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GABORONE

The process of enacting the legal framework focused on combating gender-based violence (GBV) is ongoing, the Minister of Youth and Gender, Ms Lesego Chombo, has told the National Assembly.

In a statement to mark the closure of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against GBV on Wednesday, Ms Chombo said broad consultations were ongoing to inform the piece of legislation the ministry was developing to combat GBV, which they planned to present to Parliament by July 2026.

"A major pillar of our national response is the development of dedicated GBV legislation. I am pleased to report that the process is advancing steadily. The ministry has concluded its preliminary stakeholder analysis and is now drafting the Drafting Instructions that will be submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers," said Ms Chombo.

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Bobirwa farmers brace for Lemang Dijo rollout

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Across Bobirwa District, a mix of anxious hope and quiet fear hangs in the air. Subsistence farmers - young and old - are watching the skies and their phones with equal intensity, waiting for two lifelines: the long-awaited rains and the text message alerting them of the arrival of Lemang Dijo subsidised packages.

For many, the anticipation is sharpened by uncertainty. They hope the rains will continue long enough for successful planting, yet dread that heavy downpours could render their clay-rich fields inaccessible to tractors and animal draught power.

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Bobirwa farmers brace for Lemang Dijo rollout

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As of December 8, 6 733 subsistence farmers had registered for the Lemang Dijo programme in Bobirwa, with 168 already receiving e-vouchers. But those issued with vouchers report a common frustration: the absence of seeds at designated agro-dealers, a delay they fear could undermine government's intention of ensuring timely planting.

While most farmers are clear on the crop production element, many remain unsure about the programme's integrated beekeeping requirement. Only a handful of those interviewed understood the role of bees in pollination, while others admitted to fear or confusion - particularly about handling the insects. The programme guidelines explain that bees pollinate about 90 crops, increasing yields by up to 30 percent per hectare, with the beehive e-voucher capped at P1 500.

Yet 72-year-old Ms Tshokolo Baruti of Mmasenana lands in Semolale is skeptical.

"Jaanong dinotshi tsona ke le mosadi?" she asked rhetorically, wondering how a woman her age could cope with bees. Still, she remains committed to planting as soon as she receives her seeds, fertiliser and other inputs — and hopes the forecasted rains will find her field already ploughed.

The programme has also drawn interest from young farmers, including those familiar with earlier schemes such as ISPAAD and Temo-Letlotlo. Mr Letso Oleteng, 20, of Magaleng lands in Sefophe, is still waiting to redeem his 100 percent subsidy for tillage, seeds, pesticides, shelling and threshing - all covered under a P2 900 per hectare e-voucher. Currently in Gaborone, he says one phone call will put him on the next bus home. Unlike some, he accessed the guidelines on social media and believes the beekeeping component makes economic sense.

Other farmers, such as Mr



District agronomist Ms Keakabetse Phalaagae acknowledged both the knowledge gaps and logistical setbacks. She assured farmers that no one will receive beehives without proper training, noting that issuance will only begin next season after compulsory introductory courses.

Kebalepile Mzila of Mahibitswane lands in Tobane, were unable to source seeds after being turned away from BAMB in Selebi-Phikwe. Mzila, who previously learned beekeeping through ISPAAD, has already planted four hectares and awaits inputs for his Lemang Dijo plot.

At Phokoje lands in Mmadinare, 71-year-old Mr Boikaego Kangangwana is energised by the new programme, although he depends on tractor owners and worries about delayed assistance. He notes that when he plants on

time, his fields typically produce a bumper harvest.

Not all farmers are enthusiastic about the compulsory beekeeping element. Ms Maretha Mokgathane of Keisane lands, Bobonong, said farmers were advised to "go home and reconsider" their stance. She admits she did not fully understand the requirement and will be planting maize instead of her usual beans. Similarly, 39-year-old Ms Refilwe Madema of Mabolwe rushed to register after learning she had missed a kgotla meeting. She has since been approved for the programme and, like others, is waiting for seeds but remains uncertain about the bee component.

District agronomist Ms Keakabetse Phalaagae acknowledged both the knowledge gaps and logistical setbacks. She assured farmers that no one will receive beehives without proper training, noting that issuance will only begin next season after compulsory introductory courses. She also confirmed delays in seed and fertiliser supply, explaining that designated suppliers had not completed registration at ministry headquarters during the first week of December.

To ease the backlog, the crop production office began collecting fertilisers from Francistown on December 10 using its only functioning truck. The department currently has just two working vehicles, even though officers must verify fields before payments to service providers can be authorised.

The district office has requested funds from programme headquarters to hire casual labourers and repair additional vehicles borrowed from the district commissioner's office.

Lemang Dijo is an output-based agro-ecological programme designed to strengthen household food security and correct structural weaknesses that limited earlier initiatives. For now, the farmers of Bobirwa wait - for the rains, for the seeds, and for the message that will signal their turn. **BOPA**

Panelists call for tougher action on cyber GBV

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The Parliamentary Caucus on Women has been informed that many people are unknowingly committing cyber offences by sharing harmful online content.

Director of the Gender and Child Protection Branch in the Botswana Police Service, Senior Assistant Commissioner Goitseone Ngono, told a caucus panel discussion in Gaborone on Monday that some users 'innocently share content, unaware that so doing is a criminal offence.'

The shared content, she said called for stronger prevention and public education on digital gender-based violence (GBV).

"There is a need to educate and create awareness for all members of the community to be well informed," Ms Ngono said.

While noting that the police appreciated the opportunities offered by the digital space, she said some users "glorify and validate its negativity," and urged that online platforms be used constructively "to mediate or create awareness that builds peace."

Ms Ngono said offences registered by the police included child pornography, cyberstalking and defamation of character. Most victims of cybercrime were women and children, though men were also affected.

In 2024, Ms Ngono said that six per cent of GBV victims were males, indicating that men were also coming forward to report GBV. She noted that the police were finding ways to channel and prioritise resources to combat GBV and officers were trained to identify and address GBV, with documented standard operating procedures in place.

Ms Ngono highlighted that over 2 000 digitally facilitated GBV reports had been processed, most resulting from ignorance. She mentioned that many GBV cases were assault-related, like unlawful wounding. Out of 2 248 reported GBV offences in 2024, only 575 were confirmed to be GBV-related. Additionally, of the 337 murder cases registered that year, 172 were GBV-related.

The Chairperson of the Parliamentary Caucus for Women, Ms Helen Manyeneng, stated that digital violence against women and girls was destructive. She described digital violence as invisible, occurring in the digital space, and emphasised the need for collaborative efforts to combat it, as many lives and opportunities were lost due to such violence.

Ms Manyeneng pointed out that while digital spaces offered educational opportunities, perpetrators of GBV often exploit women seeking these opportunities. She warned that digital violence could affect individuals, even leading to suicide.

Therefore, she



..cyber violence such as child pornography, cyber stalking, defamation of character were some of the offences that were registered by the police, said **Ms Goitseone Ngono**

urged parents to monitor their children's activities in the digital realm to mitigate potential harm.

Mr Arnold Somolekae, President of the Gaborone West Customary Court, attributed digital violence to unemployment and an unstable economy, noting that many young girls were lured into prostitution through digital platforms with false promises of employment. He called for interventions to hold these perpetrators accountable.

Renowned lawyer Mr Uyapo Ndadi stressed the need for the government to establish women's shelters across the country for the safety of GBV victims.

While Ms Lydia Mafhoko-Ditsa of UN Women Botswana reported that a UN study indicated that 67 per cent of women experienced digital violence through miscommunication, while 73 per cent of journalists were also victims. She revealed that 300 million children had been affected by online exploitation in the past two years, noting that while these statistics were alarming, many cases go unreported.

Ms Mafhoko-Ditsa advocated for learning from the HIV/AIDS epidemic, where community capacity enhancement helped eliminate harmful cultural practices.

She also emphasised the importance of assessing the economic impact of GBV, pointing out that the European Union spends €329 billion annually to address it, raising the question of what this means for Botswana's national economic situation.

"We need to analyse the cost implications of GBV," she said.

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Some of the emojis used in social media platforms to bully users.



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT,
DEFENCE AND SECURITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that, through Government Gazette Notice No. 689 of 2025, published on page 5777, the President has restructured and renamed the Ministry for State President to be the **Ministry for State President, Defence and Security.**

The reorganization expands the Ministry's portfolio responsibilities to include National Defence, Police Services, Internal Security, Private Security, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Toxins Weapons, as stipulated in the referenced Gazette Notice.





Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs, Ms Lesego Chombo (centre) during 16 Days of Activism Against gender-based violence (GBV) march in Gaborone recently. In a statement marking the end of the campaign, Ms Chombo said broad consultations were underway to inform a piece of legislation the ministry was developing to combat GBV, which was expected to be presented to Parliament by July 2026.

Govt advances anti-GBV legislation

Government's commitment to addressing GBV through effective legislation, marks a step toward ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens

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The consultations with various stakeholders including civil society organisations, ex-offenders, media practitioners, women's leagues of political parties, legal experts and frontline responders among others, is to ensure the legislation is evidence-based, survivor-centred, and nationally owned, Ms Chombo said.

"These engagements have deepened our understanding of lived realities of violence in Botswana and the breadth of issues the law must address. Survivors underscored the urgent need for; accessible legal aid, trauma informed psychosocial support and assistance extended to their family members," she said.

Ms Chombo added that persons with disabilities highlighted communication barriers at police stations, health facilities, and courts, calling for stronger inclusion frameworks and for Special Education to be fully integrated into the mainstream education system.

She further revealed that the comprehensive review of the policy of the National Policy on Gender and Development was currently in

its inception stage.

The development of a Gender Strategy with World Bank Support, and the review of the National Strategy Towards Ending GBV are also ongoing, the minister said.

Beyond legislation and policy framework, Ms Chombo said government was working to strengthen systems, communities and services, and extend early prevention efforts.

She also outlined other measures including public education and community engagement, strengthening frontline responders, women economic empowerment, closing the digital gender divide and supporting shelters through subventions.

Additionally, Ms Chombo said her ministry understood men and boys remain central to transforming harmful norms and

preventing violence and as such were being engaged in the battle to combat GBV.

Members of Parliament largely spoke in favour of these efforts.

Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga, spoke of the need for psychosocial support and mental health training for women and children as a means to combat GBV.

Mr Mapulanga said government should scale down on exuberant commemorations which at times had too much fanfare that derails from the messaging.

Maun West legislator, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, said the state should pay greater attention to cyber crime and GBV that occurred through digital platforms particularly with the use of social media pseudo accounts by perpetrators. **BOPA**

Youth takes lead in fight against corruption

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana is being urged to leverage the energy and creativity of its youth to cultivate a culture of integrity, according to Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa.

Mr Mohwasa was delivering a keynote address at the International Anti-Corruption Day commemoration in Gaborone on Tuesday.

He highlighted the necessity of recalibrating the nation's anti-corruption framework and promoting the active engagement of young people in governance.

"Corruption has no place in our society. We are implementing reforms to empower the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) and other institutions dedicated to safeguarding our national resources," he said.

Citing historical movements

like the Soweto Uprising and the Arab Spring, the minister underscored the power of organised youth movements to demand accountability and foster societal change.

"Our young people are informed, engaged and ready to make their mark," he said. Although Botswana is recognised as one of Africa's least corrupt countries, Mr Mohwasa pointed to concerning trends in declining integrity indicators, attributed to administrative failures and diminished deterrents.

He stressed the importance of educating youth about the nation's anti-corruption history, referencing past scandals and commissions that led to the formation of the DCEC.

Linking the anti-corruption initiative to the country's development vision, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to restoring trust, revitalizing the economy, and promoting equity.

"These objectives cannot be achieved without strong integrity

SADC pandemic fund ushers in new climate-resilient era

Thato Mosinyi
GABORONE

As new diseases emerge and old ones resurge, pandemic preparedness has become a critical concern for global health. Lessons from recent pandemics are key in building future buffers and preparedness for forthcoming outbreaks.

In the wake of COVID-19, pandemic preparedness is an urgent priority for governments, health agencies and international organisations worldwide.

It was against this backdrop that Acting Minister of Health, Mr David Tshere, commended the launch of the SADC regional pandemic fund, which is based on the principle of multisectoral collaboration. With proactive measures, societies can better prevent, detect and respond to pandemics, safeguarding public health and socioeconomic stability.

Thus, hosting the multi-country forum for the pandemic fund was a significant diplomatic honour for Botswana and recognition of the country's commitment to global health architecture.

It was a platform for the country to showcase its capabilities, share its successes and strengthen partnerships that would define the future.

The event was more than a meeting, but also a launch of coordinated action, shared knowledge and renewed promise to protect the health and prosperity of every citizen in the region.

Delivering a keynote address at the launch of the implementation phase of the multi-country pandemic fund forum, Mr Tshere, indicated that the initiative was far more than just another project due to its transformative approach, empowered by the \$35.8 million (about P466.9 million) investment.

"This fund embodies a global commitment forged out of the ordeals, hardship, triumphs, and lessons learned from the 2019 Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

He stated that the fund was dedicated to building a world better prepared to prevent, detect and respond to health threats.

The fund, he said, would fortify the very foundation of the region's

health system, stating that while various SADC countries might have their own sovereignty, health security nonetheless recognised no boundaries.

He further said Botswana was ready to move from planning to action-oriented implementation in addressing health pandemics, highlighting the country's political will and readiness to address pandemic outbreaks.

"We must break our ministerial silos and align all the policies as well as direct all the resources collaboratively towards addressing pandemic challenges," he said.

He stated that the visibility of the fund's impact must be matched by accountability and tangible impact in the community.

Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe received just under US\$36 million (over P480 million) from the Pandemic Fund to boost regional health security and fend off climate-related threats.

The grant catalysed an additional US\$32 million (over P426.8 million) in co-investment and US\$12.3 million (over P164 million) in co-financing.

The Southern African countries are among the world's most impacted by natural disasters, a reality that put decades of public health improvements in jeopardy.

Minister Tshere thus said rapid warming and changing rainfall patterns intensified extreme weather events like droughts and floods, leaving the area's people vulnerable to vector and water-borne diseases.

"The displacement of people and families from their homes and the movement of populations from one country to another exacerbate the risk of disease spread, while economic fragility, conflict, poverty and food insecurity complicate prevention and response efforts in many of the project's countries," he said.

Meanwhile, with the pandemic fund grant, the eight countries and their partners aim to strengthen regional health security via an advanced Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) system that incorporates climate considerations. **BOPA**

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Maphucheka: Champion of charity

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At just 37 years old, Ms Kelly Maphucheka is passionately working to reshape the concept of purpose.

Approaching the age of 40, a time often said to mark the beginning of a new chapter in life, this dedicated philanthropist and human rights advocate from Tatisiding is already making a remarkable impact in the lives of those in need.

As a mother of three lively boys, two twins and their younger sibling, Ms Maphucheka’s journey reflects her steadfast commitment to service and community upliftment.

With a robust record of charitable efforts in Francistown, Ms Maphucheka serves as an inspiring figure in her community.

She has successfully collaborated with various local businesses, including My Spar, Fours, Sefalana, Coca-Cola, Global Lubricants and Debonairs, to make a tangible difference.

Through these partnerships, she has been able to provide vital support to children at the Lephoi Centre, delivering necessities such as school uniforms, bags, shoes and sanitary products thanks to contributions from African Child at Work, a South African charity.

Her philanthropic activities go even further, she has organised festive Christmas parties, distributed meals, including soup and bread, to vulnerable children and played a crucial role in a fundraising dinner for the Francistown SOS Children’s Village during a time of dwindling international support.

Philanthropist, Ms Kelly Maphucheka said her passion for the less privileged was born out of her experiences growing up in Tatisiding seeing other children going to bed on an empty stomach.

Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Her passion for compassion towards the less privileged was born out of her own experiences growing up in the Mmoroso ward of Tatisiding.

Ms Maphucheka recalls being deeply touched by families in her neighbourhoods who went to bed without a single meal and she began to ponder the plight of children in those families.

“My family was not that poor and we lived a good life like anybody else as my father was working, but what touched me a lot were those that did not have anything,” she said.

This early empathy for the struggles of others has driven her to address food insecurity and empower children in need.

“I started all of this as an individual, fuelled by a deep sense of passion,” Ms Maphucheka noted, underscoring her personal dedication.

However, she quickly recognised

that her vision required more than individual efforts.

In 2023, she founded the Feed a Child Movement, a structured platform to facilitate her charitable initiatives.

“It all began during the SOS fundraising dinner, I realised I needed an organised entity to help advance my mission,” she explained.

With a background in journalism and a deep awareness of the struggles faced by local families, Ms Maphucheka has channelled her passion into addressing food insecurity and empowering children in need.

Her approach goes beyond immediate aid, she is nurturing skills and talents to help children not just survive, but also thrive.

Through Feed A Child, which she established in 2023, Ms Maphucheka is providing food assistance while also focusing on

holistic

Although still in the registration process, the movement has expanded its focus to include skill development and talent nurturing across various sectors, especially agriculture, which plays a crucial role in Botswana’s rural economy.

“Feed a Child is about far more than just providing meals, it is about fostering skills and talents to bring about sustainable change,” Ms Maphucheka said.

Her vision is to cultivate world changers and critical thinkers who will emerge as agents of transformation in their communities.

Despite some misconceptions surrounding her work, she remains committed to sharing credible stories that resonate with the mission.

With the assistance of business consultants and a global agricultural network, Ms Maphucheka is developing proposals and innovative outreach ideas, inviting others to join her impactful journey.

“What is in it for you is the very same network,” she said, encouraging collaboration.

As she pushes towards the official registration of the Feed a Child Movement, Ms Maphucheka’s aspirations are set to elevate.

With ambitions to extend her work throughout Botswana, her vision is both simple and profound.

“We are training world changers and critical thinkers, and this is just the beginning. Through Feed a Child, we aim to nurture talents, empower communities and cultivate a legacy of hope and resilience for generations to come,” she said.

Her efforts are a testament to the power of community-driven solutions and those familiar with her work say she was creating a more holistic approach to aid, empowering children to become agents of change in their own right.

With plans to register Feed A Child and expand its reach across Botswana, Ms Maphucheka is eager to involve more community members and organisations in her mission.

Her work highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in tackling challenges that government support alone cannot address.

Ms Maphucheka invited individuals and businesses to join her cause. She urged people to volunteer their time to help with programmes that feed, nurture and develop the talents of children in the community, believing that every hour counted is making a difference.

She said donations of food supplies, educational materials, or other resources were also welcomed, as every contribution directly impacted the lives of vulnerable children.

She encouraged the use of social media and community platforms to raise awareness about the challenges faced by these children and the work that Feed A Child was doing, noting that amplifying the message could drive more support to the cause. **BOPA**

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2025 PSLE results indicate performance improvement

GABORONE

The Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the 2025 Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) results, indicating an improvement in academic performance compared to the previous year.

