhanced framework for coordinating and reviewing bilateral cooperation across areas of mutual interest.

President Boko is accompanied by Minister of International Relations, Dr Phenyo Butale, Minister of State President, Defense and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, Minister of Trade and

Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai and senior government officials.

Meanwhile, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana has assumed the role of Acting President, as both President and Vice President are outside the country.

The release states that Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe has travelled to Seoul, Republic of Korea to attend the eighth Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAPEC) Ministerial Conference that will be held on September 8.

It states that the visit follows an invitation extended to the Minister of Finance by the African Development Bank and the government of the Republic of Korea. **BOPA**

## Protect endangered Cape Vultures - Mmolotsi

overall environmental health.

Despite their ecological importance, he said they remained heavily endangered due to a barrage of modern threats, including illegal wildlife poisoning, human-wildlife conflict, habitat loss, nesting disturbances, powerline collisions, electrocutions and severe nutritional deficiencies.

He said calcium deficiencies in juvenile vultures experienced at Goo Moremi had affected breeding success, which led to declining vulture populations over the years.

"Conservation cannot succeed without the involvement of local communities. Our people must understand the value of wildlife and must-see conservation not as a responsibility of government and conservation organisations alone, but as a responsibility that belongs to all of us," he said.

He therefore commended Goo Moremi Resort, Raptors Botswana, Mascom and all partners involved that it was necessary to conserve the vultures.

Mr Mmolotsi said their efforts demonstrate what could be

achieved when communities, tourism operators, conservation organisations and government worked together.

He also encouraged young people to take an active role in environmental protection.

"You are the future custodians of Botswana's wildlife, natural resources and the environment.

"Learn about our birds, protect their habitats and share the message of conservation with your families and communities. In conservation, there are opportunities for self-employment, which is sustainable," he said.

Mr Mmolotsi called upon community members to reject the illegal poisoning of wildlife and to report incidents of wildlife poisoning to the relevant authorities.

He challenged the common misconception that vultures were ugly or worthless, describing them instead as intelligent, highly specialised and essential members of the natural environment.

As such, he encouraged tourism industry to continue

promoting responsible tourism, environmental education and community-based conservation.

"Our wildlife is one of Botswana's greatest assets, and protecting it sustains our tourism industry and creates opportunities for future generations," he said.

He said the ministry would continue to support community initiatives for natural resources conservation, as seen in the recently approved Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) Act.

The approved Act will facilitate good governance and ensure accountability by community trusts.

Director of Raptors Botswana, Dr Moses Selebatso said worldwide, there were 23 species of vultures, of which only five were found in Botswana and among, the Cape vulture which was found only in Southern Africa.

He said the Cape vulture laid its eggs on high and rocky locations, therefore in Botswana, Cape vultures breed in the hills of Goo-Moremi, Gootau, Lerala, and Manyelanong in Otse. **BOPA**

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Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa during the 5<sup>th</sup> annual corporate governance conference in Tlokweng recently. Mr Motshegwa said there was need for effective leadership across all spheres. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

# Govt strengthens corporate governance

Baleseng Batlotleng  
TLOKWENG

Government has as part of its mandate of public administration and efforts to drive public policy, taken a decision to embark on corporate governance . This was revealed by the Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual corporate governance conference in Tlokweng on Thursday.

Delivering a key note address at the two-day event, Minister Motshegwa said the decision was driven by the urge to accomplish and sustain a culture of effective leadership, good governance, agile and sound decision and service excellence.

“Our mantra is meritocracy, performance-driven, competence-based system of Local Government in Botswana. We must remember that councils are involved in facilitating business amongst others through licensing, land leasing and other processes. We have received complaints about red tape, too much bureaucracy, that stifle progress and results,” said Mr Motshegwa.

He said local authorities role must primarily be facilitators, to make it possible for investors and Batswana in their request of service delivery.

Minister Motshegwa said there was need to raise the continent’s boldest leaders, thinkers, entrepreneurs, professionals and change-makers for transformation and sustainability of Botswana and Africa. He said the drive was anchored on the vision for autonomous, financial independence and high performance local authorities anchored on agility, efficiency and quest for results.

“In this journey, the most important virtue will be effective leadership, for as I have already enunciated the success and failure of any organisation, institution rests on leadership.

“This country therefore is yearning for transformational, competent, visionary, robust and solid leadership for transmutation and metamorphosis of the political economy of this republic,” he added. He said such efforts if done without proper environment of effective and ethical leadership, good corporate governance would just be failure from the beginning.

Mr Motshegwa highlighted that efforts must be pivoted with the foundation of good corporate governance, responsibility and accountability with effective leadership from councillors and cutting edge expertise from management.

Mr Motshegwa said his ministry was fermenting an organisational culture of an agile, high performance and results orientated in touch with the people and with great contribution to the developmental agenda of the country.

“This is taking into consideration the ministry’s proximity to the people, creating the sacred responsibility to offer quality service delivery to the people. This is the crux of decentralisation, of which cabinet three weeks back adopted “decentralisation policy” a transformative policy to ensure efficient service delivery to the people,” he said.

He noted that government was dedicated to building high performance councils in the country and thus embarked on robust reform programmes to redefine the role of local authorities.

Wise Leadership company Managing Director, Ms Mpho Kgosietsile shared an overview of governance challenges across different sectors in Botswana.

She said key governance challenges among others were lack of structured and results oriented performance evaluation frameworks for chief executive officers, board over delegation and inadequate succession planning.

Other challenge that was cited by Ms Kgosietsile included lack of integrated thinking and traditional non-integrated reporting mechanisms that fail to adopt an inclusive stakeholder approach and deficiencies in core board operations.

“Despite these challenges many areas remain within a board’s direct control. Boards must proactively strengthen the combined assurance model, run results oriented meetings, empower robust committees, provide strategic oversight. Monitor key risks and leverage emerging opportunities,” she said. The conference brought together leading governance thought leaders, board members, executives and professionals for discussions on some of the most pressing issues affecting corporate governance and organisational leadership today. **BOPA**

# Mogoditshane to get new DRTS office

Lindi Morwaeng  
MOGODITSHANE

Residents of Mogoditshane are set to access Department of Road Transport Service (DRTS) services closer to home following plans by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure to open a new branch at the newly refurbished Mogoditshane Post Office.

The Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, who is also the Member of Parliament for Mogoditshane East announced the development during a kgotla meeting in Mogoditshane on

Wednesday. Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang stated that the new office would bring vehicle registration and driver licensing services closer to residents while helping to decongest the main DRTS office in Broadhurst. He noted that his recent appointment to Cabinet would provide the three Mogoditshane constituencies with strong representation at the national decision-making level.

He pledged to use his position to ensure that the needs of Mogoditshane residents were directly communicated to the relevant ministries to improve service delivery.

Highlighting the health sector, the assistant minister expressed his intention to work closely with the Minister of Health to ensure that local clinics and the proposed new hospital in Mogoditshane were adequately resourced and receive essential medicines without unnecessary delays.

On infrastructure development, Mr Barongwang announced that construction of the long- awaited Gabane-Mmankgodi road was expected to commence in October, alongside works on approximately 25 kilometres of internal roads within Mogoditshane.

He emphasised that the road projects, together with the proposed hospital, were expected to create numerous employment opportunities for residents.

At the national level, Mr Barongwang shared that preparations were underway for major transport infrastructure projects, including the Trans-Kalahari Railway, which is expected to begin in the coming months. While the railway was initially conceived primarily to transport coal, its scope has since expanded to include the transit of salt, copper, and other minerals to Walvis Bay in Namibia for export. The railway will also facilitate the transportation of essential imported goods from Walvis Bay into Botswana. According to Mr Barongwang, the Trans-Kalahari Railway project was projected to create between 80 000 and 110 000 jobs during its construction phase, and between 8 000 and 10 000 permanent jobs once it became operational. Other major national projects currently being undertaken include the Mosetse-Kazungula Railway, the upgrading of the A1 road, and improvements to the Maun Airport. Turning to public transport, Mr Barongwang announced that the ministry has launched a pilot project aimed at transforming and integrating the country’s public transport system.

As part of this pilot, electric buses will be introduced within two weeks, featuring modernised payment systems and designated routes designed to reduce travel time. These buses will operate in dedicated lanes to avoid traffic congestion. Under the pilot project, two electric buses will service the Metsimotlhabe–Mmopane–University of Botswana route, while another bus will serve the Mogoditshane area. Developed under the Metro Rail and Metro Bus initiative, the project will involve establishing a cooperative company owned by local combi owners and drivers, with the government also sharing in the company’s earnings.

This initiative is also expected to drive broader improvements in road infrastructure. While residents warmly welcomed Mr Barongwang’s appointment to Cabinet and wished him well in his new responsibilities, they utilised the forum to voice pressing concerns regarding poor service delivery. Key issues raised included the dilapidated state of internal roads, inadequate medical supplies, and rising crime rates. They urged the Assistant Minister to collaborate closely with the relevant ministries and departments to urgently address these challenges and uplift Mogoditshane. **BOPA**

# Kgalagadi North braces for dry season

Thuso Kgakatsi  
HUKUNTSI

Kgalagadi North District is bracing for a difficult period of water shortage, extreme weather and rising service delivery costs.

Therefore, Council Chairperson, Mr Stephen Lekgobero has called for greater community cooperation to cushion residents against the challenges.

Mr Lekgobero said the district was already experiencing water supply interruptions in the Matsheng area because of declining borehole yields at Lehututu and Lokgwabe well fields. Addressing a full council meeting recently, Mr Lekgobero said Water Utilities Corporation had deployed 30 000 liters water bowser to Hukuntsi as a short-term measure to supplement available supplies. He said, the water corporation was also engaging private borehole owners as potential alternative sources, subject to the boreholes meeting required water quality and quantity standards.

“Efforts are meanwhile being made to improve the reliability and sustainability of water supplies through renewable energy. A 15kw solar power system was installed at borehole 9184 in Ukhwi in June, while similar installations are planned for the Hunhukwe booster station and borehole 8881 in Inalegole before the end of the

year,” he said. Mr Lekgobero appealed to residents to use water responsibly and pay their bills on time. The water situation could become more challenging in the coming months, with the seasonal forecast indicating a possibility of an El Niño during the 2026/27 rainfall season.

According to Mr Lekgobero, this could result in below-normal rainfall, prolonged dry spells and above-normal temperatures between October and March, while also increasing the risk of wildfires.

He urged residents to conserve water, prepare for drought and wildfires, protect livestock and take precautions against heat-related illnesses.

“The warning comes as the district is already dealing with wildfires following good rains during the 2025/26 ploughing season, which resulted in thick layers of dry grass,” he said.

Mr Lekgobero said government resources for fire management remained constrained, but funds have been secured to remunerate people who assisted in suppressing wildfires. He called on farmers, communities and other stakeholders to work together to prevent and fight veld fires and, where possible, assist with maintaining firebreaks.

Meanwhile, he said the district continued to address social challenges, including gender-based violence, child welfare and support for vulnerable children. **BOPA**



Kgalagadi North District Council chairperson, Mr Stephen Lekgobero said the district was already experiencing water supply interruptions in the Matsheng area because of declining borehole yields at Lehututu and Lokgwabe. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi



MP for Tati East, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture donating blankets to Tatisiding elders on Friday. He said elderly people deserved recognition and support as their efforts were devoted in building a foundation for future generations. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

# 'Elders deserve recognition'

Kelebogile Taolo  
TATISIDING

The elderly people deserve recognition and support as their efforts and energy were devoted in building a strong foundation for the current generation.

Speaking at an occasion where he donated blankets to senior citizens in Tatisiding at Highway Hope Centre recently, Member of Parliament for Tati East, Mr Thabologo Furniture, said the elders deserved care in recognition of what

they had done in the past.

Therefore, he encouraged and reminded young people to always remember elders, and devote a moment of their time for them as ageing was a path that everyone would eventually take.

"Whilst we are in the cities as young people, we should always remember our elders. Our elders are not given the desired care and love. In some developed countries like the UK, there are old age homes where elders have everything in place; doctors, nurses and all the services

they need," he added.

Mr Furniture said government was making an effort through the old age pension to recognise and appreciate elders, though it was not enough. "The money can easily be exhausted on medication. It is time for government to think of other ways to support our elders," he said.

Mr Furniture promised to continue supporting elders in Tatisiding.

Founder of Highway Hope Centre, Mr David Nfila, said the idea of establishing an elders centre

was hatched in 2020. He explained that the aim of the centre was to gather elders of Tatisiding in one place, cook for them and engage them in handwork so that they remain active instead of staying alone at home while their children were at work.

However, Mr Nfila said the challenge was lack of space, noting that a bigger place was needed in order to offer more services to the elders. He expressed gratitude to Mr Furniture for the donation, saying it would go a long way in

assisting the elders.

Councillor for Tatisiding North, Ms Keitumetse Tlhalerwa, also applauded the MP for his gesture as well as Mr Nfila for his commitment to ensure that elders are taken care of. She emphasised the importance of elders in the society and the vital role they played in building the nation.

Ms Tlhalerwa said young people drew wisdom and knowledge from elders, hence it was befitting for them to be taken care of and assisted with their needs. **BOPA**

# WHO reaffirms support for Botswana

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reaffirmed its readiness to support Botswana in translating global health commitments into tangible and measurable local action.

As the organization continues to advocate for health as a fundamental human right, it has commended the Ministry of Health for its ongoing commitment to integrating oral health into its national health strategy.

WHO Representative, Dr Fabian Ndenzako made these remarks during the 2026 Botswana Dental Association (BODEA) Oral Health Congress held in Maun on Friday.

