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Visit to foster ties



President Advocate Duma Boko after inspecting a guard of honour yesterday at Sir Seretse Khama International Airport before he left for a State Visit to Tallinn, Estonia. While in Estonia, President Boko will hold official talks with President Alar Karis of Estonia. The leaders will discuss areas of bilateral relations that subsist between the two countries, notably in the fields of digital transformation and innovation, education and capacity building, trade and investment, as well as other areas of mutual interest. The state visit will also accord the two countries time to review progress made, following agreed outcomes of the state visit undertaken by President Karis to Botswana in March 2024. During the visit President Boko will give a keynote address at the Latitude59 Business Conference, a key calendar event regarded as Estonia's largest annual startup and technology event,scheduled from May 21 to 24. Furthermore President Boko and his counterpart will officially open the Botswana-Estonia Business Forum on May 21, an event hosted by the Government of Estonia aimed at promoting trade and investment between the two countries.

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'Infrastructure key to Okavango economic growth'

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

IKOGA - The Okavango District needs well developed road networks and industrialisation to stimulate its economy.

This was said by Okavango West Member of Parliament, Mr Kenny Kapinga during a kgotla meeting in Ikoga on Wednesday.

He emphasised that industrial development would generate employment opportunities, thereby enhancing the district economic development.

The MP therefore told his constituents to pin their hopes on a mine earmarked to start operations in their district in the near future.

Mr Kapinga said the Sehithwa-Mohembo road's poor state was also disadvantaging developments in the district.

He said the district had a higher level of poverty with most people reliant on social welfare services hence required better infrastructure and industrialisation.

On other issues, Mr Kapinga said there was need to revive committees such as Village Extension Team, Crime Prevention Clusters, Parents Teachers Association and others.

He observed that such structures helped in community developments and accountability.

Mr Kapinga further commended Ikoga Primary School for improvement in academic results in the past three years, with results ranging from 41 per cent in 2022, 87 per cent in 2023 and 88 per cent in 2024.

He said such results were a hope that Okavango would have educated people of different professions in future.

Mr Kapinga hence implored parents to fully support their children's education to ensure that pupils continued to excel even at secondary schools.

Ikoga Village Development Committee representative, Ms Maikaelelo Sekandarase said the village deserved a pre-school and administration block at the primary school.

She said there was a dire shortage of staff houses at the primary school while the existing ones were also dilapidated and bats infested.

She further raised concern about public transport that dropped Ikoga residents far, along Sepopa-Mohembo road instead of branching into their village.

Ms Sekandarase also said some residents staying at the newly allocated plots had no access to water and power since they were said to be outside the water pipeline and power grid, saying this negatively affected their daily lives. ***BOPA***



Some Ikoga residents during a kgotla meeting addressed by area MP, Mr Kenny Kapinga. Mr Kapinga said Okavango District needed well developed road networks and industrialisation to stimulate its economy. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Masisi attends EAC, SADC Panel of Designated Facilitators



Former president, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi is in Lome, Togo for the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) Panel of Designated Facilitators meeting held over the weekend. Dr Masisi was appointed by the president of Zimbabwe and SADC chairperson, Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa in consultation with President Advocate Duma Boko, following a decision of the Joint EAC-SADC Summit held March 24, to appoint facilitators from each of the five African Union regions.

GABORONE - Former president, Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi is in Lome, Togo for the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) Panel of Designated Facilitators meeting from May 17 to 18.

A press release from the Ministry for International Relations states that Dr Masisi was appointed by the president of Zimbabwe and SADC chairperson, Dr Emmerson Mnangagwa in consultation with President Advocate Duma Boko, following a decision of the Joint EAC-SADC Summit held March 24, to appoint facilitators from each of the five African Union regions.

Dr Masisi joins former presidents of Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the Central African Republic; Uhuru Kenyatta, Sahle-Work Zewde, Olusegun Obasanjo and Catherine Samba-Panza, respectively as additional members to the panel of facilitators.

The press release further says the meeting follows an invitation from president of the Council of the Republic of Togo, chair and facilitator of the meeting of appointed African Union peace mediators in the ongoing conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, for talks aimed at mediating peace in the region.

President Masisi is expected back home on May 20. ***BOPA***

PNCB to promote inclusive education - official

By Baleseng Batlotleng

GABORONE – The PENN Computerised Neurocognitive Battery (PNCB) initiative has been described as a transformative step towards ensuring every child in Botswana regardless of their health background receives support they need to thrive in the education system. Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education Ms Mmamiki Kamanakao made this observation during the launch of the PNCB training of champions, a collaboration between government, University of Pennsylvania and Botswana Baylor Children's Clinical services.

She said the need for the initiative stemmed from a reality that a significant number of learners in schools who experienced HIV exposure presented learning disorders that might hinder their academic and personal development.

"As government, we acknowledge that there are a number of varied factors that may attribute to neurocognitive challenges among our children. This has been evidenced by the increasing referrals for diagnostic assessment at the central resource centre and satellite assessment centres," said Ms Kamanakao.

She said government recognised the responsibility to create an inclusive environment where learners that were in need of support were identified early and given the tailored support they required.

Ms Kamanakao said education should be a gateway to opportunity and not a barrier dictated by circumstances beyond a child's control.

"Strengthening the screening of learners with special needs using validated tools is essential for ensuring accurate identification, effective intervention and improved educational outcomes.

\Our schools are expected to conduct screening of learners through the school's head of department learning difficulties and school intervention teams," she said.

Ms Kamanakao pointed out that the process had been negatively impacted by lack of validated tools and inadequate competencies in the area of screening among teachers.

She said PNCB came at the opportune time to fill the gaps in the education system.

Ms Kamanakao said PNCB with its scientifically validated approach would strengthen early identification of learners with special education needs and disabilities allowing educators to intervene effectively and appropriately.

She said using validated tools, educators could create individualised learning programmes that matched the unique needs of each learner.

Giving an overview of the programme, research director for global health at the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Elizabeth Lowenthal said PNCB was a web-based tool that assessed cognitive function across various domains consisting of tasks designed to measure accuracy and speed in cognitive areas such as executive function, episodic memory, complex cognitive processing social cognition and processing speed.

She said the validated tool was expected to strengthen screening process of learners with special educational needs and in particular, neurocognitive challenges and enhance evidence-based programming for learner support.

