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# Access to justice for women and girls global concern

Thandy Tebogo  
KANYE

Advancing access to justice for women and girls is a global and national concern.

Officiating at International Women's Day in Moshana on Thursday, the Minister of Youth and Gender, Ms Lesego Chombo said it was important to note that women across the world including Botswana, continue to face discrimination, sexual exploitation and abuse, violence and systemic inequalities, which may require legal redress.

She stated that in Botswana access to justice was guaranteed a fundamental right. However, she noted that while Magistrate and High Courts exist, they were concentrated in urban centres posing challenges for accessibility to the wider citizenry.

Therefore, she said customary courts which were historic custodians of the community, have a huge stake in citizens accessing justice, particularly at community level.

Ms Chombo added that customary courts were widely



Minister of Youth and Gender, Ms Lesego Chombo (centre) celebrating International Women's Day in Moshana on Thursday. She said women across the world including Botswana, continued to face discrimination, sexual exploitation and abuse as well as violence and systemic inequalities. Photo: Thandy Tebogo

used, more accessible and using local language, settling about 80 per cent of disputes, and by so doing providing justice for many.

"While we have a strong legal system, there are challenges that

we need to overcome; including geographical barriers as local courts are not fully accessible in remote areas, thereby creating physical and economic obstacles," she said.

Ms Chombo emphasised that government was fully aware of the justice system gaps and has initiated steps for remedy.

"These include reforms such as the use of Information Technology and Communications (ICT) to improve access to justice system and address the needs of specific groups for mainstreaming gender within their different portfolios," she said.

She said government in August 2025, commenced the process of developing gender-based violence legislation, which will consolidate and strengthen existing legal provision while addressing significant legal social and systemic gaps that perpetuate GBV in Botswana.

Commemorated under the theme: Give to Gain: Advancing Justice, Equality and Empowerment for Women and Girls," Minister Chombo said the theme served to remind Botswana and their partners that when valuable resources investment was made intentionally such as time, finances, technical skills and infrastructure, coupled with common goal of empowering

women and girls the entire nation benefits.

"Let me emphasise that the theme is not asking for any favours or sympathy to women and girls but commitment to supporting them and ensuring that they have equal access and fully enjoy opportunities that are available in their environment," she said.

The UN Resident, Ms Wenyang Yang said Botswana has made major and historic reforms including abolition of marital power, which eliminated the husband's legal dominance over his wife and restored full legal capacity to married women.

Ms Yang said Botswana has reached gender parity in education especially primary and lower secondary enrolment, with girls outperform boys in primary, lower and upper secondary completion and tertiary enrolment.

"While statutory law protects women's rights, we acknowledge that customary practices sometimes lag behind from legal protections, especially in rural settings where patriarchal norms persist," she said. **BOPA**

## Boko clarifies position on death penalty

Thamani Shabani  
FRANCISTOWN

President Advocate Duma Boko has refuted allegations that he opposes the death penalty, saying his obligation as a lawyer was to respect and implement the law.

He noted that the clemency committee has never recommended execution to him, rendering criticisms baseless.

Addressing the BNF leadership forum in Francistown, President Boko expressed confidence in the UDC's 2029 win, saying the BDP is no longer a viable opposition force.

He urged BNF members and coalition partners to work together to achieve the goal, stating that

the former ruling party, Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) was no longer a viable opposition force.

"Patriotism, discipline and unity are key to our success," President Boko stressed, warning that sabotage or misconduct will face disciplinary action.

The BNF leader cautioned party members to respect the rule of law, prevent corruption, and combat gender-based violence (GBV).

President Boko stressed the importance of patriotism, discipline, and unity within the party and coalition.

He warned that any member engaging in sabotage or misconduct will face disciplinary action, including possible removal from office.



Botswana National Front (BNF) party leader, President Advocate Duma Boko (second right) and party vice president, Mr Moeti Mohwasa (third right) during the BNF Leadership Forum in Francistown on Saturday. President Boko has refuted allegations that he opposes the death penalty, saying his obligation was to respect and implement the law. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

BNF vice president, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, echoed the call for unity, discipline, and support for the party leadership, emphasising

that such conduct was crucial to winning the 2029 general election. Mr Mohwasa officially closed the forum with a call to action for

party members to recruit new members, shun opposition parties, and work toward retaining power in the next general election. **BOPA**

## Botswana Police Women's Network donates to learners

Kelebogile Taolo  
SHASHEMOOKE

The Divisional Commander of the North, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) Theriso Thatayotlhe has applauded the women of the Botswana Police Services for their commendable act of generosity by donating to standard-one pupils at Shashemooke Primary School.

The donation which targeted 149 standard-one pupils, included underwear for both boys and girls, socks and face-cloths.

Speaking at the event organised by No.1 District Headquarters and PG Matante in Shashemooke

on Tuesday, Senior Assistant Commissioner Thatayotlhe emphasised the vital role mothers play in children's development.

He said that women, being natural nurturers, instinctively chose students as beneficiaries for their social initiative.

"Mothers possess an instinctive ability to identify areas of need and how they can provide assistance," he underscored.

He expressed that the charitable deed would significantly contribute towards the well-being of future generations, whom he referred to as a gift to the nation.

"What these women have accomplished is remarkable, they

have brought joy to children's faces. Despite their demanding schedules, policewomen have demonstrated the crucial role mothers play in child development," he further stated.

He also acknowledged the efforts of policewomen, particularly in this month dedicated to celebrating women, and expressed appreciation to the school administration for allowing the Botswana Police to bring happiness to their students through donations.

Shashemooke School Head, Ms Girlie David expressed her gratitude towards the Botswana Police women for their generous

contributions.

She pointed out that Shashemooke Primary School faced various shortages, including chairs and stationery, making such acts of kindness from the police a true blessing.

Over the past 12 years, she shared that the school had consistently exceeded its target of 80 per cent pass rates, achieving an impressive 88 per cent in the latest results.

For her part, Assistant Superintendent Ruth Sechele from Borolong Police Post highlighted that they felt it was essential to give back to the community they serve.

She explained that the social responsibility initiative aimed to support education by fostering self-esteem among learners, which was crucial for academic progress.

Assistant Superintendent Sechele added that providing for young children serves as a positive example to society and reinforces the notion that "blessed is the hand that gives".

Additionally, she mentioned that police women want to use the gesture to establish a lasting relationship with the school and promote social responsibility, emphasising that giving goes a long way. **BOPA**

# Government pivots to digital-first economy

Lorato Gaofise  
GABORONE

With Botswana approaching six decades of independence, the digital economy represents not merely technological progress, but a pathway to diversified growth, job creation and global competitiveness.

At 60, the government is betting that connectivity, innovation and strategic partnerships will form the backbone of a more prosperous and digitally empowered nation.

Addressing members of the Diplomatic Corps during a high-level Policy Dialogue recently in Gaborone, the Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere, set out an ambitious vision to digitally transform the country's economy, declaring that the responsibility may be heavy, but the opportunity to reshape Botswana's future is even greater.

The dialogue, held under the theme: Botswana at 60: Building Resilience, Driving Prosperity, brought together members of the diplomatic community and government leaders to reflect on the country's development path and economic future direction.

Recalling President Advocate Duma Boko's call to fully digitalise the economy, Mr Tshere acknowledged the magnitude of the task facing the ministry, particularly coming into office shortly after the 2024 general elections.

While Botswana has previously invested substantial resources in e-governance and digital services, the minister conceded that the efforts had not yet delivered the seamless, citizen-centred system envisioned, one where people can safely access public services from their homes or offices,

where efficiency is improved, and revenue collection is strengthened through smart systems.

Shortly after assuming office, Mr Tshere said he convened leaders from the public and private sectors in Mahalapye, where an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) roadmap had been crafted a decade earlier, to measure progress and chart a new course.

Out of that meeting, he emerged the ICT Roadmap 2030, which Minister Tshere explained as an ambitious blueprint designed to reposition Botswana as a competitive digital economy.

The roadmap, aims to create 100 000 ICT-related jobs within five years and increase the sector's contribution to gross domestic product into double digits.

"It prioritises nationwide broadband expansion, fibre connectivity, modernised e-government platforms, secure digital identity systems, government cloud infrastructure, stronger data governance, enhanced cybersecurity, protection of critical national infrastructure, promotion of digital start-ups," added the minister.

Currently, there is already approximately 16 000 kilometres of fibre optic cable laid across the country, linking it not only internally, but also to neighbouring South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

As the foundation exists, Minister Tshere said what remained was scaling access, improving reliability and ensuring

that infrastructure translated into meaningful economic participation. Central to this effort, Mr Tshere said had been the overhaul of the legislative framework governing digital transformation.

Parliament, in 2024 passed the Digital Services Act which sets out how digitalisation will be implemented, governed and secured.

The law came into effect November 21, 2025 and provides a strict two-year implementation window.

A second critical piece of legislation, the minister said was the Cyber Security Act, which is expected to come into force in April, to strengthening protections for critical infrastructure and citizens' data while enhancing international cooperation.

Furthermore, Minister Tshere expressed gratitude to international partners, including; Finland, France and Estonia, under European Union support, for assisting Botswana in aligning its legal framework with international standards.

Beyond legislation, he said the ministry was confronting the challenge of ageing ICT infrastructure, expressing delight that a significant milestone was reached with the commissioning of a Tier III National Data Centre, the Delta Digital Data Centre named after the Okavango Delta to symbolise abundance and national pride.

"The government is now migrating its core ICT systems into this secure environment, with plans to complete the initial phase by mid-year before transferring applications from various ministries onto the unified platform," he said.

To pursue peaceful and productive applications of nuclear science, he revealed that Cabinet had approved the establishment of a Centre for Nuclear Science and Technology.

This includes the local production of medical radioisotopes, reducing reliance on imports that often expire before reaching patients, and the irradiation of agricultural exports such as beef and citrus to meet international standards and extend shelf life.

Minister Tshere noted that Botswana had also taken its first steps into space. In March 15, 2025, with support from the United States Embassy and

SpaceX, he said the country successfully launched its first space satellite (BOTSAT-1), marking March 15 as Botswana Space Day.

The next phase, he said involved commercialising satellite data and building local expertise to harness space technology for economic gain an area where he invited further international collaboration.

Meanwhile, Botswana's participation in the Square Kilometre Array project, in partnership with Germany, is positioning the country as a player in global astronomy research. **BOPA**

## Botswana on alert as neighbouring countries confirm polio cases

GABORONE

The Ministry of Health has issued a statement reassuring the public that Botswana remains polio-free, with no confirmed cases of poliovirus reported to date.

However, the detection of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) in neighbouring countries, particularly in districts sharing borders with Botswana, has prompted the ministry to heighten surveillance and take precautionary measures.

According to a press release, the virus is identified through environmental surveillance systems that monitor wastewater for signs of infectious diseases, highlighting the effectiveness of the country's monitoring systems.

The ministry emphasises that polio is a highly infectious viral disease that primarily affects children under the age of five, making vigilance crucial.

"Caused by the poliovirus, the disease spreads mainly through the faecal-oral route and less commonly, through contaminated food or water. Early symptoms may include fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, neck stiffness and pain in the limbs," the release notes.

The release further states that while most infected individuals recover, a small proportion of cases can lead to permanent paralysis, and that there is currently no cure for polio, but the disease can be effectively

prevented through vaccination.

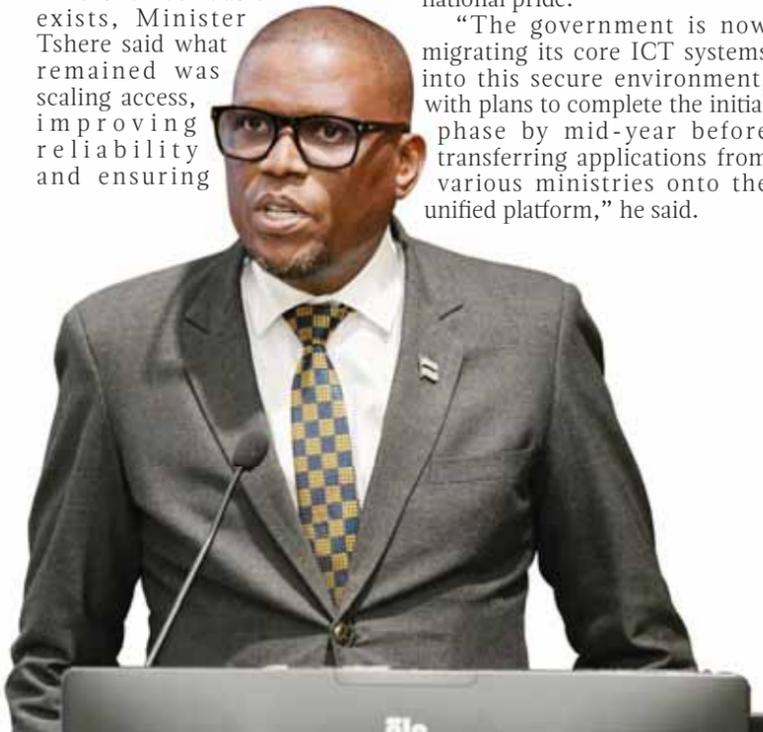
It adds that global health authorities, including the World Health Organisation, continue to target polio for worldwide eradication through immunisation and surveillance programmes.

However, health officials say the recent circulation of the virus in neighbouring countries raises the risk of cross-border transmission hence the Ministry of Health is closely monitoring the situation and will provide further guidance if additional public health interventions become necessary.

"Authorities are also strengthening disease surveillance and preparedness measures while working with international and regional partners to reduce the risk of the virus entering the country," says the release.

Health officials are urging the public to remain vigilant and follow preventive measures to protect children and communities. The public is also advised to ensure that all children receive their routine vaccinations, including the polio vaccine, according to the national immunisation schedule, maintain good hygiene and sanitation practices and seek immediate medical attention if a child develops sudden weakness or paralysis of the limbs.

The ministry emphasised that vaccination remains the most effective protection against polio and urged parents and caregivers to ensure children are fully immunised. **BOPA**



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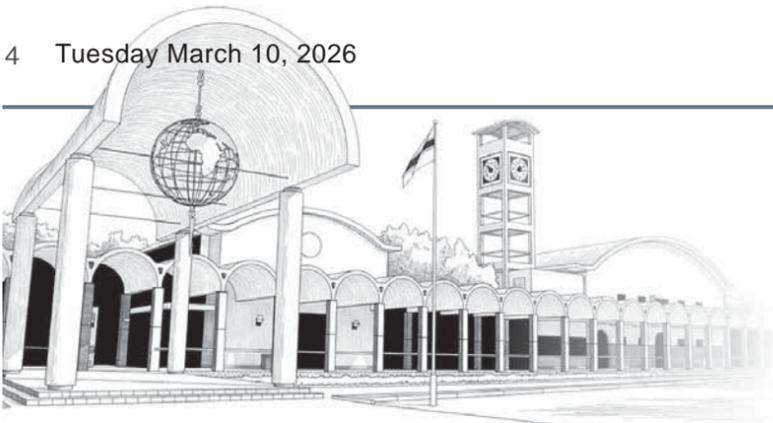
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Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti said government had committed P2.9 million to a control campaign against African Migratory and Red Locusts currently threatening cereal crops and grazing lands in the Okavango and Chobe districts following an outbreak in January this year.

# Govt sets aside P2.9m for locust control campaign

### GABORONE

Government has committed P2.9 million to a control campaign against African Migratory and Red Locusts currently threatening cereal crops and grazing lands in the Okavango and Chobe districts following its outbreak in January this year.

Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti told Parliament recently that while P2 million had been earmarked for essential control materials, an additional P900,000 was being used to remunerate personnel on the front lines of a campaign that had faced logistical hurdles due to persistent rainfall and swampy terrain.

Dr Dikoloti told Parliament that the control operation resumed on February 26 and continued as weather conditions permitted.

He indicated that the locust was reported in Gumare within the Okavango District and Chobe, with the first control operation commenced on January 28.

“This is a highly destructive migratory pest that threatens cereal crops and pastures,” he said.

To date, Dr Dikoloti noted that a total of 76.8 hectares had been controlled in the Gumare extension area and that the exercise had been slow due to continuous rainfall in the area.

He explained that the life cycle of locusts only hatched when environmental conditions became favourable, as was the case during the current season.

On the contrary, he said, the locust eggs could remain dormant underground for several years, especially during drought conditions.

“In addition, locusts may migrate from neighbouring countries as fly-

ins. When such incidents occur, it may seem that the locusts have been left unattended,” he added.

He also told Parliament that the campaign for control of the African Migratory and Red Locust had not been suspended or abruptly halted, but control operations were only temporarily halted due to persistent rainfall, which made it impractical to continue spraying because the chemicals would have been washed away by the rain.

Furthermore, he said the swampy conditions in the affected areas made it difficult for vehicles to access the sites, while the first control operation was undertaken from January 28 to February 6, and was not due to lack of financial resources, as the necessary budget was available to continue the campaign.

Consequently, he said, the control operations resumed on February 17, but were again interrupted by rainfall, which rendered the affected areas inaccessible.

Again, he said, a third control operation commenced on February 26 during which a drone demonstration was also conducted for the village community.

Currently, he said, the situation was under control and there were no indications of any significant risk and that control measures began when the locusts were still in the hopper stage, before they developed the ability to swarm.

He said continuous monitoring and assessment indicated low likelihood of swarm formation at this stage.

Dr Dikoloti also told Parliament that losses resulting from such outbreaks were generally treated as natural disasters and that no specific compensation was provided to affected farmers.

However, he said, where

necessary, farmers who may experience severe losses can be assisted through existing government programmes designed to support those in need.

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# Opposition leader warns against electricity tariff hike

Tebagano Ntshole

### GABORONE

The Leader of the Opposition and Maun North MP, Mr Dumelang Saleshando, has urged government to tread carefully regarding electricity tariffs, warning that further increases would have a detrimental effect on citizens.

