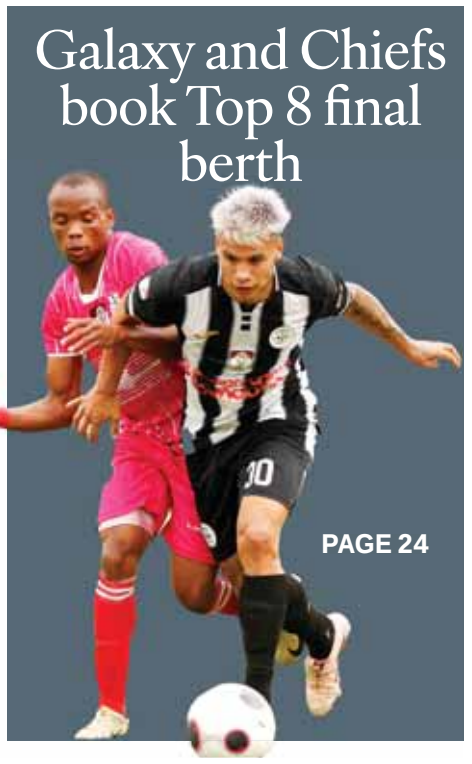
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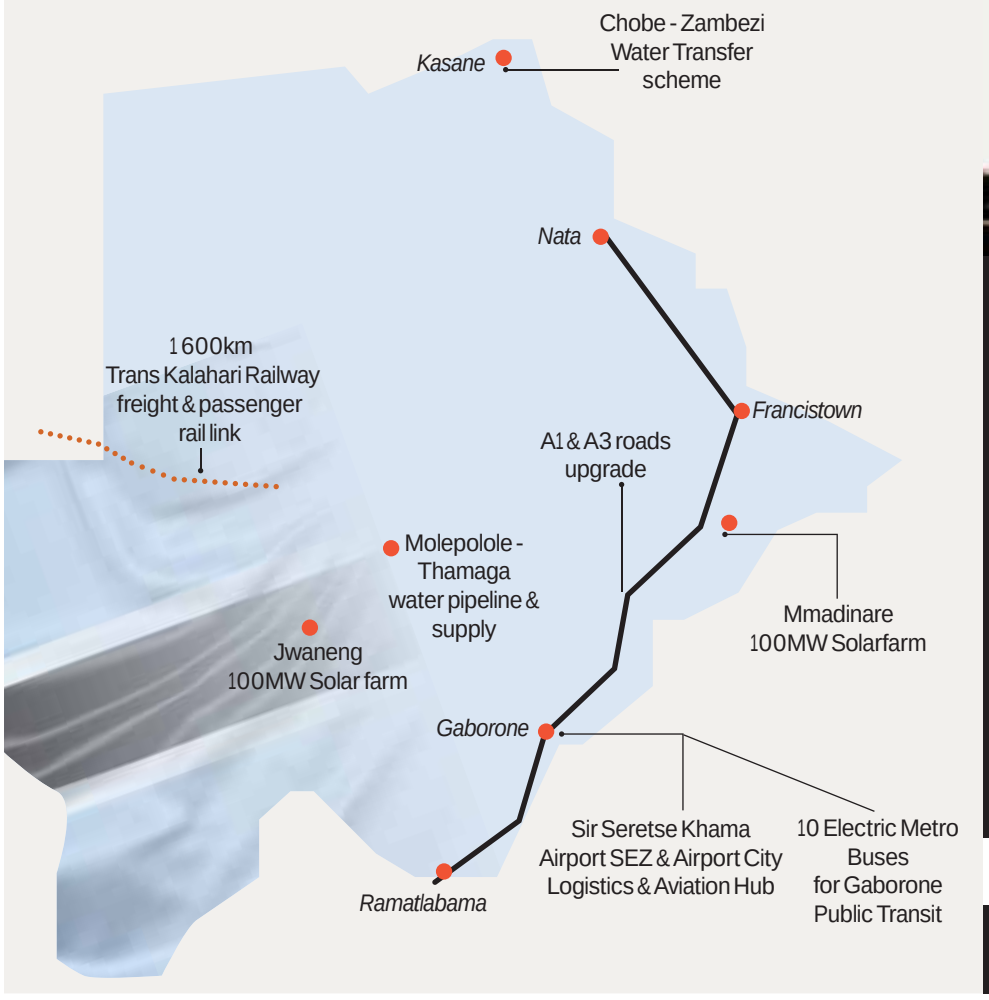
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Botswana invests P85m in pharmaceutical manufacturing

GABORONE

Botswana is stepping up efforts to strengthen its healthcare supply chain through international partnerships and investment in local pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Addressing the State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said government, through the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), was making a strategic investment of up to P85 million to acquire and revive a local pharmaceutical manufacturer.

He said the company was Botswana's only producer of beta-lactam antibiotics, making its revival strategically important in strengthening local medicine production and reducing dependence on imported pharmaceutical products.

President Boko also reported progress in the local production of antiretroviral medicines, with Portfolio Pharmaceuticals having manufactured its first batch locally. He said the company was currently working with the Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) to complete regulatory processes before the medicines could be supplied for use.Meanwhile, President Boko reported significant progress under a cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), revealing that 86 per cent of medical supplies procured under a 10-year government-to-government partnership had already been delivered.

Furthermore, he said 60 per cent of Botswana's entire 2027 medical supplies order was expected to be delivered by the end of December.

He said the arrangement was expected to improve the security of medical supplies and ensure more reliable availability of essential medicines as the country entered 2027.

"We also secured a free supply of medical equipment through the partnership. The equipment is expected to start arriving at health facilities across the country from next month," he said.

President Boko said the additional equipment was expected to significantly reduce waiting times for diagnostic tests and improve access to healthcare services.To improve medicine management, he said government was also digitalising the Central Medical Stores through partnerships.

The initiative aimed to improve visibility, management and traceability of medicines across the supply chain, reduce wastage and stock-outs, and strengthen controls against diversion and theft.

President Boko said the interventions formed part of broader efforts to strengthen the country's healthcare system, improve medicine availability and build local pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity. ***BOPA***



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Boko announces plans to return CKGR ancestral land

GABORONE

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Apprising the nation during State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) in Gaborone yesterday, President Boko described the proposed restitution as the largest structured return of land rights to an Indigenous population within a protected area on the African continent.

He said the proposed restitution followed recommendations from an Inter-Ministerial Committee established in February 2025 to examine the human rights, living conditions and historical challenges affecting Indigenous communities in Botswana, including those residing in the CKGR.

He said he had received the committee's report, which incorporated submissions from legal and human rights experts, conservation specialists and relevant institutions.

According to the President, the report focused on restitution interventions for Indigenous communities, alongside conservation programmes, with the proposed return of ancestral land forming a central component of the recommendations.

On child welfare, President Boko said government had introduced a Child Support Grant of P300 per month for eligible infants during their first year of life.He revealed that between July and October, an amount of P34.3 million had been disbursed under the programme, benefiting 16 501 infants.He said the initiative was intended to ensure that children had access to care, dignity and opportunities from the earliest stages of life.

"Government is also working toward consolidating existing child protection legislation into a single legal framework, which is expected to be presented to Parliament in July 2027," he said.

On education, President Boko reported that government increased tertiary student allowances from P1,900 to P2,200 in April.

"Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students also benefited from an increase in their allowances, which rose from P300 to P1,900 before being adjusted to P2,200," he said.He said government remained committed to fulfilling its promise to increase student allowances to P2,500, signaling that government was progressing toward delivering on the commitment.

In addressing the unemployment and decent work, President Boko said the Public Service Insourcing Programme, launched on April 1, , was projected to absorb approximately 9 380 Batswana into better-paying jobs.

He reported that 4 366 eligible temporary employees had already been absorbed into permanent positions under the initiative.

"The programme is intended to improve employment security while ensuring that more citizens benefit from better working conditions," he said.

He noted that government had also made progress in addressing outstanding pension claims involving serving and former military personnel.

"As of October 30, 2026, a total of 5 277 claims out of 8 951 had been paid, as government continues to implement its commitment to resolve the long-standing pension concerns," he said.

President Boko further highlighted progress under the Remote Area Development Programme (RADP), particularly its affirmative action initiatives aimed at improving opportunities for historically disadvantaged communities.

He said that in 2025, a total of 2 869 graduates secured permanent employment in key institutions, including the Botswana Defence Force, Botswana Police Service and Department of Wildlife and National Parks.

"In addition, more than 10 600 young people accessed temporary employment opportunities through the programme," he said.The initiatives, he said, were aimed at bridging socio-economic inequalities and expanding opportunities for people living in remote areas.

On housing, President Boko said the Bonno National Housing Programme had moved from policy development into implementation, with some completed houses already handed over to beneficiaries.

He said construction under the programme commenced in September, with 1 366 housing units earmarked for development.

Additionally, he said, 567 housing units, whose construction had previously started, had been completed and handed over for beneficial use in Palapye, Tsabong, Mabutsane, Rakops, Nata, Phakalane and Block 7 in Gaborone.

President Boko also announced that construction had commenced on the previously challenged Kgale 3 000 Housing Project, signaling renewed progress on the development. ***BOPA***

Bula Buka project enhances educational access

GABORONE

Governmnet has launched the Bula Buka project to improve access to education for youth who are out of school due to limited school spaces and unsatisfactory academic performance.

President Advocate Duma Boko said this during the State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) yesterday, where he stated that the three-year initiative aimed at empowering out-of-school youth through education, skills training and character building.

He added that a total of 197 teachers had been employed and 568 learners were registered for the 2026 academic year.

Additionally, President Boko said government launched the Duma Boko School, located in Gaborone, in September, marking progress toward the establishment of 100 schools and clinics throughout Botswana.

"This project pioneers a new model of social infrastructure delivery, combining private investment, modern construction technology, local manufacturing and government facilitation to accelerate access to essential public services," he said.

He said the school was equipped with technology-enabled classrooms, amenities for special educational needs, a swimming pool and the capacity to accommodate over 380 learners; and was already welcoming its first cohort of learners.

Central to the initiative, President Boko said was Afriforge; a manufacturing facility under development in Gabane that would produce pre-fabricated components for educational and healthcare infrastructure.

He said the model would use around 73 per cent locally-sourced materials with the aim to minimise construction durations, generate employment, enhance skills and foster domestic manufacturing. ***BOPA***

Botswana bets on infrastructure development

GABORONE

Botswana is shifting its focus towards infrastructure development, recognising the importance of establishing a robust and enabling environment that will position the country as an attractive destination for industrialization.

Delivering State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said government was actively building critical infrastructure that would make Botswana attractive for industrialisation.

He cited the 1,600-kilometre Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme among the infrastructure projects set to change the country's development landscape.

He said the project was being optimised by integrating the Zambezi Agro-Commercial Development Project in Pandamatenga to strengthen food security.

Further, President Boko said the 1,600-kilometre Trans Kalahari Railway Project which had been delayed for over a decade, was being accelerated.

"Following successful conclusion of both Bankable Feasibility Studies, procurement of contractors for both projects will happen during the 2027/2028 financial year," he said.

Moreover, he said the 82 serviced plots at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport had been transferred to Special Economic Zone (SEZA) under a head lease agreement, adding that the first investor lease had been signed, marking a key milestone in attracting investment and accelerating economic growth.

Furthermore, he said construction of four strategic factory shells was nearing completion, with availability for investor occupation projected for April 2027.

The President also spoke about the P25.5 billion New Airport City development that was being undertaken through a strategic partnership between Botswana Development Cooperation (BDC) and ALBADDAD Holding and its parent company, Alfateen.

He said through this partnership, BDC's land contribution was valued at approximately P198 million, securing a five per cent golden equity shareholding.



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"Located within Sir Seretse Khama International Airport Special Economic Zone, the development is anchored by a 124,000 square metre international exhibition and convention centre. Construction has begun," he said.

President Boko also revealed that since last SONA, government had added 200 MW of solar power to the National Grid through the Mmadinare and Jwaneng Solar Power Plants, thereby strengthening energy security and advancing the green energy transition.

He added that a 62 per cent reduction in electricity imports from 492 gigawatt per hour during the corresponding period in 2025/2026 to 187 gigawatt per hour in 2026/2027 had been recorded, citing that the significant drop reflected improved reliability and operational readiness of Morupule B Power Station.

Among other critical infrastructure, President Boko addressed issues pertaining to road network infrastructure, which he said government had approved funds to the tune of P772.4 million for maintenance of six targeted sections of the A1 Road; those being Ramatlabama-Lobatse, Lobatse-Boatle, Rasesa-Masama, Dibete-Mahalapye, Palapye-Serule and Serule-Tonota.

"The Francistown-Nata and the Nata-Gweta sections of the A3 road spanning 200 kilometres and 100 kilometres respectively, and the Nata-Pandamatenga section of the A33 spanning 64 kilometres are at various stages of construction," he said.

Furthermore, he said there were 15 road maintenance projects across the country with average progress of 67 per cent, with the earliest expected to be completed in October this year and the latest in December 2027.

He further said that across the country, nine other road maintenance projects over 300 kilometres of trade routes had been awarded and were at the initial stages of implementation to rehabilitation.

In addition, the President updated the nation on the recently launched TANA metro bus service.

"We have put in place the first building blocks towards a more efficient public transport system by introducing a historic Metro Bus Service for the first time in Botswana. The TANA Metro Bus Programme has introduced in its pilot phase 10 electric buses in Gaborone," he said.

President Boko said that through innovation and strategic partnerships, the programme aimed to improve urban mobility and enhance public transport services for communities.

"As we roll out this pilot, we will continue to refine its offerings through continued stakeholder engagement," he explained.

Regarding water infrastructure, he said it too was a critical focus of investment for government.

Highlighting the severity of water supply challenges, he said Molepolole, the largest village in the country, had endured nearly two decades of unreliable water supply.

He said government had thus prioritised that long-standing challenge and that the Molepolole-Thamaga Water Network Project had been selected for financing under the Standard Chartered Bank MIGA-backed facility, paving the way for a lasting solution to water security in the area.

On schools infrastructure, he stated that to fast-track the delivery of public schools' infrastructure projects, government had established the Education Infrastructure and Management Company (EIMC) in December 2025 to carry out the execution of maintenance works across schools.

"Maintenance projects are currently ongoing at 11 Senior Secondary and 11 Junior Secondary Schools. These projects are targeted for completion by March 31, 2027. Preparations are underway for the commencement of additional maintenance to achieve the projected target of 40 prioritised schools," he said.

He said government had also established Catalyst Real Estate Limited, a 100 per cent state-owned company designed to manage and optimise government properties with commercial agility. ***BOPA***



Kenosi new DIS head

GABORONE

Professor Lekoko Kenosi has been appointed the new Director General of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) and has assumed service yesterday.

This follows the retirement of Brigadier Peter Magosi, whose contract ended on October 13. President Advocate Duma Boko announced this during the State of the Nation Address, thanking the retired officers for their service to the country. He noted that since the last State of the Nation Address, two Directors General had completed their tenures and retired.

President Boko stated that the Director General of the DCEC left at the end of her contract, while Mr Batlhalefi Moeletsi was appointed and assumed service on November 1. He added that the government was committed to transforming its institutions to restore credibility, integrity, and public trust. ***BOPA***

New diplomatic relations broaden footprint

GABORONE

Botswana is strengthening its international diplomatic relations and expanding its presence in strategic global markets as part of efforts to attract private investment, promote trade and deepen economic cooperation.

Speaking during the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said Botswana had established diplomatic relations with six countries since the last SONA.

The countries are Andorra, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, Liechtenstein, the Republic of Moldova and Turkmenistan.

President Boko said the new diplomatic relationships would broaden Botswana's international footprint and create additional platforms for cooperation in areas of mutual strategic and economic interest.

As part of a broader economic diplomacy strategy, he said government also planned to expand Botswana's diplomatic presence in four strategically important markets: the Russian Federation, the Republic of Türkiye, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Sultanate of Oman.

Furthermore, he said Botswana was making progress in strengthening regional integration through bilateral agreements.

On regional integration, President Boko announced that Botswana and Rwanda had signed an Agreement on the Mutual Abolition of Visa Requirements, allowing citizens of both countries to travel between the two nations without visas.

"The agreement is expected to facilitate the movement of people and promote tourism, trade and investment while strengthening bilateral relations," he said.

He said the expansion of diplomatic relations and international partnerships formed part of government's broader commitment to positioning Botswana as an attractive investment destination.

However, he said government remained deeply concerned about the recruitment of young Batswana through deceptive online employment schemes to participate in the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

President Boko said government was working closely with affected families and relevant authorities to assist in facilitating the safe return of Batswana caught up in the conflict. ***BOPA***

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EICB reaches take off milestone

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Botswana is strengthening its capacity to participate directly in mineral investment, de-risk projects and mobilise private and strategic capital to develop mineral resources through the Exploration Investment Company Botswana (EICB).

Delivering the State-of-the Nation Address yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said a milestone in transforming the country's mineral sector had been the operationalisation of the said company.

He stated that the mineral sector remained central to Botswana's economic transformation agenda.

President Boko said with deliberate reforms, the country was strengthening its position as a globally competitive mining destination, a progress reflected in the Fraser Institute's Investment Attractiveness Index, a global benchmark for mining investment that ranks Botswana first in Africa and seventh globally.

Regarding tourism, he said government had made progress in the implementation of the Dams Tourism Initiative, that being part of the tourism product diversification drive.

"The allocated sites in Gaborone Dam are undergoing pre-development stages. The long pending head lease impasse at Shashe, Thune and Letsibogo Dams has also been resolved. The 29 identified sites will be awarded during 2027," said President Boko.

