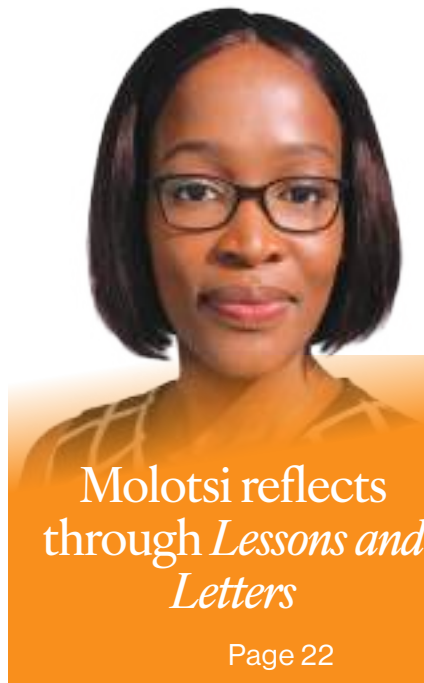


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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe during a panel discussion at the official opening of the AviaDev Africa conference in Gaborone yesterday. Mr Gaolathe said air connectivity would be central to Botswana's economic diversification under the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan and its participation in the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, adding that the country aimed to position itself as a regional transport hub and trade corridor. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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'Global changes demand adaptable skills'

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Global changes driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies are reshaping business operations and creating demand for new and adaptable skills, says Speaker of Parliament, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse.

Officially opening the 9th Strategic Human Resource Conference in Gaborone on Tuesday, Mr Keorapetse therefore stressed the need for talent development, ethical leadership, and supportive workplace environments.

He said workers expected workplaces that were inclusive, ethical and responsive to their needs.

Addressing the conference theme: Shaping the Future of

Work in Africa: AI, Labour Reform and Human-Centered Leadership, Mr Keorapetse said Africa faced the challenge of encouraging innovation while ensuring that technological progress remained people-centred and inclusive.

He further noted that as new skills became essential, young Africans were seeking meaningful employment opportunities and greater participation in economic development.

"The future of Africa depends on the quality of its human capital," he said.

He also challenged African countries to strengthen their institutions and economies to curb brain drain and protect critical sectors such as healthcare and education.

One of the speakers, health practitioner, Prof. Kiran Bhagat highlighted the growing impact of workplace stress on employee health and productivity.

Prof. Bhagat said stress-related conditions such as headaches, cardiovascular diseases, and

other health complications were becoming increasingly common.

He noted that mental and emotional abuse often go unrecognised despite their significant contribution to poor health outcomes and reduced workplace performance.

He argued that prescribing

antidepressants or relying on temporary remedies was insufficient to address mental health challenges caused by toxic work environments.

Instead, he advocated for a deeper understanding of the social, emotional, and environmental factors affecting employees' well-

being.

According to Prof. Bhagat, achieving true wellness required tackling the root causes of stress and unhealthy behaviours, particularly within workplace settings, rather than focusing solely on medication and symptom management. **BOPA**

BOMAID introduces App for wellness management

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Given the demanding nature of their work, media practitioners have been implored to prioritise their health and overall well-being to avoid burnout.

The call was made by Botswana Medical Aid Society (BOMAID) corporate communication manager, Ms Tshepo Maphanyane during a meet and greet with media personnel in Maun on Monday.

She noted that journalists were doing a sterling job to inform and educate the nation and yet faced relentless news cycles, tight deadlines and chronic exposure to distressing events.

She thus urged them to take advantage of the organisation's Thrive with BOMAID Media Health Challenge aimed at encouraging all journalists' country wide to prioritise their overall well-being amid their stressful work.

To participate in the challenge, journalists were encouraged to join through the Thrive app, a smart technology used for health intelligence to track fitness goals and entire health goals.

She described it as a personal trainer that encouraged people to do regular exercises, which were essential for a longer healthier life as it promoted health and early detection of non-communicable diseases.

While the App was designed for BOMAID customers, Ms Maphanyane highlighted that they extended the service to the media practitioners because they viewed them as critical stakeholders.

"Your health to us is an investment hence we saw it fit to reward you through this challenge because you are doing a sterling job and yet you face occupational hazards that comes with the job. Your profession is faced with

challenges and this is the time to step up, stay active, put your health first and earn rewards every step. Winners will be determined by consistency and activity tracked in the app to win prize monies ranging from P10,000, P7,500 and P5,000 for first to third prize," she added.

Ms Maphanyane is of the view that people should not be dying from non-communicable diseases because they hold significant control over many risk factors of such diseases.

When people reach a certain age, she said health issues would invite themselves and the thrive app could arrest the situation.

BOMAID human resource manager, Mr Ogotse Kganyane conceded that the initiative was good as it improved the overall wellness and health be it physical, mental, emotional as well as cardio life.

He described it as an active health management service that lowered stress levels.

He emphasised that journalists were highly susceptible to stress and its detrimental health effects due to the demanding nature of their profession and with the Thrive media challenge, they could manage their welfare and wellness journey.

"Prioritising health through the use of Thrive technology is essential for sustaining long term wellbeing and professional resilience. This initiative is meant to improve and save lives because it can detect heart rate, fatigue and other health risks", he said.

Mr Kganyane further noted that workers' well-being affected not only their health but also their effectiveness hence it was advisable to exercise all the time.

In the workplace, he said the app also was good to reduce absenteeism and boost productivity and retention. **BOPA**



Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa (right) and Tlokweg Land Board chairperson, Mr Elijah Katse during debates on the upgrade of Tlokweg into a township recently. Kgosi Puso and councillors unanimously rejected the proposal saying it was a cultural and existential threat. Photo: Baleseng Batlotleng

Tlokweg Council rejects township upgrade proposal

Baleseng Batlotleng
TLOKWENG

Tlokweg District councillors have unanimously rejected a proposal by government to upgrade their village to a township.

Debating the proposal on day three of the Tlokweg District Council full session on Wednesday, the councillors shared the same sentiments and cited fears over cultural erosion, loss of land rights under township laws and instead advocated for a 'smart village' model.

Led by Kgosi Puso of Batlokwa, the council advanced reasons how the proposal threatened their cultural existence and land ownership rights.

Government plans to declare Tlokweg a township as part of a national spatial strategy aimed at accommodating rapid urban migration and economic expansion.

The proposal has been met with resistance from Batlokwa leadership and residents alike in the preceding public engagements such as kgotla meetings in the recent past.

Kgosi Puso said the move was a sensitive matter, which sought to annihilate the cultural fabric of Batlokwa.

"For the Batlokwa, this move threatens not only the loss of

their last communal landholdings, but also the erosion of a cultural heritage that has endured for centuries. It seeks to annihilate the fabric that defines the Batlokwa tribe and we see that as a violation of the republican Constitution," said Kgosi Puso.

He said the proposal impacted heavily on the pre-existing rights to land ownership by Batlokwa to their ancestral land.

He said the Bogosi Act advocated for the promotion of the welfare of Morafe by Kgosi and that land was a resource that advanced such.

"Land is the umbilical cord that connects the ancestral heritage to the community. We see this proposal as a historical injustice that is just presented under the pretext of bringing developments," added Kgosi Puso.

Matlala Ward councillor, Mr Tiro Sediakgotla said the proposal underpinned the loss of cultural identity of the Batlokwa people as a tribe.

He said embracing the transition as proposed would heavily weigh on the Bogosi system and undermine the dikgosi's authority.

Cllr Sediakgotla also highlighted the financial burdens and economic woes associated with the transition.

Lenganeng Ward councillor, Ms Martha Matlotse said socio-economic developments could reach Tlokweg without the village transitioning into a township.

She decried lack of land as the main factor for her disapproval.

Letlapeng ward councillor, Mr Collen Mochotlhi said land ownership was manageable under the current set up and that the level of developments in Tlokweg was high over the past period.

Nominated councillor, Ms Kedibonye Batlang said Tlokweg tribal authority must focus on remodeling the village into a smart model village and disregard the proposal of upgrading to a township.

Tlokweg Land Board chairperson, Mr Elijah Katse said the village was recognised constitutionally as a traditional village with Kgosi and his morafe and the latter had a constitutional obligation to retain their status as a tribe.

Earlier, Tlokweg District Council Physical Planner, Ms Motsei Tlagae laid the strategic background and highlighted that the proposal was intended to foster social development and sustainable resource use, guiding the transformation of Tlokweg into a formal township that could better align with the broader urban economy.

She said the council had taken a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process to assess the feasibility and desirability of upgrading the village to township status. **BOPA**

No intent to increase alcohol levy - Boko



President Advocate Duma Boko (centre), Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima (left) and AB-inBev Africa president, Mr Richard Rivett-Carnac during a courtesy call at the Office of the President yesterday. President Boko said government had no intention to increase alcohol levy. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

Government has no intent to increase the alcohol levy. Instead, it will focus on how the industry can benefit from the proposed 24-hour economy.

First introduced as a public health and revenue measure, Botswana's alcohol levy currently stands at 35 per cent on the cost of production for locally manufactured and imported alcoholic beverages.

The figure is a decrease from 55 per cent and serves to boost investor confidence as well as support the local beverage industry.

Speaking during a courtesy visit by Kgalagadi Breweries Limited management yesterday, President Advocate Duma Boko said government was yet to review the alcohol levy, but nonetheless, emphasised the importance of responsible consumption of the product.

"I do not think government will be looking at increasing the alcohol levy rates anytime soon and if there would be any discussion on the matter, it could be on decreasing the levy rate," he said.

With KBL anticipating a 25 per cent profit decline in the first quarter as retailers continue to struggle with market instability, President Boko noted that the advent of a 24-hour economy would present a glimmer of hope and boost economic activity though it was evident that the current economic challenges had an impact on household spending.

He nonetheless highlighted that the current economic hurdles could be a blessing in disguise, that challenged the country to speed up the economic diversification drive.

"We now have to appreciate in a very practical and real way what it means to diversify, and have to diversify under the pressure of calamity, which calls for all stakeholders to be hands on deck," said President Boko.

He said the growth and diversification of the economy would attract links and connections with all sectors, as government had taken the first step of easing travel of all goods and services.

Additionally, President Boko noted that unregulated online gambling was emerging as a real and imminent threat in all facets of life as the digital space had made it easily accessible.

AB-InBev (a subsidiary of SA Miller) president, Mr Richard Rivett-Carnac, stated that the alcohol industry was one of the major contributors to the global economy and Botswana was no exception with the industry contributing P2.4 million to the GDP and almost P6 billion annually in tax revenue.

He said the alcohol industry continued to accelerate economic growth, thus emphasised KBL's commitment to fully contribute in the country's economic stimulus process.

"We understand that the country is currently facing a difficult economic meltdown but we however, believe in government resuscitation process," he said.

He stated that KBL fully believed in growing and investing in the alcohol industry as a way of contributing to economic growth.

To that end, Mr Rivett-Carnac said KBL would continue to grow the tax base which came with increasing production, more jobs opportunities as well as an increase on sales volumes.

The company is aiming to increase its production investment from last year's P128 million to a further P200 million this year in an effort to drive local production which would translate in growth in the local economy, Mr Rivett-Carnac said.

The P200 million investment, he said would be channeled toward scaling up production for exportation purposes.

"We have already started piloting process of the local beer exportation to Zambia and we are also working on exporting the local brewing power to the region," he said.

Mr Rivett-Carnac stated that the investment would be towards industrialisation and improving the company's footprint locally.

BOPA

Air connectivity vital to economic growth

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Air connectivity will be crucial as Botswana aims to diversify its economy through the Botswana Economic Transformation Plan (BTEP) and the country playing its role within the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe has said.

Speaking in a fireside chat during the AviaDev Africa official opening ceremony in Gaborone yesterday, Mr Gaolathe, also Minister of Finance, said Botswana being strategically positioned at the centre of Southern Africa, saw itself as a land linked country that could become a regional transport hub and trade corridor.

For this to happen, Mr Gaolathe

expressed hope that over the next decade, more airlines and aviation industry players could invest in the country and partner with Botswana to realise the country's full potential.

He said while in the past Botswana had been good at policy formulation without that necessarily following up with implementation, the need to diversify the economy had become an 'existential challenge' as the country could no longer afford to rely on a single commodity, diamonds, but now had to 'diversify or perish'.

He detailed how Botswana had a strategic national aspiration of attaining a True North of transforming the country into a high income, digitally enabled, export driven and economically diversified nation where every citizen was employed, empowered and fulfilled.

With BTEP having an emphasis of tourism boosting high value sustainable growth, manufacturing driving export-driven industrialisation, the country need, to be more connected to continental and global markets through aviation, Mr Gaolathe said.

To this end, he said government had worked on ensuring that viable business projects were developed through BTEP labs, and on creating an enabling environment for innovative investors and entrepreneurs to implement practical business solutions.

He said the country was investing in skills development of Botswana's human resource and planning the upgrade of critical infrastructure

such as the Maun International Airport.

Acting Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang said improved access was a catalyst for global competitiveness and increased value the nation could derive from tourist destination such as the Okavango Delta, Kalahari Desert, Makgadikgadi Salt Pans and Chobe.

He said the Botswana Air Access initiative, launched by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAAB) in 2024 aimed to increase local, regional and international air connectivity to Botswana through securing route expansions and new carrier engagements.

With 600 delegates registered, 50 per cent of them arriving in Botswana for the first time, and 51 airlines, airport authorities, aviation industry service providers and tourism bodies represented from across the world, this was their biggest African event in a decade, AviaDev founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Jon Howell said.

AviaDev (an acronym for Aviation Development) Africa is a leading platform dedicated to enhancing air connectivity in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Running from Wednesday to today, the event is the continent's leading aviation route development forum, serving as a platform for networking geared at strengthening air routes, cultivating strategic partnerships and unlocking opportunities for tourism, trade, and investment across Africa.

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Residents await judgement in quarry damage case

Thandy Tebogo
KANYE

Residents of Lokgwapheng ward in Ranaka are awaiting a judgment date from the Land Tribunal in a case where they are demanding compensation from Builders Place (Pty) Ltd for extensive damages to their houses.

The developments transpired on Monday during a hearing held at the Kanye Records Centre before Land Tribunal president, Ms Motlalefi Baipaakanyi.