Debating the Ministry of Minerals and Energy’s budget proposals for the 2026/27 financial year recently, MP Saleshando noted that businesses were already struggling with overheads.

He argued that higher tariffs would force businesses to face additional production costs, which would ultimately be passed on to the consumers.

While critical of the tariffs, the MP noted that the opposition would continue to support government initiatives in renewable energy and mineral beneficiation, saying that Botswana had exported jobs for too many years by failing to process minerals locally.

To capitalise on the country’s climate, he called on the minister to prioritise the introduction of solar streetlights.

### GABORONE

Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe, has ruled out expanding the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residential Property Advance Scheme (GEMVAS) to include multi-residential properties, citing significant fiscal risks and a record P1.9 billion in government exposure.

Answering questions in Parliament, Minister Gaolathe revealed that as of September 2025, government’s total contingent liability under GEMVAS stood at approximately one per cent of Botswana’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

“An exposure of this magnitude is material in the context of fiscal consolidation efforts and competing national development priorities,” the minister stated.

He emphasised that such guarantees must be managed prudently to safeguard macroeconomic stability, noting that expanding the scheme would amplify fiscal exposure and convert private commercial risks into public obligations.

Mr Gaolathe clarified that GEMVAS, established in 1988, was specifically designed to facilitate primary home ownership and personal mobility, not to serve as a vehicle for commercial real estate ventures.

He argued that multi-residential developments were income-generating assets whose viability depended on market variables like rental demand and occupancy, adding “including them would significantly alter the risk profile of the scheme, moving it away from its original intent as a social

facilitation instrument.”

The minister explained that while employees repaid loans via payroll deductions, government provided a sovereign guarantee to banks, creating direct cost to taxpayers if an employee exited the public service through resignation or dismissal, retirement and abscondment.

In such cases, he said government was obliged to pay up to 70 per cent of the outstanding balance, while the state attempted to recover the funds from terminal benefits via the Public Finance Management Act, any shortfall became a direct hit to the national budget.

He further said the decision to keep GEMVAS restricted was also a matter of policy alignment.

Mr Gaolathe noted that the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan sought to reposition government as an enabler rather than a financier of commercial activities.

“Extending GEMVAS to commercial property investment would run counter to that reform trajectory and blur the distinction between public facilitation and private enterprise,” he said.

He added that for public officers wishing to pursue commercial property investments, there were existing institutions better equipped to manage such risks including National Development Bank, Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency and commercial banks.

Shoshong MP, Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang had wanted to know why government did not fund multi-residential projects through GEMVAS given the security of salary-linked repayments. **BOPA**

He also advocated for the liberalisation of the oil industry, emphasising that government-owned Botswana Oil was currently suffocating the private sector.

He further demanded clarity regarding government’s intention to acquire ownership of De Beers.

He lamented lack of cohesion within the leadership, noting that while the President had announced the intention several times, the Vice President, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Minerals and Energy had remained silent.

“De Beers is an empty shell, as illustrated by its latest financial results,” he cautioned, adding that acquiring the company under current conditions could be a major financial mistake.

Other Members of Parliament raised localised concerns during the budget debate, with Shoshong MP, Mr Moneedi Bagaisamang calling for the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to open a service centre in Shoshong.

He highlighted that many residents under the Zero Connection scheme had waited years for electricity.

He also sought updates on the 5MW solar plant in Tobane and

expressed desire to see the Ikongwe mine become operational.

Palapye MP, Mr Onneetse Ramogapi urged the minister to monitor exploration license holders more strictly, alleging that some companies were sneaking mineral samples out of the country.

MP Prince Maele of Tswapong North, expressed gratitude that all 21 villages in his constituency were connected to the national grid, but requested an expansion of the grid to cover plots currently falling outside its boundaries.

Responding to the debate, Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo, expressed confidence in government’s strategy within the diamond industry.

She emphasised that Botswana was aggressively moving away from being a mono-commodity economy.

She highlighted increased activity in base metals and noted that with only 30 per cent of the country explored, there remained significant room for growth and diversification within the mining sector.

Subsequently, Parliament approved the ministry’s proposed budget amounting to P8.7 billion for the 2026/27 financial year. **BOPA**

# Ministry requests P8.7bn to revitalize healthcare

Mmoniemang Motsamai  
GABORONE

The Ministry of Health's 2026/27 budget prioritises some reform programmes aimed at restoring healthcare systems.

Presenting the ministry's budget estimates for the next financial year recently, Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse said the reforms sought to establish a reliable, resilient health systems and address critical operational gaps in healthcare delivery.

Mr Ookeditse said the transitioning of Central Medical Stores (CMS) into an independent entity was one of the reforms that sought to establish sustainable supply chain that guaranteed national commodity security.

"This will further require legislative and policy reforms to enhance operational efficiency, ensure sustainable financing and enable strategic sourcing of quality-assured products at competitive prices," he said.

Another reform, he said was digitisation of inventories with key health facilities and their integration with health information management systems that would enable end-to-end traceability and real-time stock visibility.

"This intervention will strengthen inventory control, reduce wastage, improve forecasting, promote equitable distribution and support Universal Health Coverage," he said.

He added that the immediate target was to digitalise and integrate at least 20 per cent of facilities that accounted for 80 per cent of CMS supply volumes.

He told Parliament that digitalisation and integration of inventories project would be financed by the World Bank through the electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS) initiative.

Furthermore, Mr Ookeditse said the outsourced distribution services would be expanded to improve last-mile access in hard-to-reach areas.

"Expedited write-off and disposal of obsolete and expired stock will also be prioritised to reduce storage pressures and recurring management costs," he said.

Parliament also learnt that the ministry was embarking on a transformative regulatory framework for the health sector aimed at modernising oversight, strengthening health security and enhancing public trust in the health, pharmaceutical and food industries.

"These reforms will review outdated laws, close regulatory gaps and stimulate innovation and industry development while ensuring the highest standards of public health protection," he added.

On other issues, Mr Ookeditse indicated that revitalisation of primary healthcare was meant to ensure equitable access to essential health services for all.

In that regard, he said relocation of primary health care services to the Ministry of Local Government

and Traditional Affairs was intended to strengthen decentralised service delivery, enhance coordination at local level and bring health services closer to the communities, thereby improving access, responsiveness and overall health outcomes.

Meanwhile, the ministry's budget proposals for the financial year 2026/27 amounts to P8.1 billion for recurrent budget and P653.9 million under the development budget.

The largest share of the proposed overall budget would be allocated to the Department of Public Health headquarters at P2.1 billion, mostly to cater for salaries and allowances at 92 per cent of the amount while eight per cent of it would be allocated to operational expenses under the department's headquarter.

The second largest share of the proposed overall budget would be allocated to the ministry headquarters at P1.4 billion, while P461.5 million was earmarked for the employer contributions towards Medical Aid for all civil servants, both the central and local government, as well as pensioners who opted to remain in the fund.

The other significant allocation under the ministry headquarters would be channelled to mission hospitals, NGOs, National Health Insurance, partnerships, Sir Ketumile Teaching Hospital and BoMRA subventions with a total of P576.4 million.

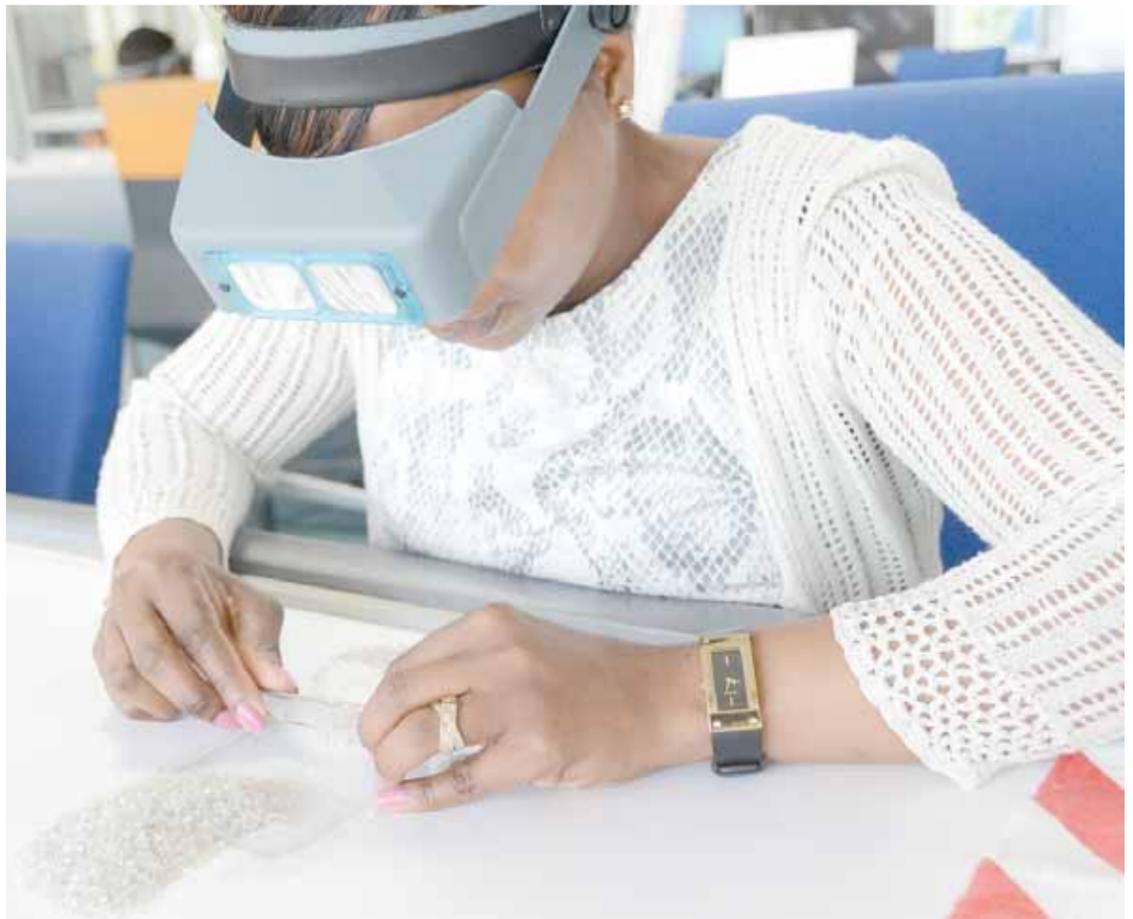
The third largest share of P1.9 billion of the ministry's proposed overall budget would be allocated to CMS while P2.7 billion would be shared by the ministry departments which included health inspectorate, Botswana Public Health Institute, clinical support services, nursing and midwifery services, referral hospitals including Nyangabgwe, Princess Marina, S'brana, Primary Health Care (PHC), Specialised Health Care (SHC), National Health Laboratory (NHL), health services as well as National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA).

On one hand, the ministry's development budget would focus on modernising and refurbishing existing infrastructure during the next financial year in order to optimise services to the citizens and P653.9 million would be used to continue with implementation of development projects that remained under its purview that included among others, commencement of works at Tutume Primary hospital, construction of staff houses for health personnel, refurbishment of primary hospitals as well as designs for Letlhakeng and Gumare Level I primary hospitals.

About P62.5 million would be allocated to the ministry headquarters for consultancies, computerisation and fleet expansion programmes.

Funds would also facilitate implementation of National Health Insurance consultancy, digitalisation of health services project, Quality Information Management System (QIMS), health care standards and procurement of vehicles both non-ambulance and ambulance fleet.

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Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo told Parliament that the implementation of the Mineral Resources Development, Exploration, Exploitation and Value Chain strategy was the gateway to the ultimate goal of creating a diversified and innovative mining sector that emphasised extensive value addition and job creation.

## Mining wealth hinges on innovation

Tebagano Ntshole  
PARLIAMENT

Botswana remains attracting for investors in the mining sector, recently ranked first in Africa by the 2025 Global Mining Survey.

Presenting budget proposals for the Ministry of Mining and Energy for 2026/27 financial year amounting to P8.7 billion in Parliament recently, Minister of Minerals and Energy Ms Bogolo Kenewendo said the sector aimed to achieve the optimisation of mineral wealth through innovation in mineral extraction, beneficiation, value addition and global competitiveness.

Ms Kenewendo said the implementation of the Mineral Resources Development, Exploration, Exploitation and Value Chain strategy was the gateway to the ultimate goal of creating a diversified and innovative mining sector that emphasised extensive value addition and job creation.

She also said government recognised the important role of small scale mining in increasing mining output and revenue in the country, whilst creating opportunities for local participation.

"This drives mineral economy, diversification, growth, citizen empowerment as well as job creation," she said.

Meanwhile, the minister said the diamond industry, Botswana's economic backbone, was currently undergoing a period of 'significant transition'.

"Amidst declining consumer demand for natural diamonds, falling prices and reduced production, the business find itself at a crossroads," she said.

Ms Kenewendo said 2025 was marked by significant shifts, primarily driven by the booming, price-falling lab-grown diamonds (LGD) sector, which was pressuring natural diamond prices and creating a wide gap there by forcing natural diamond players to focus on brand, value and transparency to counter

LGD saturation and maintain emotional appeal.

Meanwhile, she said the local diamond manufacturing industry was supplied with diamonds worth USS571 million (over P7.75bn) in 2025 compared to USS580 million (over P7.87bn) in 2024.

She said the Okavango Diamond Company (ODC) sold USS457 million carats (P6.20bn) compared to USS425 million (over P5.76bn) in 2024.

She further told Parliament that government had embarked on diversifying the mining sector, with focus on critical minerals which had been positioned as Botswana's future.

"The development of critical energy minerals is aligned with national development priorities including economic resilience, industrialisation and environmental sustainability," she said.

Talking about electricity, the minister said the country continued to rely on imports as demand

continued to grow at an annual rate of five per cent, outgrowing supply.

She said therefore, rotational loadshedding would continue to be implemented when necessary, to manage supply shortfalls and the high cost of imported electricity until all new generation projects came into service.

Ms Kenewendo said electricity generation was expected to improve towards the end of the current financial year following the completion of remediation works on one unit at Morupule B Power Station and the commercialisation of the 100MW Mmadinare Solar Plant as well as the operation of the 100MW Jwaneng Solar Plant.

She said the construction of 600MW plant at Mmamabula had started, with Phase one expected to deliver 300MW by first quarter of 2027 and full commissioning scheduled for May 2028.

The minister said the national electricity across the country stood at 83 per cent. **BOPA**

## Govt sets aside P2.9m for locust control campaign

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Ngami MP, Mr Philemon Aaron had asked the minister to apprise Parliament on the status of the African Migratory Locust elimination campaign in the Gumare and surrounding extension areas, specifically.

Mr Aaron also wanted to know whether it was true that the campaign had been abruptly halted or suspended and if the suspension is due to lack of financial resources or an exhausted budget for pest control.

He had also asked about the immediate risk assessment regarding the potential destruction of crops and grazing lands in the Ngami Constituency and if the locust swarms were left unchecked; Furthermore, he sought clarity on the emergency measures to secure funding and resume the campaign before the current ploughing season was further compromised as well how government would assist farmers whose farms lost crops completely or to almost none. **BOPA**



Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka told Parliament that government was in the process of establishing Multidisciplinary Child Support Centres in every district to ensure faster and more accessible support for children with special education needs.

# Ministry to establish child support centres in districts

## GABORONE

The Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education plans to establish Multidisciplinary Child Support Centres in every district through the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

This was said by Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka when answering a question in Parliament, stating that the centres would be staffed by a full complement of professionals to ensure faster and more accessible

support for children with special educational needs.

Minister Kgafela-Mokoka said the ministry was also planning to decentralise its diagnostic services, which currently operated through a hub-and-spoke model.

She indicated that the ministry operated the Central Resource Centre for special education in Tlokweng as the main hub for diagnostic assessment services supported by two satellite assessment offices in Francistown in North East and Kanye in Southern

regions and was also at an advanced process of operationalising the Maun Centre for Special Education which would further strengthen the services.

She explained that all their interventions were delivered through a multidisciplinary team comprising educational psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, counsellors and other professionals to provide comprehensive support to children with special educational needs and their families.

Currently, she said the ministry had employed three educational psychologists who conducted psycho-educational assessments nationwide, one based at the Maun Centre for Special Education, one at Kanye serving South, Ghanzi and Tsabong regions while one, on contract, based at the CRC in Tlokweng serving the South East, Central and Kweneng regions.

"I must acknowledge that we currently face a significant shortage of these critical officers, which limits our ability to provide timely psycho-educational and diagnostic assessments to every learner who requires them. To address this, my ministry has prioritised training in educational psychology and related fields," she added.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka also stated that time taken to complete a psychometric assessment for one learner was not fixed but varied depending on several factors including the child's mental age and ability to handle assessment tasks, the nature and complexity of the presenting a disability or condition as well as the child's responsiveness during the session.

The minister also told Parliament that the overarching policy was inclusive education which meant that every school was a special education institution capable of catering for learners with diverse needs in mainstream classrooms.

Every primary school, she said had a head of department-learning difficulties, responsible for coordinating special and inclusive education.