He underscored the critical need to integrate oral health into primary healthcare to improve overall community well-being.

Dr Ndenzako noted that the global health community increasingly recognised that oral health could no longer be treated separately from general health, meaning it must remain a core part of the broader health agenda.

Oral diseases, he said, shared common risk factors with diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancers, and other non-communicable diseases. "This is why oral health must be fully integrated into primary healthcare and universal health coverage, which Botswana is already doing," he stated.

He highlighted that no individual should suffer unnecessary pain, disability, lost productivity, or a reduced quality of life simply because oral healthcare was inaccessible, unaffordable, or unavailable.

Dr Ndenzako further acknowledged that Botswana's

ongoing health reforms that include efforts toward Universal Health Coverage and National Health Insurance presented a significant opportunity to ensure that oral health was embedded within future benefit packages, service delivery models, and quality standards.

The event was held under the theme: Precision in Dentistry; Achieving Excellent Clinical Outcomes, and Dr Ndenzako emphasised that the voices of oral health professionals were critical to achieving these goals.

However, he reminded attendees that while celebrating the progress made in dentistry, they must also acknowledge remaining challenges.

He cited that oral diseases continued to be among the most common health conditions worldwide, affecting billions of people and disproportionately impacting vulnerable and disadvantaged populations.

The gathering learned also that across Africa, the burden of oral disease continues to rise while access to oral healthcare remains uneven, particularly in rural and underserved communities, challenges to which Botswana is not immune.

"Yet the encouraging reality is that most oral diseases are preventable. The future, therefore, lies not only in treating disease better, but in preventing disease earlier. It lies in equitable access, stronger health systems, workforce development, and quality care for all," Dr Ndenzako added.

This vision, he said, aligns strongly with the WHO Global Oral Health Strategy 2023–2030, which called for a transformative shift from treatment-centred care toward prevention, people-centred services, and universal access to essential oral healthcare.

He also praised the theme of the congress, noting that while precision was often associated with sophisticated equipment, digital imaging, artificial intelligence, and advanced diagnostics, its definition was much broader.

While those innovations are important, Dr Ndenzako explained

that true precision meant making the right diagnosis, applying evidence-based practices, ensuring patient safety, continuously updating professional knowledge, and delivering the right intervention to the right patient at the right time.

"Because ultimately, patients judge us not by the technology

we use, but by the outcomes we achieve. They remember whether they can eat without pain, whether they regained the confidence to smile, and whether their treatment changed their quality of life. That is why precision matters for excellent clinical outcomes," he said.

**BOPA**

# DCEC intensifies anti-corruption drive

Samantha Gabaeme  
HUKUNTSI

Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) has it intensifies efforts to raise public awareness and strengthen accountability in the public and corporate sectors.

Speaking during the DCEC mini roadshow in Hukuntsi on Friday, Anti-Corruption Officer, Ms Felistas Hlabano said the initiative was aimed at educating communities about corruption and its negative impact on public resources, economic development and social equality, while fostering public support in the fight.

She said DCEC was committed to taking the anti-corruption message to the remotest areas of the country, ensuring that the campaign moved beyond urban centres by engaging rural communities and building a nationwide movement against corruption.

Ms Hlabano said the movement of the anti-corruption torch served as a metaphor for bringing shady transactions to light, urging

communities to remain vigilant and play their part in exposing corruption. She said the campaign also sought to encourage citizens to move from being passive victims of corruption to becoming active participants in combating it.

She explained that DCEC was promoting whistle blowing by reassuring members of the public that they could safely report suspected corrupt practices to law enforcement authorities, while equipping them with knowledge on how to make such reports safely.

Ms Hlabano said increased citizen participation would, in turn, encourage local government institutions to adopt and uphold zero-tolerance policies towards corruption. She described that the handing over and receiving of the anti-corruption torch by various local departments was intended to secure symbolic pledges from public institutions and elicit commitments from public officials to uphold anti-corruption principles.

Ms Hlabano added that the initiative was therefore aimed at fostering a culture of accountability

across the public sector, with the torch symbolising solidarity in the collective fight against corruption.

Kgosi Keolopile Leipego of Hukuntsi said the community had a crucial role to play in fighting corruption and economic crime, noting that the effects of corruption were felt directly by ordinary people.

Kgalagadi North District Commissioner, Ms Veronica Rabakane called on the community to stand together in the fight against corruption, saying the scourge had the potential to damage Botswana's development and undermine the country's progress.

Ms Rabakane urged residents to adopt the slogan "Down with Corruption," saying a corruption-free country was more likely to attract investors and create an environment conducive to economic growth.

She appealed to the community to report suspected cases of corruption, stressing that citizens have a responsibility to protect the country from practices that could undermine its development. **BOPA**

# Accused offers complainant compensation

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
MAUN

Puumue Ndjarakana, who is facing a single count of grievous harm has offered a horse and two heifers as compensation to the complainant, Mr Moffat Gaboaloge as trial continued before the Maun Chief Magistrate Court. Ndjarakana is accused of unlawfully assaulting Mr Gaboaloge on or about October 7, 2023 near Mogotho liquor restaurant in Toteng, leaving him with a fractured left forearm with bone displacement.

However, Mr Gaboaloge rejected the horse, saying he had children to look after and that the animal would not be of much benefit to him. Chief Magistrate Reuben Sebetela advised Ndjarakana to liaise with the prosecution on the issue of compensation so that they could establish whether the charge or nature of offense permitted such an arrangement. The Chief Magistrate further stated that compensation was something the accused should have raised with the investigating

officer before the matter reached trial stage. Meanwhile, Prosecution witness Ms Kobamo Mogotsi gave an account of how she came to learn of the alleged assault, telling the court that she was informed by another person that a man was lying behind the bar seeming to have been assaulted. “I went behind the bar where I found Mr Gaboaloge lying on the ground with a swollen face and he told me that Ndjarakana assaulted him and broke his hand,” she said. She further

said Mr Gaboaloge was rushed to Sehithwa clinic where he was referred to Letsholathebe Memorial Hospital in Maun. The Investigating Officer, who continued giving evidence told the court that Mr Gaboaloge reported the matter to Sehithwa police post where he was the Officer in Charge and thereafter, he went after the accused person and arrested him. He further told the court that he put it to Mr Ndjarakana that his conduct constituted an offense of causing bodily harm.

The case is set for continuation on September 22 when the state is expected to call its final witness, a medical doctor who is expected to give evidence on the matter. Ndjarakana bail has been extended until the next court date. **BOPA**

## Mother narrates convict abusive childhood

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

The mother of convicted murderer, Banoziba Dambe has told the High Court that her son grew up neglected, abused and exposed to alcohol in the family home.

Ms Chingo Dambe, 70, was testifying in mitigation before Chief Justice Ketlogetswe Gaolapelle ahead of sentencing. She told the court that she left her son, Banoziba, in the care of his grandmother, aunt and uncles when she went to Zimbabwe to get married. “My husband would not allow me to come with a stepchild, so I was compelled to leave him behind,” she said.

She said she would visit sometimes and noticed he was being neglected and abused, but there was nothing she could do.

Ms Dambe said family members took Banoziba to school, but he only progressed as far as Standard Seven, adding that he was expelled on allegations that he had impregnated a girl.

“He then stayed at home and started drinking alcohol,” she explained, adding that members of the extended family brewed and sold alcohol.

The court heard the convict later moved to Kasane with his aunt, where the drinking continued.

Ms Dambe said she once visited him there and rebuked him for excessive drinking, after which his drinking improved.

He later found work and started attending church after becoming a father.

When asked whether her son was drunk at the time of the offence, Ms Dambe said she was not in a position to state that.

Banoziba was found guilty in May this year of murdering Gaone Matebele, along with Kenosi Rathane, between April 4 and 5, 2018 at or near Pandamatenga farms in Chobe.

The accused pleaded not guilty. Kenosi, who was initially charged alongside Dambe, turned state witness and the prosecution withdrew charges against him.

According to court documents, the murder stems from another case in which Dambe is also a suspect.

The deceased had allegedly agreed to be a state witness in that matter.

In that case, the State alleges that Dambe killed the mother of his children by setting fire to the house where she was sleeping with his children, after she had reported him for maintenance.

The court further heard that before the killing, on April 3, 2014, Dambe allegedly approached Kenosi and told him he wanted someone to kill his girlfriend who was residing at Lesoma. The case will continue on October 20. **BOPA**



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Renminbi plays bigger role in Africa as trade flourishes

**NAIROBI** - China's currency, the renminbi (RMB), is playing a bigger role in Africa as trade with the continent flourishes. From the launch of direct RMB settlement services in Tanzania to expanded connectivity with the Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS) in Kenya and Namibia, as well as the establishment of RMB clearing arrangements for Africa, such recent developments highlight the growing role of the Chinese currency in cross-border transactions. As China-Africa trade continues to expand, the RMB is being used not only for trade settlement, but increasingly for payment and clearing and, more recently, for financing. This expansion is driven by growing demand from China-Africa trade and investment, while an improved financial infrastructure is making cross-border RMB transactions more accessible. *Xinhua*

## Somalia joins continental trade pact

**MOGADISHU** - Somalia has become the 50<sup>th</sup> country to ratify the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, depositing its instrument of ratification with the African Union. The Minister of Commerce and Industry Gamal Mohamed Hassan submitted the instrument on Friday following its approval by Parliament and presidential assent from President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. The ministry said in a statement that the ratification completes Somalia's domestic legal requirements, granting the country access to a continental market of more than 1.4 billion consumers. "Somalia's participation in the AfCFTA will create greater opportunities for local enterprises to access continental markets, attract foreign investment, diversify exports and participate effectively in regional value chains, supporting the country's broader economic development," the ministry said. *Xinhua*

## IFAD launches US\$200m climate fund

**KIGALI** - The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Equity Group on Friday launched the Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFM), a US\$200 million-financing mechanism aimed at expanding access to climate adaptation finance for smallholder farmers and rural businesses in East Africa, IFAD said in a statement. The financing mechanism was launched on the sidelines of the Africa Food Systems Forum in the Kigali-Rwanda. It is designed to address the persistent gap between climate finance commitments and the capital reaching rural communities, according to the statement. It is being implemented by IFAD and Equity Group, with support from the Green Climate Fund, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, the Nordic Development Fund, Denmark and the European Union. *Xinhua*



Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima (left) interacting with some of the exhibitors at the Chobe Business Expo in Kazungula recently. Mr Ntsima said the expo was an important platform as it provided businesses with an opportunity to showcase their products and network. Photo: Portia Keetile

# Chobe expo connects businesses to new markets

Portia Keetile  
KAZUNGULA

Chobe district is fast emerging as Botswana's premier economic frontier, driven by a powerful convergence of high-yield agri-business, elite tourism status and corridor for regional trade.

Delivering a keynote address at the Chobe Business Expo 2026 in Kazungula on Friday, The Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima said Chobe's strategic location placed Botswana at the intersection of important regional markets.

He said it was imperative that local enterprises actively participated in cultivating economic growth rather than observing from far. Mr Ntsima implored young entrepreneurs to learn their markets, understand their customers, embrace technology and be consistent.

He indicated that the business expo was an important platform because it provided businesses with an opportunity to showcase their products and meet potential customers.

"When businesses connect, opportunities are created to generate investment and add value retained within communities."

The event organiser and Director of Yebo Travel and Tours, Ms Elsie Mosweu stated that the expo was birthed upon realising that businesses needed a platform to reconnect, find customers and build partnerships.

She said no business operated in isolation hence Chobe Business expo was an opportunity to explore market, connect and strengthen supply chain.

She stated that over the past five years of the expo running, they experienced many challenges emanating from the effects of COVID-19 but however remained

resolute because they wanted to see businesses prosper.

Member of Parliament for Chobe Mr Simasiku Mapulanga stated that infrastructure in Chobe was in a dire state despite the region being a gateway for trade in the SADC

region. The MP noted that Chobe infrastructure did not match its global state of a tourism hub because there was no senior secondary school, modern hospital and even agro processing warehouses. He said proper infrastructure was the

key to position Chobe as a competitive destination against town in neighbouring countries adding that this would encourage tourists to stay longer days in the district attracted by efficient healthcare and transportation. **BOPA**

## Liquidation delays keep former BCL workers waiting

Chendzimu Manyepedza

### SELEBI PHIKWE

Following the liquidation process, concerns of pending payments and other necessities of for BCL employees continues to dominate debates, public gathering and other platforms in Selebi Phikwe.

Recently, Minister of State President, Defence and Security Mr Moeti Mohwasa and Water and Human Settlement Minister Onneetse Ramogapi engaged with former BCL employees.

The meeting was to provide an update on housing allocation, soft landing payments and other important matters related to BCL mine closure. Mr Mohwasa articulated that the government was fully aware of the myriad challenges that have emerged from the ongoing liquidation process.

He pointed out that the Liquidator was operating with a defined set of powers that inherently contributed to certain delays in payments. Mr Mohwasa cited among others the distribution of the soft-landing funds, which were intended to provide immediate support to

former employees as they navigate the difficult transition.

Mr Mohwasa, however, reaffirmed the government's commitment to resolving issues at hand in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions. He said the desired outcome was to ensure the rights and interests of the former employees were duly protected during the transitional phase. "Until the liquidation process reaches its conclusion, some issues for former employees may inevitably take a significant amount of time to resolve," Mr Mohwasa stated.

He underscored the importance of completing the liquidation process, highlighting it as a critical step in effectively addressing the pressing concerns of former employees, especially regarding overdue payments. Mr Mohwasa said government intended to take all necessary measures to address all concerns and guarantee that the rights and interests of former employees remained a priority throughout the liquidation process. He also stressed the need for a collaborative spirit and understanding among all

stakeholders involved, as the government navigates the challenges posed by the liquidation.