Prof Lowenthal said they would be able to identify how the brain functions, solve problems and identify problems, challenges and weaknesses in leaners with disabilities.

Ministry of Basic Education is conducting a training of PNCB champions to meet the cultural context of Botswana.

It has invited a first batch that comprised educational psychologists, speech and language pathologists, regional learner support officers and special educators to be trained on the system's administration. ***BOPA***

Mmathubudukwane police restores some services

By Tebagano Ntshole

MMATHUBUDUKWANE - Despite being gutted by a raging inferno on Friday, Mmathubudukwane Police Station has restored some of its services.

Speaking after a tour of the station by the Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa yesterday, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr Solomon Mantswe assured Mmathubudukwane and nearby villages' residents that services such as the community service, certification of documents and traffic division had been restored and were fully operational.

Phone lines have also been restored with an additional line.

Mr Mantswe estimated the costs of the damage to run into millions as nothing, neither computers nor hard copy documents had been salvaged. He described the incident as a devastating blow to the police station, which was officially opened in August 2019.

He said given the country's current financial situation and the fact that developments followed National Development Plans, it might take time for the facility to be reconstructed.

Mr Mantswe said investigations on the cause of the fire started on Saturday morning and the outcomes would be shared with members of the public in due course.

However, minister Mohwasa said government was disturbed by the fire, which gutted the facility's fire station, stressing that, should it be a case of arson, the culprit should face the wrath of the law.

He said given the magnitude of the loss, where the entire building safe for the cells and armoury had been destroyed, called for strict application of the law to send a message to would-be arsonists.

Mr Mohwasa expressed disappointment that the station was gutted by fire at a time when the country was faced with financial distress. He was however confidence in the Botswana Police's ability to probe the cause of the Friday night inferno.

The fire started in one office and spread quickly to the rest of the building, but the cells and the armoury were spared, thanks to the concrete roofs. ***BOPA***



Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mhwasa and Acting Botswana Police Service Commissioner, Mr Solomon Mantswe touring Mmathubudukwane Police Station in the Kgatleng District that was gutted by fire on Friday. Mr Mohwasa said the preliminary police investigation ruled out electrical fault as the cause of the inferno. Photo: Gaseitsiwe Moruakgomo

Boko praises AuroStar for empowering Batswana in value chain

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Apart from employment creation and skills transfer, Aurostar Diamond Company has a vision to lay a foundation for more Batswana to be part of the diamond value chain development, an investment President Advocate Duma Boko says he is grateful for.

"Because we did not have these skills in the past, we were forced to sell all our diamonds in the rough and have them processed, cut and polished outside the country. We did not train you early enough and we did not train in good numbers," said President Boko.

The President made the remarks when addressing the employees of Aurostar following a tour of the company factory, Friday in Gaborone.

He said it was worth apologising that the country had been mining diamonds for a very long time but failed back then, to equip Batswana with skills on value chain.

President Boko said the country now had little excuse to continue selling diamonds in the rough outside borders with companies such as Aurostar training Batswana on the entire value chain from extraction of the diamond to cutting and polishing.

"We must deliberately proceed in the direction of ensuring that no diamond leaves this country uncut, unpolished so that the process of beneficiation generates more diamonds like yourselves, who are involved in cutting and polishing," said President Boko.

He said since it was possible to explore the entire value chain of a diamond in the country, it would equally be possible with other minerals and sell finished products, generate more jobs, put more money into the pockets of the locals, empower their families and by so doing grow the economy.

President Boko was upbeat that within the next three years, Botswana would experience change and therefore encouraged the business sector and Batswana to be part of that transformation.

He said government would make every effort to support businesses to attain the basic level of the living wage so that employees were rewarded appropriately, adding that government was committed to ensure that with time, no government employee, earned less than P4 000.

President Boko assured the company support, to enable its growth, expansion and good performance.

Director of Aurostar Diamond, Mr Arjav Mehta said the company would invest P75 million toward development of a world-class diamond polishing factory.

"This project will not only enable us to process high-value stones in the country, but will employ over 1 000 Batswana, with focus on skills transfer and empowerment of future diamond generations to come," said Mr Mehta. He explained that the plan was not only in diamond polishing, but also grading and jewelry manufacturing in Botswana.

Mr Mehta said the Made in Botswana stamp must get global recognition and be a benchmark for provenance and traceability.

He said polished diamonds customers throughout the world, global luxury brands must appreciate the Made in Botswana diamond and source directly in the country.

"We believe that Botswana's natural diamonds deserve a global platform. We aim to partner with the government to market these precious stones in strategic hubs including the USA, Europe, China, India and Middle East, ensuring Botswana's diamonds attract premium value while telling the story of local beneficiation and empowerment," he said.

"Today, we are not just cutting and polishing stones. We are transforming lives, turning polishers into entrepreneurs and laying the foundation for a thriving ecosystem of citizen-led diamond empowerment," said Mr Mehta and acknowledged that diamonds were part of a dream and vision to expand Botswana and therefore the company was strategically committed and aligned be a part of the economic transformation of the country.

Mr Mehta appreciated that Botswana had positively contributed to the growth of the company. He said the company had established a successful model of beneficiation that started at grassroots training and placed skills transfer above all.

Creating a diamond hub in Botswana Mr Mehta said would not only increase employment but would be an example of stability, progress and growth as well as nurture entrepreneurship in Botswana, since the company envisioned more Batswana being part of different value chain in diamonds.

Mr Mehta said true progress of the diamond sector was for Botswana to benefit, promoting the, Made in Botswana brand in diamonds, showcasing to the world how diamonds were adding value to communities and making future Botswana entrepreneurs. ***BOPA***

Visit to Estonia foster ties

By Thato Mosinyi

TALLINN - President Advocate Duma Boko's state visit to Estonia starting May 19 to 22 is expected to strengthening ties, mutual trust and understanding between Botswana and Estonia.

This is President Boko's maiden state visit since taking oath of office and it demonstrates Botswana's top priority to meaningfully participate in global affairs, consolidate and nurture friendship, special solidarity and comprehensive cooperation with other nations.

With government fully committed to digital transformation, an area in which Estonia has experience and expertise in, it is expected that the host will share its success and lessons learned for an inclusive digital transformation, as well as support reforms in the public sector, the business environment and the education system.

