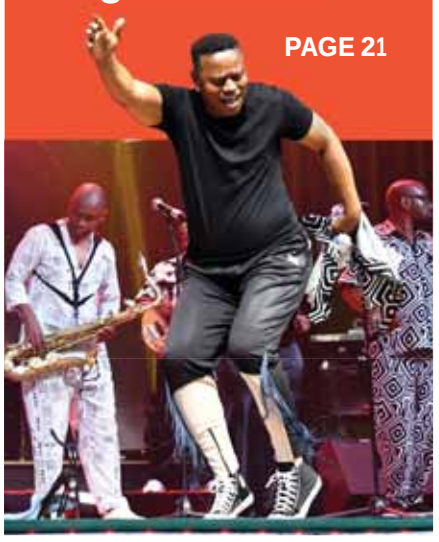
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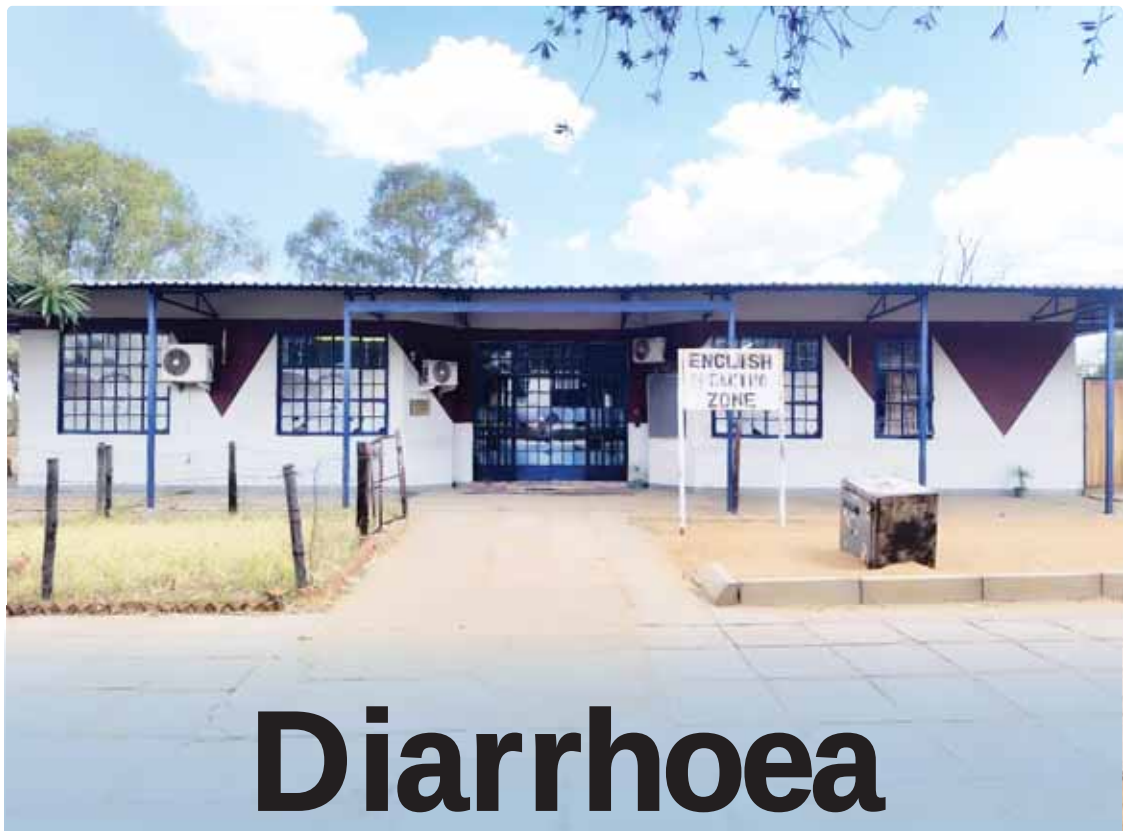
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Growing more on less

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
ANTALYA

In Antalya, Türkiye, agriculture tells a story of technology, innovation and the deliberate management of natural resources. Instead of relying solely on expansive fields, farmers have embraced protected cultivation and modern production systems to grow substantial quantities of food throughout the year. Driving through the town, greenhouses are almost a permanent feature of the landscape. Inside them, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, strawberries and other vegetables thrive under protected conditions. Beyond the greenhouses, small fields and orchards line the roads, with orange, lemon, mandarin, pomegranate, avocado and olive trees adding colour to the countryside.

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Move beyond rhetoric and promises - Boko

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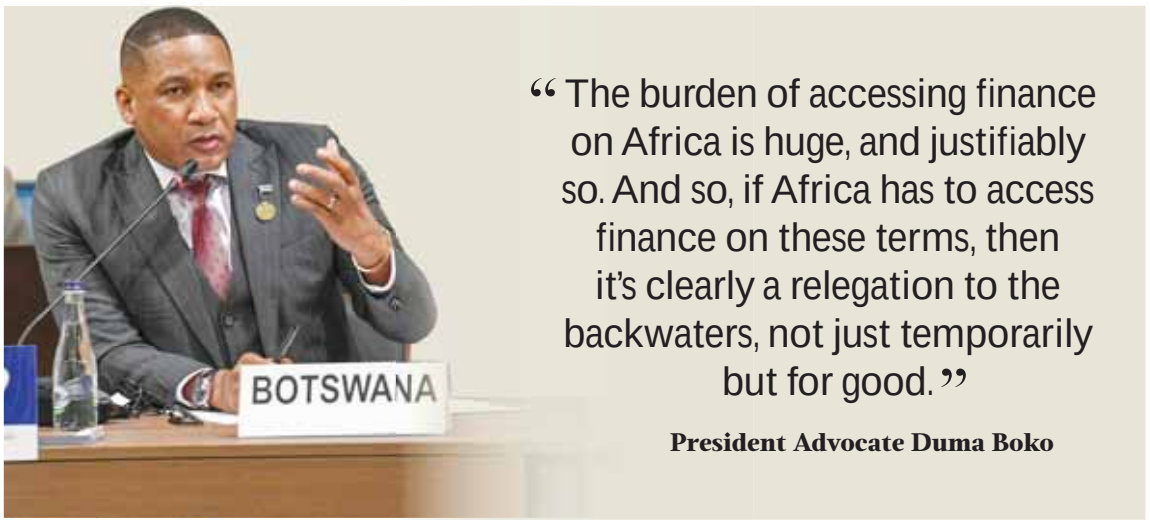
President Advocate Duma Boko has challenged wealthy nations to provide practical financial support to Africa, warning that the continent risks falling further behind if it continues to rely on expensive loans to finance climate resilience projects.

President Boko said developed countries must move beyond promises and rhetoric and provide affordable financing and grants to help developing nations meet their climate commitments.

He made the remarks at the High-Level Leaders' Roundtable during the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) in Antalya, Türkiye on Thursday.

He said Africa faced a huge financial burden because of the unfavourable terms attached to accessing international finance.

"The burden of accessing finance on Africa is huge, and justifiably so. And so, if Africa has to access finance on these terms, then it is clearly a relegation to the backwaters, not just temporarily but for good," he said.



He said the situation must be addressed honestly and seriously if meaningful progress is to be achieved. The President called on major global powers to acknowledge their contribution to the climate crisis and take practical steps to support countries bearing its consequences.

"They must step forward practically, not at the level of rhetoric, to address especially the challenges faced by Africa," he said.

The President further said many countries in the Global South could only raise about 30 per cent of their climate financing needs from domestic resources.

He questioned how the remaining funding gap could be closed without meaningful international assistance.

He said implementation and acceleration of climate commitments must focus on providing concrete solutions to this financing shortfall.

President Boko also cited Botswana's water infrastructure needs to demonstrate the financial challenges facing developing countries. He revealed that Botswana needed to construct a pipeline stretching about 1 600km across the country.

The project, he said would transport water to the southern and desert parts of the country, where communities needed reliable water supplies.

He said Botswana should not be forced to depend heavily on borrowing to finance such essential projects, especially given the high cost of international debt.

"There must be some grant financing. There must be some way in which projects of this nature can be fully funded or substantially aided, so that these obligations that the countries carry are met," he said.

He stressed that African nations needed more than financial pledges, emphasising that they needed practical support that would enable them to implement projects and protect communities against the effects of climate change. ***BOPA***

New policy to strengthen migration governance

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The newly launched National Migration Policy is expected to strengthen migration governance, promote safe, orderly and regular migration, protect human rights and harness developmental benefits of migration for national development.

Launching the policy in Gaborone recently, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware, said migration had become a national development issue that required a coordinated and strategic response, given its influence on economic growth, labour markets, education, security, public health and international relations.

Maj. Gen. Mokgware said the policy provided a comprehensive framework to manage migration, whilst maximising its developmental benefits, safeguarding national security and protecting human rights.

He said Botswana had experienced increasing migration flows as a country of destination, transit and origin, while internal migration continued to shape urban centres and public service needs.

Such developments, he said, brought opportunities for economic growth and skills development, but also challenges that required effective planning and management.

He explained that the policy sought to strengthen migration governance, improve coordination among stakeholders and integrate migration into national development planning.

"It also seeks to position Botswana as an attractive destination for investment, skills and innovation, while promoting inclusive migration governance by recognising the needs of women, youth, children, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups," he said.

Additionally, he said the policy addressed a broad range of issues, including labour migration, border management, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, refugee protection, return and reintegration, migration and development, climate change and migration data management.

The policy, he said, also recognised that migration affected virtually every sector of society and therefore required a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

"Migration is no longer solely an immigration matter; it is a national development issue that requires a coordinated and strategic response," he added.

Further, the minister noted that no single institution could effectively manage migration alone, adding that success would depend on strong partnerships among government ministries and departments, security agencies, development partners, private sector, academia, civil society organisations and local communities.

He emphasised that effective collaboration and information sharing would be critical to achieving the policy's objectives.

The minister also emphasised the importance of reliable migration data, saying evidence-based planning was essential to understanding migration trends, addressing emerging challenges and measuring the contribution of migration to national development.



Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Major General Pius Mokgware (right) and International Organisation for Migration sub-regional director, Mr Yitna Getachew at the launch of the first Botswana National Migration Policy in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Mokgware said the policy provided a comprehensive framework to manage migration, whilst maximising its developmental benefits, safeguarding national security and protecting human rights. Photo: Felicity Male

He said he was happy that the policy would help ensure that migration was integrated into national development planning and that its contribution to national development was recognised and harnessed.

He acknowledged the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) for its technical and financial support throughout the development of the policy, as well as all stakeholders who participated in consultations and contributed their expertise.

However, he said the policy document alone could not deliver change, stressing that its success would be its implementation.

He said the policy was supported by an implementation framework, institutional coordination mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation arrangements to ensure accountability and measurable results.

"As we launch this policy today, we reaffirm Botswana's commitment to balanced, responsive and forward-looking migration governance," he said.

He said the country sought to facilitate legitimate movement, attract investment and skills, protect national interests, strengthen security and harness developmental benefits of migration for the prosperity of all.

The minister urged stakeholders to regard the launch not as the end of a process, but the beginning of a collective commitment to action.

He said collective efforts would help build a migration management system that supported national development, whilst contributing positively to regional and international migration governance.

He thanked the Technical Working Group, government institutions, development partners, civil society organisations, academia, the private sector and all stakeholders who contributed to the development of the policy before officially launching it. ***BOPA***

BHP role in healthcare transformation pivotal

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

Botswana Harvard Health Partnership (BHP) has been commended for its significant contribution to the country's healthcare transformation, scientific research and the fight against HIV/AIDS over the past 30 years.

Speaking at the BHP's 30th anniversary gala dinner in Gaborone recently, acting President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said the institution had played a pivotal role in changing the course of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Botswana, saving lives and strengthening the country's capacity to respond to public health challenges.

He recalled the impact of HIV/AIDS on Botswana, noting that the epidemic had affected families, communities, workplaces and schools, leaving many children without parents and placing enormous pressure on the country's healthcare system.

However, he said Botswana confronted the crisis through courageous leadership, the commitment of its people and strategic international partnerships.

"This year, Botswana marked 60 years of independence, tonight, we honour another milestone, 30 years of the BHP, whose work has helped restore health to our people and contribute knowledge to the world," he said.

"Established in 1996 through collaboration between the government and Harvard University, the BHP helped build the scientific foundations of HIV treatment in the country," he said.

Mr Gaolathe said the BHP's work in viral load and CD4 testing supported the expansion of HIV care, while its KITSO training programme equipped thousands of healthcare professionals with skills to serve communities across Botswana.

He noted that behind the scientific achievements were countless lives saved, families kept together and parents given the opportunity to raise their children.

He said the partnership's research into the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV also helped shape international clinical guidance.

"In 2025, Botswana became the first country in the world to attain the World Health Organisation's Gold Tier status on the path towards eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV as a public health problem," he said.

Mr Gaolathe further highlighted the contribution of the Botswana Combination Prevention Project, which strengthened understanding of community-based HIV testing and timely treatment.

He said Botswana had also surpassed the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets, demonstrating substantial progress in HIV diagnosis, treatment and viral suppression.

Mr Gaolathe also paid tribute to the late former President, Dr Festus Mogae, whom he described as a towering figure whose legacy remained deeply rooted in the country's history.

He credited Dr Mogae with confronting the HIV/AIDS epidemic openly, championing evidence-based policies and recognising the importance of international cooperation in addressing the crisis.

He said under Dr Mogae's leadership, Botswana committed national resources to the HIV/AIDS response and introduced the Masa antiretroviral treatment programme in 2002, providing a foundation for expanded access to life-saving treatment. ***BOPA***



Acting President Ndaba Gaolathe (centre) interacting with guests at the Botswana Harvard Health Partnership 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Gaborone on Friday. He commended the institution for its contribution to the country's healthcare transformation, scientific research and the fight against HIV/AIDS over the past 30 years. Photo: Felicity Male

Leaders implore caution as road crashes claim 189

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

Government and civic leaders have called for heightened vigilance on the roads ahead of the festive season, owing to road crashes that have claimed 189 lives and left 448 people seriously injured between January and September this year.

Speaking at the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in Gaborone on Sunday, Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang expressed concern over the 165 fatal crashes recorded over the nine-month period.

"In light of the heartbreaking statistics provided above, I feel duty-bound to express my deep concern, which is indeed reciprocated by government, over the continued loss of lives on our roads. This loss deprives our country of both young and old, who collectively contribute to the betterment of Botswana," Mr Barongwang said.

Against this backdrop, he appealed to all road users, stakeholders and partners to collaborate in making the roads safe. He noted that the crashes were largely driven by speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving from mobile phone use and general failure to obey road signs and traffic regulations.

To deter such behaviours, he said government had implemented comprehensive awareness and enforcement measures, including grassroots educational campaigns in primary schools, law enforcement operations, television and radio interviews as well as advertisements across social and print media.

"I wish to acknowledge that the implementation of all the road safety build-up activities alluded to would not be achieved single-handedly by the Ministry of Transport without the support of partners and stakeholders. As such, I commend you all for your valuable participation," he said.

He added that while prevention remained the priority, government continued to support crash survivors and affected families through the Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Fund, which provided compensation up to a maximum claim of P1 million per victim.

The support, he said, translated to about P250 million annually to cover medical care and rehabilitation, compensation for loss of earnings, funeral expenses and financial support for the dependents of deceased victims.

Bophirima Ward Councillor and Gaborone City deputy mayor, Ms Mankie Sekete warned that road accidents tended to spike during the festive season due to reckless driving. Ms Sekete urged motorists and pedestrians to remain vigilant and adhere to traffic regulations to save lives.

She emphasised that the day's message was timely for survivors living with permanent disabilities and depression, while also highlighting the often-overlooked psychological toll on first responders.

"As the minister said, some situations cannot be erased from memory. Much as these occurrences affect victims, they also affect those involved in the post-crash response. These people deserve counselling regardless of their training, the police, defence force, fire brigade, 911 responders and nurses. All these people can fall into depression because they witness horrific situations," she said.

Ms Sekete urged attendees to share the assistant minister's safety message with their families and communities, adding that no one should lose a limb or bodily function to a preventable crash.

She further acknowledged infrastructure challenges, indicating that the Gaborone City Council (GCC) was partially responsible for accidents caused by potholes.

However, she assured residents that repairs were underway.

"We take responsibility to hasten road repairs with the limited resources we have, so that bad roads are no longer an excuse for drivers swerving to avoid potholes and hitting someone in the process. No one chooses to live in pain. Proverbs says, 'Thou shalt walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.' I assure you of our commitment to safety and we shall conquer all," she added.

Observed annually on the third Sunday of November on the United Nations calendar, the World Day of Remembrance honours those killed in road crashes as well as the families and communities affected physically, economically and emotionally.

This year's commemoration was held under the theme: A light that unites us: Remember. Support. Act. ***BOPA***

Diarrhoea outbreak forces school closure

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education has ordered the temporary closure of Molongwa Junior Secondary School in Khakhea following repeated cases of diarrhoea linked to contaminated water sources at the facility.

The school will be closed from November 16 to January 12, 2027.

According to Minister Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, the school first recorded diarrhoea cases on October 26, when 31 learners and three workers were affected.

"Authorities responded promptly, and on November 10, the Department of Environmental Health confirmed that all water tanks found to contain bacteria had been cleaned. Despite these interventions, a second wave of infections occurred, this time affecting 58 learners and nine workers," she says.

The Minister states that the temporary closure is necessary to allow comprehensive measures to be put in place.

Nonetheless, a press release from the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education also states that the decision to temporarily suspend teaching and learning activities has been taken as a precautionary measure to safeguard the health and well-being of learners, teachers and other members of staff.

Meanwhile, acting Director for South Region- Education, Mr Tumelo Rakgabo, said they had met with the school teachers yesterday.

He said they had urged them to develop a recovery plan that would compensate for lost instructional time.

He noted that the interruption had affected continuous assessment, as learners had not yet sat their end-of-year examinations.

Mr Rakgabo further indicated that they were yet to meet with Water Utilities Corporation management to explore strategic interventions aimed at resolving the water situation in the village.

Molongwa JSS has 18 streams with a total enrolment of 613 learners, including 142 Form Three pupils. ***BOPA***

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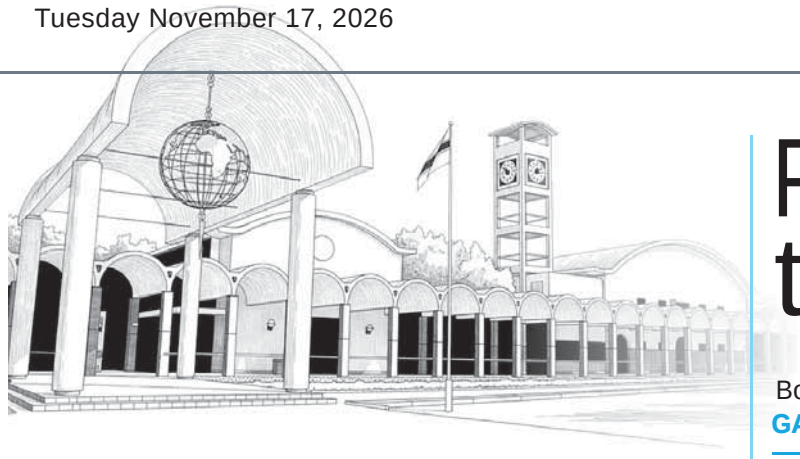
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MPs demand targeted interventions

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

Legislators, Mr Phillimon Aaron of Ngami and Serowe North's, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe have called for targeted interventions to address longstanding challenges in their constituencies.