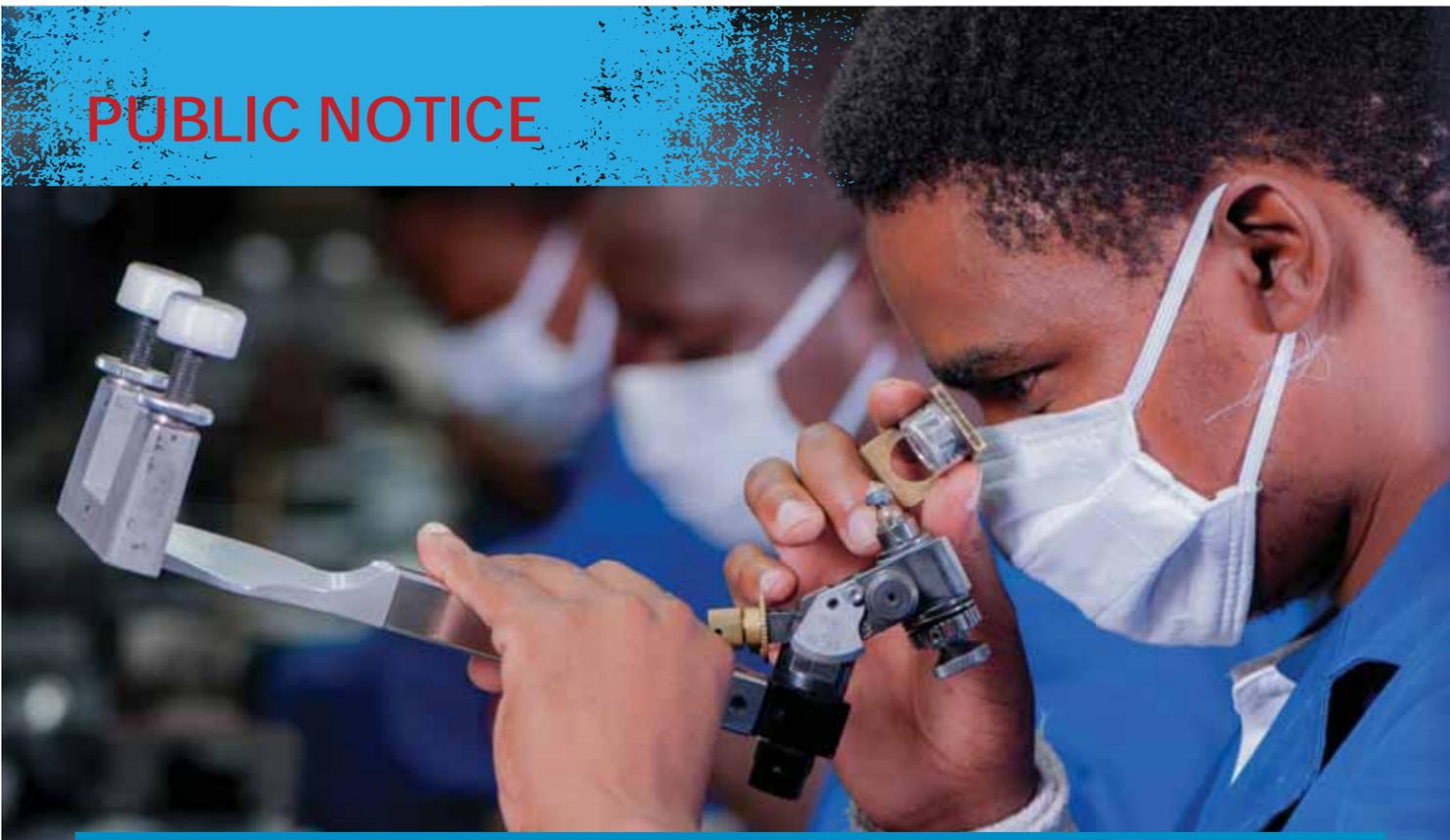
For learners who required support beyond the mainstream inclusive setting, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said they maintained a continuum of placement options including self-contained special education units.

She cited that in Tutume District, there was one such unit at Timbi Primary School, which catered for learners with intellectual and developmental disabilities, learners with sensory impairments (hearing impairment and blindness) were referred to specialised schools in the North East region while those with dyslexia and physical disabilities were primarily supported within mainstream schools through the head of department - learning difficulties and the school intervention teams.

Nkange MP, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi had asked the minister to state the number of educational psychologists employed and if they were sufficient to assist with psychometric assessment for learners across various primary schools.

The MP had also wanted to know the amount of time taken to do psychometric assessment for one learner and the number of special education schools in Tutume District, the kind of cases they were capable of dealing with. **BOPA**

## PUBLIC NOTICE



## CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FUND REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026

All eligible Organisations are informed that the deadline for submission of reimbursement claims to HRDC will be the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for training that took place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

In a bid to bring services to the public and ease the submission process, HRDC will be undertaking support visits at the following locations on the dates stipulated.

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|--|---|----------------|
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| Selebi Phikwe, Francistown and surrounding areas | 17 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026      | +267 71707120  |
| Maun and surrounding areas                       | 31 <sup>st</sup> May - 06 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 | +267 72730511  |
| Lobatse and Jwaneng                              | 08 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026     | +267 72889216  |

Those in Gaborone are encouraged to submit their claims to the HRDC Contact Centre any week day between 08:00 to 16:00hrs up to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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# Daily Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Zambia launches campaign to recast investment image

#### LUSAKA

Zambia recently launched a national rebranding initiative aimed at repositioning the country as a preferred investment destination and strengthening its international image. The initiative, branded under the tagline: Zambia Moves You, seeks to project a unified national identity while promoting the country's economic potential and rich natural resource base to global audiences. Speaking at the launch President Hakainde Hichilema said the government embarked on the rebranding strategy to address negative perceptions that emerged after Zambia became the first African country to default on its Eurobond debt, following a missed coupon payment in 2020. Hichilema noted that after assuming office in 2021, the administration began marketing Zambia internationally to restore confidence among investors and development partners. **Xinhua**

### Screening centre to combat illegal timber trade

#### WINDHOEK

Namibia on Friday launched a Wood Identification and Screening Center aimed at strengthening the country's capacity to combat illegal timber trade and environmental crime. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Namibia's Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, Lucia Lipumbu, said the facility marked an important step toward enhancing the country's ability to protect natural resources and enforce environmental laws. The centre, located at the Namibian Police Forensic Science Institute in Windhoek, will use advanced technology to identify wood species, verify timber declarations, and support criminal investigations related to illegal logging. Lipumbu said the illegal timber trade undermined lawful commerce, endangers biodiversity, and weakened state authority. **Xinhua**

### Kenya forex reserve rise by US\$2 billion

#### NAIROBI

Kenya's foreign exchange reserves rose by a record US\$2.06 billion this week to hit an all-time high of US\$14.59 billion, the Central Bank said in its weekly update of the financial markets released on Friday. The forex reserves rose from US\$12.53 billion last week, said the central bank, with the surge attributed to the East African nation receiving proceeds from its latest Eurobond issuance. The new reserves cover 6.2 months of imports, an increase from 5.4 months last week. "The reserves meet statutory requirements to endeavor to maintain at least four months of import cover," said the apex bank. In February, Kenya floated a 500 million dollar Eurobond under a buyback plan to smooth maturities on its 2028 and 2032 bonds. **Xinhua**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and Dichaba Group manufacturing and production manager, Mr Kopano Matlale touring the company's workshop at Botswana Innovation Hub, Science and Technology Park in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Gaolathe said it was important to invest in youth through education and mentorship since they fuel growth through entrepreneurship and technological advancement. Photo: Phenylo Moalosi

## Gaolathe pledges support to Dichaba Group

Thato Mosinyi  
**GABORONE**

Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe has pledged free consultancy to Dichaba Group.

Dichaba Group, which has three companies; Dichaba Consumer Electronics, Caleb Motors and Dichaba Energy is located at the Botswana Innovation Hub, Science and Technology in Gaborone.

Touring the Dichaba Consumer Electronics on Friday, Mr Gaolathe said it was clear that the management of the Dichaba Group had a clear vision for the future.

"It is evident that the management of Dichaba Group has a clear vision that they have overtime worked on and clarified to meet the market demands and this is most gratifying," he said. He said it was important to

invest in youth through education and mentorship since they fuel growth through entrepreneurship, technological advancement, thus strengthening the workforce and job creation, which leads to increased financial independence and reduced social inequalities.

He said knowledge was another fundamental aspect toward success in the business world.

Furthermore, Mr Gaolathe said young people were determined

to drive the spirit of innovation and employment creation, which were key to the country's economic diversification drive.

Youth are critical drivers of economic development, acting as agents of modernisation, innovation, and social change due to their energy and adaptability, therefore need all the support," Mr Gaolathe said.

Laying out the company's profile, Dichaba Group chief executive officer, Mr Thatayaone Dichaba said Dichaba Consumer Electronics was the orchestration of precision, reliability and technical mastery.

He noted that operated through a dual-market strategy, serving both consumers and businesses.

"Our Business-to-Consumer (B2C) Division empowers tech-savvy individuals and households with a range of quality products, including smartphones, smart home devices and wireless connectivity solutions," he said.

This hybrid model, he said allowed the company to drive technological adoption across the entire ecosystem, from the home to the enterprise. **BOPA**

## Railway expansion to unlock economic opportunities

Keith Ketl  
**RAKOPS**

Botswana's substantial investment and expansion in its railway network will help unlock economic opportunities by connecting landlocked resources to regional, international and coastal markets.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Rakops on Thursday, Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang said such a move would accord the country an opportunity to transform into a regional logistics hub.

Furthermore, Mr Atamelang who is also Member of Parliament for Boteti East said the move would

boost mining, agricultural, and commercial trade.

To this end, he said major rail infrastructure projects that would be done under the National Development Plan (NDP)12 would be focusing on regional connectivity, coal exports and diversifying trade routes.

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# Railway expansion to unlock economic opportunities



Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang said during a kgotla meeting in Rakops that the Mmamabula-Lephalale rail line would link Botswana's coal-rich Mmamabula to South Africa's Lephalale area, unlock coal reserves and facilitate trade.

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Such projects include, among others, a link between Mmamabula and Lephalale in South Africa, Mosetse via Kazungula en route to Livingstone in Zambia; the Trans-Kalahari Railway from Gobabis in Namibia and the Zimbabwe-Mozambique corridor.

Elaborating on the rail projects, which offer a lifeline for Botswana's economy by creating a vital artery to both domestic and export markets, Mr Atamelang stated that the Mmamabula-Lephalale

rail line would link Botswana's coal-rich Mmamabula to South Africa's Lephalale area, unlock coal reserves, and facilitate trade.

As for Mosetse-Kazungula rail project, he said the initiative aimed to connect markets to the North-South corridor, significantly reducing transit times for goods and providing a boost to agricultural hubs such as the Pandamatenga farms.

Furthermore, he underscored that the Trans-Kalahari Rail Project, which was a massive initiative, aimed to create a shorter and more efficient route for international

trade.

"The Zimbabwe-Beira-Machipanda line connection would link Botswana to a new deepwater port in Techobanine in Mozambique mainly for transporting. The same would also link Zimbabwe to Beira," he said. He thus urged constituents to tap into opportunities that would be presented by projects and better their lives.

Also, Mr Atamelang spoke of the need to build roads in production zones, citing industrial parks, manufacturing hubs, special economic zones, cattle-posts and ploughing fields, emphatically

pointing out that such was critical for the creation of efficient supply chains and resultant growth of the economy.

Furthermore, he relayed that the ministry was also pondering on the use of soil stabilisation technology and technique that elongated the life-span of a road from five to 16 years without routine maintenance.

"Tarmac road is very expensive with only a kilometre road stretch costing P9 million while a gravel road done through soil stabilisation technology only cost P300 000," he said. **BOPA**

## Hubs provide employment prospects for youth in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Chinese-owned trading businesses are playing a growing role in job creation in South Africa, providing opportunities for many people in a country struggling with high unemployment.

South Africa's official unemployment rate stood at 31.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2025, according to Statistics South Africa.

Against this backdrop, small and medium-sized trading enterprises have emerged as an important source of employment in Johannesburg through wholesale distribution and informal supply chains.

"South Africa's unemployment situation means every job and every employer matters," said a wholesale operator specialising in hair accessories at Dragon City in Fordsburg. Dragon City is a massive Chinese wholesale hub often described as a 'reseller's paradise' housing over 800 shops that provide affordable clothing, electronics, cosmetics and household goods. For many youths, the mall is a daily destination for job-seeking.

"I wait here every day hoping for a permanent spot," said Jabulani Nkomo on Friday. The ecosystem also sustains auxiliary services. Denis Moyo, who operates a small hire truck at the mall, said 'many people buy stock in bulk and hire me to transport their goods. I have been here since 2023, and these businesses rely heavily on local workers to function'. Since expanding across South Africa in the early 2000s, Chinese traders have built extensive networks that support local logistics companies, security services and maintenance contractors.

For many people, these stores provide a vital entry point into the labour market.

"Before starting here, I struggled to find work for almost a year," said Siphon Mokoena, an employee at a wholesale store at China Mall near Langlaagte in Johannesburg. "Now I have a stable salary and can support my family." Transport contractor, Mpumelelo Gumede said Chinese wholesalers help sustain small logistics operators. "Moving goods from their warehouses to shops across the province keeps my drivers employed and helps our small business grow." Though margins in this sector can be thin, the high-volume distribution model is a major employer.

Local observers said in a country with high unemployment, the contribution of small retail and wholesale businesses cannot be ignored.

Consumers also benefit from the affordability these hubs offer. "These stores provide variety and keep prices lower," said shopper Lerato Khumalo. "Crucially, they employ people from the immediate area when jobs are scarce." As trade ties between South Africa and China continue to deepen, analysts said these economic links are likely to further encourage local entrepreneurship. "For many of us, these businesses are the difference between having a job and having none," said Zanele Bhebe, who works at a clothing wholesaler in the China City wholesale. **Xinhua**

## Truck congestion in Kazungula poses risk

Portia Keetile

KAZUNGULA

Motorists have been warned to maintain vigilance in respect to the truck congestion from Lesoma to Kazungula covering a 10-kilometre stretch on the A33 road.

In an interview, Chobe District senior traffic officer Superintendent Agripa Gambule attributed the congestion to a technical breakdown of a scanner at Zambian Revenue Authority (ZRA) at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post.

He said haulage trucks carrying goods headed up north to Zambia, Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo spent more than four days queuing up on the road awaiting the reinstatement of the scanner.

He said currently the ZRA was identifying trucks that were cleared manually to be processed at the border so that they could proceed with their respective journeys.

Superintendent Gambule stated that the situation had caused discontent among truck drivers who felt the ZRA was not attending to their cases fairly.

"It seems this issue of ZRA giving a green light to trucks that are checked physically without a scan is causing chaos because some truckers feel this is unfair as some of these trucks are carrying the same cargo as theirs."

He underscored that the congestion posed a risk on the lives of road users as some of the trucks carried hazardous materials, adding that

The long queue from Lesoma to Kazungula as trucks are headed to Kazungula OSBP for customs clearance. Photo: Portia Keetile



the pile-up could also result in road accidents.

He said the role of the police in this situation was to enforce the law by ensuring that there was cooperation on the road while truckers awaited to be assisted.

He indicated that the police had engaged with the truckers to appreciate their misgivings to see how best Botswana Police could tend to them.

Furthermore, the officer said his office had dedicated three patrol vehicles to monitor the situation and ensure there was good conduct.

Superintendent Gambule expressed concern with the fact that the Lesoma-Kazungula stretch was infested with wildlife that posed a danger to the lives of the truck drivers. He said the police had cautioned them to be vigilant and avoid wandering off from the road or moving away from their trucks.

However, he said this was proving difficult as the drivers were forced to walk to Kazungula for necessities like water and food.

Speaking on behalf of truck drivers, Mr Derick Malambo expressed dissatisfaction with the criteria that

ZRA was using to select trucks which qualified to be processed at the border because some of these trucks were carrying the same goods as theirs.

He said the congestion had caused a strain on them because they had been stuck in Kazungula for over four days without food and water.

Furthermore, he said some of the drivers' passports had expired while they were on the queue as they would have accumulated fines by the time the scanner would be fixed. **BOPA**




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## FIRST AND FINAL CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

Mmila Fund Administrators has received notifications regarding pension Death Benefits for Debswana Pension Fund members listed below. Investigations of these notifications are ongoing with the known family members. In order to ensure that all possible dependents and/or beneficiaries are accounted for; Mmila Fund Administrators wishes to give NOTICE to any unknown potential dependents and/or beneficiaries of the deceased members. Family members who have been contacted should ignore this notice.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### APPOINTMENT OF KGALAGADI NORTH DISTRICT PHYSICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Date : 12 February 2026

In pursuance of Section 5(2) and the Town And Country Planning of 2013, the public is hereby informed of the appointment of the following to sit in the District Physical Planning Committee for a period of two and half years beginning on the first February 2026 to 30th July 2028. Their names were endorsed by the full council on the 27th January 2026

1. Mr. Wilford Sendelani Jobe (Environmental)
2. Ms. Tjedza Tumelo Nkhwa (Building Construction)
3. Mr. Badisa Khwae (Animal Science)
4. Mr. Nicholas Mosielele Ngwamotsoko (Land Management)
5. Mr. Aobakwe William Cloete (Building Construction)
6. Mr. Keiponye Philip Tlhage (Agriculture)
7. Mr. Golebaone Edwin (Economics)
8. Mr. Ontumetse Mothobi (Roads)

There are existing members whose terms will end in varied times in 2028 and they are as follows:

1. Honourable Coucillor Ofentse Fertz. Kgogobi
2. Honourable Coucillor Raymond T. Molemele

In addition, the Head of Physical Planning Office shall serve in the Committee as Chief Adviser and one of the Physical Planners from the office be appointed as Secretary of the Committee.

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# Govt initiates plan to protect cattle in Bray



An operation to relocate Hereford cattle in the Bray area commenced on Thursday following the detection of Foot-and-Mouth Disease cases in Bray, South Africa. Department of Veterinary Services official, Dr Tshephang Moeng, said the proximity of the affected villages necessitated the immediate transfer. Photo: Naomi Leepile

Naomi Leepile  
**HEREFORD**

The Department of Veterinary Services on Friday, initiated the relocation of more than 200 cattle to the Bray Community Farm following the detection of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Bray, South Africa.

Lead veterinarian overseeing the operation, Dr Tshephang Moeng, said the close proximity of the affected villages necessitated the immediate transfer.

He said moving the Hereford herd to community farm acted as a buffer to prevent further contact with the infected animals.

“To ensure that the relocation does not inadvertently spread the virus, every animal undergoes a strict physical inspection. Officials are checking for clinical signs of FMD such as mouth sores or lameness before transporting them,” said Dr Moeng.

