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DALLAS - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi addressing members of the media in Texas. He called for a significant policy shift to create opportunities for women to participate actively and equally in global trade. He said increased participation of women in both local and international trade could lead to enhanced economic development, create more job opportunities for women across Africa, including Botswana, and also reduce gender disparities.

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# Marathe receives prison service meritorious award

By Kgotsotalang Botsang

MAHALAPYE - Acting President Slumber Tsogwane, joined multitudes of Batswana, in celebrating Botswana Prison Service (BPS) 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Mahalapye on Saturday.

Mr Tsogwane also honoured distinguished members of the BPS by awarding 74 medals.

Amongst awardees was Former BPS Commissioner Ms Dinah Marathe who was presented with the most prestigious award of the BPS, the Botswana Prison Service Medal for Meritorious Service. This award recognises individuals whose exceptional service has significantly contributed to the development of the Prison Service and country at large.

The Acting President also conferred 24 officers with the Botswana Prison Service Distinguished Service Order Medal. This award is given to members of the BPS with a meritorious service record of at least 30 continuous years.

Additionally, twenty-two officers received the BPS Jubilee Service Medal, presented to those serving for a minimum of 25 years continuously.

Twenty-seven officers were awarded the Botswana Prison Service Medal for long service and good conduct, recognising their 18 years of service and exemplary conduct within the BPS.

BPS Spokesperson, Senior Superintendent Oagile Kojane, expressed the organisation's pride in Ms Marathe's achievement, praising her dedication, hard work, and leadership qualities.

"As the BPS we are proud of the former commissioner Ms Marathe for receiving the most prestigious award of the BPS, this award is a true testimony of her hard work and dedication to the organisation," said the BPS Spokesperson Senior Superintendent Kojane in an interview.

The anniversary was themed Building a High-Performance Culture: Repositioning,

Realigning, and Re-engineering the Prison Service to Achieve its Mandate.

Senior Superintendent Kojane highlighted the significant progress made by the BPS in fulfilling its vision, particularly emphasising the organization's role in contributing to the country's economy through its food security strategy.

The event served as a testament to the BPS's continuous efforts to not only provide custodial care but also to empower offenders for successful reintegration and meaningful contributions to the nation's economy.

Furthermore, Senior Superintendent Kojane explained that the BPS took rehabilitation of offenders to a higher level and ensured that their re-integration to the society became a success, adding that in the past it was difficult for the society to accept offenders.

He said it was BPS' dream to see offenders leading crime free lives saying for that to be achieved it called for the nation and stakeholders to join hands to help offenders reintegrate well with their respective communities.

BPS, he said had formed over 400 re-integration committees across the country comprising Dikgosi, social workers and members of the community, adding that BPS wanted to change minds of offenders and mould them into responsible members of the community.

He said the BPS together with these committees were doing their best to stop stigma attached to offenders.

He implored the business community to also form part of these committees to help reintegrate offenders by employing them or empowering them to use skills acquired from prison to start their own businesses.

"We aspire to provide a safer crime free and peaceful Botswana by 2036," he said.

The Minister of Defence and Security, Mr Kagiso Mmusi also attended the celebrations. **BOPA**



Vice President Tsogwane (left) bestowing Ms Marathe with a Botswana Prisons Services Medal for Meritorious Service during Prisons Day celebrations in Mahalapye on Saturday. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

## Digital feedback tools pivotal innovation - Dikoloti

By Lechedzani Morapedi

FRANCISTOWN - Digital automated customer feedback tools are playing a crucial role in the government's efforts to enhance health services and improve health outcomes, Health Minister Dr Edwin Dikoloti has said.

The minister was speaking at the launch of the the customer feedback tools at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital recently.

Dr Dikoloti expressed his appreciation for the hospital's decision to implement digital customer satisfaction surveys, highlighting the need to move away from traditional paper-based processes still in use in many government departments.

He emphasised that the automated tools align with Botswana's focus on digitisation as outlined in the Reset Agenda's third priority and the Ministry of Health's e-health strategy introduced in 2020.

He noted that such initiatives were instrumental in reshaping and enhancing healthcare services across the country.

Furthermore, Dr Dikoloti pointed out that the feedback tool would not only improve patient satisfaction but also streamline

the hospital's responsiveness to customer and staff feedback, thereby enhancing overall efficiency in patient care.

The minister stressed that digitisation was essential for capturing comprehensive feedback effectively, providing patients with a convenient avenue to share their opinions from the comfort of their homes.

He said government was investing in technological advancements, including internet connectivity in key public facilities like hospitals. Additionally, he mentioned ongoing efforts to digitize patient management systems to boost efficiency and overall health outcomes. Dr Dikoloti urged Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital's management to fully leverage the digital platform and promote its use among customers to facilitate convenient feedback submission. "It is when such services are fully utilised that they can bring forth results and help improve patients care and build the Nyangabgwe Hospital with top notch services," Dr Dikoloti added.

Nyangabgwe Hospital Superintendent, Dr Ivan Kgetse said the aim of the digital automated customer feedback tool was to increase customer

satisfaction rate through receiving feedback, work on gaps and reward hard work.

Dr Kgetse said the feedback tool would enable the hospital to strengthen a successful collaboration with its stakeholders as they would receive feedback on the services offered.

Dr Kgetse said the hospital also aimed to strengthen the existing structures through training, providing formal courses and workshops for staff and through mentorship and coaching so as to produce high quality leaders.

He also added that staff welfare was catered for since a motivated and happy staff would work towards achieving set goals.

He said the hospital has introduced recreational facilities for its staff as a way of motivating and enhancing staff engagement.

Dr Kgetse further said creating a conducive environment for optimal service delivery was one of their key mandates.

He added that timely procurement and maintenance of equipment helped to keep the hospital highly effective and the environment accommodative.

Nyangabgwe Hospital Chief Nursing Officer, Ms Idah Mmopiemang said it was important to get customer feedback to know areas which needed improvement.

She also noted that they were willing to take critical feedback with an open heart and receive criticism so as to fill the gaps and make customers happy.

Ms Mmopiemang said feedback was important for planning and to achieve the hospital's goal of delivering quality medical health care services. Member of Parliament for Francistown West, Mr Ignatius Moswaane applauded the hospital for launching the automated feedback application, stating that it would help to address patients needs.

He added that the tools would help to improve customer service in the facility as everyone would be accountable.

Mr Moswaane said the feedback tool would also help monitor progress across all the facilities and find ways of working on the weaknesses. **BOPA**

## Shamukuni urges companies to embrace change

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KASANE - Organisations have been urged to adopt effective governance mechanisms that enhance performance and foster long term value creation.

Delivering a keynote address at the 2nd annual corporate governance summit in Kasane on recently, the Minister of Justice Mr Machana Shamukuni said organisations should commit to upholding the highest standards of governance and operate with integrity and transparency.

He said this year's theme, Re-Imagining Corporate Governance in Enhancing Company's Performance in Turbulent Times, was of profound significance to organisations as they navigated through uncertainty and volatility

to overcome emerging risks presented by constant evolution of the business landscape.

"As we embark on this journey of re-imagining corporate governance, let us challenge conventional norms, embrace change, and leverage emerging technologies and best practices to propel our organisations towards excellence."

Mr Shamukuni said the summit was an opportunity for delegates to strengthen their governance framework, uphold principles of accountability, and steer their respective organisations towards a future defined by trust, sustainability, and success.

He said effective governance served as a cornerstone that aligned the interests of stakeholders, mitigates risks, and

drove sustainable growth.

The minister said instilling trust, transparency, and accountability at the core of organisation's operations, laid a solid foundation for building resilience and creating long-term value for all stakeholders.

He said instabilities should not be viewed as a threat, but opportunities to innovate, evolve, and transform governance frameworks to meet the demands of the dynamic business environment.

The Executive Chairperson of Exclusive Human Capital Consultancy (EHCC), Mr Joe Ndadi said as a human capital firm they noted that corporate governance in various institutions in Botswana was compromised hence organised this summit to

close that gap.

He said the summit offered training delegates on corporate governance frameworks, ethics and fairness, managing conflict between board of directors and executives and involvement of shareholders.

Mr Ndadi said EHCC had observed that private companies were training their board members and executives abroad on corporate governance while there were qualified experts in Botswana who could provide training.

He pointed out that the summit would discuss topics such as, rights and responsibilities of shareholders, role of board members in corporate strategy of State Owned Enterprises, and the importance of gender diversity in corporate boards. **BOPA**

# Botswana adopts multilateralism for dev.

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

DALLAS - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi says Botswana has adopted people-centred multilateralism as one of its many development paths.

President Masisi said this during a meet and greet session with Batswana living in Texas on Thursday.

He highlighted Botswana's commitment to a people-centred

approach to multilateralism as a key strategy for national development.

The President emphasised the government's focus on fostering collaborations and cooperation with the global community, identifying it as a top priority during his leadership.

He underscored the significant outcomes stemming from these partnerships, citing a recent successful visit to the United States of America.

During this visit, he said, a significant milestone was reached as Botswana secured an agreement with the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to set up in the country.

Dr Masisi said following the accomplishment, he embarked on the second phase of his visit to New York, where he engaged in constructive discussions with the Prime Minister of The Bahamas.

The leaders addressed mutual challenges facing Botswana and The Bahamas, seeking common ground for cooperation and progress.

While in New York, President Masisi seized the opportunity to interact with global thought leaders dedicated to finding sustainable solutions to pressing global issues and enhancing the quality of life for individuals worldwide.

At these engagements, President Masisi called on international conglomerates, urging them to overcome prejudice and preconceptions about Africa.

He advocated for increased investment in the continent, emphasising the transformative potential to drive development

initiatives and elevate the standard of living for African communities.

"We want to call a meeting in Botswana where we can engage these multinationals in a conversation on 'de-risk' because we want the capital to be cheaper and affordable to us and the developing world, especially in Africa," he said.

President Masisi said Africa must speak with one voice and do away with the silo mentality that could only create disparities in developments and economic refugees who would then put a strain on host countries.

A vibrant economic landscape across Africa, according to President Masisi, was paramount for robust trade to take shape as envisioned in the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA).

He shared with his audience that the third leg of his working visit landed him at the 16<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Business Summit to look for opportunities to forge ties and create networks with like-minded people and companies to scale Botswana's economy.

"As a growing economy, a forum

such as this one is an eye opener to us as a government and to the many Batswana companies who can learn best practices and secure a lucrative and a huge US market," he said clarifying Botswana's choice of forging partnerships with American companies.

On other matters, President Masisi urged Batswana who stay in America to register for elections and use their democratic right to vote during polls this October.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Lemogang Kwape, stated during the welcome that the meet and greet session was a platform for the President to meet with Batswana and appraise them on pertinent bread and butter issues back at home in a relaxed manner.

One of the Batswana living in Dallas, Texas, Ms Tswelelo Magosi, praised President Masisi's heroic exploits since ascending the highest office in the land in 2018.

"We are short of words and can only express our gratitude for your exceptional leadership and this is reflected in our country flourishing under your leadership," she said. **BOPA**

## Summit endorses 10-year plan for soil health

By Thato Mosinyi

NAIROBI - Botswana's Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union (AU), Mr Tebelelo Boang, has lauded the success of the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Summit held in Kenya.

The summit served as a collaborative platform for all stakeholders to underscore the vital importance of fertilizer and soil health in driving sustainable pro-poor productivity within African agriculture.

A key outcome was the consensus reached on an African fertilizer and soil health action plan, alongside the establishment of the Soils Initiative for Africa.

In an interview, Mr Boang disclosed that the summit endorsed a comprehensive 10-year action plan, aimed at presenting actionable recommendations to African leaders and stakeholders for implementation over the specified period.

This plan, he said was expected to concentrate efforts on formulating new policies and making strategic investments to empower farmers in the restoration of soil health, leading to enhanced yield responses and increased profitability from the use of fertilizers.

Mr Boang decried the endorsed action plan and the soil initiative framework as fundamental guiding documents, emphasising their critical role in fostering collaborative multi-stakeholder partnerships and

directing investments towards policy development and capacity building in fertilizer and sustainable soil health management across Africa.

He acknowledged the persistent challenges in fulfilling commitments outlined in various declarations, however, he commended remarkable progress achieved since the Abuja declaration. He highlighted the marked increase in mineral fertilizer production by the private sector but expressed unease regarding the slow growth in fertilizer consumption across Africa. Despite a rise from eight kilograms per hectare to 18 kilograms per hectare in 2022, this figure falls well short of the targeted 50 kilograms per hectare set in the Abuja declaration of 2006.

Furthermore, Mr. Boang drew attention to the global fertilizer crisis, saying its disproportionate impact on Africa with a notable 25 per cent year-on-year decline in fertilizer usage during 2022. The summit also raised concerns about Africa's vulnerability to climate change, posing a significant threat to the continent's agricultural sustainability in the future.

He highlighted that the summit endorsed the need for regional cooperation on fertilizers and soil health and that opportunities for investment and inter- and intra-regional trade were significantly enhanced by the adoption of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

He revealed that all member states pledged to triple domestic production and distribution of certified quality organic and inorganic fertilizers by 2034, and to improve access and affordability for smallholder farmers.

He said it could be accomplished through prioritising local production and blending mineral fertilizers by using locally available raw materials.

Mr Boang further said the summit also pledged to operationalise the Africa fertilizer financing mechanism in order to improve production, procurement and the distribution of organic and inorganic fertilizers as well as soil health interventions. **BOPA**



President Masisi (right) with some Batswana living in Texas during a meet and greet session on Thursday. He urged them to register for the upcoming elections and use their democratic right to vote during polls this October. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

## Masisi advocates for policy shift to empower women in trade

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

DALLAS - President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has urged countries to make a complete policy shift to deliberately open spaces for women to meaningfully and equally participate in international trade.

He was officiating at the event on facilitating US-Africa trade and investment: Women and the Diaspora, on the margins of the US-Africa Business Summit 2024 in Texas on Thursday.

President Masisi believed the shift would accelerate efforts towards realising Agenda 2036, characterised by inclusive trade, gender equality, sustainable development and ousting abject

poverty.