Contributing to the debate on the State-of-the-Nation Address, the MPs paid emphasis on disease control, human-wildlife conflict, tourism, healthcare, employment and implementation of development projects.

Mr Aaron said any relief measures introduced to support farmers affected by Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) should prioritise areas that had endured the disease for extended periods, particularly Ngami in the northern part of the country.

Mr Aaron said communities in the area continued to grapple with human-wildlife conflict and called on government to provide statistics on the number of people displaced by elephants, as well as those unable to access or utilise their farms because of the conflict.

He noted that Ngami had some of the country's most fertile alluvial soils, but the presence of elephants and other wildlife continued to undermine agricultural production.

He also questioned the benefits of tourism to communities in wildlife conflict-prone areas, particularly Habu and Tubu, saying no community in the area had been granted a concession to operate tourism ventures.

On the proposed increase in government's shareholding in De Beers, Mr Aaron urged government to carefully weigh national priorities against the pressing needs of communities.

He further expressed concern over the state of healthcare services, and said Gumare, despite being a district headquarters, did not have a hospital and relied on a single functional ambulance serving three constituencies.

On education and employment, Mr Aaron said the two should go hand in hand, noting that many graduates remained unemployed despite completing their studies.



Ngami Member of Parliament Mr Phillimon Aaron



Serowe North Member of Parliament Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe

He expressed concern that limited employment opportunities were pushing some young people to seek work in conflict-affected countries such as Russia.

Mr Aaron also called for the restoration of ancestral land rights beyond the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), saying communities had also been displaced from other protected areas, including Moremi Game Reserve, where residents of Khwai and Xaxaba had been affected.

Meanwhile, Mr Mathoothe said Botswana's longstanding development challenge, including under previous administrations, had been the failure to implement plans and policies rather than a lack of them.

He said the current administration had introduced the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme to fast-track projects and improve implementation.

Citing the approval of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training policy within 24 months, Mr Mathoothe said the achievement demonstrated progress, although more needed to be done.

On agricultural development, he highlighted progress under the Milk Africa project, saying additional dairy cattle had been procured from Brazil in July following the engagement of experts.

He said pregnant cows had been purchased, resulting in the birth of 120 calves, while milk production had already commenced.

Mr Mathoothe called for the expansion of the initiative to other parts of the country, mentioning Tonota, where an underutilised milk parlour could be used to support dairy production.

He encouraged Batswana to invest in dairy farming through the purchase of embryos and establishment of milk production ventures, adding that the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency was ready to finance viable projects.

He said expanding local dairy production would create opportunities for citizens to participate in the agricultural value chain. *BOPA*

Parliament adopts motion to probe livestock deals

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Parliament has unanimously adopted a motion to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate government's procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas, United States of America, as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia.

The motion, moved by Tswapong South Member of Parliament, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, seeks investigate the May 2023 procurement of 162 elite breeding cattle from Texas at a total acquisition and airfreight cost of approximately P33.6 million.

In his presentation, Dr Gobotswang said the cattle cost an estimated P25 million, while air transport amounted to P8.6 million.

In addition, he said government spent a further P33 million on 150 dairy goats and 92 breeding beef cattle imported from Australia in 2024.

He said MPs were not informed about the source of funding for the procurement of the bulls and goats, noting that upon questioning, they were told that the cattle had been budgeted for under the refurbishment of the Ramatlabama Artificial Insemination Centre.

However, he said the amount allocated for the centre was lower than the money spent on the procurement.

Dr Gobotswang said the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture accounting officer later told the Public Accounts Committee that the procurement had not been budgeted for.

He said this raised questions about the legality of the Texas and Australia procurements, as they had allegedly not been sanctioned by Parliament.

He said the motion sought to establish the facts and reconcile the two conflicting accounts provided by government.

Dr Gobotswang said if the procurement had indeed not been sanctioned by Parliament, it would point to a possible erosion of Parliament's authority over public finances.

He warned that such a situation would set a bad precedent by allowing the Executive to disregard the law and Parliament's oversight powers.

He added that failure to investigate would normalise non-compliance with established financial regulations and procedures by accounting officers.

He said Parliament needed evidence showing who authorised the expenditure without parliamentary appropriation.

He also called for an investigation into whether the Minister of Finance had authorised budget virements for the procurement and whether value for money had been considered, noting that the animals could potentially have been sourced from Kenya or South Africa. *BOPA*



Parliament on Friday, adopted a motion by Tswapong South MP, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang calling for the establishment of a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate government's procurement of breeding cattle from Texas, USA and heifers and dairy goats from Australia. The motion seeks to establish whether the procurements followed due procurement procedures and received the necessary parliamentary approval.

DCEC investigates irregularities

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Investigations into the procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas in the United States of America, as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia, are already underway.

Responding to a motion by Tswapong South MP, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang on Friday, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai said the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) was conducting the investigation.

Dr Gobotswang had moved a motion calling on Parliament to establish a Special Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate the government's procurement of bulls and heifers from Texas, as well as heifers and dairy goats from Australia.

On that basis, Mr Motsamai said there was no need to establish such a committee, arguing that the concerns raised by the mover of the motion had already been addressed before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama, supported the motion, saying irregularities had occurred under the previous administration.

He said the independence and autonomy of Parliament should not be academic, but should be demonstrated as it exercised its powers.

Mr Hikuama said government had provided contradictory answers on the same matter, adding that it was unfortunate that the Minister wanted to maintain the status quo.

He said Parliament had a responsibility to strengthen credible institutions and address past wrongs.

He added that the motion presented Parliament with an opportunity to exercise its oversight powers over public finances.

Molepolole North legislator, Mr Arafat Khan also supported the motion, saying it was not intended to halt investigations being conducted by the DCEC and other relevant institutions.

Okavango West MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga said the motion sought to establish political accountability and ensure that those responsible for any wrongdoing were held accountable.

He said previous responses to parliamentary questions had not brought the country closer to the truth, adding that the public still did not know what had transpired.

He said Parliament should use its political oversight role to establish the truth and protect its constitutional responsibilities.

Kgatleng East MP, Mr Mabuse Pule, said Parliament's role was to provide oversight and expressed support for the motion.

He said the ministry's Permanent Secretary had informed the PAC that the procurement had not been conducted correctly, adding that Parliament should now establish irregularities.

Shashe West MP, Mr Jeremiah Franzel said the money used could have been put to better use through projects addressing national priorities and public needs.

He said although the Minister had indicated that the DCEC was investigating the matter, Parliament should also conduct its own investigations.

Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs and Francistown West MP, Mr Ignatius Moswaane, also supported the motion, saying government was committed to uprooting corruption.

However, he cautioned Parliament against overstepping its mandate during the investigation, saying it should remain within its terms of reference and avoid interfering with the duties and functions of other organs. *BOPA*

Gare and Manyeneng respond to SONA

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Households continue to bear the brunt of the high cost of living, hence the State of the Nation Address (SONA) should have presented interventions that cushion them against such, Moshupa/Manyana Member of Parliament, Mr Karabo Gare, has said.

Debating the SONA on Thursday, Mr Gare said although President Advocate Duma Boko had spoken of an improved economy, this was yet to translate into better livelihoods for households or delivery of projects.

Mr Gare also called on government to be transparent about the 30 per cent stake in De Beers, saying Batswana deserved to know exactly what the country was purchasing.

"We need to know what we are buying, its value and where the money will come from," he said.

On health, Mr Gare said the National Health Insurance Scheme was a long-term intervention that could not address the immediate challenges facing the sector.

He said urgent measures were needed to ensure that patients could access medicines at public health facilities.

Currently, he said, patients visited public health facilities to obtain prescriptions before purchasing medicines from private pharmacies.

On Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Mr Gare called for farmer education in the southern part of the country to help them understand how to live with the disease, alongside interventions to minimise its impact.

He said the outbreak had severely affected farmers, who were unable to trade, thereby threatening their livelihoods.

On food security, Mr Gare questioned whether allocating one hectare of land to farmers would be sufficient to help the country achieve food security.

He said inadequate infrastructure remained a major obstacle to agricultural production, adding that farmers could not produce without reliable water and electricity supplies.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament for Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Ms Helen Manyeneng, called on government to assist farmers with soil testing and fertilisers to improve yields and enhance food security.

She said many farmers had abandoned farming because of poor yields resulting from degraded soils and a lack of fertilisers.

Ms Manyeneng also called for government support in drilling boreholes for irrigation and providing solar energy to support agricultural production.

On healthcare, she said primary healthcare was central to rural communities and said clinics should be adequately resourced and upgraded to enable them to benefit from the National Health Insurance Scheme.

She further called for increased community awareness about autism and cerebral palsy, as well as support for affected individuals and their caregivers.

Ms Manyeneng said people living with autism and cerebral palsy often required full-time care, forcing some parents to leave their jobs to look after them.

She therefore proposed the establishment of a fund and a dedicated centre to support affected individuals and their caregivers.

She added that healthcare and social protection went beyond the availability of medicines, noting that family health educators played a critical role in promoting community well-being. BOPA



Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele has explained that the branded Duma Boko School and Clinic at Block 7 in Gaborone was a pilot project financed by Jindal Power Botswana, which acted as the private donor and funder, while African Hero served as the development and delivery platform.

Government aware of Block 7 school and clinic project

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Government is fully aware of the school and clinic constructed at Block 7 in Gaborone and branded Duma Boko School and Clinic.

Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele was responding to a question from Tswapong South Member of Parliament, Dr Kesitegile Gobotswang, who sought clarification on whether government was aware of the private school and clinic associated with the name of the President, the land on which the project was constructed and whether due process for change of land use had been followed.

Mr Maele explained that the project was a pilot initiative comprising a school with a capacity of approximately 380 learners, equipped with modern classrooms, special needs facilities, a library, resource centre and computer laboratory.

The accompanying clinic, he said, was designed to accommodate approximately 3 500 patient visits monthly and would offer digital healthcare and telemedicine services, a pharmacy and maternal wellness services.

He further said government on September 5, formally accepted the facilities for public use.

Mr Maele said the project was constructed on government land, Plot 60037, Block 7, Gaborone, whose title deed was held by the Gaborone City Council.

He noted that the city's development plan had zoned the site under the civic and community land-use category, which provided for the development of facilities such as schools and clinics.

He added that the land remained government property and had not been transferred to private ownership. On funding, Mr Maele said the pilot project was financed by Jindal Power Botswana, which acted as the private donor and funder, while African Hero served as the development and delivery platform.

Under the donor-funded arrangement, he explained, Jindal Power provided capital to cover construction, manufacturing and supplier costs, while government would be the beneficiary and eventual operator of the public facilities.

He emphasised that African Hero was not awarded a government tender, adding that the arrangement did not constitute a government contract or direct procurement process.

Mr Maele further noted that Jindal Power Botswana, as a private investor, had an ongoing project to develop a coal-fired power station at Mmamabula in partnership with Botswana Power Corporation (BPC).

He also explained that the proprietor of African Hero, who served as the representative developer of the school and clinic, had been granted citizenship by investment after meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Citizenship Act.

Regarding the naming of the facilities after a sitting President, Mr Maele said there was currently no specific government policy regulating the naming of facilities developed or donated by private entities after a sitting Head of State.

He said that where facilities or structures were financed by government, their naming required consultation with key stakeholders, including the community, in accordance with the Local Government Act and the Monuments and Relics Act of 2001.

However, he said the naming of privately funded facilities was generally at the discretion of the private donor and was not subject to government approval.

Accordingly, he said, the use of the name Duma Boko School did not in itself constitute government endorsement or approval by the Office of the President.

He clarified, however, that a request to use the name had been made and consented to by the sitting President.

Dr Gobotswang had also sought clarification on the identity of the project's financiers, their relationship with government and whether the financier or any associated company had been awarded, or was being considered for, any government contract, licence, citizenship by investment or other benefit since October 2024.

He further sought to establish the policy governing the naming of private or public institutions after a sitting President and whether the Office of the President had approved the use of the name Duma Boko for the school and clinic in Block 7. BOPA

Initiatives must deliver tangible outcomes - Sedombo

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

With communities facing pressing challenges, development initiatives must deliver tangible outcomes that positively impact people's lives.

The sentiments were echoed by Tonota MP, Mr Gaefele Sedombo in his contribution to the State-of-the-Nation Address arguing that education, healthcare, housing and infrastructure were core of social and economic development.

He said while some of the achievements highlighted in the address were commendable, communities continued to face pressing challenges requiring urgent intervention.

Mr Sedombo said the Chobe-Zambezi Water Transfer Scheme had the potential to boost agricultural production in Pandamatenga, where farmers were already producing on a large scale.

He said the project could help reduce Botswana's food import bill, particularly for commodities such as potatoes, while infrastructure initiatives, including road maintenance, would help address the country's road network.

However, he said water supply remained a major concern in his constituency, particularly in Tonota, which hosts Shashe Dam but continued to experience water shortages.

Mr Sedombo also raised concerns about the condition of Shashe River School, saying it required maintenance.

He further called for the construction of a school and clinic in Tonota West, which hade a population of more than 5 000.

On land allocation, Mr Sedombo said residents were concerned about lengthy waiting lists for residential plots, noting that the shortage had placed pressure on families as they were forced to share limited living space.

He proposed extending the Milk Valley initiative to Tonota, saying Tonota College of Education had approximately 72 hectares of land and an existing milk parlour that was not being utilised.

Mr Sedombo also called for the acceleration of dam tourism, saying Tonota could benefit from tourism opportunities around Shashe Dam, similar to initiatives being considered for other dams, including Thune.

Meanwhile, Mogoditshane East MP, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang, commended President Advocate Duma Boko for what he described as a deliberate address grounded in measurable progress.

He acknowledged the hardships facing Batswana, particularly unemployment and the rising cost of living, but said positive developments indicated that the country was moving in the right direction.

Mr Barongwang said government continued to implement its programmes despite prevailing economic challenges, with priorities centred on job creation, economic diversification and affordable utilities.

He said improving people's livelihoods and positioning Botswana as a regional transport hub remained key objectives being pursued by Government.

On employment, Mr Barongwang said interventions were beginning to yield results, citing public sector insourcing, which he said had resulted in approximately 4 700 people securing permanent employment.

He also highlighted the Ikageng programme, which he said had employed about 27 000 people, with women accounting for the largest share of beneficiaries.

Mr Barongwang said infrastructure development was essential to improving productivity and supporting economic growth.

He pointed to the allocation of more than P700 million towards maintenance of the A1 highway, saying improved road infrastructure would enhance economic activity and connectivity. BOPA

Withdrawal of cases worries police

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Withdrawal of reported cases by victims, particularly women, is a growing concern to the police. This came forth at Itekeng/Area W kgotla meeting in Francistown addressed by Member of Parliament for Francistown East on Friday Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima, during his consultations with residents. Inspector Oamogetswe Gabothulwe of Tatitown Police Station said most victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV), particularly women, report cases and later withdraw them, saying they hag forgiven perpetrator and preferred to resolve the matter at home.

Inspector Gabothulwe said though the abuse continued, victims kept forgiving perpetrators, and the pattern often ended with perpetrators killing their victims. "Let us desist from withdrawing cases after we reported them for the law to take its course.

Let us not cover up abuse, so that we protect children from witnessing such acts," she said.

She said there were four types of assault offences; the common assault, which does not leave visible injuries, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, which involved beatings that leaves the body with openings and visible injuries, grievous harm, which involves breaking body parts or removing other parts such as an eye, and unlawful wounding, which results in injuries.

She said these offences were very common among people in romantic relationships. Inspector Gabothulwe expressed concern over cases of child negligence, which she said occured when one failed to provide basic necessities to children, failed to take a child to health facilities, give children to a guardian and failed to regularly check on them - which is common among young parents who leave children with grandmothers and never visit; and exposing children to risk, such as leaving them alone at home.

Area W/Itekeng Clinic Nurse Superintendent, Mr Doctor Makabe, raised a concern over rising number of children aged between 12 and 16 involved in sexual activities.

He appealed to parents to always know the whereabouts of their children and to reprimand them. "As parents, we have left the reprimanding of our children to the police. Let us introspect.

A re boeleng ko morago re itsee motlhala. There is no way a child can leave home from Thursday until Sunday and as a parent you just watch. We have realised that when these children are brought here, they will admit to have been partaking in sexual activities," he said. He said the situation was worrisome and cautioned against the use of phones by children, urging parents to be visible and active in their children's lives to be able to nurture their future. Mr Makabe also alerted residents of Area W/Itekeng ward about people who collapse suddenly, which called for prevention against non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. He advised residents to adhere to health advices such as drinking water often and avoiding energy drinks, which he said put lives in danger.

As the country continues to grapple with a shortage of medicines, he emphasised that prevention was better than cure, hence advising residents to use little available medicines wisely and adopt a healthy lifestyle. Kgosi Thuso Wasetso of Tatitown Kgotla also raised concern over social ills, such as drug abuse, which he said destroyed the lives of young people, calling on parents to take action to secure their children's future. He cautioned against prostitution, which he said was common in the area, urging parents to talk to the girl child.

Residents of Area W/Itekeng ward raised concerns about vendors selling expired goods around the bus and taxi rank, calling for stricter law enforcement and penalties to protect unsuspecting consumers. They also raised concern over the growing use of drugs, especially 'Cat', which was increasingly affecting the streets and contributing to juvenile delinquency.

They also expressed difficulties in accessing services from offices like CEDA resulting from the complexities of their forms and requirements. ***BOPA***

Bamalete Lutheran Hospital is a reputable; very busy level 1 District Mission Hospital providing a range of health care services. **The Hospital invites applications from suitable candidates for the following positions:**

VACANY NO: 6 OF 2026

1. Position : SPECIALIST DOCTOR - PAEDIATRICS
Salary Scale : E2 (P449, 256 – P467, 436 per annum)
Qualifications : Specialist Qualification
Experience : At least one (1) year post specialization

Duties & Responsibilities:
- All duties related to pediatrics in a busy District Hospital. Responsibilities will include among others:
- Heading paediatrics ward and neonatal unit.
- Teaching of other health care workers.
- General medical duties in the Hospital.

2. POSITION : MEDICAL LABORATORY SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL MEDICAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICE II
Salary Scale :D3 (293,652 – 323, 748) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma/ Degree in Medical Laboratory science or equivalent. A management qualification will be an added advantage. Training on ISO 15189:2022 standard is essential.
Experience : No less than 12 years of experience, 3 years of which should have been served at D4 salary scale. Demonstrated experience in managing an accredited medical laboratory (ISO15189). Demonstrated experience with implementation of a Quality Management System and accreditation requirements

Duties & Responsibilities: All duties related to managing a busy District Hospital with the following scopes of service: Microbiology, Chemistry, Molecular Biology, Mycobacteriology, Serology and Haematology.
- Inventory management.
- Taking part in internal audits.

3.Position : CHIEF RADIOGRAPHY OFFICER
Salary scale : D4 (P255, 948 – P282, 120) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma/Higher Diploma in Radiography
Experience : At-least 3 years of experience as Principal Radiography Officer.