Furthermore, Mr Mohwasa urged the former employees to remain informed about developments but advised caution against placing trust in unverified sources of information regarding the ongoing issues related to BCL.

He explained that reliance on speculative reports could lead to unnecessary confusion and heightened anxiety among those who were eagerly waiting for clear and definitive updates regarding their payments and other unresolved matters. Mr Mathole Morake, a former employee of BCL, expressed his concerns regarding the ongoing challenges related to the liquidation process.

He highlighted that the issues surrounding the liquidation process were not only protracted but also deeply affect former employees who were still waiting for resolutions.

Mr Morake explained the need and urgency of addressing the matter at hand, as the prolonged uncertainty continues to have significant implications on the affected parties. **BOPA**

# Biltong business opens new horizons for Keapereng

Thuso Kgakatsi  
TSHANE

The aroma of a seasoned, air dried meat may seem an ordinary snack in a locality like Kgalagadi North, where meat is more of a staple food. However, 32-year-old, Keheletswe Keapereng has taken the abundance of meat a step further, turning a traditional delicacy into a cash cow. For the Tshane native, strips of beef have become the foundation of a business that has carried him through uncertainties presented by life. His ingenious undertaking demonstrates how young people can turn locally available resources into sustainable enterprises instead of idling, waiting and hoping to get formal employment. Mr Keapereng says Kgalagadi North offers business opportunities in the agriculture sector value chain, waiting for young people to explore. He mentions that value-added businesses could generate attractive returns while improving livelihoods, growing and diversifying the district economy. The business has widened the market for the local cattle farmers, as he buys cattle for slaughter, specifically for biltong production. Since the business was on an upward trajectory, Mr Keapereng has found it necessary to starting rearing cattle and by so doing warrant reliable supply of meat for his biltong making business.

Prior to venturing into biltong business, Mr Keapereng with some of his peers worked on an idea of establishing a cooperative. However, the idea collapsed amid group dynamics, as members failed to agree and chat a way forward. “Initially, I wanted to form a cooperative, but because of group dynamics among the members, we were unable to achieve this and I ended up leaving,” he says. Rather than allowing the disappointment to discourage him, Keapereng decided to fend for himself. After many trials of some business venture, Mr Keapereng finally established something with a break through; the biltong making business. However, Mr Keapereng says the ongoing fight against Foot and Mouth Disease has affected his business as the imposed restrictions on cattle slaughter among others has disrupted his operations. While waiting for the challenge to pass, Mr Keapereng has diversified his sources of income. He has partnered with a Botswana University of Agriculture

and Natural Resources (BUAN) graduate to explore cattle fodder production. The duo are developing a feed mixer and working toward producing livestock feed for the local market. He believes the initiative could fill a gap in Kgalagadi North, as there are no established fodder producers despite the district’s livestock base. Mr Keapereng also sees potential in the region’s natural grass resources, which he says are suitable for cattle. “Kgalagadi has palatable grass most suitable for cattle, and an abundance of the grass can make it possible for us to make it in this business,” he quips. Keapereng believes young people should look beyond traditional ploughing when considering business activities in agriculture. “Those not interested in farming can participate through processing, manufacturing, packaging and marketing, You do not necessarily have to plough to participate in agriculture,” he said. He commended government’s efforts to promote economic diversification therefore urging young people to turn opportunities presented by the agricultural sector into viable businesses. Additionally, he advises young entrepreneurs to broaden their horizons through travel, benchmark, networking and participation in agricultural shows and exhibitions. Mr Keapereng said his journey toward

establishing a biltong business began as a response to unemployment, becoming a lesson and eventually landing on a business opportunity

from something viewed as ordinary. For Mr Keapereng, every strip of biltong represents more than food. It is evidence that determination,

innovation and a willingness to explore the agriculture value chain can turn a locally available resource into a sustainable livelihood. **BOPA**



Mr Keheletswe Keapereng said his biltong business had carried him through the uncertainties of unemployment, taught him the value of resilience and opened his eyes to a much bigger world of opportunities within the agricultural value chain. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

## Egypt looks to further diversify cooperation with Asian bank

CAIRO

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi said Sunday that Egypt is looking to further diversify its cooperation portfolio with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), particularly in energy, transport, ports and logistics, according to a statement by the Egyptian presidency. Sisi made the remarks during a meeting with AIIB President Zou Jiayi, who also chairs the bank’s Board of Directors, the statement said. The Egyptian president expressed appreciation for the ongoing cooperation with the AIIB, which dates back to Egypt’s participation as a non-regional

founding member. He highlighted the bank’s key role in supporting Egypt’s development efforts by providing financing and technical assistance for various projects in partnership with state entities, as well as the private and banking sectors. Sisi emphasised aligning future cooperation with national priorities and plans and leveraging Egypt’s competitive economic advantages, according to the statement. For her part, Zou expressed appreciation for Egypt’s role as a founding member and emphasised that the bank views Egypt as a geographic and developmental link between Asia and Africa. She noted the bank’s robust portfolio

in Egypt, citing key projects such as the Benban Solar Park, the Alexandria-Abu Qir Metro Line and the Damietta Port container terminal. Zou also voiced the bank’s support for the Egyptian government’s policies to enhance economic resilience and sustainable recovery. The AIIB president added that her visit was part of the bank’s commitment to consulting with Sisi and the Egyptian government on the priorities in the coming period. During the meeting, Sisi reviewed Egypt’s efforts within the framework of comprehensive and sustainable economic development plans, including major projects

in recent years to upgrade infrastructure, enhance transport, energy and telecommunications networks, and increase reliance on renewable energy sources. He also highlighted efforts to improve the investment climate, boost Egypt’s economic competitiveness and resilience amid regional and international challenges, expand the private sector’s role and attract foreign investment. The two sides also exchanged views on international and regional economic developments and the impact of geopolitical tensions on development trajectories and investment and finance flows. **Xinhua**

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# Botswana prepares National Health Insurance rollout

Thamani Shabani  
MATSHELAGABEDI

The proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) will run as a pilot project for 12 months prior to full roll out and implementation. Speaking during a consultative kgotla meeting in Matshelagabedi recently, NHI Health Policy Planning and Financing Officer, Ms Thamiso Sebolao said the pilot stage would cover the whole country and reach even the most rural areas.

Ms Sebolao said the insurance would be enjoyed by all Batswana citizens and foreigners who were in the country legally. She added that NHI would operate alongside existing medical aid schemes. Members of medical aid schemes will be required to exhaust benefits in their schemes before they can access services under the NHI.

Ms Sebolao further informed residents that NHI, like the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, would run as an independent government parastatal with its own board of directors.

This, she said, was to protect it from competing for funding with the already stretched Ministry of Health budget.

“If it is under the Ministry of Health, it will suffocate funding from the ministry’s allocation,” she said. The other reason, she added,

is to ensure that the insurance was account for its operations and financial management. Ms Sebolao said the objective of the consultations was to ensure Batswana were well informed about the proposed model of accessing health services and were given an opportunity to share their views, expectations and recommendations to help shape the policy before implementation.

Kgosi Oganne Polson of Matshelagabedi commended government for coming up with the policy, saying it will assist the less privileged members as some cannot afford private medical aid.

He also commended the Ministry of Health for consulting Batswana before implementation. Member of Parliament of Tati East, Mr Tlhabologo Furniture said he was against the construction of a third hospital in Francistown. He argued that Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital and Jubilee Psychiatric Hospital must be adequately resourced to cater for the residents of the second city.

“What is needed instead, is to equip the existing facilities with high- tech equipment, increase their capacity and bring in skilled personnel,” he said. However, he thanked government for the NHI policy, noting that health challenges did not choose who to attack, adding that the development would treat people equally in accessing healthcare. **BOPA**



Residents of Francistown have joined the city council in a 14-day community drive to patch potholes across the city’s damaged road network.

## Residents and council team up to fix potholes

Thamani Shabani  
FRANCISTOWN

Residents of Francistown have joined the City Council in a 14- day community drive to patch potholes across the city’s damaged road network.

The initiative aims to improve road safety and upgrade the overall condition of local roads. In an interview, Principal Road Engineer, Mr Isaac Legase, stated that council engaged the community because roads department was currently facing acute manpower shortages and limited funding.

“Due to current financial constraints, the council does not have budget to outsource pothole patching to private contractors as it did in the past,” he said.

He noted that the community has responded positively and welcomed the initiative as evidenced by the high turnout. However, he explained that most of the city’s roads were old and have surpassed their design lifespan, leading to extensive defects like severe cracking and broken road edges.

Mr Legase relayed that this initiative was the first of its kind in Francistown, noting that similar exercises in towns like

Selebi-Phikwe have previously proven effective. He added that council plans to continue with such programmes, especially since heavy rainfall in the past had left most roads heavily damaged.

The Councillor for Selolwe Ward, Mr Isaac Keleagetse, also welcomed the initiative, emphasising that community involvement was crucial during difficult times. He pointed out that most internal roads in Francistown were riddled with potholes and that this partnership with residents would help address the problem while official resources remain limited. **BOPA**

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# Botswana continues to register new HIV infections

Marvin Motlhabane  
MOSHANA

At least six new HIV infections are recorded per day across Botswana, Kanye District AIDS Coordinator, Mr Letlhogela Malebe revealed on Friday.

Mr Malebe made the disclosure in Moshana during the launch of the Month of Prayer, held under the theme; Let There Be Life.

He explained that the figure came from the district's incidence report, which measured the rate of new infections.

According to the Botswana AIDS Impact Survey V, approximately 2 200 Batswana become infected each year. Divided by 365 days, this equates to roughly six new infections daily.

Citing the most recent population census, Mr Malebe said Botswana had roughly 2.4 million people, of whom about 329 000 were living with HIV, representing approximately 20 per cent of the population, or two in every 10 people.

The Kanye District mirrors the national picture, he said, with more than 8 000 people living with HIV, which also accounted for about 20 per cent of the district's population.

Of these, 8 832 are on antiretroviral treatment, comprising 3 277 men and 5 555 women.

Between April and July this year, the district recorded 617 cases of sexually transmitted infections linked to inconsistent or non-use of condoms.

Regarding teenage pregnancies, Mr Malebe reported 191 cases over the past 12 months.

Of these, 41 involved school-going learners ranging from primary to senior secondary levels. Only nine of the 191 tested HIV-positive. He described these figures as evidence of early sexual debut and rising cases of defilement within communities.

On treatment outcomes, he stated that 90 per cent of those on antiretroviral therapy in the district had achieved viral load suppression. However, he noted that adherence remained a challenge, as some patients did not take their medication consistently or on time.

Turning to the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), Mr Malebe expressed concern over late pre-natal bookings by some pregnant women. "This delay denies infants timely access to preventive treatment and results in vertical transmission."

He added that some babies still contracted HIV through seroconversion when HIV-positive mothers who should not breastfeed continue to do so.

He also highlighted the growing challenge of an aging HIV epidemic. "Many long-term patients now face age-related non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension, which require additional resources to manage their overall health."

Mr Malebe urged the nation to prioritise awareness and prevention of non-communicable diseases to avert future health burdens. Officiating at the event, Mohumagadi Mmasetsibi

Gaseitsiwe of Bangwaketse said the theme of the event carried both spiritual and practical urgency.

Life, she said, was not merely about breathing but about living with purpose, dignity, and hope long enough to see dreams fulfilled and children grow.

"Behind every statistic is a person. Behind every loss is a family. Behind every life is a story worth protecting," she said.

Mohumagadi Gaseitsiwe highlighted Botswana's progress against HIV, noting that the 2021

Botswana AIDS Impact Survey V showed that 96.1 per cent of people living with HIV know their status, 98.3 per cent of those who know their status were on antiretroviral treatment and 97.1 per cent of those on treatment are virally suppressed.

All of these figures exceed the previous 90-90-90 targets.

She recalled that Botswana became the first country in Africa to achieve and surpass the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals. Also, she stated that new HIV infections had fallen

by 71 per cent since 2005, while mother-to-child transmission has dropped below 2 per cent. For these achievements, she called on the nation to thank God, honour health workers and recognise partners.

At the same time, she warned against complacency, stressing that the work was not yet finished.

She emphasised the need to continue preventing new infections, rejecting stigma, supporting those living with HIV, promoting testing and treatment and protecting the next generation.

Linking prayer to practical action, Mohumgadi Gaseitsiwe urged Batswana to adopt healthier lifestyles, undergo regular health checks, and seek early treatment for non-communicable diseases.

On drug and substance abuse, she called for the protection of young people, stronger families, and support for those seeking recovery. Regarding road safety, she said prayer must be matched by careful driving, a rejection of recklessness, and a firm refusal to drive under the influence. **BOPA**



Destination Imagination CEO, Ms Sally Kimangu (left), University of Botswana acting deputy Vice Chancellor Teaching and Learning, Professor Maria Nnyepi (right) and other officials, Ms One Rabanthen-Kalakachane (second row left) and Ms Naomi Tsekane during a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to train 10 000 young Batswana in technology skills under the P1.2 billion job-creation fund recently. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

## Over 10 000 youth to receive training in technology skills

Loago Thomas  
GABORONE

University of Botswana (UB) and Destination Imagination (DI) have collaborated through a P1.2 billion job-creation fund by signing Memorandum of Understanding to train 10 000 young Batswana in technology skills.

The six-month programme will offer training in cybersecurity,

cloud computing, data hygiene and artificial intelligence (AI). It will also cover soft skills, financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

The targeted programmes are said to be among the areas facing skills shortage.