He said women's participation in trade at local and international levels could boost their contribution to sustainable economic development.

President Masisi further said a shift in policy could also reduce gender disparities by affording women more employment opportunities throughout Africa, Botswana included.

He noted that women faced poverty and that empowering them to become successful entrepreneurs was therefore befitting to enhance their livelihoods.

"Botswana is committed to strengthening women's participation in the continental

economy by ensuring that a substantial portion of public procurement is earmarked for women-owned businesses," he said.

Furthermore, President Masisi said government, in collaboration with UN Women had been implementing an International Labour Organization-certified training on Start and Improve Your Business since 2019.

He said the initiative specifically targeted women micro entrepreneurs in remote areas. Dr Masisi was happy to note that the programme was yielding desired results, as some women had expanded their businesses, with a potential to graduate to medium-scale enterprises. **BOPA**

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# Court convicts Legwale, Mkhuha of murder

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Gaborone High Court on Friday convicted Ernest Legwale and Hamadi Mkhuha for the September 10, 2015 murder of Thato Meswele.

Delivering judgement, Judge Michael Leburu said the state had succeeded in proving the guilt of the two accused persons for the charge of murder beyond reasonable doubt.

The two accused persons and another not before court on or about September 10, 2015 at or near Oodi acting jointly and with a common purpose, unlawfully assaulted Thato Meswele thereby inflicting injuries. She died four days later on September 14, 2015.

However, the death of Thato was a case of mistaken identity as the hit men, allegedly hired by Legwale, were to kill his ex-wife, Dimpho Meswele.

Judge Leburu said according to Kgosi Meswele during the early hours of September 10, 2015 at around 6am the deceased went outside the house to collect a kettle that was used to warm the water.

"Immediately after going out Kgosi heard Thato screaming for help saying people were killing her. The witness rushed outside the house and found Thato lying on the ground in front of the house by the kitchen door. She was bleeding from the head.

"He immediately saw a white Toyota Corolla reversing quickly. A tall man jumped inside the Toyota Corolla and the said car drove off at a very high speed," he said. Judge Leburu said according to a post-mortem



Legwale (left) and Mkhuha at the High Court in Gaborone on Friday. The court convicted the duo for the murder of Thato Meswele who was Legwale's sister in law. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

report, death was due to cerebral injuries due to injuries on the head.

He said another state witness, a traditional doctor, Wellington Mhathiwa testified that sometimes in 2015, Legwale came to his place in Mochudi for consultation; accusing Dimpho and her mother, Sediko Meswele of bewitching him, therefore seeking traditional medicine to kill them.

The witness further revealed that Legwale visited again in the

company of a man who was later identified in court as the second accused person (Mkhuha).

Mhathiwa said the visit was after some days followed by a call from Legwale informing him that Mkhuha had managed to arrange with someone from South Africa who would be engaged to kill his wife and mother in law.

Judge Leburu said sometimes in September 2015, Mhathiwa learnt about Legwale's arrest and after his release, Legwale visited his place in a panic mood

informing him that the wrong person had been killed.

Another state witness, Moses Morwaagole said in September 2015, he drove to Morwa with Legwale where they met Mkhuha.

He said they proceeded to Mogoditshane to pick up Gody (Zwichanaka Dabi) on their way to Lobatse to return Edwin Molosi's white Toyota Corolla.

Dabi was later revealed as the other man who was hired by Legwale to execute the murder.

Dimpho Meswele had told the court that their marriage was not a happy one as she was tormented by her husband and accused of misusing property.

Legwale threatened that if she was to divorce him, her mother would wear black clothes, which she understood to mean that she would be killed and that her mother would wear black clothes during the mourning period.

Judge Leburu said Dimpho had in her evidence revealed being attacked at gun point at her house at Naledi Senior Secondary School by man who once visited Legwale and was given a chunk of money. She later identified the man as the second accused person (Mkhuha) at Broadhurst Magistrate Court.

Dimpho also revealed that on the evening of September 9, 2015 while travelling with her other sister, Faith Meswele from Gaborone to Oodi, she noticed a white Toyota Corolla suspiciously following them.

Judge Leburu also said the Investigating Officer (IO), Detective Senior Superintendent Sergeant Marapo arrested the accused persons after a tip off from a reliable source.

He said the IO has revealed that a silver BMW owned by Legwale was used to pay one Zwichanaka Dabi and Mkhuha for killing Thato Meswele.

He said Legwale denied hiring Mkhuha and Dabi to kill his former wife, adding that he came to know Mkhuha, who was a panel beater through the traditional doctor (Mhathiwa)

and further denied borrowing a Toyota Corolla from Molosi.

Meanwhile, Mkhuha in his evidence denied ever visiting Legwale and former wife residence at Naledi Senior Secondary School and that he came to know Dabi as he was his neighbour at Mmopane and that he was not involved in the murder incident.

Evidence before court was that Mkhuha was while in custody found in possession of two sim cards registered under the names of Legwale's daughter and girlfriend. Judge Leburu said the key issue for the court to establish was to whether Legwale and Mkhuha and Dabi were the ones who murdered Thato Meswele.

Having assessed the demeanor and credibility of Mhathiwa (the traditional doctor), Judge Leburu said it was his finding that the witness was credible and worthy of belief and his evidence was lucid, untainted and unbiased.

He said the witness had no reason to lie or implicate Legwale and that Legwale only gave a bare denial, despite the overwhelming evidence

Judge Leburu said the traditional doctor's evidence was corroborated by Morwaagole who had also testified being told by Legwale and the wrong persons had been killed and therefore was unhappy with turn of events.

He said on the morning of the incident, a white Toyota Corolla was seen fleeing the scene and Legwale had some days prior to the incident borrowed a white Corolla from Molosi, only for the car to be returned after the incident.

He said the person who orchestrated the attack was familiar with the morning routine at the Meswele's house and that person was Legwale, therefore he provided the assailants with information about where Dimpho resided and even knew her morning routine.

He said it was only unfortunate that on the fateful day such a routine activity was carried out by Dimpho's younger sister, Thato. Judge Leburu said evidence of Legwale that he did not murder Thato was beyond doubt false adding that Legwale was an untruthful witness who denied material evidence placed before court. "The only inference to be drawn from the entire conspectus of the factual matrix is that it was the accused one who murdered the deceased in concert with the two men he had hired to kill Dimpho Meswele, but mistakenly murdered Thato Meswele," said judge Leburu.

Also, judge Leburu said Mkhuha had failed to explain concisely the reason for the transfer of the BMW to his names, a day after the murder.

Judge Leburu said whoever gave the IO information about the murder was indeed reliable and credible as it led to the arrest of Legwale and Mkhuha as well as identifying Dabi as the third accused person, though he was never arrested.

The case will mention on May 31, 2024 for the court to determine if there were extenuating circumstances. **BOPA**

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The P12.5 million state-of-the-art Leobo La Kgotlakgolo ya Bakgatla which was officially opened by Kgosi Nchaupe Makapan III in Mochudi on Saturday.

# Bakgatla celebrate P12m main kgotla shelter

By Mmoniemang Motsamai

MOCHUDI - Opening of the P12.5 million Mochudi main kgotla shelter has been described as a remarkable milestone in the history of Bakgatla.

Addressing his subjects virtually during the kgotla shelter opening on Saturday, Kgosi Kgafela II of Bakgatla said they should celebrate their achievement, remain positive and look forward to the future with hope and determination.

He said for them to have achieved such a milestone in his absence, showed the decisiveness of the leadership that he left behind.

He said he was impressed by the architectural designs that produced a state-of-the-art shelter which 'speaks ingenuity'.

"I want to commend all those who took part in this project and say - Well done," he said.

Kgosi Nchaupe III of Bakgatla ba Ga-Mosetlha in South Africa attached special relationship with Bakgatla ba ga Kgafela,

saying that their achievements were theirs. He said celebrating achievements together was another way of strengthening relationship and supporting one another. He said the construction of the kgotla shelter showed commitment, spirit of unity and a collective hard work by the community.

"We are here to witness the official opening of the shelter and important services that will be offered through the shelter," he said. Kgosi Nchaupe implored Bakgatla to remain united and continue working hard.

Deputy Chief of Bakgatla, Kgosi Bana Sekai said the shelter ground breaking was done in 2010 and the project stalled in 2011 due to lack of funds after some preliminary stages took off.

He said the construction was resuscitated in 2018 with the second phase. He said the construction had been a mammoth journey with both challenges and successes.

However, he said Bakgatla remained resolute to finish the

project that took many years due to some hardships endured in the process.

He said following the second phase of construction in 2019, the construction committee took a decision to encourage donors to bring only building materials and that was when a lot of donations in kind came forth.

"We are happy that we managed to do this mammoth project that was multi-disciplinary and very delicate," he said.

Kgosi attested that they made a good progress because companies and individuals donated building materials towards the project until it finished.

He commended those who took part in the project voluntarily especially the architect, Mr Christian Phaladze, Mr Disang Matlhaga-structural engineer and Carthage Matlhaga-electrical engineer Babotseng Kgafela.

Kgosi Sekai said the opening of shelter marked the beginning of bigger things to come as it would now become the central place for engaging with the community on

different issues.

MP for Mochudi East, Mr Mabuse Pule commended Bakgatla for their determination to see the project completed. He said the achievement was worth celebrating as it resembled one of the cornerstones of Botswana - spirit of self-reliance.

He said P5 million from the Constituency Community

Project fund was injected into the project and thanked the government, donors and Batswana at large who made the project and the event possible. The state-of-the-art shelter boast of a 700-seater auditorium where kgotla meetings will be held, boardroom, Kgosi's office, VVIP and VIP sitting area, boardroom, offices and bathrooms. **BOPA**



Kgosi Nchaupe Makapan III (left) and Kgosi Bana Sekai unveiling plaques to mark the official opening of the P12.5 million kgotla shelter in Mochudi. Photos: Yobe Shonga



Bakgatla women at the ceremony. Kgosi Sekai said the opening of shelter marked the beginning of bigger things to come as it would now become the central place for engaging with the community on different issues.



NAIROBI - Vice President Slumber Tsogwane during an interview with government media after the Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit on Thursday. Mr Tsogwane said Botswana had since the Abuja declaration made major strides in fertiliser usage per hectare as the country currently applied 59.27kg of fertilisers per hectare compared to other African countries who had only risen from 8kg per hectare to below 25kg per hectare since 2006. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

## Ruto urges investment in fertiliser production

By Thato Mosinyi

NAIROBI - Africa should prioritise investing in nitrogen fertiliser production and develop mechanisms for real time tracking of the fertiliser market trends to ensure timely availability.

When officially opening the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit, President of Kenya, Mr William Ruto said there was need to formulate sustainable strategies to make fertilisers more affordable and accessible.

He said enhancing last-mile logistics for fertiliser distribution was critical and large-scale subsidised fertiliser use was necessary to achieve Africa's green revolution and food security

was equally imperative.

President Ruto noted with concern that Africa remained heavily reliant on food imports, highlighting the limited progress achieved decades after the Abuja declaration.

He indicated that recent global economic crises, compounded by supply chain disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical dynamics, had worsened fertiliser affordability and availability, and disrupted agriculture, resulting in reduced acreage and lower yields.

"Across Africa, our people face numerous serious challenges that hinder their efforts and investments in enhancing agricultural productivity.

These include inadequate fertiliser application, extreme climate adversities and extensive land degradation, among others, all pointing to the broader issue of poor soil health," he said.

Additionally, he said fluctuating fertiliser prices and supply chain disruptions, exacerbated by conflict in producing regions, required deep reflection on securing adequate, affordable and sustainable fertiliser production and supply across Africa.

To that effect, President Ruto stated that the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit, thus presented an opportunity for African leaders to collectively deliberate and sustain their ambition by converting challenges into opportunities.

"In our pursuit of the green revolution, it is crucial to note that Africa possesses over 60 per cent of the world's uncultivated arable land, yet it operates far below its

agricultural capacity.

This vast potential underscores our ability and obligation to transform Africa from a hungry continent into a self-sufficient global bread basket," he said.

He challenged African leaders to focus not only on increasing fertiliser usage but also on ensuring its judicious application to revitalise responsive soils and rehabilitate degraded ones.

Despite the current challenges, President Ruto said, it was encouraging to see several African nations making strides in fertiliser production, particularly phosphate fertilisers.

"To anchor Africa interventions in sustainability, we must design effective subsidy programmes that support both immediate productivity needs and long-term soil health," he said.

He further highlighted the need to entrench production incentives by leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to enhance market access and profitability for farmers, adding that Pan-African integration would also provide a basis to harness research, science and technology to develop a robust African Soil Information System.

He, however, said the absence of nitrogen fertiliser production plants, due to high capital requirements, underscored the need for regional investment collaboration to enhance self-sufficiency in fertiliser manufacturing.

Moreover, President Ruto said building farmers' capacities for effective fertiliser use and soil health improvement was also imperative. **BOPA**

## Cellphone competitions return

By Marvin Motlhabane

GABORONE - The Gambling Authority (GA) has started receiving applications for digital, virtual, interactive and short message service (SMS) competitions, games and quizzes.

GA Chief Operating Officer, Ms Mopati Rammekwa told **BOPA** recently that before the Gambling Act commenced in 2016, there were SMS competitions that were conducted by Mobile Network Operators for charity.

Ms Rammekwa said these were regulated through the Notarissen Vetting Act that was repealed by the Gambling Act.

She explained that upon realising that demand to conduct such competitions was still prevalent

locally yet not being provided for under the Act, GA had to explore ways of regulating them to facilitate interested operators.

She said GA drew up a policy which was approved by the board to facilitate all entities which had been running fundraising activities through SMS competitions.

Ms Rammekwa pointed out that a notice of regulation including eligibility requirements were shared with the general public for appreciation.

She said GA was satisfied with the local mobile network operators as they were obliged to meet Know Your Customer standards by Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority to avoid money laundering activities.

Ms Rammekwa said to

participate, operators should fill out an application form uploaded on the GA website, provide a company registration certificate of incorporation, as well as the terms and conditions for the competition.