A press release from the BEC says a total of 52 766 candidates wrote the 2025 examination, which was a decrease in candidature of 0.51 per cent from the 2024 candidature of 53 039.

The release says the 2025 cohort had 26 533 males and 26 233 females who outperformed their male counterparts in all subjects.

It also says the 2025 PSLE overall performance indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining pass grades (Grade E or better) stands at 99.91 per cent compared to that of the previous year at 99.80 per cent, signifying that almost all candidates who sat the 2025 PSLE qualified for the award of the minimum grade.

It further says only 13 candidates were declared unclassified - denoted by letter U- while 34 candidates could not reach requirements for the award of a grade, denoted by letter X, which was mostly caused by absenteeism of candidates from the examination.

The proportion of candidates obtaining credit grades (Grade C or better), it says, has improved by 0.80 per cent, from 73.30 per cent in 2024 to 74.10 per cent this year. While the percentage of candidates obtaining Grade A in this examination has increased by 0.30 per cent, from 21.10 per cent in 2024 to 21.40 per cent

in 2025.

Additionally, the proportion of candidates obtaining Grade B or better has also improved, with an increase of 0.90 per cent from 40.30 per cent in 2024 to 41.20 per cent this year.

According to BEC, the results

indicate an improvement in performance at the qualification level compared to the previous year. **BOPA**

Summary of 2025 PLSE results			
Symbol/Grade	Candidature	Percentage	Cumulative
Grade A	11,301	21.42%	21.42%
Grade B	10,436	19.78%	41.20%
Grade C	17,367	32.91%	74.11%
Grade D	9,759	18.49%	92.60%
Grade E	3,856	7.31%	99.91%
U	13	0.02%	99.93%
X	34	0.06%	100%
TOTAL	52,766		

Batswana gear up for festive

As the holiday season approaches, scenes of increased activity, colourful décor and heightened public movement can be observed across the country. Communities, businesses and security agencies are all stepping up their preparations to ensure a smooth and enjoyable festive period. Below are moments that reflect the nation's transition into the Christmas season.



Botswana Defence Force members and Botswana Police Service officers manning a roadblock along the A1 Highway to check valid driver's licences and vehicle roadworthiness, while also cautioning motorists to drive safely during the festive season. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi



Woolworths employees, Ms Ame Moakofi (left) and Ms Gorata Madibela preparing Christmas décor as the festive holiday season kicks off. Ms Moakofi said the display was essential to signal the store's readiness for the festive mood. Photo: Teko Letsholo



Representatives from private companies, including Bokomo, Choppies and CA Sales, recently handed over food hampers to the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) and Botswana Police Service in support of Operation Pabalesego II for the Christmas holidays. BDF Commander, General Mpho Mophuting expressed gratitude to the corporate sector for its continued partnership, saying such support was vital in safeguarding the nation. Photo: Tshoganetso Mokowe



Christmas decorations bearing Santa Claus imagery, are brightening the atmosphere at Game City Mall as retailers embrace the festive season. Photo: Teko Letsholo



Christmas grocery shopping has started, with shoppers stocking up in preparation for travelling and festive celebrations with their families. Photo: Teko Letsholo



Members of the Botswana Police Service and Botswana Defence Force conducting a joint Operation Pabalesego II patrol in the streets of Gaborone. The visibility of the law enforcement officers is aimed at reducing criminal activities during festive season. Photo: Phenyo Moalosi



Messrs Edward Masitwa (left), Mosa Dibe (centre) and Farmers Rakotsepe loading motshelo packages at Trans Cash and Carry in Gaborone. Mr Dibe said they were buying in advance to avoid stock shortages, noting that Batswana had already started bulk shopping. Photo: Teko Letsholo



New CEDA branch to spur growth

Goitsemodimo Williams
-Madzonga

TUTUME

The establishment of a Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) branch in Tutume has been warmly welcomed by clients and the broader business community, as it brings renewed hope and opportunities especially for young people who previously struggled to access services offered in Francistown.

Tutume and its surrounding villages have long been home to hardworking, innovative and ambitious people across sectors such as agriculture, retail and tourism. With the region's vast economic potential, the opening of the new CEDA office is viewed as a major boost for both Tutume and parts of the North East District. The Nswazwi-Kalakamati bypass road is expected to reduce travel distances for residents seeking

CEDA services, eliminating the need to travel to Francistown for essential support.

Speaking during the official opening, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima, said CEDA believed in people's ideas and was committed to nurturing them into viable businesses. Doing so, he said, would create employment opportunities and strengthen local economic empowerment, key priorities under government's job-creation agenda.

Mr Ntsima highlighted that since its establishment in 2001, CEDA had remained one of the country's strongest instruments for citizen economic empowerment, funding thousands of citizen-owned businesses, supporting start-ups, reviving struggling enterprises and creating opportunities for youth and women nationwide.

In the region alone, he revealed that the agency had invested over P150 million in 943 businesses across various sectors, a clear

demonstration of its commitment to entrepreneurship and economic development.

He further noted that the opening of the new branch marked a significant milestone in CEDA's growth, aligning with government's broader economic diversification drive under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), which aimed to reduce reliance on diamonds.

CEDA beneficiary and businesswoman, Mr Power Monyamane welcomed the development, describing the new office as a breakthrough that would close long-standing gaps caused by limited access to information and services due to distance.

"The new branch marks a milestone in CEDA's growth, aligning with government's broader economic diversification drive under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme."

He encouraged fellow entrepreneurs to visit the office for accurate, first-hand information rather than relying on hearsay, noting that some aspiring businesspeople hesitated to seek guidance directly.

He advised that passion was key to business success, cautioning against copying others' projects without genuine interest. Mr Monyamane, who has invested in property development through CEDA support, said he had built office spaces currently housing the Ministry of Finance revenue office. He indicated plans to seek further funding for upcoming projects.

He urged young people to take advantage of the new CEDA office, apply for funding while they were still young, and use the opportunity to build sustainable businesses and long-term careers. **BOPA**



CEDA Kanye Branch Manager, Mr Tuelo Rabaloï said CEDA had approved funding for 20 local businesses in 2025, injecting a total of P11,126,249.00 and creating 148 much-needed jobs.

CEDA injects over P11 million into Kanye businesses

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

In a major boost for the Kanye District economy, the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) has approved funding for 20 local businesses in 2025, injecting a total of P11,126,249.00 and creating 148 jobs.

One standout project, a large-scale property development worth P10.5 million single-handedly delivered 123 permanent jobs, dwarfing the employment impact of the other 19 ventures combined.

The remaining 19 projects shared just P601,305 with agribusiness (10 projects) receiving P388,507 and generating 15 jobs, services (seven projects) getting P189,798 for 8 jobs, and manufacturing (two projects) securing the smallest slice at P22,000, yielding only two jobs.

Speaking to BOPA in an interview on Friday, Kanye CEDA Branch Manager, Mr Tuelo Rabaloï said while dryland farming dominated applications in the district, the agency was deliberately shifting focus toward manufacturing, a sector that can slash Botswana's import bill and create far more sustainable employment.

"We want more manufacturing projects. They deliver bigger national benefits. That's why we are rolling out new funding lines specifically designed to make these businesses bankable."

Among the new products now available are A di tsale, Thuo

Letlotlo, and a dedicated Artificial Insemination programme for livestock farmers all aimed at accelerating job creation and building businesses that added real value to Botswana's GDP, he said.

In the property space, Mr Rabaloï said CEDA was also steering developers away from multi-residential blocks and toward job-rich commercial developments such as shopping malls and retail centres.

"Support doesn't stop at handing over the cheque" he said, emphasising that the CEDA assigned trained mentors to every funded business, offering ongoing guidance to ensure long-term survival and growth. When specialist expertise is needed, the agency foots 90 per cent of the cost for external business consultants, with clients paying only 10 per cent.

Mr Rabaloï said strategic partnerships were another key ingredient. Through ties with the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and other government bodies, CEDA clients gain access to advanced training, market linkages, and additional support services.

"These collaborations are critical. We are not just giving money, we are building an ecosystem where citizen-owned businesses can truly thrive."

With new funding windows opening and a clear push toward high-impact sectors, Rabaloï said Kanye entrepreneurs now have more tools than ever to turn ideas into jobs and growth. **BOPA**



CEDA branch in Tutume is bringing renewed hope and opportunities especially for young people who previously struggled to access services offered in Francistown. Photo: Goitsemodimo Williams-Madzonga

LEA and council join efforts to support informal sector

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

The 42 newly built small-scale market stalls, valued at P3.2 million and a joint effort between the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) and Selebi Phikwe Town Council, mark a significant and timely investment opportunity for the support and growth of the informal business sector.

Speaking during the official launch of the informal sector market stalls in Selebi Phikwe on Wednesday, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeane Ntsima underscored the government's commitment to not only support but also enhance the growth and sustainability of the informal sector.

Mr Ntsima said a

comprehensive support through the provision of well-equipped stalls was set to foster an environment that encouraged entrepreneurship, stimulated local economies, and empowered individuals to pursue their business aspirations that would continuously lead to the growth of the sector. This endeavour, he said, was also expected to create new opportunities for job creation and improve the livelihoods of many within the community.

"The informal trade sector contributes significantly as the backbone of the economy, and it supports countless families and drives local economies across the communities, hence the need for a comprehensive support," he said.

To this end, the minister said

that government was aware of the plight that fell the region when the BCL mine closed, hence more efforts were implemented towards the revitalisation of the economy.

He urged business development agencies such as LEA, Selebi Phikwe Economic Diversification Unit and other relevant stakeholders to harmonise policies and regulations, eliminate the bureaucratic obstacles that may hinder the growth and success of both the informal sector and Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs). Mr Ntsima said a cohesive framework could foster a more conducive environment for entrepreneurship, ultimately driving economic development and creating job opportunities

within the region.

LEA, Caretaker CEO, Mr Thato Jensen, said the objective of the 42 informal sector market stalls was to contribute towards revitalisation of the Selebi Phikwe economic activities through supporting the informal sector with the provision of accessible and affordable 'working market'.

He said the stalls were also an attempt to transition the informal traders to a more organised and modern trading facility that would provide a co-learning and co-creation hub in harmony with other formal business entities.

Mr Jensen said the P3.2 million was adequate for completion of 50 stalls; however, the number was reduced to 42, and the plan was re-redesigned to cater for the construction of ablution facilities.

He said that from a total of 42 stalls, 24 would be reserved for agriculture/horticulture produce, 18 would be allocated to other sectors such as catering, tailoring, and general retail.

For his part, Councillor for Meriting Ward Mr Moagisi Buru said the introduction of these stalls represented a renewed hope for small-scale business operators and would significantly empower informal traders, providing them with much-needed boost in resources and support.

He emphasised that these new operational spaces would not only enhance the visibility of the vendors but also improve their working conditions, allowing them to conduct businesses in an agile manner and more efficiently. **BOPA**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT
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ESHFT000139-25

FIRST AND FINALDISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

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Public Notice

National Public Procurement Pitso to Shape the Future of Procurement in Botswana

The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) will host the inaugural National Public Procurement Pitso in February 2026 at the Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC). The event, themed “Driving an Agile and Transformative Public Procurement System,” will convene over 600 delegates to reflect on the progress, challenges, and future of Botswana’s public procurement landscape under the Public Procurement Act (PP Act), 2021.

The PP Act, which came into force on 14 April 2022, established a modern framework for public procurement across central government, local authorities, parastatals, and all entities utilizing public funds. The PPRA, which succeeded the former Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB), is mandated to promote efficiency, transparency, accountability, and innovation in the procurement system.

While notable progress has been made in capacity building, compliance assessments, and public education, gaps persist in implementing the Act. Key areas requiring further attention include the professionalization of procurement personnel, development and implementation of an e-procurement system, administration sanctions, and Public Procurement Entity Model Structure. Allegations of non-compliance and unethical conduct further emphasize the need for a national platform to address these issues collaboratively.

Objectives of the National Public Procurement Pitso
The Pitso seeks to:

- Engage stakeholders in open dialogue on the current state of public procurement in Botswana.
- Identify implementation gaps within the PP Act and develop actionable improvement strategies.
- Share knowledge, experiences and best practices in public procurement.
- Examine challenges affecting effective implementation and propose practical solutions.
- Reinforce the contribution of public procurement to economic growth and citizen empowerment.
- Explore innovation, technology, and governance as drivers of transformation in procurement.

The Pitso will feature a Keynote Address by the Vice President of the Republic of Botswana and Minister of Finance, Mr. Ndaba Gaolathe.

Presentations are also expected from PPRA development partners and networks such as the World Bank and the African Public Procurement Network (APPN), Public Procurement Regulators from the African continent and other institutions such as from Tanzania, Egypt and Malawi and the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL).

Local institutions such as DEBSWANA, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) and Consumer and Competition Authority (CCA) will also share insights. A wide range of topics including e-procurement, professionalization, corruption prevention, citizen economic empowerment, infrastructure development, open contracting, and data analytics in procurement will be delivered.

The gathering will also attract key partners including the African Development Bank, United States Trade and Development Agency, Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply, Companies and Intellectual Property Authority, Botswana Unified Revenue Services, and Botswana Bureau of Standards, Procurement Professionals, Accounting Officers, Policy-Makers, Legislators, Representatives from Business Botswana, Regulators, Sponsors, and Media.

Delegates will engage in constructive discussions, share insights, and provide feedback on the implementation of the PP Act. The forum aims to foster continuous improvement, inclusivity, and innovation within Botswana’s public procurement system. Plans are underway to make the National Public Procurement Pitso an annual, rotational event, promoting broader participation and accessibility across the world.

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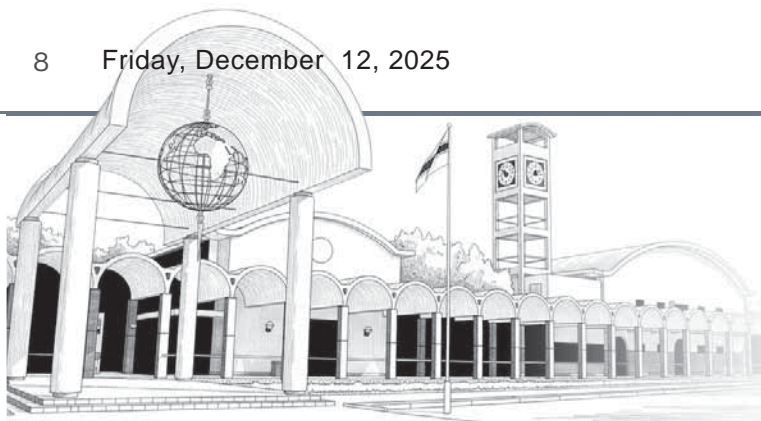
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PARLIAMENT 2025

No waiver for fingerprint - Mohwasa

GABORONE

Parliament has learnt that there is currently no waiver for offenders for fingerprint records, including those that have demonstrated a commitment to positive change.

“It is also true that some employers including government, prior to enlistment, conduct pre-employment clearance, which may include record of criminal history as confirmed through fingerprint records,” said Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Mr Moetsi Mohwasa told Parliament on Tuesday.

He said however, that individuals had a constitutional right as provided through Section 53 of the Constitution of Botswana, to petition for a pardon from the President, which might include expunging fingerprint records, so that they might access available employment opportunities.

According to the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Acts Section 337, everyone convicted of an offence is finger printed.

He also said Botswana Prisons Service had in place an Offender Reintegration Programme launched in 2021, which was delivered in partnership with the community in order to foster acceptance and reduce stigma attached to imprisonment.

Boteti West MP, Mr Sam Digwa had asked the minister to state the steps that were being taken to ensure the effective reintegration of non-habitual offenders with criminal records, particularly those with fingerprint records, back into the society



Mr Moetsi Mohwasa

in a manner that allowed them to access employment opportunities in the public and private sectors, especially where they had demonstrated rehabilitation and a commitment to positive change. **BOPA**

Over 900 foreigners apply for naturalisation

GABORONE

The Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs has, for the past five years, processed 909 foreigners who applied for naturalisation by virtue of being married to Batswana.

This was revealed by Minister Environment and Tourism, Mr Wynter Mmolotsi, answering a question in Parliament on behalf of the substantive Minister, Major General Pius Mokgware on Tuesday.

He said from January 2021 to December 2025, 909 applications were received, of which 438 were approved and 471 rejected.

Minister Mmolotsi said the

most common reason for the rejection was that applicants failed to score 70 per cent or above, which was the pass mark, in accordance with the Points-Based System.

The system, he said, considered, among other attributes, the length of time the couple had been married and the period for which the foreigner had been resident in the country, adding that the length of stay should be at least five years.

Mr Mmolotsi said the applicant might, however, request a waiver of the length of stay if it had been under five years, provided there were compelling reasons for consideration by the minister.

Also, he said, in line with the

principle of family reunification, an applicant who did not meet the set criteria might continue to reside in the country using a residence permit.

In addition, spouses of citizens were usually issued with a residence permit valid for 10 years, unlike other categories of migrants who may be issued with permits valid for a shorter period.

Nkange MP, Mr Mothaleemang Moalosi, wanted the minister to state the number of citizenship applications the ministry received from Batswana married to foreigners, the number of those that were successful and those that were rejected, as well as the main reasons why such applications were rejected. **BOPA**



Legislators on Tuesday voted in favour of the Constitutional Amendment Bill of 2025 at the third reading stage, which means the Bill seeking to establish a Constitutional Court of Botswana, will now require two-thirds majority vote within three months' time to become law.

Constitutional Amendment Bill passes committee stage

Pako Lebanna
GABORONE

Parliament on Tuesday voted in favour of passing the Constitutional Amendment Bill of 2025 through its third reading, which means the bill, which seeks to establish a Constitutional Court of Botswana, will now require a two thirds majority vote within three months' time to become law.

The bill, tabled before Parliament by the Minister for State President Defence and Security, Mr Moeti Mohwasa, went into the committee stage last week after it passed through the second reading debate.

After the third reading on Tuesday, of the 38 Members

of Parliament in attendance, 26 voted in favour, none voted against while 12 abstained.

Speaker of Parliament, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse cited Section 89 of the Constitution, which stipulated that Parliament might alter the Constitution, but such 'Act of Parliament could not be passed by the National Assembly unless the final voting on the bill in the Assembly took place not less than three months after the previous voting thereon in the Assembly'.

Section 89 further stipulates that at such final voting the bill has to be supported by the votes of not less than two-thirds of all the Members of the Assembly, which means it would require a popular vote of two thirds of an electoral college consisting of the 61 constituency MPs, six specially elected MPs and the President.

Speaking in support of the bill in Parliament last week, President Advocate Duma Boko argued

that a Constitutional Court was necessary for the protection of the rights and freedoms of every citizen. He said it would provide a clear and focused platform where constitutional matters were handled with urgency, consistency and authority.