DI Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ms Sally Kimangu, said the initiative would involve partnerships with technology companies such as AWS, IBM, Google and Microsoft, as well as government ministries responsible for labour, youth and higher education. She said the programme was aimed at improving the employability of young people while also equipping them with skills to create employment opportunities.

Ms Kimangu said there was a global shortage of cybersecurity skills, estimated at about five

million workers.

The partnership comes as UB seeks to strengthen the transition of graduates from higher education into employment.

Director of Student Life and Experience, Dr Barbra Pansiri said the university's Career Development Unit was established to prepare students for the workplace.

She said many graduates still struggled to secure employment despite completing university programmes.

Dr Pansiri said partnerships with industries and other stakeholders were necessary to help address the employment gap.

Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor of Teaching and Learning, Professor Maria Nnyepi said the success of the MoU would depend on its implementation.

She said UB had signed numerous agreements in the past that had not produced tangible results.

Prof. Nnyepi said the latest partnership should be measured by its impact on the curriculum and the careers of graduates.

Meanwhile, Absa Bank representative, Mr Dennis Mambure said the bank was increasingly placing emphasis on competencies when recruiting graduates.

He said Absa employed UB graduates and ran paid internship programmes and had observed gaps in some applicants' practical skills.

Mr Mambure said critical thinking and adaptability were becoming increasingly important in recruitment, alongside academic qualifications. **BOPA**

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# Banni ba kopa maranyane a smartbots

Amantle Onneng  
MOKUNGWANE

Banni ba Mokungwane ba kopile go gokelwa maranyane a smartbots go tokafatsa ditlhaeletsano. Ba buile se kwa phuthegong ya kgotla ka Labobedi e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Tswapong North, Rre Prince Maele.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Rre Monkoggi Moswanti a re go lebega motse wa bone o lebetse ka ba sale ba letile go tsenyetswa maranyane a smartbots. Rre Moswanti a re metse yotlhe e e mabapi e tsenyeditse maranyane a mme bone sale ba ikuetse gore le bone ba tlhoka go tokafaletse maranyane a ditlhaeletsano, mme nako kgolo ke eno.

A re morafe wa Mokungwane o tlhokana le ditlhabolo, segolo bogolo tokafatso ya ditlhaeletsano ka go gokelelwa maranyane a sesha, ka a le bofeho.

Rre Moswanti a re banana ba tlhoka maranyane, gore ba kgome go batla ditiro go na le go nna fela mo motseng le go gobeya mo mebileng.

Rre Moswanti a re mo malatsing a segompiano gore o bone ditiro kana go iteka lesego mo go sepe fela sa go tokafatsa botshelo go tlhokana le maranyane.

A re maranyane a tlhofaletsatsa tiro le ba ba nang le keletso ya go ikoketsa

dithuto, a supa gore mo dikoleng tsa segompiano motho a kgona go tsena sekole a bo a se fetsa a dirisa maranyane. O tsweletse a supa fa le dikgwebo tsa gompiano di tlhokana le maranyane go rekisa le go bona bareki .

Fa a tswa la gagwe mongwe wa banana ba motse, Mme Unity Mosweu a re tlhalelo ya maranyane e ba paletisa le gone go ikopela mananeo mangwe a puso a a ka thusang go tokafatsa matshelo le go ba tlhamela ditiro.

A re banana ka bontsi kwa Mokungwane ba tlelwa ke boithobogo ka gore bontsi jwa bone ga ba bereke, ba ikaegile ka lenaneo la Ikageng go kopanya mabaka a botshelo.

O kopile gore seemo se se potlakelwe gore ba kgone go tokafatsa matshelo a bone le go tliša tsholofelo ka bontsi ba itlhobogile.

Mopalamente Rre Maele o supile fa a thaloganya ebile a utlwa selemo sa bone, ka jalo a tla tsaya nako go batlisisa ka sone.

Le fa go ntse jalo, o ba tlhomamiseditse gore motse wa bone o mo lenaneong la gore o tsenyetswe maranyane a Smartbots ka legato la Phase 4, go dirisiwa maranyane a seemo se se kwa godimo a Starlink. O tsweletse are tsholofelo ke gore a gokelwe mo nakong e sa fediseng pelo. BOPA



Banni ba Mokungwane ba kopa go tsenyetswa maranyane a smartbots go tokafatsa ditlhaeletsano.

## Tsheka tsheko ya molao wa bana e tsweletse

Gaboselwe Olesitse  
SELEBI PHIKWE

Banni ba kgotlana ya Ikageleng kwa Selibe Phikwe ba rotloeditswe go tsaya karolo mo go tokafatseng molao wa ditshwanelo tsa bana. Mogolwane wa Child Line Botswana,

Rre Olebile Machete o thalositse fa ba tsweletse ka morero wa diphetogo tse di akantsweng mo molaong wa ditshwanelo tsa bana, maikaelelo e le go o nonotsha go tlhomamisa tshireletsego, tlhokomelo le botsogo jwa bana.

Ba lekgotla la tshireletso ya bana le ba lephata la thuto ya bana go tswa kwa moding ba boloditse letsholo la go batla megopolo mo setshabeng mabapi le tsheka-tsheko e e tsweletseng ya go baakanya molao wa tshireletsego ya bana.

Rre Machete o thaloseditse ba Ikageleng ka Labobedi, fa go le botlhokwa gore batsadi ba nne le seabe mo go bopeng melao e sireletsang bana, ka gore ba na le seabe se se tona mo go logeng motheo wa kgodiso ya bana.

A re molao wa tshireletso ya bana o seka-sekwang o sala o o dirilweng ka 2009 mme ditsetlana dingwe mo molaong o, di setse di siilwe ke nako.

Ka jalo, Rre Machete a re o tlhoka gore o seka sekwa gore o tsamaelane le dikgwetlho tsa matshelo a gompiano go aga ngwana yoo nonofileng e bile a na le boikarabelo.

Mmaboipelego mo khanseleng ya Selebi Phikwe, Mme Boitumelo Thintela o supile fa ditsetlana dingwe tsa molao di siilwe ke nako fa go lebilwe matshelo a gompiano.

O thalositse fa go le botlhokwa gore molao wa ditshwanelo tsa bana o tsamaelane le boikarabelo jwa bone ka e le bone bagogi le baetedipele ba kamoso.

O ne a tlhalosa fa go le botlhokwa go dirisa maranyane fa ngwana a ntsha bosupi mo lekgotleng la ditshoko, ka gore seemo sa nako eno, se ngwana a tlang mo kgotleng ya ditshoko se ka dira gore a palelwe ke go rola bosupi a phuthologile.

Mme Thintela a re ba ba bonwang molato kgatlhanong le bana jaaka petelelo, ba tshwanetse go gagamadiwa phogwana ka go phatlalatsa maina a bone le gone go athholelwa loso.

Mongwe wa batla-pitsong, Rre Abale Ketsitlile a re le fa go le botlhokwa gore ditshwanelo tsa bana di seka tsa gatakwa ka dinao, go elwe thoko gore molao ga o palelise batsadi go kgalema bana.

A re molao o tshwanetse wa neela batsadi thata le maikarabelo a go godisa bana ba ba nang le bokamoso.

Rre Ketsitlile o thalositse fa go le botlhokwa gore tshidilo maikutlo e nne teng mo molaong o o tlaabong o dirwa ka mo malatsing a gompiano go diragala dilo tse di utusang botlhoko mo matlhong a bana. BOPA

## Seemo sa itsholelo se a nametsa - Maele

Portia Rapisenyane  
PALAPYE

Mopalamente wa kgaolo ya Tswapong Bokone, Rre Prince Maele, o lekoditse banni ba kgaolo fa seemo sa itsholelo se nametsa.

Mo nakong e e fetileng, o ne a lekodisa banni fa itsholelo ya Botswana e le mo seemong se se sa itumediseng mme a tlhalosa fa mo bogompionong puso e lekile ka bojoitlhe go duela dikoloto tse e neng e na le tsone.

Fa a lekodisa banni mo diphuthegong tsa kgotla kwa Lecheng, Malaka, Mokungwane le Matlhakola, Rre Maele a re se, se supa tokafalo mme ga go ise go siame sentle ka go sa tshwane le nako e e fetileng e go neng go na le dikoloto di le dintsi.

A re sebe sa phiri ke gore puso e tshwaragane le seemo se sengwe sa go duela dikoloto tsa dingwaga tse di fetileng tse di nnang di thagoga fa e le fale.

Rre Maele o tsibositse banni fa ba tepo loapi ba supile fa e tlaare go simolola Phalane go fitlha Mopitlo ngwaga o o tlang, go nne le mogote o o feteletseng le leuba mme a kopa banni go ipaakanyetsa seemo se.

A re fa go le mogote motho o tshwanetse a nwe metsi thata, a bo a supa fa ba tepo loapi ba tlhalositse fa pula e tlaa nna boutsana.

Rre Maele o ne a lemotsha banni fa ba kile ba nna le tsholofelo ya gore sekole se sebotla se tlaa agiwa kwa Lecheng ka jalo a re ga se na go agiwa ntateng ya gore se se leng teng se na le dipalo tse di lekaneng mme se sa tlala ka jalo ba lephata la thuto ba supile fa go ka seka ga kgonagala gore se agiwe se se leng teng se sena dipalo tse dintsi tsa baithuti.

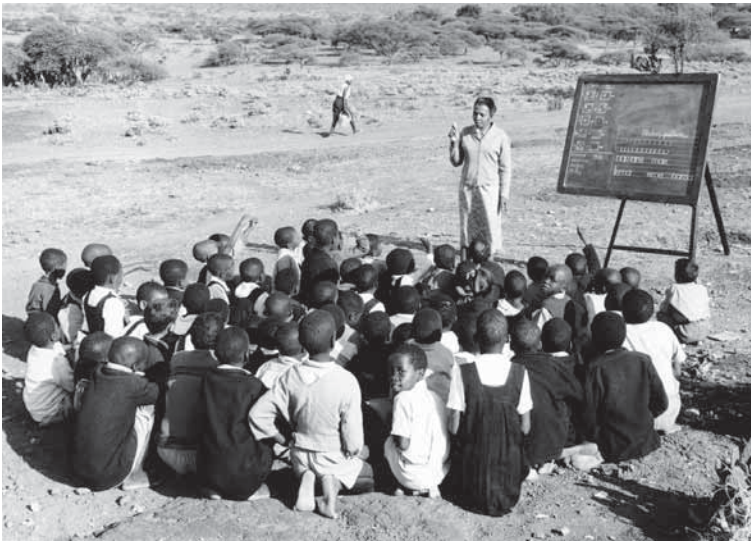
Fa a bua ka kgang e a supileng fa e tshwenya ya tlhalelo ya melemo kwa dikokelong, Rre Maele o ne a re puso e itse ka seemo se mme go na le sengwe se se dirwang gore seemo se se tsibogelwe mme banni ba seka ba fela pelo. BOPA



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# Botswana Education: Then and Now

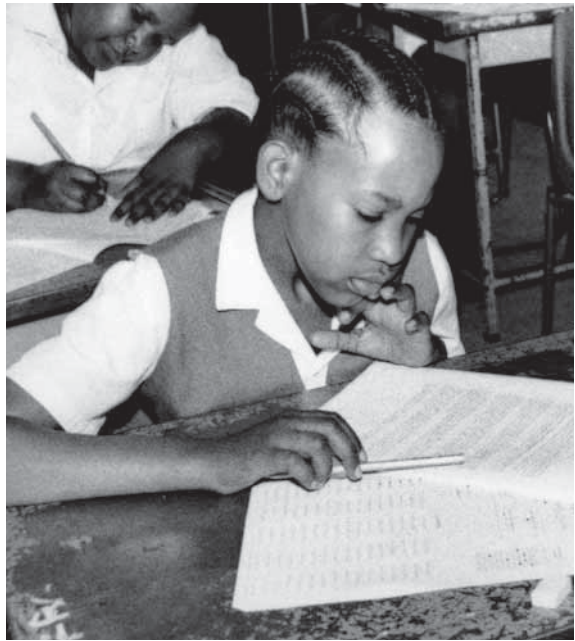
At independence, Botswana’s education system faced challenges, including shortage of classrooms and learning materials. Despite the limitations, teachers and learners continued to pursue education. Over the years, the country made strides in expanding access to education and improving the learning environment. Classrooms became better equipped, schools gained modern facilities and technology became part of everyday learning.



Teaching taking place in an open space at Tshakedi Khama School in Serowe in the 1960s. Limited infrastructure often required teachers and learners to improvise to keep lessons going.



Morula Primary School in Gaborone showcases the transformation of Botswana’s educational infrastructure, with modern facilities providing learners with a safer and more conducive environment.



Learners in the early years after independence relied on textbooks as the primary learning resource, serving as a gateway to knowledge.



Laptops are part of learning in a modern classroom. The introduction of digital technology in schools has expanded the tools available to both teachers and learners, giving pupils greater access to information and new ways of learning.



A woman preparing food for learners at Manonnye Primary School in Serowe in 1971. School feeding has always been an important part of supporting learners in ensuring that they received a meal while at school.



A modern kitchen unit at Makalamabedi Junior Secondary School demonstrates the transformation of school feeding infrastructure.