She said the conditions would determine the fairness of the game and how draws would be conducted to ensure there were minimal customer complaints.

Ms Rammekwa said the application fee was P1 000 including a service fee of 10 per cent of gross gaming revenue, which goes toward assisting GA conduct administrative functions of monitoring the competitions.

She encouraged the public to visit the GA website and learn about the organisation's products and services. **BOPA**

## Okavango Kopano Mokoro Trust diversifies revenue streams

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - Diversification of revenue streams is critical in the rapid changing business landscape as it can provide a cushion during tough times and help entities maintain stability in the face of uncertainty.

In a bid to mitigate risks and increase stability, community based organisations (CBOs) continue to diversify their revenue streams

One such CBO is Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust which aims to maintain a more stable level of revenue over time and build resilience.

Initially, the trust main revenue sources were land rental and gate fees and now it plans to construct internet towers in strategic areas and connect villages around such

areas in an effort to diversify its revenue sources.

The trust general manager, Mr Seikaneng Moepedi said this when presenting a report on new investment opportunities by the trust during a meeting recently.

He said efforts were ongoing to create multiple sources of revenue for the survival of the trust, adding that plans were underway to construct internet towers with the first phase of internet base station to be built at Boro, Khiri Camp and Xaxaba settlement in the Okavango Delta.

The trust, he said had partnered with Admira Solution to build the internet tower connection in NG32 concession to supply villages and safari camps operating in the area.

"We are embracing the mindset change concept and accommodate other developments such as

digitalisation to enable digital inclusion by ensuring members of the community enjoy the use of technology at the comfort of their homes/businesses. This is another investment stream to bring revenue into the trust and it is pleasing as some safari companies such as Xigera has already showed interest to partner with us and benefit from the development," he added.

Rapid expansion of internet connectivity, he said had economic benefits citing that its penetration could drive economic development through its impacts on both the supply-side and the demand side of an economy. Mr Moepedi also said rural communities would have opportunities for digital transformation including the ability to participate in the digital economy.

He said the trust had been

relying much on gate fees which he said generated over P2.9 million and land rental which accumulated over P8 million for the financial year ending December 31, 2023. He shared that for this year, they were anticipating to raise over P9 million from land rentals and over P3.3 million from gate fees.

The trust generates revenue by charging gate fees to tourists who enter the concession and community members also benefit financially because the tourists pay them directly for the guiding services.

Further, he informed the meeting that the trust had registered a company called OKMCT Investment Public Limited which was tasked to oversee the smooth running and management of the envisaged OKMCT mini mall.

Last year, the trust proposed

construction of a double storey mini mall opposite its offices at Boronyane ward in Maun and the envisaged project entails shopping centre and a filling station space.

However, Mr Moepedi said they were at the final stage of the drawings after which they would submit to relevant authorities for approval. "We hope the first phase of construction will commence mid this year and we are happy to announce that the first floor of the facility is fully booked as tenants had already showed interest to rent".

The investment arm of the trust, he said would also focus on the running of the Central Block campsite, establish a training school component which would offer courses related to tourism industry as well as leadership courses. **BOPA**

# Farmers want review of compensation

By Tshiamiso Moseitlha

MMASHORO - Mmashoro Ranchers and Farmers Association chairperson, Mr Keikanetswe Moesi has called for the review of the compensation for the destruction caused by elephants.

Mr Moesi, who was giving an overview of the association at the second edition of Mmashoro Ranchers and Farmers Association field day on Saturday, said predators such as lions and hyenas were terrorising livestock while farmers often had to ward off elephants that repeatedly destroyed ranch fences.

Mr Moesi stated that agriculture was the backbone of livelihoods and one should always look to do it as a business and help the country produce food.

Mr Moesi encouraged farmers to take a lead in the economic diversification drive by promoting and implementing various agricultural technologies such as climate smart agriculture.

He said the field day themed: 'Re Aga Temo-thuo e e sa Hekeediweng ke Manokonoko a Leuba, was meant for farmers to share ideas on how to expand their enterprises and work together.

Mr Moesi said the association was birthed to address challenges faced by farmers in the Mmashoro North area such as the destruction by elephants.

"Farmers harvest nothing, this land is characterised by elephants, which come as a hard blow to us. Once they identify a ranch with water they invade. On their way, they cut and destroy fences leaving the field open for everything that may wish to destroy the crops and boreholes", he said.

Mr Moesi said most of the people in the area were poor and agriculture was their only way of life.

He said the moment fences and crops were destroyed, it became difficult for the farmers to replace them as well as provide for families. Mr Moesi also said they were also facing the problem of veld fires which, usually occurred during the dry seasons and winter.

However, Chief Wildlife Officer, Mr Letlhogonolo Gadimang, said human-wildlife conflict was a problem in some areas.

He said they had encountered about 50 elephants in the Mmashoro area.

He said the destruction caused

by elephants, lions, wild dogs and hyenas was well known and he encouraged farmers to kill the animals it they attacked them and to report to the nearest police station or wildlife office.

Mr Gadimang stated that the elephants came in large numbers looking for water and food during the drought season.

He shared that P26 million had been secured for compensation for farmers that had lost crops or fences due to wild animals. "Currently we have funds for fixing and maintaining fences to help control the elephants and keep them away from the communities", he said.

Giving keynote address at the event, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ms Masego Mooketsi said government prioritised the agriculture sector as it had the potential to diversify the economy and improve livelihoods.

She said government was committed to supporting such events as they could help to stimulate economic activity and ensure food security, adding that the event also resonated well with the ministry's mandate on value chain development and to help build businesses and

entrepreneurial ecosystems that would enable businesses to emerge, grow and export.

Ms Mooketsi said it was important for the country to protect, conserve and derive value out of natural and cultural resources.

She noted that it was better to promote a sustainable environment for the benefit of the nation, formulate, implement and monitor environmental conservation policies and

strategies rather than to destroy it at all. She said even though the elephants terrorised field and ranches, it was better to find other strategies of living with them.

She said farmers could group themselves and form a trust which they could benefit from like in other villages.

She advised them to be patient because her ministry was planning to do a study at Mmashoro soon. **BOPA**

## Illegal farms in delta worry OKMCT

By Esther Mmolai

BORO - Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT) is grappling with illegal allocation of ploughing fields in its concession NG32, located in the heart of Okavango Delta, to the north of the buffalo fence and to the south of the Moremi Game Reserve.

The trust general manager, Mr Seikaneng Moepedi said during the annual general meeting that they learnt that some farms would be changed into tourism enterprises regardless of intended land use by the trust.

The OKMCT Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) programme, he said was granted NG32 to operate tourism activities not farming as it was the case now.

"We are experiencing the scramble for NG32 and this will result in the scramble for our prestigious delta. Currently investigations surrounding the ploughing fields are ongoing," he said, adding that the trust incurred expenses in the matter.

Mr Moepedi further said farm owners who paraded as investors and supporting some people in the concession had brought division amongst the communities, and had also resulted in some companies operating without tourism licenses.

Despite efforts by OKMCT to set regulations and procedures in terms of bringing developments into NG32 and to stress that the trust management plan should be practiced and followed at all times, illegal farmers were not respecting that.

Efforts, he said were also made to write to relevant authorities as the camps continued to operate and receive guests without tourism licenses, adding that it was disheartening as some camps had taken the trust to court over the issue.

Some investors, he said had declared a war and were not respecting laws of the country and continued to have cause havoc and drive wedge between communities in NG32.

He said last year there was a burning issue of mushrooming

of farms in the delta leading to commissioning of a task force to investigate the matter as the farms had been turned into lodges and camps.

It was also reported that there were illegal photographic activities caused by such camps and lodges which resulted in conflicts with trust joint ventures as they trespassed into their zones.

On other issues, Mr Moepedi informed the gathering that the trust had managed to fence Xuoxao farm and connected solar power to prevent damage by wildlife.

The trust, he said also entered into a partnership with Save Wildlife Fund to help the trust undertake commercial farming in the farm noting that through the partnership, some youth had been trained by Save Wildlife.

Once the farm was operational, he said, the farming project would help the trust improve its revenue flow as well as improve food sufficiency in the area.

For financial year 2023/24, Mr Moepedi mentioned that they had produced vegetables for sale and also fed communities.

He said the government had awarded them a tender to supply four schools with vegetables.

In 2023, he said they generated over P27 000 while this year they had already accumulated over P13 000 and believed that they could generate better profits going forward.

Some campsites, he said also showered interest to procure fresh vegetables from the trust.

The meeting also learnt that four members were taken to South Africa where they would be trained as trackers and chefs with help from Ride Botswana Safaris.

Another four community members mostly males had been trained as guides and on rifle handling.

Mr Moepedi also informed the meeting that the trust managed to undertake some developments projects despite challenging circumstances.

The projects include water reticulation, old age housing for the elderly member of the community. **BOPA**



TIBET - Pregnant Tibetan antelopes migrating to their habitual birth grounds at the Qiangtang National Nature Reserve in the northern part of southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region on Friday. Photo: Xinhua

## BoMRA reinstates Grand-Pa

GABORONE - Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) has reinstated Grand-Pa headache powder and tablets following their suspension from registration in June 2021.

A press release from the authority says new packaging of stick packs made of glazed imitation parchment paper with a polythene layer has been introduced.

The release states that registered pack sizes include five, 12, 25 and 38 stick packs.

The release also says importation is strictly limited

to products packed in the new stick packs, and urges the public to be vigilant and ensure they bought or used the appropriate products.

The release also says any persons found in possession of the previously registered Grand-Pa products not fitting the new pack sizes and packaging will be subject to prosecution under Section 23 of the Medicines and Related Substances Act.

The release notes that the section prohibits the importation, distribution, sale, storage and advertising of

unregistered medical products.

It says offenders might face a fine of up to P100 000 and or imprisonment for a maximum period of 10 years.

The release also notes that BoMRA has established a National Medicines Information Centre, which both health professionals and the public could contact in case of any concerns or need of information on health products affecting medicines supply chain.

It notes that the centre can be reached through a toll free number 0800 600 216. **BOPA**

# Community clean up Shashe River

By Lechedzani Morapedi

TONOTA - The community of Tonota, led by Kgosi Bokamoso Radipitse, engaged in a cleaning campaign along the Shashe River stream on Saturday in an effort to preserve and safeguard its ecosystem.

The event was primarily focused on preserving the natural beauty of the waterway and ensuring that the river continues to flow freely and undisturbed.

Speaking at the event, Kgosi Radipitse said the clean-up event came after complaints from horticultural farmers along the river banks that they no longer received adequate and clean water for irrigation.

He said the problem was due to

the growth of reeds within the river stream, which is causing a disruption in the flow, resulting in inadequate supply of water.

Kgosi Radipitse added that sand mining in the river had also contributed to it losing its original shape, noting that cleaning the river was meant to rehabilitate it to its original state.

He said the campaign was characterised by cutting reeds and picking up litter and said it was unfortunate to observe that some people were now using the river as a dumping site.

Kgosi Radipitse noted that such awareness campaigns were vital in generating enthusiasm and encouraging people to take note of the problem at hand and

participate the solution.

He urged different companies to assist in maintaining the river to return it to its original state and said it was a major project that required partnership.

Mr Reuben Motswakae a board member of Ipatisise, a non-governmental organisation in Tonota said activities to rejuvenate Shashe River were ongoing, therefore, support from the community and different stakeholders was required.

Mr Motswakae said rehabilitating the river was not easy because people keep on repeating the pollution cycle.

He said it was important to also engage residents in the periphery of the Shashe River on the importance of keeping the river

clean and safe for irrigation and water consumption.

He added that in the past, the river was used for recreational practices, something which was not possible currently.

Mr Motswakae added that fish survived in healthy rivers adding that if available, fish was an excellent source of food.

Tonota Umbrella Village Development Committee Chairperson, Mr Gabotwesephe Keletso said sand mining played part in destroyed the ecosystem

of the river alongside littering.

He expressed concern that the beauty of the river had disappeared and all that was left was the aftermath of the destructive activities.

He further said people who used to rely on water from the river were suffering as the water was now polluted and the little that was available does not reach all.

Mr. Keletso urged communities to stop pollution, noting that the river is a source of life for livestock and people. **BOPA**



Illegal dumping of waste including in the Shashe River is a concern. Kgosi Radipitse emphasised the importance of cleaning campaigns.

## Official urges trust to get house in order ahead of CBNRM law

By Esther Mmolai

BORO - Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust (OKMCT) has been advised to prepare for the implementation of the Community Based Natural Resource Management Bill.

The advice was given by acting Principal Natural Resource Officer from the CBNRM office, Mr Buzani Maika during the OKMCT annual general meeting recently.

He urged members of the trust to focus on the future of their organisations instead of pointing fingers at each other.

He said once the CBNRM bill was implemented all community trusts would be de-registered and would have to re-apply for registration with the CBNRM coordinator.

He also said community trusts would have to meet set requirements, and advised to review their constitution and ensure it did not sideline some

communities.

Trusts, he said, should also have clear strategic plans to implement development projects, adding that the bill would ensure that communities received a fair share from resources owned by trusts.

He noted that their report showed that they spent huge amounts of money on court cases.

Mr Maika said the new bill would give the CBNRM coordinator the power to register all trusts that met requirements. He noted that currently trusts were registered by the master of the high court under the Trust Property Control Act.

Some members wanted to know why the technical advisory committee was not invited to the AGM as it was the norm while some complained about workers exploitation at some safari camps which had partnered with their trust.

Ms Obonye Saokanga said employees in some safari

companies were working long hours. She said chefs started work from 4:30am to 6:30pm daily but that their salaries were not reflective of the amount of work did. "Investors are making huge profits at the expense of workers and they should provide competitive salaries," she said.

Mr Galebuse Sekoma also appealed to all companies operating in their concession area to implement transparent recruitment processes, adding that the agreed arrangement was that recruitment should be done in kgotlas of villages affiliated to the trust to ensure fairness and transparency.

Meanwhile, the OKMCT has elected five new board members to replace three members whose membership was revoked and two who resigned earlier this year.

