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His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi (left), Botswana Power Cooperation board chairperson, Professor Oboetswe Motsamai (centre) and China Harbour Engineering Consortium chairperson, Mr Bai Yin Zhan at the signing ceremony of the 100MW Jwaneng Solar PV Plant Power Purchase Agreement in Jwaneng yesterday. The agreement entails development, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the plant, which is expected to be commissioned by end of next year. The consortium will produce and sell power to BPC for 25 years. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

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# Mine aims for zero harm commitment

By **Khumile Moekejo**

**JWANENG** - Jwaneng Mine is reaffirming its commitment to the highest safety standards in the workplace, in alignment with the company's zero harm value, Acting General Manager Mr Goitseone Gadifele said this at the Inter-Departmental First Aid competition on Saturday.

Despite recording three incidents this year, one of which resulted in

a fatality, Mr Gadifele emphasised that Jwaneng Mine remains steadfast in prioritising safety to uphold its reputation as the world's safest mine. "Our drive towards zero harm will be underpinned by learnings from these incidents, enforcing adherence to our critical controls and engaging in open conversations when reflecting on our safety culture," he stated. In all, we must all believe that zero harm is attainable and we should

be persistent in putting safety first, because it is our personal responsibility to ensure that we work and live safely at all times," he said.

He noted that initiatives such as the First Aid competition indicated the commitment and dedication of the Botswana Chamber of Mines (BCM) and participating partners towards practical demonstration of prioritising safety in the workplace and beyond.

The Acting General Manager further noted the importance of applying the lessons learned from such initiatives to everyday life—at work, home, and on the roads. He expressed optimism that the growth of safety initiatives would help the mining sector achieve the goal of absolute zero harm.

Mr Gadifele, however, said that even though this year's theme, 'First Aid: An Important Link in the Chain of Survival', was in

line with individual aspirations to make a positive impact through primary response, there was need to acknowledge the challenges hindering such achievements.

"The theme reflects and resonates with our individual desire to make a positive contribution to people's lives through First Aid with the view to prevent complications and untimely death. We are mindful of the fact that this undertaking is not a walk in the park, as we will, without doubt, encounter challenges in our endeavour to avoid untimely deaths," he said. dream.

Meanwhile, Ore Processing and Mining departments will represent Jwaneng Mine at the BCM Inter-Mine First Aid competition penciled for Palapye next month following their triumph over 10 others on Saturday.

The Ore Processing captain, Ms Fenellah Thebe, said even though

she attributed their victory to determination and hard work, their work environment required them to uphold the highest standards of safety at all times hence First Aid was important.

"In our workplace, we work with machines that can be dangerous and therefore we are always striving to be prepared to avoid a lost time injury in case an incident occurs," she said.

For his part, the Mining Department captain Oteng Nkweetsile, said they intend to work on their mistakes to close the gaps to ensure that Jwaneng Mine retains the First Aid championship. "For instance, I have realised that in the simulation exercise, we take a lot of time removing the patient from the high safe area before starting treatment, and that is something we are going to work on before the inter-mine competitions," he said. **BOPA**

## Botswana strives for quality services to attract tourists

By **Esther Mmolai**

**MAUN** - In a push to enhance the nation's reputation as a premier tourism destination, officials are calling for a collective commitment to providing exceptional service and a warm welcome to visitors. This was said by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Honourable Mmusi Kgafela, during the grand opening of the Grays Eden Sanctuary Boutique Hotel in Maun over the weekend.

Minister Kgafela emphasised the impact of excellent hospitality on the country's tourism sector, stating that Botswana had long been recognised globally for its stunning attractions, including the Okavango Delta, the vast salt pans, and the iconic sand dunes of the Kalahari Desert.

"It is upon us as a nation to warmly welcome visitors through our rich and diverse culture and heritage sites, food, as well as our hospitality in order to maintain our status as the destination of choice," he remarked.

The Minister underscored the importance of creating a welcoming environment to attract significant investments, such as the newly inaugurated Grays Eden Sanctuary Boutique Hotel, which is expected to enhance the tourism landscape in Maun.

Honourable Kgafela lauded the efforts of the government led by His Excellency, President Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, noting that various initiatives aimed at infrastructure development, human capital enhancement, and improved international relations were vital in positioning Botswana as a top investment destination. He pointed out that these efforts would ultimately aid local businesses in thriving and remaining competitive.

"Through the incentives provided by the government under the Botswana Investment Trade Industry (BITC), and in partnership with the Botswana Tourism Organization (BTO), we

are celebrating the monumental achievement of the Grays Eden project," he added.

Recognizing the pivotal role of BITC in attracting foreign direct investment, Minister Kgafela commended them for the contribution to the establishment of the Grays Eden hotel. He also acknowledged BTO for its efforts in positioning Botswana as a preferred tourism destination essential for attracting and retaining significant investments.

Furthermore, the Minister credited all government agencies involved in the project for their support and gave special mention to Chobe Holdings for their role in guiding the investors to ensure the sustained growth of the business.

"Your experience in the industry is unquestionable, and there could not have been a better partner than you to facilitate agreements. I assure you that the government, through my ministry and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, stands firmly behind your investment. You have made the right choice in opting for Botswana as your investment destination," he concluded.

Mr Kgafela said government remained committed to ensure the prevailing laws and policies were favourable for business to thrive and urged the new hotel to support local companies to continue to be so in the value chain.

Government, he said, had taken a decision to build local capacity in sectors such as food production by putting importation control measures on basic commodities citing horticulture products and many more that the establishment would need for in its operations.

Therefore, he informed the esteemed investor of the government's commitment to value chain development through mutual beneficiation and believed that the partnership between Grays Eden and the government would stand for a test of time and bring more opportunities for all to benefit. **BOPA**



**Jwaneng Mine acting General Manager Mr Goitseone Gadifele (left), congratulating Ore Processing captain, Ms Fenellah Thebe (second right) and her team for winning the inter-departmental First Aid competition alongside mining department.** Photo: Khumile Moekejo

## North west leaders unite to fight poverty, child abuse

By **Esther Mmolai**

**MAUN** - Stakeholders in the North West District have been urged to collaborate and devise effective strategies to address the persistent issue of poverty in the region.

Kgosi Tawana Moremi expressed concerns over the widespread poverty affecting both urban and rural communities, saying that many households continued to struggle with poverty and inequality despite the government's existing upliftment programmes.

Speaking at an event to recognise the efforts of Village Development Committees (VDCs) in their respective areas, Kgosi Tawana proposed a meeting to gather district

leadership and other stakeholders aimed at examining the root causes of poverty and strategising on how to better support the community.

He shared his experiences as a former Member of Parliament, recounting the dire conditions and hunger faced by families in Maun and its surroundings.

"In many instances, it is painful to see children left on their own while some headed households venture out to find sustenance," he said.

While acknowledging the crucial role of VDCs in enhancing local governance and spearheading developmental initiatives, Kgosi Tawana emphasised the importance of these committees collaborating with traditional leaders and key stakeholders to improve community welfare.

"Together, we can make a difference and restore hope and dignity to many families," he stated.

Echoing these sentiments, Kgosing area councilor Mr Tswelele Sebati noted the pressing issue of poverty within the district. He supported Kgosi Tawana's suggestion of convening a meeting to explore collective efforts to alleviate poverty.

"The council registers more destitute persons on a monthly basis, and we believe that together we can facilitate initiatives that help many become self-reliant," he said.

Mr Sebati also expressed concern regarding child abuse and mistreatment, describing the statistics as alarming.

He called for urgent action from all sectors of society to protect vulnerable children.

"Recent reports from newly established centers for sexual crimes against minors are disheartening, especially since many cases are perpetrated by those the children should trust, such as family members," he remarked. He added that some cases go unreported, with victims often silenced by fear and stigma.

"Children's protection requires all of us to stand united and intensify our efforts to shield them from all forms of violence," he stressed, underscoring the community's responsibility in safeguarding its children.

The Deputy Council Secretary, Operations, Ms Kebalepile Horatius, concurred that issues of child negligence and poverty in the district need to be taken serious.

The issues, she said, were a major concern and emphasised that as the district leadership and other stakeholders, they should join hands and come up with interventions to create a safe, supportive environment that fosters positive change for a better future for the children and the community at large. **BOPA**

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FOR DIS FOUNDER DIRECTOR GENERAL ISAAC KGOSI

The Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) has learnt with regret the news of the passing of its founding Director General, Colonel (Rtd.) Seabelo Isaac Kgosi. Col Kgosi was DIS Director General from 2008 to 2018. May his family and friends find comfort in God during this difficult time.

Edward ROBERT

Director-Public Relations DIS



KIGALI - His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi (left) and Rwanda Minister of State for Education, Ms Claudette Irere during a media briefing at Kigali International Airport after President Paul Kagame's inauguration on Sunday. President Masisi applauded President Kagame's call for regional peace which showed he was committed to negotiations and compromise. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

# Nurturing democratic process important - Masisi

By Pako Lebanna

KIGALI - Nourishing democratic culture through institutional and legal reform, limits to the exercise of power and efforts to protect the peace in Africa are important components to regional progress, His Excellency, President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi has said.

Speaking in an interview recently at the Kigali International Airport after attending the inauguration of the Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame, Dr Masisi said it was important for African states to support each other towards strengthened democracy.

"We have good diplomatic relations with Rwanda; we are close, and when another President is inaugurated after an election as part of the democratic process, Botswana being a firm believer in this, and also having had guests on similar occasions, we saw it duty bound to attend," he said.

He added that the democratic process required constant reform, noting Rwanda's recent reduction of its electoral cycle from seven to five years, along with the introduction of two-term presidential limits moving forward.

"This is a positive step. It aligns with our thinking. We believe that to nourish democracy, there must be limits to power.

The constitutional provision

for term limits, when imposed by people of Rwanda themselves, is something we support, as we also have term limits in Botswana that we abide by," he stated.

In another interview with *BOPA* while bidding Dr Masisi farewell, Minister of State for Education, Ms Claudette Irere, said Rwanda, which has the world's largest share of women representation in Parliament, had seen progress in gender balanced leadership.

"Rwanda took a deliberate decision of inclusion of women after a history where they were in the back seat.

Women took centre stage under the leadership of President Kagame; we became a world leader with Parliament having 61.3 per cent of the seats being held by women, and this cuts across with women well represented in Cabinet and elsewhere," Ms Irere said.

She added that the country had evolved to a position where gender balanced leadership had become accepted with a focus on the best individuals serving the country on merit.

President Masisi on Sunday joined fellow African leaders and multitudes of Rwandans who filled the 45 000 capacity Amahoro National Stadium to attend President Kagame's inauguration.

Mr Kagame was being sworn in for a new five-year term as the leader of the East African state. *BOPA*

## 'Peace effort in DRC vital'

By Pako Lebanna

KIGALI - Efforts to bring peace to the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are important for the African continent, and require the commitment of all belligerents to work towards the cessation of conflict.

These were the sentiments expressed by His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi in an interview after he attended the inauguration ceremony of Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame in Kigali, Rwanda on Sunday.

During his inaugural address shortly after being sworn in for a five-year term as the President of Rwanda at the Amahoro National Stadium in Kigali, President Kagame called for peace in the East and Central African Great Lakes region, the eastern DRC in particular.

Dr Masisi agreed that it was important for the conflict to end through dialogue.

"It is extremely important, it was a very apt statement that President Kagame made, because there is a need of peace, for the meeting of the minds, particularly in eastern DRC. We often talk about it, and I am very glad he talked about it, and in a way expressing a willingness to sit around the table and compromise, and that is my take home," President Masisi said.

In his inauguration address, President Kagame said the conflict in eastern DRC had created uncertainty and distrust in the region and needed to be

addressed.