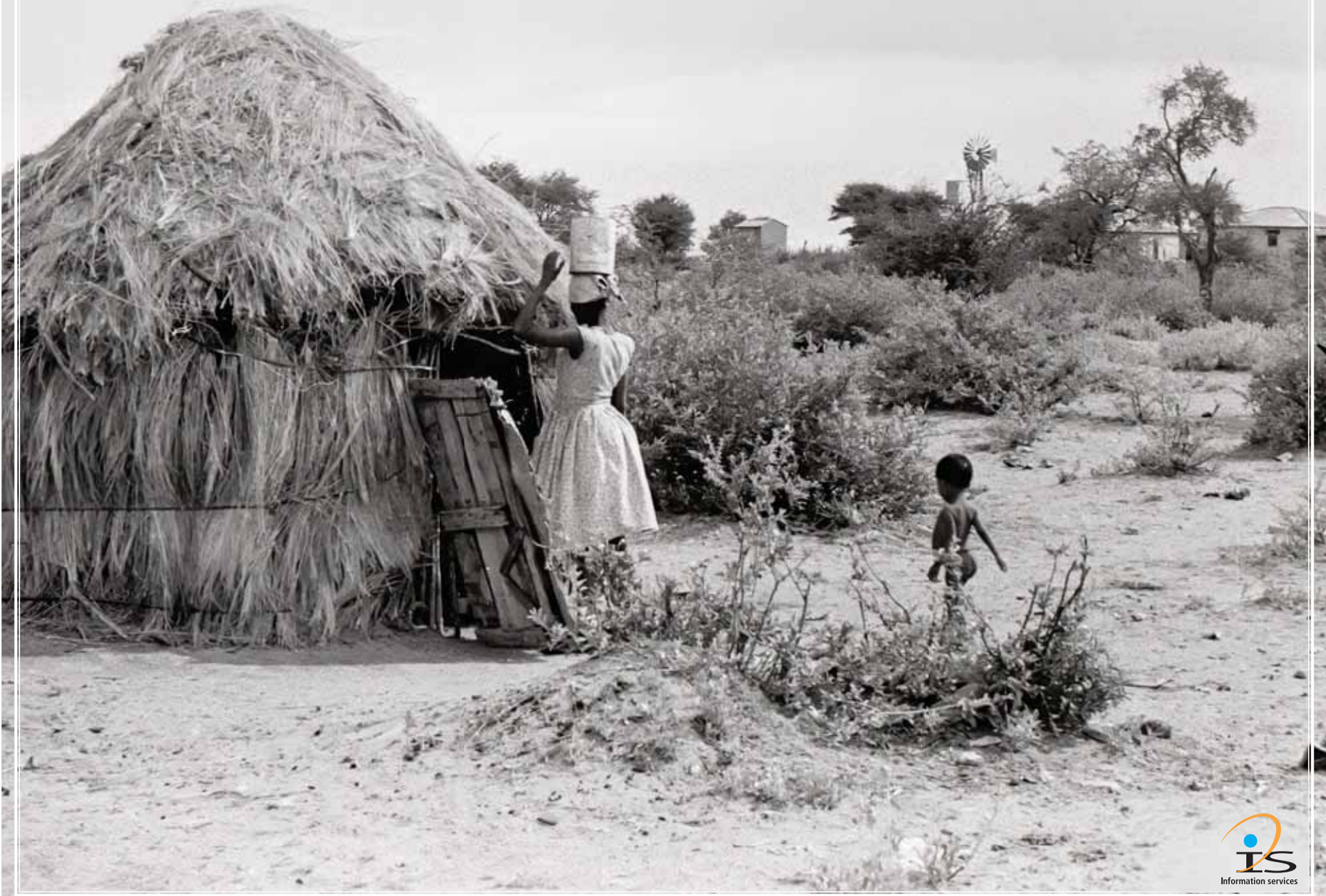


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AUTOMOTIVES

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP-** Notice is hereby given that motor vehicle Reg. No. B273 AHF previously owned by Tesha Sonta Botha has been changed ownership. All interested parties should contact Government Printing and Publishing Services within 14 days.

FARM WORKES

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Molongwane Farm. Contact 76563448 Manager. Thoko Segomotso A Rangaswamy

**FARM WORKER MOSES** Mminakgomo. Box 159 Lobatse. 72723371

**FARM WORKER GOHEMANG** Gaserobe. Box 504451 Gaborone.72633110

**3 FARM WORKERS** needed. 2 years experience, no qualification, ploughing, vegetables. Plot No. 6077 Thamaga Box 138 Thamaga Call 74872412 Keolopile Gaborongwe. Closing date: 10:09:2026

**BIG SAM FRESH FARM** produce is looking for 2 male farm workers and one sales lady. The farm is located in Mabele (Kasane). Contact +26771691746 or +267432936.

A **MALE FARM** labourer wanted at Marobela aged more than 35 years with drivers license. Contact 71494954

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**2 FARMWORKERS WANTED** Mmadinare contact 77607471 Box 926 Mmadinare

**HERD BOY WANTED** at Sebonwane cattle post, married, experienced in herding cattle and vaccinating. Call 75051031 Malinda Joyce.

**DAVID & DORCAS MAGANG** Family Trust is looking for a farm worker with 5 to 10 years experience. Apply to: The Manager, P O Box 132, Gaborone. Closing date: 21/09/2026.

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Ben Moganetsi Matebele Call 75474044

**FARM WORKER WANTED** urgently at Glenvalley Farms. Contact 71619844, Omphile Peloewetse, Box 41626 Gaborone.

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** 71698580, Tuuthebe Tarm. Letlhakane

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Serowe 71625975

CHANGE OF LANDUSE

The public is informed that Ms Aobakwe Mboni Ditsebe, intends to change the land use of plot 20039 situated in Ramotswa- Mothubakwane ward from Single Family Land Use to Multifamily Residential Land Use. Any concerns or objections should be submitted to the Physical Planning Division, Ramotswa Council, or directed telephonically to 5381212 or 5381340 within 14days from the date of advert.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**CONSENT TO ERECT** boundary wall at Plot 5500 Mogoditshane. Please contact Kagiso on 72296011 for any reservations.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000898-24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MAGGIE KGWAADIRA** – ESHGB 000898-24who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 9th March 2021.

**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  
Botshelo Bontle Kgwaadira  
P O Box 602121  
**Gaborone**  
**Cell: 75086597**  
**/ 71490355**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000959/26

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Sebata William Mokakangwe and Poloko Nkhabe Mokakangwe who both died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 respectively.

**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  
Mareledi Mavis Mokakangwe  
Plot 3013, Metlhabeng  
TLOKWENG  
Cell No. 72490632

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 00317-26

**IN THE ESTATES** of the Late **GADIFELE BAKHA MOTSWALEDI** who died at Nyangagbwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana, on the 24th March 2026.

**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 MAHALAPYE on this 2ND Day of SEPTEMBER 2026

The Executor Dative  
Kaone Mooketsi Motswaledi  
P O Box 20345  
**GABORONE**  
Cell 78040507/77032423

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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| SEPHIWE NGOYI-MONTSHIWA | ESHFT-000804-26 | 25/11/2026      | 0900HRS | ARM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has, in terms of Section 17 of the Liquor Act (Cap. 43:11), applied to the **Goodhope District Council** for a Distributor Liquor Licence in respect of premises situated at **Plot 659, Metlojane**. Any person wishing to object to the grant of such licence should lodge their objection in writing, stating the grounds thereof, with the Licensing Authority within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publication of this notice.

Dated at Metlojane on this 24th day of August, 2026.

Applicant Details:  
\* Name of Applicant/Company: Baywest (Pty) Ltd  
\* Postal Address: P.O. Box 353, Maun  
\* Physical Address: Plot 659, Metlojane

VACANCIES

**Rhino Steel Rolling Mills (Pty) Ltd**, Ramotswa Station Industrial, invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the following positions:

STEEL MELTING SHOP

**Refining Furnace Mechanical Fitter**

Responsible for specialised maintenance and troubleshooting of refining furnace equipment, including tilting systems, gas mixing station, gearboxes, mechanical drives and associated equipment. Practical experience in preventive and breakdown maintenance of furnace or comparable steel refining equipment is required.

**Steel Melting Shop Electrician**

Responsible for electrical maintenance and troubleshooting of induction furnaces, EOT cranes and 11 kV industrial electrical systems, including VCBs, isolators, transformers, motors, starters and associated steel plant equipment. Previous electrical maintenance experience in a steel melting, foundry or comparable heavy industrial plant is essential.

**Metal Refining Furnace Operator**

Experienced in induction furnace steel melting and refining operations, including charging, temperature control, alloy additions, slag removal, furnace lining and monitoring of refractory condition during production. Practical steel melting experience is essential.

Minimum Requirements: Minimum five (5) years’ practical experience in the position applied for or directly comparable steel-industry equipment. Candidates must possess sound technical knowledge and be capable of working independently with minimal supervision.

Apply in confidence to : The Director, Rhino Steel Rolling Mills (Pty) Ltd, P.O. Box 3028, Gaborone, Botswana.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 0000201-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **TAOLO RAMOLEKANE** who died at Bokaa Ward,Mmutlane,Central-Mahalapye District ,Botswana on the **31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of **twenty –one (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at...MAHALAPYE.....on this.....25..... Day of...August ..... 2026.

The Executrix  
Moremedi  
Taolo  
P O Box 13  
MMUTLANE  
Cell: 78294966

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF TRANSFER NO. 519/95

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No: 237/2022 dated 08<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 made in favour of MBAKO SETUME in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 6003 Mogoditshane;

SITUATE: at Mogoditshane (Cadastrre 89) in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 997m2 (Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

S.G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS  
Attorneys Notaries & Conveyancers  
Plot 7906, Maruapula  
P.O. Box 793 AAH,  
GABORONE  
Contacts: 3910606/71487747

**HANS ERICH VANZYL**, of lot 82445 and 82446 in Gaborone-North, intends to change land-use from single residential to multi-family residential. Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning unit at 3657400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE.** I, Lesang Mangwa, wishes to change land use of a plot in Matebele from an orchard plot to multi-family residential. For any objection, please contact Kgatleng District Council, Physical Planning Department, Telephone No. 5773512/ 5773511, within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

**G M FIVE COMPANY (PTY) Ltd** of plot 13232 in Extension 11, Gaborone intends to change land use from single family residential to a multi-family use and development. Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning unit at 3657400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

**CHANGE OF LAND** use: Thatayamodimo Nchaba would like to change their agricultural plot at Suping lands, Molepolole to mixed use agriculture (commercial). For any queries contact Kweneng district council, physical planning office (5922191) or Thatayamodimo Nchaba at 74367239 within 14 days of publication of notice

**CHANGE OF LAND** use: Thatayamodimo Nchaba would like to change their agricultural plot at Suping lands, Molepolole to mixed use agriculture (commercial). For any queries contact Kweneng district council, physical planning office (5922191) or Thatayamodimo Nchaba at 74367239 within 14 days of publication of notice

**OWNER OF PLOT 5009** Motswedi, Lobatse wishes to erect boundary wall. Any objection contact Lobatse Town Council Physical Planning office at 5330392

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 000902-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RAPSON ZIBANANI NDLOVU** who died at Borejane Ward P, Pilane Kgatleng District, Botswana on the **27th February 2003**

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 Tuelo Ndlovu  
Private Bag x 12  
**GABORONE**  
Cell: 77147284

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**IVAN JANKIE OBOKENG SEKOLO** of Plot No: 23063, Ruele ward, Kanye intends to change land use from Single-family residential to Multi-family residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Kanye District Council, Physical Planning Office on Telephone No: 5440217, within fourteen (14) days of this publication of this notice.



NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000230-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KEDINNETSE GABOKANOKWE** who died at Sesoma, Serowe District, Botswana on **27<sup>th</sup> October 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  

Kelebileone Gabokanokwe  
P O Box 80  
Thabala  
Cell: 72923620

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL TRIBAL LAND TO A NON CITIZEN

(Section 34 (1) of Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Stockpile (Pty), (The Seller)** has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with **Almak Global Trading (Pty) Ltd, (The Buyer)** in respect with the below mentioned land, refered to herein as Property;  

CERTAIN:

piece of Land, being Plot 25871, Mogoditshane; in the Kweneng Tribal Area, in the Mogoditshane Block 10 Village Ward

SITUATE:

4311 SQM i.e (Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Square Metres);

Measuring:

4311 SQM i.e (Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Square Metres);

WHICH PROPERTY:

is held under Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots. Considerations of the Property amounts to **BWP 800, 000.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Botswana Pula)** excluding VAT, Transfer duty and other costs that may arise.

Notice of priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.  
  
Any person(s) objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objections with reasons in writing to the Mogoditshane Sub Land Board within **30 days** form the last publication of this notice.

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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| BOKAMOSO KGOSI          | ESHFT-000806-26 | 01/12/2026      | 0900HRS | ARM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 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 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| MATHARING ABOTSENG      | ESHMY000364-26 | 19.10.26        | 0900HRS | SARM   |

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 03<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000153-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GABONYADIWE RAMATLAKADIBE** who died at Sefhare Primary Hospital, Sefhare, Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.  
**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty-One (21) days from the date of Publication thereof.  
DATED at Mahalapye on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2026.  
KESETSE RAMATLAKADIBE, The Executor Dative, P O Box 58, RAMOKGONAMI, Cellphone No. 72220525

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION- BOUNDARY WALL

MR KRUGER LEVI BALOSANG owner of plot 62060 Tsholofelo East, Gaborone would like to notify neighbours regarding the erection of a boundary wall.  
  