Duties & Responsibilities: To coordinate Radiology Services throughout the hospital in order to maintain common standards of diagnostic Radiographic Techniques and procedures.
- Give technical advice and guidance on the management of problems which fall within the scope of radiography.
- Takes charge of the department and verify standard operating procedures with the radiologist in charge and ensures that standards are maintained.
- Analyses radiographic programs and protocols and identifies activities which can be performed by various radiography officers and assistants.

4. Position : CHIEF REGISTERED NURSE (Specialized - Accident & Emergency)
Salary Scale : D4 (P255, 948 – P282, 120) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma in General Nursing / Degree in Nursing (BNS/BSc). Post-Basic Diploma / Higher Diploma / Masters in Accident & Emergency Nursing / Trauma & Emergency Nursing / Critical Care Nursing.
Experience : Minimum 6-8 years post-registration experience, with at least 3 years in A&E / ICU / Trauma unit of a hospital. Certifications (Mandatory): BLS, ACLS. ATLS/BTLS, ETAT, PALS as added advantage.

Duties and Responsibilities: To provide strategic clinical leadership, operational management, and specialist emergency nursing expertise in the Accident and Emergency Department. The incumbent ensures delivery of high quality, safe, and efficient emergency care, 24-hour readiness of the department, compliance with Ministry of Health standards, and development of staff in emergency nursing.
- Provide expert clinical oversight in triage, resuscitation, stabilization and emergency management of medical, surgical, trauma, pediatric and obstetric emergencies.
- Develop and enforce A&E Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), disaster preparedness plan, mass casualty and Code Blue protocols.
- Chair A&E quality meetings, mortality audits, clinical audits, incident reviews. Monitor KPIs: triage within 5 minutes, door-to-doctor time, referral turnaround time, emergency deaths.
- Supervise, appraise, and mentor all nursing staff in A&E; identify training needs and conduct performance reviews (PMDS).
- Plan and conduct in-service training: BLS, ACLS, ATLS/BTLS, Triage, ETAT, IPC for A&E staff and hospital-wide.
- Coordinate emergency referrals to referral hospitals (PMH).
- Serve as liaison between A&E,/Theatre, Laboratory, Radiology, Wards, and Hospital Management Team.

5.Position : SENIOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Salary Scale : D4 (255,948 – 282, 120) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma or Bachelor of Science /Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Physiotherapy or Physical therapy
Experience : At least six years' work experience, 2 years of which must have been served as a Physiotherapist I.

Duties & Responsibilities: All duties related to physiotherapy in a busy district hospital. The Officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities include among others:
- Managing of the Unit and to assess, treat and rehabilitate patients who have been referred for physiotherapy effectively.
- Assist in the developing the units budget estimates.
- Conducts in- service training in the facility.
- Supervision of junior staff.

6.Position : PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER (ORTHOPAEDIC)
Salary Scale : C1 (P192, 588-229,104 per annum)
Qualifications : Diploma or Degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics Technology

Duties & Responsibilities:
All basic duties related to Orthopaedic Technology in a busy District Dospital
The Officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities will include among others:
- Assesses patients orthopaedic needs, takes casts and measurements, design, modifies casts and aligns prosthesis and orthoses in accordance with orthopaedic principles.
- Manufacturing of orthoses and prostheses.
- Supplying and fitting of new orthopaedic aids.
- Repair and alteration of orthopaedic appliances and aids, wheelchairs, crutches etc.
- Assistance in the fracture Clinic.

Experience :Two (2) years experience or more as Senior Orthopaedic Technician

7.Position : MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN/ ASSISTANT MEDICAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICER
Salary Scale : C4/3 (P108, 444.00 – 123,420.00) per annum
Qualifications : Diploma/ Degree in Medical Laboratory science or equivalent.
Experience : At least one (1) year post qualification experience

Duties & Responsibilities: The officer should be able to work independently and his/her responsibilities include among others:
- Analyzing and interpreting doctors requests for pathology investigations for inpatients, outpatients and the general public for purposes of proper approach to the patients need for laboratory investigations.
- Assessing patients' condition, prioritizing and ensuring that prompt attention is given to those requiring urgent attention. Prepares the patient physically and mentally in order to facilitate specimen collection through laid down procedures.
- Preparing human specimens for diagnostic purposes. Ensuring correct labelling and specimens to avoid mixing and possible fatal consequences. Arranging and preparing for distribution of the different categories of specimens to appropriate section of the laboratory.

Attach the following:
Updated Curriculum Vitae
Certified copy of ID/Omang
Certified copies of academic certificates (foreign
Certificates/documents to be in English/ translated to English
At least 2 recent work references
Current practicing certificates where applicable

Applications should be submitted to:
Chief Administration Officer I (HR)
Bamalete Lutheran Hospital
P.O Box V6, Ramotswa
Or
hand delivered to Records Management Unit
Or emailed to: recruitment@blh.co.bw

N.B
- Applications with incomplete documentation will not be considered.
- Certificates must be BQA (Botswana Qualification Authority) accredited
- Emailed Applications must be merged in to one pdf document.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Closing date for all applications: 01/12/2026



DailyBusiness

Botswana embraces conservation farming

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
ANTALYA

Botswana is intensifying efforts to promote conservation agriculture as part of measures to protect farmers from the growing effects of climate change, Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti, has said.



ANTALYA - *Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti in an interview with the media on the sidelines of COP31 in Türkiye recently. He said Botswana was intensifying efforts to promote conservation agriculture as part of measures to protect farmers from the growing effects of climate change.* Photo: Phenyo Moalosi

In an interview on the sidelines of COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, Dr Dikoloti said conservation agriculture was critical in helping farmers preserve soil moisture amid rising temperatures and the effects of El Niño.

Dr Dikoloti said climate change had increasingly affected agricultural production in Botswana, with high temperatures and changing weather patterns posing serious challenges to farmers.

This had made it necessary for the country to adopt farming methods that could sustain production under difficult climatic conditions.

Through conservation agriculture, farmers are encouraged to preserve soil moisture by adopting practices such as mulching and minimum tillage.

Dr Dikoloti said government had mobilised the private sector to support the initiative, while agricultural extension officers were training farmers on how to implement the programme.

Under the initiative, farmers are encouraged to cultivate as little as one-sixteenth of a hectare, with an expected better yield.

He said the programme was performing well in Zimbabwe, from where Botswana was drawing lessons on sustainable farming practices.

To further encourage adoption and improve productivity, government has introduced incentives for farmers.

At district level, farmers with the highest yields will receive awards, while the farmer who records the biggest harvest nationally stands a chance of receiving a P500 000 farm voucher.

Beyond improving crop production, Botswana is also seeking climate financing and international partnerships to strengthen the resilience of its agricultural sector.

Dr Dikoloti explained that the Lemang Dijo programme was initially insured after government recognised the importance of derisking agricultural production to safeguard farmers and their produce.

He said Botswana's participation at COP31 was an opportunity to engage potential financiers who could support the country's agricultural programmes.

As part of its broader response to climate change, Botswana is undertaking one of its biggest land restoration projects in partnership with Conservation International.

The project covers Kgalagadi, Ngamiland and Bobirwa.

The initiative seeks to restore degraded land and improve grazing conditions and ensure that farmers have access to productive grazing areas to sustain livestock production.

In a further effort to protect livestock farmers, Dr Dikoloti revealed that Botswana would launch the Botswana Livestock Conservation Programme in December.

The programme would be financed through climate financing and would focus on strengthening farmers' resilience to climate related challenges.

He said farmers needed protection against floods, drought and other climate related disasters.

He also identified human wildlife conflict as a challenge that could be aggravated by changing climatic conditions, hence important to safeguard both farmers and their livelihoods.

Meanwhile, Antalya offers valuable lessons on the relationship between agriculture and environmental conservation.

The city has a thriving agricultural sector, supported by extensive greenhouse farming.

The greenhouses provide controlled environments where farmers manage temperature, irrigation and crop production to improve yields while making efficient use of resources.

Such agricultural practices offer useful lessons for Botswana as it explores ways of sustaining production despite increasingly unpredictable weather conditions.

Dr Dikoloti said Botswana's presence at COP31 was not merely to participate in discussions but to engage potential development partners and financiers directly.

He said face-to-face engagements were important in demonstrating the country's commitment to addressing climate challenges and strengthening confidence among existing partners.

He said such engagements could help attract additional funding to support farmers, restore degraded land and build a more resilient agricultural sector. ***BOPA***

Deal creates opportunities for SMMEs

GABORONE

The Education Infrastructure and Management Company (EIMC) has partnered with the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA) to open education infrastructure opportunities to citizen-owned SMMEs, local manufacturers and service providers, creating opportunities for local enterprises to participate in the refurbishment, expansion and modernisation of public schools.

A press release from EIMC says the partnership, formalised through a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), will actively include citizen-owned enterprises in the education infrastructure supply chain.

EIMC's mandate, which includes refurbishing, expanding, digitising, modernising and professionalising the management of public schools, creates high demand for construction, products and services, presenting opportunities for LEA clients and the wider SMME community to participate in procurement procedures.

The release says under the partnership, EIMC will share information on upcoming projects, procurement plans and product and service requirements, while identifying targeted procurement opportunities for citizen-owned enterprises.

Additionally, the release says LEA will identify and prepare SMMEs, local manufacturers and service providers to take part in EIMC opportunities and also provide training, coaching, mentorship, incubation and financial readiness support to help enterprises meet project quality standards and requirements.

The release says LEA will further help selected enterprises meet product certification, quality and compliance standards, drive industry awareness and track participation outcomes.

It says the partnership is expected to provide greater visibility for local suppliers, easier access to project and procurement information and opportunities to join construction and infrastructure supply chains.

The partnerships, it adds, also advances citizen economic inclusion, job creation and local sourcing, while supporting LEA's Corporate Strategy 2026-2029, which targets 1 000 sustainable and competitive enterprises and 10 000 new jobs across the SMME sector.

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Italy fines Meta over access to Android users data

ROME - The Italian Data Protection Authority said on Saturday it had fined Meta Platforms Ireland Limited €805 million (US$887 million) for accessing photos, videos and related metadata stored on Italian users' smartphones without their consent through its Facebook app for Android devices. The authority said the penalty concerns a feature called "Get suggestions from your gallery when you browse Facebook," available since 2023, which suggests photos and videos from users' phone galleries for them to post while browsing the app. The investigation began in July 2025, when the authority carried out a technical analysis following a complaint from the Consumers' and Users' Protection Centre of Bolzano. ***Xinhua***

Duo tests cross-border digital asset settlement

SINGAPORE - The central banks of Singapore and Germany have tested connectivity between their respective digital asset settlement platforms, paving the way for wholesale settlements across different currencies and operating hours. The Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Deutsche Bundesbank said in a statement on Monday that they tested payment-versus-payment settlement of euro-Singapore dollar foreign exchange transactions using wholesale central bank digital currencies across their respective test environments, with DBS and Deutsche Bank participating as commercial banks. The project also explored how interoperable settlement arrangements could support financial institutions' funding and liquidity needs across Singapore and Germany, including securities transactions and intraday liquidity management. ***Xinhua***

Housing price slump eases across major cities

BEIJING - Major Chinese cities continued to report narrowed year-on-year declines in overall home prices in October, official data showed Monday. New home prices in the four first-tier cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen fell 0.1 per cent from a year earlier last month, with the decline 0.4 percentage points smaller than in September, according to a monthly report by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). Meanwhile, new home prices in second- and third-tier cities fell 2 per cent and 3.6 per cent year on year, respectively, with the declines narrowing by 0.4 and 0.3 percentage points. In the resale market, year-on-year price declines also narrowed across major cities, with Shanghai even posting a 2.2 per cent increase. The NBS releases a monthly home price report tracking market changes in 70 major cities, including four first-tier cities, 31 second-tier cities and 35 third-tier cities. ***Xinhua***

BITRI turns old industrial sites into innovation hubs

Thandy Tebogo
KANYE

For years, the industrial compounds tucked near the Prisons Department and the Department of Wildlife and National Parks in Kanye were synonymous with grassroots ingenuity.

Today, the former Rural Industries Innovation Centre (RIIC) premises may appear quiet to passersby, a perception that recently prompted the Member of Parliament for Kanye East to question in Parliament whether the facilities were simply sitting idle.

Behind the gates, however, the Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation (BITRI) is quietly preparing these historic spaces for a modern revival.

Rather than letting the sites go unused, BITRI plans to retain and actively utilise both facilities it inherited in the village.

Across Kanye, BITRI's footprint spans four fully owned properties which include Lot 30253 in Sebako Ward at the former RIIC, ISSC-Mpuutsane Industrial near the Wildlife offices and Plots 131 and 134 at Mpuutsane Industrial.

In an interview, BITRI chief executive officer, Dr Sebusang Sebusang explained that these properties have continuously been used to support the institute's research, development activities and operational needs as they arise. Because the premises are needed, BITRI has no plans to hand them over for community or council use.

Instead, the old RIIC grounds are trading traditional rural tools for microelectronics. Dr Sebusang revealed that BITRI was establishing a Printed Circuit Board (PCB) manufacturing facility right inside the former RIIC premises.

Once completed, the facility will serve as a hub for research, innovation, skills development and technology prototyping and give a homegrown boost to electronics manufacturing capabilities while advancing national development objectives.

Keeping an aging and multi-plot industrial portfolio running comes with its share of practical upkeep.

Based on BITRI's assessments, the condition of the buildings varies widely given that while a number of facilities remain in serviceable condition and are currently fit for use, others require minor maintenance and repairs and some older structures require demolition, major maintenance and rehabilitation works.

To protect its assets, BITRI maintains steady oversight, carries out ongoing maintenance and ensures that the properties remain occupied for operational purposes wherever possible.

The institute is also eager to share the space, though past experiences have prompted a more structured approach.

Dr Sebusang shared that in the past, BITRI leased out the Research and Development (R&D) building, along with the former RIIC manufacturing facilities and equipment, to various groups and private companies.

Unfortunately, in several instances, tenants vacated the premises without following proper exit procedures, leaving behind outstanding rental arrears.

Today, while remaining committed to preserving the facilities for future research and innovation needs, BITRI continues to explore leasing excess buildings and unutilised office space to suitable tenants, this time strictly under fixed-term lease agreements governed by the institute's terms and conditions.

Dr Sebusang emphasised that beyond leasing, BITRI remains open to collaborative arrangements and strategic partnerships that align with its mandate.

To that end, the institute has engaged with local authorities, government ministries and private-sector stakeholders to explore shared use, occupancy and joint initiatives utilising the available buildings and equipment to ensure that Kanye's legacy of innovation continues to thrive in a new era. ***BOPA***



Stepping Stone Programme director, Ms Beauty Magasha (left) and Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited (BIHL) Trust chairperson, Ms Esther Kanaimba-Senai signing a Memorandum of Understanding in Gaborone on Thursday. BIHL Trust has committed P1.86 million over three years to support 1 440 out-of-school young people through a leadership and empowerment programme targeting Ghanzi, Mochudi and surrounding communities. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

BIHL commits P1.8m to empower youth

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Botswana Insurance Holdings Limited (BIHL) Trust has committed P1.86 million over three years to support 1 440 out of school young people through a leadership and empowerment programme implemented by Stepping Stones International.

The funding, amounting to P621,468 annually, will support the Finding the Leader Within programme, targeting young people in Ghanzi, Mochudi and surrounding communities.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Gaborone recently, BIHL chairperson, Ms Esther Kanaimba Senai said the initiative was aimed at helping young people who had experienced interruptions in their education or struggled to find employment to recognise their potential and access opportunities for personal and economic development.

The programme will provide participants with leadership development, entrepreneurship training, financial literacy, career guidance, digital skills, mentorship and psycho-social support.

Participants will be supported to pursue one of three pathways, including returning to formal education, securing employment or establishing their own businesses.

The impact of the programme was illustrated by one of its former beneficiaries, Ms Tshegofatso Motswasele, who said her participation had helped her develop confidence and practical skills that opened up new opportunities.

Ms Motswasele said she came across the programme through a social media post and decided to apply, describing it as the beginning of a life changing journey.

Through the programme, she acquired communication, teamwork and leadership skills, while also gaining the confidence she had previously struggled to develop.

She said she eventually secured employment and also established her own wig business, offering wig extensions and styling services.

She added that the programme had helped her develop the skills needed to pursue her ambitions, thus expressed gratitude to the mentors and stakeholders who supported the participants.

The partnership comes as Botswana continues to explore alternative pathways for young people who have fallen outside the formal education system. It complements broader government efforts under Project Bula Buka, which seeks to provide out of school youth with access to education, skills training and character development.

Stepping Stones International, the implementing partner, is a non-profit organisation established in 2006. It works with vulnerable children, young people and families through programmes focusing on youth empowerment, family support, education and psychosocial well being.

Ms Beauty Mogasha, programme director at Stepping Stone International said that they were committed to ensuring proper programme oversight, monitoring and transparent financial management to deliver measurable and sustainable outcomes. ***BOPA***

Deal creates opportunities for SMMEs

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The release further says EIMC chief executive officer, Ms Chandada Masendu-Kusane, said public school modernisation and expansion programme should also serve as a catalyst for local enterprise development.

"At EIMC, our mandate is to modernise and expand public schools and it is vital that this process serves as a catalyst for local enterprise development.

We work in an eco-system where local SMMEs remain essential to our delivery," she said.Furthermore, she said the MoU would ensure that the construction of the nation's future was built by the hands of local people, using locally sourced products and services.

According to the release, LEA caretaker chief executive officer, Mr Thato Jensen, said the partnership did not promise automatic contracts, but would ensure that enterprises were prepared to participate in procurement procedures.

Mr Jensen also noted that local businesses should win on quality, consistency and professionalism, with citizen participation backed by capability.

According to the release, the MoU provides for monitoring of participation outcomes, periodic reviews and needs assessments.

All procurement remains subject to applicable laws, regulations and EIMC requirements, with both parties expected to act in good faith and comply with the Data Protection Act of 2024. ***BOPA***

Authority develops mobile-based QR system to address bottlenecks

GABORONE

Incomplete documentation, low uptake of pre-clearance facilities, staff shortages and unreliable customs networks are among the factors contributing to truck congestion at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post (OSBP).

Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang, said this in Parliament on November 13, responding to a question from Chobe MP, Mr Simasiku Mapulanga, who sought to know measures being implemented to address truck queues and prevent the A33 road from being used as a holding area for cross-border trucks.

Mr Barongwang said most trucks arrived at the OSBP without complete documentation, including declarations, invoices, release letters and proof of delivery, resulting in delays in processing.

He also cited the low uptake of available pre-clearance and pre-lodgement facilities, which were not consistently utilised by transporters and clearing agents.

Other challenges included staff shortages among border agencies, while some clearing agents allegedly withheld release orders and documents pending payment, sometimes seeking commissions from drivers.

He said the lack of regulation of clearing agents had, in some instances, left cargo stranded.

The minister further cited unreliable customs networks as another contributing factor.

To address the congestion, Mr Barongwang said the ministry, through the Kazungula Bridge Authority (KBA), had developed a Traffic Monitoring and Client Feedback System (TMCFS) to monitor traffic conditions and provide information on daily truck queues.

He explained that the mobile-based QR system captured queue lengths, waiting times, bottleneck locations, causes of delays, pre-clearance status, traffic flow and users' experiences when crossing the border. The system also generated operational dashboards, trend analyses, key performance indicator summaries, weekly validation summaries and monthly management reports.