While in Estonia, President Boko will among other things engage in official talks with his Estonian counterpart, Mr Alar Karis, an opportunity for the two countries to review progress made following agreed outcomes of the State Visit undertaken by the by the latter to Botswana in March 2024.

A press release from the Office of the President says the leaders will also discuss areas of bilateral relations that subsist between the two countries, notably in the fields of digital transformation and innovation and capacity building, trade and investment as well as other areas of mutual interests.

President Boko will also give a keynote address at the Latitude59 Business Conference, a key calendar event regarded as Estonia's largest annual startup and technology conference.

"The event is anticipated to bring together global technology bloggers and enthusiasts, investors, entrepreneurs, media, academia, fund associates, accelerators and incubators to discuss the largest trends and innovation in the technology industry," says the release.

Furthermore, the press release says President Boko and his counterpart will officially open the Botswana-Estonia Business forum, an event hosted by the Government of Estonia, aimed at promoting trade and investment between the two countries.

Botswana and Estonia established relations in 2008, which were followed by the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Phandu Skelemani's 2009 visit to Estonia, that also brought about the establishment of a visa-free travel for Estonian citizens to Botswana.

Interestingly, the two countries's flags bear the same colours of blue, black and white.

Meanwhile, President Boko is accompanied by Minister for International Affairs, Dr Phenyo Butale, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima, senior government officials and representatives from the Botswana Investment and Trade Center.

The President and his delegation are expected back home on May 22. ***BOPA***

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Botswana on right path to end AIDS by 2030

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - Botswana has made significant strides in the attainment of the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) global targets of 95-95-95, which places the country on the right path to reach epidemic control and end AIDS as a public health threat by the year 2030.

This was said by the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA) coordinator, Mr Ontiretse Letlhare when giving progress on the country's HIV/AIDS response for the financial year ending March 31, 2022, before the 61st Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Gaborone on Friday.

Mr Letlhare said the fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BIAS V), conducted in 2021 had revealed that 95 per cent of the country's adult population aged between 15 and 64 years, living with HIV, had tested and know their HIV status, 98 per cent of those tested were enrolled on treatment, with 98 per cent of those enrolled on treatment being virally suppressed.

Additionally, he said the BIAS V also indicated that great progress had been achieved against some key indicators such as the HIV prevalence among the population aged 15 to 64 years, being at 20.8 per cent, compared to 18.5 per cent in 2013. "This scenario is attributable to the success of the Antiretroviral programme, which gained traction in 2016 upon the implementation of the Treat All Strategy with the aim of providing treatment to all HIV positive people regardless of their CD4 cell count or clinical stage," he added. For that reason, Mr Letlhare said the achievement placed the country on the right path to reach epidemic control and end AIDS as a public health threat by the year 2030, which would be realised through zero new infections, zero AIDS related deaths and zero stigma and discrimination.

He explained that the UNAIDS Global Targets of 95-95-95, impressed upon countries to ensure that by the year 2025 at least 95 per cent of people living with HIV should had tested and know their HIV positive status, 95 per cent of those that had tested and know their status should be on treatment and 95 per cent of those on treatment should be virally suppressed.

"It is very important to emphasise on the need for suppression, because without suppression the chance of transmitting the virus to a non-infected person becomes minimised," he added.

The national HIV prevalence among the young population aged 15 to 24 years, he said had also showed a drop to 3.4 per cent, compared to 7.9 per cent in 2013, whilst for adults aged 25 to 64 years is 27.1 per cent, which indicated that the HIV positive population in the country was aging.

"By aging we basically mean that we are able, as a country, to keep HIV positive people who are on treatment alive for a long time," Mr Letlhare explained.

One key factor, which continues to yield positive results in the country's response, he said was the multi-sectoral approach adopted for the fight against HIV and the associated partnerships. Mr Letlhare said the agency had solid partnerships with several national and international organisations that implemented HIV and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) programmes as well as providing technical and financial support to the country's overall efforts. Nationally, he said the response was driven through the support of civil society organisations, which were engaged annually through the Social Contracting Model, revealing that NAHPA partnered with a total of 115 local civil society organisations to implement HIV and NCDs interventions across the country, during the year under review of 2021/2022.

Other partnerships included those of international organisations such as the Global Fund, the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the United Nations Family Organisations, as well as the Southern African Development Community. ***BOPA***



National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency coordinator, Mr Ontiretse Letlhare (left) and the agency's finance manager, Ms Leah Mokgwathi appearing before the Public Accounts Committee in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Letlhare said Botswana had made significant strides in the attainment of the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS global targets of 95-95-95, which placed the country on the right path to reach epidemic control and end AIDS as a public health threat by the year 2030. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

'HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment priority'

By Lorato Gaofise

GABORONE - Botswana continues to prioritise HIV prevention and treatment programmes among the marginalised members of society, such as the key and vulnerable populations.

This was said by the National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA) coordinator, Mr Ontiretse Letlhare when giving progress on the country's HIV/AIDS response for the financial year ending March 31, 2022, before the 61st Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Gaborone on Friday.

"We have noted that stigma and discrimination exist among these populations, hence the targeted interventions which include working closely with the civil society organisations which place the interest of these populations at the forefront," he said.

In Botswana, Mr Letlhare further said the use of tobacco, physical inactivity, excessive alcohol use and unhealthy eating habits had been sighted as factors that rendered people susceptible to Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs).

"To close this gap, government through NAHPA, has resorted to investing in health promotion interventions through partnerships and providing funding for organisations and entities that focus on physical activities such as marathons, walks and hikes," he said.

Other interventions, he said included health talks and availing of health screening with associated referrals to health facilities for those showing signs of NCDs, adding that the activities were mostly done by partner civil society organisations.

NAHPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Mr Letlhare said had developed the NCD investment case, which gave an economic analysis of the case for investing in prevention and control of NCDs.

In terms of the utilisation of the warranted provision, for the year under review, the NAHPA coordinator said the agency was warranted a total of P51 770 995 million and P156 970 917 million for the recurrent and development expenditure, respectively.

As at March 31, 2022, he said the recurrent expenditure stood cumulatively at 98 per cent, whilst the development expenditure was at 91 per cent of the warranted provision for financial year 2021/2022.