He also stated that government had approved the much-anticipated Segoditshane River Corridor Master Plan, a private sector led initiative to transform the unutilised land into a highly productive mixed use national asset. ***BOPA***

Botswana advances plans for constitutional court

GABORONE

The National Assembly has passed the Constitution (Amendment) Bill No.14 of 2025 clearing a major legislative hurdle toward the establishment of a dedicated Constitutional Court.

President Advocate Duma Boko announced during the State-of-the-Nation Address yesterday, outlining a sweeping agenda that combines judicial reorganisation, a multi-year democratic review, a massive anti-corruption probe, and economic diversification.

President Boko said the government will put the proposed Constitutional amendment bill to a national referendum alongside a wide-ranging review of the country's democratic institutions and governance framework.

"This announcement aligns with Section 89 of the Constitution, which governs alterations to the supreme law. Government remains firmly committed to this broader reform agenda and will pursue it through an inclusive, consultative, and nationally-led process that reflects the aspirations of the people of Botswana," he said.

President Boko stated that the upcoming review will examine the balance between state power, public accountability and citizens' rights.

He added that a landmark national forensic audit has uncovered an estimated P33 billion in public losses linked to suspected corruption, fraud and financial mismanagement across 30 state institutions between 2014 and 2024.

He also pointed out that in response to the findings, government had established a Special Investigations and Asset Recovery Task Force as well as strengthening the capacity of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and launching a multi-year reform agenda to prosecute culprits and recover stolen state wealth.

"We will strengthen governance, restore public trust, prosecute those responsible, recover stolen assets wherever possible, and ensure that culprits are held accountable," he said. ***BOPA***



Leader of Opposition, Mr Dumelang Saleshando addressing the media following the State-of-the-Nation Address by President Advocate Duma Boko yesterday. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Govt issues four industrial hemp production licences



Government has issued four industrial hemp production licences representing P290 million in combined investment following the conclusion of initial pilot cultivation trials.

GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko says government has issued four industrial hemp production licences representing P290 million in combined investment.

He said the development marked a major step in the country's push to diversify its economy beyond diamonds.

Delivering the State-of -the-Nation Address yesterday, President Boko said the move followed the conclusion of initial pilot cultivation trials and a competitive review process that attracted 14 project proposals.

"Citizen shareholding across the newly licensed operations ranges from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, aligning with national economic empowerment goals," said President Boko. ***BOPA***

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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) being taken on tour of the state of the art commercial dairy operation by Milk Valley Farm livestock manager Mr Thabo Seoseng on Saturday. Milk Valley Farm, managed and owned by Botswana Development Corporation has scaled up operations, including importing high-yield Girolando cattle from Brazil.

Dairy self-sufficiency in sight as Milk Valley scales up

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

The Milk Valley Farm expansion plan aimed at scaling-up operations to strengthen Botswana's domestic milk production and support development of the agricultural value chain continues to make progress.

President Advocate Duma Boko embarked on a comprehensive tour of the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) owned commercial farm on Saturday following the recent herd expansion at the farm, key infrastructure upgrades and the ongoing farm optimisation programme.

BDC Managing Director, Mr Oteng Keabetswe said so far, 600 high yielding Girolando dairy cows had arrived from Brazil.

He said the cows that were pregnant on arrival, had thus far produced 123 calves since August thereby introducing a new future herd of Girolando dairy cows.

Additionally, Mr Keabetswe said the farm was anticipating a lot of calving to take place in the months of November and December which he noted would substantially increase the herd by an estimated 400 to 500 calves by the end of January 2027.

"We have started selling milk and the demand is very high and we sell every single day. By the time we get to milking 400 cows we will break even and support our daily expenses," he said.

In an interview, the interim Milk Valley Chief Executive Officer, Mr Botshelo Mokotedi said BDC invested in key infrastructure upgrades which included construction of three cow sheds with the capacity to hold 400 dairy cows each.

He said a further investment was made on improving water reticulation systems, additional cow housing, fodder production initiatives, and staff training programmes to support operational readiness and future growth.

Mr Mokotedi said the new cow sheds had been upgraded by equipping them with climate control and manure handling facility as well as improved cow comfort.

He said currently, Milk Valley Farm had 811 cows including other existing breeds at the farm which include the high yielding Red Friesland, Gernsey, Jersey, Brown Swiss and Ashires.

Each dairy cow, he said had the capacity to produce 25 litres of fresh milk per day.

He said so far, 750 Girolando embryos and 2000 sexed semen had been procured aimed at improving the herd quality, productivity and long-term breeding efficiencies.

Mr Mokotedi underscored that these efforts were expected to enhance milk output and contribute meaningfully toward reducing Botswana's reliance on imported dairy products.

In an interview a Girolando dairy cattle and genetics supplier, international director of Fazenda Floresta from Brazil, Mr Rogerio Barros said they were currently providing expertise toward establishment of an advanced cattle reproductive IVF technology laboratory that would see Milk Valley Farm produce Girolando embryos and sexed semen, adding that they provided technology transfer training.

He said a Girolando was a cross breed of a Gir and Holstein, where the Gir carried dexterity, and versatility qualities while the Holstein carried productivity. He said it was the best breed created for tropical, arid and semi-arid areas.

Additionally, he said Brazil conditions were similar to those of Botswana, therefore, the Girolando dairy cows would succeed under the conditions.

President Boko, Minister for Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti, Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, Permanent Secretary to the President, Ms Matshidiso Bokole and senior government officials toured the dairy farm and appreciated its expansion plan. ***BOPA***

Jang Lotlhe: Botswana next nutritional game changer

Thamani Shabani
TONOTA

What started as a small milling business in Leomboko ward in Tonota could soon become Botswana's next well established producer of a nutritional dietary supplement for children.

Mr Freddy Zwebangwe of Mathangwane has turned his ordinary mill into an innovation hub after developing his own fortified porridge brand called Multi Grain: Jang Lotlhe.

The product, a rich blend of soya beans, wheat and sorghum, is designed for children, especially those suffering from malnutrition.

However, its mouthwatering taste has also won the hearts of the elderly.

"I wanted to be different. In this industry we all grind, but I had decided to create a unique product for my country," said Mr Zwebangwe.

His innovation has already passed the scientific test. Four samples tested by the National Food Technology Research Centre (NAFTEC) were certified fit, with impressive nutritional values of fat at 5.7g per 100g, fibre at 2.37g per 100g, protein at 17.41g per100g and energy at 1600.57kj per 100g.

Mr Zwebangwe says Multi Grain is more than just porridge, it is a digestive health booster.

"Multi Grain is rich in nutrition and is the best health-wise for the digestive system. The taste is forever," he said.

However, the road to establishing a reputable market has not been smooth.

Despite developing a certified food product, Mr Zwebangwe said his efforts to get Multi Grain into the feeding programme of local authorities for children under five had encountered some unprecedented delays.

He said local authorities initially showed interest and advised him to meet all the necessary requirements, including providing recent laboratory test results to prove the product's nutritional value and safety.

"I did everything they asked me to do. I submitted my proposal, I showed them my NAFTEC results, and I explained the benefits of the product for children. I was ready to supply," he said.

Mr Zwebangwe said after doing all the necessary groundwork, it appeared like the goalpost kept on shifting.

He said he had now been left with no option but to look outside Botswana for a market, with interest already coming from Lesotho.

He appealed to local authorities and other stakeholders to support local innovators by reducing barriers and other bureaucratic requirements for small producers.

For Mr Zwebangwe, Multi Grain is not just a business, it is proof that a village mill can produce a product that can feed the nation. ***BOPA***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dangote BDR public offer moves to validation

GABORONE - The Botswana Depository Receipt (BDR) offer linked to the Dangote Petroleum Refinery & Petrochemicals FZE initial public offering has officially closed, and the programme is now moving into validation and allotment. Introduced through an unsponsored depository receipt structure on the Botswana Stock Exchange, the Dangote BDR programme enabled investors in Botswana and participating SADC markets to access the Dangote IPO through their local capital markets. Each BDR, according to a press release from Access Bank Botswana, is backed one-for-one by an underlying Dangote Refinery ordinary share, giving investors access to the investment through a regulated local market without opening an investment account in Nigeria. "Our immediate focus is on completing the allotment process and ensuring investors receive timely communication as the programme progresses towards trading," said Country Managing Director of Access Bank Botswana, Mr Sheperd Aisam. ***BOPA***

Namibia businesses to leverage China zero tariff policy

WINDHOEK - China Ambassador to Namibia Zhao Weiping has encouraged Namibian businesses to participate in major trade exhibitions in China to promote their products, expand exports and benefit from China's zero-tariff policy. Speaking at the Chinese embassy's second press briefing of the year, Zhao highlighted opportunities for Namibian businesses as China rolls out measures to deepen economic and trade cooperation with Africa. Zhao said the trade exhibition provided an important platform for businesses to explore the Chinese market and strengthen commercial ties. While zero-tariff treatment creates favourable conditions for Namibian exports, businesses need to actively market their products and connect with potential buyers to turn those opportunities into trade growth, he said. ***Xinhua***

Automakers reshape future of industry in Africa

JOHANNESBURG - The transition to new energy vehicles (NEVs) offers significant opportunities for Africa, but the continent needs solutions tailored to local conditions that also support broader industrial development, said South African Minister of Public Service and Administration Mzamo Buthelezi. The minister made the remarks at the recently concluded Africa Forward Summit hosted by Chinese automaker Jetour. He welcomed Jetour's plan to start producing its T2 model at the country's Rosslyn plant in 2027, describing the investment as "a strong vote of confidence in South Africa." He said international investment should go beyond vehicle sales to promote technology transfer, develop the local supply chain and create jobs. Echoing this view, Ke Chuandeng, president of Jetour International, said Jetour was committed to expanding production in Africa through vehicle assembly, technician training, and local sourcing. ***Xinhua***

Botswana seeks billions in climate funding at COP31

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
ANTALYA



Botswana will use the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Antalya, Türkiye, to seek US$4.32 billion (P59.5 billion) in climate financing to strengthen its resilience to climate change impacts, including water scarcity, recurrent droughts and extreme weather events. The country also hopes to attract investment in renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture and sustainable tourism as it seeks to reduce dependence on coal.

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Scheduled for November 9 to 20, the conference will provide Botswana with an opportunity to present its Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), outlining its commitments to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change.

In an interview ahead of the conference, Ministry of Tourism and Environment Acting Chief Meteorologist, Mr Odisitse Keotsene, said Botswana's participation was crucial because, despite contributing negligibly to global greenhouse gas emissions, the country remained highly vulnerable to climate change.

He said its semi-arid and landlocked geographical location exposed it to growing climate-related risks, particularly water shortages, prolonged droughts and extreme temperatures.

"While Botswana's contribution to global emissions is negligible, it is among the most vulnerable to climate impacts. Our participation is a matter of strategic economic security," he said.

Mr Keotsene noted that declining water security, unpredictable rainfall, diminishing groundwater resources and high evaporation rates continued to threaten water supplies.

These challenges also affected agriculture, with hotter and drier conditions threatening crop production, livestock productivity and rural livelihoods.

Recurrent droughts put pressure on the national cattle herd, while changing weather patterns contributed to rangeland degradation, biodiversity loss and increasing human-wildlife conflict.

Flash flood, strong winds and hailstorms further exposed communities, infrastructure and agricultural production to damage.

Against this backdrop, Mr Keotsene said Botswana intended to advocate for concrete commitments on climate finance, particularly improved access to adaptation funding and the Loss and Damage Fund.

The country would also push for progress on the Just Transition Work Programme and the operationalisation of the Just Transition Mechanism, which aims to support the shift towards cleaner economies without compromising livelihoods and development.

Mr Keotsene said Botswana would showcase its ambition to achieve 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 while pursuing universal electricity access.

On adaptation, the country is promoting drought-tolerant seeds, conservation agriculture and improved early warning systems for farmers.

Water security measures include integrated water resources management, water recycling, rainwater harvesting and exploring managed aquifer recharge and desalination.

Botswana is also strengthening disaster preparedness through multi-hazard early warning systems, climate-resilient infrastructure and ecosystem restoration.

The country's participation in climate negotiations dates back to COPl in Berlin, Germany, in 1995.

It ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1994, acceded to the Kyoto Protocol in 2003 and ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016.

Parliament adopted the Botswana Climate Change Policy in April 2021 to guide mitigation and adaptation efforts across sectors.

Government has also mobilised approximately US$30 million (P413.5 million) from the Green Climate Fund for agricultural adaptation initiatives in Ngamiland, Bobirwa and Kgalagadi. Additionally, 97 small-scale biodigesters have been constructed in southern Botswana and Kgatleng District to promote cleaner energy.

Mr Keotsene said Botswana would use COP31 to present its Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy and strengthen partnerships for implementing its National Adaptation Plan.

He said conference outcomes would be incorporated into national development priorities, including the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and National Development Plan 12, in support of Vision 2036. A multi-sectoral delegation comprising government representatives, the private sector, young people and civil society would participate in negotiations and side events.

Following the conference, Government intends to prepare a report and activity plan to translate negotiated commitments into practical projects and funding agreements.

Mr Keotsene urged Batswana to view climate change as a national development and economic security issue, stressing the importance of collective action.

"By actively engaging in COP31, we are not just negotiating, we are securing the finance, technology and partnerships needed to protect our livelihoods, diversify our economy and build a climate-resilient nation in line with our Vision 2036," he said. ***BOPA***

BUAN Connect to tackle graduate employability

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Graduate employability must be treated as a shared responsibility, says Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher Education, Professor Agreement Jotia.

Marking the launch of the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) Connect Software and UPSCALE Project Awareness in Gaborone recently, Prof Jotia said universities, government, employers, professional bodies and graduates have an important role to play.

Prof Jotia said collaboration was essential if they were to improve the transition from education to productive participation in the economy.

He further said the Ministry of Higher Education recognised that the value of higher education extended beyond the award of qualification.

Prof Jotia added that institutions must produce graduates who were knowledgeable, adaptable, innovative, entrepreneurial and equipped to respond to changing economic and societal needs.

He said collecting graduate employment data was not an end in itself, but the information must be analysed and used to improve curricula, strengthen career services, guide partnerships and address identified skills gaps.

He also said sustainability must be built into the initiative from the outset, hence BUAN Connect should not remain a project activity depending solely on external funding.

"The University should work toward embedding the platform and its associated services within its institutional systems, with clear responsibilities for continued operation and improvement. These priorities are important because the ultimate beneficiaries of this initiative must be our students, graduates, employers and the wider economy. I therefore encourage the BUAN leadership, academic staff, project team, alumni and industry partners to take collective ownership of this initiative and ensure that its potential is translated into practical results," he said.

He said the true measure of higher education institutions lied not only in the number of graduates they produced, but also in the contribution such graduates make to society and the economy.

Therefore, he said their responsibility did not end when they conferred qualifications, but should understand the journeys the graduates undertook and use that knowledge to build stronger, more responsive institutions.

Regarding the UPSCALE Project, Prof Jotia said up-scaling graduates' employability tracking through the implementation of Special Dual Career Paths in Botswana and eSwatini was a three-year Erasmus+ initiative co-funded by the European Union (EU) running from December 2024 to November 2027.

"It brings together institutions from Botswana, eSwatini, Slovenia, Poland and Spain in a collaborative effort to strengthen graduate employability, career guidance and the integration of higher education with the world of work," he said.

BUAN acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Wellington Masamba said through the launch of BUAN Connect, they were taking a practical step toward improving how they engaged with graduates, understood their experience in the labour market and respond to their career development.

Prof Masamba said they recognised that the responsibility of a university extended beyond preparing students for graduation but also needed to understand the opportunities and challenges graduates encountered and induce that knowledge to continuously improve their academic programmes, career guidance services and engagement with industry.

Therefore, he said BUAN Connect was more than a digital platform.

"It represents an opportunity to establish a stronger and more sustained relationship with our alumni while generating valuable information to guide institutional planning and enhance the employability of future graduates. The platform is being introduced under the UPSCALE Project, a three-year Erasmus initiative funded by the European Union involving institutions from Botswana, eSwatini and Europe," he said.

He said they were looking forward to piloting the dual higher education approach through a Bachelor of Agricultural Mechanisation programme with implementation planned for August 2027, believing it would provide valuable opportunities to strengthen practical learning and deepen collaboration with the industry. ***BOPA***



Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) acting Vice Chancellor Professor Willington Masamba (left)and acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher Education, Professor Agreement Jotia during the official launch of BUAN Connect in Gaborone recently. Prof Jotia said institutions must produce graduates who were equipped to respond to changing economic and societal needs. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu



Assistant Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Augustine Nyatanga (left), former vice president, Mr Slumber Tsogwane (centre) and deputy chairperson of Ntlo ya dikgosi, Kgosi Mbao Kahiko III after the State-of-the-Nation Address in Gaborone yesterday.

Botswana to double De Beers stake to 30%

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Botswana is set to double its shareholding in De Beers from 15 to 30 per cent, becoming the diamond company's single largest shareholder after government selected the Global Diamond Consortium as its preferred bidder for Anglo American's 85 per cent stake.

Delivering the State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said the decision marked a new chapter in Botswana's diamond story and would give the country greater influence in De Beers' strategic decisions for decades to come.

"Government, acting through the Office of the President and the Minerals Development Company Botswana, resolved that a decision to increase our stake in De Beers must be taken with exceptional care. This was in response to Anglo American's decision to sell its 85 per cent interest in De Beers," he said.

He said government had assembled a team of highly qualified international and local advisors in financial, legal, technical, tax and diamond valuation matters to assess proposals and negotiate on behalf of the country.