Mr Barongwang said the information had enabled follow-up interventions that had contributed to the reduction in truck queues. He said KBA had intensified awareness campaigns on pre-clearance among truck drivers, including an outreach exercise held in Pandamatenga on October 26, 2026.In addition, the authority had introduced daily social media updates to inform truck drivers about queue lengths and encourage them to complete their documentation before arriving at the OSBP.

Pre-clearance information signboards had also been erected at Martin's Drift, Francistown, Nata and Pandamatenga along the A33 road.

He further said KBA had facilitated an engagement involving the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS), Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BMA) and other border agencies on June 23 and 24, 2026, to improve efficiency along the North-South Corridor.

Mr Barongwang said the interventions were yielding positive results, with truck queues now measuring below one kilometre and approaching the queue-length standards set by KBA.

On expenditure, he said the ministry, through KBA, had spent P171,092.34 on logistics, including environmental health and sanitation services, to address congestion.

However, he said the overall financial cost of congestion to government had not yet been determined.

It would be informed by expenditure on A33 road infrastructure repairs and maintenance, increased traffic management requirements, road safety interventions and other related activities.

The minister said KBA, whose mandate was to manage the North-South Corridor, had developed a 2027-2031 Strategic Plan that provided for the establishment of a Kazungula Logistics Park along the corridor. The proposed facility, estimated to cost US$260 million, would accommodate trucks that had not undergone pre-clearance and serve as a staging facility.

He said the project would be undertaken in partnership with the private sector through alternative financing arrangements, including public-private partnership equity, project debt and development finance institutions. Mr Barongwang said Kazungula OSBP currently handled an average of 640 trucks daily, adding that improved operational efficiencies could increase its capacity.

He said the ministry, in collaboration with KBA, was also implementing a corridor management programme to improve efficiency along the North-South Corridor.

One of the measures involved restricting trucks that had not been pre-cleared from proceeding to the OSBP, as they were a major source of congestion.

He acknowledged that the congestion had far-reaching implications for tourism, local communities, public transport, public health, environmental sustainability and other road users in Chobe District.

To minimise the impact, KBA had introduced measures targeting public health and environmental degradation, at an estimated annual cost of P340,000.

In the interim, the ministry, working with KBA, planned to construct a gravel lay-by along the A33 road by the end of the first quarter of 2027 to ease congestion affecting northbound traffic. In his question, Mr Mapulanga had also sought clarification on the financial resources committed towards traffic management, road maintenance and temporary truck holding arrangements.

He further asked about the estimated cost of establishing a permanent truck holding and staging facility, the budget allocated, implementation timelines and possible cost-sharing arrangements involving freight operators, the private sector and relevant Zambian authorities.

The MP also wanted to know how government was working with authorities on both sides of the border to regulate truck arrivals according to the OSBP's processing capacity.

He further sought the total financial commitment required to permanently resolve the congestion and whether funding had been provided for in current or forthcoming National Development Plan and recurrent budgets. Mr Mapulanga also asked whether government would consider constructing a relief road from Lesoma Junction to Kazungula to ease traffic congestion. ***BOPA***



Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Letlhogonolo Barongwang has told Parliament that incomplete documentation, low uptake of pre-clearance facilities, staff shortages and unreliable customs networks were among the factors contributing to truck congestion at the Kazungula One Stop Border Post. Photo: Portia Keetile

Testing kit shortage threatens PMTCT gains - Moalosi

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Shortages of HIV testing kits for expectant mothers threaten to reverse gains made under the country's Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programme.

Member of Parliament for Nkange, Mr Motlhaleemang Moalosi, said this during the debate on SONA, warning of reported increases in the number of children born with HIV. "We were winning the battle through the PMTCT, but we are now losing the battle," he said, stressing that HIV testing should be prioritised to protect children. Mr Moalosi also raised concerns over water shortages in his constituency, urging government to urgently address the situation.

On other issues,he decried the slow pace of residential plot allocations in his constituency, noting that the latest beneficiary had applied on June 23, 2011.

On institutional reforms, Mr Moalosi called for the independence of the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime and the Directorate of Intelligence and Security.

He said institutional reforms should promote transparency, adding that changing the leadership of the two institutions did not, in itself, constitute reform.

He also expressed concern over the President's announcement in the SONA that the Education Infrastructure Management Company (EIMC) would engage Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students and Ikageng employees. He argued that the positions could instead be filled through direct employment, thereby creating jobs.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament for Lentsweletau/Lephepe, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, said the country's economy was recovering under the leadership of President Advocate Duma Boko and Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe.

He said the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) government was on track to revive the economy, having settled many outstanding invoices inherited from the previous administration.

Mr Bogatsu said government's intention to increase its shareholding in De Beers was important, noting that the challenges facing the diamond industry were reminiscent of what had happened to copper when its value declined. He also applauded government for increasing the old-age pension to P1,400, describing the increment as progress towards the targeted P1,800.

Mr Bogatsu further called for Village Development Committees (VDCs) to be empowered and adequately resourced to manage resources within their respective jurisdictions. He said strengthening VDCs could also contribute to employment creation. He described Lentsweletau as a horticultural hub and called for support for farmers through the provision of cold-room storage facilities. He said significant quantities of produce were lost due to inadequate storage facilities. The MP also called for a review of the model used to appoint board members, arguing that boards should comprise people with diverse expertise and that individuals should not serve on multiple boards. ***BOPA***



ANTALYA - *Greenhouses at Kumköy farms in Aksu farming village, near Antalya, Türkiye, where farmers use drought-resistant seeds and smart farming technologies.* Photos: Phenyo Moalosi

Growing more on less

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe
ANTALYA

When one descends at Antalya Airport in Türkiye, one of the first striking sights is an extraordinary expanse of greenhouses stretching across the landscape.

From the aircraft window, they resemble a vast sea of white and silver, neatly arranged across the countryside and glistening under the Mediterranean sun.

As the plane approaches the runway, the structures seem to stretch endlessly, offering a striking introduction to a city whose agricultural success is visibly etched into its landscape.

For a visitor from Botswana, where vast tracts of land allocated for agriculture remain fallow or underutilised, the sight is particularly striking.

It immediately begs the question: How has Antalya managed to make relatively small pieces of land work so productively?

In this part of Türkiye, agriculture tells a story of technology, innovation and the deliberate management of natural resources.

Instead of relying solely on expansive fields, farmers have embraced protected cultivation and modern production systems to grow substantial quantities of food throughout the year.

Driving through Antalya, greenhouses become an almost permanent feature of the landscape.

Inside them, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, strawberries and other vegetables thrive under protected conditions.

Beyond the greenhouses, small fields and orchards line the roads, with orange, lemon, mandarin, pomegranate, avocado and olive trees adding colour to the countryside.

Antalya is widely regarded as Türkiye's greenhouse capital, with thousands of hectares dedicated to protected cultivation.

What makes this agricultural landscape particularly impressive, however, is not merely the scale of greenhouse production, but the systems and technologies that make it possible.

Protected cultivation allows farmers to regulate growing conditions, reduce exposure to unfavourable weather and extend production beyond the normal outdoor growing season.

Drip irrigation delivers water directly to plant roots, minimising wastage while some farmers use climate-controlled greenhouses and soilless farming methods to increase productivity and make more efficient use of land and water.

The results are reflected in the production figures. According to the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's 2025 Antalya Agricultural Investment Guide, based on 2024 statistics, the province has more than 31 000 hectares under protected cultivation, accounting for approximately 41 per cent of Türkiye's total greenhouse area.

In the same year, Antalya produced approximately 4.9 million tonnes of vegetables and 2.03 million tonnes of fruit, in addition to its field crops.

Agriculture here is, therefore, much more than an economic activity. It sustains farming families, creates employment, supports related industries and contributes significantly to trade and the regional economy.

Greenhouse production also strengthens Türkiye's export capacity, supplying fresh produce to international markets especially Europe, Russia and the Middle East, even during winter.

The contrast with Botswana is difficult to ignore. While Botswana has considerable land resources, much of the land allocated for traditional arable farming remains unused.

Figures presented in Parliament in October last year indicated that approximately 920 000 hectares had been allocated for traditional arable agriculture, of which about 360 000 hectares were being utilised.

Of course, the two agricultural environments are not directly comparable.

Botswana faces persistent constraints, among them, limited water supplies, unreliable rainfall, high production costs and the effects of increasingly unpredictable weather patterns.

The challenges make farming particularly difficult especially for small-scale producers.

Yet, Antalya offers an important lesson that agricultural productivity is not determined by the amount of land available alone. How that land is used, the technologies adopted and the efficiency of production systems can be just as important.

There is considerable scope for Botswana to explore approaches that enable farmers to produce more from smaller areas particularly through horticulture, greenhouse farming and other forms of protected cultivation.

The country's horticultural production figures suggest that progress is already being made.

An article published by DailyNews on March 31 reported that Botswana produced approximately 140 881 tonnes of horticultural crops between April last year and January this year.

This comprised 114 080 tonnes of vegetables and 26 800 tonnes of fruit. Vegetable production exceeded estimated national demand by 1.8 per cent while fruit production met approximately 67 per cent of demand.

The figures point to an opportunity not only to strengthen domestic food production but also to address remaining supply gaps and expand the country's horticultural potential.

Speaking on the sidelines of COP31, Director of Partnerships in the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Christopher Nyanga, said Botswana could draw valuable lessons from Antalya's approach to greenhouse farming, modern agricultural technologies, climate-resilient production and more efficient land use.

Dr Nyanga noted that the experience could help Botswana consolidate the gains being made under the Lemang Dijo programme, where participating farmers had recorded encouraging results, including unprecedented yields and record bags per hectare.

For him, the next step is to build on this progress by improving production methods, embracing appropriate technologies and learning from agricultural systems that had demonstrated the potential to achieve higher yields.

The lesson from Antalya is not that Botswana should replicate its agricultural model wholesale. The country's climatic conditions, water availability and farming systems are different.



The farmers grow a variety of crops, including green peppers, tomatoes and strawberries.

Rather, it is about identifying technologies and practices that can be adapted to local circumstances and allow farmers to make better use of available resources.

The visit takes place against the backdrop of the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31)held in Antalya from November 9-20.

The conference provides a platform for countries to exchange experiences and explore practical responses to climate change, including ways of strengthening food systems and building resilience in agriculture.

For Botswana, the discussions have particular relevance as the country seeks to protect agricultural production against increasingly difficult climatic conditions.

Dr Nyanga also highlighted the importance of preparing farmers for anticipated El Niño conditions, which could bring reduced rainfall and higher temperatures, placing additional pressure on agricultural production.

Such conditions reinforce the need to move beyond dependence on traditional rain-fed farming and explore production systems that can better withstand climatic shocks. Greenhouse farming, efficient irrigation and climate-smart agricultural technologies could form part of that response, provided they are adapted to local needs and supported by appropriate investment, skills and infrastructure.

Dr Nyanga emphasised that climate change was a global challenge that required cooperation among countries.

Multilateral engagement, knowledge exchange and strategic partnerships are, therefore, important in mobilising the technical expertise, technologies and resources needed to strengthen agricultural production and help farmers adapt to changing climatic conditions.

For Botswana, the takeaway is not simply to build more greenhouses. It is to rethink how agricultural land is utilised, how water is managed and how technology can help farmers produce more with the resources available to them.

In a country where large portions of agricultural land remain underutilised and climate pressures continue to intensify, that may be one of the most valuable lessons Antalya has to offer. ***BOPA***

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MAUN

Borre ba rotloeditswe go nna dikao tse di molemo mo malwapeng ka go etelela pele mo go sireletseng le go aga bana ba ba nang le tlotlo go rotloetsa kagiso, go na le go dirisa bogale le dikgoka go supa taolo.

Fa a tlhalosa maikaelelo a bokopano jwa borre le basimane mo Maun ka Labone, Senior Superintendent, Batani Mosipi o tlhalositse fa bokopano jo ele bontlha jwa maiteko a ba sepodisi go leka go fokotsa borukutlhi jo gantsi bo dirwang ke borre go akaretsa go thubetsa le dipolaano.

"Bokopano jo bo direletswe go rotloetsa borre go abelana megopolo ka ditsela tse di siameng tsa go godisa bana le go fokotsa tiriso dikgoka ga mmogo le borukhuthi mo setshabeng," a rialo.

Rre Mosipi o supile fa dipalo di supa fa banna e le bone ba dirang melato ka dipalo tse dintsi ka jalo go le botlhokwa go kopana le bone go sekaseka mabaka a a bakang seemo seo le go batla ditsela tsa go se fetola.

"Rre wa nnete ke yo o sireletsang e bile a kaela le go godisa lelwapa la gagwe e seng yo o supang bogale le nonofo ka go tsenya mosadi lebogo," a rialo.

Rre Mosipi o gwetlhile borre go ikaga ka go ithuta go laola maikutlo a bone go tila go felela ba dirisa dikgoka fa ba lebanwe ke dikgotlhang.

Fa a bua ka seabe sa bogosi mo go ageng malwapa a a nang le boikarabelo, Kgosi Moeti Moeti wa kgotla ya Boyei o tlhalositse fa rre a tshwanetse go nna mosireletsi le motlhokomedi wa lelwapa, mme a re seemo sa malatsi ano se supa fa bangwe ba borre ba sa tlhole ba diragatsa maikarabelo ao.

O kopile borre go boela kwa metheong ya ngwao e e neng e rotloetsa boikarabelo jwa borre mo malwapeng gore go nne le ledula le kutlwano.

Fa a ruta kwa bokopang joo, Major Cocktail Keoreng wa sesole sa Botswana o gateletse botlhokwa jwa tlotlo le puisano mo go ageng batho ba ba nang le kutlwano.

Major Keoreng o rotloeditse borre go tsaya maikarabelo a go godisa bana ba basimane ka go ba kaela le go ba ruta maitsholo a a amogelesegileng.

"Maitsholo a ngwana a senola seabe sa batsadi mo tlhokomelong le kgodiso ya bone, mme ngwana yo o golang ka kaelo e e siameng o gola e le motho yo o nang le seabe se se molemo mo setshabeng," a rialo.

Mongwe wa ba-tsa-ya karolo wa banana, Rre Thajorwayi Maekopo wa Disaneng kwa Maun, o tlhalositse fa bana ba ba ba kgalemelwang ke batsadi le go otlhaelwa diphoso ba gola ba na le maitseo a a botoka go na le ba ba sa kgalemelweng.

O gateletse fa kgodiso ya ngwana e tshwanetse go simolola a sa le monnye ka go nne e le yone motheo wa maitsholo a gagwe fa a gola.

Mo boikuelong jwa gagwe, Officer Commanding wa Distric 5 ya Sepodisi, Senior Superintendent Poloko Oteng o kopile morafe go tshwaragana le sepodisi go lwantsha borukhutlhi segolobogolo ka go bega ditiragalo tsa tshenyo le tse di seng kafa molaong gore go agiwe setshaba se se sireletsegileng.

Bokopano jo, jo bo neng bo kokoantse borre le basimane ba ka feta makgolo a matlhano, bo dumalane maikaelelo le maitlamo a a akaretsang go tsaya boikarabelo jwa go godisa bana ba basimane ka tsela e e tlaa agang morafe o o senang tiriso ya dikgoka.

Ba dumalane gape ka go tsosolosa ditsamaiso tsa ngwao tsa pele tse di neng di thusa go godisa bana ba ba nang le boikarabelo mo setshabeng. ***BOPA***



Mothusa molaodi wa kgaolo ya bokone botlhaba, Rre Joel Thuto, a re mo bekeng tse tharo tse di fetileng molelwane wa Ramokgwebana o ne wa itemogela palo e ntsi ya dikoloi tsa megobagoba tse di neng di tsaya dibeke di ka nna pedi go kgabaganya. A re se, se ne sa leswafatsa tikologo, go gweba ka mmele le go dirisiwa ga bana botlhaswa mo go tsa tlhakanelo dikobo. O kgothaditse banni go tswa ka ditsela tsa go babalela tikologo le go tlhokomela metsamao ya bana. Senepe: Goweditswe Kome

Ofisi e tsibogela go isa ditlamelo kwa setshabeng

Relief Lephutshi

LOROLWANE

Bontsi jwa metse ee kgakala le ditlamelo, e itemogela dikgwetlho tsa go bona ditirelo tsa puso, jaaka kwadiso ya ditlankana tsa matsalo, dintsho le omang.

Ke ka moo ba ofisi ya ga molaodi ya Kanye ba neng ba tswa letsholo bosheng, go isa ditlamelo kwa Lorolwane..

Seemo sa bokgakala le ditlamelo go ya ka Mothusa Molaodi wa kgaolo ya Kanye, Mme Tlhalefo Pako-Maradung mo potsolotsong le BOPA, se gwetlhile ofisi ya molaodi wa kgaolo go rekegela le go tlhopha motse o, e le mongwe wa metse e e tlhokang go atumediwa ditlamelo mo kgaolong.

Fa a tswelela o ne a re, seemo sa go sa bone ditlamelo se oketswa gape ke letlhoko la dipalamo tsa setshaba mme se se dire gore go nne le go retelelwa ke go palama go ya go kopa ditlamelo kgotsa gone go di bona go boela morago, Bangwe ba ba kgonneng go goroga kwa mafelong a ditirelo, ba kgona go ipoela fela ba sa bona thuso ka mabaka a go itlhaganelela nako ya go boela morago ya dipalamo tse diboutsana.

A re ka jalo ofisi ya ga molaodi e ngokile maphata a puso ka go farologana go tsisetsa Lorolwane ditlamelo, e bile e le go ba thusa manokonoko a ditshenyegelo tsa mosepele.

Mogolwane kwa lephateng la kwadiso ya ditlankana tsa matsalo, dintsho le omang go tswa kwa Jwaneng ,Mme Keletso Keitshokile le ene o gateletse fa motse wa Lorolwane o le kgakala go ka fitlhelela ditirelo ka jalo go kgoreletsa go gorosa ditirelo tsa morafe ka nako.

O tladitse ka gore seemo sa madi le sone se bakile kgoreletsego go thusa morafe jaaka fa lenaneo la go ba isetsa ditlamelo tseo mo setlheng sengwe le sengwe sa ngwaga se sa kgonagala ngwaga ono.

A re se ke lengwe la mabaka a a bakileng mosuke o o neng o tshologetse go amogela ditirelo tsa lephata leo ka Labone.

O tlhalositse mo potsolotsong fa lephata le amogetse baikopedi ba ba dirang Omang e le lantlha ba le le lesome le bongwe (19) le ba ba ntshafatsang Omang ba le masome mabedi le bongwe (21), mme ba le boferabobedi ba kgona go neelwa dikarata tsa Omang. Fa dikarata tsa Omang di le pedi di kopilwe e le tse di latlhegileng.

Mme Keitshokile a re dikopo tsa ditlankana tsa matsalo di gatisitswe di le nne (4), ga ba ga ntshiwa di le nne (4) tse di kopilweng go le pele.

Go ya ka Kgosi Matlhoakgosi Matlho wa Lorolwane, ditirelo tse di tlhokiwang thata ke morafe wa Lorolwane, ke ditirelo tsa lephata la kwadiso ya ditlankana tsa matsalo ,dintsho le omang ga mmogo le tsa lephata la ditirelo tsa metsi.