Any objection to this proposal should be lodged with Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office on No. +267 365 7400 **within fourteen (14) days** of publication of this notice.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: ESHMY-000183-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DINEO GLORIA TSHIRELETSO** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 6th day of March 2023.  
**THE FISRT 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.  
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.  
**DATED at..... on the .....day of.....2026**

The Executor Dative

Modise Tshireletso

P O Box 975

SEROWE

CELL NO:74200429

LOST DEED OF NOTARIAL DEED OF CESSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rango Proprietary Limited intends on applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer in respect of the below-mentioned property  

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 3062, Morwa;  
SITUATE: At Radiajana Lands (Cadastre 22) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;  
MEASURING: 7.6214(Seven point Six Two One Four Hectares);  
  
AS WILL MORE  
FULLY APPEAR: From Diagram **D.S.M No. 3498/2020 Surveyed in October 2020** by Land Surveyor Manisa C. Moatswi and approved by the Director of Surveys and Mapping on the **28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020;**  
  
WHICH PROPERTY: was held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. **MA 592/2021 dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021** and subsequently passed by Tefo Galekale in favour of Rango Proprietary Limited;  
  
SUBJECT TO: the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid deed.  
  
All persons having objection to the issuance of such copy are hereby requested to lodge the same in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within **three (3) weeks** of publication of this notice.  
  
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 03rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026  
  
ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, Plot 61127, Ground Floor, Medswana Building, Block 8, Gaborone mailto:info@adombotha.co.bw TEL: 3985256 / 73436412

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8. Diploma in Secondary Education (3 years)  
  
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6. Assessor and moderator Training – Accredited by HRDC  
7. Livestock Production – 6 months  
  
VISIT [WWW.RAVOSCOLLEGE.CO.BW](http://WWW.RAVOSCOLLEGE.CO.BW)  
  
HOW TO APPLY: Cell/WhatsApp 74132016 Or Visit us at Ga-Kgolo Ward, Kanye  
Email: ravoscollege@gmail.com FaceBook Ravos Technical College Official

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GABORONE

HELD AT VILLAGE

In the ex parte application of;

CASE NO: CCMVL-002535-25

MEDSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED

APPLICANT/ PLAINTIFF

and

LERATO MATLHARE

1<sup>ST</sup> DEFENDANT

(in here capacity as executor of the Estate of The Late Montoedi Aaron Matlhare doing business as Dr. Montoedi A. A. Matlhare)

MAUREEN MAJOLA

2<sup>ND</sup> DEFENDANT

(in here capacity as executor of the Estate of The Late Montoedi Aaron Matlhare doing business as Dr. Montoedi A. A. Matlhare)

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: LERATO MATLHARE is an adult female of full legal capacity, and is the executrix of the estate of the late **Dr. Montoedi Aaron Matlhare**, whose postal address is **P. O. Box 2598, GABORONE, BOTSWANA** (whose further and better particulars are unknown to the Applicant/Plaintiff) (Hereinafter referred to as the “1<sup>st</sup> DEFENDANT”)  
  
AND TO: MAUREEN MAJOLA is an adult female of full legal capacity, and is the executrix of the estate of the late Dr. Montoedi Aaron Matlhare, whose postal address is **P. O. Box 2598, GABORONE, BOTSWANA** (whose further and better particulars are unknown to the Applicant/Plaintiff) (Hereinafter referred to as the “2ND DEFENDANT”)  
  
TAKE NOTICE that by summons issued out of this Honourable Court, you have been called upon to give notice within twenty-one (21) days after publication hereof to the Clerk of Court and to the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the Plaintiff claims:  
  
a) Payment of the sum of P46 935.10;  
  
b) Interest on the aforesaid amount at the rate of 2.5% per month from 16 November 2023 to date of full and final payment;  
  
c) Costs of suit on an attorney and client scale;  
  
d) That the Plaintiff shall be entitled to 10% collection commission, on any installments, which may be collected after the grant of judgement  
  
e) Further and/or alternative relief.  
  
TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.  
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 02ND DAY OF JULY 2026  
  
ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS, PLOT 61127, BLOCK 8, GROUND FLOOR, MEDSWANA BUILDING,

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NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

COLLETA PESWA – ESHGB-001040-25

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act (Cap 31:01) the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on **19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2026 at 0900 hours** at the **before – M. Sibanda**. At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s) /Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

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 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| SERWALO TEITE           | ESHFT-00785-26 | 01/12/26        | 0900HRS | ARM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04<sup>TH</sup> DAY SEPTEMBER 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000154-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOGALADI BONANG who died at Monneng ward, Gootau, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

Dated at Mahalapye on this 26 day of August 2026

THE EXECUTOR DATIVE

Leuba Bonang

P O BOX 1074, Mahalapye

CELL: 71710909

SENIOR PASTOR WANTED

Charis International Ministries

**Position:** Senior Pastor  
**Location:** Gaborone  
**Employment Type:** Full-time

Charis International Ministries is seeking a **Spirit-filled, visionary, and mature Senior Pastor** to provide spiritual leadership, pastoral oversight, and strategic direction to the ministry.

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- Lead the church in prayer, worship, evangelism, discipleship, and missions.
- Provide pastoral care, counselling, and spiritual guidance to members.
- Develop and mentor pastors, ministry leaders, and emerging leaders.

**Requirements**

The successful candidate should:

- Be a committed and mature Christian with a clear calling to pastoral ministry, with 3 to 5years of experience as a senior pastor or equivalent.
- Hold recognized theological or pastoral, and counselling training qualifications and preferably at degree level or equivalent.
- Have significant pastoral and church leadership experience.
- Demonstrate strong preaching, teaching, leadership, communication, and people-management skills.
- Be a person of integrity, humility, wisdom, and spiritual discernment.
- Be willing to serve collaboratively with church leadership and ministry teams.

**How to Apply**

Interested candidates should submit:

- A detailed CV/resum .
- A covering letter outlining your pastoral calling and leadership experience.
- Copies of relevant theological and academic qualifications.
- Contact details for **three referees**, preferably including two pastoral/ministry references.

**Applications should be submitted to:** destinyhouse432@gmail.com  
**Closing Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> of September

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-001347-25

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Mr. THABANE NDLOVU** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on **10<sup>th</sup> 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

Curator Bonis

Erica Tshenolo Ndlovu

P O BOX 325 AAD Gaborone, Botswana

Cell: 72392390/71654044

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we intend to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No FT TL 277/2013 dated 23rd April 2013 Made in favor of **Mr Rambao Sarefo** in respect of the Lot

**CERTAIN:** PIECE OF LAND BEING TRIBAL LOT 1017,sedie ward in Maun

**SITUATE:** IN THE BATAWANA TRIBAL TERRITORY

**MEASURING:** 2452 m<sup>2</sup> (TWO THOUSAND ANDFOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO SQUARE METRES)

**HELD UNDER:** Deed No FT 277/2013 dated 23rd April 2013.

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds , Francistown within three (3) weeks from publication of this notice thereof

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

1.NOTICE be and is hereby given, in pursuance and due compliance with Section 34 (1) (a) to (e) of the Tribal Land Act (as amended), that KELEBOGILE OSIAME and GAOLAOLWE BONE OSIAME, intends to conclude such controlled transaction with a non-citizen individual, being KHAWAR DILSHAD, subject to payment of a consideration (purchase price) in the sum of **P 220 000.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND ONLY)** in respect to the Property described below as follows:

CERTAIN

SITUATE

MEASURING

AS HELD UNDER

: Piece of Land Being Tribal Lot 18215

: Ntsweng Ward, Kanye in the Ngwaketse Tribal Territory

: 35.37\*13.17\*10.92\*13\*17.75\*17.55\*44.40 M

: Customary Land Grant by resolution dated 24 November 2023 granted by Kanye ub-Landboard in favour of KELEBOGILE OSIAME and GAOLAOLWE BONE OSIAME.

2.Call 72 842 031app

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person

Estate Number

Date of Meeting

TIME

MASTER

LWAZI NKALA

ESHFT-00079-26

18-11-2026

0900 HRS

ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2026

Signature

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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# AU backs Correct the Map resolution

ADDIS ABABA

Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, has welcomed the United Nations General Assembly resolution that encourages the use of the Equal Earth cartographic projection in maps worldwide to replace the Mercator projection widely used so far, which distorts the sizes of continental landmasses.

In a statement issued on Friday, Youssouf commended the leadership of the Republic of Togo, which championed this initiative on behalf of Africa and helped mobilise broad support within the international community.

He also congratulated members of the AU for their unity and collective mobilisation in support of this initiative. The AU said the adoption of this resolution marked an important step forward.

Designed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century primarily for navigation, the Mercator projection does not accurately reflect the relative surface areas of different regions of the world and significantly understates the true size of the African continent. Beyond cartography, this initiative underscores the importance of representing Africa on the basis of objective and scientifically established realities.

In this regard, the chairperson encouraged international institutions, educational systems, publishers and digital platforms to progressively promote the use of cartographic representations that more accurately reflect actual land



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areas, according to the statement.

The AU Commission will continue to work with Togo, member states and relevant partners to support efforts towards the implementation of this initiative. Africa must be represented as it truly is, in its true

dimensions and in its rightful place in the world, the statement added.

The United Nations General Assembly voted on Friday to adopt a non-binding resolution that encouraged the use of the Equal Earth cartographic projection in maps worldwide to replace the

Mercator projection.

The ‘Correct the Map’ resolution, aimed at rebalancing global cartographic representation and promoting equitable representation of the world’s regions, particularly Africa, was adopted with 164 votes in favour,

1 against, and 6 abstentions.

It recognises that the Mercator projection, widely used around the world, distorts continental masses located far from the equator, resulting in a proportional shrinkage of Africa and other regions. *Xinhua*

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED KGALAGADI SOUTH TRANSMISSION BACKBONE PROJECT FROM THAMAGA TO JWANENG BY BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION (BPC)**

**Botswana Power Corporation (BPC)** intends to construct a **220KV** overhead transmission powerline and associated substation works from Thamaga to Jwaneng. This project entails design, supply, installation and commissioning of the following:

- Construction of 220kV overhead transmission powerline from Thamaga to Jwaneng.
- Construction of Associated works including but not limited to improvement works at existing Thamaga substation.

In fulfilment of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), **Enviro Networks (Pty) Ltd**, on behalf of the Client, is carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment study to consult the public and address salient issues.

**The following impacts are likely to occur:**

| Negative Impacts                                                                                                                                                 | Positive Impacts                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Noise pollution</li><li>Air pollution</li><li>Land pollution</li><li>Land degradation</li><li>Loss of vegetation</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Creation of employment opportunities</li><li>Attract business opportunities in the area</li></ul> |

**The meeting will be held at the following venue in the schedule below.**

| Venue                | Date                            | Time     |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Thamaga Kgotla       | 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Moshaweng Kgotla     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Jwaneng Kgotla       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Lesilakgokong Kgotla | 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 | 0900 hrs |

**For any enquiries contact Ms Koziba John at 74401111 / 76733711 or email [environetworksbw@gmail.com](mailto:environetworksbw@gmail.com).**

**KITSISO YA PHUTHEGO YA DIPATLISISO TSA TSHEKATSEHO YA DITLAMORAGO TSA TIKOLOGO MO TIRONG YA KGOKELO YA MOTLAKASE GO TSWA MO THAMAGA GO TSENA JWANENG KE BA KOPORASE YA MOTLAKASE (BOTSWANA POWER CORPORATION)**

**Ba koporase ya motlakase (BPC)** e eletsa go gokela motlakase wa bokete jwa **220KV** go tswa mo motseng wa Thamaga go tseba Jwaneng le ditlhabololo tsotlhe tse di amegang mo ditlhabolong ya mafaratlhatlha a motlakase. Tiro e e akaretsa tse di latelang:

- Kgokelo ya motlakase wa bokete jwa 220 kV go tswa mo motseng wa Thamaga go tseba ko motse wa Jwaneng.
- Kago ya tsotlhe tse di amegang mo ditlhabolong ya mafaratlhatlha a motlakase.

Mo maitlamong a go sala tsamaiso ya molao wa tikologo, Environmental Assessment Act (Cap 65:07), kompone ya **Enviro Networks (Pty) Ltd**, mo boemong jwa Moikopedi ba dira tshekatsheko ya ditlamorago tsa tikologo tse di ka amanang le ditlhabololo tse.

**Ditlamorago tse di ka nngang teng ke tse di latelang:**

| Tse di sa siamang                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tse di siamang                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kgotlelesego ya phefo le modumo mo tikologong</li><li>Matlakala go tswa mo go tsa kago</li><li>Kgotlhego ya naga</li><li>Phetogo tebego ya lefelo</li><li>Go kgaolwa ga ditlhare</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Go tlhama mebereko</li><li>Ditlamelo tse di tlang le ditlhabololo tse di ka tsisa dikgwebo tse disha mo tikologong</li></ul> |

**Phuthego e tlaa tshwarwa mo mafelong a latelang ka dinako tse di beilweng:**

| Lefelo               | Kgwedi                                                                 | Nako     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Thamaga Kgotla       | Kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola malatsi a le masome a mabedi le bongwe, 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Moshaweng Kgotla     | Kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola malatsi a le masome a mabedi le bobedi, 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Jwaneng Kgotla       | Kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola malatsi a le masome a mabedi le boraro, 2026 | 0900 hrs |
| Lesilakgokong Kgotla | Kgwedi ya Lwetse e tlhola malatsi a le masome a mabedi le bone, 2026   | 0900 hrs |

Go itse go feta fa o ka romela dikakgelo kgotsa wa ikgolaganya le mme Koziba John ko nomorong ya **74401111 / 76733711** kana email [environetworksbw@gmail.com](mailto:environetworksbw@gmail.com).

# Tanzania donates 52 tonnes of medical aid for Ebola fight

## DARES SALAAM

Tanzania handed over 52 tons of medicines and medical supplies worth about US\$88,000 to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to support efforts to contain an Ebola outbreak.

The supplies were handed over in Kinshasa on Saturday by Tanzania's Deputy Minister for Health Florence Samizi on behalf of the government.