"Over many months, they examined every proposal, tested every assumption and negotiated on behalf of this nation with skill and resolve," he said.

President Boko said the advisors were guided by five principles, including ensuring sustainable profitability for De Beers under an experienced and well-funded operator with a clear plan; securing greater strategic influence for Botswana over assets of national importance; and broadening participation across the diamond value chain, including local beneficiation.

Other considerations included financial prudence, limiting the call on public finances, fair risk-sharing and ensuring that the transaction could be completed within applicable international regulatory frameworks.

Measured against these principles, he said, government had selected the Global Diamond Consortium as its preferred bidder for Anglo American's interest in De Beers.

President Boko said Botswana's investment in De Beers went beyond natural diamonds to include technology, noting that the company owned Element Six, a global leader in synthetic diamond technology.

He said demand for high-technology synthetic diamonds was expected to increase as the world expanded its development of superintelligence and large-scale data centres.

He further revealed that the United States government had approached Element Six to partner in developing the technology, while President Donald Trump had announced a US$600 million joint facility in Georgia.

President Boko also said discussions with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick had resulted in an agreement that Element Six could play a central role in a new technology partnership between Botswana and the United States.

Besides Botswana, he announced that Angola and Namibia would also participate in the transaction.

"For the first time, the great diamond-producing nations of our region will sit together at the ownership table of the company that markets their diamonds, united by a shared belief that local resources should bring local prosperity," he said.

Reflecting on Botswana's diamond history, President Boko said the country's relationship with diamonds had been intertwined with its development since independence, but had lost some of its lustre in recent years following the rise of synthetic stones.

He said De Beers had also lost sight of what gave natural diamonds their value and had stopped telling their story, resulting in a decline in demand that the company had previously worked hard to create.

The President said it was government's responsibility to ensure that the country's natural resources continued to benefit its people.

While acknowledging the significant challenges facing the country, he said the collective resolve of Batswana remained stronger than the obstacles ahead.

President Boko reaffirmed his confidence in Botswana, saying that, working together, government and citizens would build a country like no other in Africa. ***BOPA***

Partnerships drive skills, jobs and transformation

GABORONE

Partnerships are the foundational engine of sustainable capacity building, shifting development models away from temporary, external fixes and toward lasting, locally driven transformation.

Speaking during the State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) in Gaborone yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said that by pooling distinct resources, technical knowledge, and local networks, strategic alliances turn short-term training into resilient institutional systems. Therefore, he said his administration valued and recognised partnering with key local players to build a resilient economy through human capital investment.

President Boko stated that in a bid to improve the productivity of human resources and ready them for industrialisation, Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) remained a key focus of the current administration.

Furthermore, he noted that implemented reforms have triggered interest in this educational pathway among young people.



President Boko has announced move to double Botswana's De Beers stake to 30 per cent.

"We have established strategic partnerships with De Beers, MMG Khoemacau, Naledi Mining Corporation, and the Maikarabelo Movement," said President Boko.

In addition, President Boko said the partnership with De Beers provided internship opportunities, while Khoemacau was transforming Maun Technical College into a Mining Centre of Excellence.

As for the Maikarabelo Movement, he said the partnership provided hands-on experience for TVET students, with 100 youth-owned textile entrepreneurs already trained.

He highlighted that through the skills component of the Ikageng Public Works Programme, nearly 27 600 young people were engaged, 79 percent of whom were women.

"The initiative represents a massive investment in our youth, with a total labor expenditure of over P820 million since 2025, out of which over P274 million was paid directly to Ikageng-trained youth," said Advocate Boko.

President emphasised that Botswana would not change radically if the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC)-led government cautiously limited its imagination, belief, planning and determination within the proverbial boxes of the possible.

Furthermore, he said due to limited resources, government had become increasingly frugal and efficient in the allocation of these resources towards their commitment.

After decades of diamond led-growth, he noted that the UDC led-government was writing a new chapter in their development trajectory through the Diamonds for Development Fund.

Implemented this year, he said through enduring partnership with DeBeers, the fund was governed by an independent Board.

The President expressed gratitude to report that the fund had received an initial P1 billion annual payment of the P10 billion contribution from the De Beers Group. ***BOPA***

Govt heads toward diversified economy - Boko

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President Advocate Duma Boko says Botswana is heading toward becoming a digitally enabled, export-led, and diversified high-income economy where every Motswana is employed, empowered, and fulfilled.

Addressing the nation on Monday during the State-of-the-Nation Address (SONA) 2026, the President said the country would go through phases and stages in its tumultuous passage from where it was to where it ought to be.

"We face challenges at every step of advance, but we stride forward," he said.

Furthermore, President Boko said his message to the nation came at a time of continued and prolonged global uncertainty.

He highlighted that ongoing global conflicts, coupled with rising trade tensions, continued to weigh heavily on the world economy.

As a diamond-dependent economy and a net importer of goods, Boko said Botswana had taken an economic battering. "Despite this, I say to you now, concerned citizens, we are down but we are not out," he said.

Therefore, the President acknowledged the citizens' frustration with high fuel prices, youth unemployment, shortages of medicines in hospitals and clinics, and old, dilapidated government infrastructure, among others.

He, however, assured Batswana that the government was planting a new economy in the wake of the diamond-dependent economy.

The new economy, he said, would be one where diamonds are no longer the sole claim to economic viability and stability; rather, diamonds become just one part of a multi-sectoral economic garden.

As part of growing the economy, the President also talked about productive transformation, which he said requires power infrastructure with a particular emphasis on grid upgrades, transmission lines, logistics, digital systems, industrial facilities, and intellectual assets.

He further highlighted that the country needed productive diversification, not as a total retreat from diamonds, but as a strategy to reduce the proportion of national risk concentrated in one sector. ***BOPA***

Boko promises investor-friendly climate



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre) and First Lady Kaone after the Botswana Business Awards and Investment Forum Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Thursday. President Boko pledged to create a business environment that allowed the private sector to lead and thrive. Photos: Phenyo Ramatu

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko, accompanied by First Lady Kaone, brought vibrant energy to Boipuso Hall as he graced the Botswana Business Awards and Investment Forum Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Thursday.

Fresh from a daytime session focused on mapping new economic collaborations, the President used the evening's platform to deliver a clear message to the international and local investment communities - Botswana is open for business, and the government is actively removing the bureaucratic barriers standing in its way.

President Boko emphasised his administration's pledge to transform the economy by clearing obstacles to capital.

"Botswana is strategically placed not just geographically, but also in terms of its people. Our landlocked position is not a disadvantage, we are centrally positioned within the region. We have unlimited opportunities to serve as a seamless economic gateway for trade, reaching not just 2.5 million people, but over 400 million people," he stated.

President Boko also credited Botswana's political stability and the hospitality of its people for positioning it as an ideal investment destination.

He emphasised that his administration was committed to creating a highly competitive, inclusive, and investor-friendly climate.

"The unnecessary administrative delays and poor coordination among government departments are frustrating for investors and present a major barrier to our country's economic success. However, government is prioritising the cultivation of a business environment that allows the private sector to lead and thrive effectively. We do not want to keep our investors waiting," he said.

President Boko further called for the intentional deconstruction of outdated bureaucratic holdups.

The Managing Director of the Botswana Developmet Corporation (BDC), Mr Oteng Keabetswe, reiterated the country's willingness to celebrate excellence to build a lasting purpose.

"We laid the groundwork during the day's session, and the message cannot be reiterated enough. BDC stands solid as a launchpad for serious investors looking to make an impactful contribution to Botswana's prosperity. However, tonight we turn our attention toward celebration and purpose recognizing innovation, resilience, and determination in creating jobs to meet Botswana's aspirations," he said.

Closing the event, the Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima, challenged participants to turn momentum into immediate operational realities.

"The tone has been set, let us turn conversations into connections and connections into investments, enterprises and jobs," he said. ***BOPA***



Delegates at the Botswana Business Awards and Investment Forum Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Thursday. Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima, challenged them to turn deliberations into immediate operational realities.

Hopes Alive Initiative on youth empowerment mission

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The Hopes Alive Initiative for Africa has been hailed as a commendable initiative that has potential for cooperation with Botswana in digital skills training, vocational education, youth entrepreneurship and empowering the girl child.

The initiative seeks to empower young people, support vulnerable children and give the girl child opportunities to contribute meaningfully to the society.

President Advocate Duma Boko, therefore, said its objectives aligned well with government's deliberate move of placing greater emphasis on vocational and technical education to equip young people with practical skills that could enable them to secure employment or establish their own businesses.

The President was speaking during a courtesy call paid on him by Queen Olori Temitope Enitan-Ogunwusi of Nigeria and her delegation at the Office of the President on Friday. Dr Enitan-Ogunwusi serves as the Deputy Convener of the Hope Alive Initiative for Africa.

He said the country looked forward to working with Hopes Alive Initiative for Africa, adding that cooperation across borders was important in addressing challenges facing young people and the African continent.

"Africa has a young population, with a median age of about 19 years, while Botswana's median age is approximately 23 years.

Theye are full of hope, energy, creativity and innovation, but despite this, they are also vulnerable to drugs, substance abuse and other harmful behaviours.

They need support and guidance to help them remain focused and prevent them from drifting into drug abuse, crime and other social challenges," President Boko said.

For her part, Dr Enitan-Ogunwusi said the initiative was not limited to Nigeria, having also visited Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and Benin.

She said its intention was to extend hope to people across African countries because Africans were one people and there should be no segregation or discrimination.

She expressed commitment to working with Botswana to keep as many hopes alive as possible and extend reach to many young people.

She said one of the programmes: She-Levate Tech, equipped 60 young women from under-served communities in Lagos with digital skills, including web development, data analytics, digital marketing and design.

Dr Enitan-Ogunwusi said the programme also provided mentorship and career guidance to help participants access opportunities in the technology sector. *BOPA*



Queen Olori Temitope Enitan-Ogunwusi of Nigeria who serves as the Deputy Convener of the Hopes Alive Initiative for Africa, during a courtesy call on President Advocate Duma Boko at the Office of the President on Friday. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

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Seromamowa se ribolola lenaneo

Thokozani Matiha

MOGODITSHANE

Seromamowa sa Botswana se tshwaraganye le lephata la madi le makalana a mangwe a a itebagantseng le tiriso ya madi ba ribolotse letsholo le le ikaeletseng go ruta le go tsibosa setshaba ka borukuthi jo bo amanang le tiriso ya madi.

Letsholo leo le simolodisitswe ke Mothusa Tautona, yo gape e leng tona wa lephata la madi, Rre Ndaba Gaolathe ka Labotlhano kwa kgotleng ya Mogoditshane.

Mo mafokong a gagwe a go ribolola letsholo la go ruta setshaba go ipabalela mo manweenweeng a a tsietsang Batswana ka go ba amoga madi a bone, Rre Gaolathe a re batho ba latlhegelwa ke madi a ba bereketseng ba tsiediwa ke dilalome di itshema jaaka badiri ba makalana a a ka ba thusang.

Setlhogo sa go ribolola letsholo le sa re : Nna podi matseba mo manweenweeng, sireletsa madi a gago, o sireletse khumo ya gago."

A re tsholofelo ke gore thuto ka go dibela, tiriso, go boloka le tshomarelo ya madi e nne ngwao ya Batswana e e tseneletseng.

O tsweletse a rotloetsa setshaba go dirisa madi ka kelelelo, a bo a leboga Seromamowa sa Botswana ka thotoetso ya Botswana Bankers Association, Bank of Botswana le dibanka tse dingwe ka kgato e ba e tsereng ya go bona go le maleba go bontsha le go senolela Batswana ka methale e dirisiwang ke dilalome go ba jela madi ba dirisa maranyane.

Moemedi wa Banka ya Botswana Rre Lesego Moseki o tlhalositse fa kgangkgolo ya letsholo ele go gakololana ka tse di botlhabetsi tse di ka diragalang fa setshaba sentse se dirisanya le dibanka ka tsa madi gape le go fana maele a gore ba ka iphemela jang.

O gakolotse setshaba gore se dirisanye fela le ba ba filweng teseletso ya go tsamaisa dibanka ka se seka thusa go hema go tsiediwa ke manweenwee.

Rre Moseki o rotloeditse morafe go dirisanya le dibanka le go emisa go baa madi mo matlong ka seo se ka ba tsenya mo diphatseng.

Mogolwane wa Business Conduct & Regulatory Compliance (Boitshwaro jwa kgwebo le kobamelo ya melawana) Rre Joe Selwe a re Banka ya Botswana e itshwaragantse le mapodise le dibanka ka go farologana ka ba lemogile gore bonweenwee bo ka baka gore setshaba se nne bori go dirisa mananeo le peeletso tsa dibanka.

Rre Selwe are manweenwee a dirisa metlhale e farologanyeng jaaka go ipaa ekare ke badiri ba dibanka go tsietsa setshaba mme thata ba ikamanya le ba ba tlogelang tiro ka bogodi.

"Go supagala gore ba ka tswa ba dirisanya le bangwe. Go a hakgamatsa ka gore ba leletsa yo o tlogetseng tiro marago ga go fiwa lokwalo la go tlogela tiro mo bogautshwaneng,"ga tlhalosa Rre Selwe. A re ba emise go akediwa ke batho ba ba oka ka gore ba na le kitso ya go tsadisa madi.

O rotloeditse setshaba go nna ba lebelela ka fa ba dirisitseng madi a bone ka teng, gore ba kgone go senola ka bofefo fa go na le tiriso ya madi e e sa tlwaelesegang go ipabalela mo manweenweeng.

Mookamedi wa Seromamowa sa Botswana(RBl), Mme Lesego Kgajwane o tlhalositse fa maitlamo a lephata la gagwe ele go fitisa dikitsiso le go ruta ka jalo ba le mo legatong la go ruta le go gakolola setshaba ka tsa madi.

Mme Kgajwane a re mosepele o ba leng mo go one o simolotse ngogola ka kgwedi ya Sedimonthole, morago ga selelo sa Batswana sa go jelwa madi ke magodu. Mookamedi wa Botswana Bankers Association, Dr Lesedi Senatla a re o lebogela tshwaragano ya bone le Seromamowa sa Botswana gore madi a ba sokoletseng a seka ba tswa ka diphatlha tsa menwana ntateng ya manweenwee.

Dr Senatla a re go amogiwa madi ke magotswana go ama itsholelo ya malwapa le ya lefatshe ka kakaretso le gone go leswafatsa makalana a filweng boikarabelo jwa go gweba ka madi.

Mopalamente wa Mogoditshane Botlhaba, Rre Letlhogonolo Barongwang o supile fa letsholo la go lwantsha tsietso ya madi mo setshabeng le tsile ka nako e e maleba ya go lebilwe malatsi a botsalo jwa morena le bofelo jwa ngwaga, e gantsi dirukhuthi o fitlhelang di ipapanne go senyetsa setshaba. *BOPA*



Mothusa Tautona Ndaba Gaolathe a ribolola letsholo le maikaelelo a lone e leng go ruta setshaba ka borukutlhi jo bo amanang le tiriso ya madi kwa Mogoditshane ka Labotlhano. Letsholo le, le simolodisitswe ke Seromamowa sa Botswana se tshwaragane le Lephata la Madi le makalana a mangwe a itebagantseng le tiriso ya madi. Rre Gaolathe o rotloeditse Batswana go dirisa madi ka kelelelo le go dirasanya fela le ba ba filweng teseletso ya go tsamaisa dibanka ka se ka thusa go fema go tsiediwa ke manweenwee. Senepe: Felicity Male

Go rontsha ngwana thuto ke molato - Salakae

Malebogo Lekula

GROOTLAAGTE

Mopalamente wa Ghanzi, Rre Noah Salakae , a re go rontsha ngwana tshwanelo ya go tsena sekole ke molato yo motho a ka o tsenelang toronko.O buile seo kwa phuthegong ya kgotla ka Laboraro kwa Grootlaagte. O ne a gatelela fa go le botlhokwa gore batsadi ba rutuntshiwe kgapetsa-kgapetsa ka ditshwanelo tsa bana go itsa go gotlhagotlhana le molao le gone go ama tshiamelo ya kgolo e netameng ya ngwana.

O ne a supa fa bana, e le babusi ba kamoso, ka jalo ba na le tshwanelo ya go tshela le go sirelediwa kgatlhanong le methale ya kgokgontsho e tshwana le tiriso botlhaswa mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo, manyalo a bana ba ba kwa tlase ka dingwaga le tse dingwe tse di tsuololang ditshwanelo tsa bana.

O ne a ba itsise fa go na le mogala wa malomatsebe go ka begela mapodisi mo sephiring e le tsela nngwe ya go sireletsa mongongoregi. Puso e tsweletse ka go tokafatsa le go tsenya mo tirisong melao e e sireletsang ditshwanelo, dikgatlhego le tlhokomelo ya bana.

Le fa go ntse banni ba Grootlaagte ba ipelaetsa ka gore bangwe ba bone ba tlhaela thuto ka ditshwanelo tsa bana, ka jalo ba gwetlha baeteledipele ba kgaolo go atolosa dithuto ka ditshwanelo le ditlamorago tsa go sa obamela ditsetlana tsa molao wa ditshwanelo tsa bana. Mongwe wa banni, Rre Ntatinyana Seoposengwe a re o itemogela go tlogela sekole ga bana ka dipalo tse di tsitsibanyang mmele, mme ka maswabi, batsadi ba nna moriti o tsididi go batla ditlharabololo tsa go emela thuto ya bana ka dinao.

O ne a supa fa bontsi jwa bana bao, ba felela ba lwela meriti le bo mmakgatlampane le go saila mo mebileng fa bangwe ba felela ba inaakanya le nnotagi le diritibatsi.