The chairperson's report noted that the trust paid over P8 million in legal fees last year compared to over P600 000 in 2022. **BOPA**

## Tshabang engages residents on programmes

By Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

NSWAZWI - Nswazwi residents in Nkange constituency have been urged to utilise government programmes to improve their livelihoods.

Addressing a kgotla meeting in Nswazwi recently, Member of Parliament for Nkange, Dr Never Tshabang informed residents about programmes such as Chema, Temo Letlotlo, and Thuo Letlotlo and advised them to choose the ones they preferred.

Dr Tshabang encouraged the public to always seek clarification from relevant offices to get proper information.

He said most people have been frequenting his constituency office in need of clarity on Chema Chema and where possible they have been able to assist and referred them to relevant offices.

He said he engaged Tutume District leadership for the Local Enterprise Authority to avail an officer to assist the public.

He applauded the district leadership for having acted swiftly noting that already an office had been allocated at the main kgotla.

Dr Tshabang disclosed that the district had been allocated P1.9 million being additional funds to the Makwala Sports Complex

to fix the boundary wall that collapsed and for drilling of a borehole for water supply.

He said what was pending, was authorisation rights from Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) for the drilling company to start the works. He said through the Constituency Community Projects Fund, Nswazwi would get three tower lights that would be installed at strategic points.

The Member of Parliament said it was anticipated that the tower lights would help in the fight against escalating crime.

Responding to concerns raised by the Village Development Committee (VDC) among them illicit drugs in schools, Dr Tshabang lashed at parents who encouraged drug peddling. "Let us understand that we are destroying our children's future by giving them drugs," he said

Meanwhile, VDC chairperson, Mr Motsumi Maule had decried drug invasion in schools from primary to the brigade noting that children were found in possession of substances which they either used or sold to their peers.

He said the children allegedly got the drugs from parents who sold them to survive. Mr Motsumi thus urged parents to take bold steps to report anyone found to be peddling drugs. **BOPA**



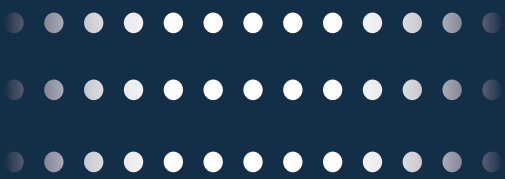
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## Banni ba rotloediwa go dirisa Chema Chema

**Ka Thuso Kgakatsi**

MAGOTLHWANE - Banni ba Magotlhwane ba kgothaditswe go dira ka thata gore ba akole lenaneo la Chema Chema go ikopela madi go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone.

Mopalamente wa Moshupa/Manyana, Rre Karabo Gare o buile jalo kwa phuthengong ya kgotla kwa Magotlhwane bosheng.

Rre Gare a re keletso ya gagwe ke gore lenaneo la Chema Chema le godise dikgwebo tsa banni ba kgaolo ya gagwe.

"Keletso ke gore le seka la salela kwa morago. Le seka la kgobega marapo le nne pelotelele gore le kgone go akola lenaneo," ga tthalosa Rre Gare.

A re puso e eletsa thata go bona bagwebi ba ba botlana ba na le seabe se se bonalang mo go godiseng itsholelo, a re seo se ka kgonagala fa bagwebi botlhe ba ka tsaa karolo.

Rre Gare a re go botlhokwa go dirisa mananeo a puso, a tlatsa ka gore lenaneo la Chema Chema le dirilwe motlhofo gore botlhe ba ba eletsang go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone ba atlege.

"Puso e dirile gore go ikopela madi go nne motlhofo. Le fa go ntse jalo baikopedi ba tlaa thusiwa gape ka dithuto tsa kitso ya kgwebo gore dikgwebo tsa bone di nne popota e bile di kgone go gola.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Rre Gare o gakolotse banni gore ba tshwanetse go adima madi a ba itseng gore ba ka kgona go a busa.

"Go botlhokwa go tsepama mo maikaelelong a kgwebo tsa lona gore di kgone go dira sentle, ka jalo

ke kopa gore le itekanye morwalo wa sekoloto gore le kgone go busa madi le sa sokole," Rre Gare a tthalosa

Fa a ntsha la gagwe, modulasetilo wa Khansela ya Moshupa, Rre Sonny Phiri a re puso e dira ka natla go rotloetsa le go thusa Batswana ba ba eletsang go iteka go tlhama le go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone.

Rre Phiri a re seemo seo se thusa go fokotsa seemo sa lelhoko la ditiro, ka bangwe ba tlaa bona ditiro mo dikgwebong tsa Batswana.

"Puso e leka thata go ntsha Batswana mo lehumeng le go tsholetsa itsholelo ya lefatshe go nna e e kwa godimo e bile e itshetletse.

Mogolwane wa lekalana la CEDA kwa Kanye, Rre Bogosi Kaelo o kopile banni ba motse wa Magotlhwane go tsenya dikopo tsa go ikopela madi a Chema Chema gore ba kgone go tlhama kgotsa go godisa dikgwebo tsa bone.

Rre Kaelo a re ofisi ya gagwe ga ise e amogele kopo epe e e tswang kwa Magotlhwane mabapi le ikopelo ya madi ka lenaneo la Chema Chema, kgotsa a mangwe mananeo a a thusiwang ka madi ke CEDA.

Rre Kaelo o gakolotse banni gore ba dirise sebaka se go ikopela madi go bula dikgwebo ka lenaneo la Chema Chema, a supa fa le le motlhofo, e bile le le bogadi bo gaufi.

"Go fitlha gompiano, re setse re thusitse batho bale 82 ka madi a kana ka P963 552 mo lenaneong la Chema Chema," ga tthalosa Rre Kaelo. **BOPA**



**Baratani ba robabobedi ba ne ba nyadisiwa ka lenaneo la Re A Nyalana kwa Kgomodiatshaba bosheng. Mme Morwaagole o boletse fa lenaneo le, le tiisa malwapa e bile le sa farologane le manyalo a mangwe.**  
Senepe: Otsile Modise

## Ba ferabobedi ba tsene mo lenyalong ka Re A Nyalana

**Ka Pelonomi Gare**

KGOMODIATSHABA - Baratani ba ba nnang mmogo basa nyalana ba rotloeditswe go ikwadisa mo lenaneong la Re A Nyalana.

Se se builwe ke mookamedi wa lenaneo la Re a Nyalana, mme Annah Morwaagole fa ane a bua kwa moletlong wa go nyadisa baratani ba ferabobedi ka lenaneo leo kwa kgotleng ya Kgomodiatshaba bosheng.

A re nyalo e dira gore baratani ba nne le seriti le go godisa bana mmogo.

O kaile fa lenaneo la Re a Nyalana le tiisa malwapa e bile le tlhomamisa gore bana ba golela mo malapeng a a nonofileng.

Mme Morwaagole a re tshwaragano ya Re a Nyalana Society le ba Lephata la Dikgaolo le Tlhabololo Magae e gwehlilwe ke go bona batho ba nna mmogo ba sa nyalana mme morago fa yo

mongwe a tlhokofala kgotsa ba nna le dikgogakogano go tlhoke molao o o ka ba sireletsang.

A re batho ba ba nyadisiwang ka lenaneo le, ga ba farologane gope le ba ba nyadisitsweng ka lenyalo la molao wa setswana, a kopa batho go emisa go dirisa mafoko a a kgobang mo banyalaning ba Re A Nyalana.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, mothusa molaodi wa Kgatleng, mme Semakaleng Palai o supile fa lenyalo ele thito ya malwapa e bile le na le bokao jwa go aga le go bopa setshaba.

A re e re ka malwapa a le mantsi a wetswe ke seru sa kgokgontsho ya bong le tiriso botlhaswa ya bana, puso e tlaa netefatsa gore malapa a tlamelwa ka dikitso tse di maleba gore banyalani ba kgone go aga malapa a a tiileng.

Mme Palai a re se, se ka hema maitsholo a a sa siamang a tshwana le kgokgontsho tse di diragalang mo malwapeng.

O tswelsetse a re ntsa Re A Nyalana e nyadisitse Batswana ba feta 7 000, ga go ise go nne le dipalopalo tse di supang fa banyalani ba lenaneo le ba kgaogane kgotsa go na le dikgang tsa kgokgontsho mo malapeng, a supa fa dithuto tse banyalani ba di neelwang pele le morago ga lenyalo di le mosola fela thata.

O supile fa palo ya banyalani ba Kgomodiatshaba e nametsa, a leboga baratani ba ba ikiteileng sehuba go aga malapa a bone e bile ba lemoga botlhokwa jwa go dira seo.

Fa amogela baeng, Kgosi Peter Kgakole, o rotloeditse ba ba eletsang go nyalana go dirisa lenaneo gore fa mongwe wa baratani a ka tlhokafala, bana ba seka ba iphitlhela ba iphotlhela.

Kgosi Kgakole o latofaditse dipuo tsa gore lenyalo la mofuta o ga le na boleng, a tlhomamisa fa lenyalo le le tshwana fela le manyalo a mangwe. **BOPA**

## Lelwapa ke konokono mo motheong wa lefatshe - Makwinja

**Ka Lindi Morwaeng**

MMATSETA - Mopalamente wa Lentsweletau/Mmopane e bile e le mothusa tona wa Lephata la Thuto le Tlhabololo Dikitsiso Mme Nnaniki Makwinja a re lelwapa ke konokono mo motheong wa lefatshe.

O buile se kwa tshimolodisong semmuso ya mokgatlo wa Basadi BoMme kwa Mmatseta ka Matlhatso.

O akgotse basimolodisi ba mokgatlo oo a tthalosa fa maikaelelo magolo a mokgatlo e le go aga setshaba sa lefatshe leno mme ba dira jalo ka go simolola kwa moding ka go aga le go nonotsha malwapa selo se a

kaileng fa maikaelelo a mokgatlo, a tsamaelana le a lefatshe leno ka a tthalosa gore fa lelwapa le sa tshwaragana ga gona jaaka fa lefatshe le ka tshwaragana.

"Bomme ba aga motse e bile ba aga setshaba," Mme Makwinja a gatelela jalo e bile a sedimosa fa dipalo di supa fa masome a marataro le bothano mo lekgolong e le malwapa a a eteletseng pele ke bomme mo lefatshe leno.

A re bomme ke bone bontsi jwa bone bo filthelwang kwa dikerekeng, mo mekgatlhong kgotsa dikomiti ka go farologana e bile e le barotloetsi bagolo le mo mekgatlhong ya sepolotiki, a tthalosa fa se, se sesupa fa bomme ba tshageditse lefatshe e bile ba ka

tshpagala ka jaana ba supile e le ruri gore ba godisitse bana ba ba itsetsepseng. Ka jalo a re bomme ba ka ikanngwa ka go aga setshaba se se ka elediwang ke mafatshe a mangwe.

Mme Gorata Ntshwabi go tswa kwa lephateng la tsa merero ya tsa bong mo kgaolong ya Kweneng e bile gape e ne e le ene sebui sa tlotla sa letsatsi o akgotse bomme ka tiro e ba e dirang le ntsa ba na le boikarabelo jo bo kalo jo ba bo rweleng mo sechabeng.

O ba tsibositse ka kgokgontsho ya bong e ga ntsi e babalelang bomme e jaanong e apesitseng lefatshe leno kobo ka letshoba. A re go tsaya dikobo ka dikgoka go supafetse fa go babalela bo Mme

thata.

A re kgang e nngwe e e tshwenyang thata ke ya bana ba ba tsenngwang mo tlhakanelong dikobo pele ga nako. O kopile bomme go ela kgang e tlhoko ka jaana e leng bone ba ba tlhokometseng bana. Ar e dititeo le kgokgontsho ya maikutlo le tsone ke dingwe tsa dikgang tse di tshwenyang thata ka le tsone di babalela bo Mme.

O rotloeditse bomme go ikitaya ka thupana go tokafatsa itsholelo ya malapa ka tsothle tse ba ka dikgonang ka go dira jalo go ka hema dilo tse di ntsi tse di babalelang bo Mme. O ba rotloeditse go thagafalela go tsaya mananeo a puso ka go

farologana go inamola lehuma. O ba rotloeditse go re ba tsholetsane mme ba tlogele go gagauthlana, ka mosadi a ka tsholetswe ke yo mongwe.

Le fa go ntse jalo o rotloeditse morafe le sechaba ka kakaretso go tsholetsa le go isa serodumo sa mokgatlo wa Bo Mme Basadi kwa godimo.

Fa a tswa la gagwe Kgosi wa Mmatseta Kgosi Robert Sebeo o ne a iteela mokgatlo legofi, a supa fa bomme ba mokgatlo oo ba dirile go tle gontsi ebile a ba rotloetsa go sa inyatsa ka tiro e kalo e ba e dirileng, a supa fa tiro eo e tlaa ba tlotlomatsa le mo dichabeng khutlong tse nne tsa lefatshe leno. **BOPA**

# Tlhokomelo ya ngwana boikarabelo jwa batsadi

**Ka Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga**

**KUTAMOGOREE**

Tlhokomelo ya ngwana ke boikarabelo jwa batsadi joo bobedi, ebong rrangwana le mmangwana.

Ka jalo batsadi ba kgothadiwa go itse bothokwa le go tsaya boikarabelo jwa go tlhokomela bana.

Fa a bua le banni ba Kutamogoree kwa moletlong wa itshidilo mmele, Sub Inspector Goitsemodimo Mogale a re ofisi ya gagwe e amogela dikgang tsa batsadi ba ba sa tlhokomeleng bana di le dintsi go tswa kwa Kutamogoree.

A re se se ngomolang pelo ke gore gangwe le gape o fitlhela bana ba ba saleng ba botlana, e le bone batlhokomedi ba bana ba bangwe.

Sub-Inspector Mogale a re bontsi jwa nako, batsadi ba nna kwa marekisetong a nnotagi ba sena nako ya go bona gore bana ba tlhotse jang, ba jele eng le gore ba ya go robola fa go ntse jang.

O gakolotse batsadi ba go re go tlhoka go tlhokomela ngwana ke molato o motsadi a ka lefisiwang kgotsa a isiwa kgolegolong.