To ensure improved absorption of warranted provisions in subsequent years, as well as to address the visible problem of absorption, under the development budget, which he said was predominantly COVID-19 induced, Mr Letlhare said interventions involving stepping up implementation and monitoring of programmes had been put in place.

Further, the coordinator expressed concern that behaviour change at individual level was still low and inadequate to fully match current challenges brought about by HIV and NCDs.

These challenges, he said included stigma and discrimination targeted at people living with HIV, key and vulnerable populations such as people living with disabilities, people involved in sex work and men who have sex with other men.

"Such discrimination impedes access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services to the affected people," he said.

Other challenges, which are a cause for concern, Mr Letlhare said were the low risk perception, especially by the youth, gender based violence, poor health seeking behaviour among men, intergenerational sexual relations as well as alcohol and substance abuse.

Therefore, to address the challenges, he said the agency continued to partner with civil society and faith based organisations to deliver health talks, conduct the necessary screenings for NCDs and HIV testing, through the Social Contracting Mechanism.

The other emerging challenge, he said related to the question of the long term sustainability of funding for the two epidemics of HIV and NCDs, which had become more apparent, especially in view of signals received from the country's major funders, being the Global Fund and PEPFAR 'that they will transition their support to Botswana on account that the country has attained an upper-middle income status'.

Through the support of UNAIDS, Mr Letlhare said NAHPA had successfully completed an assessment of the country's readiness to transition its national AIDS response from external donor funding to domestic funding, in responding to the signal.

"This transition readiness assessment has led to the development of a sustainability plan or roadmap, which is about to be disseminated to stakeholders for their appreciation and implementation," he added. ***BOPA***

Specialised commercial courts in offing

By Gontle Merafhe

GABORONE - Chief Registrar responsible for Administration of Justice, Ms Beaulah Mguni, says the department is looking to establish specialised commercial courts to try cases that have an impact on the economy of the country.

Appearing before the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee last Thursday, Ms Mguni said the specialised courts were being considered in order to decongest the system as currently judges presided over all types of cases.

Ms Mguni said they were currently benchmarking courts systems in other jurisdictions. She said the Administration of Justice was also reviewing its rules to improve service delivery.

She observed that the courts were not fully digitized as the Court Record Management system is outdated and obsolete except in Gaborone.

She pointed out that the department intended to keep rolling out the records management system that was functional in Gaborone to other parts of the country.

She explained that this involved buying new equipment and network expansion.

Ms Mguni also said the department was currently in the procurement process for a service provider to expand the system.

She cautioned that by the next financial year, the department would not have gone fully digital as it continued to accumulate new cases, which created a backlog of cases which were not registered in the system.

She explained that in the interim, cases would continue to registered manually as the department's e-filing system had not been 'operationalised'.

She said they had to procure another service provider to build the e-filing component of the Case Records Management System.

She also said the entry of documents to be digital was something that had to go beyond the end of the 2025-2026 financial year.

"We are looking into digitising as much as possible in terms of using technology to produce records very fast in order to ensure that even the latest cases do not slip back into backlog," she said. ***BOPA***

Govt to improve nurses conditions



Nurses re-taking the Nurses Oath during a Nurses day Celebration in Phikwe on Thursday in Phikwe. Photo: Baldwin Nyamande

By Chendzimu Manyepedza

SELEBI PHIKWE - Minister for State President, Mr Moeti Mohwasa says nursing is not only a calling of compassion but also a vital component of social and economic development.

Officiating at the commemoration of International Nurses Day in Selebi Phikwe on Thursday, Mr Mohwasa said investing in the nursing profession yielded significant benefits that contribute to the nation's overall progress.

He reaffirmed the government's dedication to improving the working conditions for nurses across the country, noting that the government was aware of the security threats that many nurses faced while performing their duties.

Mr Mohwasa highlighted that numerous nurses worked under constant threat to their safety and well-being.

He stated that reports of nurses being attacked, and in some cases, sexually assaulted while on duty, are unacceptable, underscoring the urgent need to enhance security in health facilities nationwide.

"To ensure that no nurse lives in fear while performing their sacred duty of healing, we must create a safe environment for all health workers with adequate security measures, proper lighting, and swift protection from law enforcement," he stated.

He said nurses were the face of the healthcare system, offering first medical response in the country's health facilities.

He observed that nurses' daily acts bound the society together as such they should also feel safe around those that they serve.

Mr Mohwasa acknowledged the stagnation of nurses on positions, which had negatively impacted morale and their eagerness to deliver effective service.

He stressed the importance of addressing these issues promptly by engaging all relevant stakeholders to share concrete solutions. The Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Mr Rejoice Sankoloba, emphasised the need to create an enabling environment for nurses.

He said the theme: Our Nurses, Our Future: The Economic Power of Care, underscored the urgency of improving security measures in health facilities.

Mr Sankoloba urged nurses to embrace the essence of patient care by upholding the values of botho, love, and compassion, asserting that the spirit of service should be rooted in human dignity and empathy to cultivate a more caring and responsive healthcare environment. ***BOPA***

Sekgoma Hospital launches advisory committee

By Tshiamiso Mosetlha

SEROWE - Hospital advisory committees have been hailed as a proper system for creating public interaction to improve relationship between the hospital and the community to better understand the challenges of the hospital and those of the community.

After election and launch of Sekgoma Memorial Hospital Advisory Committee in Serowe on Thursday, the Human Resources Manager of Sekgoma Hospital, Ms Oteng Seleke, told the newly elected committee that they should be functional because they were the link between community leadership and hospitals. The committee comprises Kgosi Kgalemang Kutuso (chairperson), Mr Edwin Shampee (deputy chairperson), Mr Bonang Mafokate (secretary), Ms Masego Mpebe (deputy secretary), and Ms Ludo Mazongo (treasurer).

Ms Seleke indicated that the provision of quality and safe healthcare service was a major challenge faced by both the public and private health sector. She said the most critical point in health services was making sure that expectations and health needs of the patients and the community were met.

The committee members conducted a tour of the hospital led by Dr. Onnetse Oduetse, acting hospital superintendent, who told them about the background of the hospital.