The residents attribute large and deep cracks in their houses to blasting operations at the nearby Ranaka quarry.

The defense attorney, Mr Unoda Mack, requested to be furnished with a lease for the Molapowabojang quarry by the land board attorney within seven days and is expected to file by July 23, after which a judgment date will be set.

Giving evidence on the quarry application, Moshupa Sub-land Board chairperson, Mr Molatlhegi Motshwarateu, said that the responsibility for compensating affected Ranaka residents should fall on the office that issued the mining permit.

Mr Motshwarateu pointed out that the land board only granted surface rights after a mining license had already been allocated by the Department of Mines. That, he said was in response to Land Tribunal president, Mr Baipaakanyi, who had asked for his opinion on who should bear the burden of compensation.

However, according to the Mines and Minerals Act, a mining company was strictly and primarily liable for any damage caused to surface property, such as houses, by its operations, regardless of which office issued the operating license.

Mr Motshwarateu testified that he first encountered Builders Place (Pty) Ltd's application in 2019 at the Moshupa Sub-Land Board, where the company applied to operate a quarry at a location called Kwahu. He said the initial application was deferred because it lacked required signature from the land overseer.

He added that Builders Place later resubmitted the application accompanied by a letter from Village Development Committee (VDC) and the form was signed by one Mr Molao Modukanele, a local tribesman.

said that while a chief typically signed and a land overseer accompanied the land board during allocations, the board proceeded under the belief that the land overseer was fully aware of the development. Consequently, he said the land board granted

provisional approval and Builders Place subsequently conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), applied for a mining license and secured surface rights.

According to residents, the owner of Builders Place, Mr Mpho Rowland, met with the community, but failed to assess the blasting damages or show them the exact boundaries of the proposed mining area.

On one hand, Mr Motshwarateu noted that the owner operated under the impression that the community was already well aware of the location.

Furthermore, he said the land board originally approved the application believing the site was Kwahu, only to discover later that the quarry was actually operating in Momare.

He emphasised that standard procedure required a technical officer to conduct a site visit alongside the land overseer, the applicant and neighbouring plot owners.

Mr Motshwarateu stated that applications were typically rejected if the technical officer provided incorrect data. In that case, he said the information provided was flawed because the submitted sketch plan failed to show any neighbouring properties, including a nearby lodge plot.

He admitted that the land board would not have approved the application had it been aware of such existing allocations.

During cross-examination, Mr Mack countered that he believed the sketch plan used was the officially signed one designated as NLB 46.

The tribunal also heard testimony from Ms Kamogelo Kemaketse, a resident of Lekgwapheng ward in Ranaka who said that the blasting caused her house to shake and tremble, resulting in broken windows, shattered floors and deep structural cracks.

She testified that she reported the damages to the village kgotla because she did not know who owned Builders Place, adding that she would have filed a direct claim with the company had she known the owner.

She further noted that the gravel pit was located in an area previously used for livestock kraals.

She recalled encountering company employees dismantling the kraals and when she questioned them about community consultation, they replied that they were merely carrying out orders as employees.

The response followed an initial question from Mr Mack regarding whether she had ever formally lodged a claim against Builders Place. **BOPA**



O-Green national workforce and in-country value manager, Dr Abeer Alkalbani (left) handing over medical commodities to North West District Council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng in Maun on Tuesday. The supplies, donated by O-Green, will be distributed to 12 clinics across the North West District to support healthcare service delivery. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgathitswe

O-Green donates medical supplies to North West District

Gaolethoo Kgathitswe
MAUN

Healthcare services in the North West District have received a boost following the donation of medical supplies to 12 health posts by O-Green, a gesture aimed at

supporting healthcare delivery and improving access to essential medical resources.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, O-Green national workforce and in-country value manager, Dr Abeer Alkalbani, said the company believed in

creating meaningful impact within communities in which it operates.

She said the donation reflected O-Green's commitment to supporting community wellbeing through practical interventions that responded to local needs.

Dr Alkalbani noted that healthcare remained a fundamental pillar of community development and expressed hope that the supplies would contribute to improved service delivery across the district.

"At O-Green, we believe in meaningful work within the community, and this donation is about supporting health services in a practical way that can make a real difference in people's lives," she said.

Receiving the donation, North West district commissioner Mr Thabang Waloka expressed appreciation to O-Green for the contribution, describing it as an example of how partnerships between government and the private sector could positively impact communities.

He said the supplies would assist healthcare facilities in meeting the needs of residents, particularly in a district characterised by vast distances and dispersed settlements.

Mr Waloka noted that collaborative efforts between stakeholders remained critical in addressing development challenges and improving access to essential services.

North West District Council (NWDC) chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng also commended O-Green for the gesture, saying the donation came at a time when healthcare facilities continued to require adequate resources to meet growing demand.

He said the supplies would contribute significantly towards supporting healthcare workers and improving service delivery across the district.

Mr Kelebetseng encouraged continued partnerships between government, development partners and the private sector, saying such collaborations played an important role in uplifting communities and strengthening public services.

The donation will be distributed among 12 clinics in the district include, 12 BP monitors, 12 glucose monitors, up to 3000 lancets and strips, 12 portable coding units, and up to 1 600 of rapid test kits for HIV and syphilis. **BOPA**

Albinism day to promote inclusion and fight stigma

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

As preparations gather momentum for International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD), organisers are seeking support to ensure this year's commemoration is successful.

Secretary general of Tshimologo Association for People with Albinism, Ms Mpho Sylvia Setabo, said the organisation was currently engaging potential sponsors ahead of the event to be observed on June 12, and will be held in Gaborone on June 19.

This year's theme is "Proudly in My Skin: Celebrating Different Skin Tones."

Approximately 500 participants, including children, parents, and other stakeholders from across the country are expected to attend the event.

Although International Albinism Awareness Day has been commemorated locally since 2015, Ms Setabo noted that securing sponsorship remained a challenge. However, she acknowledged significant progress in public attitudes toward people living with albinism.

"There is now greater awareness, understanding, and acceptance of people living with albinism due to ongoing advocacy and awareness campaigns. Society is more informed, and the level of hostility and harmful stereotypes has decreased," she said. Despite these gains, Ms Setabo emphasised that stigma, myths, and discrimination persist in some communities. She said continued education, stronger policy implementation, and more inclusive practices were needed to address the remaining challenges.

She encouraged members of

the public to participate in the commemorations, stressing that the event was not exclusively for people living with albinism.

According to Ms Setabo, sustaining the annual event was vital for raising awareness, educating the nation, and reducing discrimination against people living with albinism.

"It also strengthens advocacy efforts with government and other stakeholders, helping to prioritise issues related to health, education, and inclusion. Ultimately, it contributes to lasting change and creates better opportunities for future generations," she said.

She further highlighted the absence of legislation specifically protecting rights of people living with albinism in Botswana. She said individuals with albinism continued to face discrimination, harmful myths, and misconceptions that negatively affect their daily lives.

Among the challenges are social stigma, derogatory labels, limited employment opportunities despite qualifications, and dangerous beliefs that body parts of people with albinism bring luck or wealth. She called for stronger legal protections and enforcement measures to combat discrimination and safeguard the rights and dignity of people living with albinism. The commemoration will bring together relevant stakeholders, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, and members of the albinism community from across the country. Through education, awareness campaigns, screenings, and community engagement, organisers hope to promote a more inclusive and informed society.

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Namibia state oil firm welcomes new offshore discovery

WINDHOEK - Namibia's state-owned oil company, the National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR), on Wednesday welcomed the announcement of a new offshore oil discovery in the country's deep-water Orange Basin. The discovery, announced Tuesday by QatarEnergy, was made at the Merlin-IX exploration well in Petroleum Exploration License 39 (PEL 0039), marking another encouraging development in Namibia's growing upstream oil and gas sector. "Together with our joint venture partners Shell and QatarEnergy, we are very encouraged by these results," NAMCOR spokesperson Paulo Coelho told Xinhua. According to Coelho, the three key features sought by exploration companies were good reservoir quality, light oil and limited associated gas. He said Merlin-IX was the 10th well drilled under PEL 0039 and had delivered the most promising subsurface results in the license block to date. **Xinhua**

Mozambique to build first vehicle assembly plant through PPP

MAPUTO - The Mozambican government has approved the launch of an international tender to select a private partner to establish a vehicle assembly plant. The decision was announced on Tuesday by government spokesperson and Health Minister Ussene Isse following a meeting of the Council of Ministers. According to Isse, the project would be implemented under a public-private partnership framework to help address the country's growing transportation challenges while stimulating domestic manufacturing capacity. "The establishment of a vehicle assembly plant in the country emerges as a measure to address the high costs of acquiring buses, difficulties in designing buses adapted to local realities, and the need for greater flexibility in fleet renewal," he added. **Xinhua**

Tunisia tourism eyes vast potential China market

TUNIS - Tunisia's tourism industry sees vast potential in the Chinese market and has high hopes for future growth, a Tunisian tourism official has said. Speaking of ITB China 2026, a travel trade fair held in Shanghai focusing on the Chinese travel market, Anouar Chetoui, chief representative of the Tunisian National Tourist Office in China, said that the event provided a valuable platform for Tunisia to deepen tourism-sector cooperation with China and unlock new avenues for partnerships. Noting that the office would step up efforts to attract Chinese visitors and promote the country's tourism attractions, Chetoui emphasised that Tunisia's visa exemption policy for Chinese tourists had become a key driver of growth, significantly facilitating travel and contributing to a steady increase in visitor arrivals. Tunisia received about 28 000 Chinese visitors in 2025, up 19.3 per cent from a year earlier, and the upward trend has continued into 2026,

Serowe District Council chairperson, Mr Atamelang Thaga (right) and deputy, Mr Antony Odirile during the official opening of the full council meeting on Tuesday. Mr Thaga said in view of the declining diamond revenues and shrinking government coffers, councils must establish independent commercial entities and explore alternative economic development projects. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande



Thaga urges council to diversify revenue streams

Tshiamiso Moseletha
SEROWE

Serowe District Council Chairperson, Mr Atamelang Thaga has urged fellow councilors and council officers to find alternative revenue streams to counter the unique challenges posed by a weak revenue base.

Officially opening the Serowe full council meeting on Tuesday, Mr Thaga noted that district councils across Botswana were actively being encouraged to diversify their revenue streams.

"This shift aims to reduce heavy

reliance on central government grants," he said, further explaining that due to declining diamond revenues and shrinking government coffers, councils must establish independent commercial entities and explore alternative Local Economic Development (LED) projects.

Expressing concern over the council's current low income generation, Mr Thaga implored administrative officers to devise innovative ways to generate revenue.

He reminded the council about President Duma Boko recent

clarion call for council chairpersons and mayors to focus on strategic, practical solutions that promoted economic growth.

The Serowe District Council (SDC) currently operates on an approved budget of over P233 million for the 2026/27 financial year which comprises recurrent expenses and approximately P83.9 million specifically allocated for development projects.

Mr Thaga stated therefore that given the council's vast geographical reach, spanning a wide network of 14 villages across its wards, the district continued

to advocate for supplementary funding to sustain operations and infrastructure.

"The council has historically faced budget deficits due to expanding populations and high costs for essential social services like destitute relief and primary education," he said.

Meanwhile, the full council meeting, which was originally scheduled to commence on Monday, June 8, was abruptly adjourned due to water disconnection by the Water Utilities Corporation as a result of unpaid bill. **BOPA**

Rising costs hit informal traders

Semakaleng Edward
FRANCISTOWN

As inflation continues to push up the costs of goods and services, informal traders in Francistown say they are facing increasing pressure in keeping their businesses afloat.

The traders have expressed disappointment and frustration on how the rising prices is affecting them.

In an interview, Mr Gala Kgosiemang who is in the business of selling clothes said inflation was eating into his profits as he now buys stock at higher prices.

Mr Kgosiemang said the rise in the purchase price of goods and the accompanying upward swing of transportation costs was becoming a daily reality.

He added that the Pula depreciation had also led to them purchasing lower quantities of goods than they usually did.

"The rising costs of goods has forced us to increase prices for our products in order for us to gain something," said Mr Kgosiemang.

However, he said increasing their selling prices had resulted in receiving fewer customers every day as affordability was a challenge to most people.

He added that his regular customers were buying less than

before as their priorities had shifted towards essential needs like groceries.

Mr Kgosiemang said the slow business hindered their businesses from expanding and negatively affected their dream of being able to effectively contribute to the local

economy.

Another informal trader, Ms Tumisang Kemoabe who sells fast foods and drinks similarly lamented the situation, and has attributed the slowness of business to the rapidly and unexpected rise in the price of the products she uses

for her business.

"Today you go to stores and purchase flour and oil at this price, tomorrow when you return the prices have increased", she said, highlighting the sad reality that her business is grappling with.

She also explained that the increased prices had forced her to reduce the amount of serves, which was also impacting the business negatively as it drove away customers who felt that the food was no longer worth their money.

Ms Kemoabe explained that the situation was so bad that she could no longer provide for her family and run her household the way she was able to before.

She appealed the government to consider regulating the pricing of goods, arguing that sudden price changes degraded businesses, particularly small ones.

Ms Patty Mapotako, a vegetable vendor whose business is also feeling the pinch, urged government to come up with ways that could help informal traders to stay afloat.

Ms Mapotako said if the current economic challenges pushed informal sector businesses under, some traders would have no source of income to survive on and would as a result become a burden to government's social safety nets. **BOPA**



Street vendor, Mr Gala Kgosiemang at the start of the business day in Francistown yesterday. He said rising costs of goods had forced many SMEs to increase prices, a development that had driven away some of their regular customers. Photos: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse officiating at a three-day Parliament's Budgetary Engagement and Oversight of Public Enterprises workshop in Gaborone on Wednesday. He urged Parliament to drive meaningful reforms and strengthen democratic governance. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

Speaker implores Parliament to drive reforms

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana's 13th parliament has been challenged to rise to the historic responsibility of deepening democracy, restoring public trust in institutions and steering the country towards economic transformation amid mounting national challenges.

Delivering a keynote address during a three-day Parliament's Budgetary Engagement and Oversight of Public Enterprises workshop in Gaborone, on Wednesday, the National Assembly speaker, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse said the current parliament occupied a unique place in Botswana's history following the country's first change of government and was, therefore, expected to drive meaningful reforms and strengthen democratic governance.