“Such a court strengthens democracy by ensuring that all institutions operate within the boundaries of the constitution. It offers strong protection for vulnerable groups, reinforces accountability, and promotes fairness in governance,” said the President.

The bill has sparked debate within the chambers of Parliament, the opposition staging a walkout during the debate of the second reading, triggering further discussion among political parties and within society.

Umbrella for Democratic Change legislators voiced their support for the bill, stating that it would provide an oversight

institution that could review laws for their constitutionality, and ensure fairness and accountability in the judicial process.

In its official statement, the official opposition Botswana Congress Party stated that there had been a lack of sufficient prior consultation as expressed by civil society actors through the Botswana Council of Non-Governmental Organisations

The Botswana Democratic Party expressed the fear that the Constitutional Court could be used to push through laws against the wishes of a majority of citizens. They cited the 1995 SvMakwanyane case where the South African Constitutional Court established that capital punishment was inconsistent with the human rights expressed in the South African constitution, thus abolishing the death penalty in that country without a majority vote in parliament or a public referendum. **BOPA**

Domestic beef consumption surges

GABORONE

Botswana is a net exporter of beef and produces more than is required for domestic consumption

The Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti told Parliament on Tuesday that domestic beef consumption over the past three years amounted to 27 156.4 tonnes (135 773 cattle) in 2022, 32 258.6 tonnes (161 293 cattle) in 2023 and 39 577 tonnes (197 885 cattle) in 2024.

He said the value of

domestically consumed beef was P768.9 million in 2022, P806.5 million in 2023 and P989.4 million in 2024 valued at P5 000 per animal.

Dr Dikoloti said the figures provided were for beef from cattle slaughtered in established abattoirs, which were certified for human consumption.

He said cattle theft was a huge problem and that a lot of cattle were killed illegally in the bush and the meat was sold through informal market.

Such meat is not for for human consumption as it is not inspected

and not processed under hygienic conditions, Dr Dikoloti said.

He was responding to a question from Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo who asked the minister to brief the House on the estimated demand for beef in Botswana market in terms of the number of cattle, quantity of meat and value in the last three years.

Mr Phologolo also wanted to know whether all meat sold in the domestic market came from established abattoirs and had been certified fit for human consumption. **BOPA**



Acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti told Parliament that the value of domestic beef consumption over the past three years was P768.9 million in 2022, P806.5 million in 2023 and P989.4 million in 2024.

Shortage of boarding space challenge for Mokoboxane learners

GABORONE

The current provision to admit learners from Mokoboxane into boarding is on request, but priority is always given to Form 3 pupils, learners living with disabilities, orphans and vulnerable children.

Parliament learnt on Monday that learners from Mokoboxane travelled approximately 14km to and from Mopipi Junior Secondary School, daily. Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka said Mopipi JSS, as a boarding school, had a boarding capacity of 184; 92 boys and 92 girls, but had stretched it to 307; 144 boys and 163 girls.

She said Kedia was the furthest catchment, contributing 71.7 per cent or 223 of the boarding learners. Mokoboxane follows with 64 boarding learners or 20.8 per cent, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said, adding that, the numbers further explained why all learners from Manthabakwe and Mopipi primary schools in Mopipi were

admitted as day scholars.

She therefore, said the ministry advocated and continued to implement satellite schools thus reducing the distance travelled by learners in standard one to four.

She said funds permitting, Mopipi JSS, would be considered for hostel expansion to accommodate learners from Mokoboxane and other nearby areas. Minister Mokoka-Kgafela said this year alone, 132 learners from Mokoboxane rejected boarding after being offered space, 123 rejected it immediately and nine opted out later indicating that they preferred to commute to school.

Regarding academic performance, she said the school was generally performing at below average to average over the past years, and students from Mokoboxane consistently outperformed those from other villages.

Boteti West MP, Mr Sam Digwa had asked the minister if she was aware that students from Mokoboxane travelled

approximately 14km to and from Mopipi JSS.

He wanted the minister to state the impact this long commute had on the students' academic performance and their right to access quality education, as well as interventions in place to address the challenge. **BOPA**

Government to increase school enrolment

GABORONE

In line with the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP), government intends to increase senior secondary school enrolment by at least eight per cent every year from 2026 onwards up to 100 per cent by 2030.

Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka told Parliament on Monday that the plan was a huge project that needed additional classrooms and teachers and that government was in the process of finalising the numbers accordingly.

She said the current number of teachers employed for senior secondary education was 4 109 and a learner enrolment of 45 578.

Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said classroom needs were imminent and they would be purely determined by the implementation of the STEAM-based education, digitalisation and registration and licensing of teachers.

She said government heavily provided for the almost free education, save for cost sharing policy whose purpose was encouraging parents to be involved in their children's education.

Currently, she said the cost of educating a senior school learner was approximately P27 500 per annum.

She said the ministry had prioritised increasing enrolment and retention of learners from marginalised communities through different deliberate and targeted programmes.

Central to these efforts is the implementation of the Botswana Languages Policy in Education (2022), which promotes inclusive education by ensuring that learners regardless of their geographical, cultural or socioeconomic background actively participate in learning from the early years of schooling, Ms Kgafela-Mokoka said.

She said the policy, which was embedded in the General

Education and Curriculum Framework (GECAF), ensured that early grade learners received instruction in linguistically and culturally responsive ways that strengthened their foundation and support transition into senior secondary school.

GECAF she said, promoted contextualised life skills education as well as access oriented programmes including the multigrade programme and satellite schools, which were designed to support learners in remote or underserved areas to progress seamlessly into higher levels of education. In addition, the ministry has implemented the Out of School Education for Children programme which provides literacy and pre-vocational as well as vocational skills for children aged four and half to 18 who are outside the formal school system.

OSEC supports reintegration into formal schooling and ensures that no learner is left behind.

she said the ministry would introduce Project Bula Buka with effect from March next year, whose aim is to provide educational access, skills training and character building to out-of-school JC leavers and remediation to BGCSE leavers and most importantly the education continuum.

The project intends to meet the pressing needs for accessible and flexible education pathways for learners who are unable to complete their secondary education due to a number of factors, the minister explained.

She was responding to a question from Kgatleng West MP, Dr Unity Dow who enquired on the enrolment rates for senior secondary, the number of additional teachers and classrooms that would be needed to attain the targets of 68 per cent by 2026/2027, 76 per cent by 2027/2028, 88 per cent by 2028/2029 and 100 per cent by 2029/2030.

Dr Dow also asked the minister the cost of the project per year to attain these targets and what specific programmes she planned for marginalised communities. **BOPA**

Ministry issues 59 prospecting licences

GABORONE

The Minister of Minerals and Energy says there are currently 59 prospecting licences located in the Bobirwa District for different types of mineral commodities.

Ms Bogolo Kenewendo told Parliament on Monday that the licences were divided as follows; energy minerals, seven, metals, 48, and precious stones (diamonds), four.

These numbers exclude

industrial minerals such as gravel, river sand, pit sand and clay, Ms Kenewendo said, adding that some of the licences were not exclusively within the Bobirwa District but transcend into neighbouring districts as geology knew no boundaries.

She said to date, none of the licence holders had reported any discovery of economic potential, however, prospecting on the above licences was on-going with new applications being received. Ms Kenewendo said

that with the advent of advanced prospecting technologies, new mineral deposits would be discovered in the Bobirwa District.

Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas had asked the minister to brief the House on mineral prospecting work that had been done in Bobirwa Constituency and further state mineral deposits that had been found in the same area as well as the economic or business viability in the same area. **BOPA**

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mme e felele e mmabalela ka go baka malwetsi. O tlhalositse jalo gore jaaka fa nako ya Keresemose e goroga jaana, go tsile go tlaa mo mafelong a itloso bodutu go gogwa metsoko eo. Rre Monakwe o ne a gakolola gore puso e tshwere phage ka mangana go tokafatsa seemo sa botsogo ka jalo metsoko eo fa tiriso ya yone e ka tswelela baka gore ba botsogo ba iphitlbele ba lwantsha malwetse a a bakiwang ke metsoko eo. Mokhanselara Moalosi Rasesia wa Tsopeng South a re metsoko ya

Vape le wa Hubbly Bubbly e a farologana, a tlhalosa gore fa go gogwa Hubbly go dirisiwa tagi ya nicotine e tshubiwa ka charcoal go bo go gogiwa ke batho ba le bantsi. A supa jalo gore fa go sena go tshubiwa lenko leo le feta mo metsing a a dirisiwang go tlhotlha bogalaka kana go fokotsa bogale mme go bo go gogiwa kwa phaepheng.

A re motsoko oo, o ntsha mosi wa Carbon Monoxide go tswa mo go tshubiwang ga charcoal le nicotine a supa jalo gore metsi one a tsentswe dinkgisa monate tse go sa itsewang gore ke eng e bile a na le botlhole jo bo ntseng jang mme dilo tse tsotlhe di kopanela mo mafatlheng a motho.

Mokhanselara Rasesia o supile fa dipatlisiso di supa gore pharologanyo ya Hubbly Bubbly le metsokwe o o tlwaelesegileng ke gore motho o kgona go peipa go fetisa jaaka gale mme motho o kgona go babalelwa thata mo mafatlheng go fetisa motsoko o o tlwaelesegileng.

A re e gogiwa ka go faapanelwa, ka jalo e dira gore malwetse aa tshelenwang a ka anama.

Fa a bua ka Vape, a re e na le nicotine mme e bile o dirisa maranyane a motlakase. A tlhalosa jalo gore metsokwe e yotlhe e borai ka gore ke tsela nngwe e barekisi ba gogelang banana ka ba dumela gore ke tlhabologo.

Mokhanselara wa Boswelatlou Rre Omar Raphael ene o ne a farologana le ba bangwe, a tlhalosa gore molao o supa gore mongwe le mongwe o gololesegile go ikgethela se a batlang go se dirisa go itlosa bodutu.

Rre Raphael a re Vape e dirisa maranyane mme e bile phefo ya yone ga e dirise metswako epe e e botlhole jaaka motsoko, a tlhalosa gore ditlamorago tsa yone ke gore metsi a kgona go tsena mo mafatlheng mme motho a babalelwe fa a dirisa Vape lebaka le le lee.

Mokhanselara y o tlhophetsweng Rre Gofaone Kedise ene a re dipatliso tsa South Africa Cancer Association di supa gore metsoko eo e baka bolwetse jwa kankere go feta motsoko wa sekerese.

Rre Kedise a re gape dipatlisiso tseo di supa gore bomme ba ba o gogang , go na le kgonagalo ya gore ba ka tlhoka pelegi.

Rre Kedise a re metsoko eo e tshwanetse e emisiwe ka gore ke tsela nngwe ya go rotloetsa banana go simolola go goga motsoko. A re Lobatse o babaletswe thata ke tiriso ya ditagi tse di feletsang di ama botsogo le jwa tlhaloganyo tota mme motho a felele a sa kgone go itirela sepe le gone go direla lefatsho. Ka jalo a re go tshwanetse ga tsibogiwa go tla ka melao go emisa metsoko e.

“Tshutiso e ke tsela nngwe ya go boloka banana, gone jaana bangwe ga ba itire sepe ba ko kokelong tsa Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital,” ga tlhalosa Mokhanselara Kedise. **BOPA**



Makhanselara a Lobatse, Rre Omar Raphael (molemeng), Rre Gofaone Kedise (bobedi molemeng), Rre Oaitse Kedise (bobedi mojang) le Rre Kago Malele ba amogetse tshutiso ya gore tiriso ya Hubbly bubbly le Vape di emisiwe go dirisiwa bosheng kwa khanseleng ya Lobatse. Senepe: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Puso ga e dumalane le kopo ya banni

Portia Rapitsenyane
LESENEPOLE

Tona wa dikgaolo le merero ya tsa Ngwao, Rre Ketlhalefile Motshegwa a re puso ga e a amogela kopo ya banni ba Matolwane ya go arologangwa le motse wa Lesenepole.

O ne a bua jalo kwa Lesenepole kwa a neng a busitse phetolo mabapi le kgang e banni ba kgotla ya Matolwane kwa Lesenepole ba neng ba kopa puso go ba dira motse.

A re Matolwane e tlaa tswelela e le nngwe ya dikgotlana kwa Lesenepole.

Rre Motshegwa a re kopo ya banni e ne ya lebelelwa go etswe tlhoko melawana ya Revised National Settlement Policy of 2004 e e supang fa go le botlhokwa gore fa go dirwa ditogamaano tsa metse go lebelelwe gore ditlamelo le tsone di tlaa kabakanngwa ka mo go tshwanetseng go sa kokonele puso mme e bile go sa tlhatlaganngwe ditlamelo golo go le gongwe fela,

go etswe tlhoko gore metse eo e tlhomagana jang ka bogolwane, mme go tlhomamisiwa gore banni ba bona ditirelo ka tekatekano.

Ka jalo Rre Motshegwa o ne a re go kgaoganya metse go ka bakela puso dikgwetlho tse di bokete le ditlhwatlhwa tse di kwa godimo ka ntlha ya thulaganyo e e sa ikagang ka popego.

A re kgang e e simolotse ka ngwaga wa 1997, mme e le ka ntlha ya kganetsanyo mabapi le leina la motse. Kgang e ne ya kukela, mo e neng ya isiwa fa pele ga makgotla a ditsheko, a a neng a laela gore go tshwarwe ditlhopho tse di tlaa papamatsang le go rurifatsa leina la motse. Le fa go ntse jalo, leina la Lesenepole le ne la fenywa, mme la amogelwa semmuso go nna leina la motse.

E ne ne yare ka ngwaga wa 2022 ba Matolwane ba kopa gore motse wa bone o lemogiwe o le nosi, o farologane le Lesenepole. ba Matolwane ba ne ba kopa Kgosi Kgosiemang Kebuamotse gore a bitse bokopano kwa kgotleng, jo ka jone banni ba neng ba tlhalosa

go sa kgotsofale ga bone, mme ba boa ba tswa ka mogopolo wa go ikgaoganya le Lesenepole. Kgang e, e ne ya romelwa kwa Lephatheng la Tsamaiso Puso Ya Dikgaolo le Tlhabololo Magae (Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development). Ba Matolwane ba etela lephata leo gape go kopa gore motse wa bone o lemogwe o le nosi mme o farologane le Lesenepole.

Mo kgannyeng go ne ga dirwa ditshekatsheko ke diofisi tse di maleba go thusa tona go tsaya tshwetso mme ba Khansela ya Palapye ba romela pego ka 2023, ya begwa mo phuthhegong ya khansela..

Rre Motshegwa a re e ne ya re morago ga moo setshaba sa kopa gore kgang e e arabiwe mme a boela gape mo kgotleng ka di kgwedi ya Phatwe mo ngwageng ono, go utlwa maikutlo a banni, go sekaseka seemo ka matlho le go itseela boammaruri mabapi le kopo ya bone gore a tle a kgone go tsaya tshwetso ka kgang e.

Rre Motshegwa a re e ne ya re a sena go sekaseka dipatlisiso

le maikutlo a setshaba, o ne a goroga mo ditshwetsong tsa gore molelwane o o fa gare ga Matolwane le Lesenepole ke selo se se tlhalosiwang mo puong fela mme go sena sepe se se tsepameng se se ka supiwang e le bokao jwa mololwane wa metse e mebedi e.

O supile fa ditlhabololo tse di leng teng di tlolela ka fa matlhakoreng otlhe a se gotweng ke molelwane go ya ka fa ba Matolwane ba eletsang ka teng.

A re fa Lesenepole a ka kgaoganngwa go dira metse e mebedi se se tsile go kgaoganya dipalo tsa batho e bile se bo se baka phokotsego mo dipalong go bo go ama ditlhabololo tsa metse e mebedi e, go ya ka Revised National Settlement Policy of 2004. O ne a supa fa go sena ditso tse di supang fa Lesenepole e ne e le metse e mene ka palo mme e ne e le dikgotlana di le nne tsa Matoposane, Raphiri, Moremi le Lesenepole, di dira motse o le mongwe fela, ka jalo ga gona ka fa di ka kgaoganngwang ka teng. **BOPA**

District to spend over P21.3m for internal roads projects

Marvin Motlhabane
MOSHUPA

Moshupa District Council has been allocated P21, 330 000 from the Road Levy Fund to complete critical internal roads projects and procure essential plant equipment.

The announcement was made by council chairperson, Mr Peter Sethibe, on Tuesday during the opening of the council meeting running from December 9 to 16.

Mr Sethibe informed the meeting that tenders for emergency works on Madutlela Road and repairs to a damaged section of Maseetsele Road in Moshupa closed on December 5, and were currently under evaluation.

He emphasised that completing Madutlela Road was particularly urgent as it would restore access for residents and revive businesses severely affected by the road's deterioration.

He added that the tender for culvert construction and road maintenance in Lekgolobotlo closed on December 4 and was also under evaluation.

A tender for a culvert along Emang Junior School in Ntlhantle Village has been re-advertised and would close on December 18.

Other upcoming tenders include the supply and installation of

solar streetlights in Moshupa, closing December 12, 2025 and the procurement of an excavator, closing December 19, both aimed at strengthening the council's maintenance capacity and advancing renewable energy objectives, he said.

Construction of storm water drains and paving works in Mogonye is already underway, with physical progress at 15 percent.

Mr Sethibe described the P21.3 million allocation as a sacred trust from the community and pledged rigorous oversight to ensure value for money and durable infrastructure.

In Machana, he said four staff houses were under construction to replace the tents currently used to accommodate teachers.

The project was being delivered through a public-private partnership with companies contracted by Debswana Mining Company under its Corporate Social Responsibility programme. Mr Sethibe expressed profound gratitude to Debswana for the initiative.

The Chairperson highlighted continued success under the Bonno Housing Scheme, noting that the first house built under the programme in the district was handed over to a beneficiary in

Pitseng in November 2025.

Construction of additional units has now begun in Mogonye following a warm welcome by village leadership to the scheme's investors.

"From providing decent accommodation for our teachers to enabling home ownership for our citizens, we are building the foundations for a more stable and prosperous district," Mr Sethibe said.

He concluded that the combined efforts in roads, renewable energy, housing, and community infrastructure demonstrate a council that is actively delivering sustainable development on multiple fronts.

Councillor Omphemetse Moleele of Sesung-Seherelela Ward commended the Chairperson's comprehensive report on ongoing and planned projects.

However, he urged the council to prioritise support for community clusters rather than individual businesses, citing the example of the Motlopi Coffee project.

Cllr Moleele highlighted the untapped potential of salt pans and water pans in his ward, which he believes could be developed into large-scale salt processing and tourism attractions to boost the district economy. **BOPA**

Child-friendly environment key to healing process

Keamogetse Setilo
SEROWE

Sekgoma Memorial Hospital Advisory Committee in Serowe has refurbished children's playground to expedite healing and recovery.