Ka jalo, o ba kgothaditse go tsaya boikarabelo jwa kgodiso ya bana ka tlhwaafalo.

O supile fa go na le batsadi ba ba tlhokomolang tlhokomelo ya bana fa lerato le fedile. A re kgaogano kana go fela ga lerato ga go amane ka gope le tlhokomelo ya bana.

“Le le mmogo kgotsa le kgaogane, le tshwanetse go tswela ka go tshwaraganela boikarabelo jwa go tlamela le go tlhokomela bana,” Sub Inspector Mogale a thalosa.

A re batsadi joo bobedi bo tshwanetse jwa dira tumalano ya gore bana ba nna ka fa tlase ga tlhokomelo ya ga mang mme yo mongwe a tswela ka go thusa go ba tlamela le go ba tlhola.

Sub Inspector Mogale a re go nna le lenaneo go bothokwa ka go dira gore ngwana a gole sentle go sena diphapang ga reng ga batsadi.

Moletlo wa itshidilo mmele o ne o rulagantswe ke baithuti ba sekole sa ithutelo booki sa Serowe Institution of Health Sciences ba ba direlang ka nakwana kwa Kutamogoree.

Moemedi wa baithuti ba booki, Mme Kefilwe Boitumelo a re ba itemogetse gore bontsi jwa bana ba tlhela dikotla, mo go bakwang ke go tlhoka go ja sentle.

Mme Boitumelo a re seemo seo se ba supeditse gore bangwe ba batsadi ba tsaya nako e ntsi ba le kwa marekisetong a bojalwa,

mme morago ba palelwe ke go direla bana dijo ka fa go tshwanetseng.

A re tiriso botlhaswa ya nnotagi ke selo modiro kwa Kutamogoree, mme seo se ame tlhokomelo ya bana.

O supile gore sengwe sa tse di tshwenyang ke gore bangwe batsadi ba ba tsayng dipilisi tsa mogare wa HIV ba felela ba sa di nwe sentle, ka jalo se ame botsogo jwa bone le boleng jwa go ka kgona go tlhokomela le go

tlamela bana. Ka jalo, o ba kopile go fetola boitshwaro, maikutlo le dikakanyo gore ba kgone go fetola matshelo a bone le go sala morago ditaelo tsa ba botsogo. **BOPA**

## Mapodisi a tlhotlhomisa ditiragalo tsa dintsho tse tharo

**Ka Keagetswe Motsumi**

**MOLEPOLOLE** - Mapodisi a Molepolole ba re ba tshwenngwa ke dipolaano tsa marato tse di tswetseng ka go golela pele mo kgaolong ya bone ya sepodise.

Fa a bua mo potsolotsong ka Labotlhano, Assistant Superintendent Motshwari Mokamogo a re ba tlhotlhomisa tiragalo e mo go yone rre mongwe wa kgotla ya Mokgalo kwa Molepolole a gapetseng mme wa dingwaga tse di masome a mararo le bobedi botshelo, a bo a gobatsa rre yo o dingwaga tse di masome a mane le bobedi mme morago a ikgapela botshelo kgwedi eno e le boferabongwe.

Assistant Superintendent Mokamogo a re e ne ya re

makuku a Labone ba amogela pego ya gore mme mongwe kwa kgotleng ya Senyedimane kwa Molepolole o rapaletse fa thoko ga tsela, go supega fa a na le dikgobalo. A re mapodisi ba ne ba tsibogela seemo seo, mme ba ragosetsa mme yoo kwa kokelong ya Scottish Livingstone kwa go fetilweng ga tlhomamisiwa fa a tlhokafetse, fa wa rre ene a ne a alafelwa dikgobalo mme a gololwa.

Assistant Superintendent Mokamogo a re ba ne ba bolotsa letsholo la go batla mmelaelwa mme ba fitlhela a setse a ikgapetse botshelo mo ntlong e a neng a nna mo go yone kwa kgotleng ya Mokgalo.

O ne gape a thalosa fa ditopo tse ka bobedi di santse dile

mo diatleng tsa sepodisi go tlhatlhabiwa ke ba bongaka.

Assistant Superintendent Mokamogo o rotloeditse setshaba go nna ba kopa dithuso tsa bogakolodi le tshidilo maikutlo fa ba gateletswe ke diemo.

O tswelutse a thalosa fa ofisi ya bone e na le lekalana le le haphegileng le le itebagantseng le kgokgontsho ya bong le tshidilo maikutlo, ka jalo a kopa setshaba e dirisa.

Mo go tse dingwe a re ba tlhotlhomisa tiragalo e mo go yone mosetsana wa dingwaga tse di lesome le boferabongwe wa kgotla ya Magokotswane a neng a ikgapela botshelo.

A re setopo sa mosetsana yoo se emetse go tlhatlhabiwa ke ba bongaka. **BOPA**



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## SPECIAL MEETING

PARLIAMENT OF BOTSWANA

### CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 (Bill No. 4 of 2024)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 1400hrs

Parliament Chamber



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# PRESIDENT MASISI WO



President Masisi delivering a keynote address titled Innovation in Global Growth Markets: Charting New Pathways to Prosperity Through Entrepreneurship at the Legatum Centre for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT in Boston.

## THROUGH THE LENS

President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi has completed his working v he participated in a conference at the Legatum Centre for Dev Institutes of Technology (MIT) in Boston. He then attended t concluded his visit in Dallas, Texas where he participated in the Masisi applauded the 2024 US-Africa Business Summit, sayi valuable networking opportunities and inspiring keynote a Botswana marketed herself.



Enda Sportswear co-founder, Mr Weldon Kennedy donating sports sneakers to President Masisi. Enda sportswear is a Kenyan company.



Ministers and senior government officials who accompanied the President.



Dr Masisi (centre) with staff and fellows of Legatum Centre for Development and Entrepreneurship at the institution's conference.



President Masisi (centre) sharing a moment with his counterparts, Dr Lazarus Chakwera (left) of Malawi and Dr Joao Lourenco of Angola.



About 1 600 business and government leaders attended the 16<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Business Summit 2024 in Dallas.

# WORKING VISIT IN USA

**OF Godfrey Mpuse**

visit to the United States of America. While in America  
Development and Entrepreneurship at the Massachusetts  
the 2024 Global Citizen Now Summit in New York. He  
the 16<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Business Summit 2024 forum. President  
ing it was fruitful, filled with insightful discussions,  
addresses. He said he was also impressed by the way



President Masiwiye delivering a keynote address at the Invest in Botswana session on the margins of the US-Africa Business Summit.



The Bahamas prime minister, Mr Philip Davis (left) and President Masiwiye during Global Citizen Now 2024 Summit panel discussion in New York.



Minister of Agriculture, Mr Fidelis Molao (centre), government senior officials and some leaders of parastatals who attended the summit.



SpaceX representatives, Ms Lauren Dreyer (left), Mr Ryan Goodnight (centre) and Mr Ben McWilliams paid a courtesy call on the President.



President Masiwiye amongst other Heads of State, senior government officials and private sector business executives during a photo moment.

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## ACCOMMODATION

**2 BED ROOM** house for rent at Modipane. Contact 74 747 273.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

**CHANGE OF LANDUSE.I,** Julia Digobe propose change of land use from residential use to civic and community (preschool).The plot in question is located at Goo-Mabe ward in Molepolole.Any objection contact Kweneng district council within 14 days from this publication or call 591 5122

## FARM WORKERS

**2 FARM WORKERS NEEDED** in Mmokolodi. 1 year experience. 73513885.

**HERDBOY WANTED** at kataba cattlepost, Kachikau contact 73 872775

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at sheep farm. Apply to P.O Box 147 Goodhope. Preferably with drivers license. Call : 77 483 420

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Choc Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Apply to Box 41007, Gaborone before 20/05/2024

**FARM WORKERS WANTED.** Two farm workers wanted in Chobe ( kasane / 256 ). Apply to Tumisang Shatho Khachana at P. O. Box 504, Kasane 77 187 128 / 72 222 532

**HERDBOY WANTED IN** Setempe cattle post Gobojango.Apply to P.O Box 70934 UB post,Gaborone.ASAP or call 71 861 027

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Send Applicatiins to Mr Odumetse, P O BOX AE 89 AEH Gaborone or call (+267) 76 938 359

**FARM WORKER WANTED,** Boatle. Martin Nkwe Box 404401 Gaborone.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Mmasebele lands. Call: 75 351 406 / 75 909 187

**WANTED 2 FARM MANAGERS,** 2 Farm Workers. Apply to Manager, JS Beef, Box 11 Werda

**WANTED FARMWORK IN** Media. Apply to Ego Maswabi P O Box 201387 Gaborone.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** (Horticulture) Senyawe Village, P. O. Box 004, Tshesebe Contact: Mr Alakanani Mosimane at 71 454 568 / 72 474 951 Closing date: 20/05/2024

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Dakota Farm, NK 76, Ghanzi. Contact: William Degraaff P O Box 19 Ghanzi. Cell: 72 111 506. Closing date: 30 May 2024

**HERDBOY WANTED TINKANE** cattlepost. Contact 71 795 090 Box 46401 Gaborone

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 945** Francistown are informed of change of land use from Agriculture to multi-family residential and commercial guest.

**NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 6949,** Mmaratanang, Tlokwenng, owner wishes to build boundary wall. Contact Tlokwenng council on 3965096 for any objection.

**OWNER OF PLOT no 14633** Mogoditshane/ Nkoyaphiri wishes to change land use from residential to civic and community. Any objection contact Sofnax Architect 71 851 037 / 72 549 334

## VACANCIES

**HEAVY DIESEL PLANT FOREMAN** required. Relevant diploma/degree, 15 years experience in earthmoving and mining equipment. Apply - Fenter Holdings, Box 47114, Phakalane

**FASHION DESIGNER WANTED** with at least 5 years experience in Fashion Designing. Please forward your application to: Eccentric Style Loft (PTY) LTD, P.O BOX 503437 Rail Park Gaborone or contact 74051445/ 75 448 715. Closing Date: May 17, 2024

**FLORIST WANTED 1** EXPERIENCED and 1 trainee Box 492 Kasane 71 496 900

**HEAVY DIESEL PLANT Foreman** required. Relevant Diploma/ Degree, 15 years experience in earthmoving and mining equipment. Apply Fenter Holdings, Box 47114, Phakalane

**FASHION DESIGNER WANTED** with at least 5 years experience in fashion designing. Please forward your application to: Nash Crest Enterprises (Pty) Ltd, P O Box 20033 Gaborone or Contact 71 725 461. Closing date: May 17, 2024.

**MOTOR MECHANIC WITH** certificate in Motor vehicle Mechanics and 5 years experience & above wanted at: DeGraaff Holdings, P. O Box 19 Ghanzi. Cell: 72 111 506. Closing date : 30 May 2024.

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

*Master's Reference: ESHGB-000644-23*

IN THE ESTATE of the late MMANNYANA LEBOANE who died at Kgatwane Ward, Gabane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

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

DATED at .... on this .... Day of .... 2024.

The Executor  
Sefadi Joyce Lerothodi  
P O Box 1046, Lobatse  
TEL: 72323562/ 74121525

## INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8(1)(f) of The Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT:

- MOTSUMI ONALETHATA AND SHIMA MOTSUMI** married in community of property on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Maun, wish to change their marital regime to out of community of property.
- The parties intend to apply to the High court of Botswana after the expiration of the prescribed three (3) weeks' notice from the date of the first publication hereof.
- Any person, creditor debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and /or liabilities of the parties of the parties estate should **have objection** to the parties changing their property regime are to inform the parties attorneys being the **UB LEGAL CLINIC** at the address Private Bag 00705 Old Mabutho Drive, University of Botswana, before the **expiration of the said 3 weeks period** or make presentations before the High court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 07 OF MAY 2024.

C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC  
OFF MABUTHO DRIVE  
PRIVATE BAG 00705 GABORONE

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- Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Building Construction and Interior Design.

#### Apply to:

P. O Box 202124GABORONE  
CLOSING DATE: 19 MAY 2024

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estate Act

[Cap.31:01]

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by Virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estate (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 the deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment 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
Mainah Tshotego	ESHFT-000170-24	09 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024	09:00hrs	Ms F S Segweni

DATED AT FRAMNCISTOWN THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

**THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED** in terms of the Tribal Land Act of 2018, Section 34 Subsection (1)(a-e) in respect of the following property:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Tribal Lot 13506 Mogoditshane  
**SITUATE:** at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 1837m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Square Metres);  
**HELD UNDER:** Notarial Deed of Cession of Lease No. MA 630/2012 dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 made in favour of Inex Development Consortium (Proprietary) Limited.

The proposed transaction is between **Inex Development Consortium (Proprietary) Limited** and **SOS Maintenance Services Proprietary limited** for the **sale sum of P1, 450, 000.00** (One Million Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula). This is subject to other terms and conditions as available for inspection and consideration of the plot.

By virtue of this notice, **any citizen** of Botswana **interested** in entering into similar offer in respect of the above property must **give their submission** to the relevant Land Board **within thirty (30) days** of publication of this notice.

Plot 387, Independence Avenue  
Private Bag 80 177 GABORONE

Tel: 390 6311 / 312 1999  
Fax: 318 2686



## IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE

CASE NO. MAHGB-001077-23

In the petition of:

**HOPES SECURITY SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD**

For an order of Provisional Liquidation and of the Appointment of a Provisional liquidator

PETITIONER

## ORDER

TAKE NOTICE THAT on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 and before the Honourable Justice Nyamadzabo B., the High Court at Gaborone issued an Order for the provisional liquidation of **HOPES SECURITY SOLUTIONS (PRIVATE) LIMITED** and that the Master of High Court, subject to the provisions of Section 445 of the Companies Act, to appoint a provisional liquidator of the Petitioner in terms of the provisions of Section 381 (2) (b) of the Companies Act, to hold office until the appointment of the liquidator.

Any person intending to oppose or support the application on the return date shall give due notice to the Petitioner's Attorneys, Modie and Partners, Plot 24270, Block 9, P. O. Box 3259, Gaborone and shall serve on the Petitioner's Attorneys at the address specified, a copy of Notice of opposition and Answering affidavit which it files with the Registrar of the High Court. He should then appear before the High Court at Gaborone at the hearing of this matter on the date to be notified to show cause why the Petitioner should not be placed under final liquidation.