Rre Seoposengwe a re se se ngomolang pelo, ke gore bana ba basetsana, ba felela ba nyadisiwa le ntswa ba santse ba le ba botlana kgang kgolo e le gore ba lelwapa ba kgone go oba lebogo.

O ne a tlatsa ka gore bangwe ba bana bao, ba felela ba dirisiwa go bereka mo dipolaseng le ntswa ba le kwa tlase ka dingwaga.

Ka jalo, o ne a gwetlha baeteledipele ba kgaolo go tshwaraganela go rutuntsha banni ba motse ka borai jwa go gataka ditshwanelo tsa bana, ka jaana ba phirimisa ditoro tsa bone go na le gore ba ka bo ba ba bontsha tsela ya go ipetlela isago.

Mo go tse dingwe, banni ba supile fa ba apesitswe kobo ka letshoba ke dikgang tsa go dirisiwa botlhaswa ga bana ba ba kwa tlase ka dingwaga mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo mme dikgang tsa teng di felela di bipiwa, di sa begelwe ba sepodisi.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mookamela mapodisi a District No.6, Senior Superintendent Patrick Molefhe, o ne a rotloetsa banni go loma mapodisi tsebe ka dikgang tsa borukutlhi bope fela mo motseng.

O ne a itsise morafe fa ba tlaa ya go tsenya leitlho dikgetsi tse di setseng di begetswe mapodisi le gore di kae ka palo tse di setseng di le kwa makgotleng a ditsheko gammogo le gore di bokgakala bokae go wela. ***BOPA***

Ba rotloediwa go fokotsa tiriso ya dichefi

Amantle Onneng

PALAPYE

Balemi ba rotloeditswe go fokotsa go dirisa dichefi go lwantsa mohero, diji le malwetsi a dijwalo ka go farologana.

Kgakololo eo, e ntshitswe ke ba lekalana la botsogo jwa dijwalo jaaka ba ne ba rutuntsha balemi ka tlhokomelo le botsogo jwa dijwalo. Modiri wa lekalana la botsogo jwa dijwalo, Mme Tshepiso Mmolotsi a re ba lemogile gore fa balemi ba tlhasetswe ke mohero, diji kana bolwetse bongwe jwa dijwalo, selo sa ntlha se ba se akanyang ka nako tsotlhe ke go dirisa dichefi go lwantsha seemo.

A re tiriso ya dichefi e ile magoletsa ka seemo se se tlhobaetsang. Mme Mmolotsi a re balemi ba dirisa dichefi mo go feteletseng le fa go sa tlhokofale ba sa rekegele borai jwa tsone.

A re balemi bangwe ba dirisa ditshefi ka tsela e e sa letlelesegeng, ebile ba sa sale ditaelo morago. O supile fa go na le methale e mentsi ya go lwantsha tsotlhe tse di ka amang temo ntle le go dirisa dichefi ka dinako tsotlhe. A re mohero le diji di na le melemo e e babalesegileng e e ka dirisiwang go di lwantsha.

Mme Mmolotsi a re tiriso ya dichefi e ama thata boleng jwa mmu, ka jalo mmu o sentsweng ke dichefi o tlhaela dikotla, mme molemi a felele a sa bone thobo e e nametsang. A re dichefi ga di borai fela mo dijwalong, mme di borai le mo bathong ka di ama botsogo jwa bone.

Ka jalo, a re balemi fa ba dirisa dichefi ba tshwanetse go di tshwara sentle, ba itshireleditse ka go apara kapari e e babalesegileng.

O rotloeditse balemi go nna ba bona bongaka fa ba dirisa dichefi tse di kgonang go ama botsogo jwa bone. O tsweletse a supa gore balemi bangwe ba dirisa dichefi nako nngwe le nngwe ba sa lebelele nako kana go lepa seemo sa loapi go fokotsa borai jwa gore di ame botsogo jwa bone le seemo sa temo ka kakaretso.

A re dichefi di dirisiwa phakela kana maitseboa go sena phefo e fokang gore di seka tsa ama modirisi, tikologo le dipholoogolo.

O supile gore ka nako ya dipula chefi e gogolwa ke metsi, ka jalo seo se ame tikologo.

Ba tsweletse ka go rotloetsa balemi go tlhokomela le go sireletsa temo ka ditsela tse di siameng go bona thobo e nametsang.

Mme Mmolotsi a re go tlhokomela temo ka go lwantsha diji, mohero le malwetse a dijalo ka tsela e e siameng go thusa molemi go ntsha thobo e nang le boleng e kgonang go bona dipoelo tse di nametsang kwa mebarakeng ka go farologana.

Mongwe wa balemi kwa Mahibitswane, Rre Boyce Sebetela o lebogile ba lephata la botsogo ja dijwalo ka go ba ruta thata ka methale ya go tlhokomela temo.

O supile fa dithuto tse ba di neetsweng di tsile go ba tswela mosola fela thata e bile ba dumela fa temo ya bone e tla tokafala, mme ba bone thobo e nametsang .

Rre Sebetela a re thobo e nametsang e thusa gore ba rekise ba itshetse ebile ba je le ba malwapa a bone. ***BOPA***

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

03 November 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

The Department of Broadcasting Services invites the General Public to a Public Auction Sale of unserviceable and obsolete departmental items to be held on Thursday 19 November 2026 at Department of Broadcasting Services, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Road, Gaborone West Phase 2, Gaborone.

The auction sale is reserved for Botswana citizens only, who will be required to produce a valid Omang card as proof of citizenship.

Items to be sold include: unserviceable supplies

Viewing of items to be sold: Wednesday 18 November 2026 from 09:30hrs to 16:00hrs.

Auction sale date: Thursday 19 November 2026 from 09:00hrs.

- The auctioneer will be a Public Officer.
- Items will be sold in numbered lots to the highest bidder.
- Payment for items purchased must be made in cash or POS immediately after each item or lot is sold.
- Items will be sold as they are, without any express or implied warranty.
- The Department of Broadcasting Services will not be held responsible for the safekeeping of items paid for but not collected
- Removal of any item from the auction premises will only be allowed upon presentation of an official receipt of purchase.

All goods should be removed from the premises
by Friday 20th November 2026 at 1245pm

- Registration will take place from 08:00hrs to 09:00hrs on the day of the auction (19 November 2026).

For more information, please contact Ms N.Kula and Ms M. Hirschfeld during working hours on 3653201/3653117 from 0730hrs – 1345hrs -1630hrs (Monday to Friday).

Republic of Botswana

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

Department of Information Services

NOTICE OF APPROVED BIDDER FOR DIRECT APPOINTMENT

TENDER NO.: MSPDS/IS/001/2026-2027

TENDER TITLE: Provision of Mobile Network Services to the Department of Information Services for a Period of Eighteen (18) Months.

PROCUREMENT METHOD: Direct Appointment

APPROVED BIDDER: Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited (BTC)

NOTICE

The Department of Information Services hereby gives notice to the public and all interested parties that Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited (BTC) has been approved for Direct Appointment for the provision of Mobile Network Services to the Department of Information Services for a period of Eighteen (18) Months.
This notice is issued in accordance with Regulation 20(3) of the Public Procurement Regulations and constitutes the notice of the approved bidder for the Direct Appointment.

APPROVED BIDDER DETAILS

Approved Bidder	Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited (BTC)
Procurement Method	Direct Appointment
Service	Mobile Network Services
Contract Period	Eighteen (18) Months
Tender Number	MSPDS/IS/001/2026-2027

Issued by: Department of Information Services

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY | TENDERING PROCEDURES | T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/008/2026-2027

- Tender Title: **SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLID STATE MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER AND UPGRADING OF THE ANTENNA SYSTEM AT MMATHETHE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES.**

Sealed Tender offers are invited for **SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLID STATE MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER AND UPGRADING OF THE ANTENNA SYSTEM AT MMATHETHE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES.**

- The Procuring Entity is **Department of Broadcasting Services**

- Procurement Method is: **OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD**

The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:
(i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories:
Code: 116 Broadcasting and Audio-Visual Services
Sub code: 01 –Installation and Maintenance of broadcasting audio-visual equipment

- The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 & 11(A)/2010 on the "Economic Diversification Drive" will be applied in this tender.
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is:
Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana
- Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800 hrs to 1230 hrs and 1400 hrs to 1530 hrs effective from **02/11/2026.**
- A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 **(P125.00)** should be paid to: **Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana**
- **(Cheques will not be accepted)**
- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than three (3) working days before the tender closing date to Mr Topo Kootswele, **3653284** Email: **tkootswele@gov.bw**

- The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **1000 hours** on the **24/11/2026.**
- Late tender offers will not be accepted.
- The Bid Submission Method is: Two Envelope Submission Method in which the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope, whilst the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope. Failure to comply with bid submission method shall result in disqualification.
The Evaluation Method is: **Least Cost Selection Evaluation Method-Services**
- A compulsory joint site visit and clarification meeting shall be held on 12/11/2026 at 1000 hrs to 1245 hrs. All concerned are to meet at Mmathethe Medium Wave (MW) transmitter site. Failure to attend the site visit and clarification meeting will result in disqualification of the bidder.
- Submit One (1) original tender document marked **"ORIGINAL"** and two **(2)** duplicate copies of the original document marked "COPY" in one sealed envelope clearly marked
Tender Reference No: MSPDS/DBS/008/2026-2027
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLID STATE MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER AND UPGRADING OF THE ANTENNA SYSTEM AT MMATHETHE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES.

- Personal data shall only be processed for the purposes of the contract, kept confidential, protected against unauthorized access or disclosure and securely returned or destroyed upon termination of the contract. The contractor/supplier shall promptly notify the Ministry of any personal data breach and shall not appoint subcontractors to process personal data without prior written approval from the Ministry.

- The Tender documents shall be delivered to:
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 401 Government Enclave,
Gaborone
The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

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

(Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)

Government Buyer
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

Lawmakers pledge impact-led Parliament

"As the 13th Parliament continues with its journey, the focus remain on shaping an institution that listens, leads responsibly and delivers with accountability, a Parliament that serves Batswana with excellence."

Portia Keetile
KASANE

Lawmakers have pledged an impact-led Parliament that is more responsive to priorities of Batswana.

Speaking at the conclusion of the Executive Leadership Programme in Kasane on Thursday, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Helen Manyeneng said while the national mandate provided lawmakers with their core responsibility, the choices made by the members set them apart in delivering promises to Batswana.

She stated that national priorities must directly guide Parliament's actions. "As the 13th Parliament continues with its journey, the focus remain on shaping an institution that listens, leads responsibly and delivers with accountability, a Parliament that serves Batswana with excellence," she said.

The four-day transformative capacity-building initiative, focused on sharpening leadership strength and institutional accountability to ensure Parliament actively delivered on its constitutional duties.

On that note, she said priorities placed before them included advancing a Parliamentary Services Act and a Public Participation Act aimed to review Standing Orders to democratise Parliamentary practice and establish a Parliamentary Budget Office as well as Parliamentary Service Commission to strengthen independent analysis and scrutiny.

Member of Parliament for Tlokweng, Mr Phenyo Segokgo described the proceedings as a transformational guide for driving public value and restoring Batswana's trust in national institutions.

He said government must pivot away from dwelling on past shortcomings, but focus on charting forward-thinking reforms that cater for the needs of all generations.

He argued that while the adjustment of constituency boundaries was traditionally bound to a delimitation exercise conducted every 10 years the law must be amended to allow for more agile adjustments.

Mr Segokgo said expanding the number of constituencies to match population was important, as it would ensure that vast and increasingly diverse voices were represented in the National Assembly. Mr Simasiku Mapulanga of Chobe emphasised that Parliament must drive national development while remaining anchored in the absolute truth that public office was a vehicle for serving citizens.

Speaking to the theme: Leading with Integrity, Shaping Transformation, Serving Batswana, Mr Mapulanga noted that ethical leadership demanded doing what was right under difficult circumstances.

He urged fellow legislators to return to their constituencies, parliamentary committees, and offices with a renewed sense of purpose. Mr Mapulanga emphasised that the insights gained from the executive programme must now be translated into direct legislative action and enhanced public representation across the country

"Let us lead with integrity, let us shape Botswana's transformation, and let us never forget the people who entrusted us with this responsibility," he concluded. ***BOPA***

Retreat affords MPs to reflect on core duties

Portia Keetile
KASANE

Clerk of the National Assembly, Dr Gabriel Malebang says the just-ended Executive Leadership Programme has familiarised legislators with parliamentary rules paving the way for a more robust and efficient Parliament

Dr Malebang revealed that with first-time MPs making up roughly 60 per cent of the 13th Parliament, responsibility fell within the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk to upskill them.

He explained that the programme's theme centered on leadership, reflecting the notion that the capabilities of lawmakers must be continuously refreshed.

He noted that political leaders should not be left to manage without guidance simply by virtue of holding office, however must engage in continuous professional development to maintain a high standard of governance.

Legislators were mentored by seasoned experts on core legislative duties, including the mechanics of drafting and passing laws, analysing the national budget, and formulating national policies. Dr Malebang thanked UNDP for funding the programme noting that such capacity-building initiatives were vital for a democratic republic as they allowed the state to continuously adapt and refine the institutional mechanisms necessary to safeguard and advance democratic governance.

He noted that hosting the retreat in the Chobe District highlighted Parliament's commitment to bringing Parliament closer to the people. He said this was an opportune moment for people of Chobe to meet the lawmakers and showcase that Parliament is not just for people in Gaborone. ***BOPA***

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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY	TENDERING PROCEDURES	T 1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Reference No. MSPDS/DBS/011/2026-2027

• Tender Title: **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**

Sealed Tender offers are invited for **PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES**

• The Procuring Entity is **Department of Broadcasting Services**

• Procurement Method is: **OPEN DOMESTIC METHOD**

The Tenderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the compliance criteria:
(i) Local companies should be registered with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board in the following categories:
Code: 203 Electrical, Electronic, Mechanical and ICT supplies
Sub codes: 02 –Broadcast Transmission equipment

• The tender is reserved for 100% citizens owned companies as stated under Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act.
• Local Procurement Scheme Presidential Directive 19 (B)/2013 – which is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy and Presidential Directive Cab no. 34 (B)/2014 on the "Economic Diversification Drive" will be applied in this tender.

• The physical address for collection of tender documents is:
Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana

• A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable in cash or must be made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the entity stated in the tender document and must be paid on collection of the tender documents. Youth Companies shall purchase the ITT at 50% of the fee as per Presidential Directive CAB 14 (B) 2015 **(P125.00)** should be paid to: **Revenue office ,029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2 , Gaborone ,Botswana**
• ***(Cheques will not be accepted)***

• Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing not later than three (3) working days before the tender closing date to Didibeng Modisenyane, **365 3025** Email: ***wrukero@gov.bw***

• The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is **04/12/2026** at **1000hours**
• Late tender offers will not be accepted.
•The Bid Submission Method is: a single envelope or package submission, in which a tender document containing the financial and technical officer of a bidder is submitted together in one sealed envelope or packaging;
The Evaluation Method is: ***Least Cost Selection-Supplies Evaluation Method***

• Withdrawal of bids: A bidder who wishes to withdraw, modify or replace a bid shall do so in writing, and submit in the same manner as the submission of a bid, in an envelope or package marked "WITHDRAWAL", "MODIFICATION" or "REPLACEMENT".
• The re-submission of a bid shall be marked "REPLACEMENT BID" or "SUPPLEMENTARY BID" on the outer envelope or package.
• Tender documents submitted by courier shall only be acceptable if they bear the appropriate tender number and description and the inscription ''Tender Documents. Not to be opened before ....." on the face of the package.
• In addition to any other requirement in the bidding document, a bid submitted after the date and time of submission shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder immediately or after the bid opening with the words ''Late Tender", together with the date and time on which the bid was so received.

• Submit One (1) original tender document marked **"ORIGINAL"** and 2 duplicate copies of the original document marked **"COPY"** in one sealed envelope clearly marked

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Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

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

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

(Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing, the Government of Botswana is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender offer)

The Contractor/Supplier shall comply with all applicable data protection laws especially the Data Protection Act N0.18 of 2024 and implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data in the control of and or data processed by Ministry for State President, Defence and Security.

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Classified Ads

BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | MISCELLANEOUS | PROPERTIES | VACANCIES

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED Mr Tshenolo Outule at Boatle farm in Ramotswa, apply/ call Box 29 Mmadinare, 76996714/ 74717968

HORTICULTURIST REQUIRED NEAR Tlokweng, must have valid documents. Contact: 71305440/ 72111354

LOOKING FOR A HERDBOY in Thamaga, P. O. Box 1047 Thamaga, Dilege Gaborone. Contact Benny Tshilwane 71839693

FARM WORKER WANTED at Dikhutsana lands Rasesa. P. O. Box 2271 call Mrs K. Motlhagodi 71507009

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mogonono, Apply to: Unan Holdings Pty Ltd, P O Box 502123 Gaborone. Closing date: 24/11/2026

FARM WORKER WANTED. Bostrich Products Pty. Apply by email: bostrich2@gmail.com. Closing date: 20 November 2026.