A re morafe o lela thata ka go duela sekoloto sa metsi, a re go tsaya sebaka se seleele go sa kgonagale go a duela mme go felele go baka gore bontsi ja malapa bo kgaolelwe metsi. ***BOPA***

Republic of Botswana

TENDER TENDERING PROCEDURES

TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender Ref No. SP/DBS/017/2026-2027

- **CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS**
- Tender offers are invited from hundred percentages (100%) Botswana citizen owned companies for

  CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS
- The Procuring Department is **Department of Broadcasting Services.**
- Procurement Method is: **Open Domestic Bidding**
- Tenderers who are domiciled in Botswana must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) in the following category:
- **Code: 116-** Broadcast and Audio-visual services,
- **Sub code: 01-** Installation and Maintenance of broadcasting and audio -visual equipment
- This tender constitutes **CYCLE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STUDIO(s) AND AUDITORIUM LIGHTING SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR DBS (BTV) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS**
- The tender is reserved for citizens or citizen contractors as stated under Section 76 (1) of the Public Procurement Act.
- Preferences in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurements Act, 2021 shall apply to the contract, as per the applicable Presidential Directives.

  The Directive Cab 19 (B) 2013: Local Procurement Scheme
  The Directive on "local procurement scheme" will be applied in this tender. For companies to benefit from this directive, they should submit proof of eligibility

  The Presidential Directive CAB II (A)/2010 on Economic Diversification Drive (EDD) shall be implemented in the evaluation of the tender.

  Bidders shall benefit from a single scheme, whichever that provides better preference.
- Bidders should be certified users and distributors of ETC Connect systems and De Sisti Products.
- The physical address for collection of tender documents is: **Department of Broadcasting Services, Procurement Office no: 13, Transport Block, Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana.**

  Documents may be collected during working hours after **0800 - 12:45hrs and 1345hrs -15:30hrs,** effecting from 11 November 2026.
- A non-refundable deposit of **P250.00** payable by **cash/Electronic payments.** Payments should be done at **Revenue Office, 029, Administration Block (GROUND FLOOR), Mass Media Complex, Plot 37795, Wellie Seboni Rd, G/West Phase 2, Gaborone, Botswana.**

  Youth companies will pay **P125.00** as per Presidential Directive 14 (B) of 2015 upon the provision of evidence. (Identity cards of all Directors and Shareholders).
- **DATA PROTECTION**

  The contractor/supplier shall comply with all applicable data protection laws especially the Data Protection Act No 18 of 24 and implement appropriate technical and Organisational measures to protect personal Data in the control of and data processed by Ministry of State President Defence and Security.
- Personal data shall only be processed for tender purposes of the proposed contract, kept confidential, protected against unauthorised access or disclosure and securely be returned or destroyed upon termination of the contract. The contractor/Supplier shall promptly notify the Ministry of any personal data breach and shall not appoint subcontract to process personal data without prior written approval from Ministry.
- A compulsory site visit and pre-tender meeting with representatives of the Procuring Entity will take place at Mass Media Complex, BTV Reception, on **18 November 2026** starting at 1000 hrs. Bidders arriving after 1000hrs hours shall **NOT** be allowed in and shall be disqualified from participating in the tender. As stipulated in the tender, **one (1) Electronic specialist/ professional shall represent one company.** Any person attending the site clarification meeting representing more than one company shall render such companies' ineligible for participation in this tender and be disqualified.
- The Bid Submission Method is: Two Envelope Submission Method in which the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope clearly marked Technical, whilst the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope clearly marked Financial. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope.

  Failure to follow the two-envelope procedure will lead to outright disqualification. A bid which fails to follow the bid submission method or which is not sealed in the manner prescribed above shall be disqualified immediately.
- One [1] original tender document marked ORIGINAL and two [2] duplicate copies of the original Document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked
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  The name and address of the bidder should be clearly marked at the back of the envelope.
- The closing date and time for receipt of tender offers is 08 December 2026 at 10:00hrs

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The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security, Finance House Building, Floor 4, Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

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

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

Director-Procurement Oversight
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

BENEFICIARY
ASSESSMENT NOTICE

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CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS

In line with the provisions of the Retirement Funds Act (2022) (the Act) which require retirement funds administrators to trace beneficiaries of death claims, NMG Administrators Botswana is currently assessing beneficiaries for deceased members of the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund listed below. Therefore, all possible beneficiaries/dependants should liaise with the Administrator. This is to ensure that all beneficiaries or dependants are known and considered by the Trustees in apportioning the Death Benefits in pursuit of their fiduciary responsibility.

Kindly contact NMG Administrators Botswana within 14 days from the date of this Publication.

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- Qualification: Master in Forensic Financial Accounting
- Experience: 4 years teaching experience at tertiary level

The candidates should be applying to teach the following courses: Forensic Data Analytics and Electronic Evidence, Computer Crimes and Cyber Security, Money Laundering, Detection and Investigation, Financial Risk Management Software, Psychology of the Fraudster and Fraud Detection and Techniques and Introduction to Economic Crimes, Digital Forensics for the Fraud Examiner, Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Corruption in Public and Organizations

Hospital Administration Lecturers (3)
- Qualification: Masters in Hospital Administration or Masters in Medicine or, Masters of Nursing Science Degree or equivalent from a BQA Recognized University.
- Experience: 4 years teaching experience at tertiary level

The candidates must be able to teach some of the following modules;
Introduction to Global health, Human Biology 2, Health Database management system, Principles of Hospital administration, Medical Records Department, Hospital services management-core, support and utility, Health Ethics, Law, and policy, Health Informatics and Epidemiology

The Faculty of Societal and Vocational Education
- Qualification: Must hold a Master's Degree in Special Education or MPHIL in Special Education; a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, Curriculum and Instruction.
- Experience: Applicants should have at least 10 years or more of teaching experience in tertiary institutions.
- Knowledge of accreditation requirements, quality management systems and regulatory frameworks.
- Strong leadership, analytical, communication, and report-writing skills.

IT Lecturer
Minimum Qualifications
- A Master's degree in Information Technology, Computer Science, Computer Systems, Software Engineering, Information Systems, or a closely related field.
- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant IT discipline.
- Experience
- At least three (5) years of relevant teaching experience at tertiary or higher education level.
- Demonstrated experience in teaching IT-related modules, developing course materials, preparing assessments, marking examinations, and providing student support.
- Practical experience in the IT industry, including systems development, networking, database management, cybersecurity, or IT support, depending on the candidate's area of specialisation.
- Experience in curriculum development, academic research, and student supervision will be an added advantage.
- Experience using Learning Management Systems (LMS) and other digital teaching platforms.

For all applicants, a PhD or a progress towards a PhD from a recognized institution will be an added advantage.

Mandatory requirement
Must have BQA, Evaluation of Qualifications, and Assessor, Moderator certifications and ERB Registration Certificate and ERB Practicing License.

Application Requirements
- Resume (CV)
- Cover letter
- Certified copies of educational and professional certificates and transcripts
- Certified copies of Omang/Passport
- Two (2) current references within the last 12 months

Only shortlisted Candidate will be responded to.

New Era College reserves the right to verify any license, qualifications related to this role and reserves the right to perform any background checks, physical exams, or police clearances it may consider prudent at any time.

Statement of Stewardship and Ethics
New Era College is a steward of diversity and embraces the benefits of a non-discriminative community that welcomes and acknowledges equal opportunity inclusive of all community interests. Candidates are encouraged to apply irrespective of ethnicity, race, religion and belief, age, disability, marital status, sex, gender, or sexual orientation.

Employees are expected to act in accordance with accepted high standards of behavior in public life, which embrace selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership. All members of New Era College should act in its best interests, rather than representing the interests of individuals or particular groups.

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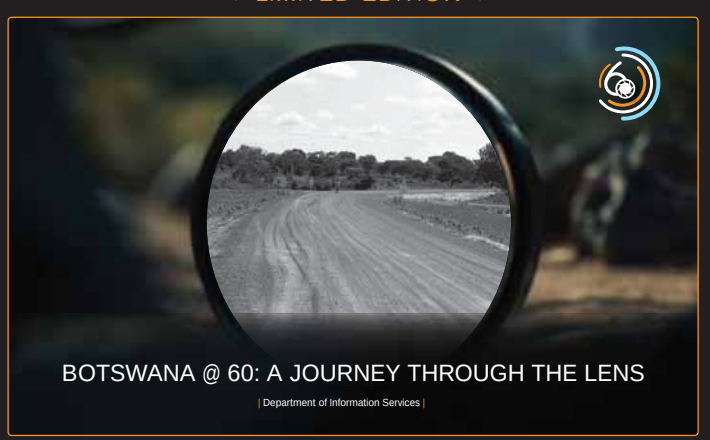
Email to:

Human Resource Manager OR
careers@neweracollege.ac.bw
P.O. Box 402134, Gaborone
Plot 36158, Block 8, Gaborone

Deadline: 4th December 2026
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Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROCUREMENT FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SATELLITE RECEIVERS AND LOW NOISE BLOCKS(LNBs) FOR DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING SERVICES

• The Tender documents shall be delivered to:
The Government Buyer, Ministry for State President, Defence and Security
Finance House Building, Floor 4,
Office 402 Government Enclave, Gaborone

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

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

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

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

Government Buyer
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security



Classified Ads

BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | MISCELLANEOUS | PROPERTIES | VACANCIES

FARM WORKERS

ONE FARMWORKER WANTED Julius G. Mazwiduma Box 169 Francistown 72702998

ONE FARMWORKER WINCOTT Samaba Box 2353 Francistown 72269322

FARM WORKER WANTED Shashe mooke Kuda Relief Seretse Box 51380 Gaborone 72154305

FARUK NOORMAHOMED SARDAR requires services of farm worker at Shashemooke apply to Box 719 Francistown

FARM WORKER WANTED at Matshelagabedi Farms contact Dintle Motsamai 71616636/ 71363434 Box 30015 Sefalana

HEDRBOY WANTED AT Satau contact Sibihelo Jost Rungwe 73278788 Box 482 Kasane

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Mmapoo Farms contact Mokgobokanyi Kanego Box 187 Bobonong 76305664

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Makomoto contact Kesentsang S. Nfila 71728317 Box 310 Tonota

OWNER OF PLOT 16833 at Rasesoma ward Serowe informs neigbours of a boundary wall erection. Any objection contact Serowe District Council on 4638402

FARM WORKER WANTED: should know: manuals reading and instruments, use and handle chemical fertilisers and pesticides safely. Fit for severe manual work. Box V1157, Ramotswa, Metsimaswaane South East, Kelebogile Mosweu 75071665

FARMWORKER WANTED URGENTLY at Monoga Farms. Contact Jomo Sefako P.O Box 58 Artesia. Tel : 72330016

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FARM WORKER NEEDED Mmamashia 75435316 Richard Sanda

2 FARM WORKERS wanted Kaone Kay Modikwa. Apply to P O Box 283 Mahalapye 78155005

2 FARM WORKERS wanted in Oodi. Apply to Pauline Ndaba, P O Box 25 Oodi 75204673

FARM WORKER WANTED. Topisi-Ratobo Farms. Box 167 Palapye 71726136 Morake.

WANTED HERD BOY at Satau, contact Ntema R. at: 75382245. Closing date 02 December 2026

AME FRANK MHUTSIWA is looking for farm workers at Mogonono Mathete farm, Closing date 10-12-2026. Cell no. 71758511/ 72415537

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Kanngwe. Reply : Raitoko. Cell : 72107130

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Dikwididi. Reply : Power. Cell : 71668758

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ruretse. Reply : Mokgoludi . Cell 72107130

SIMBISHI INVESTMENTS LOOKING for farm worker Lesilakgogong 72525382

FARM WORKER WANTED at Borobadilepe. Reply : Mooketsane. Cell : 71668758

KE BATA MODISA ko Shashe, Bobonong. 72654000

VACANCY FOR A farm worker exists at Mosusu lands (outer parts of Gabane/Metsimotlhabe) must be experienced, reliable & hardworking. Call 72143478/ 76243478

HOUSE MAIDS

HOUSE MAID WANTED in Setlhoa Village.76257593 / 75160715. Closing date 20/11/2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-001371/25

IN THE ESTATE of the **Late Paul Jason Dooney** who died at 102 Lawton Road, Loughton, Essex, Epping Forest District, United Kingdom on 14th June 2018.

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

DATED at on this.....day of .....2026.

Executor Testamentary
Patric James Ralston
C/o Lechani Lawyers
Plot No. 5528, Madikwe Ward, **TUTUME**
TEL: 73101915/74713346

Executor Testamentary
Abigail Johanna Dooney
c/o Lechani Lawyers
Plot No. 5528, Madikwe Ward, **TUTUME**
TEL: 73101915/74713346

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING

Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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Name of Deceased PEARL MASOBE.
Estate Number ESHMY 00027_26
Date of meeting 22.12.26
Time 0900HRS
Masters: SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 09th NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LAND USE

MAATLA JAYSON MOATLHODI, owner of residential plot **Plot No. 38564**, Mogoditshane, hereby gives notice of his intention to change the land use from Single Residential to Multi-Residential for the development of modern studio residential units.
The proposed development plans may be inspected at: Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council, Physical Planning Office (Mogoditshane)
Any person wishing to raise an objection to the proposed change of land use should submit their objection in writing to:

Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council
Physical Planning Office
Telephone**: 3105615 / 3909973** (Applicant Contact: **78455274**)

Objections must be submitted within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

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

ESHFT 000286/23

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Jose Armando ESHFT 000286/23** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District on the 17th May 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chamber of the Assistant Registrar and Master of High Court Francistown for the period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publication thereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

ROSALIA ARMANDO-71562871
Executor Dative
P O Box 20543 Monarch
Francistown

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

ABRAM J

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

CASE NO: CVHGB-000525-26

In the matter between:
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOTSWANA LIMITED PLAINTIFF

And

EMMANUEL MOETELEDI LETSOMANE DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court on 16th May 2026, the following property of the Defendant will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff GAOLATLHE W. RAMOKGWANA as follows:

DATE OF SALE: 18 December 2026
VENUE: Tribal Lot 5590, Tlokweng
TIME: 14:00 PM
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: The Defendant's rights, title and interest in a certain piece of land being Lot 5590, situate at Tlokweng in the Batlokwa Tribal Territory, measuring 866m² held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 129/2023 dated 14th day of March 2023, made in favour of Emmanuel Moeteledi Letsomane with developments thereon being a 3 bedroomed house fully fitted, double garage, guest toilet, attached servants quarters, walled with electric fence and partly paved.

TERMS OF SALE: All payments will be made through an electronic fund transfer

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF GAOLATLHE RAMOKGWANA
C/O PEO LEGAL
Plot 2536, Thutlwa Close,
Extension 9,Gaborone
Tel: 3975779

JOB ADVERT

Date: 12 November 2026
Company: Khwai Group Pty Ltd
Khwai Group Pty Ltd is looking for experienced and qualified candidates for the following positions.:Applicants must have at least 3 years of relevant experience.

1. Accounts & Admin Officer
2. Document Controller (Must be able to handle the preparation of mining project handover documentations)
3. Project Planner (must be able to operate both MS project & P6)
4. SHE Superintendent/Manager (Preferably 8 Years or more experience on mining project)
5. Civil Superintendent/Manager (Minimum 10 Years Civil Engineering Experience)
6. Electrical Superintendent/Manager (Minimum 10 Years Electrical Engineering Experience in all HV, MV, LV)
7. Commercial manger -MBA, 5 years experience is required

Closing Date: 11 December 2026

How to Apply
Interested and qualified candidates should submit their updated CV and copies of relevant qualifications to: KhwaigroupptyLtd@ac.bw

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given that **MICHELE JEAN COLLINGTON** have entered into an offer to purchase agreement with **SOUTHERN SUMMIT REINSURANCE ADVISORS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** (the "**Transaction**"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN : piece of land being Tribal Grant 405-KP;
SITUATE : in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 14.0042 Ha (Fourteen point Zero Zero Four Hectares);
HELD UNDER : a Notarial Deed of Cession and Delegation No. **MA 712/2012** dated the **19th of September 2012.**

Hereafter referred to as **(the "Property")**

Purchase Consideration is the sum of **BWP 750,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pula)** excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the Transaction. Notwithstanding the Transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the Property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the **Kgatleng Land Board within 30 (Thirty) days** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

LAW OFFICES OF AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES IN ASSOCIATION WITH MCKEE COMMERCIAL LAW

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act(Cap. 31: 01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
RADITLAAGANA MAKORO	ESHMY 000339-26	22.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 27TH OCTOBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000376-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **SIMON AIWEI NETSHAPALA** who died at Tsunyana Ward, Kudumatse, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **11th May 2026.**

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

DATED at _____on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.

The Executrix
Matshidiso Andries
P O Box 1455
Mahalapye
Cell: 75567442

The Executrix
Gaosego Ditsele
P O Box 2379
Mahalapye
Cell: 71383757

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference**: ESHMY 000346-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **KEOBOKILE GALETOLE** who died at Mahalapye Hospital, Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **25th February 2002.**

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

DATED at ____on this ____Day of ____2026.

The Executrix
Gasefela Galetole
P O Box 75
Mmutlane
Cell: 76128137

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

ESHFT 000365-23

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BASHI GASEMOTHO- ESHFT 000365-23** who died at **MOSETSE CENTRAL TUTUME DISTRICT on the 1ST AUGUST 2023**
First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court Francistown for period of Twenty- one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the twenty one (21) days stated above.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 09TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

James John Lenyebe
Executor Dative
P O Box 39
Mosetse
Cell: 72209284

Veronicah Basetsana Pelaelo
Executrix Dative
P O Box 39
Mosetse
Cell: 75456896

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use. The owner of plot 18631 Senyedimana ward, Molepolole intends to change of land use and build boundary wall from residential to commercial use. Any objection contact physical planning Kweneng district council 5915122.

THE OWNER PLOT 254 located at Kasane wishes to change land use from residential to commercial use. Any objection contact CHDC at 62500868

OWNER OF PLOT 18259 would like to construct a boundary wall. All neighbours if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng council on 3695003/02

OWNER OF PLOT 18258 would like to construct a boundary wall. All neighbours if they have any objection shall contact Tlokweng council on 3695003/02

OWNER OF PLOT 20077 Gaborone Phase 2, informs public of a proposed change of land use from residential to multi family residential. Objections should be subjected to Gaborone city council, physical planning within fourteen days of publication of notice.

KGATHEGO GAEDUBE OF plot 14543 Extension 11, Palapye wish to erect a boundary wall. For any objections please contact Palapye District Council Physical Planning Department in 14 days of the publication.

G. MARIRI, owner of Tribal Lot 10575, Flowertown, Kazungula; informs neighbours of proposal for change of land use from single to multi-family residential. For objections or plan viewing contact consultant on 72622288 or Chobe Physical Planning Office on 6250276 within 14 days of advert.