"Peace in our region is a priority for Rwanda, yet it has been lacking particularly in eastern DRC. But peace cannot happen on its own, we all have to do our part, the right things in order to achieve and sustain peace. It should be understood as a necessity to respect people's rights. We need to reflect on the world we want our children to live in," Mr Kagame said.

In the aftermath of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, the Interhamwe, militia group that had largely perpetrated the genocide against minority Tutsi and moderate Hutu in Rwanda, retreated to the neighbouring eastern DRC after President Kagame's Rwandan Patriotic Front seized power ending the genocide.

The broader conflict drew DRC internal rebel groups, and neighbouring countries on either

side of conflict, with various sides accusing each other of war excess. Former Botswana President, the late Sir Ketumile Masire chaired the Inter-Congolese Dialogue that eventually led to the cessation of hostilities in 2003.

But over the past 20 years, various conflicts have continued to resurface in the eastern DRC Kivu region, breeding instability that led to newer battles, including internal ethnic clashes between the Mai Mai militia and Banyamulenge peoples as well as conflict between Islamic State aligned insurgents and M23 rebels close to the borders with Rwanda and Uganda.

The latest resurfacing of the conflict has seen the United Nations placing thousands of troops in one of the world's largest peacekeeping effort, augmented by the Southern African Development Community Mission in the DRC. *BOPA*

## Botswana moves toward energy transition

By Kehumile Moekejo

JWANENG - Botswana is making significant strides in its commitment to transition from fossil fuels to a sustainable energy mix, as highlighted by the new 100MW Solar PV Plant to be constructed in Jwaneng.

His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi made the announcement during a signing ceremony for the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) and the China Harbour Engineering Consortium yesterday.

The agreement entails development, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the plant, which is expected to be commissioned by end of next year. The consortium will produce and sell power to BPC for 25 years.

"This marks a key milestone in our shift from fossil-based energy supplies to a diversified energy mix that includes both renewable and non-renewable

resources," President Masisi said.

Dr Masisi said, the solar plant, as the second of its kind in Botswana, was poised to play a crucial role in achieving the country's green energy objectives, notably the reduction of annual carbon dioxide emissions generated by energy production. He outlined that Botswana aims to achieve a 50 per cent renewable energy mix by 2036.

Consequently, he stated that the Revised Integrated Resource Plan adopted in 2022 was intended to increase the contribution of renewable energy by at least 50 per cent by 2030, with room to be further revised.

"To achieve this target, the government has adopted the Revised Integrated Resource Plan in 2022, which aims at fast tracking the contribution of renewable energy from a target of 15 per cent to a revised target of at least 30 per cent, and becoming a net exporter by the year 2030. We will continually revise our Integrated Resource

Plan because even at this rate, we would not reach our target of 50 per cent by 2036 if we aim to have 30 per cent by 2030," said Dr Masisi.

Despite its low levels of greenhouse gas emissions, the President acknowledged that Botswana remained vulnerable to the effects of climate change, underscoring the need for proactive measures to enhance the nation's resilience.

In the commitment to reduce emissions, President Masisi said the government had made a pledge to reduce total greenhouse emissions by 15 per cent by 2030, as outlined in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and further stated that Botswana was making progress in providing affordable and clean energy.

He said the country received a high rate of sunshine annually, making it conducive to radiate solar energy and subsequently achieve renewable energy targets.

Through the National Energy Policy, government aimed to

create an energy system that supply modern and reliable services to all sectors, while at the same time reducing emissions from energy generation by 2040, Dr Masisi said and reaffirmed government's support towards initiatives intended to increase the contribution of solar energy.

"On this basis, government is supporting and facilitating initiatives that increase the development of on grid and off grid solar, in order to increase the contribution of solar energy to the total energy supply mix," he said.

Dr Masisi said such projects were instrumental in driving the country's industrialisation plan and transformation from middle to high income economy and also contributed to the decarbonisation of the mining and manufacturing industries.

While he applauded China Harbour Engineering Consortium for effectively securing the tender for the project, he underscored the need for skills and technology transfer to citizens. *BOPA*

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# Data Protection Bill crucial for democracy

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - The Vice President, His Honour Slumber Tsogwane says regulating how personal data is collected, stored and used will promote how organisations handle information which is crucial for a healthy democracy.

The Vice President said this when contributing to the debate on the Data Protection Bill of 2024 which was presented to Parliament by the Minister for State President, Honourable Kabo Morwaeng.

Mr Tsogwane said the Data Protection Bill aimed to safeguard personal data and privacy and had an impact on promoting democracy and also enhanced transparency and accountability.

He said the Bill provided for individuals to have greater control over their personal data, saying it empowered citizens to have a say on how their information was used and protected.

Vice President Tsogwane further said the Bill ensured effective data protection that helped to prevent misuse of data by both state and non-state actors, including curbing surveillance and ensuring that data was not used for discriminatory practices, thereby protecting citizens' rights and freedoms.

Contributing to the debate, Ngami MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama supported the Bill, saying it set clear rules and standards for data handling and also encouraged organisations to act responsibly.

Mr Hikuama added that protecting personal data would create a more equitable environment where personal information would be respected.

Okavango MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga also supported the Bill, saying it was long overdue.

However, he cautioned against companies that used information to exploit Batswana.

Earlier on, Minister Morwaeng had indicated that the Bill sought to make provision for continuation of Information and Data Protection Commission and give it functional independence, to regulate the protection of personal data and to ensure that the privacy of individuals in relation to personal data was maintained.

Emphasising its importance, he said the Bill intended to protect fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons with regards to privacy of personal data.

"This Bill affects all the citizens of this country as it seeks to regulate the protection of their personal data and ensure that their privacy in relation to their private matter is maintained," he said.

He added, "The Bill continues information about data protection commission and affirms its operational independence.

Part III distils competencies of the commission, its investigative corrective and advisory powers under the Act," he said.

The Minister further said the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) updated its recommendation tool in October 2020, by introducing a criterion which required that countries should have cooperation and coordination between relevant authorities to ensure compatibility of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Control requirements with data protection and private rules and other similar provision.

He said in order for Botswana to demonstrate compliance with FATF recommendations, there was need to implement Data Protection Act and generate compliance data for the FATF third round of mutual evaluation that would be held in 2027. **BOPA**

# Kekgonegile calls for Citizenship Act amendment

By Olekantse Sennamose

GABORONE - The Citizenship Act needs to be amended to prevent rendering some people stateless.

Tabling his proposal in Parliament last week, Maun West legislator, Mr Goretetse Kekgonegile called for the amendment of the Citizenship Act particularly Section 15, which focused on dual citizenship.

Mr Kekgonegile said the Act as it currently was, forced children born of a Motswana parent and a foreigner to renounce the foreign citizenship at the age of 21, something he said had rendered many stateless.

"The international human rights organisation such as UNESCO has indicated that it is the right of every individual to have a global citizenship, something that Botswana as a member has signed to. As a signatory to these protocols Botswana should not be seen as a country that makes people stateless," he said.

"The Citizenship Act in Section 15.1 states that if a person is born in Botswana between a Motswana and a foreign national, that person will enjoy dual citizenship until the age of 21 when they have to renounce the foreign citizenship, failure of which will automatically lead to them losing Botswana citizenship. This is an anomaly as government would have spent a lot in their upbringing, including education and health," he argued.

He indicated that Parliament had previously agreed that such was odd, while the portfolio minister indicated that the ministry was finalising a Cabinet Memo for presentation to Cabinet as part of the review process.

"It was a pity that five years down the line, the promise was not kept. Parliament cannot, therefore, allow the status quo to prevail, and the situation is especially dire in border villages where people interact across borders," he added.

The MP also proposed that the Act be amended to allow an individual who attained 21 years of age and failed to renounce their foreign citizenship, to instead lose foreign citizenship and remain with the Botswana citizenship.

"This is an anomaly because most of these children do not even know or been to the countries of their foreigner parent, let alone know any of their extended family members there. In that case, the automatic loss of Botswana citizenship is tantamount to rendering them stateless, contrary to the UNESCO protocols that Botswana is a signatory to," he said.

As such, he suggested that dual citizenship should not be renounced at any age.

He further proposed that any law that required renouncing should ensure that the person was not rendered stateless, but instead facilitate them to acquire citizenship of the country they opted for.

Mr Kekgonegile said the Bill came in the wake of a High Court judgement of Sethabile Mathe versus The Attorney General, which ruled in favour of the applicant that Section 15 of the Citizenship Act was offending the Constitution, as well as Sections 3, 13 and 14.

"The object of the Bill is therefore, to align Citizenship Act with this High Court judgement. This Bill gives us an opportunity to

comply," he said.

In response, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Annah Mokgethi acknowledged that a holistic approach to the amendment of the Citizenship Act would soon be brought before Parliament.

Minister Mokgethi said the proposals would consequently encompass amendments proposed by Mr Kekgonegile's Bill.

"This current Bill as put before Parliament is narrow as it only seeks to amend a few sections of the Act, so it falls short compared to the holistic approach that I will soon bring," she said adding the draft amendment was already at an advanced stage.

She also indicated that most of the time, people were rendered stateless by their lack of knowledge that they had to renounce their foreign citizenship at the age of 21.

The Minister said the judgement referred to, made provision to ensure that those effected would not be stateless.

Contributing to the debate, Okavango legislator, Mr Kenny Kapinga argued that the minister had long promised holistic amendment to the Act since 2019.

"It is only wise to make the proposed amendments as they are already before Parliament so that this can expedite the said holistic amendment," he said.

Mochudi West MP, Mr Mmusi Kgafela said the cited High Court judgement struck off Section 15 of the Citizenship Act, thereby rendering the amendment null and void.

"You cannot amend something that is non-existent," Mr Kgafela said. **BOPA**



Women in a jubilant mood during Women's Day celebrations hosted by Avani in Gaborone on Friday. One of the guest speakers, Mr Thabiso Bogopa urged women to heal and find peace before they could explore opportunities for a new future in a relationship. Photo: Felicity Male

# Land unavailability delays BNLS headquarters project

GABORONE - Construction of the Botswana National Library Service (BNLS) headquarters has not commenced as anticipated owing to issues related to unavailability of suitable land to undertake a national project of its magnitude and stature.

This was said by the Minister of

Gender, Youth, Sport and Culture, Honourable Tumiso Rkgare when responding to a question in Parliament on Friday.

Minister Rkgare said approximately P39 million was used in the project design. "From this total, P16.9 million was for architectural services, P8.3 million

for civil and structural engineering services, P4.9 million for mechanical engineering services while P3.8 million was paid for quantity surveying services," the minister said.

He further indicated that in 2015, owing to issues of lack of suitable land, government took a decision

to repossess all undeveloped plots allocated to government ministries and agencies within the Central Business District. "We are currently working with the Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs to secure an alternative, suitable and strategic plot for this project," he said.

Member of Parliament for

Ghanzi South, Mr Motsamai Motsamai had asked the minister to give an update on the progress of the construction of the BNLS project, and how much was used for the design of the building.

He also wanted to know if the plot still existed at the CBD and where it was to be located. **BOPA**

# Ministry awards three Chinese companies projects since 2020

PARLIAMENT - The Ministry of Transport and Public Works, has since 2020, awarded projects to three Chinese-owned companies at the total value of P972 724 924.13.

Responding to a question in Parliament recently, transport and public works minister, Honourable Eric Molale said the projects comprised one road and two building construction.

Minister Molale said the projects also consisted of the construction of the office building for the Ministry of Finance in Gaborone awarded to Colic Construction in 2022 at P141 993 216.14.

He said the construction of the new police station in Letlhakane was awarded to Heli

Construction and Engineering/ Mido Construction Joint venture in 2021 at P155 000 766.65.

He explained that the project was a 50/50 joint venture between a non-citizen company and a 100 per cent citizen-owned company.