A copy of the petition and the full order granted by the Court may be inspected at the office of the Registrar of the High Court at Gaborone and at the office of the Petitioner's Attorneys as shown above.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 08<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

**MODIE & PARTNERS**

Petitioner's Attorneys

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P. O. Box 3259, GABORONE

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

ESHFT-000046-23

**FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JAMES MOALOSI LETSOALO ESHFT 000046-23** who died at Francistown District on the **04-June- 2020**.

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

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024**

**KAGISO PETER LETSOALO**  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
**P O BOX 631, FRANCISTOWN**  
CONTACT: 267 71555031

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

**FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Master's Reference:  
**ESHGB 000289/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ARTHUR ROUNDTREE RUTHERFORD** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **02<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021**.

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

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

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

**The Executrix** | Refilwe Sebego-Waleboa | C/ O Rutherford Attorneys  
**P O Box 2885, GABORONE | TEL: 317 0806 / 73 442 125 / 76 026 327**

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- Minimum of 3 years of franchising experience in a similar role (within the franchise group)
- Valid drivers license required
- Excellent knowledge of the food service industry.
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- Proficiency in POS systems.

**Skills:**

- Trustworthy.
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- Strong brand knowledge.

To apply, send your CV and cover letter to Mozambik Restaurant

**Closing Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

P O Box 725, Gaborone  
[gaborone@mozambik.co.za](mailto:gaborone@mozambik.co.za)



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- Masters, MD, MBBS, PhD will be an added advantage.
- 2 years of teaching experience at tertiary level
- Demonstrate good clinical knowledge

**Applications should be posted to the following address:**

**Human Resources Department**  
DDT College of Medicine  
P. O Box 70587, Gaborone

Email: [hr@ddtcollegeofmedicine.com](mailto:hr@ddtcollegeofmedicine.com)

Correspondence will be given to shortlisted candidates

**Closing date:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Follow the link below for more information;

<https://www.ddtcollegeofmedicine.com/job.html>

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**

Administration of Estate 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 the deceased relatives for purpose of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	TIME	MASTER
Agritta Unangoni Malebang	ESHFT-000155-24	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	1130hrs	Mrs M.Rampha

Dated at Francistown this **08<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2024**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**INTENTION TO SELL / CEDE / TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (PLOUGHING FIELD)**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that **ROBERT MANKANKU** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **CAPITAL HILL INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** respectively (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property namely;

**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being Integrated Farm

**SITUATE** : at Phatlhana in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory

**MEASURING** : 7.74Ha (Seven Point Seven Four Hectares)

**WHICH PROPERTY** : Is held under Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots made in favour of **ROBERT MANKANKU**

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# Honourable Minister's Visit : Francistown Depot Expansion Tour

The Minister of Minerals and Energy, Hon. Lefoko Moagi, along with the Acting Permanent Secretary, Dr. Obolokile Obakeng, the Director of Energy Mr Midas Sekgabo, the Botswana Oil Board Chairman Mr. Martin Makgathe and Board of Directors, the BOL Chief Executive Officer Mr. Meshack Tshekedi and the Executive Management team, visited the BOL Francistown Depot to appreciate the progress of the Francistown Depot Expansion Project. When delivering his welcome remarks, the Botswana Oil Board Chairman Mr Martin Makgathe highlighted that the expansion of the Francistown Government Reserve Storage will increase the capacity from 38million litres with an additional 60million litres of petroleum products intended to achieve 30 days cover from the current 12 days cover for the North Eastern Envelope of Botswana. This will ensure that even in situations of fuel supply disruptions, the economic activities in the region consisting mainly of Mining, Tourism and Agricultural production continues. When providing the project preview, the Chief Executive Officer of Botswana Oil Mr. Tshekedi indicated that the construction of the Francistown Depot expansion commenced in October 2022. The development of the facility entails construction of a 6 bay road loading and offloading gantries, rail loading and offloading gantry, a tank farm, depot administration building and security buildings, a product additive doping system, laboratory and workshop building, firefighting systems (and Integration with the existing) and a truck staging center.

During a project update, the General Manager - Operations, Mr. Otto Keitumetse, explained that the project comprises two phases. The first phase involved the reconstruction of the bund wall in the existing tank farm while the second phase featured several new developments as mentioned by the CEO. When reporting on the status of the project, Mr. Keitumetse indicated that Phases 1 and 2 are running simultaneously, with Phase 1 almost 90% complete. This includes the replacement of the old bund wall, bulk earthworks, and loading and offloading road gantry together with the security entrance and exit buildings. Phase 2 includes construction of the additional 60 million litre storage tanks, the rail loading and offloading, an administrative building, and a truck staging area. He also indicated the socio economic benefits of the project in terms of employment creation and reported that to date the project has employed 255 citizens both skilled and unskilled labour of which 223 are males and 32 are females. Mr Keitumetse reiterated that at the peak of construction, the project will hire a total of 400 citizens.

In his remarks, the Honourable Minister Lefoko Maxwell Moagi, commended BOL Board and its Management for their enormous contribution to the development of Government strategic infrastructure projects. The Minister also indicated that he has confidence in Botswana Oil's capacity to deliver on the 90% Import Mandate as per the issued license. He highlighted that the completion of the Francistown Depot project will be instrumental in ensuring that the Northern part of the country has reliable source of petroleum to drive economic activity and service provision in the area. The Minister applauded BOL for contracting of citizen owned companies and joint ventures which facilitate capacity building for the citizen contractors. In addition, he urged the local and international contractors to build capacity, and hire engineers who are qualified with the relevant expertise at the right market rates for efficient delivery of the projects. The Honourable Minister emphasised the importance of delivering the project in time and on budget. One of the areas the Minister commended Botswana Oil was on compliance and adherence to the Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Quality (HSSEQ) standards and practice at the site office and on the project site as guided by the Francistown Depot Manager Mr, Gosekwang Reetsang.



**SITE TOUR:** Botswana Oil Limited CEO Meshack Tshekedi, Honourable Minister Lefoko Moagi & BOL Staff

He further encouraged Botswana Oil to expedite construction of the Ghanzi Depot project which will provide 60 million litres once complete, the Tshele Hills project which will be delivered through a Public Private Partnership with a storage capacity of 187 million litres. A combination of these storage facilities will increase the days cover of Botswana to 90 days as per the international standards reinforcing the security of fuel supply for Botswana.

The Acting Permanent Secretary Dr Obakeng praised Botswana Oil for the remarkable work and progress made on the project when delivering the vote of thanks after the tour of the facility which was led by Mr Kabelo Lanka, the Senior Projects Manager in the Project Management Office. Dr Obakeng pledged Government support for Botswana Oil and acknowledged the Botswana Oil Board of Directors, Management and team for their dedication and commitment to deliver on Government key strategic infrastructure projects. Dr Obakeng reinforced the Honourable Minister's request for Botswana Oil to fast track delivery of other projects and provided assurance that the Government is ready to support BOL to complete the projects to the right quality and standards. He highlighted the importance of completion of the projects to facilitate the 90% Import Mandate which started on 1st April 2024. To date, the implementation of the import mandate has progressed well with Botswana Oil reasonably meeting customer demand on the backdrop of constrained logistics as BOL managed the change process of logistics from previous importers.

Another challenge experienced has been the ongoing supply constraints in the region, particularly on the ULP93. While the 90% import mandate is still on its infancy stages, BOL has been building capacity prior to the implementation and continues to engage various stakeholders in the value chain of the industry locally, regionally and internationally to ensure security of fuel supply. Botswana Oil

developed an interim sourcing and logistics strategy to manage the transition into the 90% importation quota and will gradually implement a long-term strategy effective October 2024 that will see more enhancements to security of fuel supply. The BOL interim strategy hinges on ramping up volumes with existing suppliers out of these routes, having about three suppliers per route to ensure security of fuel supply. This is in line with the Security of supply strategy which includes diversified sources of supply in terms of suppliers as well as diversified routes in terms of countries with ports (South Africa, Mozambique and Namibia).

Botswana is divided into three consumption envelopes, being the southern (57%), northern (35%) and western consumption (8%) envelopes. Each of these consumption envelopes are aligned to one of the major routes of supply. Southern envelope is aligned to South Africa; Northern to Mozambique and the Western to Namibia. In addition, each of these consumptions' envelopes as per infrastructure development strategy have a storage facility developed, under expansion or under construction.

One of the major infrastructure projects that Botswana Oil will embark on is the IXTL project for the development of a Coal-to-Liquids (CTL) Facility using the Botswana coal as a feedstock. On behalf of the Government of Botswana, the Project is procured and facilitated by Botswana Oil Limited tasked to sign the PPP Agreement with the Private Sector Partner. The Project is procured as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project, using the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Maintain and Transfer (DBFOMT) PPP model.

The Facility will produce ultra-low sulphur petroleum products (diesel and gasoline), primarily for sale to the local market. In addition, it will produce co-products and enable other downstream opportunities such as the manufacturing of chemicals, fertilisers, explosives, sulphur, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), naphtha and many other products. In terms of the quality of products, Botswana is aligned to South African (SA) fuel specifications, and together with the other countries using SA specifications, will be moving to Clean Fuels II Specification in the near future and align with applicable European Specifications in the medium term.

In line with the Botswana Oil Limited Goal Zero strategic initiative, the Company is focused on environmental friendly initiatives to reduce emissions through its operations. Therefore the planned Coal to Liquid Facility will be a clean and controlled environmentally safe process where the all the gases will be captured and cleaned. The Sulphur will be extracted in elemental form, for sale or further processing to ensure that there are no Nitrogen Oxides and Sulphur Oxides emissions produced to reduce the risk of air pollution.

The diesel and gasoline produced from the facility will be clean, burning Zero sulphur, very low aromatics and particulates. A key requirement for this Facility will be the inclusion of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) capability in the Project. Work carried out by the World Bank in 2012 indicated that there was potential for carbon dioxide (CO2) sequestration in coal fields in Botswana, which is still to be confirmed. As a result, production of Coal-Bed Methane (CBM) is being explored in central Botswana and injection of CO2 could be used to enhance the CBM recovery for cleaner energy source of natural gas. Overall, this is a project of national importance and regional significance as it will contribute to improving the fuel security in Botswana to meet the demand of 1.2 billion litres per annum which continues to grow. There will be significant social and economic benefit to the environment within which they will be produced and for the country as a whole.

The benefits include the creation of new jobs supporting higher disposable income from direct employment in the Facility, supporting employment through fuel distribution, security, catering and maintenance services. Further downstream employment will be generated through the production of chemicals, fertilizers, explosives, and other products. Other opportunities will be created through indirect employment in the hospitality industry, housing, education and many other services that will be provided around the Facility. In the long-term, it will substantially boost the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) employment and capability in the country.

Once complete, the Coal to Liquid project will significantly change the balance of payments in the country, with fuel typically amounting to 10-15% of imports by value and contribution to GDP, together with substitution of other imports. There is great opportunity for new greenfield industrialization and diversification of the economy beyond diamonds, tourism, beef and retail, through the establishment and development of a Petrochemical Hub (power, fuel, petrochemicals, fertilizers, explosives and others). The production of fertilizers will lead to improved food security, there will be increased in-country value addition to local resources which is currently largely exported.

As part of its strategic focus areas, Botswana Oil has developed a comprehensive Citizen Economic Empowerment Framework aimed to enable Botswana to generate income and wealth through a sustainable, resilient and diversified economy. The Framework is designed in line with the Botswana Citizen Economic Empowerment Policy (CEEP), and the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021 to accelerate meaningful citizen empowerment, business ownership and community

development. The successful implementation of the Framework will be measured against the active participation of Citizen Owned Companies (COCs) in areas including Transportation of Petroleum Products; Infrastructure Development; and Management, Citizen Ownership and Compliance to Industry Best Practices.

BOL will facilitate COCs in procurement, capacity development and building in the oil and gas industry, Supplier Development, Value Chain Development, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development Programmes and Supplier Performance Management System. The Botswana Oil CEEP Framework will be applied across all projects across the country to provide an opportunity to deliver inclusive growth through the delivery of meaningful economic and social impact for communities.

As part of its CEEP initiative, four citizen transporters have been supported for accreditation to contract to lift product out of Sasol's facilities in South Africa. This is a major achievement for the Company showcasing the level of commitment Botswana Oil has dedicated to capacitating citizen transporters to acquire internationally recognised credentials. More transporters are being supported to acquire the same accreditation and will be onboarded once they have met the requisite requirements and standards. To date BOL has facilitated growth in citizen and local transporters leading to an increase from less than twenty trucks to more than 80 citizen owned trucks to date and we continue to onboard, train and coach more transporters to meet industry best practice standards for the transportation of fuel.

Botswana Oil limited is committed to delivery of high quality projects in collaboration with the Government, the industry local and internationally across the oil and gas value chain. The company is dedicated to its Goal Zero plan and will continue to work with various stakeholders to deliver on green energy solutions for the growth and sustainability of the oil and gas industry in Botswana.



**DEPOT TOUR UPDATES:** Botswana Oil Limited CEO Meshack Tshekedi & BOL Board Chair Mr. Martin Makgathe



**PHOTO:** Honourable Minister, Board Members, CEO and Staff

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# WHO warns of food-borne diseases in Kenya

NAIROBI - The World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday warned of a possible surge in food-borne diseases in Kenya due to the ongoing floods crisis.

"There is a likelihood for increased illnesses associated with contaminated food diseases," WHO-Kenya said in an alert issued in Kenya.

More than 260 people have been killed and over 378 000 others displaced by floods in Kenya as heavy rains of 200 mm a day pound different parts of the country, according to Kenyan authorities.

The crisis has affected 41 out of the 47 counties, with most of those displaced living in congested camps in schools and churches. WHO issued the alert due to the congestion in camps and the damage the floods have caused to sanitation infrastructure, including in Nairobi.