MODISA WANTED AT Makgwarapana. Apply to Box 1502 Thamaga. Closing date: 17/11/2026. Contact Mpho 73777222.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Tutume: Box 914, ABG Sebele mall, Gaborone. L. Zuku. Cell number:71222064

SEASONAL FARM WORKER and farm worker wanted at Ranaka Lands. Apply to Kabo Moruakgomo, Box 1521, ABG Gaborone. Call 72535272, Deadline: 23/11/2026

2X FARM WORKERS wanted. Jongman Jongman is looking for 2 farm workers in Kopong. Apply to: Farm Owner, P O Box 82038, Gaborone. 71203456. Closing date: 24/11/2026

SEASONAL FARM WORKERS (5). Malebogo Mapitse. Box 236 Lentsweletau.76600224

SEASONAL FARM WORKERS (4). Boy Kalabeng.Box 10435 Kanye. 7765288

HORTICULTURE FARM WORKER wanted in Mochudi Moologe lands. Contact 73000889/ 74113455

MISCELLANEOUS

IM LOOKING FOR Harbord Colin Mashall, owner of B630 AES and B845 AEV for change of ownership. Contact : Bonno Momene 74710294

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use: Dennis Alexander, owner of portion 13 of the farm Tanquair No. 10-KO, Mmokolodi-1 would like to change land use from agricultural to mixed use. Any objection should be forwarded to Gamalete district council, physical planning or telephone +2675381200/+2675381212 within 14 days of this publication

CHANGE OF LAND USE I Ernest Chigara owner of plot in Modipane would like to change land use from residential to multi residential. For any objection contact Kgatleng District Council planning Officer on telephone No. 5777411 within fourteen (14) working day of this publication

CHAAKA SATAU, OWNER of a ploughing field at Beetsha village wishes to subdivide and change land use of one resultant portion from agricultural use to mixed use agricultural. For any objection, contact Okavango District Council, Physical Planning Office within 14 days from this publication notice

OWNER OF PLOT : 17178 at Tlokweng, Ranfurwa I would like to construct boundary wall. All neighbouring plots if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on : 3695002/03

OWNER OF PLOT 80124 is intending to erect boundary wall @ G-North. Any objection contact 7188515

THE OWNER OF PLOT 22539 in Rasesa wishes to change use from restaurant to a bar.

OWNER OF PLOT 3090 in Malolwane intent to erect boundary wall. For any objection contact Mochudi building control or 71773607 within 14 days

OWNER OF PLOT no 2265 in Tlokweng intent to regularize boundary wall. For any objections contact Tlokweng building control or 74770140 within 14 days

OWNER OF PLOT : 8875 & 8876 at Tlokweng Letlapeng would like to change land use from residential to light industrial. All neighbouring plots if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on 3695002/03

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

ESHFT-000160-24

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late Bojosi Sabarome - ESHFT-000160-24 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Central District on the 29th day of March 2024.

I have advertised First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in Botswana Daily newspaper and Government Gazette, the advert ran for 21 days and no one has showed up.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

LINDA BOJOSI
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 108
NATA 71513449

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

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000343-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **KEIKABILE PHETSOLANG** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-District, Botswana on the **19th February 2021.**

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 02 Day of November 2026.

The Executor | Kereng Keikabele
PO Box 1, Moiyabana | **Cell:** 76 273 055

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

ESHFT 000500-24

RE: FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION ACCOUNT - ESTATE OF THE LATE

KEPALETSWE MMOLOKI - ESHFT: 000500-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late Kepaletswe Mmoloki – ESHFT 000500-24 who died at BOBONONG DISTRICT on the 24th day of July 2022.

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 Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for period of twenty -one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the twenty one (21) days stated above.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Ookeditse Maomela
Executrix Dative
PO Box 839, Bobonong
Cell: 74632654

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
REBAGAMANG MABAILA	ESHMY 000384-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 4th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account

ESHMN – 000069/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late Hlonipa Ndjunga who died at Nyangabgwe hospital in Francistown, North-East District on the 14th day of May 2025

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the high court at Maun for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

Neo Maurine Ndjunga, The Executrix, P O Box 1189 Maun
Cellphone No. 77852722/74482827.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Deed of Transfer/Tribal Grant No. TF TG 227/2014 dated 10th October 2014 made in favour of **SPYROS NICOLAOU** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Grant 263-PM
SITUATE: At Maun Village in the Batawana Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 15.8884 Ha (Fifteen point eight eight eight four Hectares)
HELD UNDER: Deed No. TF TG 227/2014 dated 10th October 2014

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

DATED at Maun on this 26th day of October 2026.

SPYROS NICOLAOU (The Applicant) P.O. Box Maun, Botswana Contact: 74159558

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000525-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ESTHER KEBUAMOTSE** who died at Francistown Academic Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District Botswana on the **12th August 2026.**

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

DATED at_____on this _____Day of _____2026

The Executor
Tshiamo Kebuamotse
Private Bag 004
Maunatlala
CELL: 75708784/75045647

FISRT AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REF: ESHMY- 000207-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **THAPELO GONNYE** who died at Ontransit to Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 30th March 2023.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

Dated at Mahalapye on the 4th day of November 2026.

The Executor
Stephen Thapelo
P O BOX 11385
Palapye
CELL: 71450927

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31: 01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
GABAEME KELAPILE & KELAPILE BANYATSANG	ESHMY 000381-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 4th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has applied for an alcohol distribution and bar License in terms of section 13 of the Liquor Act (Act No, 9 of 2004) in respect of premises situated at **Lot 12 Malolwane**, in the Kgatleng Administrative District

And the Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Control Authority on the _ day of _ 2026.

Any **person who wishes to object** to the grant of the License **should within 21 days of the last publication** of this notice, give notice in writing to the said Control Authority of his intention to oppose the application and his grounds on which his objection is based.

Red Raven Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Dinokeng Distributors
Plot 2989, Unit C9, Extension 11, Gaborone
P.O. Box 550370 Mogoditshane
Date: 29th October 2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

L&Z ENTERPRISES PTY Ltd, owner of plot No. 20689 Block 3 industrial Gaborone wishes to inform neighbour on plot no 20702 of the intention to construct a storeroom next to the shared boundary. For any concerns contact owner on 77069998 or Gaborone city council on 3657400

OWNER OF PLOT : 18076 at Tlokweng, Mmaratanang, I would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. All neighbouring plots if they have objection shall contact Tlokweng District Council on 3695002/03

CHANGE OF LANDUSE and subdivision. Owner of plot 68 Bokaa, intends to change land use from industrial use to residential and subdivide into some portions. For any objections contact Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office at telephone No. 5773512 within fourteen (14) days of this publication.

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000839/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **AMOGELANG MOLEFHE** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on **23rd July 2023.**

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.

_____
Executor Dative
Golekwang Ernest Molefhe
P O Box 21798, GABORONE
CELL: 73 753 522 / 74 364 618

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NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000199-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **THUSO KENOSI** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye, Palapye-District, Botswana on the 30th November 2013.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 27 Day of October 2026.

The Executrix Rosah Kenosi
P O Box 10641 Khurumela **Palapye** Cell: 74589311

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000311-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MOMPHITHI MOTHOGAESI** who died at Tlhalogang CJSS/TQ House No. 46, Borolong, Central-Tutume District, Botswana on the 16th February 2026.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.

Dated at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2026.

The Executrix Dorcus Mothogaesi
P O Box 576 Palapye Cell: 77153725

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000217-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BABOLOKI MAKONE** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **31st August 2022**.

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.

DATE at_on this_Day of _2026.

The Executrix Katlarelo Makone
P O Box 3933 Serowe
Cell: 71 428 080

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REFERENCE: ESHMY 000108-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **WARONA KELEBAMANG** who died at Princes Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 16th February 2026.
FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED at Serowe on the 5th day of November 2026

The Executrix Ontiretse Kelebamang | P. O. Box 30404 **Serowe** CELL: 76155018

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ARON GOGANANG MOLELEKWA	ESHMY 000563-26	21.12.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS OSTH NOVEMBER 2026
DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE

The owners of the following cars are advised to collect their accident damaged vehicles from **Auto Renew Auto Body Repairs within 14 days** from the date of this advert. Failure to collect vehicles will be sold by auction to defray costs. **Contact Paul at 316 1255 or 71 610 900 or 72 125 858**

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BMW 5 Series	B 803 BBU	Beige in colour
Opel Astra	B 535 APU	Black in colour
Mazda 3	B 617 BBU	Grey in colour
Mitsubishi Pajero	B 490 AVR	White in colour
Mercedes Benz	B 602 BFA	Silver in colour
Toyota Hilux D/CAB	B 990 AXV	White in colour
BMW 3 Series	B 258 AMX	Blue in colour
BMW 3 Series	B 912 AWG	White in colour
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT-000825-2024

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **late Mercy Masego Letoane ESHFT-000825-2024** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the **10th day of November 2020**
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

GABOINEWE BERNICE RANTSHADI
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 1398
MAHALAPYE
CELL: 71536449/ 72350995

TUMELO ANTHONY LETOANE
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 1398 MAHALAPYE
CELL: 76016497/72823792

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

CHANGE OF MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

Pursuant to section 8(1) of the Married Person's Property Act, 2014. NOTICE is hereby given that TEBOGO CHAKLAS MATHIBA and BRENDAH MATHIBA married in Community of property on the 26th of October 2018 in the District of Moshupa, wish to change their property regime to out of Community of property.

The parties intend to apply the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) consecutive weeks from date of this publication hereof.

Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have interest in the assets and / or liabilities of the parties estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties before the expiration of the said three (3) weeks period, or make representations before High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS DAY 22nd OCTOBER 2026

3rd PUBLICATION

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TEBOGO CHAKLAS MATHIBA AND BRENDAH MATHIBA
P O BOX 10261, GABORONE
(+267) 72 302 520/74 604 357

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of **section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01),** heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the **Master of the High Court at Mahalapye High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the of their deceased 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
VICTOR NKAPE	ESHMY 000219-26	26.11.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 22ND OCTOBER 2026
DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL ACT, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that members of the public of the following proposed transaction between Deputy Sheriff Uyapo Mafika and Royal Capital Investments (Proprietary) Limited for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 22777 Palapye;
SITUATE : at Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2307 m^2 (Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seven Square Metres);
HELD UNDER : Memorandum of Agreement of Grant of Lease No. FTTL 45/2023 dated 14th day of March 2023 made in favour of GALEFELE NWAKO;
CONSIDERATIONS : for the sum of P1,000,000.00 (One Million Pula)

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the afore-mentioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest, in writing, to Ngwato Land Board and forward copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of the notice.

DATED at Gaborone on the 27th day of October 2026.

MORIBAME MATTHEWS, Applicant Attorneys, Mowana Mews, Unit 6, Plot 74769 Western Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

MOTSEOTHATA TAU – GFHLB 794/25-26

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 **25th day** of **February 2027** at **1030 hours** at the before – **B. P. Kemorwale. 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.

IN THE HIGHT COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAUN

ESHMN-000060-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OKGANETSE AND LESEGO SEDOMBO** who died at Disaneng ward, Maun, in the Republic of Botswana on the 11th August 2018 and 24th January 2021.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby to pay debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after publication hereof.

Ms Kamogelo Sedombo – Executrix
P O Box 20569 Maun

Ikageng programme equips 86 residents with artisan skills

Tshiamiso Mosetlha
SEROWE

Serowe District Council has on Friday successfully graduated 86 artisan trainees through Ikageng public works programme.

The artisan trainees were from of Mabuo, Majwanadipitse, Malatswae and Palamaokue ward in Serowe.

The beneficiaries were equipped with multiple disciplines of brick laying, painting, electrical installation, plumbing, tiling and carpentry.

Council Secretary, Mr Mogorosi Kokoro stated that the programme was a joint venture between Serowe District Council and Construction Industries Trust Fund (CITF).

The graduates successfully completed two LA2 houses teachers quarters at Majwanaadipitse, two LA2 VDC house at Malatswai and LA2 house at Mabuo.

Mr Kokoro noted that the main objectives of Ikageng public works programme was to transform and replace the former Ipelegeng, shifting from temporary welfare to a structured, productivity driven model.

He said it was important to transition participants away from long-term government dependency by equipping them with practical, market relevant skills that led to employment, self-employment or enterprise development.

The assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane, congratulated government for introducing Ikageng programme which had trained people in different disciplines.

He said the graduates were well equipped with skills and knowledge to sustain not only their livelihoods but also those around them.

Mr Moswaane indicated that the programme included introducing skills development component in public works programmes enhancing beneficiaries' livelihoods by promoting sustainability.

Graduates representative, Mr Mphoyame Otsweletse promised that the graduates would open construction companies.



One of the houses built by Ikageng graduates in Nkoyaphiri, Kweneng region. Serowe District Council has equipped 86 Ikageng beneficiaries with multiple disciplines which include brick laying, painting, electrical installation, plumbing, tiling and carpentry.

He appealed to council management to engage them for minor works such as maintenance.

Lucara Botswana Human Resource Superintendent, Ms Constance Rakesiilwe encouraged graduates to continue looking for jobs in various companies including mining.

She encouraged them to form groups and register for various companies.

Lucara Botswana donated P10,000 for the graduates to source the necessary tools that will enable them to work and make a living. ***BOPA***

ISBS brings hope to communities in Tsabong

Letticia Nnokotema
KHUIS

Imperial School of Business and Science (ISBS) has expanded its community outreach initiative by donating school shoes and food hampers to selected villages in the Tsabong District.

Speaking during a donation ceremony held in Khuis recently, ISBS Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Mr Tefo Sephiri said the institution embarked on the initiative as part of its commitment to giving back to communities.

He said Tsabong District was among the beneficiaries of this year's outreach programme, with three villages, namely Khuis, Middlepits and Kokotsha, selected to receive the donations.

He noted that the institution worked closely with the Social and Community Development (S&CD) offices in identifying beneficiaries, as the offices were better positioned to understand the needs and challenges of their respective communities.

Mr Sephiri further added that the institution remained committed to sustaining and improving the initiative over time.

Meanwhile, Kgosi Bothata Botsheleng of Khuis, expressed appreciation for the gesture, noting that the institution's visit would have a lasting impact beyond the material assistance received.

He said the donations would bring joy to the beneficiaries, while the engagement with the institution could also inspire young people to develop a positive attitude toward education and remained motivated to pursue their dreams of furthering their studies. ***BOPA***



Dignitaries during Imperial School of Business and Science's donation of school shoes and food hampers to Khuis, Middlepits and Kokotsha in Tsabong District recently. Kgosi Bothata Botsheleng of Khuis appreciated the gesture, saying the institution's visit would have a lasting impact beyond the material assistance received. Photo: Letticia Nnokotema

Donation to restore confidence and dignity among learners

Gaboselwe Olesitse
SELEBI PHIKWE

Tebo Ya Bokamoso Trust in collaboration with the World Group of Companies donated casual clothing and sporting equipment to five Primary schools in Selebi Phikwe.

Speaking during the handover of the donation, Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa said the contribution was not only to provide practical support to learners but also to create opportunities for them to participate, discover their talent and develop into confident well rounded individuals.

Mr Mohwasa expressed gratitude to Tebo Ya Bokamoso Trust and the World Group of Companies for the generous contribution, saying the development of children was a shared responsibility.

He said the provision of casual clothing was a thoughtful gesture that offered practical assistant to learners and some relief to parents and guardians.

The minister said education must develop all aspects of a child upbringing, adding that classrooms must nurture intellectual ability while playgrounds provide opportunities for physical development, team work, discipline and discovery of talent.

Mr Mohwasa said children deserved opportunities to develop their ability not only academically but also socially and physically.

He encouraged learners to make good use of the contribution, participate, explore their talent in sport, respect others and remain committed to their education and never allow circumstances in which they were born or raised determine the limit of their ambitions.

For teachers and school leadership, Mr Mohwasa recognised the role they play in shaping the young lives, encouraging them to make sure that the availed resources were used meaningfully for the intended purpose.

The School Head of Tebogo Primary School, Mr Luka Thabana expressed gratitude for the donation, saying it was an investment in the human soul, restoring confidence and dignity among beneficiaries.

He said the donation went beyond providing material support as it played a significant role in boosting learner's confidence and self-esteem.

The chairperson for the Parent and Teachers Association, Ms Salome Ralebotsa expressed concern over some parents who leave their children unattended without proper care and supervision.

She said the absence of parental supervision had become a concern, as some children were left without adequate care and guidance.

She appreciated the donation and appealed to other stakeholders to join hands in sustaining the good work undertaken by Tebo Ya Bokamoso Trust and the World Group Of Companies, saying collective efforts were necessary to ensure that children received the care and support they needed. ***BOPA***

Botswana ranks eighth in coding globally

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

Botswana has secured eighth position out of 50 countries in the 2026 Coding for Africa World Cup Challenge, with Maun Senior Secondary School emerging as the country's highest-ranked team after placing 73rd out of 420 teams worldwide.

The achievement also saw Maun Senior Secondary School rank 29th among African teams, placing the country ahead of Germany, which finished ninth, and Italy in tenth position.

The results mark a significant achievement for Botswana's young innovators, particularly learners from Maun, who had an opportunity to showcase their coding abilities on an international technology platform.

The competition, hosted by Innovation Kgotla in partnership with Chobe Impact, brought together teams from five schools in Maun, providing learners with an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, computational thinking and problem-solving skills.



Coding screen

The five Maun schools, namely Maun Senior Secondary School, Sedie Junior Secondary School (JSS), Tsodilo JSS, Mathiba Primary School and Letsholathebe Primary School, reached the finals.

Speaking at the event, Innovation Kgotla executive director, Mr Peter Fella, said the tournament was more than a competition, describing it as a platform for learning, discovery, innovation and nurturing future leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).He said Innovation Kgotla, a Maun-based non-governmental organisation, empowered children, youth, women and unemployed people through innovation, technology and entrepreneurship.

Mr Fella said the organisation had been running STEM clubs in Maun schools since 2023, with support from Chobe Holdings through Chobe Impact, reaching more than 750 learners.