He said the third project was the construction of Mmandunyane-Shashemooke-Borolong-Chadibe-Mathangwane road including access roads to Natale and Makobo awarded to Unik Construction (Pty) Ltd in June 2023 at the tune of P675 730 941.34.

Regarding the 30 per cent sub-contracting policy for Batswana-owned companies, Minister Molale noted that only one citizen-owned company had been sub-contracted mainly brickwork

in that project at a cost of P33 303 187.93, representing 30.84 per cent for the office building for the Ministry of Finance.

He said the project commenced in August 2023 and was currently at 57 per cent against 66 per cent completion.

For the joint venture between Heli and Mido, he indicated that the sub-contracting was not a requirement as it already included the 50 per cent for the citizen-owned company, adding the project commenced in August 2022 and was currently at 96 per cent against 100 per cent completion.

Mr Molale further pointed out that the contractor for Mandunyane-Mathangwane road project was yet to engage

citizen sub-constructors as required by the Citizen Economic Empowerment policy.

He said the total value and percentage of sub-contracted works were still to be determined since the project had just commenced and sub-contracting was ongoing.

“Currently it is difficult to elaborate on the reasons for any variations that may occur between the contracted sum and end sum paid for in those projects.

The reason being that two of these projects are still in the early stages of implementation and there are no variations that have arisen so far on the works,” he said.

On the Letlhakane Police Station project, Mr Molale said though it was 96 per cent complete, there were no variations to date, adding however, that he could not rule out the possibility of variations occurring.

Minister Molale further stated that the ministry was scheduled to start implementing a Project Governance Framework which defined processes and procedures for managing various aspects of projects, including Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

initiatives, which were expected to be established in the next financial year under Project Governance Framework structure.

Jwaneng/Mabutsane MP, Mr Mephato Reatile had asked the minister to provide an update on the number of projects awarded to Chinese-owned companies and the total value of such projects under since 2020.

Mr Reatile also wanted to know if there was any data or records available regarding the extent to which the 30 per cent sub-contracting policy for Batswana-owned companies had been fulfilled in those projects.

This included the reasons for any variations that may occur between the contracted sum and the end sum paid for in those projects and if there were any specific examples or statistics available regarding the variations.

He further asked the minister, to provide a timeline or a plan as to when the missing data on end sums paid for those projects would be available and accessible, considering difficulties in retrieving information due to COVID-19 related office closures. **BOPA**



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## STEAM education path to personal success

By Portia Rapitsenyane

MOENG - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education is more than simply a path to personal success. It is the foundation of a thriving, progressive and equitable community, says Chief Education Officer for Palapye region, Ms Didimalang Mmemo.

Speaking at the mini-science week festival hosted by Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources in partnership with Botswana Vaccine Institute at Moeng College recently, Ms Mmemo said it was critical that the revolutionary power of STEAM education was harnessed to ensure a better future for all.

Ms Mmemo said STEAM education was the most potent instrument for shaping the future, as it empowered individuals, strengthened communities and propelled society forward.

“We unlock each student’s potential, allowing them to make important contributions to their families, communities and the world at large”, she said.

Ms Mmemo said in today’s quickly changing world, the concept of STEAM goes beyond the classroom adding that lifelong learning was crucial for both personal and professional development.

As educators, it is our obligation to foster in our students a passion for learning that extends beyond formal education. We must foster curiosity, problem solving, critical thinking and the desire for

ongoing progress. By doing so, we enable people to adapt and prosper in an ever-changing environment”, she said.

Ms Mmemo said innovation must be embraced as it was fundamental to educational success.

She said from incorporating digital tools in the classroom to implementing personalised learning plans, innovation may make education more accessible, engaging, and effective.

She said as the country transitioned from a resource-based to a knowledge-based economy it was important for students to be mindful of acquisition of science process skills through asking questions, making a guess, doing experiments, recording results, and coming up with a conclusion.

With inquiry-based learning, she said, teachers needed to use available materials as part of teaching to make learning fascinating, meaningful and experimental.

She said while they have achieved considerable progress in education, they must recognise and address underlying injustices pointing out that every child deserved great education regardless of their origin.

She encouraged students to work tirelessly to guarantee that they received excellent grades in all of their classes.

BUAN deputy Vice-Chancellor for academic affairs Professor Hakgamalang Chepete urged learners to embrace creativity and innovation in their learning journey. **BOPA**

## Prof. Mbaiwa inspires learners to pursue science-related fields

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KACHIKAU - Liswaani Junior Secondary School learners in Kachikau have been encouraged to pursue wildlife and environmental science related careers.

Speaking at Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) national science week at Kachikau on Saturday, the Director of the Okavango Research Institute Professor Joseph Mbaiwa urged the students to have curious minds that would develop solutions to the human-wildlife conflict in future.

He said due to their proximity and experience of co-existing with wildlife, Liswaani learners were penned to become the greatest wildlife and environmental scientists.

Prof. Mbaiwa said this year’s theme: An Enquiring Mind: a Gateway to Creativity and Innovation, stimulated the desire to learn and willingness to explore beyond the obvious in young people.

He commended BVI for their achievements over four decades

providing sustainable animal solutions not just in Botswana but SADC region.

The director pointed out that Northern Botswana was vastly populated with wildlife including buffaloes that were carriers of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) which had rendered Chobe a red zone for exportation of beef to European market.

He said over the years, BVI had played a critical role in producing FMD vaccines for cattle in Botswana and the rest of SADC, adding that the institute continued to be actively involved in researches.

BVI Head of ICT, Mr Kgomotso Mantu said the satellite event was meant to inculcate science and research into the broader society and inspire learners to venture into science-related fields.

Mr Mantu said positioning Botswana towards a knowledge based and export led economy called for great minds like learners to choose careers that were Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related.

The STEM path, he said would ensure Botswana had many scientists and mathematicians who would device solutions that were specifically designed for Botswana.

He remarked that Chobe was a catchment area of BVI programme due to its FMD vaccine beneficiary, and noted it was important to teach learners about science to stimulate their interest.

BVI further donated P10 000 cash to Liswaani junior and awarded students who excelled academically with laptops and iPad.

Form three overall best student and BVI essay competition winner, Mr Samuel Mukuwa thanked BVI for identifying their school for the science week.

Moreover, he thanked the institute for motivating learners with gadgets adding that the laptop he received would aid him in studying and research.

“Liswaani students promise to work hard and pursue the right path to produce best academic results,” he said. **BOPA**



# New hotel to benefit community

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - The newly opened Grays Eden Sanctuary Boutique hotel will entice tourists to spend some days in Maun to experience what the area offers, Kgosi Tawana

II has said.

Welcoming guests during the grand opening of the facility on Saturday, Kgosi Tawana said the district leadership and the community had long wanted some products that would attract



*Kgosi Tawana II said there was need for more of high-end facilities in Maun and in the delta to accommodate the flow of tourists.*

tourists to stay in Maun before flying into the famous Okavango Delta as well as to contribute to the local economy.

He said Maun was well known as the gateway to the delta, and that it was the only benefit that residents enjoyed.

“It has taken a long time to realise a facility like this and tourists have been flying in and out of the delta to their respective countries without enjoying the diverse culture of our communities. Now we have a magnificent facility for sleep over before traversing the delta and going back,” he added.

The facility is strategically located to accommodate those who would be going for safari day trips or mokoro trips into the delta.

It will also providing an opportunity for travelers to experience what Maun offered in terms of tourism products while at the same time supporting local businesses through buying of different products.

He stressed the need to have more of high-end facilities in Maun and in the delta to accommodate the flow of tourists.

Making remarks on behalf of the minister of Environment and Tourism, the assistant minister of Education and Skills Development, Honourable Nnaniki Makwinja said the facility would not only

offer world-class amenities but would also help to profile Botswana as a prime tourism destination.

She thanked the country’s leadership unwavering support to the tourism industry, adding that the ministry would continue to drive the tourism sector to greater heights and position Botswana as destination of choice for visitors.

“This hotel that is being opened today will go a long way in establishing Maun as a destination by itself as more tourists will now spend more time here before departing for the delta and other wilderness camps,” she added.

Ms Makwinja also noted that such initiatives aligned perfectly with the government’s Reset Agenda, which aimed to assist the tourism industry to recover and achieve the development aspirations as outlined in the National Vision 2036 and the Eleventh National Development Plan (NDP11).

Moreover, such endeavor, she said, aligned with the Tourism Policy of 2021, which identifies key areas to foster tourism growth in Botswana and thus include increasing tourism’s contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), diversifying the tourism base to extend visitors’ stays, promoting various forms

of tourism, and developing investment opportunities and value chains within the sector.

In recent years, she said, tourism sector faced numerous challenges which also revealed opportunities for innovation and growth.

She said that supported by the government, the opening of such facilities stood as a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the industry. Ms Makwinja thanked the owners of the facility and wished it to thrive and to inspire others in the industry.

The facility is a partnership between the owners Sam and Sandrine Morris and Ker & Downey Botswana, a subsidiary of Chobe Holdings Company.

Chobe Holdings Company chief executive officer, Mr John Gibson said their organisation formed part of Maun as it was the only listed entity, which its headquarters were based in Maun and employing over 1 000 staff members.

He thanked the owners of the establishment for their dedication and hard work to bringing their dream to life, adding that they had created a product that was competitive.

Through collaboration, he said, they could change things for the better for the benefit of the community and the country at large. **BOPA**

# BSE launches sustainability disclosure guidance

By Thato Mosinyi

GABORONE - In an effort to transform the local stock market into a world-class securities exchange, Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) in collaboration with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Africa has launched the Sustainable Disclosure Guidance.

Speaking during the guideline launch on Thursday, GRI Africa Programme Manager, Mr Bhongolwethu Sonti said the initiative represented a significant milestone in BSE’s journey towards corporate responsibility, accountability and ensuring sustainable growth of capital markets in Botswana.

He said the BSE disclosure guidance launched was a comprehensive tool to enhance the quality and consistency of information disclosed by local listed companies while it was also the guiding light for companies outside the market aiming to be well performing companies embedded in society.

“The primary purpose of the guiding regulations is to improve investment decisions through provision of high quality sustainable information from companies in order to enable better informed investment decision-making by possible investors,” he said.

Mr Sonti said there was need for the guidelines as companies were

no longer judged on their financial performances or shareholding dividends but were also judged on how they managed their environmental and societal impact on their operational jurisdiction.

Such regulations, he said, would encourage companies to disclose their impact risks and opportunities to foster business performance and accountability.

Mr Sonti said a cornerstone within the guiding regulation was to ensure that sustainability issues impacted not only the company’s financial performance but also the social and environmental aspects, thus required companies to disclose information on both the financial risks and opportunities.

Additionally, he said Botswana’s corporate governance and landscape was also evolving at a fast pace with various regulators adopting different guidelines which the BSE also drew from hence promoting alignment with international standards. Mr Sonti said by integrating industry principles and sustainability within the frame works, the BSE could ensure that sustainability became the core component of corporate governance in Botswana.

He emphasized that the robust sustainability reporting frame works could lead to tangible benefits including improved market reputation, increased investment flows and greater resilience and social economic and



*Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) acting CEO, Mr Kopano Bolokwe (left), GRI Africa programme manager, Mr Bhongolwethu Sonti ringing the bell at the Launch of the Sustainability Disclosure Guidance opening bell ringing ceremony in Gaborone recently. Photo: Antonio Gombo*

environment challenges.

Mr Sonti said implementing the regulations could enhance BSE as it positioned itself as a forward thinking and stock exchange of repute which is committed to fostering sustainable business practices.