Speaking during a handover ceremony of the facility to Sekgoma Memorial Hospital recently, Chief Registered Nurse Ms Mmabotswana Ramotlhalala said the aim was to provide joy and comfort for hospitalised children, which were considered essential in the healing process.

She said the importance of allowing hospitalised children to experience play and fresh air outside the limits of hospital walls could not be overemphasised.

She observed that the bright colours and the chance to play outdoors provided patients with comfort and happiness, essential for their psychological and physical recovery.

"Kids often feel homesick, and being restricted to hospital walls intensifies the anxiety that they already experience. The playground acts as a re-charge area; patients will certainly value the time they spend there, where happiness and laughter are sure to be found during their hospital stay," she said.

Chairperson of the Hospital Advisory Committee from Basimane boo Rra Boiditswe, Kgosi Kgalemo Nthutang, commended the contributions of everyone engaged in the project, highlighting that the playground was renovated primarily due to its previous condition, which

prevented patients from using it.

"We recognised the playground as an area of focus, as its lack of use resulted in hospitalised children being confined to the children's ward, where the concrete walls continually reminded them of their distance from home comforts, which can be depressing for young minds," said Kgosi Nthutang.

Kgosi Nthutang said they had engaged multiple stakeholders, including hospital staff, the

community, and the private sector to offer support, leading to a playground that young patients would appreciate.

He also pointed out that the project aimed to remind the community to support the government, mentioning that certain initiatives do not require significant funding and could be accomplished through cooperation between the government and its citizens. **BOPA**



Ms Judith Morakanyane from Sekgoma Hospital Surgical department trying out the childrens playground that was donated by the hospital advisory committee in Serowe recently. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

Editorial

EDITOR'S NOTE



The Rains Are Here - Let Us Not Miss Our Moment

Every rainy season in Botswana arrives like a promise. A promise of renewal, of overflowing pans, of green fields, and of granaries that may spare families from the biting edge of hunger.

Yet too often, we allow this promise to slip through our fingers because we delay the most important task before us: ploughing in time.

This year, the rains have come with an encouraging steadiness.

For a country whose food import bill grows heavier each year, this is not merely good weather—it is an opportunity.

When the clouds open, the soil softens, and the conditions align, Batswana must respond with urgency. Fields must be prepared, seeds must be planted, and every able farmer must put hand to plough.

Timely ploughing is not just a technical recommendation from agricultural officers; it is the foundation of productivity.

Planting early ensures that crops benefit from the full stretch of the rainy

cycle. It reduces pests, strengthens root development, and significantly improves yields.

A late start, by contrast, traps farmers in a race against receding clouds, a race we almost always lose.

With government interventions such as Lemang Dijo providing seeds, inputs, and support, the responsibility now shifts to communities to act quickly and decisively.

Support is meaningful only when matched by effort on the ground.

If we plough in time, we can convert rainfall into real prosperity, more household food security, stronger rural economies, and a shrinking dependence on expensive imports.

In a country where climate variability remains a threat, every good rainy season must be treated as a national asset.

Let us not wait for the skies to change their mind. The plough must move now, while the soil still welcomes it.

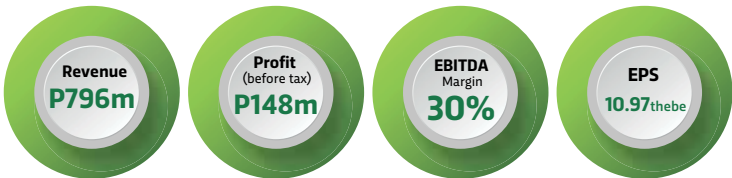
The rains are here. The moment is ours. Let us seize it.



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ABRIDGED UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Board and Management of Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited ('BTC') are pleased to present the Abridged Unaudited Interim Financial Results for the six months ended 30 September 2025.



COMMENTARY

Our Business

Botswana Telecommunications Corporation is a converged telecommunications operator offering fixed (voice and data), mobile (voice and data) and broadband services to consumers, enterprise and other licensed service providers.

Financial Highlights for the half year

- Revenue: P796 million
- Cost of Services and Goods Sold: P327 million
- Profit Before Tax: P148 million
- EBITDA margin: 30%
- Earnings Per Share (EPS): 10.97 thebe
- Cost to income ratio: 81%

Review of Results

The interim unaudited financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2025 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 November 2025.

Performance Overview

BTC has delivered a strong financial performance for the half-year period, driven by strong growth in key revenue streams and continued investment in network modernisation.

Revenue for the period closed at P796 million representing a 10.3% increase compared to the prior year. This underlying performance was underpinned by resilient growth in data services, with mobile data growing by 8% and broadband by 1%, both demonstrating solid traction during the period. Revenue was further supported by the successful delivery of a digital project, which provided an additional uplift to overall results. Mobile money and digital services continue to show sustained growth, reinforcing BTC's ongoing transformation journey and its commitment to delivering innovative solutions to customers. Cost of services and goods sold amounted to P327 million, maintaining a stable gross margin position, while disciplined cost management supported overall profitability. Profit before tax stood at P148 million, demonstrating resilience despite the pressure from increased spectrum licence fees and higher debtors' impairment.

EBITDA margin of 30% underscores the strength of BTC's core business and improved earnings quality. This translated into an Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 10.97 thebe (6.80 thebe prior year), reflecting enhanced shareholder value.

A continued area of focus for BTC is its cost-to-income ratio of 81%, with initiatives underway to optimise operating expenditure and unlock efficiency gains across the business.

Overall, BTC maintains a solid financial position, driven by consistent revenue growth, prudent management of costs, and strategic capital investments aimed at enhancing service delivery and network modernisation.

Domestic Economy

Botswana's economy contracted by 3% in the third quarter of 2025, reflecting a 28% decline in the diamond sector's performance. However, the non-diamond private sector expanded by 3.4% supported by growth in the service industries. The downturn has been driven by weaker global demand and fiscal challenges, though Bank of Botswana reports early signs of stabilisation in some service sectors such as tourism. Inflation stood at 3.7% in September, following the Bank of Botswana exchange rate adjustments that increased the downward crawl of the Pula and is expected to rise further as tight economic conditions continue.

Outlook

BTC will continue to advance Botswana's digital transformation during the second half of 2025 through a series of innovative initiatives focused on enhancing customer experience, improving network quality, and expanding digital and financial inclusion.

Key initiatives include implementing an omnichannel service strategy that seamlessly integrates all customer touchpoints, i.e. physical, digital, and mobile, to deliver a more convenient and responsive experience. In parallel, BTC will ensure it strengthens service reliability, improving capacity, and extending high-speed connectivity to underserved communities. The company will also upgrade and enhance its mobile money platform, to simplify onboarding and provide a superior, more intuitive user experience. Additionally, BTC will expand SMEGA Pay acceptance points through innovative payment solutions that enable the use of QR codes and tap-to-pay functionality. This will empower the informal sector and retail outlets to accept secure digital payments effortlessly.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the half year ended 30 September 2025	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2025 P '000	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2024 P '000	Audited 12 Months to 31.03.2025 P '000
Revenue from contracts with customers	796,125	722,059	1,492,760
Cost of services and goods sold	(327,018)	(267,098)	(603,005)
Gross profit	469,107	454,961	889,755
Interest income	41,506	28,185	60,422
Interest expense	(7,058)	(7,585)	(14,938)
Other income	23,925	2,671	38,708
Selling and distribution costs	(14,420)	(10,759)	(23,489)
Administrative expenses	(198,622)	(185,016)	(387,825)
Impairment loss on financial assets and contract assets	(14,507)	(7,838)	(24,973)
Other expenses	(151,526)	(129,297)	(278,631)
Profit before tax	148,405	145,322	259,029
Income tax expense	(33,210)	(33,458)	(56,825)
Profit for the period/ year	115,195	111,864	202,204
Other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit /loss in subsequent periods			
Impairment on assets transferred to held for sale	-	-	(2,745)
Income tax effect	-	-	604
Other comprehensive loss for the period/year	-	-	(2,141)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year	115,195	111,864	200,063
Basic and diluted earnings per share (Thebe):	10.97	6.80	19.26

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2025	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2025 P '000	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2024 P '000	Audited 12 Months to 31.03.2025 P '000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1,772,301	1,513,886	1,638,484
Intangible assets	154,745	150,388	151,934
Right of use assets	134,987	139,066	136,938
Performance bond	16,650	-	16,650
IRU asset	286,573	324,782	305,678
Contract assets	66,510	65,669	49,212
2,431,766	2,193,792	2,298,896	
Current assets			
Inventories	65,739	63,581	50,128
Trade and other receivables	481,451	322,380	380,766
Contract assets	41,089	21,375	43,920
Income tax receivable	2,891	897	-
Short term investments	96,776	170,350	56,411
Cash and cash equivalents	225,095	404,432	442,360
913,041	983,015	973,585	
Assets held for sale	12,488	6,332	14,742
Total assets	3,357,295	3,183,139	3,287,223
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Stated capital	478,892	478,892	478,892
Revaluation reserve	382,719	387,889	385,663
Accumulated profits	1,543,782	1,490,933	1,539,358
2,405,393	2,357,714	2,403,913	
Non-current liabilities			
Development grants	26,910	30,618	26,910
Lease liabilities	140,796	148,753	146,084
IRU liability	40,021	54,740	47,278
Contract liabilities	94	9,402	2,897
Deferred tax liability	232,720	176,475	199,510
Employee related provisions	2,649	4,166	3,776
443,190	424,153	426,455	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	436,520	341,003	383,007
Contract liabilities	4,848	5,017	2,879
Lease liabilities	20,721	17,435	15,898
IRU liability	14,291	12,965	13,834
Current portion of development grants	10,110	1,470	7,567
Current portion of employee related provisions	22,222	23,381	33,670
508,712	401,271	456,855	
Total liabilities	951,902	825,425	883,310
Total equity and liabilities	3,357,295	3,183,139	3,287,223

Communications Corporation Limited

RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Presented to shareholders the abridged unaudited financial results of the Company for the half year ended

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the half year ended 30 September 2025	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2025 P '000	Unaudited 6 Months to 30.09.2024 P '000	Audited 12 Months to 31.03.2025 P '000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	219,665	215,682	437,018
Working capital adjustments:			
(Increase/Decrease in inventories	(15,564)	(4,324)	5,471
Increase in trade and other receivables, contract assets and prepayments	(128,195)	(103,577)	(184,671)
Increase in trade and other payables and contract liabilities	51,932	12,637	32,259
Cash generated from operations	127,838	120,419	290,077
Ordinary dividend paid to shareholders	(110,547)	(227,908)	(269,787)
Income tax received	-	-	1,169
Net cash from operating activities	17,291	(107,489)	21,459
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Investment to expand operations:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(216,904)	(66,425)	(277,765)
Purchase of intangible assets	(20,243)	(2,811)	(17,830)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	15,141	17,691	37,663
and assets held for sale	44,714	27,913	60,821
Interest income received	(506,004)	(750,000)	(306,262)
Purchase of investments	465,639	677,547	357,654
Disposal of investments	-	-	(16,650)
Purchase of performance bond	(217,657)	(96,084)	(162,369)
Net cash generated used in investing activities			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Grants received	3,399	4,248	7,591
Interest paid on lease liabilities and IRU liability	(7,138)	(7,645)	(15,029)
Principal payment of lease liabilities	(11,143)	(7,350)	(21,044)
Principal payment of IRU liability	(6,800)	(6,372)	(12,965)
Net cash from financing activities	(21,682)	(17,119)	(41,447)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(222,047)	(220,692)	(182,357)
Net foreign exchange difference on cash and cash equivalents	4,782	(220)	(627)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period/year	442,360	625,344	625,344
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period/year	225,095	404,432	442,360

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the half year ended 30 September 2025	Stated Capital P '000	Revaluation Reserve P '000	Accumulated Profits P '000	Total P '000
Balance at 1 April 2024	478,892	393,713	1,614,745	2,487,350
Profit for the year	-	-	202,204	202,204
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	(2,141)	-	(2,141)
Total Comprehensive Income	-	(2,141)	202,204	200,063
Ordinary dividend declared	-	-	(283,500)	(283,500)
Depreciation transfer for land and buildings	-	(5,909)	5,909	-
Balance at 31 March 2025 (Audited)	478,892	385,663	1,539,358	2,403,913
Profit for the period	-	-	115,195	115,195
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)	-	-	115,195	115,195
Ordinary dividend declared	-	-	(113,715)	(113,715)
Depreciation transfer for land and buildings (Unaudited)	-	(2,944)	2,944	-
Balance at 30 September 2025 (Unaudited)	478,892	382,719	1,543,782	2,405,393

Presentation of Interim Financial Statements

The interim unaudited financial statements are presented in Botswana Pula (BWP), the Company's functional currency.

Basis of Preparation and Accounting Policies

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and on the going concern basis.

The accounting policies adopted for the period comply in all materials respects with IFRS © Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), IFRIC © interpretations issued by IFRS interpretations Committee and in the manner required by the Companies Act (CAP 42:01). These policies are consistent with those applied for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Outlook (Continued)

· Driving Digital Inclusion

In partnership with the Government of Botswana, BTC is driving digital inclusion by extending high-speed satellite connectivity to 61 rural villages across the country. Through this initiative, schools, clinics, community centres, and other key public service institutions are gaining access to reliable internet services.

· Enhancing Customer Experience through Network Expansion and Optimisation

BTC is in the process of connecting 105 localities across the country, bringing fast and reliable internet connectivity to underserved communities. To enhance customer experience and the quality of our mobile network, we are introducing Voice over LTE (VoLTE), a service that enables high-quality voice calls to be carried directly over our 4G/LTE data network. VoLTE delivers High Definition (HD) voice, providing clearer, more natural sound and significantly reducing call setup times, and enabling users to simultaneously use voice and data services without interruptions

· Transforming Enterprises

BTC continues to lead Botswana's digital transformation journey by implementing advanced data centre solutions that offer secure, scalable, and locally hosted services that can be tailored to meet the evolving needs of businesses. In addition, BTC is enabling cloud-based disaster recovery solutions designed to strengthen business resilience, safeguard critical data, and ensure continuity in an increasingly digital economy.

The Company has also introduced Cybersecurity as a Service, providing businesses proactive protection against emerging cyber threats, through real-time threat monitoring, vulnerability management, and incident response support - ensuring enterprises can operate confidently and securely in the digital landscape.

Dividends Declaration

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 5.15 thebe per share for the half year ended 30 September 2025. In accordance with the Botswana Income Tax Act (Cap 52:01) as amended, withholding tax at the rate of 10% or any other currently enacted tax rate will be deducted from the gross dividend.

Important dates pertaining to this dividend are:

Declaration date: 27 November 2025
Ex-dividend date: 07 January 2026
Last date to register: 09 January 2026
Dividend payment date: 21 January 2026

By order of the Board

Thato Kewakae | **Jürgen Peschel**
Chairperson (Interim) | Chief Executive Officer

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FARM WORKERS WANTED at Letsotsojane and at Bokaa Dam Fields. Please apply by Phoning to 77749004.

EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURE FARM worker needed in Thamaga. Apply - Thato Chalira Box 217 ABG Gaborone

FARM WORKER WANTED at Foley. Contact Pork Brook Holdings (Pty) Ltd. 74191981. Box 2753, Francistown

TWO FARM WORKERS needed for General Farming at Western Sandveld Ranches. Contact I. Linchwe 71598022 P.O Box 258 Mochudi

FARM LABOURER URGENTLY wanted at Shashe. Business Surge (Pty) Ltd, Box 285 Shashe

REQUEST TULI FRESH farm is looking for two farm workers to start working at the farm in January 2026, Applicants should be twenty five years and above apply to the manager Request Tuli Fresh P O Box 108 Machaneng Cell 74451342, Closing date 23 December 2025.

FARM WORKER NEED in Rakula farm. Call Ncube B. 76224701

FARM WORKER REQUIRED at Bobothakgama integrated farm, married couples preferred. Apply at farm or Box 2327 Mahalapye.

FARM HERDBOY WANTED IN TOBANE APPLY TO MR LEKANG P. O. BOX 26 TOBANE CLOSING DATE 26/12/2025

FARM WORKER WANTED Jackalas2, Box 1152 Francistown. Seamogetswe Keoleletse 71551647

HERDMAN WANTED AT KACHIKAU CONTACT- MOPAKO CELL; 71728625

2 FARM WORKERS/ Labourers required at Ruele Integrated Farmland. Must have at least one character reference. Apply to Vanishing Madondo Box 1479 Gaborone. Closing date 05 January 2026. Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to

FARM WORKER WANTED, Mogotlho farms. 72889466/ 75528681

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Dikwididi. Preferably female, thirty-five years and above. Possession of a driver's licence is an added advantage. Call 74007964 during working hours.

ASSISTANT FARM WORKER wanted BOX 1 Mmatshumo. 71759149/13694962

HERDMAN WANTED, LOROJANE, Gasita Area, Ngwaketse. Serious applicants only. Call 76851466.

HERDBOY/ FARM WORKER wanted Maditsenyane Naibo Beo Box 1077 Orapa 71673229

WANTED IS FARM worker at Tutume, Magapatona. Apply P O Box 402940 Gaborone.

2 FARM WORKERS needed in Mmamonageng, Ngware Extension Area: Contact Lefi Ngwanaamotho Tel: 72719904.

THREE FARMWORKERS WANTED Barulaganyi Mogwathe Box 41 Sefhophe 72607471

I AM LOOKING for experienced Manager and labourer in Francistown responsible fro 2 hectares-orchard & vegetables. 71444003

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ramonaka lands (Kgatleng). Apply to : Wagamang W. Matlalo , P/Bag 154 Gaborone

2 FARM WORKERS needed at Badeti farms in Thamaga. Apply to P.O Box 70322 Gaborone

TWO FARMWORKERS WANTED Moses Monnawapula Box 3 Sefhophe 77607471

ONE FARMWORKER NEEDED Bamilili Masole Box 160 Marobela 71361914

WANTED FARM LABOURER at Bobonong in farms. Contact Lorato Serumola Cell: 71206340

THREE FARM WORKERS wanted, Tshethlong Lands, Serowe 72122294.

FARM WORKER, LOCATION Maope farm Hatsalatladi Extension Area, P O Box 2838 Molepolole. Contact 72878859

FARMWORKER REQUIRED in Thamaga (Sepene). Send application to 71966999 (whatsapp) Closing application date 15/12/2025

2 FARM WORKERS needed at Mogobane Village by the 2nd of January 2026. Please contact Suzan at 71666512/ 76538081

FARM WORKER WANTED at Mosi. Apply Rahim Pandor.Box 350 Goodhope. Cell: 71496469.Closing date 24/12/2025

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gobosholo Lands. Dipuo Kenalemang Box 30 Tona 77165844

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ONALENNA RATSIEPE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District Republic of Botswana on the **24th day of July 2018.**

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged the Master

DATE at _____ On the _____ Day of _____ 2025

The Executor | Botsile Ratsiepe
P O Box V18, Ramotswa | **Tel No:** 71 203 085

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference:
ESHGB 000220/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **NGOSA CHILESHE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Republic of Botswana on **2nd April 2023.**

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

DATE _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2024.