"Coding equips learners with computational thinking, logical reasoning, creativity and teamwork, enabling them to move beyond theoretical learning and develop practical solutions to real-world challenges," he said.

He further highlighted the organisation's Pan African Data and Artificial Intelligence Scholarship Programme, which had enrolled more than 3 000 Batswana from over 60 towns and villages, producing what he described as Botswana's first artificial intelligence engineer.

For his part, Kgosi Tawana Moremi II of Batawana, said coding was an important tool for developing critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving and innovation, which were essential skills in an increasingly digital world.

He said initiatives such as the Coding for Africa World Cup Challenge gave African children exposure to global opportunities and encouraged them to see themselves as creators of technology rather than merely consumers.

Kgosi Tawana urged parents, schools, government and the private sector to work together to ensure that children had access to opportunities that prepared them for the future.

He also commended Chobe Holdings for supporting the initiative, saying investment in education and young people was an investment in the future of the country and the continent.

Meanwhile, one of the participating learners, Tjeludo Jack from Tsodilo JSS, said she was excited to take part in the competition, noting that the STEM programme had contributed positively to her studies.

She said her interest in pursuing a career related to science, mathematics and other STEM subjects had been strengthened through the programme, adding that she would encourage other learners to join STEM clubs.

The competition sought to promote coding and digital literacy, develop computational thinking and problem-solving skills, encourage creativity and innovation, and stimulate interest in STEM education and careers.

It also aimed to nurture teamwork, practical learning and young technology talent, while encouraging learners to explore how technology could be applied to challenges in their communities. ***BOPA***

Faith seeks over P400,000 for kidney transplant

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

The pain of a mother watching her child battle kidney failure is a profound, silent, and ruthless burden.

It brings an emotional and physical exhaustion that touches every part of daily life.

Ms Keamogetse Mangunu, a 34-year-old mother whose 10-year-old daughter, Faith Moloi, is battling kidney failure, attested watching her child endure the strenous routine of dialysis and the quiet bravery that no child should ever go through.

At an age when children should be enjoying their childhood, pursuing their dreams, learning, playing, and looking forward to the future, her daughter is instead facing a difficult medical journey.

Faith was diagnosed with kidney disease in 2020. Since then, the family has endured endless doctor's appointments, sleepless nights and an immense emotional and financial strain.

The young girl needs P467,000 for a kidney transplant procedure in India scheduled for India by March next year. The money will also cater for travel and accommodation.

Narrating how it all began, Ms Mangunu stated that the misfortune started with subtle signs that include puffiness around the eyes, swollen legs and stomach.

Hearing the words 'kidney failure' and learning that her daughter needed a transplant felt like the ground was disappearing beneath her feet.

She recalled that when Faith started dialysis in April 2025, she held onto hope that her daughter's kidneys would eventually heal and regain their ability to work on their own.

However, she later learned that dialysis was not a cure for kidney disease, but rather a life-sustaining treatment.

"Every parent naturally hopes to see their children grow, build independence, and live a happy life. You do not imagine dialysis schedules, fluid restrictions, sterile lines, or the heavy quiet of a hospital room. But that became our reality.

In those darkest hours, I learned what true resilience looks like. My daughter did not just survive; she taught everyone around her what it means to fight with grace. She is the inspiration behind why we are gathered here," said an emotional Ms Mangunu during the launch of the Faith Foundation Trust at the Nhabe Museum on Friday.

The initiative is being championed to mobilise resources toward securing the funding required for Faith's kidney transplant and associated medical expenses.

Ms Mangunu acknowledged that the trust was born out of love, built on lessons learned in hospital corridors, and driven by a promise to turn her struggle into a lifeline for others.

"Our mission is simple and urgent: to wrap our arms around families walking this same path by providing practical, financial, and emotional support. Whether it is helping a parent who had to leave work, supporting a child who is falling behind in school, or building a community where parents can say 'I know exactly how you feel,' the trust will be there," she said.

> "Every parent naturally hopes to see their children grow, build independence, and live a happy life. You do not imagine dialysis schedules, fluid restrictions, sterile lines, or the heavy quiet of a hospital room. But that became our reality," said Ms Mangunu

Ms Mangunu appealed to members of the public and the business community to support the Trust, emphasising that every contribution, big or small, matters.

Together, she said, they could lighten the load so that parents could focus on holding their children's hands instead of worrying about bills, ultimately giving these children a piece of their childhood back.

The Trust's spokesperson, Ms Batshidi Moeti, also urged everyone to become part of Faith's story, a story of courage, hope, resilience, and the power of humanity.



North West District Council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng (right) and Faith Moloi, who is battling kidney failure, during the launch of the Faith Foundation Trust, which aims to mobilise resources and public support toward kidney patients. Faith needs P467,000 for a kidney transplant procedure in India scheduled for March next year. The money will also cater for travel and accommodation. Photo: Esther Mmolai

She noted that behind the medical terminology, hospital visits, and treatment schedules is a little girl with dreams, aspirations, and a future that should not be defined by her illness.

Through the Foundation, Ms Moeti explained that they intended to establish a coordinated fundraising and support initiative that brought together individuals, businesses, corporates, institutions, community organisations and other stakeholders.

"We want to create a platform through, which everyone, regardless of their financial capacity, can contribute meaningfully toward this cause. Our message is simple: every contribution matters, every partnership counts, and every act of kindness brings Faith closer to tomorrow," Ms Moeti said, emphasising the need to give the young girl an opportunity to continue living, growing, dreaming, and fulfilling her potential.

She expressed appreciation that Botswana remained a nation built on the values of compassion, community, solidarity and looking after one another. ***BOPA***

Khama outlines vision for GaMmangwato



Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato (centre), Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitsi of Tonota (right) and officials arriving for kgotla meeting in Tonota on Thursday. Kgosi Khama informed the residents about the envisioned GaMmangwato Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society, which would drive development, create employment opportunities, especially for the youth and ensure sustainable development in villages.
Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Kelebogile Taolo
TONOTA

Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato says communities under GaMmangwato territory must become self-reliant and be in a position to drive their region's development.

Kgosi Khama said this when addressing residents of Tonota on Friday, as part of his ongoing outreach to communities under GaMmangwato region.

He said plans were underway to establish a Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society to oversee businesses for all villages under GaMmangwato.

Kgosi Khama said the cooperative would drive development, create employment opportunities, especially for the youth and ensure sustainable development in villages.

The cooperative, he said, would empower communities to initiate and manage their own projects for the benefit of their people.

Kgosi Khama also revealed plans for GaMmangwato to have its own radio station and a bank.

Further, he said there were plans to develop some youth engagement programmes, as well as to identify and promote the sustainable use of heritage sites.

Going forward, he said it would also imperative to promote and protect cultural attire and norms.

He encouraged residents to take pride in their heritage and show it through their cultural attire, norms and practices.

"I want to see Bangwato taking pride in who they are. Wear your attire, and celebrate your culture. That is our identity which we pride ourselves with", Kgosi Khama said.

He further encouraged residents to unite and actively participate in the development of their villages.

"The strength of the tribe lies in its people and their willingness to work together for a common goal," he said. For his part, chairperson of GaMmangwato Committees, Kgosi Seretse Kebailele, echoed Kgosi Khama's sentiments on building the spirit of self-reliance in GaMmangwato.

Kgosi Kebailele said the idea was to work together to transform the lives of people in GaMmangwato territory.

He said Kgosi Khama had established committees to drive the initiative, citing among those committees the Culture and Heritage, Agriculture, Tourism, Finance, Youth and Sport committees.

Meanwhile, a representative of the Botswana Exporters and Manufacturers Association (BEMA), Ms Mantlha Sankoloba, said they had signed a Memorandum of Agreement to work with GaMmangwato to ensure that its products and services reached international markets.

She said BEMA would work with the committees to ensure that the people of GaMmangwato benefitted.

Also speaking at the event, Bank Gaborone general manager, Ms Tsholofelo Gorakane, said the bank would assist in different ways to ensure that the dream of establishing a GaMmangwato Bank became a reality.

Residents of Tonota welcomed the visit and expressed appreciation for Kgosi Khama's continued commitment to the community.

Many expressed hope that the proposed initiatives would bring positive change, create jobs and improve lives in Tonota District. ***BOPA***

Motswedi kgotla project behind schedule

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

Thema/Motswedi Kgotla Court President, Kgosi Serogola Seretse has expressed concern with regard to the slow progress of construction of Type II Customary Court Offices in Thema/Motswedi kgotla worth over P4 million.

The project, which has been awarded to Isago Group, was commissioned on July 6, 2026 and scheduled for completion on June 15, 2027.

Speaking during a tour of the facility, Kgosi Seretse said though the company engaged had commenced works, it lagged behind in meeting basic project site establishment standards; which included having a temporary project office structure, storage room, no security personnel as well as Safety Health and Environment Officer.

He said there were no temporary ablution facilities as well as other amenities necessary on site for the project to kick-start.

Additionally, Kgosi Seretse said the company did not have any source of water on site and used water from tribal offices without any contractual agreement.

As such, he said the company must consider settling related water bills.

To this end, he encouraged the construction company to expedite the project, adding that the community was optimistic for a swift delivery and awaiting to utilise the envisaged or planned facilities.

For his part, the project manager, from Lobatse Town Council Mr Odirile Mongwaketse confirmed that the construction of the project, which was awarded at a tune of P4,334,232.69 was behind schedule.



Kgosi Seretse expressed unease that the company engaged has commenced works but lagged behind in meeting basic project site establishment standards; which included having a temporary project office structure, storage room, security personnel and Safety Health and Environment Officer.

Therefore, he said the company was given 15 per cent of the overall project contract sum for mobilisation purposes at an amount of P607,384, 90.

"When we measure this amount against the progress of which it is currently at 10 per cent it means that the project is running in deficit," he said.

Mr Mongwaketse expressed concern that most of the basic building materials were not available on site, which included face bricks, which he noted was a setback emphasising that the track of the progress had been slow for the past 30 days.

Even though measures had been taken to notify the company director, he said she could not make it to the scheduled engagements.

"The project is at sub structure level. The progress of site establishment, offices, ablution blocks is slow.

When we look at the time schedule, 40 per cent of the allocated time has already lapsed which is costly," he said

Meanwhile, Isago Group site agent, Mr Tom Mothibakgomo said they were able to complete the slab and had not yet started with the footing.

He confirmed that the material supply was inadequate, adding that they were still awaiting arrival of face bricks on site.

However, he highlighted that they would work round the clock to expedite the site establishment as well as submission of programme of works.

He said Isago Group project superiors had already started mobilising the necessary resources to facilitate the team on site to ensure timely delivery of the project. ***BOPA***

Initiative to empower Panhandle communities

SHAKAWE

A community-led development programme for Okavango Panhandle communities aimed at capacitating community trusts, natural resource-based enterprises and communities of the Okavango District was launched in Shakawe on Friday.

Spearheaded by the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, the initiative promotes the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources while supporting livelihoods.

Giving a keynote address at the launch, Okavango District Assistant District Commissioner, Mr Ontatlhile Selatlho, said the aim of the initiative was for the Panhandle communities to lead their natural resource-based businesses in a sustainable way.

Mr Selatlho noted that a total of 14 community trusts, 50 natural resource-based enterprises, and communities affected by the human-wildlife conflict were set to benefit from the programme.

He observed that the HRDC's role is to assist government policy implementers with relevant and well-informed policies.

Mr Selatlho stated that with regard to the programme, the HRDC had brought in experts to assess the needs and challenges of community trusts, natural resource-based enterprises, and the heightened human-wildlife conflict affecting the Okavango district as a whole. He shared that some of the findings revealed that community trusts and enterprises struggle with bookkeeping, had not embraced technology to advance their enterprises, and face severe human-wildlife conflicts that negatively affect their day-to-day operations.

Through the programme, these community trusts and natural resource enterprises will be capacitated to address challenges at hand.

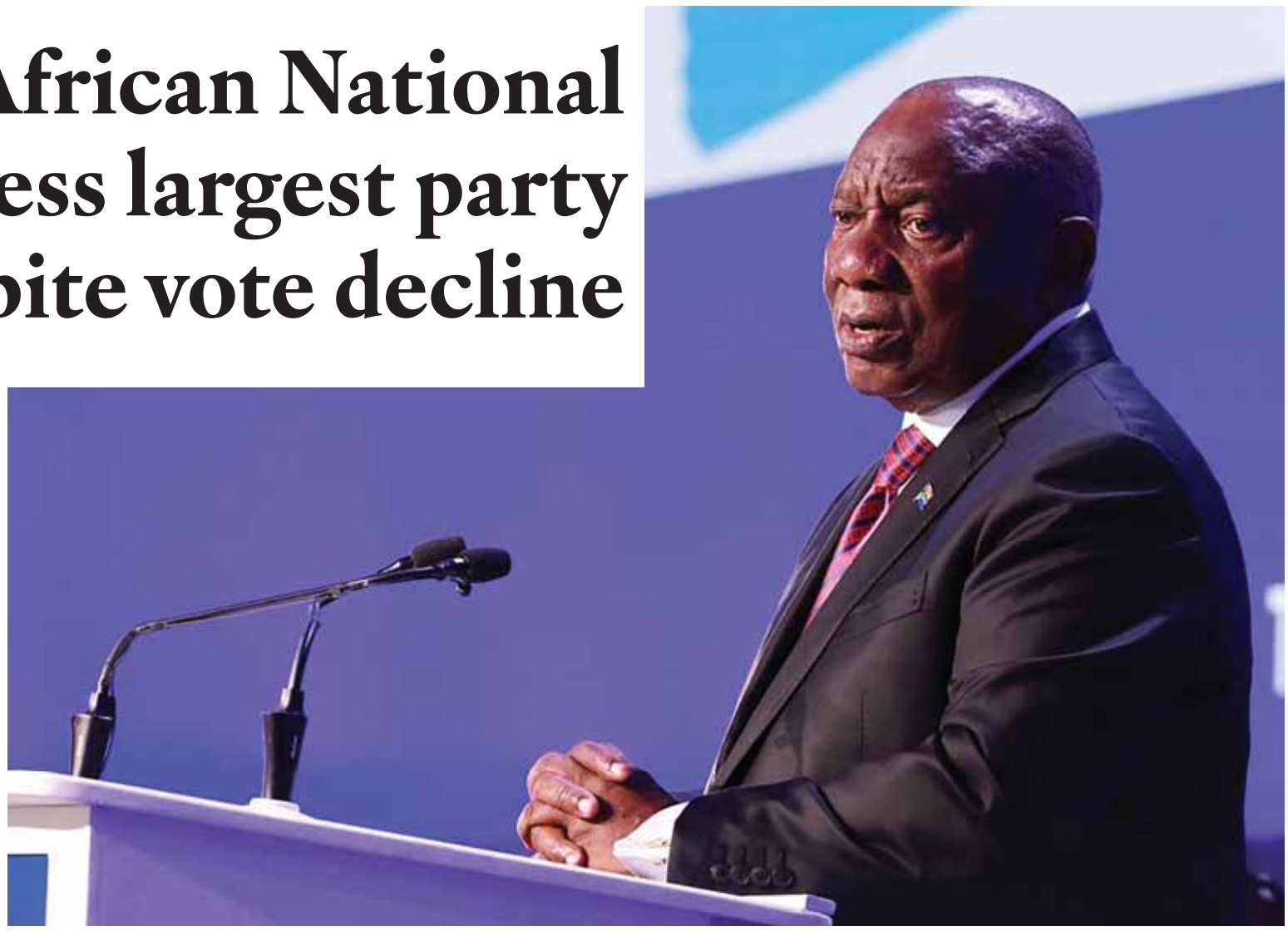
Furthermore, the Assistant District Commissioner emphasised the sustainable use of natural resources, which was imperative if future generation was to benefit.

Additionally, he implored public officers, who were policy implementers, to show commitment to the programme to ensure it bore the expected results of empowering community enterprises and promoting co-existence between humans and wildlife.

For his part, HRDC director Dr Oabona Nthebolang said the ultimate goal of the project was to see the prudent and sustainable use of natural resources by community trusts and small enterprises, improved access to local and international markets for their products, and a reduction in human-wildlife conflict.

Dr Nthebolang, who also serves as the project director, noted that the programme targeted youth, women, people living with disabilities, and marginalised communities, adding that the project would be implemented in phases. ***BOPA***

African National Congress largest party despite vote decline



JOHANNESBURG - *South Africa president Cyril Ramaphosa speaking during the announcement ceremony of the 2026 local government elections at the National Results Operations Center in South Africa on Sunday.* Photo: Xinhua

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) retained its position as the country's largest political party in the 2026 local government elections despite a sharp decline in voter support. (GCIS/Handout via Xinhua)

South Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) retained its position as the country's largest political party in the 2026 local government elections despite a sharp decline in voter support.

The results released by the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) on Sunday showed that the ANC, led by President Cyril Ramaphosa, received 30.76 percent of the votes counted nationwide, down more than 14 per centage points from the previous local elections in 2021.

The ANC's main rival, the Democratic Alliance (DA), secured 24.64 percent.

The uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) Party, led by former President Jacob Zuma, won 9.76 percent in its first contest in local government elections.

Data from the IEC showed the voter turnout for this election was 52 percent, higher than the 45.9 percent recorded in the 2021 local elections. The election marks another significant setback for the ANC, which has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. In the 2021 local government elections, the party received approximately 45.59 per cent of the vote, falling below 50 per cent for the first time in a nationwide local election.

Its support declined further in the 2024 national elections, when it secured 40.18 percent of the vote and lost its parliamentary majority for the first time since the country's transition to democracy.

The results also point to a changing balance of political forces across the country.