He said the containment efforts were further bolstered by an assessment team that conducted a comprehensive tour along the border line.

The department’s acting director, Dr Kobedi Segale applauded Kgalagadi farmers for their spirit of volunteerism noting that their response had been exemplary, as farmers did not simply sit and wait for government intervention but took immediate action to secure the region.

He characterised their initiative as a crucial component of the broader containment strategy. Dr Segale assured the community that his ministry was currently finalising all necessary arrangements to provide the required technical and logistical support. He stressed that the government could not fight the outbreak alone, and pleaded with farmers to remain vigilant in the care of their livestock.

As the relocation continues, Dr Segale said authorities remained on high alert, monitoring the border to curb any potential efforts of further signs of spread.

**BOPA**

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## Tonota residents host health awareness walk

Kelebogile Taolo  
**TONOTA**

Tonota community has been applauded for hosting the health awareness walk in a bid to promote healthy lifestyle and beat Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

The walk held on Friday under the theme: Healthy Students, Healthy Community Working Together Towards a Better Tomorrow, was inspired by the vision shared during a Botsogo Pitso led by Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse which aims to encourage the community to take charge of their health.

Speaking at the event, the assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse commended Kgosi Radipitse for having found the need to educate his community on the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle.

He said about 58 per cent deaths were a result of NCDs hence the need for communities to adopt a healthy lifestyle to curb rising cases of NCDs and related deaths.

He said adopting a healthy lifestyle involved regular exercise, eating healthy food, regular screening and check-ups.

Mr Ookeditse acknowledged challenges faced by the health ministry which included shortage of health workers.

He applauded health workers who were willing to deliver good services despite facing challenges.

“We have shortage of doctors in some areas,” he said.

In his remarks, Kgosi Radipitse said activities like health walks were important in promoting health awareness and inspiring

lifestyle changes among communities.

Kgosi Radipitse noted that the recent Botsogo Pitso, held in his village was a sign that they were taking health issues seriously.

He encouraged the community to embark on preventative healthcare.

Director of Diligent Consultancy, Mr Omphile Kgokong said the health awareness walk symbolised unity, awareness, commitment and the need for healthier living.

He said the event also served as a platform for engagement.

“This activity is designed to equip our people with knowledge and practical tools to take charge of their health,” he added.

Mr Kgokong highlighted that good health was the foundation of productivity, prosperity and dignity.

“When our people are healthy, our community thrives,” he said.

The health awareness walk was organised by the Tonota College of Education. **BOPA**



Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse (left) touring stalls after a health awareness walk in Tonota on Friday. He said there should be integration of traditional medicine into modern health services for treatment of diseases. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## Official warns Kolonkwaneng residents

Naomi Leepile  
**KOLONKWANENG**

The Department of Veterinary Services is concerned by unmonitored movement of livestock, with some animals crossing the border in the midst of the threatening environment due to the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak.

Addressing an emergency kgotla meeting at Kolonkwaneng on Friday, the acting Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Kobedi Segale expressed concern over the increasing cases of livestock roving unmonitored and crossing the border into FMD affected areas.

The meeting was convened to discuss the escalating biosecurity risks in the area and Dr Segale warned that if the community does not change its ways, government would be forced to halt all animal movements, effectively closing financial streams of local farmers as livestock was the backbone of livelihoods in most rural communities.

He issued a stark ultimatum to the Kolonkwaneng community

to tighten livestock management along the South African border or face a total shutdown of the local animal trade.

The meeting follows an operation in which 31 goats were culled to prevent the potential spread of disease.

Dr Segale noted that the incident was the second in a very short period and that authorities were compelled to kill livestock in the area to eliminate possible spread of the disease.

Dr Segale said even though the killing of the animals was primarily meant to prevent any possible spread of FMD, for farmers, it was painful as it meant loss.

“This is a great loss to the community,” said Dr Segale.

Dr Segale was candid about the gravity of the situation, stating that the norm of bordering villages of relentlessly crossing the border and visiting neighbours in South Africa must end immediately.

Dr Segale urged farmers to do better and act differently, noting that the risk was not just at individual level. **BOPA**

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Maloko a mokgatlo wa, Mosadi o Ruta Mosadi, o o simologileng ka 2013 kwa Molepolole, ba re pele ga ba simolola go gweba ka borotho, botshelo bo ne bo le thata ya lentswe.

Modulasetilo wa mokgatlo, Mme Morobe Seiso, o tthalositse fa mokgatlo o thailwe ke bomme ba ba neng ba sa bereke, ba nna seopo sengwe gore ba ikinole mo leshekereng ka ntlha ya gore lenaneo la Ipelegeng le bontsi jwa bomme bo neng bo lebile gore le tlaa ba hira le ne le sa kgone go ba tsaya ka dipalo tse di ntsi.

Bontsi jwa setlhophapha se, bo ne bo le mo dingwageng tse di masome mane go ya kwa go tse di masome a matlhano fa ba simolola mokgatlo mme mo nakong eno ba setse ba le dingwaga tse di fa gare ga masome a marataro go ya kwa go a supa le botlhano

"Re ne re gwehlilwe ke tlaa, re gwehlile ke go tshaba go bereka kwa Ipelegeng. Tota e se go e tshaba, re lebile bontsi jwa dipalo tsa ba re neng re foletse khiri. Fa re leba bontsintsi jwa rona le gore go hirwa le batsadi ba rona ba tota ba senang thata ya go dira, re ne ra bona gore re ba sutele ka rona re santse re ka iphataphatela," Mme Seiso a tthalosa.

A re erile fa ba thaya mokgatlo o, ba ne ba bantsi, mme mo tseleng bangwe ba latlhela toulo ka theko ya borotho e ne le boutsana fa bangwe ba ne ba e nyatsa ba re ba tshabisiwa ditlhong ke go tlhola



Bangwe ba maloko a mokgatlo wa Mosadi o ruta Mosadi, Mme Morobe Seiso (molemeng) le Mme Tshegofatso Kemoreile ba re kapei ya borotho e ba namotse mo lehumeng. Senepe: Keetile Bontsibokae

ba tlhotlhomana le motse ba tshwere diemere ba rekisa borotho.

"Bangwe ba ne ba re bone ga ba ka ke ba ititela nako ka borotho ka gore bana ba bone ba ne ba bolawa ke tlale ka jaloa madi a borotho a sa kgone. Go ne ba ne ba bolelela ruri, mme rona ra itshoka le fa bana ba rona le bone ba ne ba motwa ke e ntshonyana," Mme Seiso a tthalosa.

A re bontsi jwa ba ba neng ba

telwa ke boitlhobogo ba ne ba ikela kwa Ipelegeng fa bangwe ba ne ba ya go letela go bidiwa kwa Ipelegeng mme ga sala ba le bane. Bone jo, bo ne ba adimiwa ntlo ya boapelo kwa ntlong lehalahala ya motse mme ba nna ba wa ba tsoaga le thekiso e e neng e le boutsana.

Mme Seiso a re e ne ya re ka lengwe la matsatsi ba kopana le rre wa motho mosweu, go tswa kwa USA e le le peace corp, a ba

botsa gore ba dirang ka a ne a bona ba tsamaya ba akgile borotho ka diemere.

Rre yo, o ne a ya go ba bega kwa go bommaboipelego kwa khaseleng ya Kweneng, kwa ba neng ba tthalosediwa gore ba tsenye kopo, go re ba thusiwe go reka didirisiwa tsa kapei ka lenaneo la nyeletso lehuma.

Go le pele ba ne ba apaya diphaphatha le mapakiwa ka

meritshana, bareki bagolo e le babereki ba Ipelegeng.

A re ka 2017, ba ne ba inakanya le le naneo la tshidimoloso ya go fa bana borotho kwa dikolong tse di potlana.

A re go simolodisiwa ga lenaneo la go apeela bana, kgwebo ya simolola go itsetsepela ka ba ne ba apeela dikole ka bontsi kwa Molepolole.

A re kwa ntleng ga go apeela dikole, borotho bo ne ba simolola go rekwa kwa ditirong jaaka manyalo, dintsho, le batho fela ka ba ne ba utlwaeletse ka monate, lenko, tatso le bontle jwa bone.

Bomme ba supile fa e ne yare kgwebo e dira sentle, ba thapa banana mme ya re itsholele e wela tlase ba patelesega go kgaogana le bone.

Ba re go ne go le bokete go bereka le banana ka gore ba bereka ka go kgoromediwa.

Ba re puso e tshwanetse go emisa tumelo ya gore banana ke bone fela ba ka godisang itsholele mme e tshwanetse ya lemoga mongwe le mongwe fa a ka fiwa thotloetso lefatsho le ka gatela pela.

Le fa kgwebo e le boutsana, bomme ba, ba paka gore kgwebo e, e ba tldisitse melatswana ka ba kgonne go ikagela ba bo ba kgona go godisa bana ba bone le go tokafatsa seemo sa itsholele kwa malwapeng a bone.

"Re kgonne go nna le leroo, re tshaba ka metlakase, re duela metsi ebile re nna kwa ditsheng tsa rona tse re neng re sa kgone go di aga," Mme Seiso a tthalosa.

Ka bogodi bo setse bo iteleketse, ba tthalosa fa ba tlhoka ba ba ka ba tshatlamang gore ba sa le ba tshegeditse kgwebo mme sebe sa phiri ke gore, basha ga ba na kgatlhogo. **BOPA**

# Dikole di mo seemong se sa itumediseng

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe  
MAUN

Dingwe dikole  
kwa kgaolong ya  
bokone bophirima  
di mo seemong se  
se sa itumediseng  
jaaka matlwana  
a boitiketso a a  
leswe le matlwana  
a borutelo a a  
senyegileng.

Modulasetilo wa khansela Mya bokone bophirima, Rre Itumeleng Kelebetseng, o supile se mo phuthagong ya kgotla kwa Maun.

O tthalositse fa matlo mangwe a borutelo kwa sekoleng se se botlana sa Botswelelo a le mo seemong se se sa itumediseng a bolela gore fa dithuto di ntse di tswelotse, matlakala a wa mo marulelong.

Kwa sekoleng sa Tshwaragano gone, a re bana ba tshatlaganela ditilo ka di tlhela.

Go boletswe gape fa matlwana a boitiketso a dikole tse di botlana a sa phepafadiwe, mme se, se baa bana mo kotsing ya malwetsi.

Rre Kelebetseng o kopile batsadi go tsaya karolo mo thutong ya bana ba bone.

"Bangwe batsadi ba setse ba ithapile go phepafatsa bana matlwana a boitiketso e le maiteko

a go tshwaraganela boikarabelo jwa thuto ya bana le puso.

Mo ke gone go tlaa re thusang go tswelotse pele," Rre Kelebetseng a tthalosa.

O supile fa tiriso ya ditagi mo bananeng ba bannye e oketsega, segolo jang tiriso ya CAT.

A re se, se baka gore bana bangwe ba tlogele sekole, ba inakanya le go utswa le mekgwa e e sa siamang.

Rre Kelebetseng a re go na le bana ba ka feta masome a mararo ba ba lofelang sekole, mme ba bonwe ba saila kwa mmolong le go utswa mo mabentlelong.

"Fa re kopana le batsadi ba bana ba, re lemoga fa ba sena boikarabelo mo tlhokomelong ya bana ba bone mme re tse tshwetso ya go sekisa batsadi ba go nna jalo," Rre Kelebetseng a tthalosa.

Banni ba rotloeditswe go tsaya

karolo mo go rarabololeng mathata a, go akarediwa le gore dikomiti tsa batsadi le barutabana (PTA) di ka dira dithulaganyo tsa go batla mongwe yo o ka phepafatsang matlwana a dikole a boitiketso, mme batsadi ba kgobokanye madi a go mo duela.

Mongwe wa banni, Mme Otshidile Masoko, o kopile dikhansela go sekaseka go abiwa ga ditetla tsa thekiso ya bojalwa mo mafelong a a gaufi le dikole, a supa fa seno se na le seabe mo tirisong ya bojalwa le ditagi mo banneng.

Rre Kelebetseng o gateletse gore tharabololo ya mathata a, e simolola kwa malwapeng, a re batsadi ba tshwanetse go tlhokomela bana ba bone le go ba ruta tshiamo le tshiamololo, setshaba se tshwaragane le dikole le mapodisi, go netefatsa gore bana ba ithuta mo tikologong e e babalesegileng. **BOPA**



Unit 5, Plot 75754, Setlhoa, Gaborone, Botswana

**Job Application Advert**

**Position: Specialist Software Programmer (X2)**

**About the Role**  
We are inviting applications from qualified candidates for the position of Specialist Software Programmer. The successful applicant will be responsible for designing, developing, and maintaining advanced software solutions that support our operations and enhance efficiency across the organization.

**Experience**

- 5–10 years of proven experience in software programming, application development, and systems integration.
- Strong background in managing technical projects within the Industrial software in diamond mining.
- Experience collaborating with software OEMs and managing contracts related to software solutions.

**Qualifications**

- Minimum of a Diploma or Degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, or equivalent
- Professional certifications in programming languages, frameworks, or platforms (e.g., Autec Babylon, Siemens, Gallagher, Milestone, SQL Databases, Cisco Systems, Java, Python, .NET, cloud technologies) will be an added advantage.

**Technical Skills**

- Proficiency in programming languages such as Java, Autec Babylon, Siemens, Gallagher, Milestone, SQL Databases, Cisco Systems, Java, Python, .NET, cloud technologies
- Strong knowledge of database management systems and cloud-based platforms.
- Experience with software development methodologies (Agile, DevOps).
- Ability to create and interpret technical documentation, including system architecture and design schematics.
- Knowledge of networking and integration with enterprise systems.
- Configuration and commissioning skills
- Third party integrations
- Implementation of control philosophy and narratives for access control and CCTV

**Desired Soft Skills**

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to work independently and lead collaborative projects.
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**Application Requirements**  
Candidates who meet the above requirements should apply by submitting:

- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV)
- Certified copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications should be sent via email to:  
sales@veracitech.co.bw

**Closing date for applications is 24th March 2026.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED**

Notice is hereby given to all members of Gaborone Consumers Co-operative Society Limited (GCCSL) that the Annual General Meeting will be held in Gaborone at Aquarian Tide Hotel on the 13th and 14th March 2026. The meeting will commence at 1400 hours until 1800 hours on the 13th and at 0800 hours on the 14th March 2026. All members and proxies should bring evidence of their membership or proof of appointment to represent members. For administration purposes please confirm your attendance with the Secretary at 73 180 156, alternatively call 71 360 259, 71 327 665, 71 397 248, 71 812 232 or 72 271 434 on or before the 6th March, 2026.

**The Agenda of the meeting will include:**

- Board Business Report.
- Audited financial Statements for 2024/2025.
- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 14th to 15th March 2025.

**KITSISO YA PHUTHEGO YA BOTLHE YA NGWAGA YA GABORONE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED**

Maloko a lekgotla la koporase ya Baji Bareki la Gaborone a lalediwa phuthego ya botlhe e e tlaa tshwarelwang mo Gaborone kwa hoteleng ya Aquarian Tide ka kgwedi ya Mopitlo e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le boraro go fitlhelela e tlhola malatsi ale lesome le bone. Phuthego e tlaa simolola ka Labotlhano ka nako ya bobedi go fitlhelela ka nako ya borataro, mme ebo e tswelela ka Saterataga go tloga ka nako ya boferabobedi.

Maloko le baemedi ba maloko ba rotloediwa gotla ka sesupo sa boloko kana sa thomo ya leloko.

Maloko a kopiwa go supa gotla phuthegong ga bone ka go leletsa mokwaledi wa khuduthamaga mo mogaleng wa 73 180 156, kana ee latelangl 71 360 259, 71 327 665, 71 397 248, 71 812 232 or 72 271 434 pele ga Mopitlo a tlhola ga rataro (6).

**Thulaganyo ya phuthego e tlaa tsenya tse di latelang:**

- Pego ya kgwebo ya Koporase
- Pego ya madi ya dingwaga tsa 2024/2025
- Metsotso ya phuthego ya botlhe ya Mopitlo ale 14 le 15 ka ngwaga wa 2025.



# BENEFICIARY ASSESSMENT NOTICE

## CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

In line with the provisions of the Retirement Funds Act (2022) (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, NMG Administrators Botswana is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. Therefore, all possible beneficiaries/dependants should liaise with the Administrator. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility.