The consignment includes medicines, protective equipment for healthcare workers, medical

equipment and other supplies aimed at strengthening patient care and breaking the chain of Ebola transmission.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Samizi said the assistance was part of Tanzania's commitment made on various

health platforms, including a June 16 virtual meeting of heads of state and government on the Ebola response.

She reiterated that Tanzania remained committed to strengthening regional cooperation in addressing health emergencies

that transcend national borders.

Romain Muboyayi, a senior official at the DRC health ministry, expressed gratitude to Tanzania for the assistance, saying the supplies would support DRC government efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak and protect

healthcare workers serving affected communities.

As of early September 2026, DRC had reported a total of over 6 300 confirmed Ebola cases and more than 3 000 related deaths in the country's deadliest outbreak on record. *Xinhua*

## Former Sierra Leone president treason charges dropped

## FREETOWN

Former Sierra Leone president Ernest Bai Koroma returned to Freetown on Sunday after criminal proceedings against him over an alleged coup attempt were dropped.

Koroma, 72, arrived from Nigeria accompanied by former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and was received by Sierra Leone's Foreign Affairs Minister Mohamed Rahman Swaray.

Sierra Leonean government dropped the criminal proceedings against the former president in July, ending a legal case that had followed a failed coup attempt in November 2023.

Koroma was charged with treason and placed under house arrest after gunmen attacked a military barracks and two prisons in Freetown, freeing more than 2 000 inmates.

At least 21 people, including 14 soldiers, were killed in the clashes during the incident.

The government had alleged that the attackers were backed by the former president, an accusation Koroma has denied.

The former president, who ruled Sierra Leone from 2007 to 2018, was later granted bail on medical grounds and permitted to travel to Nigeria in January 2024. *Xinhua*

GAMBLING  
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF BINGO  
AND CASINO ESTABLISHMENTS IN BOTSWANA

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1

The Gambling Authority ("the Authority") is established under the Gambling Act, 2012 to regulate and control gambling activities in Botswana.

1.1.2

As part of its strategic licensing roll-out, the Authority is considering the next phase of licensing for Bingo and Casino establishments.

1.1.3

The Authority therefore invites Expressions of Interest ("EOI") from suitably qualified investors interested in the development and operation of Bingo and Casino establishments within Botswana.

1.1.4

The purpose of this Expression of Interest is to assess market interest and obtain preliminary information that will assist the Authority in planning future licensing processes.

2. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

2.1

This call for Expressions of Interest is intended to assess the level of investor interest and identify prospective investors with the capacity and experience to develop and operate Bingo and Casino establishments in Botswana.

2.2

Interested parties are invited to express interest in the following proposed licence categories and locations:

| Licence Category | Proposed Location(s)                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bingo            | Central District, Kweneng District, Kgatleng District, North-East District, South-East District, Southern District, Kgalagadi and Ghanzi Districts, North-West and Chobe Districts |
| Casino           | Central District, Maun, Kasane/Pandamatenga                                                                                                                                        |

\*Please note that the Districts have been subdivided in accordance with the approved Licensing and Location Plan.

2.3

In order to participate in this Expression of Interest, interested parties should submit the following information:

2.3.1

A brief company profile, including the ownership structure, shareholder information (where applicable), areas of specialisation and relevant experience.

2.3.2

Details of the company's experience in the gambling, hospitality, tourism, leisure or property development sectors.

2.3.3

An overview of the proposed development concept, including the proposed licence category and preferred location(s).

2.3.4

An outline of the proposed investment, including the indicative capital investment, funding approach (where available), and anticipated implementation timeframe.

2.3.5

Information demonstrating the company's financial and technical capability to undertake the proposed development.

2.3.6

An indication of the anticipated economic benefits of the proposed development, including employment creation and local participation, where applicable.

2.3.7

An indication of the extent of citizen participation in the proposed business, including citizen shareholding, board and management representation, and employment opportunities for Botswana citizens.

2.3.8

Any other information considered relevant to the proposed development.

2.3.9

Interested parties are encouraged to keep submissions concise.

2.4

Interested parties are expressly advised not to submit protected intellectual property, proprietary information, trade secrets, commercially sensitive information or other confidential information as part of their EOI submission.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1

The Authority intends to use the information received through this Expression of Interest to:

3.1.1

Assess market interest in the proposed licence categories.

3.1.2

Inform future licensing and regulatory planning.

3.1.3

Assist in the development of licence specifications and application requirements.

3.1.4

Inform the development of future Requests for Applications, where applicable.

3.2

The Authority reserves the right to amend, suspend or withdraw this Expression of Interest at any time.

3.3

Submission of an Expression of Interest:

3.3.1

Does not constitute a licence application.

3.3.2

Does not constitute a Request for Applications.

3.3.3

Does not guarantee participation in any future licensing process.

3.3.4

Does not create any entitlement or expectation that a licence will be issued.

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUBMISSION

4.1

Submissions and all supporting documentation shall be submitted electronically to [licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw)

4.2

Expressions of Interest must be received at [licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw) no later than **1500hrs on 16 October 2026**. The date and time of receipt of the email by the Authority's designated email address shall constitute the official time of submission. No late submissions will be accepted or considered.

4.3

Faxed, e-mail, Telex, and telefaxed submissions will not be accepted. Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

4.4

All enquiries relating to the Expression of Interest shall be submitted via the email address at [licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw) and must be received at least two (2) working days before the closing date. Enquiries received after this period may not be responded to.

4.5

Staff of the Gambling Authority are not permitted to discuss this Expression of Interest or provide verbal clarifications. Any clarification issued by the Authority shall be communicated via the [licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw](mailto:licensing@gamblingauthority.co.bw) email address.



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03 September 2026

### NOTICE OF CONSENT

#### CONSTRUCTION OF SOWA WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE SCHEME, TENDER NO. WUC 007 (2023)

The Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) is in the process of upgrading the Sowa Water Supply System to better serve its esteemed customers. Part of the project involves improvement and enhancement of the Dukwi Water Treatment Plant.

In this regard, WUC intends to construct a junction from the Francistown – Nata Road (A3) leading to the Dukwi Treatment Plant. The proposed junction will be located about 7.1 km on the right-hand side from the Dukwi Animal Control (Veterinary Gate) as one drives towards Nata and about 2.5km from the turn off to Sowa Town.

Should anyone have any objections to the construction of the proposed junction, please submit such objections in writing to the following:

The Project Manager  
Sowa Water Supply Upgrade Scheme  
Private Bag 00276,  
Gaborone  
Email: kmothoka@wuc.bw  
Tel: 73 555 034

All submissions to be received not later than 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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## CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

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Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.

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Mabutswapele Cultural Dance Troupe entertaining patrons at Dithubaruba Cultural Festival in Molepolole on Saturday.

# ‘Dithubaruba more than cultural celebration’

... a reminder that heritage is not merely a memory, but a strategic resource for shaping the future

**Keetile Bontsibokae**  
**MOLEPOLOLE**

Culture is the foundation upon which Batswana can build a dynamic creative economy and a nation confident of its identity, Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebens said.

Kelebens who graced the Dithubaruba Cultural Festival in Molepolole on Saturday, said the event was a reminder that heritage was not merely a memory of the past, but a strategic resource for shaping the future.

Held at Ntsweng Heritage Hub, under the theme: Unlocking Our Heritage; Transforming Our Destiny, he said the venue served as a national asset for cultural and creative growth.

“Ntsweng, a place of memory, resilience, and renewal. Today, it stands as a symbol of what is possible when heritage development is prioritised. The transformation of Kwa Ntsweng into a permanent cultural precinct is a milestone for Botswana,” he said. He said Kwa Ntsweng was aligned with government’s commitment to revitalise cultural infrastructure, expand creative spaces and build sustainable cultural tourism destinations.

The Minister was optimistic that once fully equipped and opened, Ntsweng facility would create new jobs, stimulate local enterprise and serve as a centre for cultural education. The facility is a community-driven development for both cultural preservation and realisation for the creative economy,” he said.

Kelebens commended the Kgosi Sechele I Museum Trust and the Dithubaruba Organising

Committee for their vision, which demonstrated that culture could not be celebrated as just a festival, but could strengthen communities and drive inclusive economic participation.

He said while Botswana was rich in talent noting, musicians, dancers, poets, designers, filmmakers, crafters, and digital creators, he said theirs was not just hobbies, but an economic opportunity that could be harnessed through Cultural and Creative Industries.

Furthermore, Kelebens acknowledged sponsors and partners for their symbolic

support, which he described as transformational in helping build a living cultural economy that benefits artists, youth, communities and the nation.

“That is visionary sponsorship and community revitalisation. Dithubaruba Cultural Festival builds cultural values, promotes environmental stewardship and national identity,” he emphasised.

He said culture taught and shaped values while strengthening unity within the communities. He therefore, urged traditional leaders and culture custodians to continue transmitting

those values that drove family cohesion, respect for heritage, environmental conservation, and national pride.

He encouraged Dithubaruba patrons to continue building on the momentum and equally advised event organisers to benchmark globally, innovate and elevate the festival to international acclaim.

“Let Dithubaruba be the mirror through which the world sees our collective spirit,” he said.

Prior to the official opening of the event, Kgosi Kgari III received Dikgafela from various wards of Molepolole. **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebens (left) and Kgosi Kgari Sechele III (centre) graced Dithubaruba Cultural Festival. Kelebens said culture was the foundation upon which Batswana could build a dynamic creative economy. Photos: Phenyio Ramatu

## Mohwasa urges Batswana to revive self-reliance

Thandy Tebogo  
**MOSHUPA**

As community members gathered in Moshupa to give thanks for the harvest, government and traditional leaders have warned that long-term economic dignity relies on households feeding themselves rather than depending on state safety nets.

Speaking at the recent Dikgafela harvest festival, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Moeti Mohwasa, called on Batswana to return to the fields and revive the nation’s founding spirit of self-reliance.

Mohwasa warned that over-reliance on diamonds and government handouts left the economy vulnerable to external shocks.

He emphasised that individual dedication to farming was crucial for national food security. He noted that when households fed themselves, government can redirect vital funds away from social safety nets and towards critical infrastructure, healthcare and education.

“We should not allow new developments to overtake our culture of hard work and self-sufficiency,” Mohwasa urged the crowd gathered in traditional attire, adding “Batswana must work hard for what they eat.”

Kgosi Oscar Mosielele of Moshupa echoed the minister’s sentiments, and highlighted how Dikgafela served as a bridge between economic survival and cultural pride.

Historically, villagers brought a portion of their harvest to their chief to feed the underprivileged, a tradition Kgosi Mosielele believed had the blueprint to restore community dignity today.

“It is our identity, our dignity and the foundation of self-reliance,” Kgosi Mosielele said, noting that while the festival offered a joyful space for songs, prayers for rain and community feasting, its ultimate purpose remained grounded in the soil. **BOPA**

# Thomas closes Miss World journey with poise

Benita Magopane  
GABORONE

Opening with a public apology to the nation, Miss World Botswana, Ruth Thomas took to Facebook to express her heartache, saying “I am deeply sorry Batswana” after failing to secure a spot in the Top 40 at the 73rd Miss World grand finale in Vietnam on Saturday.

The vulnerable post reflected the immense weight of national pride she carried, balancing personal grief of an unfulfilled dream with deep ache of feeling as though she had let her country down after months of exhaustive preparations.

Yet, despite the painful outcome, Thomas’ campaign was defined by remarkable strides on the global stage.

She consistently put Botswana in the spotlight throughout the preliminary rounds, securing a place among the Top 24 in the Sports Challenge, advancing to the Top 60 in Top Model, finishing among the Top Six in Africa and forming part of the winning team in the opening round of the Head Chef Beauty Challenge.

For her showstopping finale look, Thomas walked the stage in a Delayna Scott creation, a silver gown

embellished with intricate pearl detailing and 60 diamonds, courtesy of Lucara, in honour of 60 years of Botswana’s independence.

While the diamond gown could not secure a top-tier finish, Thomas’ campaign successfully took Botswana’s story, resilience and culture to the world stage, leaving a legacy of patriotic pride that far outshined her final placement.

For her talent audition, she wore a striking MET Designs burnt-orange outfit

featuring dramatically long and floor-length sleeve drapes, complemented by a dark brown leather corset belt decorated with cowrie shells, beads and braided fringe.

She paired the look with a thick stack of traditional wooden beads while holding one of the country’s famous hand-woven baskets overhead.

Her wardrobe choices continually honoured local craftsmanship and history. Another ensemble by MET Designs featured a cultural staple, a royal blue leteisi with a voluminous makgabe design and matching traditional headwrap.

She also stepped out in a Funky Resy leteisi suit, followed by a custom gown inspired by Kgosi Mosadi Seboko. The dress celebrated women’s empowerment.

Meanwhile, 24-year-old Joheirry Mola of the Dominican Republic was crowned the 73rd Miss World, with Elisabeth Reynés of Spain and Taanusiya Chetty of Malaysia named first runner-up and second runner-up, respectively. South Africa’s Romanda Hombir was announced as this year’s Miss World Africa. **BOPA**



Miss World Botswana  
Ruth Thomas  
Photo: Courtesy of Miss World Botswana



Bonang Karome  
popularly known as  
B.O.G

## Karome refuses to be silenced by setbacks

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
MAUN

More than two decades after he first stepped onto a stage as an aspiring musician, Bonang Karome popularly known as B.O.G remains convinced that his best music is still ahead of him, refusing to let years of limited support, setbacks and the struggles of the music industry silence a career that began in 2004.

At 38, the Maun-born musician is preparing to introduce listeners to another chapter of his musical journey through a new single called *Another Chance*, a project he says deliberately brings together motswako and house genres in an attempt to create a sound that is both creative and distinctly his own.