Dr. Oduetse said Sekgoma Memorial Hospital was opened in 2007 with a bed capacity of 350. She said the hospital had three operating theatres, and all the theatres were in need of a lot of maintenance because of leaking roofs during the rainy season and drainage blockage.

She said due to shortage of funds, maintenance work could not be done.

She added that the psychiatry ward was dilapidated and its condition could result in risk to patients, while some could easily abscond from the ward.

She stated that the hospital had shortage of staff across all cadres, including nurses and doctors.

Dr Oduetse indicated that there was no hot water for patients and staff. She decried a very old kitchen which was not functioning, and non-functioning toilets.

She stated that out of three boilers, only one was functioning. She said the call house for doctors was burnt down and now the doctors stay away from the hospital.

She said the committee should know the operations of the hospital and be in a better position to inform members of the community about the challenges it faced. ***BOPA***

Botswana adds arts to STEM for creative edge in education

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Botswana is prioritising the integration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) into vocational training as part of the country's strategy to address youth unemployment and to diversify the economy.

Minister of Higher Education and Skills Development, Mr Prince Maele, said during a courtesy call by the Chinese Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong, that the inclusion of the arts into what was previously STEM reflected a commitment to foster creativity alongside technical skills. Mr Maele expressed optimism about strengthening educational ties with China.

He said Botswana was keen tlearn from China's experience in technical and vocational education and training (TVET) to develop practical skills essential for economic growth. "Our strategy is to place TVET at the centre of our development agenda," he shared, adding that partnerships with China could significantly support this goal.

He noted that Botswana's economy was heavily reliant on mining, tourism, and agriculture, emphasising the need to diversify through vocational training and private sector engagement. He stated that Botswana was looking to emulate China's model, where the private sector actively drives economic growth.

Mr Maele said that strengthening Botswana's educational infrastructure was crucial for addressing youth unemployment and fostering innovation. He added that he hoped to see more collaboration between Botswana and Chinese universities, including student and teacher exchange programmes.



China Ambassador to Botswana Fan Yong (left), Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele (right) and other dignitaries during a courtesy call by Mr Fan in Gaborone on Thursday. Mr Maele said both countries could enhance their collaboration in the field of technical and Vocational Education Training that would help build a highly skilled and competitive workforce. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

Minister Maele extended an invitation to the Chinese Minister of Education to visit Botswana, saying that it would provide firsthand insight into the country's educational needs. Ambassador Yong, who shared that this year marked the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Botswana, said China remained committed to supporting Botswana's educational aspirations.

He mentioned that China would continue to offer training opportunities, including more than 60 000 vocational training slots for African countries over the next three years, with a focus on women empowerment and youth development. ***BOPA***

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Govt pledges support for young farmers

By Keamogetse Setilo

SEROWE - Government is dedicated to creating a supportive environment that encourages youth involvement in the livestock farming value chain, Assistant Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe has said.

He said this during the official opening of the Youth Livestock Farmer's day, under the theme: Empowering Youth through Opportunities in the Livestock Farming Value Chain, in Serowe on Friday.

Mr Mathoothe said that with today's economy, Botswana finds itself with the task of transforming from a consumption- driven economy to a production and innovation led economy, citing that it was through agro businesses and livestock farming entrepreneurship that accomplishment of the task would see the light of day.

With this, he noted that his ministry was strengthening partnerships with financial institutions to improve youth's access to capital and that they were currently working with stakeholders to reduce barriers to market access, both locally and internationally. Mr Mathoothe called on government departments and agencies to commit to long term and sustainable aid to youth initiatives that had the potential to boost the economy.

"We must also remind ourselves as government agencies, development partners, and stakeholders that supporting youth initiatives should not be done merely to tick boxes or meet annual performance targets. It must be a mission driven by genuine intent and a shared commitment to building a sustainable future. Let our support be purposeful, impactful, and anchored in long-term transformation, not short-term applause" he said.

Moreover, Mr Mathoothe encouraged youth livestock farmers to implement good livestock breeding programmes, animal health practices, observe good nutrition for livestock and efficient waste management practices that reduced pollution and comply with hygiene and safety standards. He urged farmers to improve the overall quality of the national herd, which in turn would enhance the sector's capacity to generate higher income for the producer.

He said called for youth to use power of numbers to their advantage by forming cooperatives or clusters that could prove efficient for maximising outputs.

Mr Mathoothe encouraged livestock farmers to adopt modern technology as it had the potential to increase efficiency, for example, the use of drones and digitised services greatly improve the turnaround time of production for farmers.

He applauded young livestock farmers and agro businesses that graced the event for their commitment in striving to change the narrative of Botswana being a consumption led economy.

Mr Mathoothe further commended WXS Farm for organising the two- day event which brought together aspiring youth entrepreneurs and key stakeholders to not only deliberate and exchange knowledge and ideas on the livestock farming value chain, but to also witness what commitment to the business could deliver. ***BOPA***



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'Uncertainty clouds economic rebound'

By Tebagano Ntshole

MOLEPOLOLE - The government has a steep and slippery hill to climb as the road to economic recovery remains uncertain.

Analysts have previously warned that expectations on the government should not be high given challenges facing the country amongst them limited economic growth prospects, many poorly-conceived policies, an inefficient and bloated public sector, persistent problems of inequality, poverty and unemployment.

The latest commentary from independent consultants, Econsult, indicates that these challenges will continue to persist as the economic outlook remains blurry.

While the International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects -0.4 per cent economic growth, the Econsult say it will be zero per cent and Moody's and Standard and Poor's, while they maintained Botswana's credit rating, have changed the outlook from stable to negative.

"The projected further reduction in diamond output will drag down overall growth, as in 2024, offsetting hopes for positive growth in the non-diamond sector," the commentary from Econsult reads.

This, it is said, adds pressure for long-needed economic reforms to improve the business climate and boost private sector growth.

Econsult expects the new government to introduce specific reforms to stimulate growth across a range of sectors and move beyond good intentions and generalities.

"Critical measures include regulatory reforms, liberalisation of immigration rules, opening up of borders, reform of restrictive public procurement rules, and dealing with inefficient state-owned enterprises that are crowding out the private sector," the economic commentators at Econsult note.