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

| MEMBER NAME                | EXIT DATE  | STATUS    | MEMBER NAME           | EXIT DATE  | STATUS    |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Mokganedi Bakgobi          | 19/06/2024 | Deferred  | Bernadette Mothei     | 19/02/2026 | Pensioner |
| Batsile Bonako             | 03/07/2025 | Active    | Barati Mothobi        | 14/01/2026 | Active    |
| Goitseone Ditapisa         | 21/03/2025 | Active    | Isaiah Motsamai       | 16/10/2024 | Active    |
| Bridget Joel               | 30/12/2025 | Active    | Letsogile Motsumi     | 04/01/2026 | Deferred  |
| Mmabontle Kenosi           | 18/11/2025 | Pensioner | Keikantse Motswiri    | 03/06/2025 | Active    |
| Gaolatlhwe Kgosigaenyatswe | 11/11/2025 | Pensioner | Edward Mutloane       | 14/02/2026 | Pensioner |
| Christinah Latlhang        | 17/10/2025 | Active    | Kumbulani Ngama       | 05/11/2025 | Active    |
| Skhosana Letsholathebe     | 20/11/2025 | Deferred  | Refilwe Nkhai         | 30/11/2025 | Active    |
| Wedu Mada                  | 11/01/2026 | Pensioner | Thatayaone Rabasimane | 03/02/2026 | Pensioner |
| Albert Matlapeng           | 28/02/2025 | Pensioner | Galefele Ramocha      | 01/02/2025 | Pensioner |
| Baleseng Mazebe            | 04/10/2025 | Active    | Gaofengwe Senyatso    | 30/08/2025 | Active    |
| Lethosa Monowe             | 03/01/2026 | Pensioner | Bethel Tlhotlhole     | 06/11/2025 | Active    |

Please contact NMG Administrators Botswana at: **+267 318 6820/ 241 2562/ 588 1236/ 686 0597** or Toll Free: **0800 600 177**

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- Public Finance Management (PFM)
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- Stronger Parliamentary Oversight

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**FARM WORKES**

**FARM WORKER WANTED**, Contact Tumetsane Rayzor. Cell 75598566 Ramotswa

**LOOKING FOR POULTRY** farm workers in Thamaga Kolwane. Contact 73222267

**FARM WORKER WANTED**, Rasesa. Valid drivers license required. Experience in horticulture, borehole maintenance & maintenance of diesel engines. Whatsapp 78471753

**LOOKING FOR TWO** farm workers in Rasesa, Tlokweng area- Kgatlang. Contact 76474613

**FARM WORKER WANTED**. Apply to P O Box 60064 Gaborone West

**FARM WORKER URGENTLY** wanted at Francistown, Old Masunga road, Gerald Estates farms. Justice Maruba Tawana. Box 10124 Tatitown, 71406622

**FARM WORKERS (4) REQUIRED** for crop care and animal care at Dikgonnye and Sandveld. Call us at 72305202 / 71588544

**LOOKING FOR A** farm worker in Thamaga. Call 73684959

**FARM WORKER WANTED** (Horticulture) in Senyawe village. Box 004 Tshesebe. Plot 1039, Closing date 31-03-2026. Contact Mr Mosimane 72474951

**HERD MAN WANTED AT MAWANENG** MABEL CONTACT JOSPHINA 71528602/ 74316625

**A FARM LABOURER URGENTLY** needed in Tonota. Contact Masego Rapekenene 71671301

**FARM WORKER WANTED** for Lapolosa at Parrshalt farm Makwate, closing date 27 March 2026. send CV to enge.smit@gmail.com

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Kweneng West Region. Contact : Taswika Jimmy Gunda on 71648245, Box 501102 Gaborone

**FARM WORKER WANTED** 74646339

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** apply Taboka Goodwill P O Box 40947 Gaborone

**FARMWORKERWANTED**atMmadinare Mhatane. Send an application to P.O. Box 10384 Selebi Phikwe.Mrs Sadimme Morgan. 77042445

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Wildebeest hunt and Safari, Machaneng. Call 75526168. Closing date: 26 March 2026

**FARM WORKER REQUIRED** at Kgoro lands near Goodhope. Apply to : P O Box 676 AAD Poso House Gaborone or call : 71490584 email : mabuditaboka@gmail.com

**XILENE (PTY) LTD** is looking for a farm worker, based at plot 45, Notwane, Gaborone. Write to The Manager P O Box 26402, Gaborone. Closing date: 20.03.2026

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Sasakwe in Kopong Temo Products (Pty) Ltd P O Box 404486 Gaborone: Contact +267 71500881

**TWO FARM WORKERS** at Moseitse, Box 250 Francistown. Unangoni Zila Mojiwa 71778047

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**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Mashoro East. 5 years experience, at least completed form 3. Contact the Manager at P O Box 3584, Serowe or call 71657257. Closing date 01-June-2026.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Lecheng. Call 76646423 or 75014899

**FARM WORKER WANTED** urgently. Call 72234774 or 74014991

**WANTED FARM WORKER**. Apply to P O Box 481 Goodhope, Koobakile S Modukwane

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**FRANK MBIKIWA PHINDELA** requires farm worker in Semitwe. Write Box 10275 enclosing cv

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE NTU MASWABI – ESHGB-000679/25**

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 **23<sup>rd</sup>** day of **April 2026** at **0830 hours** at the **before – Oarabile Pitso**. 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

**FARM LABOURERS - FIVE (5)**

**MILTON KHACHANA** owns lot 82 RO and field 64 measuring 7HA and 26.883HA respectively, situated in Kazungula and Pandamatenga area in the Chobe District. The farms focuses on producing agricultural products for sale in the market. These products include chickens, dry land farming and horticulture.

**FARM LABOURERS - FIVE (5)**

- The main role will be to maintain crops, chickens and livestock.
- Plant, cultivate, irrigate and harvest crops.
- Animal care
- Safe guard crop health
- Maintain the farm facilities including equipment.

**EXPERIENCE**

- Two (2) years and above

**If you possess the above please send a resume to**  
Milton Khachana Box 505 Kasane  
Lot 82 RO Kazungula  
or **mkhachana@gmail.com**

**Contacts: 74060720**

**Closing date: 21/03/2026**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Standard seven (7)/JC

**NOTICE OF THE 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 relatives for purpose 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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| George Jamara           | ESHMY 000015-25 | 21.04.26        | 0900hrs | SARM   |

**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 5TH MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**Master's Reference: ESHGB-000682/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Rabasimane Pheto & Mosarwa Molalhegi who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital & Matlhalerwa Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 & 15<sup>th</sup> December 1991 respectively.

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

**DATED** at ..... on this.....day of.....2026.

Executor Dative  
Moeng Rabasimane Pheto  
P O Box 521  
MOLEPOLOLE  
CELL: 74299749/77989038

Executor Dative  
Tubego Kenneth Molalhegi  
P O Box 3592  
MOLEPOLOLE  
CELL: 76830167

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**Master's Reference: ESHGB 000187-23**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BANKUTLWANG MONICA KGOMO** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 Executor, Boitshepo Sekobane, P O Box 123, Kang, Tell: 76362380/74965182

**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 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 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| SHARP GARETLHOBOGE BOSUPEGILE | ESHFT-000925-25 | 06-05-26        | 0900HRS | SARM2  |

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 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 Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | Date of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| SENI CHOTO              | ESHFT-000197-26 | 05-05-26        | 0900HRS | SARM 2 |

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**



Simolola Drilling Services and its subsidiary, Mitchell Drilling Botswana (Pty) Ltd, are leading drilling services providers dedicated to delivering safe, efficient, and innovative drilling programs for mining projects. Our team consists of seasoned Drilling Engineers, Drill Rig Operators, Geologists, Drill Rig Equipment Mechanics, and Drill Safety Coordinators with extensive experience in managing drilling contracts.

In order to meet its contractual obligations and to provide efficient and innovative Drilling services in Botswana, MDB needs to urgently deploy the following personnel to fill up the vacancy below:

**SENIOR DRILL SUPERVISOR DEEP HOLE SPECIALIST**

All candidates must demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and proven experience in advanced drilling methodologies. This includes expertise in Diamond Drilling Surface Core Methods, Reverse Circulation Drilling Methods, and Deep Hole Drilling Techniques. Candidates should also possess strong proficiency as Mud Rotation Operators (LDD), with the ability to manage Large Diameter Drilling operations and Blast Hole Drilling programs.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Supervise and manage high-risk deep hole drilling operations, ensuring safety and efficiency at all times.
- Demonstrate expertise in deep Kimberlite and country rock diamond core drilling.
- Apply knowledge of Diamond Drilling Surface Core Methods, Reverse Circulation Drilling, Mud Rotation Operators (LDD), Large Diameter Drilling and Blast Hole Drilling.
- Operate and manage drilling programs reaching depths of 5000m or more.
- Manage the technical, mechanical, and logistical aspects of drilling operations in remote and challenging environments.
- Ensure safe and efficient drilling practices at all times.
- Provide technical leadership, mentoring, and training to drilling teams to enhance operational performance
- Manage field camps and coordinate resources to support large-scale drilling projects.
- Prepare operational reports and maintain accurate records of drilling activities.

**REQUIRED EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Minimum 10 years of experience in the drill industry, specifically in high-risk deep hole drilling
- Extensive experience with diamond drilling machinery and challenging drilling environments
- Strong technical and mechanical expertise with drilling equipment, especially Air-Core Drill Rigs.
- Proven track record in managing large drilling field camps in remote locations
- Advanced Diamond Drilling Certificate or equivalent certification.
- Certificate IV in Drilling and Certificate of Training in Drill Rig Operation from an internationally recognized institute.
- A Drilling / Exploration Supervisory Certificate, Deep Hole Drilling or Diamond Core & Reverse Circulation Drilling will be an added advantage.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested candidates should submit their applications to recruitmentbw@mitchellgroup.net

Applications must include:

- A motivational letter explaining your interest in the role.
- A comprehensive CV addressing the specific requirements outlined above.
- Copies of all relevant qualifications.
- Traceable references.

Candidates should be free of encumbrances.

**Closing Date for Applications: 23rd of March 2026**

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**THE OWNER OF** plot 10971, Extension 33 Gaborone, intends to develop a double storey house. For any objections, Royland Park at 71894935 or Gaborone city council within 14 days of this publication

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION OWNER** of plot No. 21780, Mogoditshane Block 7 wishes to construct a boundary wall. Anyone with objections can be forwarded to Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council, Physical Planning Office on telephone No. (+267) 3166653 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

**TSHEPO MOPHUTING, OWNER** of plot 9451 in Tlokweng, intends to change the land use from residential to multi-family residential. Any objections should be submitted to Tlokweng district council physical planning office within 14 days of this notice

**MORERI GABAKGORE, OWNER** of tribal lot 9020 in Magokotswane, Molepolole, intend to change the land use from ploughing field to mixed use (residential and commercial). Any objections should be submitted to the South East district council physical planning office within 14 days of this notice.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Shima Mogopodi would like to change the land use of plot 38367 situated in Block 5, Mogoditshane from single-family residential to multi-family residential. Any enquires should be forwarded to Mogoditshane- Thamaga District Council Physical Planning Office or contact 76234592 within 14 days of this publication.

**OWNER OF LOT** 8347, Metsimothabe intends to change use of resultant portions from single-family residential to multi-family residential and open space. For comments contact Physical Planning Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council, 3105615 within 14 days.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 16814 Ext 11 Palapye intends to change land use from single residential family to multi residential family and boundary wall. Any objections contact Palapye Building Control Office 4930881.

**ESTHER SEDIMO OF** Plot 3620 at Mmajejane Ward, Sefhane has intention to change land use of the same from commercial (Restaurant) to single family residential. Objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council at 4718636/16 within 14 days of this publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 14535, Extension 11, Palapye would like to change land use from single family to multifamily. Any objections contact Palapye District Council Physical Planning office on 4930880 within 14 days of this publication.

**NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT** 12013 Mogoditshane are notified of our intension to change usage from residential to multi residential. Any objection to be forwarded to Mogoditshane Planning Unit @ 3105615

**CHANGE OF LAND** use: The owner of plot 5464 Bokaa ward Mogoditshane intends to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objection, contact Mogoditshane council physical planning unit or the owner at 73007542

**VACANCIES**

**BLOOMSDALE PROPERTIES & CONSTRUCTION T/A** Jactel solutions requires operational security analyst with 10-20 years experience in telecommunication. Degree in network security. Apply: The Manager P O Box 404175 Gaborone. Closing date: 23 March 2026

**ADAMS FASHIONS, A** fashion and design company is looking for a fashion designer to join our team. Minimum 5 years experience. Location: plot 19580. Submit your applications to P O Box 402074 Gaborone or contact us at 71269175. Closing date: 20 March 2026

**GENERAL FARMER WORKER** wanted at Sentlhane farms 15A, South East. Santa Cruz Pty Ltd P O Box 303126 Gaborone. Call: 71702634

**PUNGA SYSTEMS PVT** Ltd, plot 170 unit 6 C/Park, Box 40992 Gaborone. Qualified heavy duty mechanic wanted, Knowledge of cummins, volvo, scania, auto-electrics & earth moving equipment. 10 yrs experience, driver's license. Flexible in traveling around SADC countries. Apply to the above address before 24 March 2026. ngudo@pqnet.bw, 3163208

**TAILOR WANTED IN KASANE** CONTACT 72468209

**HASTA PACKAGING T/A** packaging supplies requires the services of export manager with diploma in marketing/business management or above, candidate must have at least 8 years experience or more. Apply: P O Box 58 AAH Gaborone. Closing date: 26/03/2026

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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| Name of Deceased Person      | Estate Number   | Date of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| ZIBANI NGEWA & NDIANI ZIBANI | ESHFT-001103-25 | 28-04-26        | 0900HRS | SARM 2 |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026  
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | Date Of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| ROBSON E DICK           | ESHFT-000013-26 | 12/05/26        | 0900HRS | ARM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

ESHGB - 000128/20

**IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE BUYA COMFORT KGOMOTSO** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

**THE EXECUTOR** | Emulo K Kgomotso  
Jelket Farm (Pty) Lty | P O BOX 1807, MOLEPOLOLE

**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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| ANNAH MASHABANE         | ESHFT-000146-26 | 13/05/26        | 0900HRS | SARM 2 |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**CHANGE OF LANDUSE**

**JAQUELINE MMAMMUSO SELELO** owner of intergrated farm at mogobane kike lands would like to change use from intergrated farm to quarry.

Any comment /objection should be forwarded to +267 72758980 or ramotswa district physical planning office within 14 days of publication of this notice or contact them at 5381200

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of 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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| LONDON DISEKO           | ESHMY 000042-26 | 21.04.26        | 0900HRS | SARM   |

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

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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| Name of Deceased | Person Estate Number | Date Of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| GAAOKELWE SELEI  | ESHFT-000831-25      | 05-05-26        | 0900HRS | DRM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | Date Of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| MANYANYA KELEBOGILE     | ESHFT-000152-26 | 06-05-26        | 0900HRS | SARM 1 |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**LOST TITLE DEED**

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 919/2022 dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 made in favour of MADULO MANTLE PROPRIETARY LIMITED, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 2899 Gaborone;  
**SITUATE:** in Gaborone Extension 10;  
**MEASURING:** 1165 m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Five Square Metres);  
**WHICH PROPERTY:** is held under Deed of Transfer No. 919/2022 dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 made in favour of MADULO MANTLE PROPRIETARY LIMITED;

All persons objecting to the issue of such copy are hereby requested to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 3 (Three) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews  
Plot 54373 (CB), Gaborone  
P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana  
Plot 17396 Beseja Ward Maun, Botswana

Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124  
Email: info@aja.co.bw  
Web: www.aja.co.bw

Partner Akheel Jinabhai  
Consultant Partners Mark Mckee | Charles Brindley | F Hich  
Associates | Jamiriyah Mather | Shaded Khan | Lendi  
Kgalolelo | Gerata Majoje | Letika Mwalonyane | Ame Rindio

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF GRANT OF LEASE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Memorandum of Agreement of Lease Tribal Grant No:1436-KP, dated 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015 made in favour of LETJANI MOATSHE in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Tribal Grant NO.1436-KP;  
**SITUATE:** At Mmamashia in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 1,6822ha (One Comma Six Eight Two Two Hectares);

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

**Piyush Sharma**  
ATTORNEYS & CO. NOTARIES

PLOT 6358, KGWALE ROAD  
Broadhurst  
P O BOX AD 34 ADC, GABORONE  
(PS/9S/PS18280)

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000376/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **REBECCA SERUMOLA** who died at Sidilega Private Hospitals, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 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** | Baboloki Serumola  
UB Post, Gaborone  
Cell: 75757620

**The Executrix** | Thabang Serumola  
P O Box 1166, Mogoditshane  
Cell: 77 006 588 / 76375331

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**

HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT-000290-23

**NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late ELIAS MAPHEPHU ESHFT-000290-23 who died at Princes Marina Hospital, Gaborone District on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

BATISANI MAPHEPHU  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 264  
MATHANGWANE

KAGISO MAPHEPHU  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 264  
MATHANGWANE

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 [1] OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed Of Cession and Delegation No. MA 55/2009 dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 made in favour of TWE PORTION 34 (PTY) LTD in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lease Area No. 348- JO;  
**SITUATE:** On Remainder of Portion 1 (Waterberg) of Farm Request No. 5- JO;  
**MEASURING:** 3.9638Ha (Three Decimal Nine Six Three Eight Hectares);

Any such person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby requested to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within 21 days from the second publication of this notice.

**KWAPE LEGAL PRACTICE**  
P O BOX 70714 GABORONE  
TEL: 3101496

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**495 4099**

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**592 0252**

**MOCHUDI**

**573 9933**

**LOBATSE**

**533 2615**

**JWANENG**

**588 0380**

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

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| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | DateOfMeeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| KEPALETSWE MAKOPOLA     | ESHFT-000291-23 | 21-05-26      | 0900HRS | DRM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act  
[Cap 31:01]

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| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | Date Of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| ABBAS PETRUS MORANYANE  | ESHFT-000234-26 | 26-05-26        | 0900HRS | SARM 2 |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 06<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**Intention to sell and transfer immovable property**  
(Section 34 of the tribal land act 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tshegofatso Maretwaneng has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Dynamic Road Services Proprietary Limited in respect of customary land grant namely:

**CERTAIN:** Integrated farm (LOT 10477)  
**SITUATE:** at Molongwane  
**MEASURING:** 1.6494Ha (sixteen thousand four hundred and ninety four hectares)  
**LAND USE:** Ploughing field

Herein after referred to as (the property)

The property is transferred at BWP 1,300,000.00 (One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula) excluding vat/transfer duty consequential to the transaction Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering a similar transaction in respect of the property.