Parliament, Mr Keorapetse said remained the cornerstone of accountability and democratic oversight, particularly at a time when citizens across Africa were increasingly demanding transparency, responsiveness and good governance from their leaders.

"Democracy extends beyond elections and majority rule, requiring governments to remain accountable to citizens through their elected representatives," he said.

He stressed that public officials and political leaders must be prepared to answer for their decisions, respond to criticism and accept responsibility where failures occur.

Mr Keorapetse also noted that parliamentary committees served as one of the most effective instruments available to parliament in holding the executive and public institutions accountable for the use of public resources and the implementation of government policies. He warned that Botswana finds itself at a critical juncture, balancing the benefits of past economic successes against emerging structural, social and environmental challenges that threatened future growth and development.

According to the speaker, the country's current economic difficulties presented an opportunity to chart a new development path and accelerate efforts to diversify the economy away from overreliance on diamonds. He said the decisions taken today by policymakers and legislators would have far-reaching consequences for future generations, making evidence-based decision-making and adherence to the rule of law more important than ever.

Mr Keorapetse further highlighted growing concerns across Africa regarding declining public confidence in institutions, citing studies showing that whilst citizens overwhelmingly supported democratic governance, many remained dissatisfied with the performance of public institutions and elected leaders.

He said surveys conducted across the continent revealed increasing demands for accountability, free and fair elections and responsive leadership, whilst at the same time exposing declining trust in politicians and public institutions.

"The 13th Parliament is looked upon as an institution that must help supply the democracy that citizens demand," he said.

Mr Keorapetse argued that parliament's oversight role had become increasingly important in rebuilding public trust and ensuring that governments remained answerable to the people.

The speaker said legislatures remained central to protecting democratic values and ensuring that citizens' voices were reflected in national decision-making processes.

He said national budgets represented more than figures and expenditure allocations, emphasising that budgets reflected the values and priorities of a nation, revealing what governments considered most important, whether education, healthcare, infrastructure, social welfare or economic development.

"Effective parliamentary scrutiny of budgets is, therefore, essential to ensuring that public resources are used efficiently and that government commitments translate into tangible improvements in the lives of citizens," he said.

For that reason, Mr Keorapetse said parliament must strengthen its oversight capacity to ensure that promises made during budget presentations were matched by actual delivery on the ground.

The workshop on Budgetary Engagement and Oversight of Public Enterprises brought together legislators and stakeholders to share best practices on public finance management, accountability and governance, as Botswana sought to strengthen parliamentary oversight and improve the performance of state-owned enterprises.

The three-day workshop, organised by the Botswana Parliament in partnership with International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance through Inter Pares, an European Union-funded parliamentary capacity-building programme, aims to equip MPs with the tools and comparative knowledge to deepen parliamentary oversight of public spending and the performance of State-Owned Enterprises, building on parliament's existing appropriation powers and its relationship with the Supreme Audit Institution.

The workshop, attended by parliamentarians, experts, development partners and civil society representatives expects them to explore strategies aimed at enhancing transparency, improving financial accountability and ensuring that public institutions deliver value for money, while contributing to national development objectives. **BOPA**



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Closing Date: 21 June 2026.

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference ESHGB 000047-12

IN THE ESTATE of the late **OBENNE KEDDY AND GAGOELWE KEDDY** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone District, and Lekgwapheng Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 12th day of October 2012 and 10th August 1996 respectively.

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 thereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the

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DATED ATON THIS..... DAY OF 2026

The Executor
Gerson James Segwe
 P.O.Box 26791, GABORONE
 Tel: 71962020

The Executor
Dick Kabelo Radikolana
 P.O.Box 318, MOLEPOLOLE
 Tel: 72410126

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap. 31:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased, and all persons having claims against the 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 relative for the purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOTSEI MAKUTU	ESHM 000366-26	13/07/2026	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 8TH JUNE 2026.
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHGB-000358/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **BUSANG PULE** who died at Deborah Retief Memorial Hospital, Mochudi, Kgatleng District, Republic of Botswana on the 30th day of December 2023

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

DATED at _____
on this _____ **Day**
of _____ **2026**

Executrix Dative
 Dineo Phokwane Pule
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MMATHUBUDUKWANE
Cell: 72842530/74001379

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TSHEPO TSITO	ESHMY 000360-26	30.06.26	0900Hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000271-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **MAREA MOTSAMAI** who died at Dilaene ward, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 7th August 2025.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this2nd.....Day ofJune 2026.

The Executrix
Peter Motsamai
 P O Box 416
 Mahalapye
 Cell: 74150085

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED RIVER SAND MINING AT TLHALOGANG RIVER, MAROBELA AREA AND MAHALAPYE RIVER, MOKOSWANE AREA BY JD MINE CORP SERVICES (PTY) LTD

JD Mine Corp Services (Pty) Ltd are proposing to mine river sand at Tlhalogang River, Marobela area and Mahalapye river, Mokoswane area.

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

The following impacts are likely to occur

Negative Impacts	Positive Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and dust pollution Water pollution Land pollution Loss of riverine vegetation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of employment opportunities

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

Venue	Date	Time
Mokoswane kgotla	06 July 2026	09:00hrs
Marobela Kgotla	07 July 2026	09:00hrs

For more information or comments contact:
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Mme Keikantsemang Seoko (molemeng) a rekisetsa, Mme Keitumetse Modingwane mahupu kwa Omaweneno bosheng. Mme Seoko a re mahupu a tsisitse pharologanyo ka bontsi jwa batho mo kgaolong ba kgona go oba letsogo. Senepe: Leticia Nnokotema

Ba Kgalagadi wa mariga ba tlaa o ora

Cathrine Simane
OMAWENENO

Bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo apesitse Batswana kobo ka letshoba, mme kwa kgaolong ya Kgalagadi Borwa ba tlaa dika ba o orile wa mariga ka jaana naga ya bone e segofaditswe ka mahupu.

Mahupu ke semela se se bopegileng jaaka tapole mme se mela thata mo Kgalagadi ka se utlwana le motlhaba. Gantsi se bapalwa mariga fa ngwaga e le o monamagadi mme se bonwa ka mmu o ranyega, jalo se epololwe.

Mahupu a ka besywa mo loupeng kgotsa a apewa dikgankana selekanyo sa oura tse pedi.

Mongwe monni wa Omaweneno, Rre Shadreck Kgotshane (54), o boletse mo potsolosong bosheng gore fa e sale bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo bo tlhagoga mo dikgwedinyaneng tse di sa tswang go feta, botshelo jwa bone bo ne jwa thatafala ka jaana puso e ne ya tsaya tshwetso ya go emisa thekiso ya loruo e le tselo nngwe ya go bo laola.

Rre Kgotshane a re le fa go ntse jalo banni bangwe mo motseng ba iphimola keledi ka go bapala mahupu mme ba itshetse ka go a rekisa le go a ja.

O tshalositse gore fa ba bula matlho ba fitlhetse batsadi ba itshetsa ka mahupu, selo se se neng sa mo gwetlha le ene go sala motlhalo wa bone morago.

Rre Kgotshane o tshalositse fa mahupu a bapalwa mariga go simolola ka Moranang go fitlhelela ka Seetebosigo, a supa fa mono ngwaga mahupu a medile a le mantsi ka pula e ne e le ntsi ngogola.

O boletse gore fela jaaka dimela tse dingwe, go bapala mahupu go laolwa ke ba lephata la dikgwa le dibapalwa nageng ka go ntsha diteseletso, a supa fa go bapala o sena tseletso go ka bakela motho kotlha.

A re mo nakong eno o setse a dirile dikete tse pedi mme maikaelelo ke go tswelera a oketsa, pele ga mahupu a nyelela kgwedi

eno e ya fifing jaaka e le tlwaelo.

Rre Kgotshane a re ba latela mahupu bokgakala jo bo ka fetang dikhilomithara di feta masome a mararo, mme ba tshwanelwa ke go ipopa setlhopho gore ba kgone go thusana ka madi a leokwane go fitlha teng.

A re kgwetlho e nngwe ke gore theko e kwa tlase ka banni ba bapala ba le bantsi mme bareki e le badirelapuso le ba dikgaolo tse dingwe fa bangwe ba sa kgalthegele go reka ka mabaka a go tlhoka go itse mahupu e bile ba sa a je.

O ne a supa fa ba bapala ba ntse ba etse tlhoko digagabi di akaretsa dinoga, diphepheng le tse dingwe le tsone dibatana tse di borai jaaka bonkwe le ditau mme a supa fa mo nakong eno ba ise ba tshosediwwe ke sepe fa e sale ba simolola go bapala mahupu.

Rre Kgotshane o ne a kgothatsa banni ba motse oo go ema ka dinao go itshetsa ka mahupu mo nakong eno go inamola mo tlangeng fa puso e santse e mekamekane le tlhako le molomo, e e amileng yone pinagare ya itsholelo ya bone, e leng kgomo le shehutshane.

Mme Keikantsemang Seoko (60) o ne a iteela mafoko a ga Rre Kgotshane kobo moroko, a supa fa mahupu a tsisitse pharologanyo ka bontsi jwa batho mo kgaolong ba kgona go oba lebogo.

Mme Seoko ene o tshalositse gore o itemogetse gore letseno le botoka ka theko ke mahupu a a tala ka jaana fa a butswa a a hunyela mme dipoelo di ngotlege.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mogolwane go tswa mo go ba lephata la dikgwa le dibapalwa nageng mo Tsabong, Mme Segopotso Malatsi o ne a tlhalosa fa mahupu e le semela se se botlhokwa thata mo Kgaolong ya

kgalagadi ka se tswelsetse ka go tokafatsa matshelo a banni.

Mme Malatsi o ne a supa fa lephata le setse le ikopantse le banni ba fera bobedi ba ba setseng ba rekisitse mahupu ka madi a fetang dikete tse tlhano, bomme ba supa le rre a le mongwe.

O ne a supa fa babapadi ba mahupu ba sa letlelelwe go bapala ba se na diteseletso mme e bile ope yo o ka tlolang molao oo a ka tselwa dikgato tse di gagametseng ka go atlolwa madi a a sa feteng sekete kana ngwaga mo kgolegolong.

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FOCUS ON FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE



'Explore alternative markets'

J. S Beef Feedlot owner Mr Jannie Strumpher (right) and son, Mr Johan Van Den Berg monitoring feeding of cattle recently at a feedlot in Lobatse. Mr Strumpher said the venture was highly capital intensive and therefore the outbreak of Foot and Mouth in Zone 11 had caused financial setbacks as they could not move stock timely due to movement restrictions and temporary closure of BMC in Lobatse. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

When the highly contagious Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) unleashed its fury on Zone 11 on April 2, a first in half a century, the beef sector was abruptly brought to its knees.

As the sun peered through the clouds on Wednesday, a Botswana Press Agency (BOPA) team set out to the Lobatse-based J.S Beef feedlot to track the impact of the disease on the capital intensive commercial entity.

Under the clear blue skies, the vibrant and visibly productive operation whose kraals are characterised by long lines of feeding troughs undertakes constant feeding of the 2 400 cattle housed at the specialised facility.

J.S Beef owner, Mr Jannie Strumpher immediately lays bare the impact of the blow that the FMD outbreak has dealt on the facility.

Among the first areas to be affected was the carrying capacity of the facility, with an almost instant reduction on its capability to feed 5 000 cattle per day as has been the case before.

The prime facility serves as the last stop for 22 000 local cattle farmers who trek their livestock through the Kalahari sands to be readied for slaughter for the European Union market at the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) and as such, the ripple effect of FMD on its operations without doubt reach far and wide.

Other than having been forced to scale down cattle numbers by FMD, J.S Beef has had to directly contend with the raging disease when eight cattle were confirmed to have contracted FMD confirmed two months ago.

According to Mr Strumpher, all cattle were vaccinated after the discovery of the disease in the facility.

Despite the vaccination and all other measures in place to control the disease, J.S Beef and the hordes of farmers who rely on its services are feeling the pinch, with the situation driving them to near despair.

"We have 2 400 cattle which were booked for slaughter at BMC in March, but due to unforeseen circumstances the BMC restructured their slaughter schedule and we were then booked for April. But then FMD struck in Zone 11," Mr Strumpher said.

When BMC closed for slaughter because of the disease outbreak, the situation instantly turned gloomy. J.S Beef found itself stuck with cattle due for slaughter.

"Under normal circumstances they spend 90 to 100 days here, but now they have already doubled

their time, having spent 180 days. The cost implication is very high as we cannot sell them," he said.

For J.S Beef, the situation continues to deteriorate daily. Each cow consumes feed worth P1,200 per month, and with no sales taking place, the profitability keeps dipping rapidly.

"Our cash flow is already down but we still have to feed these animals. We have to pay our 200 employees in Lobatse, Central and Kgalagadi who are currently on payroll of around P1 million in total," he explained.

"We have not laid them off yet but our financial reserves have run out," he said.

As government remains hard at work in the endeavour to tame the raging bull and consequently restore normalcy to the cattle industry, Mr Strumpher wants the administration, through the Department of Veterinary Services, to consider opening up the BMC for slaughter to sell to 'other international markets,' while the battle to ensure compliance with European Union market remains on course.

"It has been proven by professors at the University of Pretoria that the meat from FMD vaccinated cattle is safe for consumption. That means that we can still export now, but not to the EU," he said.

Mr Strumpher also wishes for government to open up borders and allow farmers to sell cattle outside the country. This, he believes would bring in revenue for government through tax.

"We must also open the BMC and local abattoirs and slaughtering must be strictly controlled by veterinary services, they must do it like it was done in the 1980s," he said.

The veteran feedlotter, who has been in the meat industry since 1981, is enveloped by growing

unease over the future of the cattle farming industry and the plight of the many families whose sustenance stems directly and indirectly from the returns of the sector. He fears for what will become of the noble dream to reverse the decline in cattle population that the country has been registering over the years.

As things stand, he sees farmers potentially struggling to increase the national cattle herd to 5 million by 2030 as part of a broader government strategy to boost the agricultural sector and ensure food security in Botswana.

Although Mr Strumpher appreciates government for mounting an unrelenting war against FMD, he is worried that the threats to the beef industry are increasing by the day.