The regulation guidance, he said could, also help improve the overall quality of companies listed on the exchange. By encouraging better disclosure and management of sustainability related risks

and opportunities, the BSE, Mr Sonti said, could help companies become more resilient, competitive and attractive to investors which could result in high market capitalisation as well as increased trading volumes. “Over the past three decades, there have been many drivers that led companies, regulators and governments to ensure that principles were integrated within companies,” he said. He said BSE had been at the forefront of driving transformation

and demonstrating an unwavering commitment to fostering sustainable business practices and ensuring strong cooperate responsibility.

“Since its inception as Botswana Share Market in 1989 to its evolution to Botswana Stock Exchange in 1995, the exchange has grown into a pivotal institution in the country’s financial landscape, as is today a proud member of various international governing bodies,” he said. **BOPA**

# PRESIDENT KAGAME'S INAUGURATION

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His Excellency President, Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi was among African Heads of State who attended the inauguration ceremony of Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame. President Masisi said attending the inauguration was a reflection of Botswana's commitment to strengthening diplomatic ties with Rwanda. President Masisi also endorsed President Kagame's call for regional peace especially in Democratic Republic of Congo.

1. His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi (left) with Rwanda President, Mr Paul Kagame (second left), First Lady Jeannette (centre) and children at the inauguration ceremony at Amahoro National Stadium.
2. People arriving at Amahoro National Stadium.
3. Rwanda disciplinary forces bands performing at the ceremony.
4. Thousands of Rwandans came to witness the inauguration of their president.
5. A Rwanda army helicopter fly past at the ceremony as President Kagame was inaugurated for his fourth term in office.
6. The 40 000-seat Amahoro National Stadium was filled to capacity during the ceremony.
7. Rwanda traditional ensemble entertaining guests.
8. President Masisi was seen off by Rwanda Minister of State for Education Ms Claudette Irere at Kigali International Airport.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 10 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT (Cap 65:07). NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RIVERSAND MINING ALONG SERULE RIVER, NEAR SERULE VILLAGE

The main findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) are as outlined below -

#### i. NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE ACTIVITY

The project entails extraction of river sand to be used in the making of bricks as well as during construction of roads, buildings and other infrastructures. The principal activities involved in the river sand extraction process is the excavation/extraction of the river sand by front loaders/excavators and loading it into tipper trucks for transportation to different destinations.

#### ii. LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY

The proposed project site is located along Serule River, near Serule Village.

#### iii. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

The table below presents a summary of the Environmental Impacts and Management Measures identified by the EIA Study.

	Anticipated Impacts	Phase	Management Measures
1.	Vegetation loss	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Areas to be cleared should be marked and removal of vegetation should be limited to the marked area</li> <li>Areas outside the project site which were disturbed during site clearing should be rehabilitated after completion of works through replanting of trees</li> <li>There is no protected species identified within the footprint of the proposed site.</li> </ul>
2.	Noise pollution	Construction & Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before operation, all machinery and equipment should be well maintained in order to reduce the magnitude of noise that would be generated.</li> <li>All machinery should be in good working condition and engines switched off when not in use.</li> <li>Ensure that all stationary equipment are carefully oriented away from sensitive receptors and/or shielded from receptors by other non-noisy equipment or structures.</li> <li>River sand mining will mainly take place during the day and no mining activity is anticipated at night (0800hrs-1700hrs).</li> </ul>
3.	Land pollution	Construction & Decommissioning	<p><b>Solid waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Bins with covers should be provided at each working junction. The contents should be emptied and disposed off at a designated site daily.</li> <li>Contaminated soils/spoil should be collected, treated and disposed off by a licensed and registered company that deals with hazardous waste collection and disposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Liquid waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portable toilets should be provided on site for workers. The ratio of toilets to workers should be 1:25 in compliance with Factories Act regulation on Sanitation.</li> <li>The servicing of the portable toilets should be undertaken by a licensed waste management company at least once week.</li> </ul>
4.	Potential injuries/ illness to workers	Construction & Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There should be a Health and Safety Plan in place.</li> <li>Provide all the workers with adequate PPEs and ensure their daily usage on site. The PPEs should be replaced on time when they are worn out.</li> <li>Safe and secure storage for equipment and materials should be provided on site and their Material Safety Data Sheets should be properly kept.</li> <li>Establish emergency procedures against hazards and ensure that workers are inducted and follow them.</li> <li>Ensure that firefighting equipment is provided and placed at strategic locations on site. In addition, workers should be trained to their use and their maintenance.</li> <li>Men at work signs should be placed close to working areas especially when they are near roads or working on roads.</li> <li>Good housekeeping should be practiced ensuring minimal exposure to risk of OHS incidents and accidents occurring.</li> <li>At least an equipped first Aid Box should be on site.</li> </ul>
5.	Potential spread of HIV/AIDS	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and safety education on HIV/AIDS and STIs should be provided to all workers on the project at least on a monthly basis for the duration of the construction phase</li> <li>Make condoms available for all workers</li> </ul>
6.	Employment creation (skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour)	Construction & Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit as many local people as possible especially in the semi-skilled and unskilled category.</li> <li>Botswana citizens should be given priority when recruiting labour, especially from village of Serule</li> <li>There should be gender equity in the recruitment of labour.</li> </ul>
7.	Air pollution	Construction & Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover River sand material and sprinkle with water before haulage trucks leave from the borrow pit site to their destination.</li> <li>Access roads should be sprinkled with water daily before haulage trucks can use them and every 4 hours during the works, speed limit should be kept at or below 30km/hr when using the access roads.</li> <li>Stockpile of loose materials should be covered and sprinkled to minimise dispersion and dust pollution.</li> <li>It should be mandatory for all workers, visitors and customers to wear a dust/respiratory mask before accessing the site and to also have on proper PPE apart from the masks.</li> </ul>
8.	Availability of serviced river sand	Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The river sand service should be maintained and properly extracted to ensure continuous availability.</li> </ul>
9.	Change in surface water run-off	Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mining activities should be limited to the proposed location.</li> <li>Any excess soil should be used to control erosion in vulnerable areas.</li> <li>Stockpile of loose sandy materials should not be kept for long and should be placed away from drainage channels in order to reduce the risk of sediment movement.</li> <li>Movement of machinery should be restricted to working areas and designated access road.</li> <li>Drainage facilities in close vicinity of the working areas, if disturbed, should be restored back to its original capacity.</li> </ul>

#### iv. CONCLUSION

The conclusion from the findings of the EIA study is that the benefits of implementing the project outweigh the negative impacts. There is currently no private operational river sand mining in Serule. The demand for river sand needs is fulfilled by sources from Palapye, Tonota and Selebi-Phikwe. However, the proposed Serule river sand mining is a necessity to the Central District and Serule in particular to relieve pressure/ high usage from neighbouring localities. The negative impacts identified by the EIA study can be minimised through the implementation of the mitigation measures and recommendations made in the Environmental Management Plan which formed part of the EIA study.

#### v. RECOMMENDATION

Following the undertaking of the Environmental Impact Assessment study, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the management measures recommended.

#### vi. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PLACEMENT (LOCATION) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Copies of the detailed Environmental Impact Statement have been placed in the following locations for review by the public.

- Department of Environmental Protection Library (Francistown),
- Serule Kgotla

#### vii. CORRESPONDENCES

Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested/ affected persons should be submitted to: The District Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, Private Bag F020, Francistown, Tel: (+267) 2417363, Fax: (+267) 2417130 or hand delivered to Ntsho House, Office 2.106 or 2.019 by Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> August 2024.

## KITSISO

### KITSISO E, E REBOLWA KA MOLAO WA TSHEKATSHEKO TIKOLOGO WA NGWAGA WA 2011(EA Act, 2011) TSHEKATSHEKO YA TIKOLOGO YA GO EPIWA GA MOTHABA MO NOKENG YA SERULE GO BAPA LE MOTSE WA SERULE

Dintha kgolo tsa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo (EIA) ke tse di tshalositsweng fa tlase –

**i. SEBOPEGO LE SELEKANYO SA TIRO**

Tiro e akaretsa go epiwa ga mothaba mo nokeng o o tla dirisiwang mo go direng ditena mmogo le ka nako ya kago ya ditsela, dikago le mafaratlhatlha a mangwe. Ditiro tse dikgolo tse di amegang mo thulaganyong ya go epiwa ga mothaba mo nokeng ke go epa/go gopa mothaba mo nokeng ka mochine o epang (di-front loader/excavator) le go o laisa mo dikoloing tsa matipane (tipper) gore o isiwe mo mafelong a farolonyeng.

**ii.LEFELO LA TLHABOLOLO**

Lefelo le go solofetsweng go epiwa mothaba kwa go lone le kwa nokeng ya Serule, gobapa le motse wa Serule.

**iii.KAKANYETSO YA DITLAMORAGO TSA GO EPA MOTLHABA LE KAKANYETSO YA SEELO SA THARABOLOLO**

Moalo o o fa tlase o supa tshoboko ya ditlamorago tsa tikologo le dikgato tsa taolo tse di supilweng ke thutopatlisiso ya (EIA).