Executor Dative | Phumi Jason Nonong
P O Box 501934, Mogoditshane
CELL: 71 696 721 / 72 628 217

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000600-23**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **CLAUDE LEO KIMPTON KAMANGIRIRA** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **04th June 2023.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2025

The Executrix Dative
Ruth Haruchemwi Kamangirira
P O Box 45263
RIVERWALK
Cell: 71635159/75216559

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000800-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late DINEO SERANYANE who died at Seetswane Ward, Mogapi, Central –Bobonong District, Republic of Botswana on 19th November 1998.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of (Twenty-one) 21 days from the date of publication hereof.
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE this day 2025

Executrix Dative
Keitumetse Paris Ratsuru
P O BOX 10225, PALAPYE
CELL: 74394801

CHANGE OF LANDUSE

GREENAM PROPRIETARY LIMITED for Residential plot no 23174 located at Ntsho Ward, Kanye.

Would like to change land use from residential use to Multi- Family residential use. For any communication or objections regarding the above request please contact or visit **Kanye District Council (Physical Planning Office)** within the next **fourteen (14) working days** of notice on 5440217

NAMPOL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS OPEN – P200.00 REGISTRATION FEE

ENROL NOW

APPLICATIONS ONGOING FOR 2026 INTAKE

PROGRAMS OFFERED

JANUARY INTAKE 2026 (CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS)

1. Certificate in Early Childhood Education

Entry Requirements (Certificates):

- At least 5 passes in JC or 3 passes in BGCSE

AUGUST INTAKE 2026 (DIPLOMA PROGRAMS)

1. Diploma in Early Childhood Education

2. Diploma in Primary Education

3. Diploma in Secondary Education

Entry Requirements (Diplomas):

- **36 points** (Gov't Sponsored)
- **31 points** (OVC/RAC)
- **30 points** (Self-Sponsored)

SHORT COURSES

1. Introduction to Computer Operations

2. Risk Management

NB: Government Sponsorship available for Diploma Programs

Physical address: Legotlhong Ward, Molepolole

(Opposite BPC, along Gaborone–Molepolole Road)

• **Contacts:** +267 73804323/ 5910392

• **Email:** enquiries@nce.ac.bw

• **Website:** www.nce.ac.bw

Learning modes: Full-time, Saturday, Online & Distance

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. 2257/2015** dated **21st day of August 2015** made in favour of **VICTOR ISAAC IAN MPETE** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 52823 Gaborone;
SITUATE : In GABORONE Administrative District;
MEASURING : **342m²** (Three Hundred and Forty Two Square Metres);
HELD : Under **Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 2257/2015** dated **21st day of August 2015** made in favour of **VICTOR ISAAC IAN MPETE.**

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.



PUSOENTSI MOREENG LEGAL | Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 114/115, Unit 10, Kgale Mews
Gaborone International Finance Park
P O Box 53129, Broadhurst GABORONE | **[Ref: MPM/tt/ 0145]**

VACANCY

Wildlife Veterinarian & One Health Researcher

CARACAL invites applications for a Wildlife Veterinarian and One Health Researcher based in Kasane.

Applicants must hold a veterinary degree and a PhD (or be near completion), with experience in wildlife health and genetic research. Proven ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals, and strong grant writing and fundraising skills are essential.

Send CV, cover letter, and two referees to: **admin@caracal.info**

Closing Date: 22nd December 2025

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000261/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THR LATE KEABONYE MORWAAGOLE who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the **8th June 2021.**

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

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

DATED atOn theday of2025

The Executrix
Onkabetse Morwaagole
P O Box 1160, MOSHUPA
CELL: 74367101 / 75563066

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 34(1) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT (CAP. 42:02)
CAMP FIRE INVESTMENTS PROPRIETARY LIMITED (UIN BW00000846812)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Camp Fire Investments Proprietary Limited** (the “Company”), a company duly registered in terms of the laws of Botswana and carrying on business at Plot 508, A10 Highway, Gabane, Botswana, proposes to dispose of its business undertaking through the alienation of shares, which will result in a change of effective ownership, control, and management of the Company.

The business of the Company comprises the manufacturing and sale of industrial chemicals, detergents, cleaning products, laboratory chemicals and solvents, paints, polishes, and related products, together with all business assets, stock-in-trade, and goodwill.

ANY PERSON having any claim against the Company is hereby required to lodge such claim in writing, together with full particulars and proof thereof, within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice.

Claims must be delivered by hand to:

Akheel Jinabhai & Associates
A.J.A. House, Unit 2, Matante Mews
Plot 54373, Central Business District
Gaborone, Botswana

Claims will not be accepted by electronic mail or by registered mail.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.
AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

GOLEBILWEMANG GOLEBILWEMANG EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 25, LETLHAKANE 74 712 948	AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN
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LIQUIDATOR’S NOTICE

*NOTICE OF ACCOUNT LYING FOR INSPECTION
FOR MAPS HOUSING (PTY) LTD - IN LIQUIDATION*

MASTER’S REFERENCE – LOHGB – 000005 – 21

Notice is hereby given that in terms of section 452 (2) of the Companies Act 42:01 the Amended First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account of the above mentioned company will lie for inspection at the Office of the Master of the High Court, Plot No 54375, Central Business District, Gaborone for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any objection to the liquidation account may be lodged with the Master within the prescribed period.

By the Liquidator,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Setlhoa Village, Unit 6, Setlhoa Office Park
PO Box 602430, Gaborone

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE OF ESTATES ACT [Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BOBUSETSANG NKALAFANG	ESHFT-001116-2524-03-26	0900HRS	LETSGOILE	

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap .31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1. BENJAMIN MOTSEOSI	ESHMN -000080-25	28/01/26	14:30 h

DATED AT MAUN THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT-000096-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SOLOMON MODISANE TSIANE- ESHFT 000096-25** who died at Prices Marina Hospital in Kweneng District on the **12th November 2024**.

NOTICE IS HERBY First and final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will li open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the **High Court Francistown** for period of **twenty-one (21) days** from the date of the second publications therefore.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

PHOGOLO TSIANE Executor Dative P O Box 36128 Francistown	AND TO: Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN
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MISCELLANEOUS

I TSHEPO JACOBS of ID 397610105 notify the public that i intend to change ownership of vehicle B973 ARM into my names. 74403161

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

I BONOLO PEARL MOATLHODI owner of plot 752 Tlokweg intends to change landuse from residential to multi-residential. For objections contact Tlokweg Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this notice.


CHANGE OF LAND use. Gaogakwe Segone of a light industrial (leather work) plot at Kopong, i would like to change use from leather work to residential plots after subdivision. For any objections contact Kweneng physical planning office on telephone no 5922628 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

OWNER OF PLOT 1610 Matlhare ward Shashe Bridge intends to change land use from multi residential to commercial guest house. For any objection contact North East District Council Physical Planning office. Telephone 2982229/2482129

CHANGE OF LANDUSE: The Apostolic Faith Mission in Botswana - Rasesa Assembly Church, owner of plot 2722 in Rasesa village, intends to change land use from residential to civic & community. For any objection, contact Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Department or Pastor Steven Moeng on 73051407

IRENE KAGISO MATSHEKA plot 9417 Mogoditshane Block 9 change of land use from residential to multi residential. Contact 72219048

KEBOTSEMANG DITSELA IS changing landuse of plot 284 Rasesa from residential to commercial guesthouse. All neighbors concerned may visit Physical Planning Office Mochudi Council or call 72607815


REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Name of Procuring Entity: Ministry For State President TENDERING PROCEDURES T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

- Tender Reference Number: SP/OP/020/2025-2026**
- Tender Title: PROCUREMENT OF A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE (NEOC)**
- Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Procurement of a Works Contract for the Construction of the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) in Gaborone

The Works Contract will include the following:

- a. NEOC Office Block
- b. NEOC Guard House
- c. External Works

- The Procuring Entity is Ministry for State President
- Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding Method
- Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories:

Building Works: Code: 01 -Building Construction Works Sub code(s): 01, Building Construction Grade E

The pre tender estimated cost of the project is BWP 169, 800, 000.00 (for guidance only)

- This tender is reserved for Citizen Contractors in line with Section 76 (2) of the Public Procurement Act 2021
- Preference margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the prescribed Preference Scheme: The local Procurement Scheme is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) Policy and Section 74-76 of the PPA 2021, both of which advocate for the economic empowerment of women,

youth and persons with disability, in general and specifically in the rural areas shall be implemented in the recommendation for award.

- Directive on the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) will be applied as per the applicable EDD guidelines
- Tenderers to purchase all their products from 100% Citizen locally based manufacturers and service providers, provided that the goods and services are locally available, competitively priced and meet tender specifications in terms of quality standard as certified or recognized by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) or other recognized certifying bodies.
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Finance House, Floor 3, Office number 03
- Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800 hours to 1230 hours and 1400 hours to 1530 hours effective from **05/12/2025**
- A non-refundable deposit of **P2,500.00** payable by cash made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the Procuring Entity stated in the tender is required on collection of the tender documents.

Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing no later than 3 days before the tender closing date to Mr Maeletso Pego, Tel No. 71842829, ; **Email: mpego@gov.bw** or **btpuleng@gov.bw** , Tel No.3950800 and bgabosekegwe@gov.bw

- A compulsory site visit and/ or pre tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place **at Gaborone, Block 10, Plot 66455 on 15/12/2025, from 1000 hrs to 1200 hrs.**
- Bidders will convene on site at 1000hrs for registration. Failure to attend site visit disqualifies the bidder from bidding.**
- The closing **22/12/2025** and time for receipt of

sealed tender offers is **1000 hours**

- Late tender offers will not be accepted.**
- The tender Evaluation will follow Least Cost Selection Works Evaluation Procedure.
- The Bid Submission Method is: One Envelope Submission Method in which a tenderers financial and technical offer is submitted together in one sealed envelope (or as per the approved evaluation method).
- One (1) original** tender document marked ORIGINAL and two **(2) duplicate copies** of the original document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked

“Tender Reference No: SP/OP/020/2025-2026 Procurement of Works Contract for the Construction of the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC); shall be delivered to office 401, Office of Government Buyer, Floor 4, Ministry For State President, Finance House, Gaborone,

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


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

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

DIRECTOR
PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT
MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

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APPROVED
PRIVATE BAG 001
GABORONE, BOTSWANA


Office of Government Buyer
Ministry for State President

Classified Ads

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNERS OF PLOT 9493 Tutume wishes to change land use from commercial to civic and community. For queries contact 73341814 or Tutume District Council on 2451395

HELEN RASEROKA IS changing plot 22987 Mogoditshane from residential to commercial. All neighbours concerned may contact Mogoditshane Physical Planning or call 72607815

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. FT 609/2019 dated **16th November 2019**, made in favour of **MARY NKHABA** in respect of the following property:-

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 11797, Selebi Phikwe;
SITUATE : In Selebi Phikwe Township Extension 20;
MEASURING : 267 m² (Two Hundred and Sixty Seven Square Metres);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy, is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag F72, Francistown, within **twenty one (21) days** from the second publication of this notice.

DATED at GABORONE this 28th day of November 2025

Khumomotse Law Practice Plot 60030, Block 7 Gaborone, P O Box 60783 Gaborone West Kiosk, **Tel:** (267) 319 0914/5 **Fax:** (267) 319 0909

NOTICE OF A TRANSACTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN RELATION TO IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY SITUATED IN TLOKWENG BETWEEN TOMELETSO RAMATLAPENG AND ADEKUNLE OLASUPO EYITAYO

TAKE NOTICE THAT Adekunle Olasupo Eytayo is in the process of acquiring the rights, title and interest from Tomeletso Ramatlapeng in relation to the following properties;

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 17097, Tlokweng; **SITUATE:** in Cadastre 0003, Batlokwa Tribal Territory;

MEASURING :1.0921 Ha (One point zero nine two one Hectare);

WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Deed of Customary Land Grant No. DR004299331 dated 4th February 2025 made in favour of Tomeletso Ramatlapeng;

FURTHER THAT the consideration as agreed between the parties is BWP1, 000, 000.00 (One Million Pula).

ACCORDINGLY, as per Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act (transactions involving non-citizens), the public in particular citizens of Botswana are notified of the transaction and any party having any interest to participate or have a claim, issue, objection and/or any other matter against the aforesaid transaction, is advised to submit same in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by registered mail to the following address;

The Directors | Adekunle Olasupo Eytayo
C/o ANDRECK MOAKOFHI LAW
P.O Box 1534 AAD POSO HOUSE, Gaborone

THANK YOU
ADEKUNLE OLASUPO EYITAYO

LEKORWE J

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT LOBATSE **CASE NO. CVHGB-001232-24**

In the ex parte application of:

OLD MUTUAL SHORT-TERM INSURANCE (BOTSWANA) LIMITED **Applicant**

And

GRAND TARISMO (PTY) LTD **Respondent**

In re:

OLD MUTUAL SHORT-TERM INSURANCE (BOTSWANA) LIMITED **Applicant**

And

GRAND TARISMO (PTY) LTD **Respondent**

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE: SHORT FORM OF PROCESS

TO: GRAND TARISMO (PTY) LTD, a company incorporated in terms of the law, particularly, the Companies Act whose address is Plot 26105, Block 9, Gaborone, Botswana.

TAKE NOTICE that by Application issued out of this Court, you have been called upon to give notice within twenty (21) days after publication hereof, to the Registrar of the High Court, Gaborone and to **MASWABI LAW** the Plaintiff's Attorneys of your intention to oppose (if any) in an application wherein **OLD MUTUAL SHORT TERM INSURANCE (BOTSWANA) LIMITED** claims the following orders:

- a) Directing that the Default judgement granted to the Respondent on the 20th September 2024 be rescinded and set aside, and the Applicant be granted leave to defend the matter;
- b) Directing that the execution of the judgement granted on the 20th September 2024 be rescinded and set aside;
- c) Directing that the Respondent, and particularly the attorneys who received the P111,000.00 payment from the Applicant should forthwith refund the P111,000.00 that the Applicant paid; and
- d) Cost of suit; and
- e) Further and/or alternative relief

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED IN GABORONE ON THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

MASWABI LAW | Applicant's Attorneys
Plot 101, Independence Avenue, Extension 11
P. O. Box 70316, GABORONE

LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACCOUNT LYING FOR INSPECTION FOR DECALOGUE (PTY) LTD - IN LIQUIDATION

MASTER'S REFERENCE – LQHGB – 000004 - 24

Notice is hereby given that in terms of section 452 (2) of the Companies Act 42:01 the Amended First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account of the above mentioned company will lie for inspection at the Office of the Master of the High Court, Plot No 54375, Central Business District, Gaborone for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any objection to the liquidation account may be lodged with the Master within the prescribed period.

By the Liquidator,
Jethro Kamutsi
Prestige Business Consultants (Pty) Ltd
Sethoa Village, Unit 6, Sethoa Office Park
PO Box 602430, Gaborone

PUBLICATION 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 **PLOT 3379, MAFITLHAKGODI WARD, TLOKWENG.**

And the Liquor Control Authority has determined that the application shall be heard by the Control Authority on the day of20.....

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/her intention to oppose the application and state the grounds in which his/her objection is based.

MACTONY INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD T/A LEROTHODI TAVERN **A. G. MASIRE**

Name

Director

Address **PLOT 3379, MAFITLHAKGODI WARD, TLOKWENG.**
P. O. BOX 2072, GABORONE

Date

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

ESHFT-000273-23

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

In the Estate of the late **MBIGANYI MADONGO NDZIMUMBI**, ESHFT-000273-23 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the 7th day of January 2023. Notice is hereby given that the Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8TH DECEMBER 2025

MAREA MBIGANYI
P O BOX 11039
Tatitown, Francistown

GLADYS BEDU OTHUSITSE
P.O.Box 301675
Francistown

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
PRIVATE BAG F13, Francistown

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000358/21

IN THE ESTATE of the Late Kabelo Mothobi who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 06th July 2021.

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

DATED at __on this __Day of __2025

The Executrix Dative
Charity Mathibidi
P O Box 935, MOSHUPA
Cell: 74894886/71566696

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE GABORONE MAGESTERIAL DISTRICT HELD AT VILLAGE CASE NO: CCMVL-001674-25

In the matter between:

ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS *Plaintiff*

And

WAMORENA LAWRENCE KENAOPE *Defendant*

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following property will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff **AUGUSTINE K. MOKALAKE** to the highest bidder as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 29TH JANUARY 2026
VENUE: BROADHURST MAGISTRATE COURT YARD
TIME: 10:30 A.M.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 1 X TOYOTA PRADO LAND CRUISER REGISTRATION NO. B 707 AVV, WHITE IN COLOR
CONDITIONS OF SALE: CASH OR BANK GUARANTEED CHEQUES IMMEDIATELY AFTER SALE.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 08TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

DEPUTY SHERIFF AUGUSTINE K. MOKALAKE c/o ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS,
PLOT 61127, GROUND FLOOR, MEDSWANA BUILDING, GABORONE P.O. BOX 27,
LOBATSE – TELEPHONE NO. 398 5256 (Ref: AB01/01/25/MAA/km)

THE OWNER OF plot number 469 Matshelagabedi hereby by gives notice of intent to change the land use of the plot from industrial to (Commercial Self Catering Apartments). Any queries or objections should be forwarded to North East District Council within 14 days of this publication

OWNER OF TRIBAL lot 12862 Tlokweng wants to change land use from residential to multi-residential. All owners of neighbouring plots are asked to contact +267 73020006 or Tlokweng Sub District Council on +267 3695000 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 15724 Gaborone Tawana owner wishes to change landuse from residential to multi family residential. Contact GCC on 3657492 for any objection

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 6722 Tlokweng, Mmaratanang, owner wishes to build boundary wall, contact council on 3695018 for any objection.

I HELLEN DIPUO Mangogola of plot 1696 Tati-Siding, intends to change land-use from single family to multi-residential. For any objections call North East District Council on 2482229 within 14 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF LAND use. Plot 5260, Pitsane East. Owners of plots surrounding the above plot are informed of change of land use of the plot from multi residential to a commercial plot. Please contact 72654338/ 5486223 or Rolong Landboard for any objections.

THE OWNER OF Plot 5694 Charleshill hereby gives notice of intent to change the land use of the plot to civic and community (Church). Any person with objections is invited to submit them in writing to the Charleshill District Council within 14 days from the date of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 19364, Palapye, would like to erect a boundary wall. For objections please contact Palapye Administration Authority Physical Planning Office 4921092.