The ANC maintained its lead in several of its traditional strongholds, while the DA made significant gains in major urban centers, particularly in Gauteng.

The MK Party emerged as a major political force in KwaZulu-Natal, where it drew substantial support. In the closely watched contests across South Africa's eight metropolitan municipalities, the ANC was leading in Buffalo City and Mangaung, while the DA emerged as the largest party in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Tshwane, Ekurhuleni and Nelson Mandela Bay.

The MK Party led in eThekwini, which includes the coastal city of Durban.

The DA secured more than half of the votes in Cape Town, putting it in a strong position to retain its outright control of the city. In most of the other metropolitan municipalities, however, no single party appeared to win an outright majority, making coalition negotiations necessary.

Speaking at the announcement ceremony in Midrand on Sunday afternoon, Ramaphosa said the elections had demonstrated the strength of South Africa's democracy.

He congratulated the newly elected councillors and urged parties in municipalities without an outright majority to put community interests first and negotiate in good faith.

"Councils must be constituted without delay," he said, stressing that political disagreements must not disrupt service delivery.

One of the most significant implications of the elections is the further consolidation of multiparty politics and coalition governance at the local level.

Political parties are expected to engage in negotiations over governing arrangements, executive positions and policy priorities in municipalities where no party secured a majority.

The outcome is also likely to shape the political landscape ahead of the 2029 national elections.

The DA is expected to seek to build on its gains in urban areas, while the MK Party may continue to attract voters who have traditionally supported the ANC.

Other parties, including the Economic Freedom Fighters and ActionSA, will also seek to strengthen their positions in an increasingly competitive political environment. ***Xinhua***

Ghana eyes import exhibition to boost trade

ACCRA

Ghana is eyeing the China International Import Expo (CIIE) to expand exports, attract investment and strengthen trade ties with China.

The final list of Ghanaian exhibitors obtained from the Ministry of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry late Thursday showed that at least 28 local private companies were exhibiting at the CIIE, on Thursday in Shanghai, China.

Exhibitors represent a range of industries, including woodcraft, jewelry, cosmetics, hair products, traditional clothing, leather goods, food, cocoa, coffee and traditional Ghanaian woven fabrics.

"For Africa, CIIE provides an important gateway to China's vast market, offering opportunities to increase exports, attract investment, promote local industries, and facilitate technology transfer," Grace Nettey, principal commercial officer at the ministry, said in a written interview with Xinhua.

Nettey, who is part of the official Ghanaian delegation to the expo, said the West African country considers the CIIE a significant opportunity to showcase its economic potential, promote made-in-Ghana products, and position the country as "the hub for trade and investment" on the continent.

Ghana's participation in previous editions of the CIIE had strengthened the West African country's commercial relationship with China, giving Ghanaian businesses opportunities to showcase their products, engage potential buyers, and establish business partnerships, Nettey said. "The expo has contributed to creating opportunities for business engagements, market access, and stronger economic cooperation between the two countries," she said.

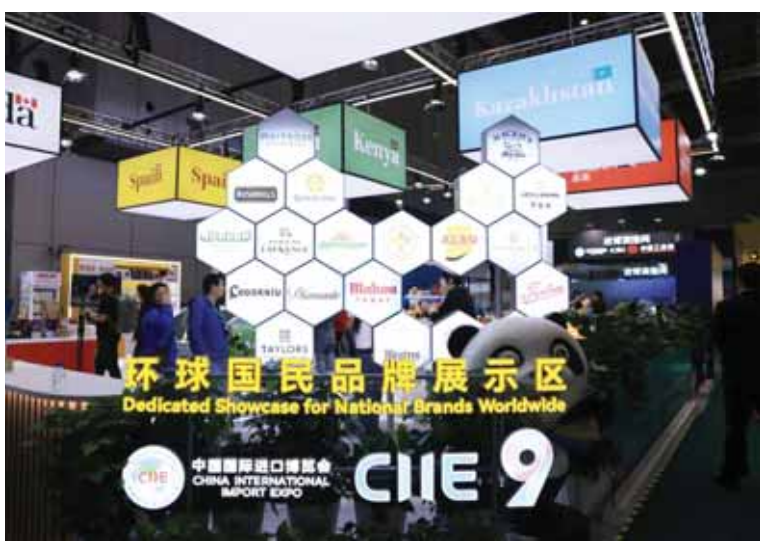
Moreover, she noted that the CIIE presented another unique opportunity to improve the competitiveness of Ghanaian products seeking entry into the Chinese market, increase exports, and diversify the country's export base.

"We intend to use the expo to promote products such as cocoa and cocoa products, cashews, shea butter, and processed agricultural goods, while also attracting investment into agribusiness and manufacturing," she said.

Beyond showcasing Ghanaian products, the official said Ghana looked forward to establish meaningful business partnerships, securing investment opportunities, and creating access to new markets during the event.

She said that Ghana had very high expectations for this year's CIIE, particularly following China's implementation of its expanded zero-tariff treatment of imports from all 53 African countries with which it had diplomatic relations, which took effect on May 1.

"Ultimately, we want Ghana's participation to translate into tangible economic benefits, including increased exports, job creation, industrial development, and stronger Ghana-China trade relations," she said. ***Xinhua***



SHANGHAI - *A dedicated ShowCase displaying national brands/ companies worldwide at the ninth China International Import Expo in China. Nations like Ghana said the expo was offering businesses opportunities to showcase their products, engage potential buyers and establish business partnerships*. Photo: Xinhua

CIIE springboard for Ivorian women entrepreneurs

ABIDJAN

From dried mangoes to hibiscus powder, two women entrepreneurs from Cote d'Ivoire took their products to the ninth China International Import Expo (CIIE), in Shanghai, hoping to expand their businesses and reach new markets. Nathalie Cahi discovered the commercial potential of dried fruit through a training session.

She ventured into the business of processing fruit and later set up her own company 2Saisons, which produces dried mangoes and pineapples, as well as other dried fruits and vegetables. It is also exploring formulations suitable for children and infants.

"Customers buy our products because they are tasty and healthy, with no added sugar or preservatives," Cahi said. For Cahi, the CIIE offered an opportunity to take her business to the next stage.

Beyond promoting her products, she hopes to connect with Chinese suppliers of equipment and packaging materials to upgrade her production capabilities and reach a broader market.

"I know there are many suppliers in China for our business. I will like to see what they can offer us so that we can make our production more self-sufficient," she said.

Asnath Adje, founder of the Lya Bissap brand, brought her hibiscus-based products to Shanghai also.

Hibiscus is traditionally consumed as a beverage in Cote d'Ivoire and other African countries. In 2010, while completing her university studies, Adje received support from a local organization in the Ivorian capital of Yamoussoukro to provide hibiscus-based products to patients, which inspired her to explore new ways of processing the plant and expanding its market potential.

She subsequently spent a year organizing free tasting sessions to introduce consumers to different hibiscus-based products, in the hope that she could transform the familiar traditional ingredient into new product forms.

Adje hopes to raise the international profile of Ivorian hibiscus and expand its export markets. At the CIIE, she plans to showcase a range of hibiscus products, including extra-fine powder and concentrate.

The products could find applications in the food-processing and cosmetics industries. For her, the CIIE offered an opportunity to gain a better understanding of Chinese buyers' needs, connect with potential business partners and pave way for her products to enter the Chinese market.

The ambitions of the two entrepreneurs reflect Cote d'Ivoire's growing efforts to expand local agricultural processing and diversify exports in recent years. The country is among the world's leading producers of cocoa, cashew nuts and rubber.

As processing capacity continues to improve, local enterprises are trying to transform more agricultural products into higher-value-added goods and further expand into overseas markets.

Rami Kone, head of the commercial events department at Agence Cote d'Ivoire Export, said that this was the first time Cote d'Ivoire participated in the CIIE with an officially organised delegation, and participating companies focused on processed products from key value chains, such as cocoa, coffee, cashew nuts and kola nuts.

"For us, every product should tell the story of Ivorian excellence," Kone said, describing the expo as an opportunity to promote the country's expertise and the" Made in Cote d'Ivoire" brand. ***Xinhua***



ABIDJAN - *A good harvest of cocoa. Women in cocoa business are hoping to use China International Import Expo as a springboard to improve their processing capacity and transform more agricultural products into higher-value-added goods and further expand into overseas markets as part of Cote d'Ivoire's growing efforts to expand agricultural processing and diversify exports.* Photo: Xinhua

Sudan dismisses famine claims

HARARE

The Government of Sudan on Thursday said that the food security situation in the country was stable, and dismissed claims by several donor nations of an unfolding food crisis in the war-torn country.

In a statement, Sudanese Deputy Mr Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Waddah Elsheikh said while the country welcomed humanitarian support provided by donors and international organisations, the government continued to supply food and medicine even under the most dire conditions of war and aggression.

He said Sudan had not experienced a famine, despite the deliberate sabotage of its resources, the looting of its strategic reserves, the destruction of its essential infrastructure and the displacement of its citizens from agricultural production areas.

"Through its relevant agencies, the government of Sudan is currently assessing the impact of rainfall shortages in certain areas exacerbated by the El-Nino phenomenon, climate change, and the expansion of desertification as well as the consequences of the killing of citizens and their forced displacement from agricultural zones.

Based on these assessments, the government has begun taking the necessary measures to promptly address food gaps in those affected areas.

The government regrets attempts by certain states and organisations to politically exploit the humanitarian situation in parts of Sudan. "

These actors he said sought to leverage these humanitarian conditions to advance their own political agendas, aiming to impose terms for a settlement under the guise of a humanitarian truce.

"In reality, such a truce would serve to rescue the rebel militia from its ongoing string of defeats, granting it a fresh opportunity to rearm and redeploy, thereby emboldening it to commit further atrocities, massacres," Elsheikh said.

Mr Elsheikh said this stands in clear violation of the Jeddah Declaration, which the Government of Sudan had accepted as the foundational framework for negotiations and ending the war. The Deputy Ambassador highlighted that while the government of Sudan reaffirms its ongoing commitment to cooperate with relevant humanitarian agencies, organisations, and bodies, it categorically rejects the politicisation of the humanitarian situation to serve agendas for which certain states had been actively garnering support.

"The Government will continue to fulfill its constitutional duty to protect civilians and provide relief to those in need, in accordance with the interests of its people, the protection of its national territory and security and the preservation of its unity, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

It takes pride in its track record of facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid to all Sudanese people, including those in areas under the control of the militia through agreed-upon corridors, airports and border crossings from neighboring countries as well as from within Sudan," he said.

Furthermore, Mr Elsheikh said the government facilitated the issuance of visas and movement permits for humanitarian aid workers and staff. "Its relevant authorities work around the clock to resolve any issues that may arise regarding the shared commitments to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid," he said. ***New Ziana***

Kenya firm launches certified used machinery brand

NAIROBI

Chinese heavy equipment manufacturer SANY Group launched its certified used machinery brand in Kenya on Thursday to enhance equipment affordability and reliability for local users.

The launch of SANY Certified Used in Nairobi was marked by the signing of a dealership agreement with Holman Brothers Kenya, which will distribute the company's certified used equipment in the Kenyan market.

Li Lei, general manager of SANY Used Certified, said the introduction of certified used machinery would provide greater assurance on the quality and reliability of used machines, while helping to address affordability challenges that local contractors and other equipment users were facing.

He said that through data-driven AI valuation models, real-time diagnostics and full lifecycle transparency, SANY hoped to redefine the used equipment market

in Africa. SANY will provide machinery buyers with verified operating hours of the units as well as comprehensive repair reports to help customers make informed purchasing decisions, Li added.

Sharat Varma, managing director of Holman Brothers Kenya, said the certified used equipment would be sold at approximately 70 percent of the price of new machinery, making it more accessible to contractors and businesses.

Varma said Holman Brothers planned to bring in 50 to 80 certified excavators, which would come with a six-month warranty, technical support and local after-sales services aimed at boosting customer confidence and reducing equipment downtime.

The launch comes as Kenya continues to invest in infrastructure development, with construction and mining activities creating demand for reliable and cost-effective heavy machinery. ***Xinhua***

VACANCY

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Arts & Culture

'Otjimbanderu language preservation priority'

Naomi Leepile
Tsabong

Central to the discussions at the second Ovambanderu National Conference in Tsabong, held under the theme: Celebrating Uniqueness in Diversity: A Call for Nation Building, was the preservation of the Otjimbanderu language.

Officiating at the conference, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe acknowledged concerns raised by community representatives regarding the presence of Otjimbanderu in public broadcasting and national life.

He assured the gathering that government was working to broaden the use of indigenous languages in media and was developing a national language policy in consultation with experts and local communities.

He called on elders, families, and young people to keep the language alive in daily conversation while leveraging digital tools to archive oral histories, proverbs and traditional knowledge.

Addressing participants at the conference on Saturday, Mr Gaolathe reflected on the 130-year journey of the Ovambanderu following their displacement from present-day Namibia in 1896.

He said the resilience of the Ovambanderu people and their historic contribution to the country's social and economic fabric cannot go unnoticed. He noted that despite facing immense hardship after the resistance led by Chief Kahimemua Nguvauva against German colonial rule, the community successfully rebuilt their lives across Ngamiland, Boteti, Tsabong, and other parts of Botswana.

He emphasised that their pastoral heritage, traditional attire, music, and the iconic Tjingirini flag remain living expressions of identity that enrich the nation.

Earlier in the proceedings, OvaMbanderu Traditional Authority Steering Committee chairperson, Mr Abia Kavei, outlined their key priorities.

These included reconnecting dispersed members across borders, fostering inclusivity among younger generations, evaluating progress made since their previous gathering in Ghanzi and promoting self-reliance through initiatives such as the OvaMbanderu Fund and local enterprise. *BOPA*



Ovambanderu choirs performing at the Ovambanderu National Conference in Tsabong on Saturday.

Artiste blends gospel with rhumba to spread the word

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

For gospel musician, Wethwezi Katengua, music is more than entertainment. It is a ministry through which he seeks to inspire faith, offer healing and bring people closer to God. Popularly known as Apostle Pee'H, Maun born, Katengua has nurtured his passion for music from an early age, drawing inspiration from his childhood experiences and love for rhumba.

Today, he is carving a distinctive musical identity by blending contemporary rhumba with gospel, creating a sound that allows believers to celebrate their faith through music and dance.

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Wethwezi Katengua



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (left) with the Ovambanderu Flagman and chairperson of Ovambanderu tribal community in Tjakau Kaphua in Tsabong on Saturday. Gaolathe encouraged the Ovabanderu to live as a collective. Photos: Washa Bofelwang.

Artiste blends gospel with rhumba to spread the word

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His artistic journey dates back to 1997 when he began participating in school choirs, traditional dance and drama.

Katengua's interest in music continued to grow, eventually leading him to record and release his first single, *Re a mo leboga*, in 2014. He has since released nine singles.

His latest offering, *Ke na le Modisa*, is a single from an upcoming album and was recorded at Oscar Productions (Pty) Ltd.

The song carries a deeply spiritual message centred on faith, trust and dependence on God, particularly during difficult moments.

Katengua draws inspiration from a personal spiritual experience in which he recall a vision of his grandmother reminding him of the lessons she had taught him, rooted in Psalm 23.

He says the experience reinforced the importance of holding on to faith even when confronted by life's darkest moments.

"Through this song, I want to remind listeners to always lean on God, regardless of the situations they may be going through. They should never doubt him because he is able to redeem them," he said. His choice of gospel-rhumba is equally rooted in childhood memories.

He recalls growing up watching his brother listen and dance to rhumba, an experience that gradually developed into a lasting musical passion.

Katengua's appreciation for the genre deepened later when he joined praise and worship groups, where he interacted with experienced musicians who also played rhumba.

For him, combining gospel with rhumba provides an opportunity to communicate spiritual messages while embracing changing musical tastes within the church.

He observes that contemporary worship has evolved, with modern sounds becoming increasingly accepted in church settings.

Gospel-rhumba therefore, offers an avenue to reach Christians who enjoy lively rhythms while maintaining the central message of the gospel.

Despite challenges encountered, Katengua remains determined to grow his musical ministry. He identifies limited support for emerging artists as one of the major obstacles confronting the creative industry, particularly the gospel music fraternity.

Therefore, he believes established musicians could do more to create opportunities for upcoming artists by sharing platforms, facilitating bookings and helping them gain exposure.

Looking ahead, his ambition is to establish a recording studio where he can produce music whenever inspiration strikes, while mentoring and nurturing other artists to develop their talents.

He encourages both established and upcoming musicians to remain committed to their craft, work hard and ensure their music reaches the intended audience. For Katengua, music should never be treated as a competition but as a universal language capable of connecting people across different backgrounds. He regards it as a form of healing and expression, believing that blending gospel and rhumba allows him to reach beyond traditional gospel audiences while remaining firmly grounded in his faith. *BOPA*



Writing gives author voice

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

A naturally reserved individual, Keaobaka Kgosi has found in writing a voice through which she can communicate feelings and experiences that are sometimes difficult to express verbally.

Her debut publication, *Subtle Letters: Your Venting Journal*, is a reflection of a journey, offering readers a safe space to confront their emotions, embrace vulnerability and reconnect with themselves.

Although she does not consider herself naturally expressive, her relationship with writing developed into a meaningful practice that eventually inspired her to share her personal approach to journaling with a wider audience.

Having practised journaling for at least five years, Kgosi says the habit became an important tool for navigating difficult emotions and understanding herself. "Writing became a way for me to communicate things I sometimes struggled to express verbally. I had been journaling for years before I considered turning that practice into a publication," she says. Through Subtle Letters, she seeks to challenge the perception that vulnerability must always be expressed eloquently or accompanied by an immediate lesson.