	Kamego e e ka nnang teng	Karolo	Ditharabololo tse di ka tsewang go fokotsa kamego
1.	Go swa/nyeela ga dimela le dithhare	Go epiwa ga mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mafelo a a tla amiwang ke tiro e, a tshwanetse go makiwa/ tshwaiwa gape e nne one fela a dithhare di kgaolwang mo go one.</li> <li>Mafelo a a kwa ntle ga lefelo la go epiwa ga mothaba, mme a kgaotswe dithhare, a tshwanetse le one a baakannwa, ka go lema dithhare ka mefuta le dijwalo ka go farologana ga tsone.</li> <li>Ga gona mofuta wa dithhare o o sireleditsweng o o supilweng mo teng/ go bapa le lefelo lago epa mothaba.</li> </ul>
2.	Modumo o o feteletseng	Go epiwa mothaba le morago ga go wediwa ga go epiwa ga mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pele ga tiriso, didirisiwa tsothe di tshwanetse go thokomelwa sentle gore go fokodiwe bogolo jwa modumo o o neng o ka dirwa ke tsone.</li> <li>Di dirisiwa tsa tsa go epa mothaba le dikoloi ka mefuta ya tsone tsothe, di tshwanetse go timiwa fa di sa dirisiwe.</li> <li>Netefatsa gore didirisiwa tsothe tse di emeng di lebisitswe ka kelothoko kgakala le tse di bosisi le/kgotsa di sireleditswe mo modumong.</li> <li>Go tshwanetse ga thomamisiwa gore tiro e dirwa fela motshegare/ gosena tiro e e dirwang bosigo (8am – 5pm)</li> </ul>
3.	Kgothelesego ya tikologo	Go epiwa mothaba le morago ga go wediwa ga go epiwa ga mothaba	<p><b>Matlakala</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Di kanti tsa matlakala tse di nang le dikhurumelo di tshwanetse go nna teng le go tshololwa kana go lathelwa mo lefelong le le kgethelweng nako tsothe.</li> <li>Mebu e e kgotlelegileng e tshwanetse go kgobokannwa, go alafiwa le go latlhiwa ke kompone e e nang le teseletso kgotsa ikwadiseditse go tsaya le go latlha matlakala a a kotsi.</li> </ul> <p><b>Matlakala a seeledi/metsi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go tshwanetse ga nna le matlwana a boithomelo a a kgonang go sutisiwa. Tekanyo ya matlwana a boithomelo go badiri e tshwanetse go nna ntwana engwe eka diriswa ke babereki bale masobe a mabedi le bothano (1:25) go tsamaelana le molawana wa Molao wa Difeme ka ga Kgeleloleswe. (Factories Act regulation on Sanitation)</li> <li>Go thokomelwa ga matlwana a boithomelo go tshwanetse ga dirwa ke kompone e nang le teseletso ya go tsaya matlakala gangwefela mo malasting a beke.</li> </ul>
4.	Kgonagalo ya dikgobalo le malwetsi a bakwang ke tikologo ya pereko.	Go epiwa mothaba le morago ga go wediwa ga go epiwa ga mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go tshwanetse ga nna le lenaneo la boitekanelo le pabalesego.</li> <li>Tlamela badiri botlhe ka diaparo tsa itshireletso tse di lekaneng le go netefatsa tiriso ya tsone nako tsothe. Babereki ba tshwanetse go neelwa dilwana tsa itshireletso nako tsothe ha di onetse.</li> <li>Polokelo e e babalesegileng le e e sireletsegileng ya didirisiwa e tshwanetse go diragatswa nako tsothe. Dipampiri tsa tshedimosetso tsa pabalesego ya didirisiwa di tshwanetse go bolokwa sentle.</li> <li>Go thoma ditsamaiso tsa tshoganyetso kgatlhanong le dikotsi le go netefatsa gore badiri ba rutuntshiwa godi sala morago.</li> <li>Netefatsa gore didirisiwa tsa go tima molelo di a tlamelwa le go bewa mo mafelong a a lebaneng. Mo godimo ga moo, babereki ba tshwanetse go rutuntshiwa ka tiriso le go di thokomela.</li> <li>Matshwao a go supa gore go tiro a tshwanetse go bewa gauifi le mafelo a tiro bogolo jang fa a le gauifi le ditsela kgotsa go berekelwa mo ditseleng.</li> <li>Go tshwanetse ga thokomelwa/phephafatswa madirelo sentle go netefatsa gore ga go nne le dikotsi, le go phemela ditiragalo tsa dikotsi tse di ka diragalang.</li> <li>Lebokoso la Thuso ya potlako le le nang le didirisiwa le tshwanetse go nna mo lefelong la pereko.</li> </ul>
5.	Kgonagalo ya go anama ga malwetsi a tshelwanang jaaka mogare wa HIV le bolwetse jwa AIDS	Go epiwa mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dithuto tse di amanang le mogare wa HIV le bolwetse jwa AIDS gammogo le tshireletso mo tirong, di tshwanetse tsa amoganwa le babereki gangwe fela ka kgwedi, kwa lefelong la pereko go fithelela tiro e fela. Babereki botlhe ba nne le tshono yago ka nna dikausu tsa itsheretso</li> </ul>
6.	Ditiro di nna teng (tsa ba ba senang di dikitso tse di rileng, ba dikitso tse di fa gare le ba dikitso tse di ko godimo).	Go epiwa mothaba le morago ga go wediwa ga go epiwa ga mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go tshwanetse ga thapiwa beng gae, ebile ka dipalo tse di kwa godimo segolo jang ba dikitso tsa ditiro tse di fa gare le tse di sa tlhokeng kitso epe.</li> <li>Batswana ba tshwanetse ba fiwa tshono pele fa go hiriwa, bogolo jang ba motse wa Serule</li> <li>Go tshwanetse ga nna le tekatekanyo ya bong fa go hiriwa</li> </ul>
7.	Kgotlelesego ya phefo	Go epiwa mothaba le morago ga go wediwa ga go epiwa ga mothaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khurumetsa thoto ya mothaba mme o gase ka metsi pele ga dikoloi tsa mothaba di tsamaya go ya kwa mafelong ka go farologana.</li> <li>Ditsela tsa tiriso di tshwanetse go gasiwa ka metsi nako tsothe pele diteraka di di dirisa kana morago ga oura tse nne. Tekanyetso ya lebelo e tshwanetse go bewa mogo kgotsa kwa tlase ga 30km/hr.</li> <li>Mothaba o tshwanetse go khurumediwa goe etsa go gasa kana go fokotsa go gasaganya le kgotlhelo ya lerole.</li> <li>Go tshwanetse ga nna gape gore badiri botlhe, baeng le bareki ba rwale tshireletso ya lerole/wa go hema pele ba tsena mo lefelong le go nna gape le diaparo tsa itshireletso e e siameng kwa ntle ga dimaseke.</li> </ul>
8.	Go nna teng ga mothaba wa noka	Tiriso ya ditlamelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mothaba o tshwanetse wa tlamelwa le go epiwa sentle gore o tsewelele ole teng ka nako tsothe.</li> </ul>
9.	Go fetoga ga go elela ga metsi fa godimo ga mothaba	Tiriso ya ditlamelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ditiro tsa meepo di tshwanetse go lekanyediwa fela mo lefelong le le thapilweng.</li> <li>Mothaba mongwe le mongwe o o feteletseng o tshwanetse go dirisiwa go laola kgogolego mo mafelong a ka amiwang ke kgothelesego ya mothaba.</li> <li>Poloko tsa mothaba ga e a tshwanela go bewa nako e telele mme e tshwanetse go bewa kgakala le mesele ya kelelo ya metsi gore go fokodiwe kotsi/kgorelesego ya motsamao wa mosele.</li> <li>Motsamao wa di dirisiwa le dikoloi o tshwanetse go lekanyediwa kwa mafelong a tiro le tsela e e tlhomilweng ya go tsamaa.</li> <li>Mealo yago ntsha metsi a gauifi le mafelo a tiro, fa a kgoreleditswe a tshwanetse go busediwa mo seemong sa one sa ntsha.</li> </ul>

**iv.TSHOBOKO**

Tshoboko go tswa mo dipatlisisong tsa tshekatsheko ya tikologo e supa fa go epiwa ga mothaba go na le kgonagalo e e seng kalokalo ya kamego ya tikologo.Gagona gope kogo epiwang mothaba teng mo motseng wa Serule ,banni ba motse wa Serule ba reka mothaba kwa metseng ya Palapye, Tonota le Selebi-Phikwe.Go thamiwa ga lefelo lago epa mothaba go bothokwa mo mafelong a bogare (Central District)le Serule go fokotsa go epa mothaba thata mo mafelong a a mabapi. Ditlamorago tse di lemogilweng ke tshekatsheko ya tikologo di ka fokotswa ka go netefatsa fa dikgakololo tse di nankotsweng mo mealong ya bookamedi jwa tikologo tse eleng karolo ya tshekatsheko ya tikologo di salwa morago.

**v.DIKGAKOLOLO**

Morago ga pego ya tshekatsheko ya tikologo, go gakololwa gore go epiwa mothaba mo go solofetsweng go letlelelwe mme go elwe tlhoko tse di tlhokafalang go fokotsa kamego ya lefatshe le tikologo.

**vii. LEFELO LE KWA MOKWALO WA TSHEKATSHEKO O KA BONWANG TENG KE SECHABA**

Meriti ya mekwalo ya tshekatsheko ya tikologo e ka bonwa kwa mafelong a a latelang, go ka sekwasekwa ke sechaba:

- Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo(Department of Environmental Protection Library (Francistown),
- Serule Kgotta

**vii.DITLHAELETSANO**

Fa o na le kagelo kana o le kgatlhanong le tiro e,o kwalela kwa go: Mookamedi, Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo, Kgetsi ya Poso: Department of Environmental Protection, Private Bag F020, Francistown, Tel: (+267) 2417363, Fax: (+267) 2417130 kana wa isa mokwalo ka namana kwa Ntsho House, Office 2.106 or 2.019 pele ga labothano wa kgwedi ya Phatwe a tlhola borobabongwe (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 ).



## Tona Autlwetse o galaletsa kereke ya Eloyi

**Ka Portia Rapitsenyane**

**PALAPYE** - Boeteledipele jwa kereke ya Eloyi Christian Church lefatshe ka bophara bo galaleditswe go kgona go dira dingwaga di le masome a maratara le boferabongwe go sena se se e tshikinyang.

## Badiredi ba sekole sa Thabala ba supa lorato

**Ka Chenzimu Themba**

**SEROWE** - Badiredi ba sekole se sebotlana sa Thabala ba abetse Rre Gaolathe Abae yo o dingwaga tse di masome mabedi le bone ntlo.

Fa a bua kwa moletlong wa go aba ntlo eo bosheng, Mogokgo wa sekole seo Mme Sheilah Rammekwa a re e ne ya re ka ngwaga wa 2019 ba lemoga fa go na le ngwana mongwe yo a nang le letlhoko la boroko.

A re ka nako eo ngwana yoo, yo a neng a le dingwaga tse di lesome le bosupa (17) o ne a dira lekwalo lwa bothano, mme a le maitseo thata. Mme Rammekwa o kaile fa e le bodiredi jwa sekole seo ba ne ba gwethaga go thusa ngwana yo. A re ba ile ba ithulaganya go dira mogwanto o o duetlhwang.

Mme Rammekwa a re erile ba sena go dira mogwanto oo ba kgona go tshela slab ba bo ba emiswiwa ke segajaja sa COVID- 19.

A re e rile ka ngwaga wa 2022 ba tswelidisa mosepele wa bone wa go bona gore ba aga ntlo eo jang. Ba ile ba kopana le ba mokgatlo wa metshameko ya sontaga wa Easy le ba khampani ya Galchiz go tshwaraganela tiro e go fitlhelela e fela.

Modulasetilo wa Easy Rre Goitse Moleele a re ba kgonne se, ka ba ne ba kopa ba mokgatlo wa Old Bones go dira motshelo le bone ba ba bapalaletsa go tla go tshameka le bone ka fa ba etla ba rekisa dijo go kokoanya madi a tiro e. Rre Moleele o ne a supa fa ba ile ba ikgolaganya le khampani ya Security Systems e e thusitseng ka go fa Rre Abae tiro.

Rre Moleele a re ba leboga Security Systems go bo e supile mowa wa lerato le kutlwelobothoko mo setshabeng se ba direlang mo go sone, e bile a ba kopa gore ba tswelile ba dire jalo ba seka ba itsapa.

Fa a amogela ntlo eo Rre Abae a leboga bothle ba ba nnileng le seabe mo kagong ya ntlo eo mme a ba solofetsa gore o tlaa e tlhokomela thata ebile ga a na go ba swabisa. Rre Abae a re o lebogela go bo ba mo dirile motho mo bathong ka ba supile lerato mo go ene. **BOPA**

Go nna teng ga kereke ke tshagofatso e e tswang mo Modimong e bile go supa gore kereke e, e tshageditswe ke boeteledipele jo bo tiileng, bo tsepame, bo sa sokama, bo aga, bo sa phatlalatsa e bile bo boifa Modimo,

Tona wa Dikgaolo le Tlhabololo Magae Motlotlegi Kgotsa Autlwetse o galaleditse kereke e ka Matlhatso kwa Palapye jaaka fa a ne a bula semmuso bokopano jwa borre ba kereke ya Eloyi Christian Church jwa ngwaga le ngwaga.

A re borre ba kereke ya Eloyi Christian ba kopane go tla go bua boammaaaruri, go tla go kgala ditiragalo tse di sokameng, go rotloetsana le go ikaga e le borre fela mme eseng borre fela e leng borre ba tumelo.

A re kereke ya Eloyi Christian e tshwanetse e ipele ka ditso le motheo wa yone o o tsepameng ka e sale e tlhamilwe ka ngwaga wa 1955 ke Archbishop Jakoba Keiphile kwa Tsetsebye mme a tlhokafala ka ngwaga wa 2021.

A re katlego ya kereke ya Eloyi Christian e tshwanetse ke go akgolwa le go opelwa legofi ka e na le motlhala o o popota, o o supang ditso e bile e na le seabe se e se dirileng mo lefatsheng leno go fitlhelela mo nakong eno. A re mo nakong eno go supafala fa kereke eo e na le makalana a feta 226 go ralala lefatshe ka bophara mme makalana a yone a mangwe a le kwa lefatsheng la South Africa

O ne a re re setlhogo sa bokopano joo jwa borre se se reng; "Go fa borre dithuto tse di tlaa ba rutang go farologanya rre le rre tota kana rre wa motia" ka tsholofelo e le gore borre ba motia ba tshwanetse go bonala mo seemong sa ba ba tshwanang le ba Eloyi Christian Church ba ba kileng ba tlhapiswiwa ka madi a kwana.