Kenya has already reported a cholera outbreak, with 44 cases recorded in Tana River County in the coastal part of the country, one of the worst affected areas by floods. To avoid contaminated food diseases, WHO-Kenya advised those affected by floods to ensure food safety through thorough cooking, proper storage and enhanced personal hygiene practices.

WHO said it would continue to support the health emergency response and remain vigilant for disease outbreaks that can easily spread if not quickly contained.

"We must be agile and ready to respond, led by the government and along with the partners, to bring relief to hundreds and thousands of affected people," Abdourahmane Diallo, WHO representative said recently.

At least 14 health facilities have been closed in different parts of Kenya and a major water treatment plant contaminated due to flooding, according to Kenya's Ministry of Health.

About a million people have been displaced by floods in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Ethiopia and Tanzania, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said. *Xinhua*



NAIROBI - People transporting donated goods at MCEDO-Beijing School in Mathare slums in Kenya recently. World Health Organisation warned of a possible surge in food-borne diseases in Kenya due to the ongoing floods crisis. Photo: Xinhua

## UNICEF calls for more child-centred climate investments in Zimbabwe

HARARE - The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has called for an increase in child-centred climate investments to reduce the risk of shocks caused by climate change on children in the country.

With Zimbabwe currently facing the

effects of climate-induced El Nino, many children in the country, among other vulnerable groups, are exposed to the impacts of the drought, UNICEF said in a statement on Friday.

"We are launching a petition to urge government entities, development partners, and the private sector to prioritise children in their climate investments. We are also calling for more funding of climate resilient programmes to ensure continued access to health, education, water and sanitation services, nutrition, and child protection services, and for programmes to strengthen the resilience of households to deal with the climate-related emergencies," UNICEF said.

The UN agency noted that Zimbabwe's children have not been spared from the risks posed by climate change-induced events, with the country ranking high risk in the 2021 UNICEF Children's Climate Risk Index.

The current El Nino crisis affecting

large parts of Zimbabwe highlights climate-related emergencies that are impacting the lives of children at a time when the country is also faced with public health emergencies related to cholera and polio, putting Zimbabwe into a complex, multi-dimensional humanitarian crisis, the UNICEF said.

Already, UNICEF, in partnership with the Zimbabwean government and other development partners, is scaling up programmes to develop climate-resilient programmes to empower children as catalysts for change and environmental guardians.

"With the escalating impact of climate change on children's well-being, there is a pressing demand for increased investment in child-centred climate strategies. This is essential to amplify climate-resilient programmes, enhance household and caregiver resilience to climate shocks, and mitigate the long-term effects on future generations," added UNICEF. *Xinhua*

## Kenya sounds alarm over counterfeit cancer medicine

NAIROBI - Kenya on Saturday issued a public alert warning against sale of a false batch of cancer medicine that poses immense health risks to civilians.

Fred Siyoi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, a state-owned regulatory body, said the batch of Herceptin 440mg (Trastuzumab 440mg), a medicine product that has been detected in the market was suspicious and falsified.

"It is not authorised to be in the market and is a falsified product in view of the falsified contents, packaging and labelling aspects which have been confirmed by the brand owner," Siyoi said in a statement issued in Kenya.

Siyoi said the specific product batch number C5830083 was a confirmed counterfeit claimed to be manufactured in Germany by Roche Products Ltd, bearing the Batch number C5830083, Mfg. Date: 12/2021, Exp. Date: 11/2024.

Herceptin is a medicine recommended to cancer patients to prevent growth and

spread of cancer cells in the body.

It is also approved for the treatment of early stage breast cancer that is human epidermal growth that has spread into the lymph nodes.

Siyoi cautioned the public against the use, supply, sale or distribution of the product batch number C5830083 as their safety, quality and efficacy could not be assured. He added that the regulator had instituted legal actions against individuals suspected to be circulating fake medicine in contravention of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Cap. 244).

Siyoi noted that Kenya has initiated a rapid response and heightened surveillance of the market to ensure that safety and public health is protected.

He called on members of the public and health care providers to report and volunteer information on suspicious activities that may be related to such acts of falsification as well as all suspicious, substandard, and falsified medical products. *Xinhua*



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**Tenders Closing:** : 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 15:00hrs

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# Chinese enterprises launch volunteer project

ADDIS ABABA - Chinese enterprises in Ethiopia have launched a "volunteer project" in a bid to provide high quality voluntary and community services in the east African country.

Led by the China Foundation

for Rural Development (CFRD), the Chinese Enterprises Volunteer Project was officially launched on Friday in Ethiopia.

Speaking at the ceremony, deputy director of the Chinese Enterprises Volunteer Project Yan Kun said the project was part of Chinese enterprises' commitment to discharging their social corporate responsibility in Ethiopia and enhancing friendship between the peoples of China and Ethiopia.

"The Chinese Enterprises Volunteer Project centres on the principle of public diplomacy, aiming at accelerating the achievement of the United

Nations Sustainable Development Goals in Ethiopia," Yan said.

He said the project undoubtedly served as a powerful catalyst to further strengthen collaboration, mutual understanding and enduring friendship between China and Ethiopia.

Wang Zishu, a representative from China Communications Construction Company, who also represents the Chinese volunteers, said the project would provide a platform for young volunteers from Chinese enterprises to have more opportunities and participate in local public welfare activities.

"The launch of this volunteer

project is not only a concrete action but also the inheritance and advancement of selfless dedication and altruistic spirit," Wang said.

Sharing his observations in Ethiopia, Wang said Ethiopia was experiencing unprecedented development, with emerging projects spread across the country including construction of modern buildings, expansion of agricultural irrigation systems in remote areas and construction of industrial parks among others.

According to Wang Haoyu, CFRD's Senior Programme Manager, the voluntary services would focus on community-

centered development, cultural exchanges and provision of skill development training for children, women and the youth to help them be more competitive in the labour market or gain basic life-long skills.

Wang told Xinhua that the project aims to provide high quality voluntary services to the local community and further enhance relationships between the peoples of China and other countries participating in China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Chinese companies have invested in more than 2 200 projects in Ethiopia, creating 560 000 local jobs. *Xinhua*

## Death toll from flooding in Kenya rises to 267

NAIROBI - At least 267 people have been killed by flooding and landslides caused by heavy rains in Kenya since mid-March, the government said on Friday.

According to the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, 188 people have been injured and 75 are missing.

In addition, 281 835 people have been displaced, and 380 573 have been affected by persistent heavy rains and flooding.

Hefty rains have been pounding several parts of the country, exacerbated by the 2023-24 El Nino climate phenomenon, highlighting the urgent need for humanitarian assistance. Nearly 10 000 livestock have been lost.

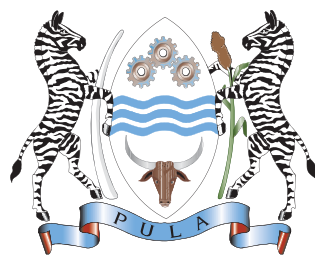
Over 41 000 acres of cropland and dozens of roads have been damaged.

Nearly 900 businesses and 2 000 schools along with water sources and health facilities have been damaged in 11 out of 42 counties affected by the floods, according to authorities and the Kenya Red Cross Society.

According to the ministry, 30 public health officials have been deployed to assess the risk in all 167 internally displaced camps and evaluate nutrition, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene points.

The government has announced a package worth US\$7.5 million to rehabilitate schools affected by the floods before they reopen on May 13. Heavy rainfall is forecasted to persist, possibly with decreased intensities, according to the Kenya Meteorological Department.

Kenyan officials and humanitarian agencies have called on the population to avoid flooded areas, move to higher ground and avoid driving during heavy rain. *Xinhua*



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# Foundation intensifies humanitarian services

ADDIS ABABA - China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) has won acclaim for intensifying humanitarian assistance in Ethiopia as it marked its five years of operation in the

east African country. A special ceremony was held on Friday in Ethiopia to mark the fifth anniversary of the establishment of CFRD Ethiopia Office and the launch of the Chinese Enterprises

Volunteer Project with attendees of senior Ethiopian government officials, Chinese diplomats and representatives of Chinese enterprises. Speaking on the occasion,

Minister of Women and Social Affairs Ergogie Tesfaye said with its school feeding, water and sanitation, poverty alleviation and women's economic empowerment programmes, CFRD has extended a helping hand to 320 000 people in Ethiopia.

China and Ethiopia, Yang Yihang, minister counselor at the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, said the CFRD had been addressing the diverse needs of poor communities in Ethiopia over the past five years. "CFRD has been undertaking a lot of charitable projects in Ethiopia through the school feeding programme, panda pack project and solar lamp project among others," Yang said.

"Today I am filled with joy to witness the accomplishment of the China Foundation for Rural Development in Ethiopia whose dedication and contributions are commendable in bringing significant change on the lives of people in Ethiopia," Tesfaye said.

According to information obtained at the event, CFRD has invested over US\$10.5 million to undertake its humanitarian services in Ethiopia. Currently, CFRD is undertaking school feeding and food items distribution programme in selected primary schools, aiming at meeting nutritional needs of disadvantaged school children and addressing delayed growth problems in the east African country.

With its "Smiling Children Program", CFRD has been working jointly with the Ethiopian government and local NGOs to meet its target of "zero hunger" scheme in Ethiopia, mainly through school feeding and poverty alleviation programmes. "It is really pleasing to see smiles on the faces of children who benefited from CFRD's project.

The foundation also launched a water, sanitation and hygiene project as part of its effort of helping the east African country meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. CFRD also started the pilot panda light project involving provision of solar powered lamps to primary school students learning in off-grid areas of Ethiopia.

It is all about humanity and this project shows that humanity does not have borders," she said.

Noting that the CFRD's humanitarian services have expanded to nearly all regions of Ethiopia, Tesfaye said China and Ethiopia are enjoying "all-weather" strategic partnership with deepening political trust and fruitful economic collaborations.

So far, the foundation has distributed 9 000 solar lamps to primary school students in the Oromia region of the country. *Xinhua*

Highlighting that CFRD has done a great job in strengthening relations between the peoples of



ADDIS ABABA - The Chinese management contractors of Ethiopia-Djibouti standard gauge railway officially handing over the railway's management and operation to Ethiopia and Djibouti after six years of successful operation at the Lebu Railway Station on Friday. Photo: Xinhua



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## Book explores healing, growth

*Through stories of loss, trauma, and redemption, readers are encouraged to find strength, hope, and healing in the most difficult of circumstances...*

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - Keabetswe Bagomi has taken readers on a transformative journey in his latest book, *The Valley of Shadow of Death*, a poignant exploration of life's most challenging seasons.

The title: *The Valley of Shadow of Death*, draws from the famous Psalm 23 and conveys a message of comfort in times of darkness.

The title reflects the universal human experience of walking through rough patches, and the hope that light can be found in even the darkest valleys.

The use of the word "shadow" in the title is a metaphor for the looming presence of adversity, but also suggests that the shadow can be overcome and the light of hope and healing can prevail.

The author takes the reader on an emotional journey through the darkness of life's most challenging seasons, offering comfort and guidance along the way.

Through stories of loss, trauma, and redemption, readers are encouraged to find strength, hope, and healing even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Bagomi revealed at the book's launch recently, that his motivation for writing *The Valley of Shadow of Death* was to shed light on the harsh realities that many people struggle with, including trauma, stress, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

"The devastating effects of these issues are all too common in our society, and I believe it is important to confront them head-on. Through this 74-page book, I hope to

provide comfort to those suffering and help them find a way through the darkness," said Bagomi.

Reflecting on his journey, Bagomi shared that the year 2020 was especially difficult for him, as he struggled with debilitating depression and made four attempts to take his own life. "I was in a very dark place," Bagomi recalled.

"I did not see a way out of my pain, and I felt like there was no hope."

One of the most harrowing incidents 34-year-old Bagomi described was when, in a state of desperation, he ingested a staggering 48 sleeping pills in an attempt to end his life.

"When I woke up in the hospital, the doctor was shocked that I had survived. He told me that the number of pills I had taken was more than enough to have killed me, but somehow I was still alive.

It was then that I realised that my journey was not over yet and I had to fight for my life," said Bagomi.

Bagomi emphasised that his attempts to end his life were not driven by a desire to die, but rather a desire to escape the pain and turmoil of his current existence. "I did not want to die," Bagomi explained.

"I just wanted to escape the world and the pain I was in. In my mind, death was the only way out. My story is a story of hope, grace, and restoration," Bagomi said who hails from Borolong, 20 kilometres west of Francistown.

He said he had learned that writing could be a powerful tool for healing, not just for the writer, but also for the readers who resonate with the stories being shared.

The courage and vulnerability that authors like Bagomi display in sharing their stories not only helps them heal, but

also provides hope to others who are struggling.

Every story, even the painful ones, has the potential to inspire someone else's journey of healing and growth. For his part, Attorney Tshekiso Tshekiso explained that in *The Valley of Shadow of Death*, Bagomi guides readers through a six-step process to understanding and addressing the problems that plague their lives.

The first step involves identifying the problem at hand, be it trauma, stress, or depression.

From there, the source of the problem is uncovered, and the consequences of the issues are examined.

With a clear understanding of the problem, Bagomi then presents potential solutions, while also emphasising the importance of hope and resilience in overcoming life's challenges.

"Bagomi's own struggles with depression and suicidal thoughts provide a harrowing, yet personal backdrop to the book. It was this realisation that ultimately led Bagomi to begin his journey

towards healing, and eventually, the inspiration for his book."

Another person who read the book is Maitumelo Tsekane, who said it was clear that Bagomi admitted that he was not trying to end his life, but rather to erase his presence in the world.

"Mr Bagomi was not trying to die. In fact, he was trying to disappear from the world.

He wanted to be forgotten, to have no impact on anyone or anything and he wanted to be like a shadow that could slip away into darkness," said Maitumelo.

She said despite the difficult journey that brought him to where he is today, Bagomi remains hopeful and committed to sharing his experiences with others.

Giving a keynote address at the launch, nominated councillor, Modiri Lucas explained that the richness of the book lay in its portrayal of a man's struggle with despair, yet ultimately finding redemption through the unwavering grace of God.