OWNER OF PLOT 13356 Lekgwapeng, Molepolole wishes to change from single to multi residential. Any quiries contact Molepolole District Council Physical Planning on 5920200 within 14 days of publication

OWNER OF PLOT 16600, Maratadiba Tlokweng would like to change land use from single family residential. For any objections, contact Tlokweng Physical Planning office on 3905240 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 12299, Tutume intend to erect boundary wall. For more information contact Tutume physical planning within 14 days or 72866512

OWNER OF PLOT 12299 in Tutume would like to change land-use from residential to multi-family residential. For any objection contact Tutume physical planning within 14 days

PROPERTIES

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

PLOUGHING FIELD FOR SALE, Betesankwe 78.8 hectares. Undeveloped, 650k negotiable. Contact: 78747001 74259061

NEIGHBOURS CONSULTATION

The owner of plot 77390 Gaborone North seeks to subdivide it and change the use of one of the resultant portions from commercial to residential. Any objections should be forwarded to the Physical Planning Office Gaborone City Council within 14 days of the date of this publication or telephonically to 3657400.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

RICHMILS BOTSWANA (PTY) LTD

Date: 12 November 2026

Richmils Botswana (Pty) Ltd invites applications from suitably qualified, experienced and motivated individuals to fill the following vacant position:

POSITION: CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER (CHINESE-SPEAKING)

Key Requirements:

- Proven experience in customer service management.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Fluency in Chinese is essential.
- Strong leadership, organisational and problem-solving abilities.
- Relevant academic qualifications and professional experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit the following documents:
- An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Copies of relevant academic and professional qualifications.

Applications should be sent to: ***richmilsbotswana@live.com**

Postal Address: P.O. Box 1379 ABG, Gaborone, Botswana.

CLOSING DATE: 12 DECEMBER 2026 | **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

MASTER'S REF: ESHMY-000205-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **PHETEDI RAGABATSEWE** who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown district, Botswana on the **20th November 2022.**

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

DATED at ..... on the ..... day of 2026

_____
The Executor Gaebolae Motshabi
P. O. Box 842 Palapye Cell: 71868879

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000771/24

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MOGOBE PHUTHEGELO AND KENANAO FLORAH PHUTHEGELO who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital. Molepolole, Kweneng, District on the **13th day** of **September 2012** and at Dinnokwane Ward, Serowe, Central Serowe District on the **9th of May 2024** respectively.

First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the Estate will lie open for the inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court, Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 11th NOVEMBER 2026.

Executor Dative | Debbie Setumo
P O Box 2993, MOLEPOLOLE | **Cell:** 71 714 414

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BASHI ROBERT RAMARIBANA	ESHMY 000430-26	11.01.27	09000hrs	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 10TH NOVEMBER 2026

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT



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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEDISITSWE LEMOGANG	ESHMY 000409-26	21.12.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH NOVEMBER 2026

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000092/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MMANNANA KENOSI** who died at Dilaene Ward. Mahalapye, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 1st January 2023.

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

DATED at GABORONE this _____ Day of _____2026.

Executrix Dative Kebawetse Kenosi P. O. Box 53512
GABORONE CELL: 71578904/71207024

Vision•Sense OPTOMETRISTS

VACANCY
OPTOMETRIST

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Optometrist at Vision Sense Optometrists, Plot 258/9, Molefi Close Extension 5, Gaborone.

Requirements

* Bachelor's degree in optometry
* Registration with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC)
* Post-qualification experience will be an advantage; newly qualified optometrists are encouraged to apply
* Good communication skills and a genuine commitment to patient care

How to apply

Suitably qualified candidates should email a CV, cover letter, certified copies of qualifications, proof of BHPC registration and a copy of Omang/passport to recruitment@directlabourconsult.com.

Closing date: Thursday, 19 November 2026 at 17:00

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018)

NOTICE is hereby given that **FRONT VIEWS PROPRIETARY LIMITED** has entered into a sale agreement with **STOEL PROPRIETARY LIMITED** for the sale of **TRIBAL LOT 2032 (the "Transaction"),** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN	: Piece of Land being Tribal Lot 2032;
SITUATE	: at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING	: 878 m^2 (Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY	: is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA 870/2018 dated the 10th of October 2018 made in favour of FRONT VIEWS PROPRIETARY LIMITED

Hereafter referred to as **(the "Property")**

Purchase Consideration for the sale of the Property amounts to **BWP 400,000.00** (**Four Hundred Thousand Pula)** excluding any VAT/Transfer Duty consequential to the Transaction.

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

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the **Mogoditshane Sub Land Board, P O Box 2, Mogoditshane within 30 (Thirty)** days from the last publication of this notice.

LAW OFFICES OF AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES IN ASSOCIATION WITH MCKEE COMMERCIAL LAW

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR A FULL TIME MINISTER

The UCCSA Synod of Botswana is inviting candidates with impeccable integrity to apply for the position of a Church Minister.

Qualification

1. At least a Diploma in Theology from a recognised Institution.
2. An ordained minister of the UCCSA and a qualification accredited by the UCCSA.
3. Ordained as a Minister in the UCCSA or a recognised Church.
4. Behavioural attributes as stipulated by the Church and befitting of a minister of religion.
5. Willingness to serve any Local Church within the Synod of Botswana.
6. Medically sound to perform duties as Minister of the local church.

Purpose of the Role

1. To provide spiritual and pastoral leadership to the Local Church.
2. To reach out and lead people to worship the Lord.
3. To take responsibility for all worship services and prayer meetings within the church,
4. To preach the word of God.
5. To be effective in pastoral care.
6. To teach all members, leaders and organisations towards creating a common understanding on being a Missional church.
7. To lead, teach and guide the local church in matters of Doctrine, Administration, Order and Discipline in accordance with the Constitution, Procedures and Policies of the UCCSA structures.

Submission

Submissions should be made to the Synod Secretary, UCCSA Synod of Botswana, P.O. BOX 1263, Gaborone or email to charitykgotlafela@gmail.com.

The deadline for submission is the 4th December 2026.

ALENWOOD TRAVEL AND TOURS (PTY) LTD
(IN LIQUIDATION)
REGISTRATION NUMBER: UIN BW00000272752

LIQUIDATOR'S NOTICE

Master's Reference: *LQHGB-000013/24*

NOTICE OF SECOND MEETING OF CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with a directive issued by the Assistant Master of the High Court, and pursuant to **Section 382** (1) of the Companies Act **(Cap 42:01),** the Second Meeting of Creditors will be convened before the Assistant Master of the High Court, K. Thebeetsile, at the **Masters Offices, Gaborone High Court** Building at **08:30 hours** on **Thursday** the **26th day of November 2026** for the following purposes:

a) To prove further claims against the Company;
b) To receive and approve the report of the Liquidator relating to the state of the Company, assets, liabilities, causes of insolvency and the investigation into the affairs and books of the company;
c) Giving formal instructions or voting on resolutions regarding the administration, continuation or realization and/or sale of the Company assets.
d) To consider any other competent business.

KINDLY TAKE NOTICE THAT any claims and supporting affidavits must be delivered to the Assistant Master of the High Court and the Liquidator at least **24 (twenty-four) hours** before the meeting.

DATED AT GABORONE this 10th day of November 2026

CASPER HENDRIK JACOBUS GREYLING, Liquidator, 2nd Floor, Molapo Piazza, Molapo Shopping Centre, Rem Plot 33695, P.O Box 1553, Gaborone, **BOTSWANA**
Tel: 3932321 / 74574810. | **Email address:** chjgreyling@gmail.co.za

NOTICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION
(In Terms Tribal Land Act No. 1 of 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction to be entered into between Mr Lobaka Edward Moroka of Id 106610807 for the purpose of the transfer of the hereunder mentioned property to **Mr Tensen Masukume of PP No FN518891**

CERTAIN : Residential Plot
SITUATE : at Gabane, Go-Lonkgwane Plot 2170
MEASURING: 28X36M
SUBJECT TO : None

I Mr Lobaka Edward Moroka have agreed to transfer the above mentioned property to Mr Tensen Masukume. Any citizen of Botswana who objects to this transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is hereby requested to lodge such objection with reason in writing, within thirty (30) days from publication of this notice to the secretary of Kweneng Land Board Private Bag 006, Molepolole.

VACANCIES

WELL OF KNOWLEDGE Academy seek a certificated Teacher in Early Childhood Education with 10 years experience, apply to Box 150300 Tonota cell: 75105630

SENIOR PASTOR POSITION (River of Life Ministry-Tlokweng. Diploma/Degree in Theology from recognized institution, with five years leading the ministry. Three suitable character references. Closing date 04 December 2026. The Secretary General P O Box 501612 Gaborone. Contact 72228085/72305921

SUA FLAMIGOES FC is seeking a qualified Headcoach for first team. The coach must have minimum of CAF A and VAST experience in top tier football. UEFA licence will be added advantage. Submit application to club offices at Sowa Town Hall or email to: info@suaflamigoesfc.co.bw or 74005474. Closing date 31/01/2027

AUTO WORLD (PTY) LTD is looking for a candidate who can fill the below post with 7 years experience on the field Electronic & Telecommunication Technician with a Diploma in Radio Communication 2. Certificate in Electronic Communication. Apply to : Auto World (Pty) Ltd P O Box 10280 Gaborone. Cell : 71300370

DR NABA MEDICAL day care centre need a Senior Medical Officer 10 years experience in Palapye. Contact 71215534 / 4711598 Box 3002 Mahalapye.

PHARMACIST REQUIRED, A Pharmacist urgently required must be registered with BHPC with minimum of three years experience in the field of pharmacy,email CV to directory chughtal pharmaceuticals pty at thechemistplus@yahoo.com location Kanye number of vacancy 1 . Closing date: 30 days after the publication of advert.

S & G STEEL & Construction (Pty) Ltd Box 230 Ftown wanted site Manager cell: 71838441

PROPERTIES

INDUSTRIAL PLOT FOR rental Mmamashia 1.6 hector cell 72165689 / 75435316

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT OF GABORONE HELD AT VILLAGE GABORONE

CASE NO: CCMVL- 001672 -23

In the matter between:
ELIJAH MOTLHABI **PLAINTIFF**
And
ESNAT NCUBE **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment granted by the above Honourable Court, the Defendant's following immovable property shall be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Daniel Gabatlhokwe to the highest bidder:

DATE OF SALE : **18th December 2026**
VENUE : **Plot 3543, Ntomalome Ward, Molapowabojang**
TIME : **1000 Hours**
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
Certain: Piece of land being Plot 3543, Molapowabojang
Situate: at Ntomalome ward, Molapowabojang in Ngwaketse Tribal Territory
Measuring: 41x38x29 x37m
Held Under: Certificate of Customary Land Grant issued in favour of ESNAT NCUBE.

The conditions of sale may be inspected at the Offices of Deputy Sheriff Gabatlhokwe. The highest bidder shall be required to make an upfront payment of 10% of the purchase price on the date of sale, which is non-refundable.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026
DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL GABATLHOKWE
C/O NDLOVU AND COMPANY
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS
PLOT 104, UNIT 20, GABORONE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE PARK
P. O. BOX 783 AAH, MASA CENTRE
GABORONE
CELL: 72 816 562

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER (1)

Soul of Health is looking for a Business Development Manager to join their growing team in an Ayurveda Wellness Clinic tenable in Gaborone.

ROLE OVERVIEW

The successful candidate will focus on driving growth and profitability within the business. They are responsible for identifying opportunities to expand the brand's presence, enhance customer acquisition, and improve overall market competitiveness. The BDM works on developing strategies to increase sales, improve operational efficiency, and foster strong relationships with customers and other stakeholders.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with the marketing team to create compelling promotional campaigns that resonate with target customers to strengthen the brand's position in the marketplace.
- Work with the Ayurveda therapists and senior management to improve clinic efficiency and reduce operational costs.
- Prepare regular reports for senior management, highlighting key achievements, challenges, and recommendations for improvement.
- Develop and execute strategic plans to drive clinic growth and client acquisition.
- Identify and develop new business opportunities, wellness programs, and collaborations.
- Analyze market trends and customer insights to guide service development and pricing strategies.
- Oversee client relationship management and ensure exceptional guest experience.

REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration, Commerce or related field. Masters' Degree or MBA will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in sales, marketing, or a business development role, with proven success in generating revenue and business growth.
- Strong understanding or appreciation of Ayurveda, holistic health, or wellness industries.
- Excellent communication, networking, and negotiation skills.

Interested candidates should forward their CV and qualifications to info@soulofhealth.co.bw not later than the **02 December 2026.**

Plot no: 3167, Ext11, Gaborone
P/Bag 0278, Gwest
390 0087

REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Members of the Public Regarding the engagement of Real Estate Professionals.

THINKING OF ENGAGING A REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL?

The Real Estate Advisory Council (REAC) advises all members of the public to protect their investments and interests by adhering to the following mandatory guidelines before engaging any real estate professional:

- ●VERIFY BEFORE YOU ENGAGE
  - ☛Always confirm the registration status of your prospective real estate professional on our website (www.reac.co.bw)
- ●SECURE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT
  - ☛Ensure you sign a written agreement before any professional work commences.

Protect your investment. Protect your money. Deal only with registered professionals.

ENQUIRIES

For further information, please contact:
Telephone: +267 311 1994
Mobile: +267 7192 2186
Email: communications@reac.co.bw
Website: www.reac.co.bw
Physical Address: Block C, Department of Water and Sanitation Services, Plot 25019, Old Naledi, Gaborone

KITSISO

Kitsiso mabapi le go dirisa ditirelo tsa bo maitseanape ba theko le thekiso ya matlo le ditsha.

A O AKANYA GO DIRISA DITIRELO TSA MOITSEANAPE KGOTSA MODIREDI WA TSA THEKO LE THEKISO YA MATLO LE DITSHA? (Estate Agents, Property valuer, Property Manager and Property Auctioneer)

Lekgotla la (The Real Estate Advisory Council - REAC) le gakolola setshaba go sireletsa dipeeletso le dikgatlhego tsa bone ka go sala morago dikgakololo tse di latelang pele ba ka dirisana le bo maitseanape ba theko le thekiso ya matlo le ditsha.

- ●TLHOMAMISA TSE DI LATELANG PELE O THAPA MOTSEANAPE
  - ☛Tlhomamisa seemo sa ikwadiso: Tlhomamisa ka nako tsotlhe gore moitseanape yo o go thusang o kwadisitswe ka fa molaong. Go tlhomamisa seo, etela tsebe ya maranyane ya lekgotlana la
- ●RURIFATSA GORE GO NNA LE TUMALANO EE KWADILWENG KA FA MOLAONG (CONTRACT)
  - ☛Netefatsa gore le baya monwana tumalano e e kwadilweng e e tlhalosang dintlha tsa theko le thekiso pele ga le ka simolola tiro epe.

Sireletsa dithoto tsa gago. Sireletsa madi a gago. Dirisana fela le bo maitseanape ba ba kwadisitsweng ka fa molaong.

ENQUIRIES

For further information, please contact:
Telephone: +267 311 1994
Mobile: +267 7192 2186
Email: communications@reac.co.bw
Website: www.reac.co.bw
Physical Address: Block C, Department of Water and Sanitation Services, Plot 25019, Old Naledi, Gaborone

REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

FORM A

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE PROPERTY ACQUISTION OF PROPERTY ACT (Section 5)

Notice is hereby given that the following property,
CERTAIN: Portion 9-KO Forest Hill Farm
SITUATE: Bakwena Country (currently South East Administrative District)
MEASURING: approximately 9.681 Ha (Nine Point Six Eight One Hectares)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Transfer No. 22/70 dated 12, February 1970 made in favor of Kgosi Seboko in trust of Gamalete Development Trust
Is required by the President for public purposes absolutely.

Any person claiming to have any tittle or interest in the said property is required within two months from the date of this notice to send to the Minister a statement of his title thereto or interest therein and of the evidence thereof, and of any claim made by him in respect of such tittle or interest.

The President is willing to treat for the acquisition of the said property.

And Notice is also hereby given that the President intends to enter into possession of the said property at the expiration of eight (8) weeks from the date of this notice.

Any person who willingly hinders or obstructs any person employed by the President from entering upon or taking possession of the said property or who molests, hinders or obstructs such person when in possession of the said property, is liable under the provisons of the this Act to a fine not exceeding P50 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Dated at Gaborone this 10th day of November 2026

Clifton College

Endure With Courage

ART TEACHER REQUIRED

Clifton College in Francistown requires a suitably qualified teacher to teach the following subjects with effect from January, 2027.

1. Art and Design

Requirements:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in the subject of specialisation, plus a postgraduate teaching qualification.
- Having at least three years post qualification experience in teaching Art at Cambridge IGCSE Level.
- Ability to coach various sports and cultural activities.
- Good interpersonal, planning, organisational and reporting skills.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SETSWANA/ENGLISH TEACHER REQUIRED

Clifton College in Francistown requires a suitably qualified teacher to fill the position with effect from January, 2027.

2. Setswana and English

Requirements:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in the subjects of specialisation, plus a postgraduate teaching qualification.
- Having at least three years post qualification experience in teaching Setswana at Cambridge IGCSE Level and English at Cambridge IGCSE, AS & A-Level.
- Ability to coach various sports and cultural activities.
- Good interpersonal, planning, organizational and reporting skills.

Application letter, CV, at least two references, copies of professional certificates and transcripts should be emailed to:

The Headmaster | Clifton College
Private Bag F48, Francistown
Tel: 241 8571 | **Email:** collegehead@cliftonschool.net

Closing Date: 4 December 2026

GITA BOTSWANA PTY LTD T/A GARNISH CAFÉ

Indian Vegetarian Food Chef Wanted

We Are Looking for a 3 Indian Vegetarian Food Chef in Our Operations,
The Applicant Must Have the Following:

- Certificate/Diploma
- A Minimum Of 10 Years Experience
- Must Have Worked In Recognized Restaurant/Companie
- Must Be Capable Of Preparing Various Types Of Indian Food Dishes:

> Jain, Gujarati , Rajasthan, Punjabi And South Indian Dishes
> All Kind Of Indian Foods Namkin Snacks And Sweets

Send Applications To : **P.O. Box 22ABG** ,Sebele Mall, Gaborone.
: Physical address plot no. 10032,Broadhurst industrial , total filling station,Gaborone.
Email : garnishcafe.gaborone@gmail.com

Closing Date For Application Is 30th NOV 2026.

LETLHABILE INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

2027 ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

From Pre-reception to Standard 7

Registration Fee: P100
Sibling Discount Available
No Development Fee!

Give your child a strong start with a **Cambridge education** in a caring and supportive environment.

Contact our Admissions Team:

Tel: **3190728 or 74491000**
Email: letlhabileprimary@yahoo.com
Website: www.letlhabileprimary.ac.bw

Visit us: Plot 23182, Phase 4, Gaborone West (opposite Sweets Flats)

LETLHABILE- EDUCATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

CAMBRIDGE International Education

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHMY OOO486-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late KITSISO MOSEKAPHOFU who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 11th July 2026.

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

DATED at .....on this.....Day of 2026

The Executor Dative
Khumoetsile Mosekaphofu
P.O. Box 681, Mahalapye
Cell : 71558334

NEIGHBOURS CONSULTATION

The owner of consolidated plots 77314 and 77313 Gaborone North seeks to change their use from civic and community to residential. Any objections should be forwarded to the Physical Planning Office Gaborone City Council within 14 days of the date of this publication or telephonically to 3657400.

FOURS
YOUR BASKET OF GOOD
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

CATEGORY & COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST

Fours Fairground (Pty) Ltd t/a Fours Cash & Carry is inviting applications from highly experienced, commercially driven professionals to join our growing FMCG business.