A re borre ba tlhokana le go rotloetswa go bua ka dikgwetho tse di ba lebanyeng ba sa tshabe gore go buiwe ka maina a lenyatso gotwe ba bokoa.

Rre Autlwetse o ne a supa fa bokopano joo bo tsile ka nako e e maleba ka gore bo leka go itebaganya le ditumelo tsa borre mo setshabeng kana mo botshelong le go rotloetsa kgolo le go tsaya ketapele mo go borre mo setshabeng.

A re bokopano bo tlaa tlhathelela borre ka maele le dikitsa tsa gore ba ka tsaya boikarabelo jang mo diemong tse ba kopanang le tsone.

O ne a akbola ba ba ntseng ba leka go dira se se tshwanetseng le go ruta batho go fetola tse ba ntseng ba di dira mme di ka seka tsa ba fitlhiswa kwa tshiamong.

O ne a supa fa a na le tumelo ya gore phetogo e tona e tlaa diragala fa borre bao ba kopana ba buisanya ka tse di ba amang.

Rre Autlwetse o ne gape a supa fa a dumela fa bokopano bo tla a letla borre go sekaseka tsela e ba e tsereng le e ba saletseng kwa morago ka yone fa go buiwa ka dikgang tsa tsekatekano ya borre le bomme le gore ba tlaa dira eng gape gore ba nne borre ba ba eletsengang.

A re rre jaaka e le tlhogo

ya lelwapa o tshwanetse a nna sekao a sega tema le go tshagetsa serodumo sa tema e a e segileng a sa itimokanye.

Rre Autlwetse a re maloko a dikereke ka go farologana a tshwanetse a fetoga fela jaaka Motlotlegi Tautona Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi a bua ka Mindset Change kana go fetola megopolo le dikakanyo.

O ne a tlhalosa fa kgang ya go fetola maikutlo le dikakanyo e sa reye badirela puso fela mme e akaretsa mongwe le mongwe le ba ditumelo tse di farologaneng.

Rre Autlwetse a re baeteledipele ba setshaba le bagogi ba diphuthego tsa Modimo gongwe le gongwe fa ba leng teng ba tshwanetse ba nne

letswai la lefatshe mme e nne bone batshwara lesedi.

Ka jalo a re ga go a tshwanela gore e re fa batho ba ba leba ba ba lebe e le batimetsi ba setshaba mme e tshwanetse e nne bone ka dipaka tsotlhe ba tlhalosang se lekwalo le le boitshepo le se buang a tlatsa ka gore boitshepo jwa lekwalo bo tshwanetse bo bonelwe mo go bone.

Rre Autlwetse a re puso e a lemoga e bile e tlotla seabe se kereke e se dirang mo go ageng setshaba se se nonofileng.

A re puso fa e sena batho ba ba nang le poifo Modimo ga e kake ya isa lefatshe gope.

A re ka dinako tsotlhe go tshwanetse go nne le batho kana boeteledipele jo bo nang le poifo

Modimo ka poifo Modimo e le yone bothale.

Le fa go ntse jalo moeteledipele wa kereke ya Eloyi Christian Archbishop Dr Sekai Jakoba o ne a kgala a sa kgwe mathe ditiragalo tse di diragalang mo lefatsheng leno tsa bosetlhogo bogolo jang di dirwa ke borre.

A re kereke ya gagwe e kgala ditiragalo tse di dirwang ke borre bangwe tsa go gapela bana botshelo le tse dingwe di tshwana le dipetelelo, kgokgontsho ya bomme le bana, dipolao tsa batho a supa fa a sa di letlelele.

A re kereke e tshwanetse e nne botshabelo mme e seka ya tshabiwa ke setshaba ka jalo a gakolola borre go itshekatsheka. **BOPA**



**Mothusa Tona wa Dikgaolo le Tlhabololo Magae, Motlotlegi Setlhabelo Modukanele (mojeng) a leba disupiwa tsa thobo kwa letsatsing la go supa thobo kwa Gootau bosheng.** Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

## Balemi ba rotloediwa go dira ka natla

**Ka Portia Rapitsenyane**

**GOOTAU** - Balemi barui ba rotloeditswe go dira ka natla go bona gore temo tuo ga e wele fa fatshe ka go itepatepanya le phetogo ya loapi.

Fa a bua kwa letsatsing la go ipelela disupiwa tsa temo kwa Goo-Tau mo kgaolong ya Palapye bosheng, Mothusa Tona wa Dikgaolo le Tlhabololo Magae, Motlotlegi Setlhabelo Modukanele a re dipaka ga di tshwane le mo dinakong tse di fetileng tse dipula di neng di na sentle e bile balemi ba beile thata mo go tsone ba kgona go roba thobo e e nametsang.

A re mo malatsing ano dipula di boutsana, mogote o kwa godimo e bile dijwalo di a babalelwa, ka jalo balemi ba tshwanetse ba thuse dijwalo ka go somarela bokgola kana go lema temo ya tshomarelo.

O kgothaditse balemi go lema dijwalo tse di bogadi bo gaufi le gone go tlhokomela masimo a bone. Rre Modukanele o ne a gape a kopa

balemi go kwadisa ditlhopho tsa bone semmuso.

Le fa go ntse jalo, Rre Modukanele o ne a akgolela balemi ba kgaolo ya Palapye go bo ba bone go tshwanela gore ba tshware letsatsi la disupiwa tsa temo ka le tshwaraganya balemi go tla go iteisanya borathana ka disupiwa tsa bone.

A re letsatsi leo gape le thusa balemi go neelana maele ka temo gore di tswa temong e nne tsa maemo a a kwa godimo.

O boletse fa puso, ka mananeo a a farologaneng, e rotloetsa balemi go ntsha dijwalo tse dintsi e bile di na le boleng ka jalo e ntshitse mananeo a Temo Letlotlo, Thuo Letlotlo le la Integrated Accelerated Subsidy (IAS) le le akaretsang balemi ba merogo le maungo. A re se ke maiteko a go ntsha Batswana mo lehumeng le gone go thusa mo tlhaelong ya dijo.

O supile fa lephata la dijwalo le kgaogantse dikgaolo go ya ka boleng jwa mebu ya tsone le dijwalo

tse di ka lemiwang mo dikgaolong tseo.

Rre Modukanele a re go supafetse fa mmu wa kgaolo ya Palapye o siametse dijwalo di tshwana le dinawa, mabele, manoko le magapu le masika a tsone.

A re mo kgaolong ya Palapye mo pakeng ya temo ya 2022/23 ditema tsotlhe tse di lemilweng ka lenaneo la ISPAAD e ne e le diheke 10 015.40 mme temo ya 2023/24 ka lenaneo la Temo Letlotlo ditema tsotlhe di ne di le 3 723 di lemilwe ke balemi ba le 1 567.

Ka jalo, Rre Modukanele o ne a supa fa mo ngwageng ono wa temo go ne go sena pula mme temo e le kwa tlase ntswa bangwe ba bone sengwe.

A re ba ba boneng sengwe ke ba ba neng ba sala metlhala ya temo e e tlhabolotsweng morago.

O ne a supa fa Palapye e le nngwe ya dikgaolo tse di ntshang thobo e kgolwane ya merogo le maungo kwa polaseng ya Tuliblock e e dirisang temo ya nosetso. **BOPA**

# FNBB Foundation e abela sekole sa Kisa

**Ka Cathrine Simane**

KISA - Maikaelelo a Banka ya First National Bank Botswana Foundation ke fetola matshelo a setshaba se ba direlang mo go sone ka go busetsa bontlha bongwe jwa dipoelo tsa banka eo mo go bone.

Ka jalo FNBB Foundation e ne ya simolodisiwa ka 2004 morago ga go sekaseka dikgwetlho tse di ba amang setshaba mo metseng le dikgaolo tse di farologanyeng.

Moeteledipele wa kgaolwana ya

borwa mo bankeng eo, Mme Onkemetse Montsheki o buile se kwa sekoleng se se botlana sa Kisa, mo kgaolong ya Tsabong, jaaka ba ne ba abela baithuti dibeke tsa sekole tse di dirisang marang a letsatsi e le tsela nngwe ya go rotloetsa le go tokafatsa maduo mo dikoleng jaaka e le maitlamo a bone.

A re go simologa ka ngwaga wa 2015 ba ne ba beela kwa thoko P500 000 ngwaga le ngwaga go thusa le go tshabolola matshelo a baithuti ba ba kgakala le ditlamelo le gone go tokafatsa maduo mo dithutong tsa bone,

a supa fa go fitlha mo nakong ya gompiano ba setse ba dirisitse madi a a fetang P3m.

Mme Montsheki o ne a tswelela ka go tshabisa fa dimpho tse ba di abetseng sekole sa Kisa di akaretsa beke ya sekole e e nang le marang a letsatsi le lebone le le tlaa ba thusang go bala fa go le bosigo.

Le fa go ntse jalo o boletse fa gape FNBB Foundation e itlamile le go itebaganya le dipilara tse thataro tse e leng tsone di ba kaelang ka fa ba thusang ka teng mo ditirong tsa setshaba.

Mme Montsheki o ne a tshabisa fa

dipilara tse di akaretsa ya Banana, go ba thusa go tokafatsa matshelo a bone ka bangwe ba aparetswe ke lethoko la ditiro morago ga go fetsa mo dikoleng tsa ithutelo ditiro.

O supile fa gape ba rotloetsa le go tokafatsa thuto mo dikgaolong tse di kgakala le ditlamelo gore ba kgone go phadisana le dikole tse di mo ditropong ka maduo a a itumedisang.

A re dingwe tse ba thusang mo go tsone di akaretsa botaki go rotloetsa le go tsosolosa ngwao le go thusa badiragatsi go itirela letseno le gone go ithamela ditiro tsa sennela ruri gore mo isagong ba kgone go ikemela ba le nosi mo go tshabololeng le go tokafatsa matshelo a bone gareng ga tse dingwe.

Mogokgo wa sekole sa Kisa, Mme Motshidiemang Moepi o ne a tshabisa fa sekole seo se amogetse baithuti ba le masome a robabodedi le bone, barutabana ba le lesome le badiri ba bangwe ba le barataro.

Mme Moepi o ne a supa fa ba tshwaraganye le komiti ya batsadi le barutabana selo se se thusang thata mo go tokafatseng maduo a baithuti mo sekoleng seo.

Mogokgo o ne le boggela dimpho tseo, a supa fa di tlaa tliša pharologanyo mo maduong go ya pele mo sekoleng seo.

Fa a amogela baeng Kgosi Matshidiso Babeile wa Kisa o ne a supa fa ba amogela dimpho tseo ka atla tsoo-pedi mme a gwetlha dikompone tse dingwe tse di ikemetseng go tsaya malebela mo go FNBB Foundation ka go nna le seabe mo thotloetsong ya thuto bogolo jang mo dikoleng tse di kgakala thata le ditlamelo.

Kgosi Babeile o ne a gwetlha batsena moletlo oo go ema nokeng banka ya FNB ka go adima le go baya madi jaaka e tlaa re mo bogaufing ba bo ba atametsa ditirelo tsa bone gaufi kwa Tsabong. **BOPA**



*E re ka jaana phulo e simolotse go fokotsega kwa mafodisong, diruiwa di simolotse go iphataphatela mo teng ga tsela. Pudi e, e ne ya tlhoka lesego ya tshwarwa ke terata mme ba Lephata la Dikitsiso ba e falotsa. Senepa: Goweditse Kome*

## Kgosi Kelosiwang o bolokilwe kwa Kanye ka Tshipi

**Ka Keonee Majoto**

KANYE - Dibui kwa phitlhong ya ga Kgosi Daniel Kelosiwang, kwa Kanye ka Tshipi, di mo kaile a ne a rata temo-thuo e bile a ne a e tsaya ka tlhwaafalo.