VACANCIES

MOCHUDI CENTRE CHIEFS calls for applications for the following vacancies: 1). Defenders, 2). Midfielders, 3. Strikers. Please forward your applications to: gm@mochudicentrechiefs.com. P O Box 492 Mochudi, The General Manager Mochudi Centre Chiefs Unit 2, Remmogo Crossing Gaborone. Deadline is 09-01-2026.

APPLICATION ARE INVITED FOR INDIAN EXECUTIVE CHEF BY SWAMI INVESTMENT (PTY) LTD. LOCATION MMAMABULA, MINIMUM 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE, BATSWANA PREFERRED DEADLINE 26 DECEMBER 2025 P. O. BOX 315,KASANE

URGENTLY LOOKING FOR Diesel Mechanic 5 years experience, JOELIGO PROJECTS , Box 1086 Gaborone, cell 75627884

TEACHER NEEDED AT Precious Academy Tuition with a Diploma in Early Childhood. Must have a permission to teach and at least 10 years experience. Send your CV' s to Plot No 50218, Block 5 Gaborone. Closing date 25 December 2025.

PHARMACIST REQUIRED FOR a reputable pharmacy in Gaborone must have 5 years experience in Botswana along with blue card. Citizens would be preferred. P O Box 404651 Gaborone.

CLUB LOOKING FOR players, 2 strikers . Contact 74223789 for more information.

FINANCE MANAGER NEEDED .Should have strong solid accounting background, Served at least 10 years in Senior Management. BICA registered Chartered Accountants preferably. Closing date 25 December 2025. Email mfsobhan@gmail.com, Postal 842 Gaborone

VACANCIES

HORTICULTURE PERSON WANTED
Phikwe. Cabbage experienced.
72920597

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS wanted.
Requirements : Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Experience : 3 years or more. Contact : 72541137, 76970980, 78103671. Closing date : 17 December 2025.

PHOMOLO HEALTH IS looking for a qualified Biomedical Engineer to handle maintenance, calibration, installation and repairs of medical equipment across our facilities. Requirements : Degree/ Diploma in Biomedical Engineering. Experience in Clinical setting is an advantage. Apply: career@kalafhi.co.bw

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URGENTLY WANTED-PROJECT
Installation Senior Supervisors X2 with full experience of more than 5 years in removal & installation of the Enviro-Cool shell and tube, water chiller compressor unit and V-type condenser. Apply to Enviro-Cool Sa (Pty) Ltd. P O Box 47375 Phakalane, Gaborone

TAU CREATIONS (PTY) P. O. Box 301763 Tlokweng. 74282942. We are looking for a Fashion Designer with 3 to 5 years of experience to join our team, The ideal candidate should be creative, skilled in garment construction and able to work with minimal supervision

FARM MANAGER WANTED at Agronomist 3 to 5 years experience Box 24 Sebina 71457016/ 71848306 Lepasha Farm Balindi Zephanian

QUALIFIED PRESCHOOL TEACHER wanted at Lifespring preschool. Apply to P O Box 10495 Francistown. 76733411

VACANCY: CLASS TEACHERS, HILLCREST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

We are seeking innovative and qualified Class Teachers to join our dedicated team. The ideal candidates must be:

- Holders of at least a Diploma in Education
- Dedicated and enthusiastic teaching professionals
- Equipped with excellent communication and instructional skills
- Committed to creating a positive and engaging learning environment

A minimum of **five (5) years teaching experience** in an **English Medium School** will be an added advantage.

To **apply**, please submit your application letter, detailed CV, and certified copies of qualifications to: - The Human Resources Manager, Hillcrest International School, P.O. Box 20541, Gaborone not later than **31 December 2025**.

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H/W RAKODI
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT VILLAGE
CASE NO: CCMVL-001132-25

In the matter between:

GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD	APPLICANT
And	
LONGWALK CONSULTANTS (PTY) LTD KAONE GAOGOPOLWE	1 st RESPONDENT 2 nd RESPONDENT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

TO: LONGWALK CONSULTANTS (PTY) LTD represented by KAONE GAOGOPOLWE, whose last address known to the plaintiff is Gaborone.

TAKE NOTICE THAT by summons issued out of the Magistrate Court of the Republic of Botswana you are called to give notice within 14 days after publication hereof, to the Clerk of the Court and to the Plaintiff of your intention to defend (if any) in an action wherein the plaintiff GARONA INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD claims:

1. Payment of P10,000.00
2. Interest at the rate of 4% per month.
3. Costs of the suit.
4. Further and/ or alternative relief.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that if you fail to give such notice, judgment may be granted against you without further reference to you.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

Biyata Moshagane
Garona Investments
Plot 126, Unit 24
Cell No: 3934000

TO: Kaone Gaogopolwe
Longwalk Consultants
P O Box 211410, Gaborone

HINDU SOCIETY FRANCISTOWN invites applicants from qualified Batswana for the following vacancy that exist at our **Hindu Temple in Francistown.**

1. Hindu Temple Priest

a. Job Purpose: Responsible for performing the temple rituals, Hindu religious poojas, Yagnas, ceremonies & teaching Vedas.

b. Job Requirements:

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- Must Have Shastri Certificate.
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Applications with all relevant support documents should reach the address below on or before 31st December 2025.

The Temple Secretary | **Hindu Society Francistown**
P.O. Box 1603, Francistown

No faxes will be allowed.

A well-established Farm in Botswana situated in Southern District has the following vacancy available:

1. Farm Foreman/Manager

- Driver's License
- 10 years' experience in farming and managing livestock

Apply in confidence, enclosing your C.V to:

The Director
Tuonane Ventures (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 821 **Gaborone**

Closing Date: 20 days from the date of issue of this advert

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act
[Cap.31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BONTLE KGO THU	SHFT-000571-25	26-03-26	0900 HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DECEMBER 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



PUBLIC NOTICE

*Please be advised that, through Government Gazette Notice No. 689 of 2025, published on page 5777, the President has restructured and renamed the Ministry for State President to be the **Ministry for State President, Defence and Security.***

The reorganization expands the Ministry's portfolio responsibilities to include National Defence, Police Services, Internal Security, Private Security, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Toxins Weapons, as stipulated in the referenced Gazette Notice.



3950 800 op-pr-office@gov.bw P/Bag 001 Gaborone Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

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. TG 364/2013 dated 6th NOVEMBER, 2013** made in favour of **SEASON FIVE PROPRIETARY LIIMITED** in respect of:

CERTAIN	Piece of land being Tribal Grant No. 8665-KO
SITUATE	At Sesung / Moatle in Bangwaketse Tribal Territory
MEASURING	3.9756 HA (THREE POINT NINE SEVEN FIVE SIX HACTARES)
HELD UNDER	Deed No. TG 364/2013

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

DATED at Gaborone this 27th day of NOVEMBER 2025

Kgomotso Chingana Ramaphoi | **applicant**

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

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that Jeremiah Sello (MR.) of Tlhareselele village in Borolong, Southern district intends to sell a ploughing field of five (5) hectares.

LOCATION :Tlhareselele lands
MEASURING: 5 hectares (five)
HELD UNDER :certificate of customary land grant.

Consideration of the property amounts to **P200,000.00 (Two hundred thousand pula only)** as is, not fenced, not debushed, excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in the purchase of this property.

All persons objecting to this transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objections with reasons, in writing, with Rolong land board, Private bag 001, Goodhope, Pitsane, Botswana, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone this 24/11/2025

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NOTIFICATION

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 (2) of the Environmental Assessment Act, (CAP 65:07)
NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) FOR THE PROPOSED INFILL LAYOUT AND DEVELOPMENT OF MOHEMBO FERRY PRECINCT BY THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM.

The major findings of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) study undertaken for the proposed development of infill layout and the development of the Mohembo Ferry Precinct as summarised hereunder:

a. Description of the Project

The Mohembo Ferry Infill Tourism Layout Master Plan is a strategic spatial framework designed to transform the Mohembo West locality into a vibrant, eco-sensitive, and economically inclusive tourism precinct.

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism is intending to develop the following sectors:

- Mixed-Use Zones: blending commercial, hospitality, and residential uses to catalyse economic vibrancy.
- Eco-Tourism/Eco-Lodges: low-impact riverfront developments that enhance Mohembo's position as a tourism gateway.
- Agro-Tourism Parcels: integrating farming, food security, and cultural heritage with visitor experiences.
- Civic and Institutional Zones: schools, clinics, and community halls supporting inclusive service delivery.
- Residential Areas: single-family and multi-family housing for staff, residents, and service workers.
- Green Corridors and Public Spaces: providing biodiversity buffers, recreational amenities, and climate adaptation functions.
- Together, these components create a cohesive framework that balances tourism growth, community development, and environmental protection, positioning Mohembo as a model for sustainable tourism-led development in Botswana.

b. Location of the Project/Development

The proposed Mohembo Ferry Infill Tourism Layout Precinct development is located in Mohembo. The Mohembo Ferry Tourism Precinct is located within the Okavango District of Botswana. It lies within the Okavango Panhandle along the eastern bank of the Okavango River, one of the world's most renowned inland delta systems and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. The precinct is situated near the Mohembo Ferry crossing, which connects the Mohembo East and Mohembo West villages, acting as a strategic transport and tourism access point in the north western part of Botswana.

c. The anticipated environmental impacts of the project and the proposed mitigation measures to respond to both negative and positive environmental impacts.

The following anticipated impacts are likely to occur during the construction, operation, and decommissioning stages:

Parameter	Description of Impacts	Proposed Mitigation Measures
Bio-Physical		
Air Quality and Climatic Factors (Decrease air quality)	Decrease in air quality (in the local area) from producing dust and greenhouse gas emissions.	Shift and reduce coal-based power sources- carbon footprint. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM); Increase in renewables in Energy Mix (Solar & CBM). Layouts & landscape designs to take note of environmental constraints such as wind directions
Climate Resilience	Flooding risks and heat stress affect infrastructure and tourism comfort.	Avoid flood-prone zones, use climate-smart infrastructure (e.g., elevated buildings, green roofs), and promote adaptive landscaping.
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)	Loss of vegetation and land for agriculture due to bush clearing.	Preserve ecosystem functions and connectivity. Bush clearing should only be carried out within the agreed areas. The protected plant species within the development area will be preserved without alternative ways.
	Disturbance and alteration of faunal and avifauna habitats.	Any fauna directly threatened by construction activities should be relocated in liaison with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks. Preserve riparian buffers, integrate ecological corridors into planning, avoid ecologically sensitive zones, and apply habitat offsetting. Align with SDG 15.
Surface and Groundwater Impacts	Pollution risk from stormwater runoff and greywater discharge into the Okavango River.	Geochemical sampling and testing of local water bodies. Pollution control measures built suitable for the potential pollutants.
	Local change of groundwater levels	Monitoring of abstraction volumes Monthly water level measurements and annual updates of the numerical groundwater flow model.
Landscape visuals amenity	De-bushing and ground levelling can hinder land aesthetics	All areas to be debushed should be precisely demarcated. Bush clearing should only be carried out within the agreed areas, and the debris should be carried to designated areas.
Acoustic amenity quality	Increase in ambient noise levels. Noise from construction and river-based tourism disrupts community life and wildlife.	Maintenance of equipment and machines used on-site and on roads, as well as annual auditing of noise levels. Landscaping which takes which reduces/ deflects the transmission of noise Limit construction to daylight hours, preserve vegetative buffers, and maintain noise thresholds.
Waste Nuisance	Risk of land pollution due to waste quantities generated during the construction and operation stages.	Policies & Plans for waste reduction; recycling, reuse or energy recovery Provision of waste receptacles on the project site
Soil Erosion	Soil erosion, sedimentation into the Okavango River, and compaction from construction machinery.	Implement erosion control measures (gabions, revegetation), reuse topsoil, and minimise development in erosion-prone zones. Align with land productivity goals.
Social and Cultural Heritage		
Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Risk of loss or damage to archaeological materials and cultural heritage resources. e.g., Mowana tree, historic trails) and erosion of cultural identity.	Follow the recommendations of the approved Archaeological Impact Assessment. Archaeological monitoring during clearance and excavation. Any chance findings must be reported, heritage trails and cultural narratives must be integrated into development, FPIC from local communities must be ensured, and collaboration must be made with the National Museum and Monuments. Align with UNESCO heritage protection.
Occupational health and safety	Increased instances of HIV/AIDS and STI infections, increased occurrence of TB and malaria.	Development and implementation of the HIV/AIDS, STI, and TB Policy. Partnership with DMHT.
Traffic Congestion	Increased road traffic and congestion around Mohembo, especially near ferry crossings and lodges.	Maintain speed restrictions and follow all road rules. Introduce public transport, pedestrian walkways.
Tourism Pressure and Carrying Capacity	Risk of over-tourism degrading ecosystems, increasing pollution, and commodifying culture.	Develop a Tourism Management Plan, limit the number of tourist lodges in sensitive zones, promote eco-tourism, and regulate visitor access to heritage and riparian areas.
Land Use and Land Tenure	Flooding risks and heat stress are affecting infrastructure and tourism comfort.	Avoid flood-prone zones, use climate-smart infrastructure (e.g., elevated buildings, green roofs), and promote adaptive landscaping.
Socio-economic and Development		
Creation of Employment	Increased short- and long-term employment within the Mohembo area.	Roles will be advertised locally to ensure residents opportunity to apply. No hiring at the site. Regional or national recruitment centres should be established.
Regional economic development	Diversification of the national economy and Regional economic development. Community development induced by the Local Empowerment Drive (LED) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Utilise the existing local business database to identify local SMMEs. Establish linkages with other key stakeholders in the area involved in skills and SMME development. Some investors will undertake Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Local Empowerment Drive (LED) programs at the Mohembo throughout the operational phase.
Skills transfer	Skills transfer and development	The professional foreign workers transfer specialised, gainful skills to the hired local workforce.

d. Strategic Environmental Assessment Placement

Copies of the Strategic Environmental Assessment can be accessed at the following areas by the public:

- Department of Environmental Protection, Gaborone office
- Shakawe kgotla
- Mohembo kgotla
- Department of Environmental Protection, Maun

e. Correspondences

All correspondences should be addressed to The District Environmental Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, P O BOX 35, Maun, and Tel: +267 6801237, Fax 6862503 or hand delivered to the Department of Environmental Protection, Plot 523, Light Industrial, near Motovac, before **18/12/2025**

KITSISO

Kitsiso e, e ntshiwa ka ntsha ya Tsetlana ya molao wa Tshekatsheko Tikologo wa Bolesome (Environmental Assessment Act, (CAP 65:07) **KITSISO SECHABA MABAPI LE KANOKO YA TSHEKATSHOKO YA KAMEGO YA TIKOLOGO E E KA BAKWANG KE DITLHABOLOLO TSA LEFEO LE LE KGETHEGILENG MO TIKOLOGONG YA BOROGO JWA MOHEMBO KE BA LEPHATA LA TIKOLOGO LE BOJANALA**

Kitsiso e e tlhalosa diphithlelelo tsa bothokwa tsa tshekatsheko ya Tikologo Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) sobokantswe fa tlase:

a. Boleng le bogolo jwa ditlhabololo

Moalo wa go tlhabolola Bojanala ko Bophirima jwa Mohembo mo go kgethegileng, go dirwa ka keletlotlhoko le boitsanape gore go tle go sologelemolemo banni ba motse le go babalela tikologo fa ditlhabolo di dirwa.

Ba lephata la Tikologo le Bojanala ba ikaelela go tlhabolola dikarolo tse di latelang:

- Dikarolo tse di Dirisiwang ka Ditsela tse di Farologaneng:** go kopanya kgwebo, mafelo a itloso bodutu le mafelo a bonno go godisa itsholelo.
- Bojanala jwa Tikologo/Matlo a Bojanala a Tikologo:** dithabololo tse di nang le ditlamarago tse di ko tlase mo nokeng gape di oketsa maemo a Mohembo e le tsela ya Bojanala.
- Dikarolo tsa Temo-thuo e e kopaneng le bojanala:** go kopanya temo, polokego ya dijo le bontle jwa setso le maitemogelo a baeti.
- Dikarolo tsa sechaba le diterelo tsa sechaba: dikole, dikokelwana, ntlo lehalahala tse di tla dirisediawang go isa ditlamelo tse di tokafetseng ko bathing.
- Dikarolo tsa Bodulo:** matlo a malapa a le mongwe le a malapa a le mantsi a batho ba ba berekang, baagi, le ba ba berekang mo ditirelong.

Mafelo a a sireletsegileng a diphologologo le dimela le a dirisiwang ke sechaba: Mafelo a a tla rotloetsa motsamao wa diphologologo di sa kgoreletsege, gapa a dirisediwa itloso bodutu le go sireletsa kगतलहणंग ले माओ लाओ। Ka kakaretso, dikarolo tse di bopa mealo e e utlwanang gape e lekanetse e rotloetsa kgolo ya bojanala, thabololo ya sechaba le ditirelo tsa sechaba, le tshireletso ya tikologo, e be e baya Mohembo e le sekai sa thabololo e e tsamaisanang le bojanala mo Botswana.

b. Lefelo la Tlhabololo

Lefelo la ditlhabolo tse, k emo motseng wa Mohembo. Lefelo le le mo kgalong ya Okavango ko bokone-bophirima jwa lefatsho la Botswana. Lefelo le le mo Makgobokgobong a Okavango ko ntheng ya bothaba jwa letshitshi la noka ya Okavango, e leng nngwe ya dinoka tse di tumileng thata mo lefatsheng mme e le Lefelo la Lefatsho lele sireleditsweng ke ba lephata la mafatshefatsho la UNESCO. Lefelo le le gaufi le tsela ya sekepe sa dithotho sa Mohembo, se kopanyag metse ya Mohembo o o ko bothaba le Mohembo o o ko bophirima, mme e le tsela e e bothokwa ya dipapadisanyo le bojanala kwa bokone bophirima jwa Botswana.

c. Ditlamarago tse di ka bakiwang ke tlhabololo, methale ya go fokotsa manokonoko a ditlamarago tse di sa siamang kana go nonotsha tse di siameng.