With a famine projected in the near future, he suggested that opening for slaughter and selling cattle to other countries could help farmers to reduce the numbers of cattle they keep in anticipation of the extensive drought, thus lowering the costs of feed.

"Farmers need a place where they can sell and the BMC does not have the capacity and therefore they must open the borders for farmers," he said.

He feels the BMC's limited slaughter capacity constrains feedlots, which as a result, incur extra costs on feed as they keep cattle longer than they should.

The status quo does not affect the feedlotter alone, it also has financial implications on the farmers they buy from.

His hypothesis is that, if Botswana has over 1 million cows, the production rate should be 17 and 18 per cent, which translates to the need for slaughter capacity of 700 000 cattle per annum, under normal circumstances. **BOPA**

Pastoralists appeal for loan moratorium

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Some commercial farmers' battle to survive amidst the wounded economy has been worsened by the ongoing battle to curtail Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

Following the outbreak of FMD in the southern part of Botswana which appear to be far from slowing down as new cases are recorded at zone 11 and 13, the farming communities are now feeling the pinch of the severe hardship, as FMD threatens to push many operations to the point of collapse.

With government liquidity under strain and traditional subsidies unlikely to aid as they were equally under strain, stakeholders are calling for immediate capital moratorium on existing agricultural loans as a practical and urgent intervention.

What began as a challenge to the agricultural sector, primarily focusing on the livestock sector value chain, has now spread like a veldt fire, denting on all sectors of the economy.

In an interview, the chairperson of Mosisedi Farmers Association, Mr Gofaone Mapiitse, said capital moratorium was a temporary, legally authorised suspension or delay in the repayment of the principal portion of a loan.

Mr Mapiitse said the arrangement provides affected farmers with a crucial grace period without triggering default.

"For farmers staring at insolvency, a targeted moratorium on loan repayments, combined with soft loans at interest-free or below-market rates, could mean the difference between survival and collapse," Mr Mapiitse said.

He noted that the crisis was no longer limited to livestock producers.

As the grain harvest season begins, grain farmers are facing shrinking markets.

"Feed mills are buying less, leaving grain producers with limited buyers and mounting losses. What began as a livestock emergency is rapidly becoming a full-blown agricultural crisis, threatening the profitability and long-term viability of both the cattle and grain sectors," he said.

Mr Mapiitse added that movement restrictions on cattle has already crippled farmers, transporters, abattoirs, and other players across the value chain.

"If the restrictions remain in place for much longer, widespread job losses in rural communities are inevitable. The message to authorities is clear: farmers cannot be left to carry this burden alone. A well-targeted moratorium and emergency financing support are not luxuries, they are urgent necessities to protect livelihoods, safeguard food security, and prevent irreversible damage to Botswana's agricultural sector," he emphasised.

Meanwhile, CEDA Branch Manager for Kanye, Mr Tuelo Rabaloi, acknowledged the challenges facing many of the organisation's clients and confirmed that mitigation measures were being developed.

While admitting difficulties in the beef value chain, Mr Rabaloi struck a more optimistic note regarding grain farmers.

"It is safe to say grain farmers are likely to make sufficient sales during this period," he said, pointing to increased demand by the poultry industry.

He added that there was currently strong demand for chicken feed, with reputable national feed producers actively seeking grain from local farmers.

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J.S. Beef owner, Mr Jannie Strumpher said they had to directly contend with the raging disease when eight of their cattle were diagnosed with FMD two months ago. Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Poultry farmers adapt to changing market dynamics amid FMD outbreak

Leticia Nnokotema
TSABONG

The outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and the resulting restrictions on livestock movement have brought notable changes to market dynamics in Tsabong, creating new opportunities for some local entrepreneurs, particularly those in the poultry sector.



Ms Lady Kelehile

Ms Pateletso Dipheko, a 42-year-old resident of Tsabong, says she has witnessed a positive shift in demand for poultry products since the outbreak affected the livestock industry.

Having established her poultry business in December last year, Ms Dipheko operates as an individual seller and has steadily grown her customer base. In an interview recently, Ms Dipheko says demand for chicken products increased as

consumers sought alternative sources of protein following the challenges experienced within the livestock sector.

She noted that the changing market conditions encouraged more people to purchase poultry products, resulting in a noticeable rise in sales.

“To meet the growing demand, I have been increasing my stock whenever possible,” she said, adding that maintaining a consistent supply has become a priority for her business.

Ms Dipheko explained that she markets her products through direct communication with her regular customers, informing them ahead of sale dates. She also uses social media platforms to advertise her products and reach wider potential buyers. These efforts, she said, have contributed to a slight increase in the number of customers purchasing from her business.

Despite the opportunities created by the changing market conditions, Ms Dipheko highlighted several challenges affecting her operations.

She noted that the cost of chicks sourced from Agrifeed has increased from a noticeable P11.34 to P11.40, placing additional pressure on production costs.

Furthermore, she said the supplier currently brings chicks only once a month, a situation

“The demand for chicks has gone up significantly, making it difficult to secure enough stock when supplies arrive,”

compounded by increased demand from poultry farmers, often resulting in shortages. “The demand for chicks has gone up significantly, making it difficult to secure enough stock when supplies arrive,” she explained.

As a small-scale entrepreneur, Ms Dipheko expressed the need for initiatives that provide financial support to emerging businesses. She believes that access to funding would enable poultry farmers to expand production, improve operations and better respond to market demand.

Ms Dipheko remains optimistic about the future of her business. She believes that even after Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions are eventually lifted, the customer base she has built can be maintained through reliability and consistency.

She emphasised that providing quality products and ensuring regular availability would be key to retaining customers and sustaining business growth in the long term.

The experiences of entrepreneurs such as Ms Dipheko demonstrated how local businesses were adapting to changing market conditions, while

also highlighting the opportunities and challenges facing small-scale poultry producers in the wake of the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak.

Meanwhile, veteran poultry farmer Ms Lady Kelehile, 67, said the FMD outbreak has had minimal impact on her business operations. Having been involved in poultry farming since 2019, she attributes this stability to her membership in the Wellpoint Poultry Association, a collective of poultry farmers based in Tsabong.

The association enables members to pool resources and bid for supply tenders from larger institutions, including schools within the district. Reflecting on market trends following the FMD outbreak, Ms Kelehile said she has observed a slight increase in demand for chicken products.

However, she noted that for her, the impact has been limited because the association operates under predetermined delivery quotas for its institutional clients.

Through this arrangement, members have maintained their weekly and monthly supply commitments despite the changing market environment.

Ms Kelehile said that while institutional orders have remained largely unchanged, there has been a slight increase in purchases from individual customers. She noted that being part of an organised association has helped shield members from market fluctuations by providing a reliable customer base.

While the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak has disrupted traditional livestock markets, it has also created opportunities for poultry producers to expand their customer base and strengthen their contribution to local food security and economic development. **BOPA**

Kaome donkey me

Malebogo Lekula
TSOOTSHA

Situated about 100km from Ghanzi township lies a less densely populated village serenaded by water pans within its vicinity named Tsootsha, loosely translated to ‘stinking water’ in Shekgalagari vernacular.

Upon entering the village, one is met with less movement of people and that sight screams ‘state of despair’ as in the near past along the Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC) one would not miss the frequent sights of farmers pulling cattle trailers to their cattle posts or to slaughtering centres.

Unfortunately, their daily operations ceased few months ago since the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), and farmers are now compelled to find other means of survival.

When approaching the central district business of the village, from a distance one will be welcomed by a sight of a group of people under a Mokala tree crowding a white van loaded with meat cuts.

One thing that would eagerly draw one’s attention will be the

incantation echoed by one tall sized young man at the loudest of his commentary voice, ‘engine ya kotsekara e teng ka kwano, e monate e gaisa le yone ya kgomo ntsalaka...’

The chanted words were surely a pulling force to any passer-by to stop and feast their eyes on what is under the Mokala tree.

As it is a common norm that, in the middle of every difficulty lies an opportunity, one resident of Tsootsha, Mr Modisaotsile Kaome, who operates a butchery has now found a niche market in selling donkey meat as a substitute to his beef selling business.

He decried that his butchery business has since ceased

operation due to shortage of beef in the market amid FMD outbreak.

He however, said he is adamant to grow his brand, hence he resorted to selling donkey meat, mentioning that in their localities it is a common delicacy.

On that note, he said it was not a hard nut to crack for him to

penetrate the market. His areas of speciality focuses on stewing cuts, boerewors and mincemeat.

He said he learnt the ropes of making mincemeat and boerewors from his relative, and a professional butchery operator known as Mr Bareeleng, based in Lobatse.

Mr Kaome narrated that the process of making donkey meat varieties, is more similar to that one of beef processing.

In terms of his pricing, he said the donkey meat is more reasonable since stewing cuts goes for P40/kg, mincemeat priced at P45/per kg in comparison with the stewing beef which, under normal circumstances is priced at P55/per kg and mince-meat at P60/per kg.

Based on his customer satisfaction gauge, he said it indicates that most customers prefer mincemeat for its spicy and titillating taste, and additionally that mincemeat is easy to cook and prepares within a short time.

For their views, most of the customers said that they grew up eating donkey meat at their homesteads and that they are fond of it as likened to beef.

They salivated over donkey meat for the health benefits they



Mr Modisaotsile Kaome said since the outbreak of FMD, donkey meat was in high demand.

Farmers in despair as FMD restrictions continue

Thuso Kgakatsi
HUKUNTSI

As Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) continues to dominate discussions within Botswana's livestock sector, farmers in Kgalagadi North find themselves grappling with uncertainty, financial strain and growing anxiety about the future of their livelihoods.

The disease outbreak, which has now been detected in Zone 13, has triggered a series of restrictions aimed at preventing its spread and safeguarding the country's livestock industry. Although no outbreak has been detected in Kgalagadi North itself, the district falls within the affected zone, Zone 13, a vast area stretching from Tsabong and sharing boundaries with Ghanzi District.

The sheer size of the zone has become one of the major concerns raised by farmers, many of whom feel they are bearing the economic consequences of an outbreak that has not directly affected their area. For months, the suspension of slaughtering and movement of cloven-hoofed animals has disrupted normal farming operations.

Livestock sales, which many families rely upon for income, have come to an abrupt halt.

As the restrictions persist, questions are increasingly being raised about what measures can be implemented to cushion farmers from the mounting economic pressure.

To better understand the situation on the ground, BOPA consulted members of the Hukuntsi Farmers Committee, chairperson Mr Ezechiel Phologolo and vice chairperson Mr Mooketsi Radira, to gain insight into the challenges confronting livestock owners and the interventions they believe could provide relief. The impact of the restrictions is evident long

before the conversation begins. Their expressions tell a story of concern and uncertainty.

As discussions turn to farming, the weight of the situation becomes unmistakable. Behind their composed demeanor lies a community struggling to remain resilient in the face of circumstances beyond its control.

These are farmers who have weathered droughts, fluctuating market conditions and countless other challenges associated with farming in one of Botswana's harshest environments. Yet the current situation appears to have tested them in ways few could have anticipated.

Mr Phologolo says the restrictions have effectively cut off the primary source of income for many farming households.

"Livestock farming is the backbone of our livelihoods here in Kgalagadi North," he explained.

He shared that, unlike other regions where people may supplement their income through crop production, most of them depend almost entirely on cattle and goats, adding that the environment in Kgalagadi does not always favour ploughing, thus making livestock main source of economic survival.

He said while farmers fully appreciate the need for government to implement strict disease-control measures, the prolonged suspension of livestock sales has created serious financial difficulties.

"As farmers, we understand and appreciate the measures that have

been put in place to contain the disease and protect the country's livestock industry. However, the reality is that our livelihoods have been severely affected because we can no longer sell our cattle and goats," he said. According to Mr Phologolo, many farmers are now struggling to maintain basic farming operations. Income that would ordinarily be generated through livestock sales is no longer available, making it increasingly difficult to pay herd boys, maintain boreholes and meet transport costs associated with travelling to farms.

"Everything is now at a standstill," he said. "Farmers do not have the resources to continue with their normal operations. Yet livestock still need water, feed and proper management despite the restrictions."

To help ease the burden, Mr Phologolo is appealing for the introduction of livestock-backed loans that would allow farmers to access funding using their cattle as security. He believes such

a programme could be implemented through collaboration with the Department of Animal Production, which maintains records of livestock ownership and could verify the number of cattle owned by individual farmers.

The proposal, he said, would provide temporary financial relief and help farmers continue operating while waiting for restrictions to be lifted. Mr Phologolo further expressed concern about the uncertainty surrounding the duration of the restrictions. While acknowledging

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Hukuntsi Farmers Committee chairperson, Mr Ezechiel Phologolo and vice chairperson, Mr Mooketsi Radira during an interview recently. Mr Phologolo said the restrictions had effectively cut off the primary source of income for many farming households. Photo: Thuso Kgakatsi

that disease containment must remain a priority, he said farmers would benefit from clearer communication regarding timelines and government plans moving forward.

"Knowing how long these measures may remain in place would help farmers plan accordingly and make informed decisions about their operations," he said. He added that the livestock sector remains one of Botswana's most important economic pillars and should be protected not only from disease outbreaks but also from the economic hardships that arise during such crises.

Traditionally, farmers generated income through periodic livestock sales to buyers and meat processors who purchased cattle according to quality and breed. Such transactions sustained farming households while contributing significantly to the national economy.

The current restrictions, however, have affected not only farmers but also businesses linked to the beef value chain. Meat markets, transport operators and other enterprises dependent on livestock trading have also felt the impact.

Mr Phologolo therefore urged government to strengthen consultation and engagement with farmers to ensure that support measures reflect realities on the ground.

Meanwhile, Mr Radira said the prolonged restrictions had left many farming families discouraged and concerned about their future. He revealed that farmers were in the process of establishing a district umbrella committee that would bring together various farming groups and enable them to speak with one voice on matters affecting the sector.

According to Mr Radira, several proposals have already been put forward to address both immediate and long-term challenges facing livestock farmers. Among them is the proposed demarcation of Zone 13, which farmers believe has become too extensive to manage effectively during disease outbreaks.

"We believe the zone is too large and that there is a need to review its boundaries to improve disease management and minimise unnecessary disruptions to unaffected areas," he said. Farmers are also advocating for the construction and strengthening of cordon fences across the district to enhance disease control and livestock management.