Kgosi Kelosiwang o kailwe fa a ne a tsaya temo-thuo jaaka kgwebo, a dira ka gotlhe gore a atlege mo go yone e bile a eleletsa ba bangwe katlego.

Molemi ka ene, Rre Peter Siele o tshabisa fa Kgosi Kelosiwang a ne a le pelo-tshweu go amogana dikitso tsa gagwe tsa temo-thuo le ba bangwe, selo se a reng se ne se okela batho kwa go ene go ya go anywa maele.

Rre Siele yo a neng a le mopalamente wa pele wa kgaolo ya nako eo, ya Ngwaketse Borwa a re moswi o ne a tsaya ka tlhwaafalo dithuto tsa selemisi, mme seo sa dira gore a dire bontle mo temo-thuong.

A re pele ga boipuso, temo-thuo e ne e na le seabe se segolo mo go tshabisa itsholelo ya Botswana mme a tshabisa fa seo se ne se dirwa ke go tshwara ka natla ga balemi-barui ba selebego sa ga Kgosi Kelosiwang, ba ba neng ba tlotla tiro ya bone.

Tsala ya gagwe, Rre Marcus Rowland o ne a gatelela kang ya lerato la ga Kgosi

Kelosiwang mo temo-thuong, a re o ne a dumela mo go tshabololeng leruo la gagwe.

Mo godimo ga moo, Rre Rowland a re moswi o ne a rata batho, a le bonolo mme gape a rata dilo tse di tlhamaletseng e bile di dirwa ka thulaganyo.

Morwadie moswi, Mme Tsholofelo Malatji o boletse fa rraagwe a ne a le lerato gape a le bonolo.

Mme Malatji a re Kgosi Kelosiwang o ne a rata maduo a mantle, a sa rate tiro epe e ka dirwa ka go lathelelwa.

A re morago ga go tlogela tiro ya bogosi, o ne a tswelela a letlanya batho, a re o ne a ka seke a buse ope yo a neng a tlhoka thuso ya gagwe ka mabaka a gore ga a sa tlhole a tsheditse tiro ya bogosi.

Kgosi Kelosiwang, o tshabisa kgwedi eno e rogwa, a le dingwaga tse 98.

Morago ga go direla kwa meepong kwa Aferika Borwa le go dira mo lephateng la botsogo jwa leruo monogae, o ne a tlhonga kgosana ya Goora-Mongala kwa Kanye ka 1993.

A re morago ga go tlogela kwa kgotleng Yoora-Mongala ka 2016, o ne a ya go tshabisa go direla morafe wa ga Ngwaketse kwa kgotleng-kgolo ka go fa bogakolodi e le mongwe wa batsadi mo morafeng. **BOPA**

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**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Kgatlhego Thakadu Motladi who died at Magokotswane Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District on the **28th day of May, 2019.**

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

**DATED at Gaborone on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024**

**MOTSEI PATIENCE TIEGO**, The Executor, P O Box 53080, Broadhurst, Gaborone

Cellphone Number 72 733 223

## NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No FT **685/2004** dated the **15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004** made in favour of **BOY MAKOSANA** in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being **LOT 23748, FRANCISTOWN**  
**MEASURING:** **405m<sup>2</sup> (FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE SQUARE METRES)**  
**SITUATE:** **FRANCISTOWN EXTENSION 38**  
**HELD UNDER:** **FT 685 /2004 DATED 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge in the same writing with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

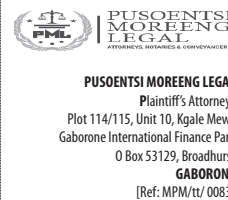
Full Names: **Precious Chisina Ntaise**  
 Contact Details: **71643198, 74570440**

## APPLICATION FOR LOST OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of: **Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 656/87** dated **18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1987** made in favour of **BALEDZI GAOLATHE** in respect of:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being **Lot 4533 Francistown;**  
**SITUATE:** In the **FRANCISTOWN Administrative District;**  
**MEASURING:** **666m<sup>2</sup> (Six Hundred and Sixty Six Square Metres);**  
**HELD:** under **Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 656/87** dated **18th day of December 1987** made in favour of **BALEDZI GAOLATHE.**

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



## LOST TITLE DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **OFENTSE SEBEGO** in his capacity as the Chief State Counsel (Lands) and duly authorised thereto under section 4 of the State Land Act, Cap. 32:01 of one part and section 10 of the Deeds Registry Act, Cap. 33:02 of the other part hereby intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State **Grant No. 893/2003** dated **8<sup>th</sup> May 2003**, in favour of **MMATSEKI NNANA LEBEKO** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

**CERTAIN:** piece of Land being Lot 14961, Gaborone  
**SITUATE:** In Gaborone West Extension 6  
**MEASURING:** 540 m<sup>2</sup> (Five Hundred and Forty Square Metres)  
**HELD UNDER:** Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 893/2003 dated 8th May 2003

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby requested to lodge the objection, in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

**DATED at Gaborone on this \_ day of \_2024.**  
 DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PRIVATE BAG 00128, GABORONE.

**ADS 365 3591**

## FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's reference: ESHGB-000147/16

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **TIMOTHY KEEPEFO KELAOTSWE** who died at plot 37242 Block 8, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.**

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

**DATED AT GABORONE ON THE \_DAY OF \_2024**

<b>The Executrix</b>	<b>The Executrix</b>
Gaone Rapoo	Isabel Mahosi
P O Box 3483	P O Box 3119
Gaborone	Gaborone
Cell 74 440 933	Cell 71 996 187

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

Name of the Deceased Person  
 ANANTHA J PADMANABAN  
 ESTATE NUMBER  
 ESHFT-000358-24  
 DATE OF MEETING  
 15/10/2024  
 TIME  
 0900HRS  
 MASTER  
 MR.BBASUPI  
  
 DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS  
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(In Terms of Section 34 (1) of Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of the following proposed transaction to be entered between:

**PARTIES:**  
**TRANSFEROR :** Poneso Kealoboga **TRANSFeree :** Dennis Kubvoruno

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

**CERTAIN** : Piece of land being commercial plot , Kgwatlheng Ward , Kanye ;  
**SITUATE** : At Kanye in Ngwaketse Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING** : 30.6 X 36.2 X 30.2 X 27.6 Meters;  
**HELD** : Under Lease Grant dated 11th day August 2000 in favor of Poneso Kealeboga;  
**SUBJECT** : To the conditions and reservations mentioned:  
**CONSIDRATION** : BWP 80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Pula Only)

By virtue of this notice , any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above – mentioned property , and any person wishing to object to the proposed , given contention to object with reasons thereof in writing to the Ngwaketse Land Board after publication of third notice.

**DATED at Kanye this 24<sup>th</sup> day July 2024**

JOLLIE FARM , 33 – JO Hidavale / Pitsane | Email : jolliefarm@gmail.com | Cellphone No . 76237100

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIQUOR LICENCE** NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied for a Bar Liquor Licence in terms of section 13 of the **Liquor Act (Act NO.9 of 2004)** in respect of premises situated at Lekgwapheng Ward Molepolole And the Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Control Authority on the **9th day of September, 2024**

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

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**Address: Bakwena Chillers Lounge**  
**P O Box 404903 Gaborone**  
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**Theme: Vision 2036 - Count me in**

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**Date**  
 29/08/2024

**Time**  
 08:30hrs - 12:30hrs

**Venue**  
 BUAN CICE Auditorium

**Topic: "Implementing the National Transformation Strategy (NTS) by Leveraging on Research, Science, Technology & Innovation to grow the Agriculture & Natural Resources Sectors: The Case of BUAN".**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Thato Ramakgathi who died at Gasiko Ward, Gabane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

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

DATED at ... on this ... day of ... 2024

THE EXECUTOR  
MOTLALEPULA RAMAKGATHI  
P.O BOX 1493, MOLEPOLOLE  
TEL: 75157077 / 74961561

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act  
[Cap.31:01]

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

### Name of Deceased Person

1. MOSES PALALANI

Estate Number: ESHMN-000096-23

Date of Meeting : 23-09-2024

Time: 1100 HRS

DATED AT MAUN THIS  
26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Notarial Deed Of Cession and Delegation No. MA 721/2012 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 made in favour of DAVID TAMUHLA and EMILY DINTWE in respect of the following property;

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lease Area No. 344- J0;

SITUATE : 0 n R remainder of Portion 1 (Waterberg) of Farm Request No. 5-J0;

MEASURING : 3.9515Ha (Three Decimal Nine Five One Five Hectares);

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

KWAPE LEGAL PRACTICE  
P O BOX 70714 GABORONE TEL: 3101496

### APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO:

2252/2019 Dated 29<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2019

Made in favour of BIFM Local Property Fund

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 6393 Gaborone

SITUATE: In Gaborone, Extension 20

MEASURING: 3,000m<sup>2</sup> (Three Thousand Square Meters)

HELD UNDER: 2252/2019

IN FAVOUR OF: BIFM Local Property Fund

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2024

APPLICANT: Stanbic Bank | BIFM LPF trustees



# PUBLIC TENDER NOTICE

Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) wishes to invite offers for the below tenders.

## 1. TENDER NO: BURS/ITD/SUP/21/2024-2025 - PROCUREMENT OF PRINT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE & 1 YEAR MAINTENANCE.

PPARB Code & Grade under the following categories	Code: 120 - ICT Technical Support Services Sub code(s): 01 - Systems Development Services and maintenance services
Procurement Method	Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)
Fee	P250.00
Collection Date	9th August 2024
Tender Closing	6th September 2024

## 2. TENDER NO: BURS/IT/SUP/22/2024-2025 - PROVISION OF DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL AND CCTV AT TLOKWENG BORDER POST

PPADB Code & Grade under the following categories	Code: 311 - Project Management Services Sub code(s): 01 - General Project Management								
AND									
	Code: 02 - Electrical Engineering Works and Maintenance Sub code(s): 07 - Security systems installations (CCTV, Access Control, Alarms etc.)								
Procurement Method	Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)								
Fee	P250.00								
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Tender Closing	6th September 2024								

## 3. TENDER NO: BURS/HR/SER/26/2024-2025 - PROCUREMENT OF OUTSOURCED SERVICES FOR USE OF THE BURS CAFETERIA TO PROVIDE FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BURS STAFF AND CUSTOMERS FOR THREE (3) YEARS

PPADB Code & Grade under the following categories	Code: 101 - Hotel & Catering (Restaurant Services), Sub code(s): 03 - Canteen & Catering services								
AND									
	Sub code(s): 02 - Restaurant & Food – serving services								
Procurement Method	Open Domestic Bidding (100% Citizens - Reserved)								
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Interested companies are advised to purchase tenders from 07:30 to 12:45 and 13:45 to 16:00 hours during weekdays, at BURS Head Office CBD, Finance Division – Tower block (Motswere), 4th Floor, South wing, Reception. In line with Government Policy Reform 2015: Affirmative Action in favour of youth, youth companies pay half price to purchase the tenders on production of citizen youth directorship proof.

Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) ONLY accepts Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or Point of Sale (POS) as only methods of payment. Bank details are available on request from [procurement@burs.org.bw](mailto:procurement@burs.org.bw).

The Invitation to Tender can only be collected on production of the official receipt from: Botswana Unified Revenue Service, Procurement Unit (Motsentsela), South Block, Ground Floor, New BURS Headoffice, Lot 54379, Eastern Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone.

Any clarifications or queries relating to the issue of these document should be forwarded to Procurement unit at [procurement@burs.org.bw](mailto:procurement@burs.org.bw)

The response to the Tender, are to be hand delivered or couriered to BURS and deposited in the tender box located at Procurement Unit (Motsentsela), South Block, Ground Floor, New BURS Headoffice, Lot 54379, Eastern Commercial Road, CBD, Gaborone, not later than 10:00hrs on the day of closing. Bidders are informed that public opening procedure shall be followed. A copy of the record of tender opening shall be sent to all bidders who have submitted their bids.