Ditlamarago kana manokonoko a a ka nnang teng ka nako ya kago, nako ya tiriso le ka nako ya fa ditlhabololo di sa tlhole di dirisiwa ke a latelang;

Parameter	Tlhaloso ya ditlamarago	Tlhaloso ya dikgato tsa go fokotsa dikotsi Tsa Tlholego ya Ditschedi
Boleng jwa Phefo le Seemo sa Bosa (Go fokotsa boleng jwa phefo)	Phokotsego ya boleng jwa phefo (mo lefelong la selegae) go tswa mo go ntsheng lerole le mewa e kgotlelang tikologo.	Fetolela le go fokotsa metswedi ya motlakase e e dirisang magala - carbon footprint Thulaganyo ya Tlhabololo e e Phepa (CDM); Koketsego ya metswedi ya motlakase e e ntshwafaditsweng mo motswakong wa motlakase (Solar & CBM). Dithulaganyo tsa go aga le tsa go kgabisa naga go akanyetsa dilo tse di ka kgoreletsang tikologo tse di jaaka tsela e phefo e fokang ka yone
Go Itshoka Maemo a Loapi	Morwalela Mogote o o feteletseng o o amang bojanala ka kakaretso	O seka wa aga mo mafelong a a nang le kgonagalo kana go tshabelelwa ke go nna le morwalela. dirisa boitseanape jwa tikologo (tse di jaaka go agela kwa godimo,), mme go rotloedwa go dirisa methale ya go babalela tikologo.
Mefutafuta ya Ditschedi (Diphologolo le dimela)	Go lathegelwa ke dimela le lefatsho la temothuo ka ntsha ya go rengwa ga dikgwa.	Go boloka tikologo le go golagana ga yone. Go bula sekgwa kgotsa go ntsha dimela mo sekgweng go tshwanetse ga dirwa fela mo mafelong a go dumalanweng ka one. Mefuta ya dimela tse di sireleditsweng mo lefelong le le tla tlhabololwang e tla sirelediwa kwa ntle ga ditsela tse dingwe.
	Go kgoreletsa le go fetola mafelo a diphologologo le dinyanyane di nnang mo go one.	Diphologologo dipe fela tse di tshosediwang ka tlhamalalo ke ditiro tsa go aga di tshwanetse go fudusediwa kwa lefelong le lengwe go latelwa tsamaiso. Sireletsa ditsela tsa metsi, kopanya ditsela tsa tikologo mo go rulaganyeng, gapa mafelo a a bothokwa thata mo tikologong, mme o dirise tsela ya go duela mafelo a diphologolo. Ikanne le SDG 15
Ditlamarago mo Metsing a a Kwa Godimo le a a Kwa Tlase ga Lefatsho	Kgonagalo ya maetsi a morwalela le a kgopo ya leswe go amana le noka ya Okavango.	Go tsaya disampole le go tlathloba metsi a a mo lefelong leo. Dikgato tsa go laola kgotlelesegoo tse di agilweng ka tsela e e tshwanelang dilo tse di kgotlelang tse di ka nnang teng
	Phetogo ya metsi a a kwa tlase ga lefatsho	Go ela tlhoko selekanyo sa metsi a a ntshiwang ka kgwedi le ngwaga. Tshedimosetso ya ngwaga le ngwaga ka dipalopalo tsa metsi a a kwa tlase ga lefatsho.
Ditlamelo tsa tebogo ya tikologo	Go rema ditlhare le go dira gore mmu o lekanane go ka kgoreletsa bontle jwa naga	Mafelo otlhe a a tshwanetseng go rengwa a tshwanetse go kgaogangwa sentle. Go phepafatsa mo sekgweng go tshwanetse ga dirwa fela mo mafelong a go dumalanweng ka one, mme matlakala a tshwanetse go iswa kwa mafelong a a tlhomamisitsweng.
Tlhokomelo ya modumo mo tikologong	Go oketsega ga modumo mo tikologong ka ntsha ya ditiro tsa go aga le tsa go dira.Mo goka amang diphologolo le Bojanala.	Tlhokomelo ya didirisiwa le methini e e dirisiwang mo lefelong le mo ditseleng, tlathloba ya ngwaga le ngwaga ya selekanyo sa modumo mo tikologong. Go kgabisa naga go go dirang gore modumo o se ka wa fetela kwa go tse dingwe. Go tswlwlanetse ga agiwa fela ka dinako tsa pereko tse di kafa molaong
Matlakala a a tshwenyang	Kgonagalo ya go kgotlelwa ga lefatsho ka ntsha ya selekanyo sa matlakala a a tlhagagang ka nako ya go aga le go dira	Maano le ditsetlana tsa go fokotsa matlakala; go a dirisa gape Go nna le mafelo a go bolokiwang matlakala mo go one mo lefelong la porojeke kgotsa madirelo.
Go kgothega ga mmu	Go kgothega ga mmu, go kgekegethela ga mmu mo Nokeng ya Okavango, le go papatlelwa ga mmu ka methine ya go aga.	Dirisa ditsela tsa go laola go gogelwa ga mmu (dikgopa, go jala dithare gape), dirisa mmu o o kwa godimo gape, mme o fokotse go thabolola mo mafelong a a nang le kotsi ya go gogelwa ga mmu. Ikanne le maikaelelo a go ntsha molemo mo lefatsheng.
Diphetogo tsa loago le tsa setso		
Matlotlo le ditsatholego le Ngwao-Boswa	Kgonagalo ya go lathegelwa kgotsa go sengwa ga matlotlo a ditsatholego le dithotho tsa ngwao-boswa.	Go sala morago ditshutiso tsa tshekatsheko ya matlotlo le ditsatholego e amogetseng. Tlhomamiswa go nna teng ga baitsanape ba matlotlo le ditsatholego ka nako ya go phepafatsa le go epa. Lephatla la ditso le matlotlo di tshwanetse go itsisiwe ka bofelo fa go ka fitlhelwa matlotlo
Boitekanelo le pabalesego ya kwa tirong	Koketsego ya batho ba ba tshwarwang ka mogare wa segajaja le malwetsi a tshelwanang ka tlhakanelo dikobo, koketsego ya kgotlholo e tona le malaria.	Tlhabololo ya ditsetlana tsa bolwetsi jwa segajaja, malwetsi a tshelwanang ka tlhakanelo dikobo le kgotlholo e tona. Tirisananyo mmogo le ba lephata la botsogo
Kgoreletsego ya mesepele ya dikoloi	Koketsego ya dikotsi tsa tsela bogolo jang go bapa le sekepe sa dithotho..	Tsamaya ka lebelo lele lekanyeditsweng Melao yothle ya tsela e tshwanetswe go selwa morago. Tsenya dipalangwa tsa botlhe, ditsela tsa batsamaya ka dinao.
Kgatelelo ya Bojanala le Seemo sa go sa go sireletsa tikologo	Kotsi ya Bojanala jo bontsi thata mo go felelang go ama tikologo thata. Jaaka matlakala a mantsi le go kgothega ga tikologo	Dirisa tsamaiso ya Morero wa Bojanala, beela palo ya matlo a baeti mo mafelong a a bothokwa, gakolola bajanala ka tikologo, mme o laole go tsena ga baeti mo mafelong a gaufi le noka.
Tiriso ya Lefatsho le Boemo jwa Lefatsho	Kotsi ya metsi a mantsi le kgatelelo ya mogote e ama dithuso tsa tikologo le Bojanala ka kakaretso	O seka wa aga mo mafelong a a nang le kgonagalo kana go tshabelelwa ke go nna le morwalela. dirisa boitseanape jwa tikologo (tse di jaaka go agela kwa godimo,), mme go rotloedwa go dirisa methale ya go babalela tikologo.
Tlhabololo ya loago le itsholelo		
Tlhamo ya ditiro	Koketsego ya mebereko ya nakwana le ya sennela ruri.	Ditiro di tla phatlaladiwa mo lefelong go netefatsa gore baagedi ba nna le tshono ya go dira kopo. Ga go na batho ba ba thapiwang mo lefelong la madirelo. Go tshwanetse ga thomiwa ditikwatikwe tsa go thapa tsa kgaolo kgotsa tsa bosetshaba.
Tlhabololo ya itsholelo ya kgaolo	Tlhabololo ya itsholelo ya lehatshe le ya kgaolo Tlhabololo ya kgaolo e eteletsewe pele ke morafe	Dirisa tshedimosetso ya dikgwebo tse di mo kgaolong e e leng teng go lemoga dikgwebo potlana tsa beng gae. Tlhomama dikgolagano le batsayakarolo ba bangwe ba ba bothokwa mo lefelong le le amegang ka bokgoni le tlhabololo ya dikgwebo potlana Babeletsitsi bangwe batlaa thusa ka dithuso tsa madi le go nonotsha itsholelo mo Motseng wa Selibe phikwe mo tsamaong ya nako.
Go fetisiwa ga dikitso le botsipa	go fetisiwa ga bokgoni le tlhabololo leo dikitso tse di kgethegileng.	Badiri ba batswakwa ba ba nang le dikitso ba abela badiri ba ba hiirilweng ba mo lefelong leo dikitso tse di kgethegileng.

d. Leano la go Tlathlobiwa ga Tikologo

Meriti eee feletseng ya mekwalo ya tshekatsheko ya ditlamarago tsa tiro mo tikologong e ka bonwa kwa mafelong a a latelang:

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Mokwalo wa dikakgelo go tswa mo go ba ba ka amegang, kgotsa ba ba nang le kगतलहणंग मो तिरोंग ए, ओ का रोमेलवा क्वा गो; Mogokaganyi wa Kgaolo wa tsa Tikologo, Lephatla la Tshomarelo Tikologo, P O BOX 35, Maun, and Tel: +267 6801237, Fax 6862503 or hand delivered to the Department of Environmental Protection, Plot 523, Light Industrial, near Motovac, before. **18/12/2025**



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Name of Procuring Entity: Ministry For State President TENDERING PROCEDURES T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

- Tender Reference Number: SP OP/018/2025/2026
 - Tender Title: PROCUREMENT OF A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE (NEOC) - ELECTRICAL WORKS
 - Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Procurement of a Works Contract for the Construction of the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) in Gaborone – Electrical Works
- The Works Contract will include the following:
- NEOC Office Block
 - NEOC Guard House
 - External Works
- The Procuring Entity is Ministry for State President
 - Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
 - Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories:
- Electrical Code 02 (Electrical Engineering Works) and Sub-code 01-Electrical Installations in Grade E
- Sub code(s): 01, Grade E
- The pre tender estimated cost of the project is BWP 29, 103 119.09 (for guidance only)
- This tender is reserved for Citizen Contractors in line with Section 76 of the Public Procurement Act 2021
 - Preference margins will be applied to qualifying bidders in line with the prescribed Preference Scheme: The local Procurement Scheme is in line with the Citizen Economic Empowerment (CEE) Policy and Section 74-76 of the PPA 2021, both of which

- advocate for the economic empowerment of women, youth and persons with disability, in general and specifically in the rural areas shall be implemented in the recommendation for award.
- Directive on the Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) will be applied as per the applicable EDD guidelines
 - Tenderers to purchase all their products from 100% Citizen locally based manufacturers and service providers, provided that the goods and services are locally available, competitively priced and meet tender specifications in terms of quality standard as certified or recognized by Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) or other recognized certifying bodies.
 - The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Finance House, Floor 3, Office number 01
 - Documents may be collected during working hours between 0800 hours to 1230 hours and 1400 hours to 1530 hours effective from 05/12/2025
 - A non-refundable deposit of P1,100.00 payable by cash made out in favour of the Government of Botswana or the Procuring Entity stated in the tender is required on collection of the tender documents.
- Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of these documents may be addressed in writing no later than 3 days before the tender closing date to Mr Maeletso Pego, Tel No. 71842829; Email: mpego@gov.bw or B. Puleng, Tel No.3950884 email: btpuleng@gov.bw
- A compulsory site visit and/ or pre tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Gaborone, Block 10, Plot 66455 on 15/12/2025, from 1000 hrs to 1200hrs.
 - Bidders will convene at 1000hrs for registration. Failure to attend site visit disqualifies the bidder from bidding.
 - The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender

- offers is 1000 hours on 22/12/2025
- Late tender offers will not be accepted.
 - The tender Evaluation will follow Least Cost Selection Evaluation Procedure or any other method authorized by the Accounting Officer.
 - The Bid Submission Method is: One Envelope Submission Method in which a tenderers financial and technical offer is submitted together in one sealed envelope (or as per the approved evaluation method).
 - One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and two (2) duplicate copies of the original document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked
- “Tender Reference No: SP/OP/018/2025-2026 Procurement of Works Contract for the Construction of the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) - Electrical Works; shall be delivered to office 401, Office of Government Buyer, Floor 4, Ministry For State President, Finance House, Gaborone,
- The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked on the envelope.

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

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- Tender Reference Number: SP OP/019/2025/2026
 - Tender Title: PROCUREMENT OF A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE (NEOC) - MECHANICAL WORKS
 - Sealed Tender offers are invited for the Procurement of a Works Contract for the Construction of the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) in Gaborone – Mechanical Works
- The Works Contract will include the following:
- NEOC Office Block
 - NEOC Guard House
 - External Works
- The Procuring Entity is Ministry for State President
 - Procurement Method is: 100% Citizen Owned Companies Open Domestic Bidding Method
 - Tenderers must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following categories:
- Mechanical Engineering Works and Maintenance: Code: 08
- Sub code(s): 01 Air conditioning/Refrigeration systems, 02 Solar water heating, 03 Lifts, hoists and escalators, 04 Fire Suppression systems, 05 Compressed air equipment installation, 06 Liquid petroleum gas installation and equipment, 07 Low pressure water systems, 10 General fabrication and machine shop services and 11 Pumps and munchers, Grade E
- The pre tender estimated cost of the project is BWP 7, 300, 000.00 (for guidance only)
- This tender is reserved for Citizen Contractors in line with Section 76 of the Public Procurement Act 2021
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Ikageng Junior Secondary School receives new classrooms

The donation is poised to remedy the school's long-standing crisis of overcrowding and allow it to finally discard the double-shift system

Keetile Bontsibokae
METSIMOTLHABE

Some sense of relief and optimism swept through Ikageng Junior Secondary School last week as the school received a new block of three classrooms from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

Speaking at the handover ceremony recently, the school's head of department for pastoral care, Ms Botlhale Mogotsi, reflected on the responsibility of nurturing young lives.

"To shape the life of a child incites sleeplessness, as one has to tell oneself that whenever a child needs help, he or she has no choice but to go out and ask for it, with or without a penny in his or her pocket," she said of a ceremony that marked a significant step toward securing a brighter and more focused future for the learners.

The deputy schoolhead, Ms Matilda Rantadi, said the school, which opened in 1996 as an 18-stream school, had since ballooned into a massive 36-stream institution, a population boom she said had severely conflicted with the stagnant infrastructure and forced the school management to introduce a double-shifting schedule.

Ms Mogotsi explained that the move to find a solution was born out of a mutual agreement between the school management and the Parents Teachers Association (PTA).

She said following consultation with village leadership, the caucus agreed to embark on an active scouting exercise to find a partner to deliver the school from its crisis.

"After knocking door-to-door without answers, the scouts eventually connected with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), who became our good Samaritans," she said.

She added that upon securing PwC's interest, the initial plan involved sourcing porta-cabins. However, she said when the final cost of the temporary structures surpassed the designated budget, the firm of accountants took a decisive turn as they opted to build a block of three permanent classrooms using bricks and mortar, which they recognised as a more affordable and as a lasting alternative.

On one hand, while the double shift solved the immediate problem of classroom space, its introduction brought with it a cascade of negative consequences, which the school management dubbed a 'monster.'

Ms Mogotsi said the double shift had devastating impact as it caused learners to idle because they had a lot of time without parental supervision.

"They go all over unsupervised and that created room for truancy, teenage pregnancy, drugs and some absconding from school," she added.

She also indicated that the

system contributed to lesser contact between learners and teachers and also forced morning shift learners to wake up as early as 4am, while those in the afternoon shift returned home from as late as 5:30pm to 6pm, a particularly difficult journey for those who walked from distant villages like Mankanke, Gakuto, Gamodubu and Gamononyane.

With the new classrooms, Ms Mogotsi said the school would nullify the double shift and return to the traditional single shift.

"We are going to have enough time with the learners, taking care of them in school in terms of learning and getting the right education because learners will now leave no later than 4:30pm," she said.

Conversely, Ms Mogotsi thanked PwC for their kindness and partnership as the school looked forward to better performance and a holistic educational environment.

For his part, PwC country senior partner, Mr Rudi Binedell, said their firm was committed to solving problems and helping future societies.

Mr Binedell said PwC's corporate social responsibility had focused on schools and the youth for the past three years, driven by the knowledge that 'the youth are the future.'

He said the classrooms were not just buildings but doors to opportunities, adding that "the future belongs to those who work hard to learn and dream."

He revealed that the construction was a personal commitment, with each of PwC's partners digging deep into their own pockets to contribute to demonstrate their support for Batswana as well as their belief in a better future for Botswana. He assured the learners and teachers that the classrooms were not empty halls but were fully furnished and ready for immediate use. **BOPA**

Elders inspire learners with words of wisdom

Omphile Ntakhwana
LERALA

Leral Junior Secondary School learners have been advised to manage their time efficiently during the festive period and apportion most of it to studying.

Speaking at a Career Day organised by the school's guidance and counselling department, Kgosi Ookeditse Shaw encouraged students to resist wayward behaviour, especially during the festive season.

"You are not going to be kids forever and the time is now for you to make decisions that will positively impact your future," he said, adding that they should pull up their socks and work hard.

He said a school was not a playground, but rather, a place for



Mr Beni Matilangane, 35, of Mbalambi has built his future on the quiet work of bees. From a small start in backyard hives, he earns a living that has transformed his life in tangible ways. With proceeds from bee farming, he has bought goats and improved food security for his family. Mr Matilangane dreams of securing a larger piece of land to expand his apiary and eventually supply honey and bee products to neighbouring villages. His hope is that the business will inspire other young people to explore sustainable agriculture. Photo: Goweditswe Kome

Orange Botswana advocates safer space for GBV victims

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

In a quest to change the narrative of gender-based violence (GBV) in the country, Orange Botswana continues to partner with organisations to create safe spaces in the society through action.

The organisation has created donation channels running GBV awareness campaigns to provide resources for victims in a bid to rebuild their lives.

This time, Orange Botswana identified the Maun-based Women Against Rape (WAR) as its beneficiary for their corporate social responsibility for this year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

WAR is an organisation that supports abused women and children through various programmes. It also operates a safe house to provide shelter and a place to heal for victims.

Through their partnership, employees from both organisations embarked on an activity to refurbish WAR's shelter.

Orange employees also handed donations to WAR for use at the shelter and further revived the clients' garden and surrounding areas at the shelter, including tree planting courtesy of the

Department of Forestry and Range Resource.

Delivering a keynote address, Orange Botswana director, Ms Modiri Nlanda emphasised the critical need to join forces toward GBV fight.

"Every year, we engage our staff on voluntary basis to do something because we want to stand in solidarity with survivors hence this time we decided to join forces with WAR and refurbish their shelter to ensure an enabling and safe environment," Ms Nlanda said.

She appreciated that shelters offered more than just a safe haven, but provided essential care and support services for individuals affected by GBV, offered safety, healing and empowered victims as they rebuild their lives.