Any citizen objecting to the transaction is hereby requested to lodge such objection with reason in writing to Kgatleng Land Board P.O BOX 4 Mochudi within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

**WELLINGTON ATTORNEYS** Plot 9912 Ginger Gaborone. **P.O Box 403725 Gaborone**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN** ESHFT 000372-24

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MR RAPELANG ARON NKGOWE ESHFT: 000372-24** who died at **BOBIRWA DISTRICT** on the **01<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2024**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

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| <b>ESTHER MACHETE</b><br>EXECUTOR DATIVE<br>P O BOX 187<br>FRANCISTOWN | <b>JOHANNAH NKGOWE</b><br>EXECUTOR DATIVE<br>P O BOX 187<br>FRANCISTOWN | <b>AND TO: Master of the High Court</b><br>Private Bag F13<br>FRANCISTOWN |
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN  
ESHFT - 000425 - 24

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Rose Gadifele Rasegojwa - ESHFT - 000425 - 24** who died at Tonota District on the 10th December 2016.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

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|---|---------|--|
| Pauline N. Rasegojwa<br>Executor Dative<br>P O Box 1065, Tonota | AND TO: | Master of the High Court<br>Private Bag F13<br>FRANCISTOWN |
|---|---------|--|

**FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**  
*Master's Reference: ESHGB-000339/23*

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DUDU GLORIA LESEGO MOGOBJWA** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be 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 within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE this ...day...2026

Executrix Dative **Tidimalo Beauty Rakgantswana**  
P O Box 47782  
GABORONE  
CELL:71304944

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Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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| Name of Deceased Person | Estate Number   | Date of Meeting | Time    | Master |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| BADISA SHABANE          | ESHFT-000093-26 | 19-05-26        | 0900HRS | ARM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**Vacancy**

A reputed long established Ophthalmic and Dispensing Opticians in Gaborone requires candidates for the following position:

**1. Accounts Clerks;** Candidates must have an AAT or Diploma in Accounting, or equivalent qualification with a minimum of two-years post qualification experience.

Knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft word or Excel will be an added advantage.

Remuneration not a constraint to the right candidate.

Please send applications to The Manager, **P O Box 379**, Plot 1154, Gaborone, or email to [ocbmedicals@gmail.com](mailto:ocbmedicals@gmail.com).

**Closing date is 18th March 2026.**  
Contact: 3933874

**VACANCIES - FARM WORKERS**

We are looking for two (2) Farm Workers at Tloaneng/Mmankodi area.

**Requirements:**

- 2-3 years' previous farm work experience
- Should be able to perform general farm duties
- Knowledge of crop or livestock care will be an added advantage
- Honest, hardworking, and reliable
- Willing to work in a rural environment
- Good physical health and able to perform manual by labour

Send CV to [recruitment5652@gmail.com](mailto:recruitment5652@gmail.com), shortlisted candidates will be contacted

Cell : + 267 72 814 583 | Closing Date : 20 March 2026

**NOTICE OF INSPECTION OF FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**  
*Master's Reference: ESHGB*

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GERHARD VISSER** who died in **PRETORIA, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA** on **24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT** in the above estate will be so open for inspection at **TS BAREETSI ATTORNEYS' CHAMBERS, Plot 50161, Grand Park, Unit B4/S14**, Block 5, Gaborone, P O Box 500389, GABORONE for a period of twenty-one (21) days from date of publication hereof.

FOR any enquiry or clarity, contact **TS BAREETSI ATTORNEYS**  
**(+267) 3960469/ 75199166/ 73079000**  
or at [enquiries@tsbareetsiattorneys.co.bw](mailto:enquiries@tsbareetsiattorneys.co.bw)

**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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| ALFRED MPALANI          | ESHFT-001527-25 | 26-05-26        | 0900HRS | DRM    |

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN/ESHFT-000225-24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **LEBALA SECHELE ESHFT-000225-24** who died at **RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL, NORTHEAST DISTRICT** on the **15th MARCH 2024**.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 05<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025

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| THE EXECUTRIX<br>DINEO SECHELE<br>P O BOX 143<br>SEBINA | <b>AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT</b><br>PRIVATE BAG F13<br>FRANCISTOWN |
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**VACANCY**

**1 Farmworker** wanted at Loologane ,Lephephe P O Box 512 Molepolole.

Contact 72835084/76967581

Deadline is 14 March 2026

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
FOR THE LATE **RAOSENKA T PHUTHE & DIDIMALANG PHUTHE - ESHGB-000583/25**

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 **23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2026 at 1030 hours** at the **before - Orabile Pitso**. 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.

**POSITION: PHYSIOTHERAPIST (X3)**  
Location: **Kalafhi Day Hospital, Gaborone**

Kalafhi Day Hospital is seeking qualified and experienced Physiotherapists to join our team.

**Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy
- Minimum 5 years' experience
- Full registration with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC)

**How to Apply:**  
Send CV and cover letter to [career@kalafhi.co.bw](mailto:career@kalafhi.co.bw) by **20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. Competitive salary offered.

# National policy on gender must be inclusive

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

Some stakeholders have proposed that the envisaged National Policy on Gender and Development (NPGAD) must integrate the needs of a boy-child and persons with disabilities to address the discrimination that often leaves them marginalised in education and health among others.

The observation was that the current policy prioritise women, a girl-child and aligns with evolving societal needs and international commitments, living behind the boy-child and persons with disabilities, hence critical for the new

policy to ensure gender equality.

Making submissions during a stakeholder consultation for the NPGAD evaluation recently, some participants suggested that the policy should also emphasise on proper parenting for both the boy and girl to enjoy equal opportunities.

“The new policy must promote gender equality in all sectors of society as the current one had neglected people with disabilities as they continue to face challenges, discrimination and barriers restricting their meaningful inclusion,” said Ms Olorato Diile, an activist for people living with disabilities.

While Sustainable Development Goals aims for inclusivity, Ms Diile said people with disabilities were often left behind in policy formulation.

She said the majority were economically challenged and did not have adequate access to basic needs such as shelter and food among others.

In addition, Ms Diile said children with disabilities were often excluded from educational policies resulting in lower school attendance and learning outcomes.

“It is disturbing as some parents still hide their children’s condition due to stigma and I propose that the envisaged policy must

foster understanding to ensure these children receive proper care without fear of being treated differently.

“Disability is still viewed through the lens of shame and pity rather than as natural part of human diversity and this lack of awareness creates a ripple effect that impacts everything from family acceptance to community support,” she said.

Kgosi Constance Matlhare of Disana ward also appreciated that the current policy had significantly brought a lot of changes citing empowerment of women and a girl-child.

Kgosi Matlhare said most women had been elevated to high posi-

tions with decision making roles, while some assumed the Bogosi roles, which was a taboo and a male reserve in the past.

Women sector coordinator from Department of Gender Affairs, Mr Kabelo said the aim of the stakeholder engagement was to solicit ideas and eventually develop a policy that served the needs and aspiration of Batswana.

Mr Tsiang said the current policy was developed in 2015. He noted that it did not address emerging issues hence the need for a review to identify gaps, ensure its relevance, effectiveness and address persistent gender inequalities. **BOPA**

## Same-sex couple challenges Marriage Act

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

A same sex couple, Bonolo Selelo and Tsholofelo Kumile has approached the High Court on Friday, challenging the constitutionality of the Marriage Act, arguing that it is unconstitutional for the Act to outlaw same-sex marriages.

The case has been scheduled for July 14-15, before a full bench of the High Court.

However, the proposed same sex marriage also faces stern opposition from Dingwetsi Association of Botswana, the Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana, and the Botswana House of Prayer and Transformation, through joint application also made before court on Friday.

The organisations stance is for the sanity of marriage and protection of the current status quo, where a married couple comprises a woman and a man. The opposing groups are to file their papers before commencement of the case in July.

However, in response to the joinder application, Selelo said it was awkward that the church and Dingwetsi had chosen to oppose

their marriage, noting that Batswana were known to have a history of fighting for love, and thus they would not give up to pressure.

The applicant cited the case of the founding President, Sir Seretse Khama, and his marriage to Ruth, which, despite opposition, eventually took place.

“It is our culture to fight for love,” Selelo said.

The case follows the 2019 High Court decision that ruled that laws criminalising same-sex relations were unconstitutional, a decision upheld by the Court of Appeal in 2021. The court ruled that criminalisation of consensual same-sex activities violated constitutional rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people, ruling in favour of a gay man, Letsweletse Motshidiemang, who had taken the state to task.

Dismissing the government’s appeal of the High Court decision, the then President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Ian Kirby said the High Court was correct to strike down Sections 164(a), 164(b), and 165 of the Penal Code (Cap 08:01) as they breached the fundamental rights to privacy.



A same sex couple, Bonolo Selelo (left) and Tsholofelo Kumile appearing at Gaborone High Court on Friday, challenging the Marriage Act, saying it was unconstitutional for the Act to outlaw same-sex marriages. Their case is scheduled for July 14 to 15 for heads of argument. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

“Sections 164(a) and 164(c) of the Penal Code (Cap 08:01), Laws of Botswana, are hereby declared ultra vires sections 3, 9, and 15 of the Constitution and are accordingly struck down. At present, they serve only to stigmatise gay men unnecessarily, which has a harmful effect on them, and as far as I am aware, there has never been any

prosecution of a woman or even any thought of doing so, for the offence of sodomy,” he said.

The two sections, he said outlived their usefulness and served only to allow law enforcement agents and others to become keyhole peepers and intruders into the private space of citizens, which he said was neither in the public interest nor in the

nature of Batswana.

He noted that many countries had recognised the right to same-sex relationships and had international instruments to which Botswana was a party, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. **BOPA**

## Forgiveness reclamation of inner peace

Lesedi Thatayamodimo  
GABORONE

Unforgiveness, if left unchecked, can isolate individuals, harden once-tender hearts and turn self-protection into rigid walls rather than healthy boundaries.

This was said by television producer for Corporate Sustainability Reporting Show, sustainability reporter, healing advocate and Re Imetswe project coordinator, Ms Thabiso Phaphe at an event recently.

Ms Phaphe therefore defined forgiveness not as a spoken declaration but as an internal decision.

“Sometimes forgiveness is not saying, “I forgive you. Sometimes it is saying, you no longer get to

live in my nervous system and dictate how I show up in life,” she shared.

She therefore challenged conventional narratives and urged all to reconsider what it truly meant to let go.

According to Ms Phaphe, when pain went unaddressed, it quietly embedded itself in everyday interactions, often without conscious awareness.

While acknowledging that anger was a natural human emotion, she warned that bitterness was corrosive.

“Bitterness raises your emotional volume but quietly diminishes your influence,” she explained, highlighting the irony that the person, who refused to forgive may be moving forward

Bitterness raises your emotional volume but quietly diminishes your influence.

freely, while the offended party remained emotionally entangled.

Speaking candidly about her own journey as an empath who

naturally absorbs the emotions of others, Ms Phaphe revealed that she once equated forgiveness with automatic reconciliation.

Growth, she said, taught her a crucial distinction that forgiveness did not require enduring abuse or tolerating repeated harm.

In some situations, she emphasised, forgiveness and reconciliation were not synonymous, adding that it was possible to forgive without restoring proximity to release resentment while choosing distance, to forgive while limiting access, and to extend grace without reopening doors to harm.

“The focus is not restoring proximity. It is restoring peace,” she said. **BOPA**



Re Imetswe project coordinator, Ms Thabiso Phaphe

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 (2) of the Environmental Assessment Act (Cap. 65:07) NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR A SAFARI LODGE, A PROPOSAL BY XAU OKAVANGO INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD AT GUNOTSOGA (5.87KM EAST) – NG/12, ZONE 2.

The major findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study undertaken for the proposed construction and operation of the proposed safari lodge are as summarized hereunder:

a) Nature and Magnitude of the Activity

The safari lodge is a 5-star development comprising of (12) luxury guests' tents rested on a deck, all en-suites. Lodge main area housing the following: One office, toilet, reception, laundry, pantry, restaurant, swimming pool, Bon fire, Kitchen. There will be fourteen (14) tented staff units for both male and female workers at the lodge and other developments. There will be an above ground sewage treatment plant for the staff village, the lodge preferably an eco-rock or Bio Sewage System. A vehicle workshop, six (6) x 5 000 liters water tanks for portable water and a Borehole.

Lodge off-site activities

Four game viewers, doing drives in Zone 2 and 3, walks in both Zone 2 & 3, horseback safaris in Zone 3. Boat cruise along the Qamuku channel towards the Selinda Spillway and lastly mekoro excursions in the flood plains. There shall be three (3) speed boats, two (2) boats used for guests and the third one is used for supplies and administration work.

Location of the Activity

Specific coordinates for the plot are: A(+39 797,91; 2 088 932,34); B(+39 508,44; 2 087 136,31); C(+39 594,42; 2 087 302,43) D(+39 865,91; 2 087 085,23). The project site is in an island five point eight seven (5.87) kilometers East of Gunotsoga village in the northern region of Okavango Delta, NG/12. The project site is a typical island common among the formation of islands in the Okavango Delta and has floodplains in its surrounding.

b) Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

The environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study are presented in detail in the EIA Report and summarized in the table below:

Table with 3 columns: Environmental Impact, Project Phase, Proposed Mitigation/ Enhancement Measures. Rows include Archaeological Impacts, Biophysical Environment (Loss of vegetation, Land pollution, Noise pollution, Soil erosion, Water pollution, Soil contamination, Reduction of aesthetic quality, Human Wildlife Conflicts), Social Impacts (Boost to local economy, Injury and possible death to employees, Vehicles' accidents, HIV/AIDS, STIs and other infections, Environmental degradation, Air pollution), and Health Hazards (Air pollution).

d) Conclusions

The project is needed to address the high demand of accommodation for tourists visiting the Okavango Delta. The benefits of the project outweigh the negative impacts. The results from the EIA exercise show that the identified environmental and socio-economic issues can be mitigated. Additionally, majority of the impacts are reversible and therefore, the proposed Safari lodge can be approved. The project should be allowed to continue taking on board the highlighted mitigation measures.

e) Recommendations

Following the undertaking of the EIA for this Safari lodge, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the mitigation measures recommended.

f) EIA Report Placement

Copies of the EIA Report have been placed at the following locations for review by the general public and the Interested and Affected parties (IAPs):

- 1. Department of Environmental Protection (Maun)
2. Gunotsoga kgotla

Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested persons should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection not later than the 25th March 2026.

g) Correspondences

Written comments or objections from IAPs should be submitted to: The District Environment Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, P O Box 35 Maun, Tel: 6801237, Email: deamaun@gov.bw or hand delivered to DEP Maun Office, Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street next to Motovac.

KITSISO MO SECHABENG

Kitsiso e, e ntshiwa ka Temana ya Bolesome ya Motao wa Tshekatsheko Tikologo KITSISO MABAPI LE TIRO YA TSHEKATSHEKO TIKOLOGO YA GO AGA KAMPA YA SAFARI KE BA KOMPONE YA XAU OKAVANGO INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD DIKILOMETARA DI LE BOTLHANO LE BOROBABONGWE GODIMO GA SEPHTO MO BOTLHABA-TSATSIS JWA MOTSE GUNOTSOGA, (NG/12 – ZONE 2) MO KGAOLONG YA BOKONE BOPHIRIMA.

Dintlhakgolo tsa dipatlisiso tse di bonweng fa go dirwa tshkatsheko tikologo ka nako ya kago le ka nako e kampa di llaa bo di dira di soboklwe fa tlano:

a) Boleng le Selekanyo sa Tiro

Kgwebo e e lupheweng fa godimo e akaretsa tse di latelang: matlo a boroko jwa bajanala a le lesome le metso e mebedi a ka robalang bajanala ba le masome a mabedi le metso e mene (24) mo bosigong bo le bongwe fela. Kago ya matlo a boroko a ditante e tla akaretsa matlo, mathwana a go thapeta, mathwana a botiketso. Go tlaa nna gape le letangwana la go thuma, nto ya boapeelo, lefelo la go jela, lefelo la pesonyana, ofisi, lefelo la kgopo ya metsi a a leswe, lefelo la go baya ditsho le di dithipi le go baakanya dikoloi, lefelo la go hehha molakase, kampa ya babereki le ditirelo tsa yone, lefelo la go amogela baeng, sediba se se neiang batho metsi le ditirelo tsotho tsa kgwebo.

b) Lefelo la Tiro

Kgwebo ya Xau Okavango Investments (Pty) Ltd e kwa ntheng ya motse wa Gunotsoga mo bethaba-tsatsi, dikilometara di le bothano le borobabongwe godimo ga sephato. Go thaelesegile ka go bitwa NG/12 e le setha sa bobedi (Zone 2). Go goroga kwa lefelong le, motho o ka dirisa sefofane, kotoi e e kgonang mothaba kana a tsamaya ka dinoka e dirisa sekepe.

c) Dittlamorago tse di solofetsweng le mailiamo a go itebaganya le tsone:

Dittlamorago tse di solofetsweng le se se ka dirwang go fokotsa le go letsa dittlamorago tse, di ka bonwa mo mokwalong wa tshkatsheko ya tikologo. Mokwalo o o latelang o supa tshoboko ya mokwalo wa tshkatsheko tikologo.

Table with 3 columns: Dittlamorago, Legato la tiro, Metlhale ya go fokotsa manokonoko a dittlamorago. Rows include Dittlamorago mo matlotlong a tiholego a a sireleditsweng ka fa molaong, Dittlamorago mo tikologong, Dittlamorago mo matshelung a batho, and Dittlamorago mo botsohong.

d) Tshoboko

Tiro e, e bothokwa mo go fokotseng lethoko la boroko mo kgaolo ya Okavango. Bothokwa go botonotona gape ke gore tsele ya mohama wa Bojanala wa kgwebo mo, e rekisa Okavango Delta kwa mafatshefatsheng a seio mme baeng ba re tsele ka madi a re ka fang go a dirisa go thabolola lefatshe la Botswana. Dittlamorago tsa tiro e, tse di molomo di gaisa tse di sa siemang. Ditshkatsheko tsa tikologo di supile fa dittlamorago tsa tiro e e di ka fokodisa ebile di kgona go laolesega ka jalo tiro e ka letlelelwa go tswelela. Tiro e ka letlelelwa go tswelela mme go diragadiwa dintsha tse di ka fokotsang manokonoko a dittlamorago tsa tiro e mo tikologong ka botlalo.

e) Dikgakoloi tsa Patlisiso

Morago ga ditshkatsheko tse di diriweng, go rotloedwa gore tiro e tswelole mme go diragadiwe mananeo a paakanyo ya tikologo a go gakolotsweng ka one.

f) Mafelo a pego e e ka bonwang teng:

Meriti ya tshkatsheko tikologo e ka bonwa le go sekasekwa ke sechaba le banale-seabe mo mafelong a a latelang:

- 1. Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo (Maun)
2. Kgotla ya Gunotsoga

Dikagelo le dipotso di ka romelwa kwa go ba Lephata la Tshomarelo Tikologo (Department of Environmental Protection) pele ga kgwedi ya Mopitlo a thola matlata a le masome mabedi le bothano mo ngwageng omo wa knto-pedi masome mabedi le boratara.

g) Dikakgelo

Dikagelo le dipotso go tswa go banale-seabe le baba amegang mo trong e di ka romelwa kwa go: Mookamedi wa lephata, Lephata la tshomarelo tikologo, P O Box 35 Maun, Mogala: 6801237, Email: deamaun@gov.bw kana tsa iswa kwa ofising ya DEP Maun, Plot 523, Light Industrial, Mophane Street go bapa le Motovac.