Instead, the journal encourages readers to acknowledge their emotions without feeling pressured to appear strong, positive or emotionally composed.

Kgosi believes authenticity begins with honesty, even when confronting uncomfortable feelings. She therefore designed the journal to allow individuals to acknowledge pain without having to justify it or rush toward healing.

She explains that the publication is not intended to dictate how readers should interpret their experiences but rather to provide reflective prompts that encourage personal examination, accountability and growth.

For her, journaling is not simply about recording daily events. It is about allowing thoughts to unfold and recognising how one's understanding of an experience can change over time.

She observes that an individual may initially write from a place of anger, but upon revisiting the same experience, discover a different perspective.

Such emotional progression, she believes, demonstrates that healing and self-discovery are rarely linear processes.

"Sometimes the most significant development is not what happens around you, but what begins to happen within you," she says.

Beyond providing an outlet for emotional expression, Kgosi believes journaling can help individuals confront truths they may have been avoiding.

She maintains that although writing does not automatically resolve every emotional struggle, it creates room for self-awareness, acceptance and personal growth

Her literary journey has also brought recognition beyond her personal writing space.

Being nominated for Best Debut Author at the African Authors Recognition Awards has been a particularly humbling experience, given that the journal began as a deeply personal project.

She says the recognition is not only an individual achievement but also an opportunity to amplify conversations around emotional vulnerability, expression and writing as a tool for self-discovery.

Looking ahead, she remains determined to preserve the honesty that inspired her debut publication rather than allow recognition or external expectations to dictate her creative direction.

She also cautions against romanticising pain or presenting journaling as a guaranteed solution to every emotional challenge.

For her, not every difficult experience needs a beautiful conclusion, and not every written reflection must produce an immediate lesson.

"Sometimes acknowledging that you are not okay is enough for that particular day," she says.

Through Subtle Letters, Kgosi hopes to remind readers that their emotions deserve space, their experiences matter and sometimes the first step toward understanding oneself is simply finding the courage to put thoughts on paper. *BOPA*



Keaobaka Kgosi

AI presents Africa with opportunities

Ketshepile More
GABORONE

Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng says Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers significant opportunities for Africa, enabling economic growth, innovation and improved social services.

Kelebeng said this during a roundtable discussion at the Creative Africa Nexus (CANEX) weekend in Lagos. CANEX weekend is a major Pan-African creative economy gathering organised by the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) through its CANEX programme.

The event brings together governments, policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs, artists, creative industry practitioners and development partners to promote Africa's creative and cultural industries as drivers of economic growth, employment, trade and investment.

Kelebeng said AI presented both opportunities and responsibilities. He said AI technologies could enhance processes in creative sector allowing creative entrepreneurs, particularly young Africans, to reduce costs and gain market entry. "With appropriate community participation, AI can also support the preservation and revitalisation of African languages and cultural heritage," Kelebeng said. He added that Africa cannot afford to be a spectator in this technological revolution. "We must participate in it, build African expertise and create solutions that serve African interests," he said. However, he said the technological revolution raise concerns about job displacement and the risk that AI could replace human creators in various sectors.

While not every threatened job may disappear, Kelebeng said there is genuine concern about disrupted livelihoods and a concentration of economic power with technology platforms.

"Leaders in AI have cautioned about these challenges, emphasising the need for human oversight and international cooperation," he said. Intellectual property concerns also arise as AI development can involve using creative materials without permission, leading to legal complexities regarding cultural ownership and compensation.

"For Botswana, these questions extend to our traditional basket designs, music, folklore, indigenous knowledge and cultural heritage. Africa's cultural wealth must not become a source of value for others while its custodians receive neither recognition nor fair participation in the returns," Kelebeng said.

Kelebeng said the challenge lies in balancing innovation with protection and inclusion; and said responsible experimentation, commercialisation and new creative businesses should be encouraged with stronger safeguards where the risk of harm is higher.

Botswana's strategic focus from 2025-2030 underscores the significance of integrating digital transformation, AI, and intellectual property protections into a competitive creative sector.

Therefore, Kelebeng said collaborative efforts with institutions like Afreximbank and CANEX could further support investments in African creative technology. He said Africa must leverage AI to enhance its cultural landscape while retaining ownership, fostering employment, and maintaining its human essence in the creative process. The 2026 CANEX weekend theme was: One People, United in Culture, Creating for the World. The event provided financing opportunities through Afreximbank; with commitment of US$2 billion to support Africa's creative industries over the 2024-2027 period. ***BOPA***

Botswana to host Regional Sports Awards

Anastacia Sibanda
LIVINGSTONE

Botswana will, for the first time, host the Regional Annual Sports Awards (RASA) in May 2027.

Speaking an interview on the sidelines of the Marketing, Business Development and International Relations commission, African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 CEO Stanley Mutoya expressed confidence that Botswana would host a memorable event, which would be used to celebrate sport and culture in an African country.

He said the main objective of RASA was to honour athletes, coaches, administrators, media and teams from Region 5 nations.

Meanwhile, addressing the Marketing, Business Development and International Relations commission, Mutoya challenged the commission to unlock the latent commercial value of the three flagship properties; Regional Annual Sports Awards, Regional Marathon and Region 5 Youth Games.

The Regional Sports Awards, he said they must evolve into a prestigious, marketable annual celebration of excellence with differentiated sponsorship tiers, premium hospitality, tables, broadcast and digital content, branded experiences, awards-related partnerships and an expanded business and tourism proposition.

"Our ambition for corporate tables is useful, but tables alone cannot define the commercial ceiling of RASA," he said.

Also, he said the Revised 5 revised strategic plan, under the rallying call: From Fruitfulness to Harvest, required a decisive shift from effort to outcomes.

"In the context of this Commission, fruitfulness is the visibility we create, the proposals we prepare, the conversations we initiate and the relationships we cultivate. Harvest is the sponsorship revenue received, the rights monetised, the products sold, the investment ventures operating profitably and the durable partnerships that finance our mission.," he said.

The African Union Sports Council Region 5 held a series of statutory meetings in Livingstone, Zambia, which had brought together representatives of its 10 member states to assess organisational performance during 2026, review progress in implementing the Region's Strategic Plan and plan for the year ahead.

The meetings brought together specialised commissions responsible for women in sport, sport for people with disabilities, budget, finance, risk and legal affairs, physical education, sports development and recreation, marketing, business development and international relations, human resources, education and training, high performance, and governance, audit and ethics. ***BOPA***



African Union Sports Council Region 5 CEO Stanley Mutoya has expressed confidence that Botswana would host a memorable Regional Sports Awards in May next year.



Khoemacau Cycling Club after being declared Lake Ngami Cycle Classic champions in the corporate category in Toteng on Saturday. The event, which brought together cyclists, runners and walkers across the country aims at driving sustainable development in the Ngamiland region. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Khoemacau teams shine at Lake Ngami Classic

Esther Mmolai
TOTENG

Khoemacau Copper Mine Cycling Club teams displayed a sterling performance snatching the top two spot in the highly competitive 106km corporate category race at the fifth edition of the Lake Ngami Cycle Classic Challenge at Toteng over the weekend.

The host, highlighted not only individual talent, but an incredible display of team strategy and harmonisation. Karowe Cycling Team from Letlhakane settled for position three.

In the individual female sub veteran category, a prominent cyclist, Wame Ntwayakgosi finished in position one ahead of Loretta Mothibedi and Edna Gasemokwena of Tsela Riders and Khoemacau Clubs respectively.

In the 140km race (U23 category), Rebaone Khonofu from Tsela Riders Club was crowned the champion followed by his teammate, Gomolemo Kealotswe and Letso Maikano of Team Swift settled for third position.

The elite category title was clinched by Andrew Chikwakwa of Morupule club, while Lotlamoreng Ikaneng of Jwaneng and Gontse Lethokwe of Khoemacau club finished in second and third position respectively.

In the veterans' category, Jackson Ruwona of Khoemacau outclassed his competitors, Shine Poko of Team Swift and Shepherd Baatlhodi of Botswana Power Corporation.

Organised by Khoemacau mine, the annual exciting race reflects the mine's commitment to use cycling as a vehicle for positive change in promoting wellness, uniting communities and driving social upliftment across host villages.

Its primary purpose is to raise funds for community development initiatives and address challenges faced by the communities within the vicinity of the mine.

Speaking during the award ceremony, MMG Khoemacau general manager, Logic Sebopeng appreciated that the race had grown significantly over the years citing that this year, they registered over 800 participants as compared to last year where they only registered 600 riders and runners.

The event does not only promote health and wellness but also serves as a key fundraising platform for the mine's corporate social responsibility initiative which directly support the surrounding communities of Sehithwa, Komana, Toteng, Legotlhwane, Somelo, Bodibeng and Botlhatlogo.

"It is good to see so many cyclists, riders, runners and walkers under one roof supporting a noble cause. We are grateful that every kilometre you made will continually change the lives of our learners in schools and the members of community at large in terms of providing potable water to the villages that are within our vicinity. I was told that we have raised over Pl.1 million through this challenge and we could not have achieved that without your efforts, support and sponsorship," he added. The chief walker, Sandfire Mine general manager, Candy Godie appreciated the event, saying it brings together people, purpose and a shared commitment to healthier, stronger and more resilient communities.

She acknowledged the organisers for bringing together business partners, community leaders and members of community to ride for sustainable communities.

"I would like to commend Khoemacau for continuing to champion this initiative and for recognising that the responsibility for certain sustainable impact extends beyond communities closest to your mining operations. The fact that this cycle classic has been able to bring participants from different sectors across the country is a testimony that when we partner in this way, more value can be unlocked," she said. ***BOPA***

SVM fight drugs through sport

Bakang Raphala
LOBATSE

The Sport Volunteers Movement Lobatse Region on Friday held its annual community engagement to address challenges facing the community, particularly drugs and substance abuse.

Addressing attendees, Kgosi Serogola Seretse applauded the organisation for engaging the community through spreading information about drugs and substance abuse.

He emphasised that drugs and substance abuse was a concern and thus encouraged unity on the fight against drugs.

A Lecturer at Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) under the Psychiatric Mental Health Department, Aobakwe Masoloko said young people may face pressure from peers, academic stress, loneliness or mental health struggles, and some may use alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or other drugs to relax, fit in or numb pain.

"But this was an unhealthy way of coping that could create more harm over time," she said.

She thus encouraged young people to keep going after disappointment or failure.

Masoloko also encouraged them to set boundaries, leave situations where drugs or alcohol were present, keep connections with people who respect their choices, limit social media if it increases stress, take a walk, play music or exercise, contact a counsellor or health professional and get enough sleep.

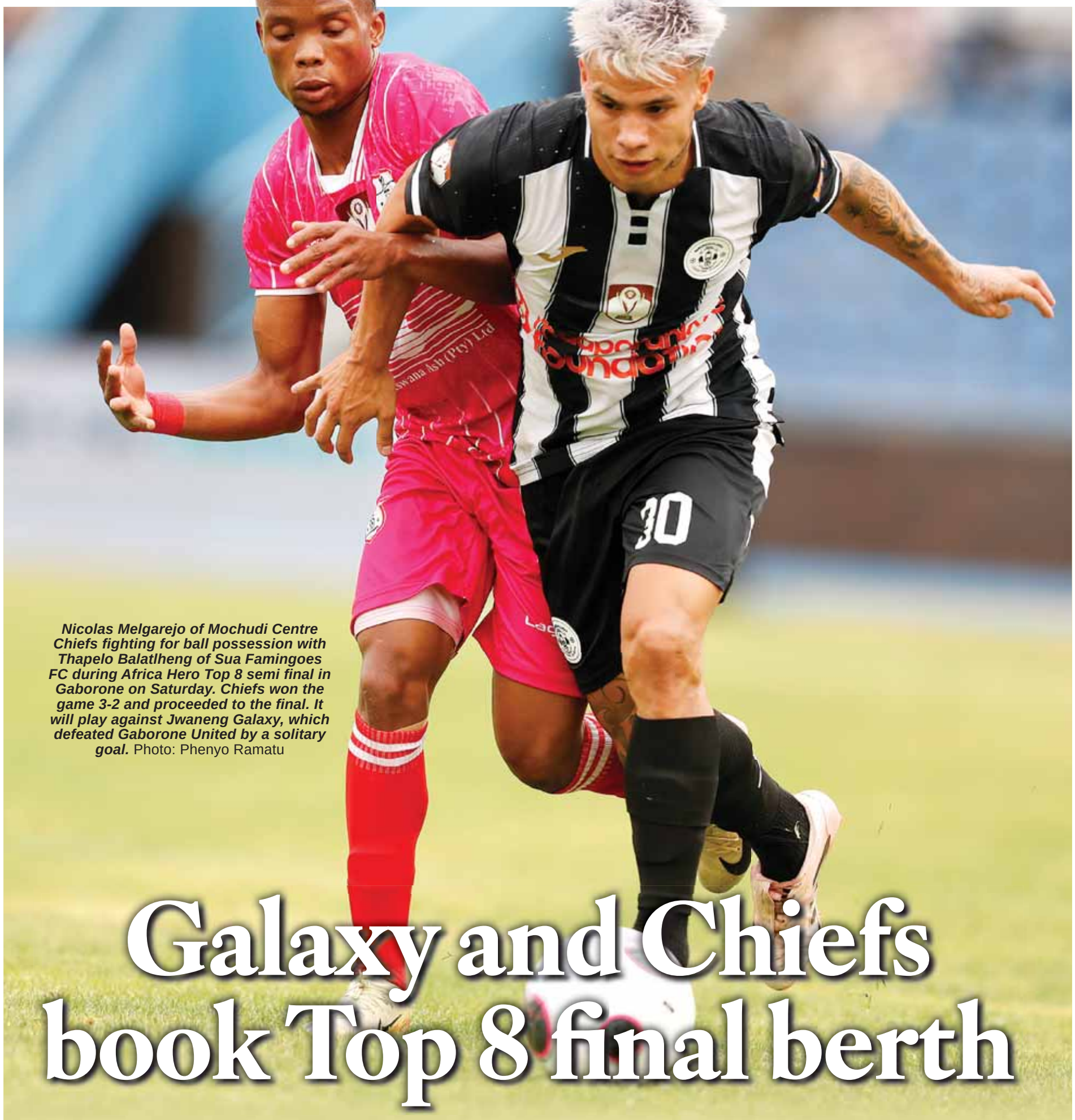
She urged families to encourage their children to talk if there was a problem and have family floor time, while the community should offer safe youth activities like sports and skills building centres, have non-judgmental support systems and connect young people with nurses, counsellors, social workers or substance use services.

Masoloko said substance-related problems could be treated, adding that even though recovery was possible it might take time hence, she encouraged professional assistance rather than trying to manage serious problems alone. ***BOPA***

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Nicolas Melgarejo of Mochudi Centre Chiefs fighting for ball possession with Thapelo Balatlheng of Sua Famingoes FC during Africa Hero Top 8 semi final in Gaborone on Saturday. Chiefs won the game 3-2 and proceeded to the final. It will play against Jwaneng Galaxy, which defeated Gaborone United by a solitary goal. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Galaxy and Chiefs book Top 8 final berth

Baleseng Batlotleng
GABORONE

Jwaneng Galaxy will clash with Mochudi Centre Chiefs in a highly anticipated explosive maiden African Hero Top 8 final match at the National Stadium on December 12.

Reneilwe Letsholonyane's Magosi, as Chiefs are fondly called, advanced to the final match after staging a dramatic 3-2 comeback victory against Sua Flamingoes FC in the first semifinal match of the Top 8 double header played at the National Stadium on Saturday.

Chiefs found themselves staring down the barrel of a disastrous semi-final defeat as Sua Flamingoes scored twice inside the first half in quick succession.

Nippy striker, Kenneth Muguna and national Under 23 utility player, Tsholofelo Speakson both took advantage of some pitiful defending to give Sua a commanding lead much to the surprise of Magosi faithfuls who were in good spirits through song and dance.

The situation looked dire during the course of the first period with the visitors throwing everything in their armoury to dismantle Chiefs.

Former Township Rollers marksman Thapelo Balatlheng nearly added more woes for Magosi but a well stretched save from Keoagile Kgosipula saved the day.

Toward the half hour mark Tlhalefo Molebatsi broke freely inside the box but his effort flew wide with Motswagole well beaten.

The introduction of Omphile Vissagie and Kgosietsile Ernest in the first half helped shift the momentum.

Buoyed by their never-say-die supporters, Magosi pushed hard and were finally rewarded after a nice build up resulting in an inch perfect cut back from Kevin Ndebele, which was easily slotted past Kenneth Mmoko by an oncoming Gilbert Baruti.

Four minutes into the second half Chiefs leading goal scorer in the competition Mpho Kgaswane equalised from a rebound inside the box.

With both tied at two goals apiece, Chiefs looked the hungrier with endless attacks

Past the hour mark, Baruti waved in a corner kick and Chiefs defender Benson Mosokobanji rose above his markers to head home a perfect goal and send Maaparankwe into wild raptures.

Sua did not sit back but went for the jugular in the dying minutes and nearly forced the game into extra time but were indecisive in front of Kgosipula.

In the second semifinal of the night, Gaborone United watched in disbelieve as Jwaneng Galaxy held to their solitary18th minute strike until the end of the game.

Kgotso Radithongwa hit one past Thabo Motswagole and by the time referee Thabang Ketshabile blew the final whistle, the goal cemented Galaxy's road to the final.

Galaxy earned victory in the close contest but awaits the real test when they square up against Magosi in the final match in December. ***BOPA***