For the farming community, the message remains clear. While they support efforts to contain Foot and Mouth Disease and protect the national herd, they are calling for urgent support, practical interventions and clear communication on the way forward. **BOPA**

at business thrives

attached to it including being lean, healthy protein alternative that is not susceptible to diseases.

Meanwhile in Ghanzi township, Mr Thatayaone Tsholofelo, said he has been in the business of selling donkey meat over the years.

The business, that he tried his luck on during Ghanzi agricultural

shows, proved rewarding as the turn-up during the show together with the visits to his stall cultivated his desire to carry on and never looking back.

Mr Tsholofelo said since the outbreak of FMD donkey meat is in high demand. He specialises in biltong processing which contributed significantly to the

expansion of his customer base reaching places like Gaborone and others.

He further appealed for government support to fast track the establishment on donkey meat production guidelines following the recommendations made by farmers during a workshop that was once conducted by the Department of Animal production

in Kang.

The licensing guidelines, he said would aid them to apply for slaughter houses designated for donkey meat as well as for the exportation processes to increase their chances to penetrate regional and international markets.

Ms Amantle Ngakaemang, the passionate cook at Mr Tsholofelo's place said donkey meat does not need excessive marinates as the marinates can deprives it of its natural succulent taste.

"I only use chilli bite spice and its natural fats to give it that mouth-watering liking" she highlighted.

On other issues, she said donkey fats are a natural ointment for blocked nose and could also be used for medicinal purpose on kids.

For his part an official from the Department of Animal Production in Ghanzi, Dr Kefilwe Makgetho said slaughtering donkeys for meat production follows the same veterinary processes like any other domesticated animal, starting with registration with the Botswana Police Services (BPS).

During that process, he said

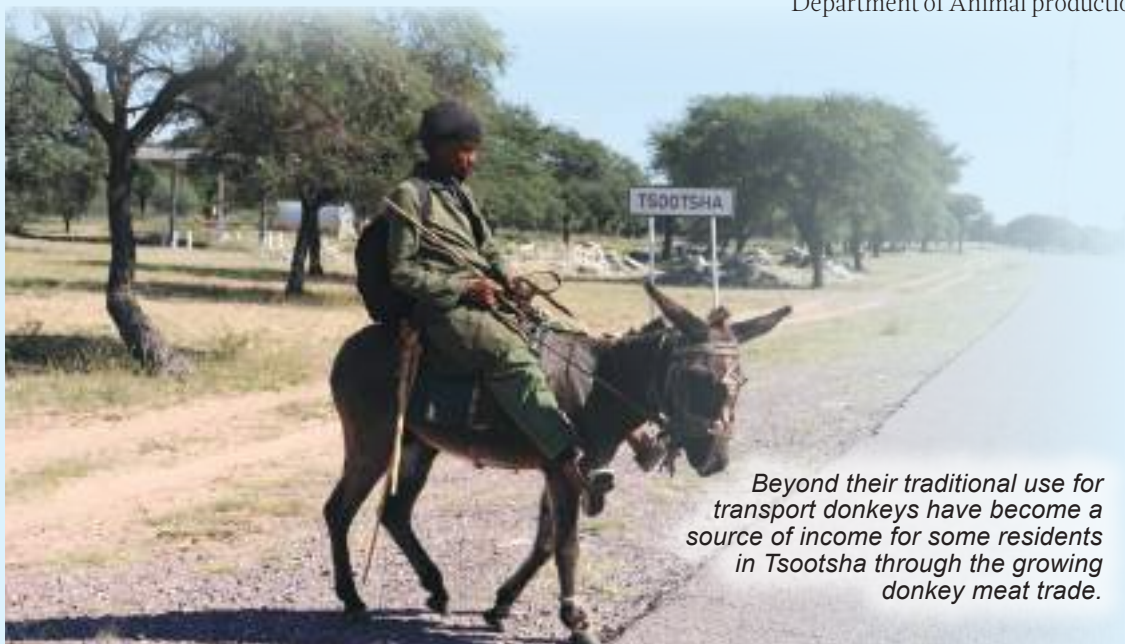
veterinary officers also verify biosecurity and welfare status by checking sign of diseases as a cautionary measure for public health and trade viability.

He even said the slaughtering process is also expected to be conducted at a licenced slaughtering facility which he emphasized should have been registered and licensed as a multi species facility.

He said it has come to their attention that most service providers do not slaughter donkeys in their facilities based on the fact that most communities are not accustomed to donkey meat.

On that note, he said the Veterinary department has made a provision for farmers to slaughter at their private places without compromising on health and hygienic standards of meat handling.

He therefore, called for farmers and any other interested individuals to apply for private licencing for slaughtering facilities for donkeys, saying that would close the existing gap thereby promoting the donkey meat sales to reach other markets. **BOPA**



Beyond their traditional use for transport donkeys have become a source of income for some residents in Tsootsha through the growing donkey meat trade.

Struizendam cattle farming on the brink of collapse

Naomi Leepile
STRUIZENDAM

The vast, arid landscapes of Kgalagadi South are usually a symbol of resilience, but a quiet desperation has settled over Struizendam.

A devastating outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) has brought the local agricultural economy to its knees, leaving subsistence and commercial farmers alike locked in an unprecedented financial stranglehold.

For a community whose heartbeat depends entirely on the lowing of cattle, the current movement restrictions and market closures have turned a livelihood into a crisis of survival.

For subsistence farmers like Mr Vincent Esterhuizen, the outbreak is not just a regulatory hurdle, it is a personal catastrophe.

In an interview with BOPA, Mr Esterhuizen explained that he specialises in cattle farming and relies almost exclusively on his livestock to keep his family afloat.

He describes Foot-and-Mouth Disease as “a very sad story”. “Everything is at a standstill, we are not able to sell nor buy,” Mr Esterhuizen laments, his voice heavy with the reality of an empty kraal that cannot yield an income.

The ripple effect of this standstill extends far beyond the farm gates. Mr Esterhuizen, a Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) client who launched his project through the agency’s funding, now finds himself in a desperate financial trap.

“Projects are suffering and we are failing to pay CEDA, because for us to pay we have to sell and pay with the money,” he explains. Without the ability to trade, basic human needs are being compromised.

“Selling livestock makes our project run and we also make a living through that. We pay school fees, groceries, transport, insurances and others. Currently, we are not able to pay for them, we have even exhausted our savings, it is bad like that”.

With savings depleted, many are turning to desperate measures. “We are now incurring more debts from loan sharks with loads of interest, and we don’t even know when and how we are going to settle them,” Mr Esterhuizen says, highlighting the growing mental toll.

“At times we wish our children can understand what we are going through but they are not, they expect normal everyday life from us,” he emphasised.

As the community waits out the

quarantine, farmers are pleading with the authorities for a lifeline, while simultaneously realising that the future of Kgalagadi farming may have to evolve.

Mr Esterhuizen has urged the government to consider easing the strict lockdown protocols. He suggests that authorities “maybe loosen protocols and may allow for slaughters through the veterinary officials,” he noted, with the hope that a controlled slaughter system could bring much-needed relief.

But beyond immediate government intervention, Mr Esterhuizen believes this crisis must serve as a wake-up call for Kgalagadi farmers to diversify.

He has challenged his peers to “think something out of the box out of cattle farming” and explore planting suitable crops that can withstand the local soil, ensuring the community never relies solely on livestock again.

Given the acute shortage of agricultural land in the area, he additionally recommends the implementation of backyard gardens as a viable alternative for food security.

For now, the gates remain closed, the debts continue to pile up, and the farmers of Struizendam can only look to the horizon, waiting for a resolution before their livelihoods vanish entirely into the Kgalagadi sands.

Further down the dusty roads of Struizendam, another farmer, Mr David Titus, echoes these harrowing sentiments. Having started farming right after completing Form 5, Titus’s entire adult life has been funded by the livestock sector.

He notes that he is strictly a farmer with no other alternative source of income.

“I have never experienced this in my life since I started farming,” Mr Titus says.

For Mr Titus, the immediate threat is keeping his remaining animals alive while the market is frozen. Feeding and supplementing his livestock has become a monumental financial hurdle.

“Suppliers are now hesitant to give us their products on credit because we have been doing this for over six months,” Titus reveals.

Out of options, local farmers are liquidating what little else they own just to buy fodder. “We are even selling some of our properties so that we can at least get something to feed our animals”.

The crisis is also being felt across institutional desks, Mr Mooketsi Manyothwane, a CEDA Branch Manager, acknowledges the deep economic bruising within the region.

Mr Manyothwane noted that the CEDA office is well aware that local businesses, especially those in the agricultural sector, are severely affected by FMD.

While the office has not yet received formal reports from business owners of local butcheries, shops, or restaurants funded by CEDA, they have fielded numerous anxious queries from farm owners and have advised them accordingly on navigating their loan obligations during the drought of trade. **BOPA**



Prominent Ghanzi farmer, Mr Leon Vorster, who specialises in livestock auctions said painful as it was, farmers appreciated government’s efforts to control and prevent the severe impacts of Foot and Mouth Disease. Photo: Malebogo Lekula

Cancellation of events disrupts agribusiness industry

Malebogo Lekula
GHANZI

The agribusiness industry encompassing all commercial activities involved in the agricultural value chain, from farming and production to processing and distribution is facing major uncertainties.

These industry uncertainties stem from widespread biosecurity threats following the emergence of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

Against this backdrop, event organisers in Ghanzi were compelled to postpone key agricultural activities, most notably the spectacular 52nd edition of the Ghanzi Agricultural Show and several livestock auctions that was slated for July 27 to 02 August this year.

Speaking in an interview with BOPA, prominent Ghanzi farmer Mr Leon Vorster, who specialises in livestock auctions, said painful as it is farmers appreciate government’s efforts to control and prevent the severe impacts of FMD.

However, he noted that some of the imposed restrictions have deeply disrupted the supply chain and threatened livelihoods.

Mr Vorster has been involved in cattle farming for over 20 years and is now in his sixth year of running the livestock auction business, a trade he learned from his father in the Mahata area near the Kuke and D’kar settlements.

He explained that livestock auctions facilitate trading by connecting buyers and sellers of cattle and small stock, with operations maximising profits by charging a five percent commission.

Under normal circumstances, he held weekly auctions to meet escalating market demands.

To expand his reach, Mr Vorster used to conduct physical and online auctions concurrently.

This allowed him to reach a wider range of prominent and

aspiring farmers across the globe.

“I used to host bidders from Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Zambia, and Mauritius,” he recalled.

Mr Vorster added that livestock auctions provide a centralised and highly efficient way to sell animals, guaranteeing instant payments through transparent pricing.

They also give buyers the opportunity to bid on a wide range of selected livestock, allowing them time to assess various breed characteristics.

Furthermore, he noted that a regulated auction environment encourages proper documentation and strict disease control standards.

This makes it easy for veterinary officers to trace animal records if a prompt emergency response is required.

Conversely, he decried that animal movement restrictions have left many farmers financially crippled.

Farmers are facing excessive feeding costs without the sales needed to buy feeds and medicines. This has also delayed wages for workers, damaging the core infrastructure of the cattle industry.

One local farmer, Mr Joseph Bimbo of Reenboog Investment, said that suspended agricultural activities, especially livestock auctions, will hinder efforts to maximise hybrid reproduction.

He explained that successful operations rely on selecting quality hybrid stock from auctions to scale up their ranches.

With the current event suspensions, supporting the government’s drive to increase the national herd to five million remains a far-fetched dream.

Mr Bimbo praised livestock auctions for protecting buyers from stock theft, given the proper documentation required for all auctioned animals.

Mr Bimbo who also operates a butchery in D’kar noted that under normal circumstances,

auctions allow him to secure an adequate supply to meet market demands.

Furthermore, auctions expose cattle buyers to fair, competitive prices, unlike the black market where sellers dictate unfair rates.

Meanwhile, following the recent announcement of the indefinite postponement of the 52nd edition of the Ghanzi Show, Ms Bafedile Setima, a specialist bean producer, said the move will also hurt field crop producers.

“The show serves as a platform for small and medium businesses to showcase their products and services to a larger clientele,” she said.

Through her past participation at the Ghanzi show, she was able to scoop the grand prize in the leguminous category at the 2025 show, eventually proceeding to the Gaborone Show where she bagged first prize.

The prize money usually comes in handy, allowing her to support her family and buy materials for her secondary business centered around morama (gemsbok bean).

Her morama business took local communities by storm during her first appearance at the 51st Ghanzi Agricultural Show, where she showcased products ranging from biscuits and face powder to roasted nuts and almond milk.

She added that agricultural shows help farmers garner vital knowledge and nuggets of wisdom in farming to scale production which consequently boosts the local economy.

Ms Setima said that before the postponement, she had already decided to embark on an excursion to harvest morama and was committed to offering an extensive product range to increase her customer base during the 2026 show.

Unfortunately, her dreams like the rest of the farming community have been shattered and had resorted to scale down for survival and to reduce unnecessary financial losses. **BOPA**

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IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOKUEDI KHUNONG-ESHFT/000164/2023** who died at **PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, GABORONE** on the 15/10/2005

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 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

SELEDILE HAKAMO

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Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000072-26**

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

ESHFT 000006-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOITTELO STEADY BOTSOGILE ESHFT 000006-25** who died at **FRANCISTOWN ACADEMIC HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **04TH day of MAY 2024.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

TEMISI MOETI
EXECUTOR DATIVE
PRIVATE BAG 55
PALAPYE

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

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

ESHFT-000163-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MPHA NTULUKI -ESHFT-000163-25** who died at Central Tutume District on 21 September 2011

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 29TH DAY OF MAY 2026

CYNTHIA SUMBIKANI
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 15, MAITENGWE

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000224-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ENNIE SHADI** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye – District, Botswana on the 11th September 2023.

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

Dated at Mahalapye on this 2nd day of June 2026

The Executrix
Pelontle Shadi
P O Box 65, Radiseo
Cell: 71366259



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H/W MRS PHETOGO

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF GHANZI HELD AT GHANZI

CCCMGZ-0000211-24

In the matter between

Lesedi Lemme

PLAINTIFF

AND

Ephraim Solomon

RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICES

TO; EPHRAIM SOLOMON, An adult male Resident at Lethakane of full capacity who's full and better particulars are to the plaintiff unknown.