The slump in the diamond market has negatively affected government finances, and fiscal mineral revenues are now estimated at P8.7 billion for the 2024/25 financial year, compared to the P25 billion projected in the 2024 budget. It is therefore estimated that the budget deficit for the year has accordingly blown out from P8.7 billion to P24.7 billion.

Econsult notes that the government has faced severe challenges in financing a deficit of this magnitude, and had to draw down the final savings balances that underpinned government liquidity in the past. The Government Investment Account (GIA) fell to a paltry P250 million in December 2024, down from P8.6 billion a year earlier.

"Domestic bond issuance slightly undershot the original net borrowing target of P9 billion, and government in the end had to use unconventional financing measures, including borrowing from the Botswana Public Officers Pension Fund (BPOPF) and taking an overdraft from the Bank of Botswana, and even so it is believed that there was a significant increase in payments arrears to suppliers," notes the analysts. They note that the 2025 Budget has done little to move away from this unsustainable trajectory, and has included some unrealistic projections about a recovery in mineral revenues.

"Spending is still projected to increase, and there is still a huge budget deficit, but with a greater financing role for external borrowing than in 2024/25. Now that the GIA has been depleted, deficits have to be financed entirely by borrowing; the result is a rapid increase in the level of public debt that is set to hit the statutory debt limit within the next 1-2 years," reads the commentary from Econsult. ***BOPA***

Beetsha artisans plead for better market access

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

BEETSHA - A group of youth and elderly artisans in Beetsha, who rely on crafts for their livelihoods are yearning for access to better market opportunities. The group, Tuyende Investment formed in 2022, is made of 15 members consisting 13 women and two men.

In a recent interview, the Secretary of Tuyende Investment Group, Ms Makore Baswathe said the group was formed to promote and preserve their culture. She said members weaved baskets and made woodwork, which they sold to make a living and promoted culture through song and dance by entertaining people at events.

Ms Baswathe said all baskets woven had unique stitches that told a story, saying some represented diamond, pangolin, tortoise, running ostrich among other things while the distinctive colours such as black and brown were achieved through colouring palm leaves with certain plant roots and peels.

Ms Baswathe said their clients ranged from locals to foreign tourists although she said the market was not satisfactory hence opportunities to showcase during events like the Nkashi Trust career fair were worthwhile for exposure.

She therefore pleaded for assistant in accessing better markets for their products. ***BOPA***

APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION IN AUGUST 2025

All prospective applicants are informed that the second cycle for applications for admission into the University undergraduate study programmes for the August 2025 intake is open until 31st May 2025.

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Application Materials

The application materials are available as an **Application Package on the University website**, accessed through the **"STUDY"** link at **www.ub.bw**.

The Application Package on the University website includes a booklet entitled **"A GUIDE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS 2025,"** which lists all undergraduate programmes to be offered during the 2025/26 academic year and among them are the following that were not initially availed for application.

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On-line Application

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The week that was in pictures

Last week was marked by innovation, celebrations, and national pride. President Advocate Duma Boko launched the Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Botswana's Communal Rangelands national project in Tsabong, aimed at promoting climate-smart agriculture and restoring rangelands. He also toured the AUROSTAR Diamond Factory in Gaborone, where he praised the skill and confidence of Batswana in the diamond industry. In Gaborone, the Botswana Robotics and Automation Skills Transfer competition showcased the country's growing technological talent. Cultural unity was evident as the Ukrainian community observed Vyshyvanka Day, honouring their heritage. Music took centre stage when Angelinah Joseph won season 17 of My Star Botswana, claiming P100 000. The week concluded on an uplifting note with the Revolution Worship in the Garden event, and Gaborone United winning the 2024/25 FNB Premiership title with a 4-2 victory over Jwaneng Galaxy.



Tibesene Namastap Group entertaining guests at the launch of the Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Botswana's Communal Rangelands national Project in Tsabong**. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse**



President Advocate Duma Boko polishing a rough diamond during the tour of Aurostar Diamond factory in Gaborone.
Photo: Phenyo Moalosi



Kevin Daniel of Ghanzi Senior Secondary School assembling a robotic model during Botswana Robotics and Automation Skills Transfer competition in Gaborone recently.
Photo: Phenyo Ramatu



Ambassador of Ukraine, Dr Oleksiy Syvak captures a joyful moment with Batho Fashion Week models during Ukraine Vyshyvanka Day.
Photo: Tshepo Gombo



Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng (left) and My Star managing director, Keabetswe Sesinyi (right) presenting P100 000 to the winner of My Star 2025, Angelinah Joseph at the grand finale on Friday.
Photo: Phenyo Ramatu



South Africa media personality, Rorisang Thandekiso (centre) leading worshipers in prayer during Revolution Worship at the Garden event.
Photo: Tshepo Gombo



Gaborone United supporters in a celebratory mood after their team won the FNB Premiership.

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1	Sebudubudu Florah Sila	Central
2	Nthaga Daniel	Central
3	Makarapa Selebatso	Central
4	Ditsele Meriam	Central
5	Madome Madome	Central
6	Mpoko Kili Constance	Central
7	Makhura Inspector Masilo	Central
8	Ntsheme Annah Chikadzi	Central
9	Moleta Patricia	Central
10	Ditshego Otisitswe	Central
11	Wesson Shadi Barbara	Central
12	Oletile Johane	Central
13	Tidimane Grace Violah	Central
14	Mogapi Lucia Gobodiwang	Central
15	Motubudi Sekani	Central
16	Ditshetelo Olivia Emang K.	Kgalagadi
17	Modisane Khutsafalo Chuna	Kgatleng
18	Ramosamo Sarah Mildred	Kweneng
19	Letlhatshane Nametso	Kweneng
20	Banyatsang David Ditsopi	Kweneng
21	Marata Gagoitsiwe	Kweneng
22	Ponatshego Moleti Sylviah	North East
23	Pumpkin Sephiwe	North East
24	Fanikiso Jacqueline	North East
25	Onalenna Chanana	North East
26	Kedisitse Mmoloki Solomon	Southern