He explained that the book holds the power to instil courage in those

who have lost hope, inspiring them to embrace the precious gift of life and persevere through adversity.

"It serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us that there is always a second chance, a new beginning waiting to be embraced. Indeed, the act of writing is a profound act of legacy-building. Through our words, we shape our identities, families, communities, and nations," said Lucas.

He implored the people of Francistown to embrace this invaluable source, for within its pages lies the potential for transformation and renewal.

"By purchasing and sharing this book, we not only invest in our own personal growth, but also contribute to the collective healing of our community.

Furthermore, I urge you to explore online avenues for distributing this book, ensuring that its message reaches international markets. By doing so, we extend the reach of its life-affirming message to individuals around the globe who may be in need of solace and inspiration," Lucas advised. **BOPA**

## Basiami, Keabile start internship with Mr Price Group

By **Idah Basimane**

GABORONE - Three designers: two Batswana and a South African are set to participate in the internship programme at the Mr Price Group headquarters in Durban, courtesy of Fashion Without Boarders (FWB).

The two Batswana are Mboko Basiami of Glotto Designers and Lerang Keabile of La-Letsatsi as well as South Africa's Sibuthole, of FDB Human Store.

They were selected during the company's ninth annual event in Gaborone last year and are expected to attend the internship that will last for three weeks starting from May 12 to June 1.

Fashion Without Boarders Executive Director, Serge Kabisoso said in an interview that the initiative was part of the FWB's efforts to develop young talent in fashion by providing them with hands on experience and exposure to various aspects of the fashion business, including retail and manufacturing.

"By fostering talent and encouraging entrepreneurship, FWB aims to contribute to the growth of the fashion landscape in Botswana and beyond," he said.

Selling Africa both local and internationally, he observed, was



**Kabisoso**

crucial for the industry's growth, noting FWB recognised the importance of showcasing African designs and pushing them to the forefront of the global market.

He explained that the internship programme usually starts between April and May every year, hence no delays with placement.

Mboko of Glotto Designers said in appreciation that FWB had great impact in Botswana's fashion industry in terms of setting the standards and helping designers to know the needs of customers.

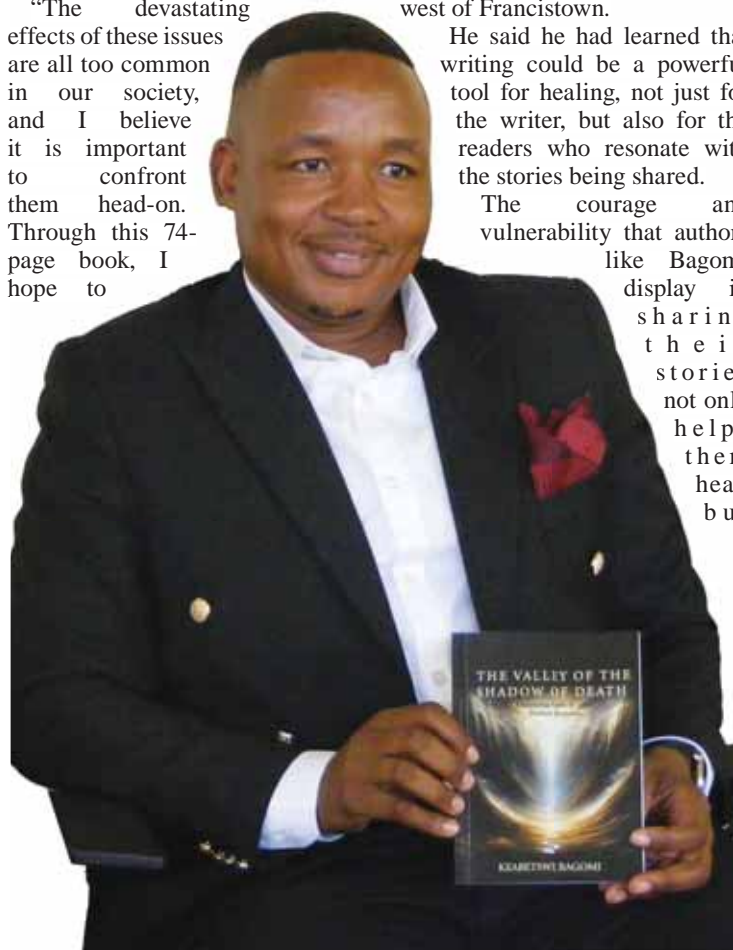
"It's great. I love how they always push the youth and I am happy to be part of this mentorship," she said.

Mboko said the selection would impact her life in a positive way, especially that she was looking to upscale Glotto's production to mass production.

For her part, Keabile of La-Letsatsi Company also said the internship was a beautiful and wonderful opportunity for fashion designers.

She perceived the selection would bring growth, understanding and exposure to her as an upcoming fashion and textile designer.

"It will give us an opportunity to learn and be able to share the knowledge with other aspiring designers," she said. **BOPA**



**Bagomi said the book was written to shed light on the harsh realities of life that many struggled with. Photo: Thamani Shabani**

# Desert Nxau, Notwane still in peril

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - In a desperate struggle to avoid the chop, Notwane and Desert Nxau played to a 0-all draw at the SSG grounds

on Saturday, leaving both teams still on the brink of trickling down to regional football ahead of their last games of the campaign next weekend.

The two teams approached the

game with nothing but maximum points in mind to salvage a lifeline in the second tier.

The stalemate did not do either team any favour, a fact that both coaches are aware of.

In a post-match interview, Notwane coach, Thatayamodimo Tebele conceded that the result left them in a tight situation.

"It's one of the games that needed mental strength from the players, and they tried everything but were let down by poor finishing due to lack of composure in the box, that's where we lost it," he said.

Tebele said ahead of their last game away to basement side, URI Black Forest, they would have to work more on the mental strength of the players to instill in them a

fighting spirit, but said tactically the team was fine.

"It's a do or die situation and we will have to fight until the end," he said.

His counterpart at Desert Nxau, Charles Seloselong said they approached the game as if they were playing a cup final.

"It was a tough game and we came targeting a win, but we will be happy with a point looking at the fact that our opponent was equally fighting for dear life.

Seloselong said the draw now made their next game against Extension Gunners a must win.

The draw leaves Desert Nxau with 21 points, a point above Black Forest, who are rooted at the bottom.

Notwane sits at 22 points, just above Mogoditshane Fighters on goal difference.

Elsewhere, Jwaneng Young Stars have guaranteed their ascension to the elite league next season after playing to a 1-all draw with Fighters.

The ensured Andrew Tlou's boys an unassailable 44 points.

In other games in the first division south, Tlokweng United beat URI Black Forest 2-0 while Extension Gunners lost 0-1 to Union Flamengo Santos. Mochudi Centre Chiefs also lost by a solitary goal to Prisons XI.

The results will ensure a few mouthwatering games next weekend, especially at the lower end of the table. **BOPA**



Orapa United's Mpho Kgaswane (left) and Tafic's Azande Aime fighting for ball possession during the Orange FA Cup semi-finals at the National Stadium on Saturday. Orapa United won 2-1 and will battle it out with Jwaneng Galaxy in the final. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

## Gaborone club wins bowling tourney

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Gaborone Bowling Club was on Saturday crowned the champions of the 47th edition of the National Bowling Tournament held in Jwaneng from May 4 to 11.

The club garnered an overall 79 points followed by Jwaneng and Orapa with 66 and 61 points respectively, while Francistown got 46 and Selebi Phikwe 45.

Save for the Men's Fours and Pairs, which were won by Francistown and Orapa respectively, the Gaborone teams triumphed over their competitors to obtain Gold in Ladies Pairs, both Ladies and Men's Triples, while they got both Gold and Silver on the Ladies Fours category.

However, Mpopi Pelemo of Jwaneng Bowling Club emerged victorious in the Ladies Singles, Modisaotsile Mphotho from Selebi Phikwe won the Men's Singles.

Subsequently, the duo will represent Botswana at the World Singles Champion of Champions scheduled for New Zealand next year.

Meanwhile, Botswana National

Sports Commission (BNSC) director-sports development, Peaceful Seleka applauded the Botswana Bowling Association for a successful tournament, which he said would go a long way in contributing towards their aspirations of elevating to Tier 1 standards.

He said the association was one of the most dedicated and active associations affiliated to the BNSC. "Botswana Bowling Associations, as an affiliate of the Botswana National Sports Commission, is one of the very active national sports associations.

They also help us with our mandate, especially with the Re Ba Bona Ha programme which we have as the BNSC," he said.

Seleka noted that the number of participants at this year's national tournament was testament to their dedication to growing sports in the country, through increased membership and youth development, among others.

"The numbers alone confirm the robustness of your newly appointed strategic plan, whose main priorities are membership

growth, youth development and establishment of new clubs," he said.

Seleka said the Re Ba Bona Ha programme had contributed in the increased number of young people showing interest in the sport, which would go a long way in nurturing talent from a young age.

He said the intention was to eventually see youth representing the country on international stages.

Additionally, Seleka applauded all stakeholders, especially corporate sponsors, who partnered with the Bowling association to ensure the tournament was successful and consequently for their contribution towards the growth of bowling in general.

For his part, Botswana Bowling Association president Kitso Robert appreciated the bowlers for their commitment and dedication throughout the tournament.

"Leaving your families to come here for this long to play sport shows a lot of commitment because you have other important duties.

We appreciate you because without you there will be no tournament," he said. **BOPA**

## Softball masters association donates to Uncle Joe

By Lefika Maruping

MATSILOJE - Botswana Softball Masters Association (BOSMA) on Friday donated a house to Joseph Kgosiemang in Matsiloje.

Kgosiemang, formerly employed as a groundsman at the softball grounds, National Diamond in Gaborone, retired in 2019 due to ill health.

BOSMA Chairperson, Gloria Gaosikelwe said she first met with Kgosiemang commonly known as 'Uncle Joe' in 1980 while working as a groundsman at National Diamond.

She said because of ill health, Kgosiemang had to depend on a wheel chair to move around, making it impossible for him to continue with his daily tasks.

By building him a house, Gaosikelwe said BOSMA was in a way appreciating Kgosiemang for his tremendous work.

"We have found it ideal to build him a studio pad, as it would ease his movement inside the house.

By the way Kgosiemang is now recovering as he is using crutches to walk", she added.

Furthermore, Gaosikelwe said they did not gift Kgosiemang a house because he was impoverished, but rather as a token of appreciation towards the services he rendered for the softball community.

She noted that Kgosiemang was very diligent when it came to his

job, as he did it wholeheartedly.

Kgosiemang is described as a father figure, who raised a lot of individuals in the softball community and even taught some of the softball legends how to do the markings of the softball pitch as well as its upkeep.

"Kgosiemang even went to the extent of buying a softball rule book to further equip himself with the skills of softball and to teach the players rules of the game. He indeed had love for the game," said Gaosikelwe.

For his part, Member of Parliament for Tati East Constituency remembered Kgosiemang from his schooling days.

Dr Letsholathebe attests that Kgosiemang was really good at his job as he did not only take care of the National Diamond softball pitch, but equally ensured that other sporting fields in the vicinity were looked after.

He said BOSMA was leading in an exceptional manner, indicating that in life people needed each other's support. Appreciating the gift, Kgosiemang expressed sincere gratitude stating that at first he was a football fanatic, but later on fell in love with softball as he spent too much time around it.

He said his love for softball was highly influential as his three children were now playing softball adding that his goal was to adopt Matsiloje Junior Secondary School softball team. **BOPA**



Gaborone Bowling Club were crowned this year's champions at the just ended National Bowling Tournament in Jwaneng. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo

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Jwaneng Galaxy's Daniel Msendami (centre) and team players celebrating a goal during the Orange FA Cup semi-finals at the National Stadium in Gaborone on Saturday. Galaxy won 1-0 against UB Hawks to proceed to the final. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

## Mining teams in cup final

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Two teams from the diamond mining towns of Orapa and Jwaneng will battle it out for the Orange FA Cup champions.

Orapa United and Jwaneng Galaxy made it to the finals of the lucrative cup on Saturday in a double-header played at the National Stadium.

Jwaneng Galaxy booked a spot in the final after huffing and puffing against rookies and high flying First Division South outfit, UB Hawks with a solitary goal in the 73th minute through Daniel Msendami.

In the other battle, two premier

league giants from the north gave a more entertaining encounter with a 2-1 victory for Orapa United.

Orapa United, or the Ostriches as known by its supporters, opened their account in the first half through Gofaone Mabaya, only for TAFIC to equalise through Onkabetse Makgantai in the second half.

Eric Thibedi sealed the deal for Orapa United in the 87th minute.

Orapa United will go into the final hoping to redeem themselves after suffering a last minute sucker punch against Gaborone United last year while Jwaneng Galaxy will be eyeing their maiden FA Cup trophy.

In a post-match interview, Orapa United coach, Gadimang Tiiso applauded his team for showing character and devoting their efforts towards winning the match.

Tiiso said his team planned to go to the final, but that their position in the league was worrisome.

He said his players must show the same energy and display in league encounters.

He said last seasons defeat by GU was a valuable lesson and that it would inspire his boys to rise to the occasion and make a name for themselves. His counterpart, Morena Ramoreboli of Jwaneng Galaxy said he was impressed that

his team managed to overcome a young, compact team under the tutelage of a young coach destined for greater heights.

Ramoreboli said UB Hawks clamped their attacks on the wider channels and were quick and dangerous on counter attacks, but that his defence thwarted their plans. TAFIC's coach, Niculus Jacobs said their opponents were a strong and quality outfit.

However, he said his team gifted their opponents two soft goals through poor defending.

He said his team was composed of young boys and that they did well to reach the semi-final stage.

"We wanted to go to the finals, but it was not meant to be," he

said.

Basimanebotlhe Maletle of UB Hawks said despite the loss he was impressed with the performance of his team.

"We made one mistake and that error resulted in the only goal of the match," he said.

He said they also had their chances but could not utilise them.

"We have a bunch of winners in our team.

For us reaching the semi-finals was a good run as we joined the cup as a division one team.

I don't know if there is any other division one team that has managed to go this far in the cup," he said. **BOPA**

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