TAKE NOTICE; you are hereby summoned to appear before 24th June 2026 at 08:30 am before H/W Mrs Phetogo, to show cause why a decree of civil imprisonment should not be made against you at the Lesedi Lemme for non-payment.

DATED AT GHANZI THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2026

R.N.RAMOLEFHE.

PLAINTIFF DEPUTY SHERIFF.
P.O.BOX 2362, FRANCISTOWN
CELL NO: 74576587

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHFT000113-23**

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **BETHA MPHOTO** who died at Borotsi Ward, Bobonong in the Central-Bobonong District in the Republic of Botswana, on the 26th day of February 2023 and **GOITSEONE MPHOTO** who died at Mothupi Ward, Tsabong, Kgalagadi District on the 26th day of March 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2026.

THABISO DAVID OLATOTSE

(Executor)

C/O OLATOTSE SOLOMON ATTORNEYS

Plot 12692, Area A
Botshelo Drive

P. O. Box 1007 Francistown TEL: 2403566

BBL | BOOKBINDER

9th Floor, ITowers North, Plot 54368
CBD Gaborone, Private Bag 382
Gaborone Central Botswana

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

This notice is a re-advertisement of a notice previously published on **26th July 2024** in terms of **Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018** and in respect of the proposed transaction between BCL Limited (**in Liquidation**) ("the Seller") and Sherashiya (Pty) Ltd ("the Purchaser"). Following the resurvey of the property at issue, the property description and extent have been amended. The proposed transaction remains unchanged and this notice is published solely to reflect the amended property particulars.

The property previously described as Porta Cabin Site is now described as:

- CERTAIN** : piece of land being Lot 30015 Selebi Phikwe Mining Lease Area No. 13-NQ;
- SITUATE** : in Cadastre 594, Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
- MEASURING** : 2,0512 Ha (Two comma Zero Five One Two Hectares);
- HELD UNDER** : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. DR004307919 dated 31 October 2025
- CONSIDERATION** : P750,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula)

Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect to the above property.

Should any person wish to object to the above transaction, notice of objection with reasons thereof should be addressed to the Board Secretary of the Ngwato Land Board **within 30 (Thirty) days** from the date of publication hereof.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE 2026

BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

FARM WORKER

A HERD BOY wanted in Tsabong, call 77402282. Not later than 18 June 2026 and must be above 25 years.

HERD GIRL WANTED at Kainangwe lands, apply P O Box 358 Mahalapye, contact 71659855/ 75144095.

2 FARM WORKERS wanted at Peytle lands. Apply to Kebaine Ramono at Box 1009, Moshupa.

FARM WORKER WANTED. Mabowana/ Lecheng. Call 72515554

2 FARM WORKERS at Morongwa Lands. P O Box 10445, Palapye. Cell 71998578

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2 FARM WORKERS at workers wanted @ Segakwana Lands. P O Box 2363, Palapye. Cell 77802607

FARM MANAGER WANTED Kellinicks Ranch Kaka Farms. P. O. Box 650 Letlhakane.

FARM WORKER WANTED in Senyawe contact Peloeuwetse Simon 76418330 Box 15 Senyawe

TWO FARMLABOURERS WANTED Ogomoditse Maruapula Box 1149 Francistown 71410253

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Mathangwane for herding and fieldwork, ten years' experience Koketso Jackson 76239466 Box 70 Mathangwane 18343 Francistown

FARM WORKER WANTED, Nlaphwane P/Bag 001 Ramokgwebana Ntlogelang Kosasa 72837384

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gambule, contact Maipelo Malape Box 53 Masunga 75605028

HERDBOY WANTED AT Moroka contact Bokani Mkhize Box 50456 Gaborone 71653458

TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED Moseitse Shabani Motho Tshambani Box 23 Moseitse 77607471

TWO FARMWORKERS NEEDED Matshelagabedi Box 2508 Francistown 71666830

I WANT HERDBOY/modisa at Sekokwe Farm 300 contact Mr Babika Somfula 74154008 Box 30171 Metsef Francistown 722715

FARM WORKER WANTED at plot 2 and 3PK Earth Matters Pty Ltd T/A Box 28 Maun Okavango Game Farm 75790310

FARM WORKER WANTED at Maope cattle post apply to Oagile M. Motlopi call 74527146

WANTED 2 FARM workers, Apply to Donald Sekani P O Box 202067 Gaborone.

FARM WOKER WANTED, Kotantsho Lands. Contact: Olivia Oganeditse Jack, cell: 76089398

OWNER OF LOT 307 Mmokolodi would like to change land use from family residence to multi family residence. Any objections should be forwarded to Gamalete district council Ramotswa on 5381200 within 14 days of this publication

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION: OWNER of plot 2093 Mmopane Block 1 intends to erect a boundary wall. Any objections should be forwarded to Mogoditshane district council on 3105615 with 14 days of publication. Segopodiso Maphage 71457445

BOTSWANA FIBRE NETWORKS (BOFINET) of plot 1779 in Jwaneng, intends to change land-use from open space to light-industrial/infrastructure. Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning unit at 5880303 or P/ Bag 001 Jwaneng, Botswana within 14 days of this notice

CHANGE OF LAND USE Antonio Basilo Ferreira Fernandes, owner of plot 4660, Masetlheng would like to change land use from industrial to mixed use general. Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning Offices or telephone +267 3925242 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no 978 Khudumelapye would like to change land use from residential to commercial use. Any objections contact Letlhakeng District Council Physical Planning Department on telephone number 5943015 within 14 days.

OWNER OF PLOT 6160 Ranfurwa, Tlokweng would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objections contact Tlokweng Physical Planning Office on 3925242 within 14 days of this publication.

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

ESHMY 000041- NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEGAWAMANG G. MAKUKU- ESHMY 000041-26** who died at SEROROME Ward, Palapye, Palapye district on the 13th October 2018
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 Mahalapye this 20th May 2026
 Kelebileone Makuku **AND TO:** MASTER OF HIGH COURT
 EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG 6
 P O BOX 371 MAHALAPYE
 LOBATSE, CELL: 72414818

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 0000100-26
 Master's Reference: **IN THE ESTATE** of the late **MOTHANKAWAMODIMO MAKOSE** who died at **Mahalapye District Hospital, Mahalapye Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 11th June 2018** and **GASELATLHWE MONOGE** who died at **Mahalapye District Hospital, Mahalapye Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 16th May 2011.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at Mahalapye on this 27 Day of May 2026.
The Executrix | Goitsemodimo Mothankawamodimo
 P O Box 466, Shoshong | **Cell: 74 667 954**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000207-26
IN THE ESTATE of the late **THAPELO GONNYE** who died on transit to hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **30th March 2023.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at Mahalapye on this 2nd Day of June 2026.
The Executrix | Stephen Thapelo
 P O Box 11385, Palapye | **Cell: 71 450 927**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHGB-00877/23
IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Dikabelo Mokopakgosi** who died at Princes Mariana Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 1st December 2010.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate we are hereby required to pay their debts and file their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.
 DATED at.....on this.....day of....2026
 Executive Dative, Francinah Mokopakgosi, P O BOX 504588, Gaborone Cell:76011351 / 74847015

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

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ENGELINAH MAPHENDUKA	ESHFT-000462-26	12-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000247-26
IN THE ESTATES of the Late **GAGOITSIWE CHRISTOPHER LEAWETSA** who died at Plot 281, Basimane Ward, Nata, Central-Tutume District, Botswana on the **11th January 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 Mahalapye on this 27 Day of Ma 2026
The Executrix | Sejwalo Annie Leawetsa
 P O Box 297, Palapye | **Cell: 75 554 278**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000210-26
IN THE ESTATES of the late **EPHRAIM NAWA** who died at Segkoma Memorial Hospital, Central -Serowe District, Botswana on the **31st January 1996.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at Mahalapye High Court on this 02 Day of June 2026.
The Executive Dative | Kamogelo Nawa
 P O Box 1990, Serowe | **Cell: 76 721 386**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000127-26
IN THE ESTATES of the Late **GABARETSHETSE SOSONG** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Palapye District, on **2nd May 2005.**
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 | Cheleketo Sosong
 P O Box 766, Palapye | **Cell: 71 307 338**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000137-26
IN THE ESTATES of the Late **KAMOGELO MOTLATSO** who died at Thomadithose Ward, Palapye District, Botswana on the 29th June 2023.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required 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 27th Day of MAY 2026
The Executrix | Lane Motlatso
 PO Box 930, Palapye | **Cell: 74779829**

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
MADELINE MAZONDE	ESHMY 000023-26	30.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 20TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE COURT

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 16253 Maratadiba / Tlokweng wishes to develop a boundary wall. Any objections be sent to Tlokweng District Council within 14 days of this notice. Contacts- 3695000
I OWNER OF plot 56500 wish to construct a boundary wall. For objections neighbours contact GCC physical planning within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 8827, Tlokweng Letlapeng wishes to consult plot 8826, 8835, 8834, 8833 & 8828 on their intention to construct a boundary wall. Objections should be directed to Tlokweng physical planning office at 5777411 within 14 days of publication.

BONANG MODISANG OWNER of lot 6322 in Nkoyaphiri Mogoditshane would like to inform the public of the change of land use from residential to mixed use. All queries should be forwarded to Mogoditshane/ Thamaga District Council, Tel: 3105615, physical planning unit within 14 working days of this publication.

THE PUBLIC IS noticed that owner of plot 2045, Methlabeng, Tlokweng intends changing land use of single family plot to multi-family & develop 2 storey apartments. Please forward comments to Tlokweng council within 14 days of publication.

OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL Plot 438, Otse, Moeding Ward proposes to change land use to civic and community. Objections shall be forwarded to Gamalete District Council, physical planning at 5381200 within 14 days of this publication.

ABUBAKER MAHMEDUMAR IBRAHIM Gangat, owner of plot No. 22323, Serorome ward, Palapye, would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections, contact Palapye District Council Planning Office on Telephone Nos. 4930800/89 within (14) plans, contact consultant on 72901855 or Mahalapye Physical Planning Department.

SEONYATSENG OSADI KGOPOLLO owner of Plot 81572 would like to notify neighbors of the proposed boundary wall on her plot. For any objections please contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Department.

I PEGGY MOKGAUTSI, the owner of plot no 8410 at Bobonong, Mogapi ward wishes to change landuse from single residential to multi-residential. Any objections contact Bobirwa District Council or 71661690 within fourteen (14) days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 6669 Monarch, Francistown wishes to change landuse from single family to residential to Group Living (Row Housing). For queries contact 73341814 or City of Francistown Council Physical Planning Office on 2411050 within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 3947 Masunga has applied for change of land use from residential to commercial development. For objections call Physical Planning Office on 2431136/2482119 within 14 days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 21546 at Boikago Ward, Palapye wishes to propose regularization of a existing boundary wall. For any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical Planning or contact 4921092

OWNER OF PLOT 10509 at Rabaeng (Extension 10) Ward, Palapye wishes to erect a boundary wall. For any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council, Physical Planning or contact 4921092.

NEELO MIZAH MHALADI would like to notify neighbors of the proposed change of land use from residential to multi-residential on her plot in Tshikinyega Ward- Mahalapye. For objection or view of

NEIGHBOURING PLOTS OF 5010 Masetlheng Tlokweng are informed of owners' intention to erect boundary wall. Contact Tlokweng Council for comments within 14 days of publication

SONGQING LIU, OWNER of plot no. 7102, Extension 27, Gaborone intends to change land use from single family to commercial use. Any objection kindly contact Gaborone city council, physical planning Department, on telephone 3903430, 3932086, within fourteen (14) days of this publication notice

PLOT 6985-KO THE owner of plot 6985-KO wishes to develop a multi story residential house and boundary wall in Eco-City, Gaborone, Botswana. For any enquiries contact 77501025/74272326

THE OWNER OF plot 6319 wishes to erect the residential boundary wall at Kanye Moheelo ward, for any objections to be forwarded to Kanye council planning office on 5446057

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KAMBO LESERU	ESHFT-000465-26	18/08/26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KHUSTAF WASUBERA	ESHMY 000196-26	30-06-26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN
ESHFT-000885-24

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KOKETSO MOSALA GOLEBILWEMANG** - ESHFT-000885-24 who died at Sidilega Hospital, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 21st day of June 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the 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.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

GOLEBILWEMANG GOLEBILWEMANG
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 25
LETLHAKANE
74712948

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 0000433-26**

IN THE STATE of the late **KERILENG MOTSAMAI – ESHGB 0000433-26**

Who died at **Nkaikela Ward, Tlokweng, Tlokweng District, Botswana** on **The 30th day of September 2025**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executor Testamentary, Pearl Motsamai, PO Box 30775, TLOKWENG, Cell :71794622

Application for a Certified Copy of Lost
Covering Mortgage Bond

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Covering Mortgage Bond No. 4466/2011 dated 22nd November 2011, made in favour of **Spicy Affairs (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of the following property:-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1092 Tlokweng;
SITUATED: At Tlokweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 2050 m² (Two Thousand and Fifty Square Metres);

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

DATED at GABORONE this 1st day of June 2026

Khumomotse Law Practice | Plot 60030, Block 7 Gaborone,
P O Box 60783 Gaborone West Kiosk,
Tel: (267) 3190914/5 | Fax: (267) 3190909

Application for a Certified
Copy of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Notarial Deed of Cession No. 70/2008** dated 8th February 2008, made in favour of **Seffah Ventures (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of the following property:-

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Lot 1457 Mogoditshane;
SITUATED: At Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 2005 m² (Two Thousand and Five Square Metres);

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

DATED at GABORONE this 1st day of June 2026

Khumomotse Law Practice
Plot 60030, Block 7 Gaborone,
P O Box 60783 Gaborone West Kiosk,
Tel: (267) 3190914/5 Fax: (267) 3190909

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL
LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

NOTICE IS ISSUED in compliance to the provisions of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, **section 34, subsection (1) (a to e)** and transaction involves the following property in Tribal Land;

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Lot 25830 Mogoditshane
SITUATE : in the Bakwena Tribal territory
MEASURING : 3044m² (Three Thousand and Forty-Four Square Meters)
HELD UNDER : Memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. TL 1334/2013 dated 16th September 2013 made in favor of **HOPE OF GLORY APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES**.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Multi Residential Family

The transaction is valued at P1,200,000.00 (One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pula Only). By virtue of this notice, any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through **HOPE OF GLORY APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES**, P.O Box 60265 Gaborone, Botswana, **Cellphone No. 73 268 898** within thirty (30) days of this advert.