For Karome, however, the new project is more than another addition to his catalogue; it is a reflection of an artist who has spent years experimenting, learning and searching for the sound that best represents him.

“*Another Chance* is a plea to God to give me another opportunity in the music industry and a chance to make an impact through melody,” he said. His journey began while he was still at junior school, where his interest in music gradually developed into him later participating in talent shows at Maun Senior Secondary School, giving him an early taste of performing and laying the foundation for

what would eventually become a professional career.

By 2008, Karome had moved beyond school performances and released his first album, *Sisongenga*, an eight-track project that introduced him to the professional music industry and established his identity as a musician capable of moving between singing, songwriting and rapping.

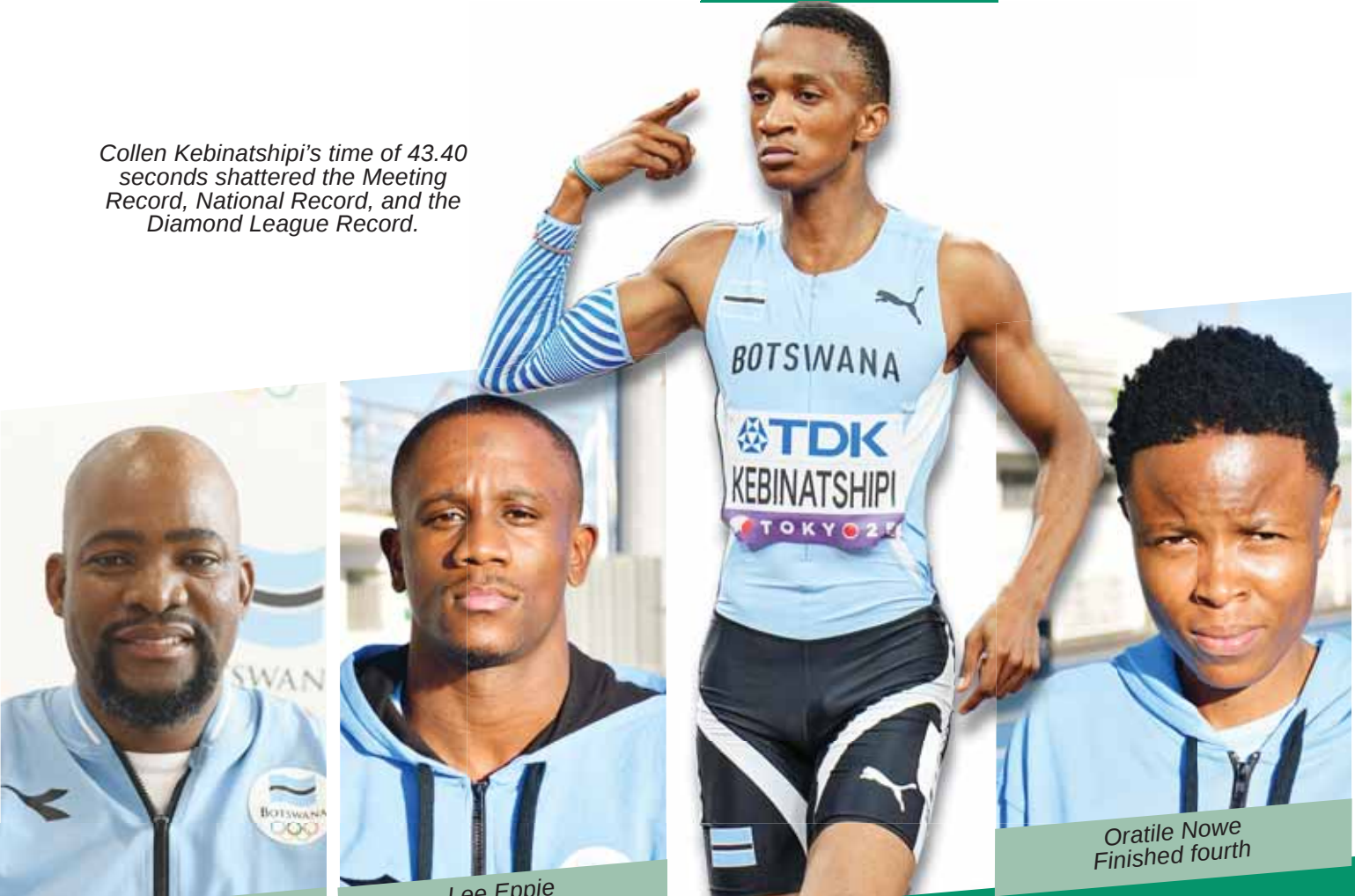
The years that followed saw him continue to test his range, releasing projects and singles including *Re Banna Rotlhe* in 2011, *Ga Ba Tsebe* in 2020, *Yahwe* in 2022 and *Don’t Worry* in 2023, before releasing *Another Chance*, his latest single.

Karome says the journey has also taught him that survival in the music industry requires more than talent, particularly in an environment where artists can struggle to find the support needed to turn their creativity into sustainable careers.

Among the challenges he identifies is what he describes as sabotage and a lack of support, experiences that he says can discourage artists and make them question whether they should continue pursuing music.

Yet it is precisely this persistence that has kept him going, with Karome maintaining that artists must believe in themselves and remain focused even when the recognition or support they expect does not come easily. **BOPA**

Collen Kebinatshipi's time of 43.40 seconds shattered the Meeting Record, National Record, and the Diamond League Record.



Chilume Ntshwarang  
Coach

Lee Eppie  
Season's best

Oratile Nowe  
Finished fourth



Letsile Tebogo  
Finished fourth

# Kebinatshipi shatters three records in single night

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Five years ago, the name Collen Kebinatshipi barely registered a glance when it appeared on the athletics start list. Competitors did not lose sleep over him and rival camps remained entirely unbothered by his presence. Fast forward to the aftermath of his historic breakthrough at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Kebinatshipi has transformed into a global household name. Today, he represents a psychological trauma for fellow quarter-milers the moment his confirmation appears on any Diamond League roster. On Friday night, the 400m World Champion delivered at the Allianz Memorial Van Damme Diamond League final in Brussels. He did not just claim the Diamond League trophy, **he** did it in style, obliterating three records in a single night. His time of 43.40 seconds shattered the Meeting Record, National Record and the Diamond League Record. With the time, Kebinatshipi became only the second African man in history to secure the Diamond League 400m title, following in the legendary footsteps of his countryman Isaac Makwala, who first won it in 2017. The time also underscored his consistency, as he recorded five extended times, in which he dipped under the sub-44-second barrier in a single season. His coach, Chilume Ntshwarang, attributed the historic feat to the athlete's commitment, hard work and discipline. Ntshwarang said winning the trophy for the first time meant everything to their camp, especially since they needed to prove that his success in Tokyo was not a fluke. He said maintaining consistency at the highest level throughout the season, validated hard work and believe in their work. Coach Ntshwarang said it further demonstrated **the** athlete's talent, adding that being a world champion, becoming a 400 meters Diamond League champion with a meeting record was an important milestone. Kebinatshipi was not the only Motswana making waves on Friday, as the nation's quarter-mile dominance extended into the exhibition events. In the men's 400m invitational, Lee Eppie finished in position one, clocking a Season's Best time of 44.50 seconds. However, sprint sensation Letsile Tebogo finished fourth in a 200m Diamond League final, crossing the line in 20.01 seconds. Meanwhile, middle-distance star Oratile Nowe was elevated to fourth place finish in the 800m invitational, following a decision by the race officials. Initially, Nowe finished fifth, and was disqualified for a lane infringement under World Athletics Technical Rule 17.2.3. However, the decision was later overturned, a move that saw her elevated to position four, as Ethiopia's Saida Tsehay, who initially finished third, was disqualified instead. **BOPA**

## GU need away win against Young Africans



Gaborone United and Tanzania's Young Africans during the first leg of CAF champions league at the National Stadium in Gaborone on Saturday. They played to a 1-1 draw. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

Thato Mosinyi  
**GABORONE**

Gaborone United (GU) face an uphill battle to keep their CAF Champions League preliminary round campaign alive when they travel to Dar es Salaam to face Tanzanian giants, Young Africans (Yanga) for the return leg. The reigning Botswana Premier League champions conceded a late equaliser in Saturday's first-leg match in Gaborone, letting a 1-0 lead slip in the final minutes. The result showed that GU can match their high-profile opponents pound-for-pound, suggesting the late setback was primarily a lapse in concentration, something that the local side must address before the deciding fixture. Despite the heartbreak of conceding with the final kick of the ball, GU can take encouragement from limiting a star-studded Yanga side to just four shots on target. With the aggregate score tied at 1-1, Yanga hold a slight edge via the away-goals rule. However, Moyagoleele can approach the return fixture with confidence. GU is no stranger to the intense atmosphere in Tanzania, having played Simba SC in the same competition last year. Overturning the tie in front of a hostile crowd in Dar es Salaam remains a daunting challenge, especially with Yanga currently undefeated in five matches this season. Still, if GU could maintain discipline and keep the match goalless through the first half, pressure could begin to shift onto the hosts. Meanwhile, Orange FA Cup champions, Jwaneng Galaxy were held to a 1-1 draw by Port Louis 2000 in the first leg of their CAF Confederation Cup tie in Mauritius. Galaxy controlled the tempo and created better chances throughout the 90 minutes, but were unable to secure a victory. The tie remains wide open heading into the second leg, which takes place at the National Stadium on this coming Saturday. **BOPA**



# GU need away win against Young Africans

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Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Qualifying for a Grand Slam is no small feat, as many tennis players globally retire without ever making it to a single major tournament.

However, Botswana continues to take solace in junior player, Ntungamili Raguin, who has made qualifying for Grand Slam main draws a habit.

His recent milestone was booking a spot in the prestigious US Open Junior Boys main draw in New York.

For a developing nation like Botswana, what happens next in the tournament is secondary

as the main achievement lies in conquering the qualification stages to reach the draw.

Securing the US Open main draw spot did not come easy for Raguin, as he had to dig deep in a two and half hour qualification match against America's Izyan Ahmad, eventually grinding out a thrilling 7-5, 7-6 (9) victory to book his place.

Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) president, Oaitse Thipe said the player continues to put the country on the global sporting map.

"He is inspiring kids just by playing Grand Slams, where our flag is being displayed at the facilities. We never expected that we would have a flag there," he

said.

Reflecting on the player's journey, Thipe said seeing a child who started at grassroots level rise to the pinnacle of junior tennis was an exceptional achievement.

"Having a child who started playing tennis at grassroots level, playing with red balls in Francistown at just four years old, now reaching the semifinals of junior

He is inspiring kids just by playing Grand Slams, where our flag is being displayed at the facilities. We never expected that we would have a flag there.

Wimbledon is a great achievement. You cannot describe how proud we are as a tennis association to see our player doing so well. He is rubbing shoulders with top players, and we hope very soon he will bring a Grand Slam home to Botswana," he said.

Thipe said 'Ntungamili effect' was already yielding tangible

results back home, driving an unprecedented surge in domestic tennis participation and fan engagement.

According to Thipe, local tennis clubs across Botswana were experiencing an influx of interest, with parents eagerly calling to enroll their children.

"It is not only children, adults are also interested in picking up rackets, the fan base is growing rapidly and this was evident when we hosted the Billie Jean King Cup at the National Tennis Centre. The stands were packed to capacity because people are now eager to watch tennis, motivated by his international success," he said.

However, Thipe cautioned that to sustain this domestic momentum and transform tennis into a mainstream sport, urgent structural and financial interventions were required.

He made a plea to both the corporate world and the government to invest heavily in sports infrastructure and public facilities.

Thipe further called for the immediate revival of school sports, identifying it as the most critical pipeline for identifying and nurturing the next generation of athletic talent.

"I must emphasise that we need government and the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) to kick start school sports. For many children, the only way to access grassroots tennis is through schools.

There must be facilities and a proper structure in place," he said. **BOPA**

# Baggy Blues in Kigali for T20

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Botswana senior men's national cricket team, Baggy Blues, are in Kigali, Rwanda, for the International League T20 (ILT20) tournament, which starts today and runs until September 19.

Head coach, Stanley Tendai Timoni said the competitive field consists of five formidable nations, being Botswana, the host Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

He said the tournament would follow a double round-robin format, requiring each country

to face one another twice.

"This demanding structure guarantees eight high stakes matches for every team before the top contenders advance to the grand finals," he said.

Timoni said the Baggy Blues entered the tournament in prime physical and mental condition, given that they have prepared well for the past two months.

Furthermore, he said the tactical buildup reached its peak two weeks ago during an intensive training camp in Lichtenburg, South Africa.

While in South Africa, he said the squad put their strategies

to the test in two crucial warm up games, walking away with a record of two victories.

He said prior to departure, the team also had an opportunity to put final touches on their game plans with high intensity training sessions at the Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) Oval.

Timoni was happy with the squad's work ethic and positive mindset, adding that the environment was fully focused on delivering impactful results on foreign soil.

"We are here focused and positive to play competitive cricket in the tournament. If all

goes well, the boys are ready to rock and roll," he said.

The travelling squad carrying the nation's hopes in Kigali is led by team captain Thatayone Tshosa.

The lineup features a solid blend of experienced hands and talent, including Mounroux Kasselmann, Vinno Balakrishnan, Phemo Silas, Boemo Khumalo, Ryan Adams and Boemo Kgosiemang.

Bolstering the team's depth and tactical options are Botho Keganne, Dhruv Maisuria, Mmoloki Mooketsi, Tumelo Mpatane, Valentine Mbazo and Myolisi Fumba. **BOPA**