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## Industry remembers DJ Stomps



Ole said DJ Stomps had a vision for not only his business but also Botswana's creative space.

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - On Thursday August 8, Kabo Mogotsi, known as DJ Stomps, passed on at Princess Marina Hospital aged 38.

DJ Stomps' brother Kagiso Mogotsi revealed in an interview that the DJ had been unwell for a while. He said his younger brother would be laid to rest at Mmathubudukwane on Saturday.

A memorial service hosted by creatives will be held at Molapo Crossing on Thursday afternoon. South African entertainment technologist specialising in lighting Olebogeng 'Ole' Mokgosi remembers DJ Stomps for his work especially in the technical aspect in entertainment.

'Ole', who later became a friend, met DJ Stomps whilst working at one of South Africa's distribution companies. "We just hit it off then, as client and salesman type of relationship where we would talk business most of the time, talking new technology that I had. He was always eager to be ahead of the

game in terms of investing in his business," said 'Ole', adding that DJ Stomps had a vision for not only his business but also Botswana's creative space, with South Africa being a point of reference on how events are organised, the type of technology they had and professionalism in different technical productions.

'Ole' described DJ Stomps as someone who was passionate about the technical aspect of entertainment, saying he was never in competition with anyone but always willing to learn.

"That is one of the things I loved about him. He improved and grew at his own pace and comfort," he said. He

said DJ Stomps also shared knowledge willingly, something he calls 'free lesson by default.'

"He has been that guy whom I was

selling equipment to and a guy I was working for." He recalled how DJ Stomps would randomly want to take a picture, "he would say, *ey a re tsee senepe dah ke batla go bontsha batho gore ke ne ke na le 'Ole' the great.*"

DJ Stomps, 'Ole' said, was passionate and made strides from being a DJ to running a technical company.

"And he has done it with such passion and love. And from our conversations, some technical companies in Botswana would engage him on what to get and what systems to put in place," he noted.

"He was a giant not only as a DJ but in the technical space within Botswana and he was slowly making strides in South Africa. DJ Stomps also loved his family and he was a great farmer," 'Ole' said, adding that he loved wholeheartedly.

"He was slow to anger; a down to earth dude who was patient with people. He was a leader in his own stature, he loved clothes and food," 'Ole' said. 'Ole' further said DJ Stomps was always willing to sponsor a friend; he was always bringing in anyone whom he knew would do a great job.

"*E ne ese motho wa go tswalla batho kante.* Most of my business relations within Botswana are from his contacts. He was the designated supplier of lighting for Tounel Lounge Club and he engaged me. Besides his humanness there was excellence in everything he touched and worked on," 'Ole' said.

Meanwhile, Trevor 'Archduke' Moatlhodi of House Junkies, where DJ Stomps started his entertainment career, also described him as a humble, passionate and big contributor to the entertainment space in Botswana. Having started House Junkies in 2008 alongside other two members. Lesedi 'Spinz' Magowe and Kago 'Bush' Mokanyole, whilst DJ Stomps was still at university, DJ Archduke said they created memories with each other and for their fans and also introduced new music and sounds to people. He said DJ Stomps had passion for technical sound, as after graduation from university he acquired a small sound system and continued to grow from then on, eventually establishing ClearWorx Sounds, which created jobs for young people.

He said DJ Stomps, who was more of a commercial house DJ,

contributed hugely to the technical entertainment space in the country where he offered his services to big productions.

"His passion for life, in both music and farming saw him collaborating with great minds in South Africa and Botswana. We were looking forward to more as he was still young and had so much to offer this industry," said Archduke. "Losing such a young gifted life as Stomps' is a big loss not only to his family and friends but to the creative space as a whole.

"It is sad that his passing comes at a time where his company had found a place in the creative space as one of Botswana's best technical productions companies," female pioneer music promoter Zenzele Hirschfeld said of DJ Stomps.

Hirschfeld said she worked with DJ Stomps on various projects of empowering women creatives and recently on financial literacy project for Women of Works.

"He will be missed as he was always extending a helping hand in the sector," Hirschfeld said. **BOPA**

## Jace shines at Music and Coffee with Goth Rose

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - The Music and Coffee event hosted by Goth Rose at the Ginger Pink Bakery was an opportunity for the country's less known gems to shine.

**BOPA** interviewed one of the artists, pianist, singer, and songwriter, Justine Mkhutshwa, known by his stage name, Jace.

Jace, whose work has been featured by renowned local artists such as Boago Fenju, Puna Gabasiane, Khoisan, and ATI among others, left the crowd in awe with his debut live performance.

"I'm a pianist, singer, songwriter, and arranger for Roc Lefatshe Records, also known as Bantu Republic. I've worked with many artists across different genres," he shared.

Although Jace has been contributing behind the scenes as a pianist, writer, and arranger, it was not until early 2024 that he began recording his own music.

Speaking about his upcoming projects, Jace revealed that his debut four-track album, *Chasing*

*the Dream*, was set to drop by the end of the month. He expressed his excitement to finally share his work with the world.

Despite his success collaborating with other artists, Jace mentioned that he was yet to sign split sheets for some of the songs he had worked on, as he was not yet registered as an artist with Copyright Society of Botswana (COSBOTS).

"Once I'm registered, I'll be able to receive royalties and be properly credited as a writer," he explained.

Jace's love for music began at the age of five in church, where his mother served as a choir director. "Being born into a musical family, I embraced music differently from an early age," he reflected.

Commenting on the event, Goth Rose, the mastermind behind the 'Music and Coffee' event, described the show as a celebration of Botswana's music, poetry, and fashion.

The event was vibrant, with attendees donning checkered plaid outfits to honour the theme. The show was truly a spectacle. **BOPA**



Jace during a debut live performance at the Music and Coffee event in Gaborone on Saturday. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe

Hirschfeld

# Matlhaope, Bothhole national champions

By Ketshepile More

GABORONE - The Botswana Cycling Association (BCA) wrapped up their year's cycling activities by crowning Individual Time Trials (ITT) national champions in Rasesa on Sunday. In the female elite category, Moratwa Matlhaope, was crowned this year's national champion with a time of 51.45 in a 28km stretch, while Matlhogonolo Bothhole clocked 58.38 becoming the men's elite champion after the 42km distance.

The under 23 national title was grabbed by Gomolemo Kelaotswe in the male section clocking a time of 1:05.23 in the 42km distance.

In the junior male category, Subho Ghosh beat Rebaone Khunofu registering a time of 44.03 against 44.18 for Khunofu.

However, Khunofu was crowned the national champion, as Ghosh could not claim the national title because he is an Indian citizen. Nevertheless, he was recognised as the winner.

Giving an overview of the event, BCA president, Kagiso Potongwane, said although the attendance was not satisfactory particularly in the elite category, the event went well.

He said they had funding issues to host the nationals, as a result of subvention reduction from the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC). Potongwane said their wish was to host price money national championships.

"Although a medal is what is of importance for national championships, some cyclists as individuals want to race and get



Botswana Cycling Association held Individual Time Trial national championship in Rasesa on Sunday. Cyclists took part in 14km, 28km and 42km respectively. BCA president, Kagiso Potongwane said BCA would select the national team from competitors with better rankings to qualify for the regional and international competitions. Photo: Kagiso Onkatswitse

something out of the events, hence we experienced low turnout in some categories," Potongwane said, adding that in terms of development price, money was not an issue as cycling clubs field such price money events.

Despite funds reduction by the BNSC, Potongwane said they managed to pursue some organisations for funding to assist the sport.

"Some companies came on board to help, and without them we would not have managed with all our three national championships events," he said, expressing gratitude to their contribution to assist the sport.

Meanwhile, race director, David Lebelelo, implored clubs to do more in improving and developing the cycling sport.

He said clubs needed to bring

their development teams to the national championships and take nationals seriously.

"Clubs have to take nationals seriously and compete in large numbers in competitions, which do not have price money. The notion of competing only for price money is not working for us," Lebelelo said.

Lebelelo said cycling was a sport, which could sell Botswana

as a country, if only parents invested on it. **BOPA**

## MPs join nation to welcome Olympic team

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Parliament will tomorrow suspend the afternoon business in order to join the nation to welcome the team that represented Botswana at the just ended Paris Olympic Games.

The team is expected to arrive tomorrow at the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport at about 2:45pm.

That followed a proposal by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Phandu Skelemani to suspend tomorrow's afternoon business as well as legislators unanimously supporting the proposal so that they can also be a part of magnitudes who would be at the SSKI Airport to welcome the team.

As such, Parliament would tomorrow start at 9am and end at 1pm.

Legislators agreed that Botswana did exceptionally well and therefore deserved to be welcomed as heroes and heroines, hence looking forward to welcoming the team to show their support and commitment in the development of sport in the country.

They said being a part of the Botswana welcoming the team and celebrating its achievements was a sign of patriotism to the nation.

On one hand, Minister of Transport and Public Works, also Good Hope/Mabule MP, Honourable Eric Molale announced that his family would gift the team with 23 pregnant heifers. **BOPA**

# Walk proceeds to aid Cybersmart Botswana

By Thamani Shabani

FRANCISTOWN - The proceeds of the 2024 Mascom Batanani walk will support Cybersmart Botswana.

Mascom Batanani walk partnered with Cybersmart Botswana, a company committed to supporting digital safety through educational initiatives in partnership with UNICEF.

Speaking at the end of the sixth edition of the 10km Mascom Batanani walk on Saturday, Her Excellency First Lady Neo Masisi said the funds raised would enable Cybersmart Botswana to launch a national campaign aimed at educating secondary schools learners about digital safety.

She said the Cybersmart Botswana nationwide project in secondary schools would impart students with the knowledge and skills in order for them to make informed decisions online.

She said the Internet was an incredible resource for learning, connection and growing, but could also present significant risks, especially for young people who could not always recognise the dangers that were lurking online.

She explained that the risks ranged from cyber scam, cyber bullying, and exposure to inappropriate content as well as online gender based violence (GBV).

She said the digital world could be a danger to navigate particularly for vulnerable young people and the elderly who may not be technologically savvy.

"By stepping up into the digital safety, we are stepping a stand for the future of our society where there are billions of Internet users," she said.

She said it is estimated that from April, there were 5.4 billion of Internet users, which amounted to 67 per cent of the global population.

Of the total, she explained, 5.07 per cent or 67 per cent were social media users.

In her welcome remarks, Mascom Chief Executive Officer, Dzene Makhwade-Seboni explained that the main aim of the Mascom Batanani walk was to address social issues such as GBV, child protection and drug abuse, amongst others.

She said the walk was more than a physical activity but a demonstration of collective strength and determination for change.



Minister of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, Honourable Tumiso Rakgare (right), Her Excellency First Lady Neo Masisi (second left) and Mascom CEO, Dzene Makhwade-Seboni during the Mascom Batanani walk in Francistown on Saturday. Makhwade-Seboni said this year's walk beneficiary was Cybersmart Botswana whose work was to educate Batswana on digital safety. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

## Gorogang ka Pula!



*His Excellency President Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi and Batswana are expected to throng the Sir Seretse Khama International Airport today at 2.35pm to welcome Team Botswana back from the just ended Paris 2024 Olympic Games. From the airport, the team will then go on a city tour before proceeding to the National Stadium for official celebrations. A reception for the team will be held at Boipuso Hall tomorrow. The team brought home two medals; gold courtesy of Letsile Tebogo in 200m and silver through 4x400m relay team. Botswana was represented by 14 athletes at the Olympics and participated in only two codes; athletics and swimming.*