At Orange, she said they had a foundation with a dedicated orange money account where people donated.

She added that they had also placed some baskets in every office for donations. "I am proud to announce that the donations comprising of food stuff, blankets, toiletry and garden tools, among others, are donated by our employees. This is a clear indication that we believe in making an impact which is sustainable and I can assure WAR staff that we are committed to walk the journey together going forward," she said.

Furthermore, she was of the view that the donations would help meet their daily needs and feel greater sense of comfort, dignity and stability.

Ms Nlanda also highlighted that through partnerships, they could create a positive change and build stronger communities and urged other companies to come on board and do something to end GBV.

Kgosi Keatile Moremi thanked Orange Botswana for supporting WAR's efforts towards creating a society free from GBV through awareness, education and strategic partnerships.

She acknowledged that the organisation was doing a great job and that their efforts were recognised locally and beyond borders and pleaded with the community and other stakeholders not to lose hope in the fight against GBV.

"If people lose hope, they stop taking action which allows the cycle of violence to continue. GBV requires sustained effort and belief that change is possible," she added.

WAR executive director, Ms Peggy Ramaphane stated that violence happened in every household and advocated a shelter for men and boys as they were also affected citing that reports had shown that 27 per cent of men were abused hence the need for a safe place to stay.

With proper resources, she highlighted that shelters had the capacity to provide the range of protection and support services necessary to help survivors and those at risk of violence to avoid future abuse.

"In our women and girls' shelter, we try by all means to meet their basic needs such as accommodation, food, health and we even accompany our clients to court, police as well as provide psychosocial support, legal aid and resources for healing among others," she said.

Ms Ramaphane also noted that they also conducted advocacy lobbying for legal and policy changes to combat GBV and appreciated that government involved them to have an input in some amended polices and Acts, among them, the Sexual Offenders Registry Act and Penal Code, targeting sexual offences, raising minimum sentences and the age of consent. **BOPA**

learning and understanding how one could be a productive member of society. "Do home chores but do not forget to tell your parents that you need to study. If they are giving you problems, come see me," he said. Kgosi Shaw further encouraged students to talk to their parents about their education and also encourage them to be fully involved in their educational journeys.

"Listen to advice, pay attention to sound wisdom and always show desirable manners to your elders," he said.

For his part, the guest speaker Dr Boitumelo Metlhaleng advised students to learn to work with others. "Ask questions, be forward, do not be shy. These days it is hard to find employment," he said.

With the theme of the day titled 'Building bridges to success:

Careers for a brighter tomorrow,' Dr Metlhaleng encouraged students to choose to learn, to try, to push themselves further and to build their confidence.

"Believe in yourselves. Learn to be an effective communicator, learn skills, be disciplined and do everything to the best of your abilities," he continued.

Having worked in government, the private sector as a doctor, and now in private practice, Dr Metlhaleng encouraged students to dream big and reach for the stars. The schoolhead, Ms Dorothy Mookodi said Career Day was a good initiative as it aimed to inspire and empower students as they explore various career paths and industries. Dignitaries from different professions also gave talks about their disciplines and what it takes to be a professional. **BOPA**



Arts expo signals festival rebirth

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe
MAUN

The sound of children laughing and the thump of musicians warming up behind the stage was not what regulars of the Poetavango Traditional Arts Festival expected and that was exactly the intention.

Maun recently witnessed the birth of a refreshed cultural celebration at Cresta Riley’s Hotel: the Poetavango Music and Arts Expo. The event is a spirited spin-off of the long-running Maun International Arts Festival



Karabo ‘Nonowe’ Rakodu captivated the audience with a soulful set at the Poetavango Music and Arts Expo, adding her voice to the event’s vibrant celebration of emerging musical talent.



Khoisan delivering a crowd pleasing performance at the Poetavango Music and Arts Expo.

(MIAF), which has served as a cultural anchor for the region for years. For Poetavango chairperson, Legodile Seganabeng, the day was more than just another event; it marked a quiet revival of an artistic tradition that had been on the brink of fading. “Last year we did not have the main festival because of financial challenges,” he said, explaining how a once well-funded cultural pillar found itself struggling to stay afloat without consistent government support.

Determined to preserve the festival, Poetavango turned to partnerships, finding critical support from the Orange Botswana Foundation. The collaboration made this year’s music-focused edition possible.

Orange Botswana Foundation Social Impact Coordinator, Dineo Mpule, said the partnership aligned with the organisation’s mission to uplift cultural and artistic initiatives.

“We are proud to be the main sponsor of the Music and Arts Expo happening today,” she said. She noted that Orange Botswana contributed P150,000 to the festival, adding that the foundation supported projects that advance culture and expand access for communities.

“Culture brings together a wide range of audiences across all social groups, establishing dialogue between countries and communities which is why it is important to support such initiatives,” she added.

According to Mpule, supporting Poetavango was not merely an act of charity but an investment in creative



Stiger Sola captured the festival’s renewed focus on showcasing musical talent alongside its poetic roots. Photos: Courtesy of Poetavango

potential, particularly in bold and innovative projects that nurtured young artists, musicians, and authors who would shape the future economy.

Poetavango has long been synonymous with poetry, powerful verses that fill rooms and captivate audiences. However, Seganabeng acknowledged that this strong identity had unintended consequences, as other art forms such as comedy, visual arts, and music often remained overshadowed.

“Poetry became so big that people never fully saw our capacity in music,” he said.

The Music and Arts Expo was crafted to shift that narrative. For the first time, music claimed centre stage, providing young performers with opportunities they had long awaited, while showcasing the breadth of Poetavango’s artistic reach.

“We needed something that would turn the corner so that when we bring music back to the main festival, people will know what we are talking about,” he explained.

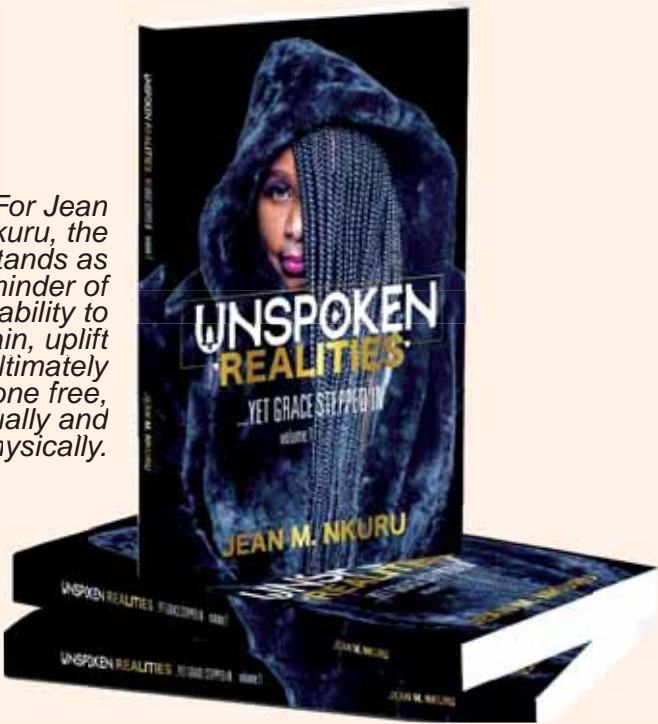
One of the most distinctive features of the event was its intentional inclusion of children, an often overlooked demographic in arts festival planning. Face painting, water slides, swings, and a lively play area transformed the venue into a family-friendly space, ensuring that entertainment extended to the youngest festival-goers.

“People forget about children, yet they also need entertainment, and it is important that they also explore and experience fun,” said Seganabeng.

The expo also sought to uplift music in a region where the art form continues to struggle for visibility and where opportunities for young musicians remain limited. Poetavango hopes this renewed focus will help shift that dynamic.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the crowd, the organisation had succeeded. Families lingered long after performances ended, musicians mingled with supporters, and a renewed sense of cultural pride rippled through the venue. **BOPA**

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Book tackles hidden traumas

Benita Magopane
GABORONE

Behind every woman who appears unshaken, there is often a story she has never told.

In her new book *Unspoken Realities*, author Jean Nkuru opens a window into the hidden experiences of women living with gender-based violence, along with a way out to freedom.

The faith-based guide, rooted in personal experience and spiritual reflection, draws inspiration from the unwavering faith of Nkuru’s mother, who silently endured her own share of life’s challenges, including domestic violence. Despite the hardships, she emerged resilient, strengthened by her deep trust in God.

For Nkuru, the book stands as a powerful reminder of faith’s ability to sustain, uplift and ultimately set one free, spiritually and physically.

“With the heavy weight of my mother’s struggles, there were moments I expected her to stumble. But somehow, she always emerged stronger. Later, I understood it was because she held firmly to her faith in God to see her through,” Nkuru said in an interview.

Though *Unspoken Realities* is written for a broad audience, the 126-page book speaks especially to mothers and women, those who often share only fragments of their struggles while keeping the rest

hidden, hence the title *Unspoken*.

Chapters such as *A Deceiving Mother* explore the polished façades many women maintain while suffering quietly in relationships in an effort to protect their children.

The chapter urges mothers to rise from deception to authenticity and to seek healthier and balanced ways to safeguard their children while preserving their own well-being.

Other chapters, like *Warfare Mother*, emphasise the importance of prayer and spiritual warfare, reflecting Nkuru’s belief that many of life’s troubles extend beyond what the eye can see, influenced by unseen forces that can only be challenged through prayer.

In total, the book features 27 chapters, each crafted to speak to women across the many areas where they may need support.

At its core, *Unspoken Realities* encourages women to draw strength from faith, not to endure silently, but to speak out for their own healing and to protect the well-being of their children.

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In her new book *Unspoken Realities*, Jean Nkuru opens a window into the hidden experiences of women living with gender-based violence, along with a way out to freedom. Photos: Courtesy of Jean Nkuru

World Athletics Relays Gaborone 2026 receive boost

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The journey toward hosting one of the most prestigious events on the global sporting calendar, the World Athletics Relays in May 2026, has received a monumental boost this week with the unveiling of three key corporate partners. Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited, Halfway Toyota and the Diamond College of Botswana have stepped forward as official sponsors, securing the necessary support to make the highly anticipated event to be held in Gaborone a reality. Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng, hailed the upcoming relays as a historic moment for Botswana and Africa.

“World Athletics Relay Gaborone 2026, has to be one of the events that will never be erased from the global history books,” Minister Kelebeng said. He thanked the new partners, saying that their shared vision was crucial for making the monumental event a possibility. Again, he said the sponsorships would resonate far beyond the stadium and shape the country’s narrative and drive economic transformation, through the revitalisation of the hospitality sector and growth for small businesses by attracting athletes, officials, fans and media from around the globe. “Sports stand out as a key engine for tourism,

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business, and global reputation and through your partnerships, Botswana can continue to stand tall as a formidable competitor among nations,” he said.

Gaborone City mayor, Oarabile Motlaleng, celebrated the hosting of the event as a powerful catalyst for urban development.

“Hosting the event is a catalyst for transformation across urban development, enhancing infrastructure and igniting a renewed sense of civic pride in every neighbourhood,” Motlaleng said.

He emphasised that the influx of global visitors presented an opportunity to stimulate the local economy and create lasting legacies in tourism and urban amenities. He thus called upon sponsors to further partner with the Gaborone City Council to enhance the host city’s aesthetics, adding that the council was fully

mobilised to ensure world-class standards of cleanliness, smooth traffic flow and public safety throughout the event. “We are engaging our communities, vendors, transport operators and youth to ensure that the entire city is aligned, informed and enthusiastic,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited pledged a sponsorship worth over P3 million.

Halfway Toyota would provide logistical support with a sponsorship valued at P15 million, supplying 30 vehicles to support the transportation needs of the Local Organising Committee (and other officials). Diamond College of Botswana committed to providing the official hardware, pledging 120 gold, silver and bronze medals, each engraved with a diamond. **BOPA**



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng (centre) and World Athletic Relays Gaborone 2026 Local Organising Committee chairperson, Professor Mokgwathi (second right) Botswana Telecommunications Corporation Limited chief marketing officer, Mike Siachitema (right), Halfway Toyota chief executive officer, Riaan Grobler (second left) and Diamond College of Botswana founder, Tsholofelo Molapisi during the unveiling of World Athletic Relays sponsors in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Phenyio Moalosi

Four-team football spectacular here

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

South Africa’s Betway Premiership giants, Mamelodi Sundowns will today feature in a four-team one-day Morupule Charity Spectacular at the Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown today.

Organised by Morupule Coal Mine in conjunction with Morupule Wanderers, the football competition dubbed Morupule Charity Tournament, will also feature three FNB Premiership outfits; TAFIC FC, Morupule Wanderers and Sua Flamingoes.

Wanderers head of publicity, Thabo Rapula said the decision to invite Sundowns, as guest participant in the tournament, was to hype the event and attract the much needed support from football lovers taking into account that the team commanded a reasonable following in the country.

Having Sundowns, he said would not only spice up the tournament, but would equally be an opportunity for local players to up their game and attract scouts that would be accompanying the team as well as learn from professional players in the Betway Premier League.

“Even beyond the Morupule Charity Spectacular, we want to have good a relationship with them, to go play friendly matches at Klerksdorp. We want to see growth in our administrative department and we can learn more from them about development of football also,” he said.

He noted that the tournament was an initiative by Morupule Coal Mine and Morupule Wanderers aimed at giving back to the less privileged members of the community in Palapye. Meanwhile, the tournament is expected to start at 10am where the opening game will see Sundowns locking horns with Sua Flamingoes, followed by Morupule Wanderers and TAFIC FC at noon. So far, he said preparations went well as they had had activations in Palapye and Francistown respectively. The stadium will open gates for spectators at 8am. **BOPA**

Motorsport returns with The Shutdown drag race thrill

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

The high-speed world of motorsport returns to Lobatse tomorrow as Botswana Racewars stages an action-packed drag racing showdown dubbed The 2025 Shutdown on the Okavango Road near the Lobatse Sports Complex.

The event follows the successful annual BotsRacewars drag race held in August, hosted by Maverick Motorsport Botswana in collaboration with Rhyno’s Torque Show of South Africa and Skygate Motors.

Maverick Motorsports event organiser, Tebogo Moori, said the much-anticipated motorsport spectacle would feature a broad lineup of modified cars and top-tier drivers competing over a 500-metre stretch.

Vehicles expected on the track include high-performance models such as the Mercedes-AMG, Audi RS3/RS5, BMW M5 and Porsche 911.

He noted that the 2024 defending champion, BMW



Dracular 2.2, a Motswana driver, who did not race in August, is set to return to the strip this weekend.

According to Moori, participation had been overwhelming, with 15 local drivers, 10 from South Africa, four from Lesotho, two from Zimbabwe, and one from Namibia confirming attendance. Motorsport enthusiasts will also enjoy quad bike demonstrations and other entertainment segments.

Although the reigning

champion Audi TT RS, renowned for its legendary 5-cylinder engine will not compete, South African driver Bongani Ntila is expected to participate in a different vehicle model.

In a move to support local talent, organisers have introduced Sejana sa Toropo, an award aimed at honouring the fastest Lobatse drivers as part of efforts to nurture grassroots motorsport skills.

The race will run from 10am until 7pm, followed by an after-

party at Thema Motswedi Park.

Among dignitaries expected to attend are Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe, Kgosi Khama IV of Bangwato, world-leading athletics sensation, Collen Kebinatshipi, Lobatse mayor Aron Ganakgomo, Lobatse MP Kamal Jacobs, Lobatse Town Clerk, Lenamile Taolo and Lobatse district commissioner, Mpho Mathe.

“This time around we have managed to increase parking space to ensure better crowd control,” Moori said. **BOPA**

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Mompe elevates to international cycling body

GABORONE

Game Mompe is pedalling her way to the pinnacle of international cycling governance. This follows an announcement that the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) has officially appointed her as a member of the UCI BMX Freestyle Commission for the prestigious 2025–2029 term, a move that significantly elevates her growing influence within the global cycling community.

The appointment, confirmed via a press release from the Botswana Cycling Association (BCA), places Mompe within the specialist bodies established by the UCI Management Committee.

These bodies are crucial to the UCI's mission and governed and advanced cycling worldwide by developing strategic and regulatory recommendations that shaped the evolution of their respective disciplines.

Mompe is now part of an elite, diverse group of experts and athlete representatives hailing from cycling powerhouses like Denmark, New Zealand, Germany and Japan.

Her presence marks a significant moment, ensuring a fresh, African perspective is brought to the table for the strategic development of BMX Freestyle on the global stage.

UCI president, David Lappartient, confirmed Mompe's appointment, expressing

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strong confidence in her future contributions. He anticipates that her input will be positive and constructive for the continued development of cycling worldwide.

Mompe's UCI role is the crowning achievement in what has been a truly remarkable year of success in sport governance. Her appointment is the culmination of a series of achievements that have rapidly accelerated her trajectory, including her election as Botswana National Olympic Committee

(BNOC) vice president earlier this year.

She has also made history by becoming the first Motswana to be appointed to the Confederation of African Cycling (CAC), establishing a significant milestone for Botswana's presence and voice within continental sport governance.

For the Botswana Cycling Association (BCA), Mompe's appointment holds immense national significance as the

association anticipates that her new role will deliver several key benefits to the country as well increase Botswana's exposure to the BMX discipline, which is a fast-growing Olympic sport.

The role further provides direct access to international expertise and development pathways and this comes at a crucial time, as the BCA is currently undergoing internal discussions regarding the introduction of BMX in Botswana.

Leveraging Mompe's new international platform, the BCA aims to create new opportunities for youth participation, talent identification and the diversification of the nation's cycling portfolio.

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BTA coach education system impressive

Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has renewed its recognition of Botswana Tennis coaches education system to white level for the period 2025–2029.

Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) president, Oaitse Thipe, said in an interview that the renewal meant that BTA was now self-sufficient in training coaches up to the Play and Stay coaching level.

He said this means the country has an adequate number of qualified tutors who can conduct coaching courses and issue certifications locally.

"This really means a lot to the Botswana Tennis Association. It shows that the world tennis governing body trusts us to ensure that coaching standards across the country are being met," he said.

Thipe noted that the renewed recognition would enable the association to host advanced-level coaching courses next year

with a well-prepared pool of local coaches.

He said it was therefore crucial for the national tennis federation's coaching education system to remain standardised. This includes having a consistent training plan for all coaches, a licensing system, and an

operational coaches commission to ensure that only licensed coaches are utilised.

Botswana earned the renewed recognition after the ITF, together with its Coaches Commission, established criteria and minimum standards for coach education systems, which were later adopted by the ITF Board of Directors.

According to a letter from the ITF, these criteria and coaching competencies for various levels were developed to ensure quality standards in coaching education globally and to allow the evaluation of member nations' systems.

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