Meritorious Medal

1	Phaka Gorata Precious	Central
2	Khumo Tsholofelo	Central
3	Moseki Matshidiso	Central
4	Matebesi Lesedi	Central
5	Chaina Esther Onicah	Central
6	Epadile Onneile	Central
7	Sekgatsa Maduo Dudu	Central
8	Lekomola M. T. Annah	Central
9	Dintwa Hildah	Central
10	Scotch Kesebe Emeldah	Central
11	Saziba Maungo M.	Central
12	Tshekoeng Banyana	Central
13	Oganne Rosinah	Central
14	Boago Topo Gaethuse	Central
15	William Isaac	Central
16	Senau Kabo Kenneth	Central
17	Nkgowe Mmereki	Central
18	Garebamono Malebogo Laone	Kgatleng
19	Ramontshonyana Oarabile	Kgatleng
20	Lulwamani Kealeboga	Kgatleng
21	Maunge Mmabatho	Kgatleng
22	Ramodisa Tumelo Onkemetse	Kgatleng
23	Kgarametso Kitsi	Kweneng
24	Leposwa Chebukani	Kweneng
25	Morupisi Tshegofatso	Kweneng
26	Gaoagelwe Lesego	North East
27	Laletsang Opelo	North East
28	Elijah Ndiko Tsutsu	North East
29	Babusi Lesedi Oamogetswe	North East
30	Monyama Leaname Linzani	North East
31	Banda Manga Florence	North West
32	Mokgosi Thuto Thato	South East
33	Dr Moahi Donlisha	South East
34	Jama Robert	South East
35	Masasa Maria Boitshoko	South East
36	Keitemoge Pearl Lebogang	Southern
37	Modukwane Koobakile Shila	Southern
38	Bojase Kesetsenao Ivy	Southern

Silver Career Medal

1	Nkgowe Barulaganye	Central
2	Masiba Elizabeth	Central
3	Steven Ponatshego	Central
4	Odirile Tineni Millias	Central
5	Motlhabane Joel Nonofo	Central
6	Charlie Rebecca Nikie	Central
7	Koikoi Vivian	Central
8	Jeremiah Mmadisenke M.	Central
9	Tlhaloganyang Precious Mpopi	Central
10	Mpheke Bame	Central
11	Maselwa Tirafalo	Central
12	Poloko Juliet Tony	Central
13	Ditshoto Motlalepula	Central
14	Nkane Mompoloki	Central
15	Dr. Kotlhao Kate	Central
16	Mokgadi Oageng	Central
17	Muzila Nkungano Dikeledi	Chobe
18	Ditlhabang Walter Omphemetse	Gantsi
19	Rankgomo France Letshabo	Gantsi
20	Adam Margaret	Gantsi
21	Simane Ntshekelang	Kgalagadi
22	Odiseng Mercy Ketantshang	Kgatleng
23	Seretse Basadi Jessica	Kweneng
24	Sekete Josephine Boephana	Kweneng
25	Bashapi Christinah	Kweneng
26	Kgotla Phemelo	Kweneng
27	Motsomi Galetshabiwe	Kweneng
28	Mpuang Lefatshe	Kweneng
29	Neetha Salome Queen	North East
30	Majaha Fredah Wangu	North East
31	Maila Florence	North East
32	Daniel Rodah	North East
33	Nyathi Seanokeng Sandra	North East
34	Modise Bertha Mmaki	Southern
35	Chihiya Ishmael Kundishora	Southern
36	Mokopakgosi Dorothy M. Kereng	Southern

Mid - Career Medal

1	Ponatshego Lesego Fortune	Central
2	Ditshupo Gaone	Central
3	Kebasotlile Melitha M	Central
4	Manyepedza Kesolofetse	Central
5	Monyatsi Malebogo Patricia	Central
6	Kerapeletswe Kgomotso Abiah	Central
7	Ramontshonyana Valencia	Central
8	David Tlhobogang Mercy	Central
9	Tsietso Moranodi Bofelo	Central
10	Khumo Oaitse	Central
11	Magowe Edwin	Central
12	Basupi Benjamin	Central
13	Motlhagodi Boitumelo	Central
14	Jimson Neo Ruth	Central
15	Motlhabane Moses	Central
16	Rantung Thatayaone B	Central
17	Mmipi Tsholanang Queen	Central
18	Fani Buti Moshe	Central
19	Motlhagodi Motlhagodi K	Central
20	Gabanakgosi Onthusitse	Central
21	Sepopo Kegakgametse	Central
22	Mahule Annah	Central
23	Bafana Abigail Chaikhwa	Central
24	Majaga Julia Lorato	Central
25	Tautsagae Trevor Mmabaledi	Central
26	Gaborone Keipelegi	Central
27	Gabalaolwe Boitumelo	Central
28	Rantsebele Ditirafalo	Central
29	Manowe Nancy	Central
30	Buti Ogopotse	Central
31	Kenosi Samuel Baboloki	Central
32	Peter Emily Nyaladzo	Central
33	Moatlhodi Dipogiso	Central
34	Lefatshe Mokganedi	Central
35	Masole Neo	Central
36	Mackenzie Babedi	Central
37	Kalaluka Lesego	Central
38	Motlamma Oarabile	Central
39	Mabolola Margaret	Central
40	Ntesang Kesalopa	Central
41	Bapaletswe Ezekiel	Central
42	Mokgadinyane Puseletso Reward	Central
43	Sentime Gorata Beverley	Central
44	Danga Motshidisi	Central
45	Ramosoka Kenny Kenneth	Gantsi
46	Kelebemang Tebogo	Gantsi
47	Modikwa Never	Gantsi
48	Baoke Ithuteng R. M.	Gantsi
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50	Seragi Bonolo Nicola M.a	Kgatleng
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53	Gouwe Thomas Albert	Kgatleng
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55	Letsholo Oteng Katlego	Kgatleng
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58	Tlale Fiselani N. H.	Kgatleng
59	Ntshonono Keatlaretse T. E.	Kweneng
60	Legwale Seloi Sekgethelo	Kweneng
61	Masisi Kanokang	Kweneng
62	Odisitse Goabamang	Kweneng
63	Segokgo Malebogo	Kweneng
64	Tabalaka Kelebogile	Kweneng
65	Tshilo Morongwa	Kweneng
66	Motsamai Kopano	Kweneng
67	Kgosana Justice Olorato	Kweneng
68	Joel Marumo	Kweneng
69	Sephatla Tuelo	Kweneng
70	Palamelo Boitshwarelo	Kweneng
71	Sibanda Bonyana Ivy	Kweneng
72	Seamogano Malebogo	Kweneng
73	Mabote Charles	Kweneng
74	Mokopotsa Tsholofelo	Kweneng
75	Gabotsalwe Botho Eneliah	Kweneng
76	Gabadise Stella Maipelo	Kweneng
77	Dikai Charles Dikai	North East
78	Mabutho Laiza	North East
79	Molebatsi Tshepo Helen	North East
80	Bonang Tshidilo	North East
81	Mothowe Ayeson	North East
82	Macheng Galethuse	North East
83	Lufu Jenamiso	North East
84	Mulale Ndakidzilo Raymond	North East
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88	Kaiko Katanaura	North West
89	Kgetho Mariam	North West
90	Kenalemang Kabo	North West
91	Mookodi Mpho	North West
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A dikgosi di fiwe dithata - Ketlogetswe