The intended transaction is between **HOPE OF GLORY APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES** and **SCAPE NOVA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

ELIJAH ATTORNEYS | Attorneys, Notaries and conveyancers
P O Box 4413, Gaborone
Tel : 311 5690 | Fax : 397 1773

Intention to Sell and Transfer Immovable Property
(in Terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEANOKENG MOJE has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Desmond Mpala (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Tribal Lot 1137, Artesia;

SITUATE: at Artesia;

MEASURING: 40 x 40 Metres;

WHICH PROPERTY: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated the 15th day of February 2010 made in favour SEANOKENG MOJE;

SUBJECT TO: the conditions contained in the aforesaid Certificate; Consideration of the Property amounts to P120,000.00 (One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Pula only) excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the Transaction priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Artesia Sub Land Board, P.O. Box 9, Artesia, within thirty (30) days from publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 09th day of June 2026.

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JAMBELA MYENGWA	ESHFT-000396-26	05-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A COPY OF A LOST BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost bond being 1125/1994 dated 20th July 1994 Passed by **JOSIAH CHILOMO JACOB** in Favour of **BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT**

In respect of the under mentioned:

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Lot 19758 GABORONE
SITUATE : At Gaborone West Extension 12
MEASURING : 450m² Four Hundred and Fifty Metre Square
HELD UNDER : 1125/1994 dated 20th July 1994

PASSED BY: **JOSIAH CHILOMO JACOB** | **IN FAVOUR OF: THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT**

All persons having objections to the issuance of such a copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds P Bag 0020 Gaborone, Attorney General Chambers within three (3) weeks of the last publication hereof.

Applicant | Lesedi Kgoberego Jacob

Contacts: +267 72 407 126 | +267 72 110 861 | Dated: 21st May 2026

APPLICATION FOR A COPY OF A LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Intends to apply for a certified copy of a lost deed being Deed of Transfer 668/1994 dated 20th July 1994 In Favour of **JOSIAH CHILOMO JACOB** In respect of the under mentioned:

CERTAIN : Piece of Land being Lot 19758 GABORONE
SITUATE : At Gaborone West Extension 12
MEASURING : 450m² Four Hundred and Fifty Metre Square
HELD UNDER : 668/1994 dated 20th July 1994
IN FAVOUR OF : **JOSIAH CHILOMO JACOB**

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Applicant | Lesedi Kgoberego Jacob

Contacts +267 72 407 126 | +267 72110861
Dated: 21st May 2026

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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

Name of Deceased	Person Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KAKA THALIBANG	ESHFT-000424-26	05-08-26	0900HRS	SARM2

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BOITSEPHO SEGAETSHO	ESHMY 000211-26	13.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 04th JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE (ESHMY 000359-26)

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEFORILWE LEPANE	ESHMY 000359-26	13.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

EXECUTOR DATIVE: IFANO KEFORILWE, P O BOX 469 SEROWE

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 8th JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administrative of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
LIZWE GEORGE	ESHFT-000445-26	11-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
GEORGE BATSHABENG	ESHFT-000846-25	12-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
MATHABA MOALOSI	ESHFT-000419/26	11-08-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No. TL394/2020** dated 19th day of **March 2020** made in favour of Mmatseo Dikolane in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 14267
SITUATE: Tlokweg
MEASURING: 19.9200 (Nineteen Point Nine Two Zero Zero)
HELD UNDER: Mmatseo Dikolane

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 8th DAY OF June, 2026

M. Dikolane
APPLICANT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MATOBOTBO MMUNYANE	ESHMY 000349-26	13.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 2nd JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000103-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **OITATOTSE WANTLE** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on the **10th November 2018**.

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

DATED AT MAHALAPYE on this 17th Day of May 2026

The Executrix | Robert Wantle
 P. O. Box 301133, Tlokweg | Cell: 71869124

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000203-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **Phillimon Machete** who died at Sir Ketumile Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **26th October 2024**.

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

DATED AT on this Day of 2026

The Executive | Shirley Dimakatso Machete
 P O Box 573, Palapye | Cell: 74151577

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
PAUL MALIKONGWA & ALICE MALIKONGWA	ESHFT-000417/26	11/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026

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 P O Box 2884, Gaborone
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Email: pula@it.bw

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NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT OF 2018

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT; LORRAINE SEREBOLO and SIBONELE RAYMOND TSHUMA (a non-citizen of Botswana) intend to enter into a transaction for transfer of rights in respect of certain piece of land being an integrated farm situate at Tapeng and measuring 208 x 285 x 129 x 278 meters held under Certificate of Customary Land Grant issued by the Tonota Sub-Land Board on the 25th June 2014 in favour of LORRAINE SEREBOLO in exchange of valuable consideration in the form of Botswana Pula P 180,000.00 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Pula).

THEREFORE; any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property is question is hereby requested to notify the above land board and the parties hereto within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, failing which the parties hereto shall proceed to submit such transaction with the relevant land board for registration.

THIS DONE AND SIGNED AT GABORONE ON THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

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Closing Date: 2nd July 2026

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

ESHFT 000434-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Olifile Ramotswiri- ESHFT/ 000434-23** - who died at Francistown District on the 10 April 2024.

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

DATED AT A FRANCISTOWN THIS 04 DAY OF JUNE 2026

Sign:.....

The Executrix
Kesitang Ramotswiri
P o box 1109 Francistown
71445671

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

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TAPOLOGO MOTSUMI	ESHFT-000409-26	12-08-26	0900HRS	Master DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER S REFERENCE: EHGB-000061-20

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Robspere Emmanuel** who died at Letsibogo behind Rainbow Rest, Letlhakane 2019
LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Offices of Master of the High Court at Gaborone for period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the publications thereof.

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Dated at Francistown on this date 22 of May 2026

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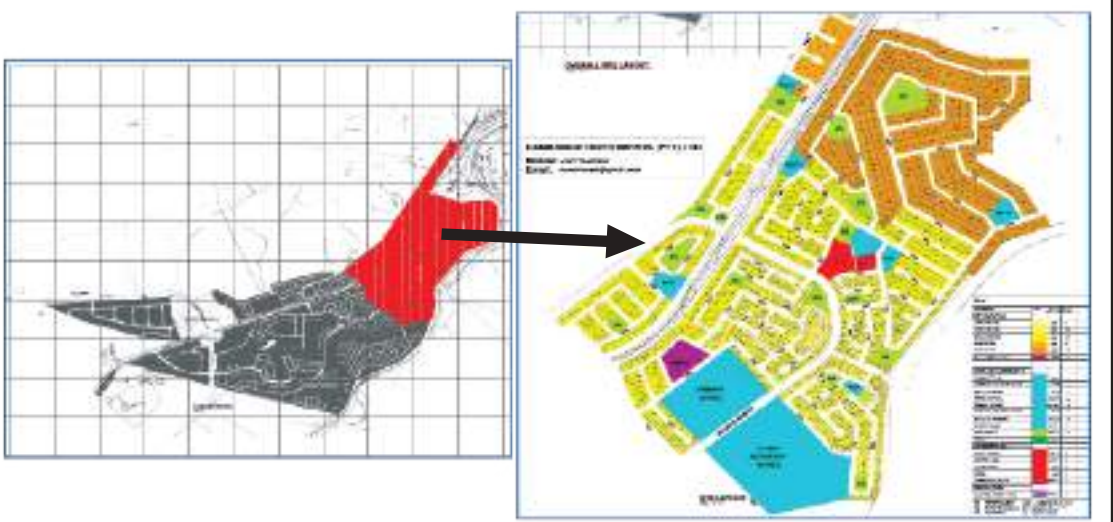
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China-Africa trade expo in Morocco to boost trade

CHANGSHA-RABAT

The Morocco session of the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo opened on Wednesday in Casablanca, the largest city of Morocco.

The event is the first major overseas economic and trade event organized by central China's Hunan Province in Africa since China fully implemented a zero-tariff policy for 53 African countries with which it has diplomatic relations.

Featuring targeted and practical matchmaking mechanisms, the expo will build a new bridge for mutual benefit and serve as a landmark platform to deepen China-Morocco strategic cooperation and upgrade China-Africa economic and trade ties, said Moroccan experts.

It comes at an opportune time, as it marks the 10th anniversary of the strategic partnership between China and Morocco, and will help translate the dividends of the zero-tariff policy into practical cooperation results, said Nasser Bouchiba, president of the Morocco-based Africa China Cooperation Association for Development.

It will enable premium Moroccan products to enter the vast Chinese market more smoothly, while encouraging more Chinese enterprises to expand their presence in North Africa, improve localised service networks,

and strengthen the integration of industrial and supply chains, said Bouchiba.

Two-way trade between China and Morocco amounted to US\$10.96 billion in 2025, up from 9.04 billion in 2024.

China has remained Morocco's third-largest trading partner globally and its largest trading partner in Asia for many consecutive years.

In 2025, China's exports to Morocco reached US\$9.88 billion, while imports from Morocco stood at US\$1.08 billion.

Jawad Kerdoudi, president of the Moroccan Institute of International Relations, called the policy a mutually beneficial strategic move, which would help reduce Africa's trade deficit with China, attract more Chinese investment, and bring capital, technology and jobs to the continent.

Morocco has seen a marked acceleration in attracting Chinese investment in recent years, with many major projects having been launched, covering new energy, green technology, textiles and other fields, boosting local industrialization and creating jobs, he said. On the significance of the expo, Mohamed Khalil, president of the Morocco-China Friendship and Exchange Association, said it would further promote policy synergy, industrial matchmaking and people-to-people bonds.

Xinhua



KINSHASA - A number of confirmed Ebola cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has risen to 635 as of June 9, Health Minister Roger Kamba said Wednesday. Photo: Xinhua

DR Congo Ebola cases rise to 635

KINSHASA

The number of confirmed Ebola cases in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has risen to 635 as of June 9, Health Minister Roger Kamba said Wednesday.

In a post on social media platform X, he said the outbreak, caused by the Bundibugyo Ebola virus, continues to pose challenges, but the response was gaining momentum, with more patients recovering and contact tracing

improving. According to Kamba, the proportion of contacts under follow-up has increased to 61.1 per cent, up from 56.4 per cent a day earlier. He said health authorities are monitoring "every zone, every alert and every signal," as vigilance remains high.

Kamba also announced eight new recoveries, including seven in Nyankunde and one in Mongbwalu, both in the eastern province of Ituri. The new recoveries brought the total number of recovered patients to 30.

"Each recovery sends a strong message: come for treatment, as early care saves lives," he said.

The minister added that 490 tonnes of medicines have been deployed, laboratories strengthened and response teams mobilized around the clock in Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu provinces.

The DRC declared its latest Ebola outbreak on May 15. On May 17, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. *Xinhua*



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA GABORONE

Recruitment for the post of Clerk-cum-Librarian

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for filling up one post of Clerk-cum-Librarian in the pay scale of Pulas 7680-230-11130-334-14470-434-18810 at the High Commission of India, Gaborone. The applicant should possess the following:

Essential qualifications:

1. A Bachelor's Degree
2. Computer literate
3. Proficiency in working on MS office and Linux (open source) packages

Desirable qualifications:

1. Two years work experience
2. A computer's degree/diploma – ability to work on photoshop, video-editing software
3. Experience of working in a similar capacity
4. Adequate communication skills

A copy of Curriculum Vitae (with photo) may kindly be emailed/posted/couriered to: 'Head of Chancery, Private Bag 00249, Plot No. 5375, President's Drive, Gaborone; Email: hoc.gaborone@mea.gov.in / adm.gaborone@mea.gov.in' with **subject/title: Application for the post of Clerk-cum-Librarian at HCI, Gaborone.**

The applications should reach High Commission of India, Gaborone by 1700hrs on 23rd June 2026. Short-listed candidates will be contacted by this High Commission informing them about date/time for interview.

The selected candidate will be expected to join from 1 July, 2026.

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Franco set to light up Francistown tomorrow

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Frank Lesokwane, known as Franco in the music industry, also hailed by many as one of the greatest artistes in Botswana, is set to make history with the sixth edition of his Soul Fill Up concert. For the first time, the celebrated show heads north to Francistown’s Old Stadium tomorrow.

Presented by Franco Investments, Ghetto Soul Fill Up with Franco, follows five sold-out editions in the south of the country.

The event has built a reputation as a true platform for local music, blending rumba-kwasa legends with

the country’s rising stars.

Speaking in an interview on Thursday, Franco said the Soul fill Up show was more than entertainment but was also about belief in local talent.

“In our country, most people believe that you need international artistes to pull massive crowds. To me, I believe local artistes have the potential to do it as well. I believe a lot in our local music. We have the crowd, we have talent. We just need a platform,” said Franco.

As one of the biggest artists in the country, Franco said this Soul Fill Up show is to acknowledge and celebrate his followers who have been with him since the beginning.

“I am doing it again to celebrate with my followers who have been with me

throughout,” Franco said. “They have held me up from day one, through every album, every tour, every high and low. The South has shown me love five times already. Now it is time to fill up Ghetto with that same soul.”

This Francistown debut features a massive bill. Franco & Afro Musica will share the stage with other artistes such as Dr Vom & Bana Bana Ba Ntoga, Slizer, Juu Matere, Tumza, MCMaswe, Dannybass Crew, Maghebula, D.M Guys, Madala vs KellyJess, Tshepo G, Dinkwetota, Mr Hippo, Mma Oshima, Queen Bree, Dibonza, Legrand Mokonzi Ya Listo, Beauty Queens, DJ Bafana, Lopzah & Wetu Musica, Pasney & Tswapong Afro Stars, Awilo, Spekere & Silver Stars, MC Babe Police, MC

Modidima, DJ Matt, and MC Veveveh.

Franco urged his followers to turn up in large numbers:

“Come and enjoy the festival. Let’s fill up Ghetto together.”

Beyond music, Franco spoke on his quiet approach to philanthropy.

He said he regularly gave back to the community but avoided publicising it to protect the dignity of those he assisted.