Botswana Red Cross Society Secretary General and CEO, Dr Kutlwano Mukokomani (second left) handing over brick moulding machine to Sorilatholo councillor, Mr Emmanuel Monoko (left), Lethakeng District Council chairperson Mr Gordon Mokgwathi (centre) and deputy council secretary, Dr Delic Sehunwe (second right). Photo: Mothusi Galekhutle

## Red Cross donates brick moulding machine to Sorilatholo

Mothusi Galekhutle  
SORILATHOLO

Botswana Red Cross Society (BRCS) has donated a brick moulding machine along with startup raw materials to the Sorilatholo community, as part of its initiative to foster resilient communities. The project, funded by the Netherlands Red Cross, falls under the community-based disaster risk management initiative, aimed at

building resilience against natural disasters. Botswana Red Cross Society, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer, Dr Kutlwano Mukokomani, said the project would contribute to resilience, job creation, and skills development. "We are dedicated to creating resilient communities, particularly against natural disasters," he said.

The beneficiaries have received training in financial management to ensure the project's sustainability. Red Cross Disaster

Management Officer, Mr Mompoloki Nawa, described the project as a community resilience-building effort that would help protect against natural disasters like floods. He said the community would be able to build durable shelters, stimulate economic activity, and improve the villages appearance.

The project will also offer opportunities for community members to learn new skills. Chairperson of the brick moulding project committee, Ms Setakadinao

Senatla, said the donation would impact positively on the lives of the community.

Botswana Red Cross has also donated five tents to the community. Kgosi Olebetse Phemelo of Sorilatholo expressed confidence that the project would generate employment opportunities, while Area Councillor, Mr Emmanuel Monoko, urged government departments and leaders to fully back the project to prevent its failure. BOPA

## Women empowerment key to national progress

Thandy Tebogo  
MOSHANA

Empowering women and girls is crucial for accelerating economic growth, social cohesion, and sustainable development, said Ms Patricia Tomlinson, Kanye Business Council, at a recent International Women's Day commemoration event in Moshana.

Speaking on the theme: Give to Gain: Advancing Justice, Equality and Empowerment for Women and Girls, Ms Tomlinson emphasised that investing in women and girls was a strategic necessity.

"When we pursue equality, we unlock talent that would otherwise remain untapped, when we advance justice we strengthen trust in institutions," she said.

Ms Tomlinson urged the public to recognize women as active agents of development, and for the private sector to create space for women-owned enterprises and ensure fair workplace practices.

National Gender Commissioner and BONELA Chairperson, Ms Njiramanda Mbewe-Boatey, echoed these sentiments, stating that empowering women was a matter of national progress and development.

She highlighted that investing in women strengthened families, builds resilient communities and drives economic productivity, citing global studies that show a potential US\$28 trillion boost to the world economy if women participated in the labour force at the same rate as men.

Ms Mbewe-Boatey emphasised the need for gender-responsive national policies and budgets, prioritising investments in maternal health, girls' education, childcare support and women-owned enterprises.

For her part, Mohumagadi Mmasetsiwe Gaseitsiwe of Bangwaketse reiterated that educating women and giving them opportunities was a strategic empowerment of families, inculcation of peace and success of the nation.

She implored women to unite toward empowerment of each through skills sharing on business skills like knitting, crocheting and preservation of food among others.

Mma Gaseitsiwe urged men to assume the responsibility of raising the girl child by giving them respect and support to achieve their intended life goals. BOPA



National Gender Commissioner and BONELA Chairperson, Ms Njiramanda Mbewe-Boatey, said that empowering women was a matter of national progress and development. Photo: Thandy Tebogo

## China-backed school inspires girls from Nairobi slums

NAIROBI

Growing up in the Mathare slums of Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, 16-year-old Kessy Ann Anyango dreams of becoming a doctor, a goal she hopes to achieve through science education at a China-backed school. Kessy is a student at MCEDO Beijing School, located just a few kilometers from the temporary structure her parents rent. She is convinced that academic excellence is the key to changing not only her life but also the future of her family. While the slum environment poses significant challenges for many girls like Kessy, school provides a safe space where they can pursue their aspirations.

With the support of the Chinese community, including programmes such as the Chinese Ambassador Scholarship, students like Kessy are able to nurture their dreams with guidance from dedicated teachers.

"This year I am not worried about my school fees because I was awarded a scholarship that will cover my entire 2026 academic year," Kessy told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Keeping busy with school activities has helped Kessy excel academically, and she hopes to continue her studies through university and ultimately pursue a career in medicine.

"My favourite subject is biology, and I want to become a doctor because when I see a sick person, I sympathise with them and think, what if I become a doctor and offer treatment to this person?" she said. As Kenya marked International Women's Day on Sunday under the theme: Give to Gain, MCEDO Beijing School Director Benedict Kiage praised the support of the Chinese government in helping build a brighter future for disadvantaged girls.

"The Chinese people coming, establishing the school, building the laboratory, and bringing textbooks is a major gain for the school because these resources are helping bridge the gap and continue improving the standard of education for the Mathare children," Kiage said.

The success stories of learners at MCEDO Beijing School are largely made possible by the laboratory, where students like Kessy conduct practical lessons in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). According to Kiage, the Chinese community's investment in school infrastructure aims to create a conducive environment for a competency-based curriculum.

Since the school's establishment, the number of female students interested in STEM subjects has been rising, signaling a brighter future for the next generation of Kenyan women.

"In our school, girls should continue to stay focused, aim higher, and know that hard work brings success," Kiage said. Xinhua



**KAMPALA** - Uganda female military officers at an all-women military parade to mark International Women's Day on Sunday. Photo: Xinhua

## Ethiopian Airlines conducts all-women flights to mark women's day

**ADDIS ABABA**

Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's leading carrier, has announced that it will conduct all-women-operated flights to eight destinations to mark International Women's Day, which falls on March 8.

Speaking at a special ceremony on Saturday in Ethiopia, Mesfin Tasew, group chief executive officer (CEO) of Ethiopian Airlines, said the flights showcase women's participation across aviation professions, including pilots, aircraft technicians, engineers, and cabin crew.

According to the CEO, women currently make up about 40 per cent of Ethiopian Airlines' workforce, demonstrating the company's ongoing efforts to expand opportunities for women in areas that were traditionally dominated by men, particularly technical and aviation roles.

The flights will depart simultaneously to international and domestic destinations, including Cairo, Djibouti, Nairobi, Frankfurt, Accra, Mumbai, Windhoek, and Dire Dawa.

Each flight will be operated exclusively by female aviation professionals.

The airline also announced that the number of its female pilots has reached 95, marking another

milestone in the airline's push for gender inclusion in aviation.

The women-operated flights have become an annual tradition for the airline, aimed at celebrating

women's achievements while inspiring more women and girls to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace. *xinhua*

## China-Africa friendship withstands test of time

**BEIJING**

The China-Africa friendship has withstood the test of changing international circumstances, demonstrating strong vitality, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Sunday. For many years, China's foreign minister has honored a diplomatic tradition by kicking off the year with a visit to Africa.

"This consistency reflects the spirit and commitment of China's diplomacy. It is no exaggeration to say that China-Africa friendship has been passed down from generation -- forged heart to heart, and built with sweat and blood," Wang told a press conference on the sidelines of the fourth session of the 14<sup>th</sup> National People's Congress.

Highlighting fresh steps in building a China-Africa community with a shared future, he said China will host multiple African leaders this year to

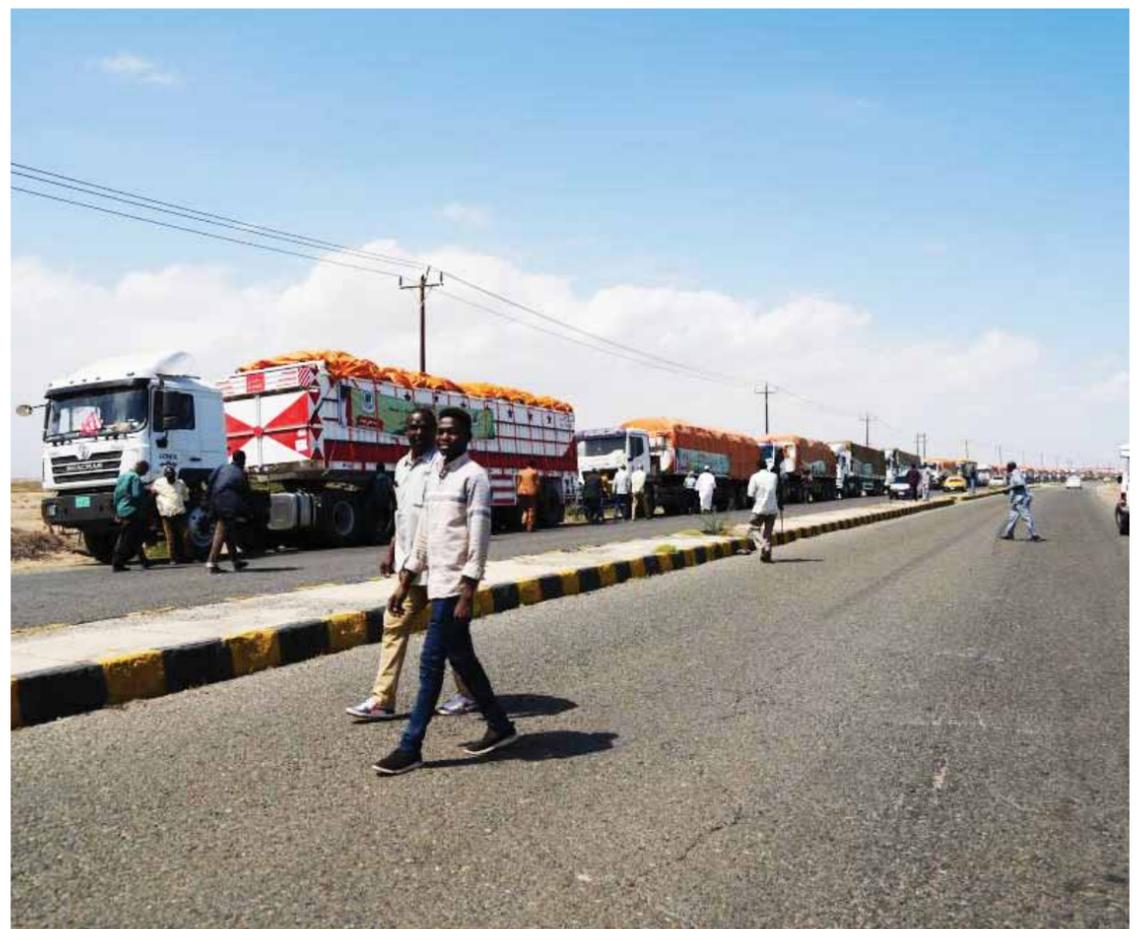
strengthen mutual support as all-weather partners and to write a new chapter of a shared journey together.

Starting from May 1, China will fully implement zero-tariff access to 100 percent of chart of African imports, removing tariffs

completely to boost trade, multiply benefits for the people, and help Africa access the enormous opportunities of the Chinese market, Wang said.

The China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges has officially commenced, with nearly

600 activities planned throughout this year, he said, adding that China was ready to work with its African brothers to draw inspiration from their civilisation heritage for a stronger bond between people and carry forward the friendship for many generations to come. *Xinhua*



**PORT SUDAN** - Trucks loaded with humanitarian aid in eastern Sudan. As Sudan's civil war approaches its third anniversary, the United Nations has warned that humanitarian needs were rising, while the Sudan government maintained that food supplies remained under control, raising concerns about the country's future food security. Photo: Xinhua

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## EAC leaders call for ceasefire in eastern DRC

**DARES SALAAM**

Leaders of the East African Community (EAC) on Saturday called for an immediate ceasefire in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) while reaffirming their commitment to deepening regional integration to improve the livelihoods of citizens across the bloc.

The call was made during the 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State, held in Arusha, Tanzania.

A communique issued late Saturday at the end of the summit said the leaders reviewed progress on the EAC-led Nairobi Peace Process aimed at restoring peace and stability in eastern DRC.

The summit welcomed the progress made so far and commended Kenya President William Ruto for steering the implementation of regional decisions regarding the security situation in eastern DRC and coordinating the peace process, the communique said.

However, the leaders expressed concern over continued hostilities in the conflict-affected region

and urged all parties involved to immediately cease fighting, according to the communique.

"The summit called on all parties to the conflict to cease hostilities and observe an immediate ceasefire while recommitting to the peaceful resolution of their differences."

The communique said the heads of state also appealed to the African Union to provide adequate financial and logistical support to the AU-led mediation efforts to ensure the peace process proceeds effectively and reaches a sustainable conclusion.

In addition, the leaders acknowledged ongoing diplomatic efforts under the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, led by Ugandan President Museveni, and agreed that regional initiatives should be harmonized to strengthen peacebuilding efforts in eastern DRC, it said.

According to the communique, beyond security issues, the summit reaffirmed the bloc's commitment to accelerating regional integration in areas such as trade, infrastructure development and the movement of people and goods. *Xinhua*

# Arts & Culture



Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino human resource manager, Lesego Koma (left), Mosha Spa founder, Sharmaine Ernst (centre) and former RB2 presenter and Debswana employee, Tebogo Ragontse at Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino International Women's Day hosted in partnership with Mosha Spa in Gaborone on Friday. Ragontse called on women to open up if they had challenges. Photo: Felicity Male

## Ragontse conquers adversities

Ketshepile More  
GABORONE

Former RB2 presenter, Tebogo 'Lady of Soul' Ragontse has emphasised the power of belief and resilience in overcoming life's challenges.

Now, visually impaired, Ragontse highlighted the need to carry others along in one's success and to ride on difficult situations, rather than succumbing to pressure.

Ragontse said this during the International Women's Day, hosted by Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino in partnership with Mosha Spa on Friday.

Sharing her story of loss, losing sight and personal growth, Ragontse, who got married in 2013, thought she had life figured out, only for her envisaged future to get shuttered overnight, as her husband passed on the same year, leaving her with a child to raise alone.

"I questioned God why was this happening to me, how am I going to live and what am I going to do alone, but God had his plans," Ragontse said.

Three years later, while still healing and finding her strength, Lady of Soul lost her sight.

By then, she did not know why she lost her

sight.

"I got blind because I was stressed. I was depressed because I could not handle everything and it was eating me from the inside. I thought I was tough, because women we say we are tough, but we are not," she said.

Despite her condition, she said she soldiered on and managed to raise her child alone.

She said after losing her sight, she stopped working at RB2 and later decided to go return to radio.

However, she did not stay long, as she decided to go for further studies.

She went on to study for a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting and Journalism

at the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology.

She said she knew it was not going to be easy, but with the good systems at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, she managed and completed her four-year studies before securing a job at Debswana.

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Tebogo Ragontse

## Moshoeshoe Walk unites cultures

MASERU

As the first light of dawn broke over the peaks of northern Lesotho, the quiet village of Menkhoaneng sprang to life with songs and dance.

Under swirling mountain mist, thousands of participants gathered to embark on a journey steeped in the country's history.

The Moshoeshoe Walk 2026, a 116-km trek from Thursday to Saturday, retraces the historic route taken more than two centuries ago by King Moshoeshoe I, the founding father of the Basotho nation, which became the Kingdom of Lesotho in 1966 after gaining independence from the United Kingdom.

Since its inception in 2007, the annual event held every March has grown into one of Lesotho's most influential cultural traditions, bringing together young and old to follow in the footsteps of their ancestors.

More than 200 years ago, at a time when much of southern Africa was mired in violent conflict and displacement, King Moshoeshoe I chose a path that would shape the identity of the Basotho people.

Rather than conquering neighbouring groups, he welcomed

displaced communities, forged alliances through dialogue and marriage, and granted land to integrate people from different backgrounds.

"We need to know where we come from so that we can understand who we are and where we are going," said 56-year-old Lesotho hiker Lekhooa Ramokhoro, noting that the trek connected participants to the country's past.