We are looking for an accomplished individual with extensive practical experience in the FMCG sector, particularly in retail, wholesale or distribution. The ideal candidate must possess a strong commercial understanding of products, suppliers, pricing, margins, promotions, stock management and evolving customer demand.

This is an exciting opportunity for a results-oriented professional who can identify commercial opportunities, develop category strategies and contribute meaningfully to the **continued growth and profitability of our business.**

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and implement category strategies, product ranges and assortment plans to maximise sales and profitability.
- Identify new products, brands and market opportunities while monitoring industry trends, competitor activities and changing customer preferences.
- Establish and maintain strategic supplier relationships, negotiating competitive pricing, favourable trading terms and promotional support.
- Monitor and analyse sales performance, margins, pricing, stock levels and category profitability, identifying opportunities for improvement.
- Develop and execute promotional, seasonal and commercial plans, including new product introductions and support for new store openings.
- Prepare regular category performance reports and provide management with meaningful commercial insights and recommendations.
- Work closely with Sales, Marketing, Finance, Warehouse and Logistics teams to ensure effective implementation of category strategies.
- Contribute to overall business planning, commercial development and long-term category growth initiatives.

EXPERIENCE & ATTRIBUTES

- Minimum 15 years' proven experience in the FMCG sector, preferably within retail, wholesale or distribution.
- Extensive practical experience in category management, commercial planning, supplier relationship management and negotiations.
- Strong understanding of pricing strategies, margins, profitability, product ranging, stock management and sales performance.
- A proven track record of identifying market opportunities and translating them into measurable commercial results.
- Excellent analytical, negotiation, communication and relationship-management skills.
- Strong commercial acumen, with the ability to work independently, make sound business decisions and deliver results.

REMUNERATION PACKAGE
An attractive remuneration and benefits package will be offered to the right candidate, commensurate with their experience, qualifications and proven commercial capabilities.

APPLICATIONS
Interested and suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit their detailed CV to:
contactus@fours.co.bw . Mention the subject as "CATEGORY & COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST

CLOSING DATE: 7 days after the advertisement is published

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

FOURS
YOUR BASKET OF GOOD
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PRODUCT & SUPPLIER SPECIALIST

Fours Mogoditshane Block 5 (Pty) Ltd t/a Fours Cash & Carry is inviting applications from highly experienced, commercially driven professionals to join our growing FMCG business.

We are seeking an accomplished individual with extensive practical experience in the FMCG sector, particularly within retail, wholesale or distribution. The ideal candidate must have a strong understanding of product sourcing, supplier management, pricing, negotiations, stock management, product availability and evolving customer demand.

This is an exciting opportunity for a commercially minded professional who can build strong supplier partnerships, identify sourcing opportunities, optimise product ranges **and contribute to the overall growth and profitability of the** business.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Source, identify and evaluate new products, brands and suppliers, ensuring competitive pricing, quality and favourable commercial terms.
- Establish, develop and maintain strong supplier relationships, including negotiations on pricing, payment terms, rebates, discounts and promotional support.
- Manage product ranges, product listings, pricing structures, stock availability and supplier records.
- Monitor purchase orders, deliveries, stock shortages, slow-moving items and aged stock, ensuring effective stock control and product availability.
- Analyse market trends, competitor pricing and customer demand to identify new product opportunities and improve existing product ranges.
- Support promotional campaigns, seasonal activities, product launches and range development initiatives.
- Identify opportunities to improve purchasing efficiencies, reduce costs and enhance overall commercial performance.
- Coordinate closely with Stores, Sales, Warehouse, Logistics and Finance teams to ensure efficient product sourcing, supply and availability.
- Prepare regular reports on supplier performance, purchasing activities, product availability and commercial opportunities.

EXPERIENCE & ATTRIBUTES

- Minimum 15 years' proven experience in the FMCG sector, preferably within retail, wholesale or distribution.
- Extensive practical experience in supplier management, product sourcing, purchasing, pricing negotiations and stock management.
- Strong understanding of FMCG products, market dynamics, supplier networks and commercial trading practices.
- Demonstrated ability to negotiate favourable supplier terms and identify opportunities for improved margins and cost efficiencies.
- Excellent commercial, analytical, negotiation and communication skills.
- Strong organisational and relationship-management abilities.
- Relevant practical industry experience may be considered in place of formal academic qualifications.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR
We are seeking professionals who are:

Experienced | Commercially Minded | Analytical | Proactive | Results-Driven | Strategic | Organised

Candidates must demonstrate a strong track record within the FMCG environment and the ability to translate market knowledge, supplier relationships and commercial insight into measurable business results.

The successful candidate must be self-motivated, capable of working independently, making sound commercial decisions and delivering results in a dynamic and competitive retail environment.

REMUNERATION PACKAGE
An attractive remuneration and benefits package will be offered to the right candidate, commensurate with their experience, expertise and proven track record.

APPLICATIONS
Interested and suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit their detailed CV to:
Email: contactus@fours.co.bw . mention the subject as "PRODUCT & SUPPLIER SPECIALIST"

CLOSING DATE:
7 days after the advertisement is published

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Partnership to boost healthcare

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Partnership between Boitekanelo College and the Francistown College of Technical and Vocational Education (FCTVE) represents a major step in the broader transformation of Botswana's education and skills development landscape, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Professor Richard Mbulawa has said.

He said this at the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between Boitekanelo College and FCTVE in Francistown on Thursday, noting that he was pleased to be part of the engagement, not only because of the significance of the agreement, but because of what it represented in the broader transformation of Botswana's education development landscape.

He said, elevating the standing of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) had been one of key priorities to build a system that young people aspired to join, that employers trust, and that the nation recognized as essential to economic advancement. Prof Mbulawa said achieving that vision required deliberate investment, strong partnerships and shared commitment from government, the private sector industry and education stakeholders.

Prof Mbulawa said the agreement provided for the equipping and furnishing of classrooms and simulation laboratories to support hands-on training, as well as improvements to library support, digital learning resources, sports facilities and other shared amenities. Boitekanelo College founder and president, Dr Tiro Mampane, described the agreement as the college's response to government's call for greater private-sector participation in revitalising TVET. He said that the partnership would see Boitekanelo College establish a satellite campus at FCTVE, with plans to introduce between four and six specialised healthcare TVET programmes, with two intakes annually, in January and August.

The proposed programmes include Biomedical Technology, Health Data and Digital Health, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Sports Massage Therapy, Hospital Maintenance and Restoration, Orthopaedic and Plaster Technology, and Somatology, among others. Dr Mampane said the partnership would create opportunities for young people to access relevant healthcare training closer to home, while contributing to addressing youth unemployment and the development of a skilled workforce.

He further emphasised the importance of aligning training with the needs of the labour market, noting that some of the specialised healthcare skills targeted by the programmes were also in demand internationally. ***BOPA***

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

MINISTRY OF SPORT AND ARTS

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 10 OF 2026

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, talented, decisive, and self-driven citizens of Botswana for the position of:

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE SECRETARY – (1 POST)

SALARY: C1 (P192 588 – P229,104) PER ANNUM

TENABLE: Ministry Headquarters

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To provide Secretarial and Office Management Services to the Director/Head of Department.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

1. Attends to customer requests.
2. Receives, screens and directs clients to relevant offices.
3. Types letters, savingrams, reports and minutes within the set standards.
4. Drafts responses to correspondence for the supervisor's signature.
5. Edits own typed work for accuracy.
6. Formats documents for proper layout.
7. Maintains register for customer requests.
8. Retrieves and processes data to produce required information and reports.
9. Manages the float file for reference purposes.
10. Manages the office diary.
11. Supervises junior staff assigned to divisions/units/sections/stations within the Ministry (Where applicable).
12. Provides guidance to supervisees to maintain standards of good conduct.
13. Manages performance of supervisees.
14. Makes travel arrangements for the office served.
15. Requests for refreshments and stationery for the officer served.
16. Maintains and safeguards valuable assets in the office the served.
17. Makes arrangements for official functions for Executive Office.
18. Follows up on all issues that require action by officer served.
19. Prepares for management meetings and produces minutes of the same.
20. Undertakes any other related duties assigned by Management to meet the exigencies of the service.

QUALIFICATIONS

Nation Diploma/Higher National Diploma in Secretarial Studies (NDSS/HNDSS)/ Diploma in Business Skills OR

Bachelor of Office Management (BOM)/Bachelor of Office Management and Technology (BOMT) or equivalent.

EXPERIENCE

At least four (4) years' experience in the field of secretarial services two (2) of which should have been served at Senior office Secretary or equivalent.

KEY SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Presenting and communication information
- Working with People
- Writing and Reporting
- Planning and Organising
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectation
- Leading and Supervising
- Creating and Innovating
- Adhering to Principles and Value
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Relating and Networking
- Following instructions and procedures.

BENEFITS

1. Leave: 30 working days per annum
2. Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and Employee pays 50%).
3. Contributory Pension Fund (Government contributes 15% and employee contributes 5% of basic salary).

IMPORTANT

Applicants should quote the vacancy circular and provide the following details.
(a) Updated detailed Curriculum Vitae
(b) Certified copies of certificates, Omang and at least two recent work-related references (not more than six months old) confirming the required experience.

NB: Applications from Public Officers must be routed through the Heads of Department. Applications not so routed will not be considered. Applicants not meeting the minimum requirements will not be responded to.

"By submitting your application or CV, you acknowledge that the processing of your personal data is solely for recruitment purposes. Your information may be shared with authorized personnel and approved recruitment partners in line with the Botswana Data Protection Act, 2024".

Applications should be addressed to:
Permanent Secretary,
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Drawing new picture of common prosperity in Asia-Pacific region

Over the past 30-plus years since its founding, from drafting the blueprint of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) to advancing the vision of an Asia-Pacific community, APEC has been spearheading the region's rise to the forefront of global open development, and has made the Asia-Pacific the most dynamic part of the global economy.



Photo taken on October 17, 2026 shows a city view of Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province. The 33rd APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting is scheduled to be held in Shenzhen from November 18 to 19. (Xinhua/Liang Xu)



Visitors view a vehicle from Chinese automaker Geely at Everything Electric Sydney, a home energy and electric vehicle show, in Sydney, Australia, September 18. (Xinhua/Gong Bing)



Workers process cherries to be exported to China at a cherry exporting company in Mostazal, Chile, December 13, 2024. (Jorge Villegas/Xinhua)



An aerial drone photo taken on May 20, 2025 shows a high-speed electric multiple unit train leaving Tegalluar Station of Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway in Bandung, Indonesia. (Xinhua/Xu Qin)



Customers line up in front of a store of Chinese collectible toy retailer Pop Mart in Seoul, South Korea, May 20, 2025. (Xinhua/Yao Qilin)

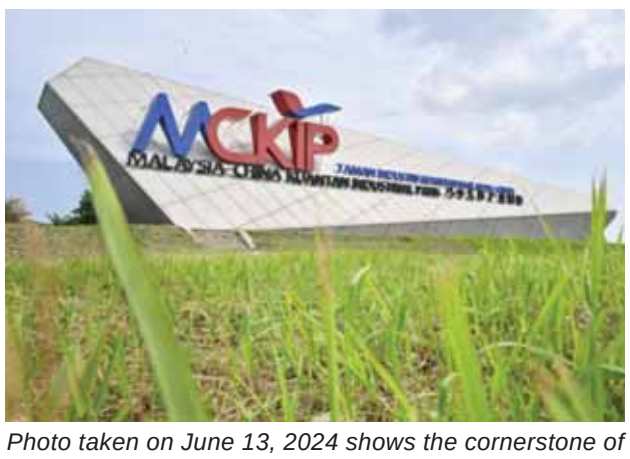


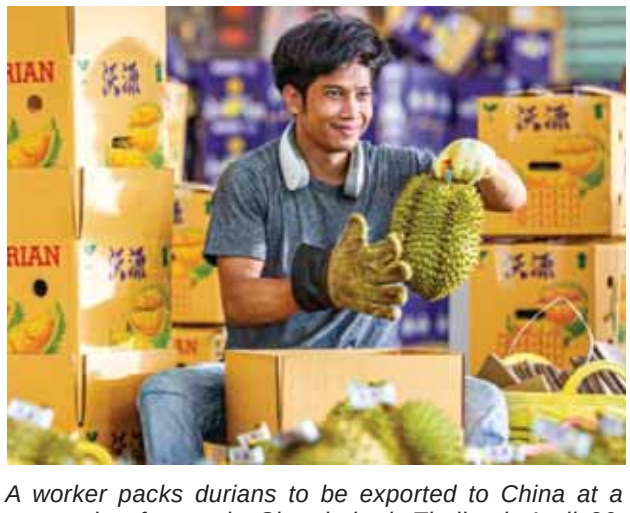
Photo taken on June 13, 2024 shows the cornerstone of the Malaysia-China Kuantan Industrial Park (MCKIP) in Pahang state, Malaysia. (Xinhua/Cheng Yiheng)



Intelligent container trucks load containers at the Port of Chancay,Peru,October 4, 2025. (Ivan Paz/Xinhua)



Attendees at the 10th China-Russia Expo in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, May 17. (Xinhua/Wang Jianwei)



A worker packs durians to be exported to China at a processing factory in Chanthaburi, Thailand, April 26, 2024. (Xinhua/Wang Teng)



A visitor (left) engages with a staff member of the Chinese pavilion during IMEX America 2026 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, the United States, October 13. (Zeng Hui/Xinhua)

Africa CDC warns of challenges over Ebola gains

ADDIS ABABA

Marking six months since the onset of the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has warned that 'immense challenges' have fueled the deadly disease's further spread, particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), as cumulative confirmed cases have surpassed 11 100, with over 5 400 deaths.

In a statement issued Sunday, which marked six months since the DRC declared the outbreak on May 15, the Africa CDC said that insecurity 'remains one of the greatest obstacles to the response,' with over 80 attacks on health care during the past six months.

It warned that ongoing conflict, displacement, and movement restrictions have continued to complicate containment efforts.

Despite the 'significant progresses' made in bringing lifesaving services closer to affected communities, the agency said that an average of 400 to 500 new cases continue to be reported each week in the DRC.

As the outbreak further spreads, the agency noted that the virus has expanded from just three health zones in a single province to about 67 health zones across eight of the DRC's provinces.

The African Union's specialised continental public health agency, in particular, voiced concern over the disease's significant impact on children.

Africa CDC data showed that children account for more than a quarter of confirmed cases and one-third of deaths.

Seven out of 10 children under five with confirmed Ebola have died.

It warned that the current low contact follow-up rate and high number of community deaths show that infections are still being identified too late.

It said recent imported cases in Kenya and Nigeria underscore the continuing risk of the virus spreading beyond national borders.

On a positive note, the Africa CDC highlighted that most of the outbreak's early epicenters have been successfully brought under control and rapid transmission has been halted, while around 3 000 patients have recovered from Ebola.

It said almost 90 percent of registered deaths are now managed through safe and dignified burials, diagnostic capacity has grown from just two laboratories to more than two dozen, and close to 2 000 treatment beds are now available across 104 treatment and transit centers.

The agency further highlighted that enhanced cross-border collaboration has strengthened surveillance, information-sharing and coordination.

Stressing the lack of licensed vaccines or targeted medical countermeasures to the Bundibugyo Ebola strain, it noted that scientific research is currently advancing, including the evaluation of candidate treatments and vaccines. Xinhua



BUNIA - *A healthcare worker in the full protective personal equipment administering care to a patient at an Ebola treatment centre in Ituri province in Democratic Republic of Congo. The Africa Centers for Disease Control said insecurity remains one of the greatest obstacles to the response,with over 80 attacks on health care during the past six months.*

China medical team performs heart surgery on 15-month-old child

ABUJA

A Chinese medical team has successfully performed open-heart surgery on a 15-month-old Nigerian child, offering new hope for young patients with congenital heart disease in the country.

The operation was carried out during a visit to Kano State by a joint working group on congenital heart disease under the China-Africa Hospital Alliance, together with a delegation of experts from the Children's Hospital of Nanjing Medical University in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province.

The delegation concluded its exchange activities in the state last week. The child, from Kano State, was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect shortly after birth and had suffered recurrent respiratory infections.

With local medical facilities unable to provide the necessary surgical treatment, the child had previously received only conservative care. The child's parents contacted doctors at the local hospital in an effort to secure an opportunity for surgery after learning that the Chinese medical team would be performing congenital heart disease surgeries in Kano.

The Chinese team worked closely with local medical staff ahead of the operation, repeatedly reviewing the surgical plan and checking each step of the procedure. According to members of the Chinese medical team, congenital heart disease is one of the major causes of child mortality in Nigeria.

The country records an estimated 60 000 to 80 000 new cases annually, with nearly 30 000 children requiring medical intervention.

The child was taken off mechanical ventilation on the day of surgery and began breathing independently.

Local medical personnel gathered to observe and learn from the Chinese team's work, and expressed a desire to learn new techniques that could be introduced and practiced in Nigeria.

During the visit, the Chinese delegation reached preliminary agreements with Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital on plans to help establish a cardiovascular center and arrange technical training in China for Nigerian medical personnel. Xinhua

Mass shootings leave seventeen dead

JOHANNESBURG

At least 17 people were killed in two separate mass shootings across South Africa on Sunday night, police said on Monday. Nine people, including six men and three women, were shot dead inside a shack at the Jeffsville informal settlement in Atteridgeville, west of Pretoria.

Police said the identities of the suspects and the motive for the attack remain unknown. In a separate incident on the same night, eight men were shot dead inside a vehicle in a mass shooting in the town of Sweetwaters in KwaZulu-Natal province.

Police have launched investigations into both incidents and are working to establish the identities of the victims.

The two shootings have once again highlighted South Africa's persistent problem of gun violence, which remains a major contributor to the country's high murder rate.

According to the latest crime statistics released by the South African Police Service in August,5 427 people were murdered nationwide between April and June this year, averaging about 60 killings a day.

Although the figure represents a 5.9 per cent decrease compared with the same period a year earlier, the overall level of violent crime remains high. Firearms have become an increasingly prominent factor in the country's killings.

A study published in the South African Medical Journal in 2026 noted that the proportion of murders involving firearms rose from 31 per cent in 2020 to 44 per cent in 2025, underscoring the growing impact of gun violence on public safety. Xinhua

ZEC embraces AI to strengthen voter education

HARARE

Zimbabwe is turning to artificial intelligence to widen access to electoral information, with Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services Minister, Dr Zhemu Soda on Thursday officially launching the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission's (ZEC) voter education chatbot, ZECBOT, to bring electoral information closer to citizens through digital technology.

The launch marks a new step in ZEC's efforts to modernize voter education by providing an interactive platform where members of the public can seek information and clarification on electoral processes, their rights and other election-related matters.

Speaking at the launch, Dr Soda commended ZEC for embracing technological innovation, saying the initiative demonstrated how emerging technologies could be deployed to strengthen communication between public institutions and citizens.

"ZECBOT represents a practical and forward-looking step in modernizing voter education and improving the way the Commission communicates with citizens," he said.

He added that the initiative was also consistent with the country's digital transformation agenda under the National Development Strategy 2 (NDS2), which recognizes the importance of emerging technologies, innovation and skills development in building a knowledge-based digital economy.

"The launch of this chatbot is therefore not merely the unveiling of a technological tool. It is a demonstration of Government's commitment to placing innovation at the service of citizens, public institutions and national development," said Dr Soda. He said access to accurate and timely electoral information was fundamental to meaningful democratic participation, adding that citizens needed to understand electoral processes, their rights and the institutions responsible for administering elections.