“I believe in God. When giving, do it secretly and your God in heaven will reward you. There is no need to show other people that you’re giving to those who are underprivileged.”

Tickets for the show are P100 in advance, P150 at the gate, and P350 for VIP. **BOPA**

Molotsi reflects through *Lessons and Letters*

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

For Keabetswe Molotsi, writing has always been more than a hobby. It is a form of self-expression, reflection and healing. Her book, *Lessons and Letters*, is a testament to that lifelong passion.

Molotsi, an alumna of the University of Botswana, initially

pursued a legal career and obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree.

However, her passion for education led her to transition into teaching, where she later earned a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) and a Master’s Degree in Advanced Teaching.

At its core, *Lessons and Letters* is a collection of poetry.

Beyond that, it is an intimate compilation of reflections, affirmations and personal letters written to readers.

The book is divided into seven chapters, each representing a

different life lesson and the wisdom gained through experience.

“*Lessons and Letters* was launched in two acts on September 27, 2025. The launch was designed as an immersive theatre production that brought the themes of the book to life through music, dance, song and poetry recitals,” Molotsi explained.

Known affectionately as ‘Kea’ by family, friends and supporters, she said her love for writing dated back to Standard Four.



Keabetswe Molotsi

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April showcases multifaceted talent

“I wrote, edited, designed and self-published the book. I also created the music and curated the creative direction for the entire experience”



Keetile Bontsibokae
GABORONE

A multidisciplinary artiste, Louisa April, recently launched her debut poetry collection, *Before You Leave Me*, during an evening that combined poetry, live music, storytelling and emotional reflection.

The Gaborone-based singer, guitarist, poet and author described the event as both a book launch and a live acoustic introduction to music from her upcoming album, which shared the same title as the poetry collection.

Although she has maintained a relatively low profile in recent years, April said she was no stranger to the creative industry, having performed at events and venues such as Maitisong Festival, Botswana Craft, AVANI, Jazz X Change, Naked Soul Sessions and RMB Song Nights Namibia.

She explained that the experience explored themes of healing, heartbreak, transition and self-discovery.

“At its core, the project is about learning to let go of things that no longer serve us and choosing

yourself again after grief, disappointment or confusion,” she said.

April noted that the setting was intentionally designed to make audiences feel emotionally connected to the art and storytelling.

She described the event as a meaningful reintroduction to the literary and performance space after spending time away writing, creating and rebuilding herself creatively.

Her vision is to continue capturing honest human experiences through different art forms while collaborating with creatives who share similar values of vulnerability, healing and authenticity.

“I wrote, edited, designed and self-published the book. I also created the music and curated the creative direction for the entire experience,” she said.

The live performances featured trumpet player, Njaveva Bingana, guitarist Sandi, percussionist Ndabezihle and keyboardist David.

April said her choice of collaborators reflected her

“The typography is intentionally imperfect because life itself is not neat or perfect”



appreciation for Pan-African identity and emotional storytelling. Born in Botswana to a Namibian mother and Nigerian father, she said diversity and warmth were important influences in her work.

She further explained that *Before You Leave Me* combined spoken word, live music, audience interaction and healing conversations into an immersive artistic experience.

The project’s visual identity and branding, she added, drew inspiration from African contemporary design, poetry culture and her personal artistic style.

“The typography is intentionally imperfect because life itself is not neat or perfect,” she said.

April acknowledged that independently funding the production while balancing corporate responsibilities was one of the greatest challenges she faced.

“As an independent artist, you learn that creating art is one thing, but producing experiences requires sacrifice, resilience and community support,” she said.

She credited friends, family and collaborators for helping bring the project to life and thanked supporters for investing in independent art through ticket and book purchases.

During the event, April also participated in a discussion

with author and mental health practitioner, Bakang Akoonyatse, where they explored themes of love, heartbreak, vulnerability and healing reflected in the book.

Speaking during the conversation, April said therapy, self-awareness and personal growth continued to shape her understanding of love and relationships.

She described *Before You Leave Me* as a collection of reflections on self-love, platonic love, romantic love and emotional healing.

Guests enjoyed poetry readings, live performances, dinner and curated gift bags containing copies of the book and lavender bath salts created in collaboration with local wellness brand Bathong.

Audience members praised the event for its emotional honesty, intimate atmosphere and thoughtful presentation.

One attendee, Thusie Ethan, described the experience as unique, healing and beautifully organised.

Another guest, Keabetswe Molotsi, said the poetry readings and music felt deeply personal and emotionally moving. **BOPA**

Molotsi reflects through *Lessons and Letters*

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Publishing a book was a dream she had carried with her since childhood.

“This book is truly a dream come true. I have always wanted to become a published author,” she said.

The collection draws inspiration from her personal experiences, with some poems dating back to her secondary school years. The publication contains approximately 87 poems and letters, each offering insight into different stages of life, growth and self-discovery.

Among her favourite pieces is, *The Book Always*, a poem celebrating the joy of revisiting cherished books.

“It captures the wonder of returning to a beloved book time and again. Most readers can relate to that feeling, and I certainly do,” she said.

Another poem close to her heart is, *Under Your Skin*, which

explores vulnerability and the longing for intimacy.

“Whether the poem speaks about friendship or romantic love is entirely up to the reader’s interpretation,” she noted.

She also



highlighted, *I Met With Them in a Secret Place*, a poem centred on self-reflection and embracing every version of oneself.

According to Molotsi, the response to the book had been overwhelmingly positive.

“Many readers have described it as a deeply revealing and introspective read. What encourages me most is hearing that people can relate to the poems despite how personal they are,” she said.

She believed the collection would resonate particularly with readers who appreciated reflective, emotionally honest and affirming free-verse poetry.

“I hope many young women will find comfort, encouragement and a sense of belonging within these pages,” she said.

Molotsi spent nearly a year compiling and refining the manuscript to ensure the quality of the final product. The cover artwork was created by local artist, Moleboge Mokgosi, whose work helped bring the book’s vision to life.

Asked to summarise the message behind the book, Molotsi described it as a celebration of life in all its complexities.

“It is an ode to life. It is about embracing everything life offers—the good, the bad and the unexpected,” she said.

Since its launch, *Lessons and Letters* has enjoyed encouraging sales, with 107 copies sold, including those purchased during the launch event. Molotsi described her poetry style as a deeply personal form of written self-expression.

However, she acknowledged that marketing a printed book in an era dominated by e-books and short-form digital content remained one of her biggest challenges.

Readers have praised the collection for its emotional depth and relatability.

One reader, Tuduetso Ontumetse, said the book made her feel understood.

“The poems reflect both joy and sorrow in a way that resonates deeply with my own experiences. They are beautifully written and incredibly relatable,” she said.

Another reader, Bonolo Kambai, said the book offered guidance during difficult moments.

“What stood out for me was how some of the letters seemed to describe exactly what I was feeling. My favourite poem is *Crossroads* on page 24. Whenever I am uncertain, I return to it for comfort and clarity. The book is filled with gems that continue to reveal new meanings each time I read it,” she said.

Through *Lessons and Letters*, Molotsi has not only fulfilled a childhood dream but also created a collection that encourages readers to reflect, heal and embrace every chapter of their lives. **BOPA**

Bobonong sports facility dispute ends

Manowe Motsaathebe
BOBONONG

Parties involved in the construction of the Bobonong sports facility have agreed to conduct a final account assessment, which will pave the way for a new contract with the current contractor, BWX Link Holdings.

The contractor has been in a legal dispute with the implementing authority, the Bobirwa District Council.

This newly agreed process is ultimately expected to lead to the successful completion of the facility, whose construction began in November 2019.

Once finished, the sports facility will be handed over to the client ministry, which will then open it to end-users.

“The matter was at arbitration but had not been heard yet. We managed to engage with the contractor, and we agreed to come to the table for further discussions,” said Bobirwa District Council, Deputy Council Secretary, Mr Onthatile Molelu.

He was responding to a question from Councilor Letsogile Kokeitso who sought an update on the completion timeline for maintenance works at the facility.

Phase two of the construction has been stalled for several years following the successful completion of phase one by Heidi Dea Holdings in 2020.

Phase one cost P5 million and comprised the construction of changing rooms, kiosks, ablution blocks, and a boundary wall.

Phase two, awarded to BWX Link Holdings, included volleyball and netball courts, an artificial turf football pitch, scaffolding stands with a 200-seat capacity around the pitch, and a compacted soil athletics track.

Reports indicate that the dispute between BWX Link Holdings and council stemmed from specifications surrounding the artificial turf.

Apparently, the contractor ordered turf that did not meet the expectations of the council, which up to that point had not firmly locked in the contract specifications, resulting in a deadlock between the two parties. The impasse halted all

construction works at the facility. Consequently, completed infrastructure—such as the boundary wall, changing rooms, and kiosks—remained unused.

This abandonment has reportedly attracted thieves, who have vandalised the buildings for copper cables and other valuable materials.

However, Mr Molelu revealed that the council, through the Ministry of Sport and Arts, has secured P400,000 for maintenance works at the facility.

Following these repairs, the client ministry is expected to move in and occupy some of the offices under a partial handover agreement.

“Our entire intention is to complete the works at the facility so that it can be put to good use by its intended users,” Mr Molelu said, adding that they are currently in the procurement stage for maintenance materials.

He stated that the maintenance works would be done in-house and would last a maximum of five weeks.

Once completed, the client ministry will move into the usable areas, while the section of the facility under dispute will be boarded off.

However, Molalatau Councilor, Mr Moribame Moribame expressed dissatisfaction with the explanation regarding the project’s stagnation.

Mr Moribame called for those responsible for failing to lock the contract with solid specifications to be held accountable for the financial losses.

He also blamed council staff for failing to concede to their shortfalls, which caused the matter to escalate to arbitration.

“Had you drafted proper specifications, we would not be here. Someone is responsible for this and has to bear the financial ramifications of these prolonged delays,” Mr Moribame said.

When completed, the Bobonong Sports Facility will feature an artificial turf football pitch with scaffolding stands, netball and volleyball courts, a compacted soil athletics track, ablution blocks, changing rooms, kiosks, and a secure boundary wall. **BOPA**



Bojanala Water Park hosts FIFA World Cup watch party

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Digital Pillars and Montana Media have secured an official FIFA Public Viewing Licence to host a World Cup watch party at Bojanala Water Park in Gaborone from June 11 to July 19.

The organisers’ spokesperson, Molefi Obenne said obtaining the licence was a rigorous process that required meeting several conditions before approval could be granted.

Obenne said the watch party would primarily focus on weekend matches, with screenings taking place from Friday to Sunday and

two games shown each night.

He said the initiative would provide football supporters with an ideal weekend destination where they could enjoy live matches, music, food, beverages and the excitement of watching football on a giant screen alongside fellow fans.

The event officially kicked off yesterday with an opening fixture between Mexico and South Africa at 9 pm., while gates opened at 6 pm.

Obenne said the objective was to create a safe, exciting and well-organised environment where football enthusiasts could come together and experience the World Cup atmosphere without having

to travel far. With Bojanala Water Park serving as the venue, he said patrons could expect an outdoor festival-style experience featuring entertainment and a vibrant social atmosphere.

Obenne said the partnership between Digital Pillars and Montana Media would add a professional touch to the event through a combination of event management, media coverage, branding and public engagement.

General admission tickets cost P100, while discounted double and group packages are available. Corporate packages have also been introduced to allow companies to take advantage of one of the world’s biggest sporting spectacles. **BOPA**



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Gaone Poane

Tennis umpires break ceiling at Roland Garros

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

When the next generation of young girls looks at a tennis court, they will no longer just see a game played with a racket but a stage where they can call the shots, thanks to two trailblazers, Gaone Poane and Kessie France-Ketletseng.

The duo recently stood amid iconic red clay and intense pressure of the 2026 Roland Garros tournament held in Paris, France.

The two women did not just travel to Paris with their rackets, but they took their places as guardians of the game, officiating at one of tennis's ultra-prestigious Grand Slams and representing a shift for Botswana sport.

For many years, the country's footprint on the global sporting map was measured by the athletes' performance and when the national anthem played in international arenas, it was almost always for them. But quietly, beneath the surface of the headlines, Poane and France-Ketletseng have shattered a glass ceiling or perhaps, a clay ceiling and proved that sport officials can hoist the country's flag just as high on the world stage.

Their achievement lands at a critical time. Back home, Botswana continues to grapple with low participation rates for women across various sporting disciplines. Whether due to lack of visibility, historical biases or limited developmental pathways, competitive sport has structurally trended male.

By commanding the lines at Roland Garros, Poane and France-Ketletseng have built a powerful and visible case for what women can achieve in sport beyond the baseline.

For Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) president, Oaitse Thipe, watching the duo step

onto the courts in Paris was both emotional and validating.

Thipe noted that the federation was happy to see their female officials reaching the prestigious French Open, adding that the growing number of local officials transitioning to high-level international tournaments was a sign of structural progress.

To the casual observer, the sudden rise of two Botswana umpires to the pinnacle of world tennis might look like a stroke of luck. But look closer and you will find it is the result of a calculated and years-long blueprint drawn up by the BTA.

Recognition on the international circuit requires exposure and exposure requires matches. Realising that sending local officials abroad constantly was financially unsustainable, the BTA brought the world to Botswana.

By aggressively bidding for and hosting high-profile regional and continental tournaments at home, the federation created an incubator for local officiating talent. It was on these local courts and officiating under international scrutiny right at home, that Poane and France-Ketletseng sharpened the razor-thin instincts required of elite umpires.

"Now they realise that officiating can be done on a full-time basis. It is important that as a federation we continue investing in a lot of tennis tournaments, not only for our players but for our officials as well," Thipe said.

However, the momentum is not stopping in Paris. The infrastructure built by the BTA continues to churn out opportunities. The recent ITF \$15 000 tournament held in Botswana offered local talent a taste of professional stakes and the upcoming Billie Jean King Cup, the premier international team competition in women's tennis, will see an army of local officials taking charge of the chairs and lines.

As for Poane and France-Ketletseng, Paris was just the beginning of the summer swing. With their names now firmly established in the binders of international grand slam coordinators, the grass courts of London and the hard courts of New York are calling.

"In that regard, I am happy with the work that was done by the two officials. We hope that for the upcoming Grand Slams, Wimbledon and the US Open, they will also be considered and make the cut," he said. **BOPA**

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