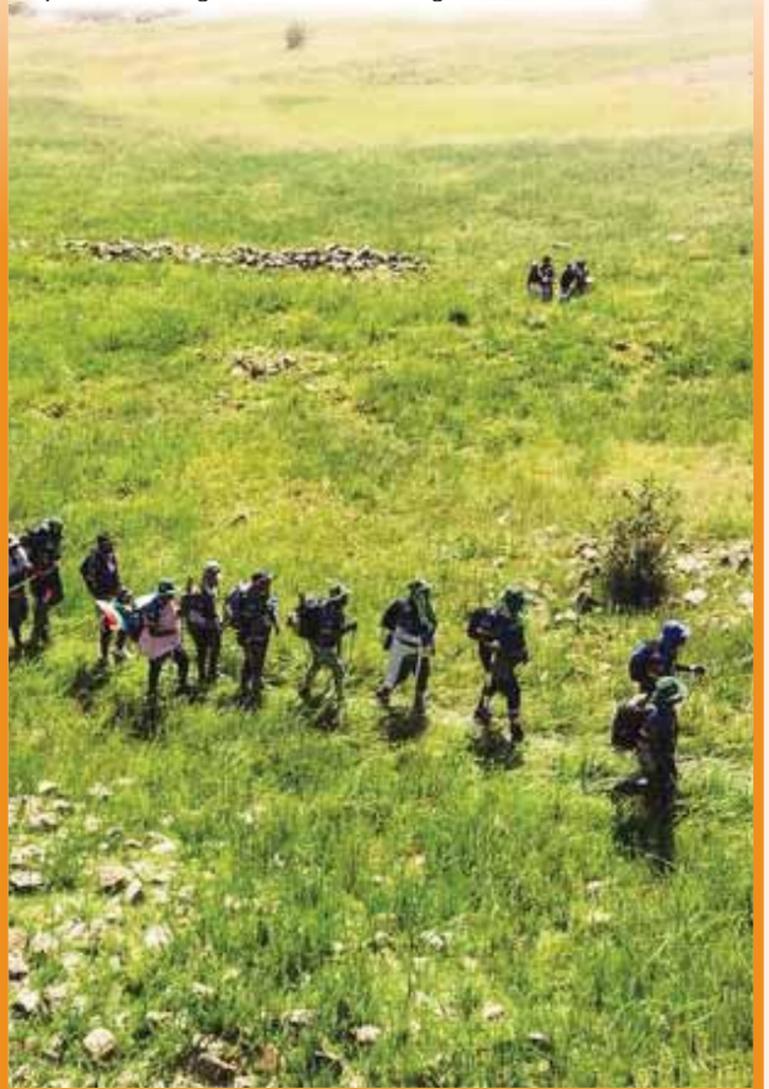
Hikers from countries, including Lesotho, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique, travel from across the region to take part in the event, learning not only about Lesotho's nationhood but also engaging in a broader platform for regional cultural exchange.

As a landlocked country surrounded by South Africa and home to about 2.3 million people, Lesotho is the only country in the world whose entire territory lies above 1 000 metres in elevation.

Mokhehle Molobye, a participant from South Africa, said the walk carried a message that resonated beyond borders. "King Moshoeshoe I represents a spirit that unites people," Molobye said, noting that the event helps revive and preserve the legacy of the founding king even after many years.

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# Ragontse conquers adversities

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While at the university she became the Student Representative Council president for students living with disabilities.

Ragontse therefore encouraged other women to cry if they had to, ask for help and share with other

people they trusted, if they were not happy.

"Keeping quite will kill one slowly from the inside. I thought I was strong, you could not see it on the outside, but it was damaging me inside. Damaging me to a point where it took my sight, because that was the easiest thing to take. Imagine if it took my life," she said. She also cautioned women about

competing with one another, saying everyone had a purpose in life.

She implored women to always pray and put God first in everything they did, saying it carried her through during challenges she faced.

Meanwhile, a Form Three learner at Maoka Junior Secondary School, Gayle Ngoni, who was one of the attendees, said while the day celebrated progress, she acknowledged challenges faced by the girl-child and recognised the

collective benefit of supporting and empowering women and girls.

She advocated continuous support of women and girls as that could lead to stronger families, communities and societal advancement.

"Events like these are not only about celebrating women, but also about investing in the women of tomorrow," said Avani Gaborone Resort and Casino public relations and marketing executive, Samantha Bogopa.

Bogopa said the day was about connection, inspiration and celebrating the strength that existed when women supported one another.

Held under the theme: Give to Gain, the International Women's Day saw women and girls gathered in conversation, sharing life experiences and opening meaningful connections with the aim to uplift, inspire and support one another. **BOPA**

## China Film Festival promotes cultural exchange

**ANTANANARIVO** - Madagascar launched the 2026 China Film Festival on Sunday in Antananarivo, with nearly 100 guests attending the opening ceremony.

At the ceremony, Secretary-General of Madagascar's Ministry of Communication and Culture Miary Rasolofoarijaona expressed his deep gratitude for the organisation of 'this unprecedented festival,' held as part of activities celebrating the China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges.

"The China Film Festival is a concrete illustration of the willingness to bring our hearts and minds closer together through the power of images and shared stories," he said, adding that the festival would enable Malagasy audiences to discover the richness, modernity and depth of Chinese culture.

China Ambassador to Madagascar Ji Ping said the continuous deepening of people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and Africa carried paradigmatic significance that transcended the bilateral

framework, especially in the current global context marked by divisions caused by geopolitical conflicts.

"Let us seize the opportunity of this film festival to make the cultures of our two countries shine on the global stage," he said.

Zhang Xuxia, deputy director of the China Film Archive, said the themes and styles of Chinese films had become increasingly diverse, while the unique charm of Malagasy films and other cultural works had been widely appreciated.

"We are convinced that Chinese and Malagasy filmmakers can inspire each other and generate new ideas, so that more works can be seen, understood and appreciated by audiences in both countries," she said.

The 2026 China Film Festival, which runs until March 15 and features the screening of six Chinese films, is expected to strengthen mutual understanding between China and Madagascar, while promoting people-to-people and cultural exchanges between the two countries. **Xinhua**



Maoka Junior Secondary School learners were among the dignitaries that graced the International Women's Day to learn and listen to the inspiring stories of different women. Photo: Felicity Male

## Moshoeshoe Walk unites cultures

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Representatives of the local Chinese community and members of the 19th Chinese medical team to Lesotho also participated in the event, providing medical support along the route to ensure the safety of hikers.

"The event not only serves as a sporting activity but also helps participants better understand

Lesotho's history and culture," said Yin Hao, an employee of Sinohydro Bureau 11. The experience allows Chinese companies operating in the country to integrate more closely into local communities and contribute to local development, Yin added. "While providing medical support, we are also sharing friendship and strengthening the bond between the people of China

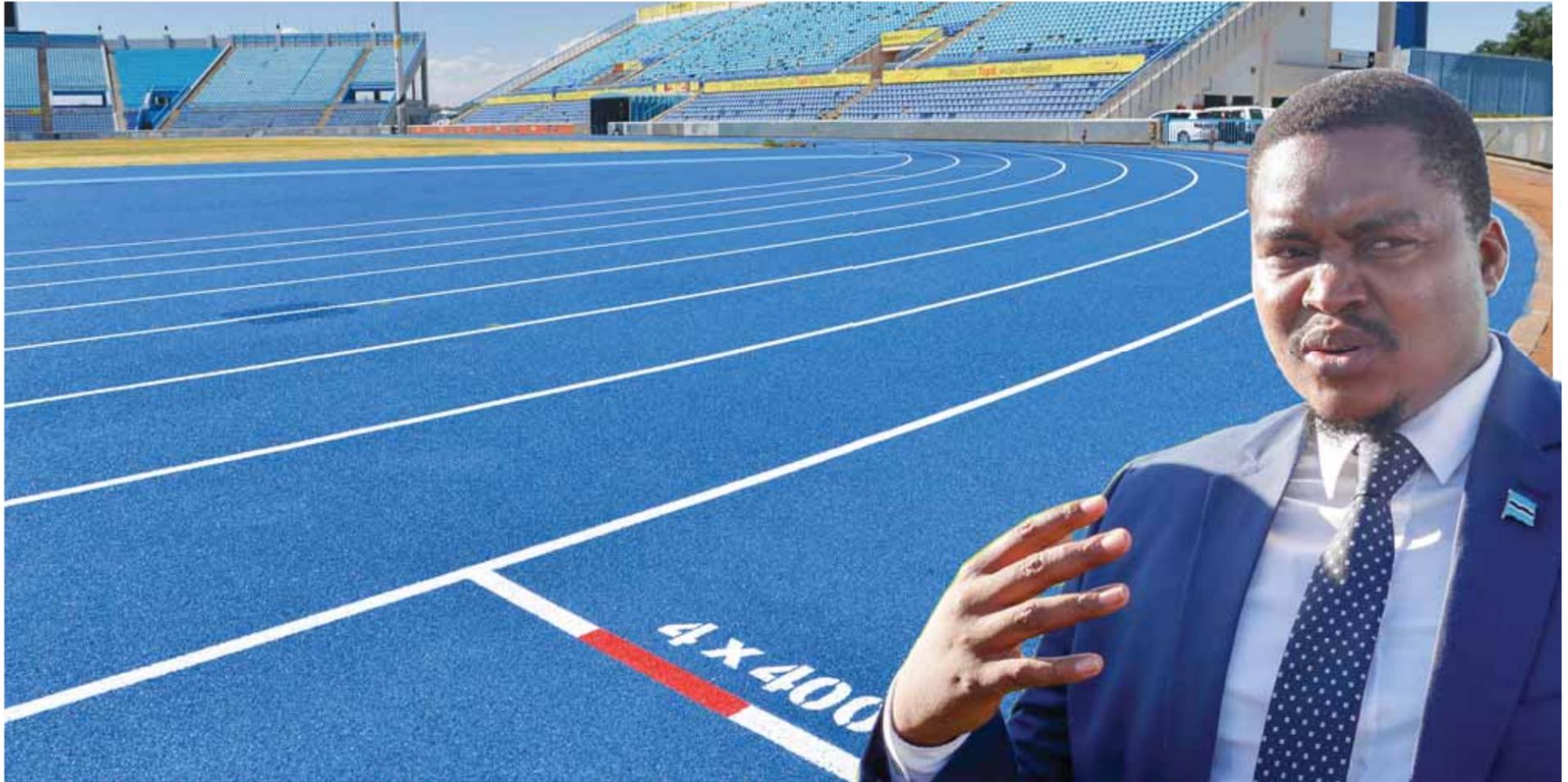
and Lesotho," said Wu Hui, head of the 19th Chinese medical team to Lesotho. Motlatsi Mapelepo, Lesotho's minister of tourism, sports, arts, and culture, welcomed participants from different countries to the event and highlighted its significance for cultural exchange. "It means a lot for bilateral relations between Lesotho and China," Mapelepo said. **Xinhua**



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## National Stadium ready for World Relays

### PARLIAMENT

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Minister Kelebeng said renovation of the athletics track, which was the designated competition venue, had been completed and it included replacement of the running track and the facility was now awaiting

certification by World Athletics. He said additional maintenance works such as painting of spectator seats, extension of VIP ablution facilities, painting of the stadium exterior and various electrical upgrades were progressing well and were expected to be completed by April 11.

He added that the renovation of the University of Botswana stadium running track, which would serve as the warm-up track for the World Relays, was also underway and scheduled

for completion by the end of this month.

Regarding the non-compliant status of the National Stadium under the Confederation of African Football (CAF) requirements, Kelebeng said, the stadium was not accredited to host Category 3 matches. "The main issues relate to the location and configuration of the dressing rooms, which must be relocated to the Grand stand side, as per CAF standards," he said. Additionally, he said CAF

Category 3 accreditation required the construction of a media box with workstations, an electronic ticketing system, fully equipped doping control and medical rooms, as well as a video operating centre for security monitoring. "These gaps have contributed to the stadium's current non-compliance," he said. Parliament also heard that football clubs from the southern part of the country hosting continental matches in Francistown faced additional costs, which included

P450 000 for chartered flights for visiting teams and match officials travelling between Gaborone and Francistown, as well as accommodation costs for the visiting teams.

He, however, assured Parliament that government continued to work to address the infrastructure irregularities at the National Stadium to ensure that, going forward, clubs based in the southern part of the country were able to host continental matches at home and represent the country without incurring avoidable extra costs.

Kelebeng further told Parliament that Botswana provided financial support to national teams through annual grants allocated to their respective National Sport Associations.

He said for clubs participating in continental competitions, the primary responsibility for funding remained with the individual clubs and their governing associations.

In some cases, he said, international bodies such as CAF may provide limited financial support depending on the stage of competition.

Minister Kelebeng was answering a question in Parliament from Molepolole North MP, Arafat Khan, who had asked whether the national stadium would be ready to host the World Relays this year, and what challenges had prevented the facility from being compliant with the CAF standards.

Khan also wanted to understand how much was costing local football clubs from the southern part of the country to host their continental matches in Francistown due to non-compliant state of the National Stadium. He further wanted to know whether government provided any form of assistance to the clubs to mitigate such costs and if not, when the irregularity would be addressed given that such clubs represented not only themselves but country in continental competitions. BOPA

## Volleyball league gets over P1 million lifeline

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

### GABORONE

Following a hiatus last season, the Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) has revitalised the National Volleyball League (NVL) with a sponsorship of over P1 million (P1 000 800.00).

The funding will cover mobilisation grants for participating teams, league administration costs and prize money for both men and women teams partaking in the league.

Speaking at a press conference in Gaborone on Thursday, BNSC Director of Sports Development, Peaceful Seleka said post-COVID-19 era, government decided to support seven struggling team sports that have faced difficulties securing sponsorships and partnership deals. Among these are netball, boxing, basketball and rugby.

Seleka clarified that the sponsorship was not permanent due to financial constraints but was intended to help the sporting codes resuscitate and attract

future partnerships.

He said government's primary focus remained on broader sport development.

NVL Botswana corporate relations officer, Monica Alfred said a significant part of the sponsorship (P567 840. 00) will go toward mobilisation fees for 26 participating teams, with each team receiving P21 840. 00 to cover participation costs throughout the season.

Meanwhile, she said P199 960. 00 had been allocated for league administration, supporting logistics and organisational needs to ensure smooth competition operations.

Alfred said prize money had also been set aside, with the men's league offered P122 500. 00 and the women's league getting P110, 500. 00. The league started over the weekend and will feature 14 men and 12 women teams.

Alfred said the financial support was expected to boost participation, increase competitiveness, and ease financial pressures faced by clubs. BOPA



Botswana Volleyball Federation (BVF) vice president-administration, Tebogo Moago (left) Botswana National Olympic Committee, director of development, Peaceful Seleka during the BVF press conference and league launch in Gaborone on Saturday. Seleka said government had supported the league with a sponsorship of over P1 million. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

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Athletes in action during the Botswana National Sports Commission Indoor Sports Festival held in Gaborone on Saturday. Teams from across the country competed in various indoor sporting disciplines, celebrating talent, teamwork and sports development. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

## Majweng exit FA Cup

MOSHE GALERAGWE  
MOLEPOLOLE

A last minute goal by Monty Ratshipa of Lokgwabe United has eliminated Majweng Sporting Club in the last 48 stage of the Orange FA Cup season 7 on Saturday.

Despite playing at home in front of its supporters at Motswasele Junior Secondary School in Molepolole, Majweng found it tough to control the match especially since the visiting team was equally determined to grab a win.

In a post-match interview, Majweng Sporting Club coach, Zachariah Muzadzi congratulated the visiting team for staying focused throughout the match and using the last minute scoring opportunity to secure a win.

He said Lokgwabe United was a tough opponent with a never-give-up spirit and that their win had come about as a result of their combined and resolute efforts.

Coach Muzadzi said he would not fault his players nor the technical team for the loss, as they had given the game their all.

He said the team would now focus on surviving relegation as it was among the bottom three placed teams in the First Division - South log. Meanwhile, Coach Tumelo Mومakoa of Lokgwabe United praised his players for staying focused despite starting the game on a low note, panicking and committing unnecessary errors.

However, Mومakoa said the half-time recess was a valuable opportunity as his team managed to regroup and come up with a working strategy, resulting in the last minute goal.

He said his team was ready for the next round of the cup.

The team was equally saved by its goal keeper, Oarabile Rampagane as his command of the goal post thwarted all scoring attempts by Majweng Sporting Club. His heroic saves earned him the man of the match award, walking away with P1 000 cash.

In other matches of the last 48 Orange FA Cup Season 7 played on Saturday, Red Lions defeated Taung Young Strikers 5-4, Ghanzi Swallows won 3-1 against Mountain Birds and after a 2-all draw on regulation time, Tsetseng United defeated Thamaga Shooting Stars 4-2 on penalties. **BOPA**

## BNSC hosts successful indoor festival

Baleseng Batlotleng  
TLOKWENG

The Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) provided a historic 'one stop sporting experience' by hosting six sporting codes under one roof at the state of the art Royal Aria Indoor Hall on Saturday.

Spectators marvelled as six sporting codes namely judo, karate, table tennis, netball, basketball and volleyball provided high octane action at the inaugural sporting festival that aimed to enhance the sport ecosystem focusing on talent development and creating opportunities for athletes.

BNSC chief executive officers Olebile Sikwane said the event was a big milestone in the history of Botswana's sport development.

"For the first time six sporting codes come together under one roof to showcase their talent, passion and dedication to sport. This is more than just a competition but a testament of our commitment to promoting

sport development in Botswana with real intention and intensity and also with zeal and unapologetic disposition to commercialise sport," he said.

Sikwane said the beginning of indoor sport festival was a solution to decades of long challenges which had bedeviled indoor sporting codes and urged both athletes and administrators to practice their trade unhindered.

"We are here to mobilise sponsors and foster collaborations because when we work together we can reach greater heights. Through such an initiative we expect you to excel even on the international stage," he added. Sikwane urged administrators to create a conducive environment for athletes to thrive and also create a succession plan for new leaders. He made an assurance to support athletes until they realised their dreams and aspirations. "As we celebrate your achievements we also acknowledge the tireless efforts of officials. We shall continue

to see how best we can develop you holistically because we envision a future where Botswana indoor sport will be the best in the world with top athletes and administrators," he said.

For his part Acting Director of sport in the Ministry of Sport and Art Moeti Godisamang said government regarded sport as a key vehicle towards attaining sustainable development. He said sport assisted government in diversifying the economy, and also a driving force in achieving the vision 2036 pillar of social and human development.

He urged athletes to embrace values that were entrenched in the sporting business to avoid among others social ills.

He also made an assurance that government was fully supportive of those who showed commitment to developing infrastructure such as the Jamali family indoor hall project. He said such strategic public private partnerships would improve the overall rankings on the international scene. **BOPA**



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