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Francistowners dance as BDF gives back





Former BDF officer and kwasa kwasa star, Frank 'Franco' Lesokwane at the annual Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Band charity concert.

Thamani Shabani
FRANCISTOWN

The Adansonia Conference Centre was filled to capacity, with not an empty seat or inch of standing room to spare.

Music lovers from Francistown and surrounding villages had gathered for the annual Botswana Defence Force (BDF) Band charity concert, now celebrating 32 years of giving through music. The soldiers did not disappoint.

The Military Band opened the night with Jacques Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld. Polished, disciplined and powerful, the performance sent a message to the crowd that this was not just a concert, but a professional orchestra in uniform.

Then, the mood shifted completely. The band broke into Thabo Dula Fatshe (Mora Mpona), arranged by BDF director of music, Lt Col Warona Garekwe.

Translating to 'Thabo, sit down,' the track is one of the most celebrated songs in Southern Africa, a vibrant anthem of unity, energy and shared joy. Lt Col Garekwe did not merely conduct it; he lived it. Moving with the rhythm, he soon had the entire hall singing, clapping and dancing along.

Sergeant Oesi Lesainetswe then led the Orchestra Band onto the stage and within minutes, he had the audience in stitches. Outdancing even the most seasoned kwasa kwasa performers, his energetic moves had spectators laughing, shouting and begging for more. Even the dignitaries could not hold back.

Former BDF officer and Botswana's biggest kwasa kwasa and rhumba star, Frank 'Franco' Lesokwane, later took to the keyboard alongside vocalist Lister Boleseng. Together, they performed Elton John's tribute to the late Diana, Princess of Wales (Candle in the Wind).

Boleseng delivered the ballad with such uncanny likeness to the British icon that the crowd demanded an encore.

The evening also showcased the richness of Botswana's heritage alongside classical and contemporary sounds, featuring setapa, phathisi and borankana dances, poetry, acappella, brass and saxophone quartets, an opera ensemble, traditional guitar and marimba. Every performance tied seamlessly into this year's theme, Melodies of Hope: The Fight Against Gender-Based Violence and Substance Abuse.

Beyond the entertainment, the heart of the night was philanthropy. Three Francistown charities including SOS Children's Village, the Botswana Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Centre (BGBVPSC), which supports 2 233 survivors and the Tshimologo Stimulation Centre, which cares for 40 children, each received P20, 000.

Event coordinator, Col. Ndubo Setaelo explained that the initiative was born out of a desire to show that soldiers were not merely defined by the uniform and weaponry, but were active and compassionate members of society.

He noted that by the end of the nationwide tour, the BDF would have donated P280, 000, adding that this year's run had been remarkable, with Francistown recording the highest attendance.

Established in 1986 to support underprivileged and vulnerable members of society, the BDF Band in Concert had grown into one of the most anticipated events on the national army's calendar and a treasured crowd-puller for young and old alike. ***BOPA***

Dilo Makwati drops third album

Booster Mogapi
MOLEPOLOLE

Dilo Makwati Traditional Group has produced their third album titled O ntshiya le mang, since their establishment in 2014.

Speaking in an interview with BOPA, the founder of Dilo Makwati and group song leader, Pelotshweu Kolobeng, said the six-track album was produced at BNP Studios in Mogoditshane, adding that the reception of the album has been amazing.

He said in this difficult economic situation and the challenging conditions of the music industry, he remains positive that the album will do well.

"That did not deter us from pursuing our dream of becoming a traditional group to reckon with," said Kolobeng

Kolobeng said already the reception has been appealing at events they have performed at, saying that gives them hope and the courage to soldier on.

He said his journey as an artiste started at primary school level and grew with time as he now loved the traditional side of his culture, and therefore chose it over other genres. He said before undertaking his musical journey he was a kwasa-kwasa dancer but left and joined the traditional set up.

Kolobeng said after working with various artistes among them Dr Vom, Dikgafela Traditional Group, and Kukama, he was delighted to start his own music group. He said he worked with Dr Vom from 2010 to 2015 after he saw him at Dikgafela Traditional Group, during which time he also learned a lot about music and dance. Kolobeng said he met with four other young persons while at Dikgafela Traditional Group in Gaborone, whom they decided to work together to try their luck in the ever challenging music industry.

He said their first album was released in 2016 called _ Dithetho tsa Sesha_, featuring hit songs like Dithetho tsa Sesha, Tamati, Changaneng and Mmamasiloanoka. He added that the album catapulted them into a traditional music and song group to reckon with and enjoyed airwaves on local radio stations.

Kolobeng thanked Franco and Mlesho for helping them to market and promote their album as they went with them to many of their shows where the masses appreciated their talent.

He said their second album Ke madimabe go le kana kang, released in 2020, also did very well but they were met with several challenges among them dwindling support and unexplained hatred towards their group.

Kolobeng said the music industry has taught them that support can disappear without notice but as a group they have to persevere as they have talent to showcase and earn a living.

"That did not deter us from pursuing our dream of becoming a traditional group to reckon with and the members remain unshaken despite the challenges," he said.

Kolobeng said Dilo Makwati has grown from a four-member group to 12 members and this means they are challenged with transport whenever they have to go and perform.

He further said due to lack of funding they also struggle to get necessary attire for the group as they rely on personal funding and proceeds from event performances.

The founder thanked a Mosotho native, Katlego Nkalai, based in South Africa, for affording them an opportunity to penetrate the South African market and through his immense support they have performed at different places among them Mafikeng, Kuruman, Vryburg, Pretoria, Free State and Bloemfontein. Kolobeng also thanked the Deputy Paramount Chief of Bakgatla ba Kgafela, Kgosi Bana Sekai, for his continued support to the group as he never disappoints whenever they ask him for assistance.

He said all their albums are available on all music platforms for listeners to enjoy and help market their music. ***BOPA***



Resego Motlhokathari (left) was one of five African personalities who took to the stage as hosts of the 20th edition of The Future Awards Africa in Lagos, Nigeria on Saturday. The awards celebrate and recognise young Africans making a difference through innovation, leadership, creativity and excellence across various fields. Photo: Courtesy of Resego Motlhokathari

Motlhokathari flies flag high in Nigeria

Bakang Wren
GABORONE

Resego Motlhokathari on Saturday took the country's name to the continental stage as one of five African personalities selected to host the 20th edition of The Future Awards Africa (TFAA) in Lagos, Nigeria.

The edition brrought together media and entertainment personalities from Botswana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Malawi and Kenya in a first-of-its-kind hosting arrangement reflecting the diversity of Africa's creative industries.

Motlhokathari represented Botswana alongside Nigeria actress, Genoveva Umeh, Tanzania actor and producer Idris Sultan, Malawian broadcaster Priscilla Kayira and Kenya media personality Claudia Nasibwa.

A youth-focused platform, TFAA has spent two decades celebrating young Africans driving impact across business, technology, governance, media, entertainment and the creative sectors. Held under the theme : Celebrating the Redefiners: Africa's AI Generation, this year's ceremony highlights young innovators using technology and creativity to shape the continent's future.

Speaking from Lagos, Motlhokathari described his time in Nigeria as enriching, praising the country's vibrant music, cuisine, infrastructure and the warmth and confidence of its people.

"There is an undeniable energy about this country and it has been exciting to experience it firsthand," he said.

Beyond the professional milestone, Motlhokathari noted that interacting with his fellow co-hosts offered a valuable cultural exchange, reinforcing that while African nations hold distinct traditions, they share a common heritage and continental pride.

For Motlhokathari, the role carries deep significance as a Motswana, especially as the nation marked 60 years of independence. He views the platform as a vital opportunity to tell Botswana's story and give local talent international visibility.

To put this into practice, he has deliberately integrated Botswana's fashion sector into his appearances, collaborating with homegrown brands including Collections by BK Proctor, emerging label Droper Wear, Tru'd Creationz and Nako Timepieces.

According to Motlhokathari, true representation goes beyond simply occupying an international stage as it requires creating pathways for local designers and entrepreneurs to gain wider African recognition.

Alongside awards preparations, he has embarked on a Nigerian media tour, appearing on radio, television, podcasts and independent outlets, to share Botswana's culture and promote the country as a premier travel destination. He also celebrated the nomination of Botswana's Olympic champion, Letsile Tebogo in the sport category, noting how encouraging it was to see the nation represented through both hosting and athletic excellence.

Motlhokathari commended the Nigerian organisers for their hospitality and world-class event management, noting that the experience exceeded his expectations.

"Nigerians are exceptional when it comes to production, attention to detail and creating memorable experiences," he said, promising to bring energy, authenticity and the best of Botswana to tonight's broadcast.

He urged young Batswana not to limit their ambitions to their immediate surroundings, encouraging them to prepare diligently and step boldly into global spaces. ***BOPA***

Selolwane urges artistes to register with arts council

Gontle Merafhe
GABORONE

The National Arts Council of Botswana (NACB), Creative and Cultural Development Coordinator, Marang Selolwane, has encouraged artistes and associations to register with the NACB.

Speaking at the Association of Gospel Artists Botswana (AGAB) press conference in Gaborone recently, Selolwane said AGAB and artistes should register on the NACB database as it was the platform to engage with them.

"We are organising this database so that we can meet with our associations and we can have an opportunity for them to register as individuals on our database," she said.

Ms Selolwane said the Council also had opportunities for artistes, artists and associations, including workshops intended for registered members.

"When you have organised yourselves and are registered in our database, we know where to find you."

Ms Marang Selolwane, NACB

"When you have organised yourselves and are registered in our database, we know where to find you either for meetings or consultations with the industry or actors.

When we have opportunities for you or the Arts Sector, we know where to find your contacts," she said.

She said the Council usually held workshops, citing two that had already been conducted, which were strictly for registered members because those were the benefits and opportunities presented for artists and artistes.

"When we are organised and not fragmented, as the Arts Council we could find opportunities or funds where possible, we would know where you are as individuals and associations as well as the art you are in. That is the point of the database. So, I encourage you to register," she said.

In his address, president of AGAB, Mr Matheke Leteane, said the association was tasked with unifying gospel artists, strengthening their collective voice, promoting professional development and creating opportunities for the sustainable growth of gospel music in Botswana.

Mr Leteane said gospel music had contributed to the spiritual and cultural landscape of Botswana by inspiring communities, strengthening faith, promoting positive values and bringing hope to many.

"However, we recognise that the industry continues to face challenges relating to professional development, representation, recognition, access to opportunities and economic sustainability. AGAB seeks to provide a structured platform through which these challenges can be addressed collectively," he said.

He said it was time gospel artists in Botswana moved beyond working in isolation and embraced a culture of unity, collaboration and collective advancement.

Furthermore, he said they acknowledged that individual talent was important but, collective strength created opportunities that individuals might struggle to achieve alone. ***BOPA***



Association of Gospel Artists Botswana president, Matheke Leteane at the media briefing in Gaborone on Thursday. He said the association sought to unite gospel artistes, strengthen their collective voice, promote professional development and create opportunities for the sustainable growth of gospel music industry. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

Sport unites communities against crime

Esther Mmolai
MAUN



First Lady Kaone Boko (second left), Permanent secretary in the Ministry for State President, Defence and Security, Goitsemang Morekisi (left), Police Commissioner, Dinah Marathe (second right) and National Ministerial Fraternity chairperson, Prophet Thato Elias during the 3rd edition of the Commissioner's Run in Maun on Saturday. Ms Boko called on members of the community to take an active role in preventing crime rather than relying solely on police response. Photo: Esther Mmolai

As the gateway to the magnificent Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Botswana Police prioritised Maun to host the third edition of the Commissioner's Run.

Maun is an internationally recognised tourism destination and an entry point for visitors seeking to experience Botswana's exceptional natural heritage.

The Commissioner's Run is one of the Police flagship programmes launched in 2024 towards strengthening police partnerships in crime fighting whilst also promoting physical fitness and positive lifestyles.

The first two editions were held in Gaborone and Francistown respectively and the police intention is to roll it out to other areas affected by high crime. Held under the theme: A Run for a Safe Botswana: Together Against Crime on Saturday, the run aimed to raise public awareness on the impact of crime, drug and substance abuse as well as promoting road safety and crime prevention.

First Lady, Kaone Boko, North West district leadership, senior government officials, private sector, members of the community and other stakeholders participated in different races categories including 21km half marathon, 10 km run and 5km run/walk.Laying emphasis on the role of the public in curbing crime in the society, Boko who was the chief walker called upon members of the community, youth and local leaders to take an active role in preventing crime rather than relying solely on police response.

She emphasised that they should partner with police and monitor local safety, report suspicious activities and address localised issues such as substance abuse and domestic violence.

Boko expressed worry about high statistics on cases of child abuse, neglect and exploitation saying they were a serious protection concern in the district and pleaded with parents to prioritise child safety.

It was reported that a total of 233 cases of sexual abuse and defilement and 68 cases of child neglect have been registered in the district as compared to 228 and 67 cases in 2025.

"The statistics are scary and calls for parents to actively supervise their children, monitor their association and safeguard them from unsafe environments to prevent abuse," Boko said calling on parents to build open communication with their children.

Majority of the children, she said were going through a lot because they did not have a platform to express their views.

The director of the Department of Public Prosecution, Kgosietsile Ngakayagae also called men to stop the defilement of minors and actively protect children.

He recalled that recently he was auditing cases in Maun office and every third docket was for rape and defilement offences which meant men in prisons had left many mothers without support to raise children.

He challenged them to act as positive mentors and build strong and trusting relationships with children by teaching them healthy boundaries and respect. "As fathers you should be present in your child upbringing and development because children with consistent father figures feel more secure and valued".

Police Commissioner, Dinah Marathe reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to ensuring public safety and security through the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, maintenance of law and order and strengthening public confidence.

She explained that they decide to host the Run in Maun because the area was endowed with remarkable tourism assets, including wildlife, diverse ecosystems, cultural heritage and hospitality establishments that attracted visitors from across the world.

The rapid socio-economic activity, population movement and the importance of tourism to this area and the country, she said presented particular considerations for community safety hence the decision to prioritise Maun to host the 3rd edition of the Run.

"Crime affects all of us, it threatens community security and family stability, it disrupts businesses, undermines economic development and weakens the social fabric of our communities.

This Run is being convened against the backdrop of an increasingly complex crime environment. Crime is no longer confined to physical spaces; it is increasingly taking place through mobile phones, computers, digital platforms and online financial transactions and to this end, we are particularly concerned about the growing targeting of pensioners and senior citizens by fraudsters, scammers and cybercriminals," she said.

Marathe further noted that individuals who have spent their working lives building savings, acquiring property and securing their retirement were increasingly being targeted through fraudulent investment schemes, impersonation, mobile money scams, online deception and other forms of financial fraud.

Police officers, she said were also overly concerned by the growing exposure of children and young people to substance abuse, sexual exploitation, trafficking in persons, harmful peer influence and the misuse of digital platforms.

She cited that online grooming, cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, extortion and other forms of digital abuse can reach young people within the perceived safety of their homes.

"We remain committed to a policing approach that is responsive, inclusive, professional and firmly anchored in partnerships with the communities we serve.

We will continue to be guided by our service pledge; Let the Voice of the Customer Lead Us, in serving You. ***BOPA***

Botswana shines at WTT Youth Contender

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Botswana's feat of 11 medals: one gold, two silver and eight bronze medals, at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Contender Gaborone 2026, indicates a significant milestone for the country's table tennis development.

The four-day event that concluded on Saturday was the country's first edition of the international youth competition.

Impressed was the Botswana Table Tennis Association (BTTA) publicity secretary and tournament media liaison officer, Tshegofatso Malepa, who viewed the results as a gauge that Botswana's young players could compete with emerging talent from other countries.

Stephney Batsholeng won gold in the Under-11 girls' singles, with Makanaka Banni taking silver in the same category.

Reneilwe Lekorwe won Botswana's other silver in the Under-15 boys' singles after reaching the final, and partnered with Boitlamo Nkele to win bronze in the Under-15 mixed doubles.

The other bronze medals went to Dhaarmic Karthik and Kevin Mlandu in the Under-11 boys' singles, Sethunya Buisanyang and Legae Motlhabane in the Under-11 girls' singles, Andile Mmono in the Under-13 boys' singles, and Carol David and Batsholeng in the Under-13 girls' singles.

Malepa said the tournament had also shown areas that needed working on, such as consistency, tactical awareness, match management and experience in high-pressure situations.

"This tournament gave us a chance to gauge the players' international standing," she said, adding that hosting the event had exposed local coaches, technical officials, referees and administrators to international standards, and raised the profile of table tennis in Botswana.

It also created opportunities to attract more players, schools, sponsors and development partners.

Malepa said Botswana would host the WTT Youth Contender Gaborone again next year December 2027; a vote of confidence in the country's ability to organise international competitions.

"A second edition would let the association build on this years' experience and attract more international participants," she said.

The Botswana Table Tennis association is also working on a legacy project to extend the benefits of hosting beyond the tournament, with details to follow.

The junior players now turn to the Jwaneng Open on November 28, before travelling to Mozambique for the Region 5 Games.

Malepa said the Botswana Table Tennis Association would continue to support the young stars through structured training, local competitions, national selection and regional and international tournaments.

The long-term aim is to develop a strong junior generation that can move into the senior national team and compete at major events, with the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games part of the association's wider aspirations, Malepa said.

BOPA



Botswana's Reneilwe Lekorwe (right) in action against Uganda's Joseph Sebatindira in the Under-15 singles final at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender 2026 in Gaborone on Saturday. Lekorwe settled for silver after losing to Sebatindira. Botswana finished seventh, with one gold medal won by Stephney Batsholeng in the Under-11 girls' singles, two silver medals and eight bronze medals across the various categories. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

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Zebras chase first qualifying victory

Tumisang Moilwa
GABORONE

Botswana's hopes of qualifying for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations remain alive, but the Zebras must turn their resilience into victories after recording a third successive draw in the Group H qualifiers.

The Zebras picked up a point away from home after playing to a 1-1 draw against Uganda in Hoima on Saturday, recovering from an early setback to remain unbeaten. Losika Ratshukudu scored Botswana's equaliser in the 31st minute.

After three rounds, Uganda lead the group with five points but have already qualified automatically as co-hosts.

Libya are second with four points, Botswana third with three, while Tunisia occupy the bottom position with two points.

This leaves Botswana, Libya and Tunisia competing for the remaining qualification place, making the three remaining matches crucial to their campaigns.

Botswana will host Uganda in the return fixture at the National Stadium today at 9pm, with the Zebras targeting their first victory of the campaign.

In an interview, Zebras captain, Thatayaone Ditlhokwe, expressed confidence in the team's ability to remain competitive, saying they would not give up easily despite the challenge posed by Uganda.

His experience is expected to strengthen the squad as Botswana prepares for today's return fixture.

Although Uganda have already secured their place at the tournament, a victory would give Botswana the much-needed momentum ahead of their remaining encounters against Libya and Tunisia.

The two matches could prove decisive, as both sides are direct rivals for the remaining qualification spot.

Botswana will therefore need to approach the fixtures with a winning mentality rather than settling for draws.

With three matches played and three remaining, the margin for dropped points is shrinking.

For the Zebras, the challenge is to turn resilience into results to keep their AFCON dream within reach. ***BOPA***