Ka Masego Tabengwa

POLE - Dikgosi di tlhoka go fiwa dithatat ka se, se ka thusa mo go laoleng merafe le go busetsa diemo dingwe mo taolong.

Go tlhoka dithata mo go na le seabe mo masuleng a tshwana dipolaano, bogodu, botlhoka tsebe mo bananeng le a mangwe a tsweletseng ka go golela pele mo metseng ka go farologana.

Kgosi Clinic Ketlogetswe wa Pole o buile se amogela baeng mo phuthegong ya kgotla e eneng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Tati Bophirima, Rre Justin Hunyepa ka Labone. A re fa dikgosi di ka fiwa dithata, seo se ka dira gore batho ba tshabe go dira melato mengwe mme go bo go thusa gore dikgolegelo di seka tsa penologa jaaka go ntse mo nakong eno.

Kgosi Ketlogetswe o ne a supa fa ba na le dingwagangwaga ba ikuetse ka go tlhoka mapodisi mo motseng wa bone, a re dirukutlhi di itirela go rata le go kgona ka di itse fa go sena bodiredi.

Kgosi o supile fa go nale tiego ya go abiwa ga ditsha mo motseng wa bone, a re seo se baka gore nako e baikopedi ba abelwang ditsha, ba bo ba feletswe ke maatla a go di tlhabolola, ka jalo a kopa gore dikgosi di fiwe dithata tsa go laola kabo ya ditsha, fela jaaka go ne go dirwa mo dingwageng tsa maloba.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo tsa motse, Rre Jona Selape o ne a supa letshwenyego tebang le letlhoko la matlo a boroko jwa badirelapuso, a kopa gore ntlha eo e lebelelwe thata ka e ama badirela puso go ntsha maduo mo tirong.

O ne a ikuela ka letlhoko la mebereko le le apesitseng banana kobo ka letshoba, a tlhalosa fa banana ba setse ba ikaegile ka lenaneo la Ipelegeng, a re mme sebe sa phiri ke go bo lenaneo leo le sa hire palo e kalo ka kgwedi mo motseng wa bone.

Rre Selape o supile fa ba sena fa ba nosang leruo teng, a kopa gore ba agelwe letamo le le tlaa ba thusang go namola leruo mo lenyoreng, a bo a kopa khansele go tsibogela ditsela tse di mo motseng ka di le mo seemong se se maswe.

Rre Winter Jambo o ne a kopa puso go fefosa go tlhama ditiro mo lefatsheng leno, a re letlhoko la ditiro ke sengwe sa tse di bakang gore banana ba bo ba inaakantse le ditiro tsa botlhokatsebe.

Rre Badge Ndzimumbi o ne a supa puso ka monwana, a re le yone e na le seabe mo go oketseng letlhoko la ditiro mo bananeng ,ka go busetsa batho ba ba tlogetseng ditiro ka bogodi mo maphateng mangwe, mme go na le banana ba ba kailang mo mebileng ba ba ka kgonang go dira ditiro tseo.

Mme Esther Ngebani o ne a ngongoregela go sa duelwa ka nako ga bodiredi jwa nakwana mo maphateng a puso.

Fa a tsibogela matshwenyego mangwe a bone, mopalamente Hunyepa a supa fa keletso ya gagwe e le go bona madi a go tlhabolola dikgaolo a dirisiwa mo ditirong tse di ka nnang le seabe mo go fetoleng matshelo a batho.

A re puso ka fa tlase ga lephata la Metsi le Bonno e sa tswa go ribolola lenaneo la bonno, le ka lone e lekang go fokotsa letlhoko la matlo a boroko mo metseng ka go farologana, go akarediwa le motse wa Pole.

Fa a akgela mabapi le go sa duelwa ka nako ga badiri ba nakwana, Rre Hunyepa a re ka tshwanelo fa motho a dirile tiro o tshwanetse a duelwa ka nako, a re ka jalo ba tlaa netefatsa gore ba sala kgang eo morago go bona gore matsapa di a tsaya kae. ***BOPA***



Mogokaganyi wa ditiro tsa National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA) Rre Ontiretse Letlhare a re ka kemo-nokeng ya UNAIDS, NAHPA e kgonne go fetsa tshekatsheko ya gore a Botswana o ka kgona go ntsha dithuso tsa AIDS go tswa mo go thusiweng ke ba ba kwa ntle.

'Botswana o tlhomile pele thibelo ya HIV/AIDS'

GABORONE - Botswana o tsweletse ka go eteletsa pele mananeo a thibelo le kalafi ya HIV/AIDS mo bathung ba ba ka fa mosing.

Mogokaganyi wa ditiro tsa National AIDS and Health Promotion Agency (NAHPA) Rre Ontiretse Letlhare o buile jalo a a fa pego ya ka fa Botswana a neng a dira ka teng mo go tsibogeleng HIV/AIDS mo ngwageng wa madi o o neng o fela ka Mopitlo 31, 2022. Fa a begela komiti e e itebagantseng le go tlhokomela gore dithoto tsa puso di dirisiwa sentle (61st Public Accounts Committee (PAC)) mo Gaborone, ka Labotlhano, Rre Letkhare o ne a re go lemogilwe fa ditlhopha tsa batho di tshabelelwa ke kgetholoo le go nyenywa, ke sone se ba neng ba tsibogelwa ka go bereka mmogo le makgotlana a a buelelang ditshwanelo tsa ba ba ka fa mosing.

A re mo Botswana, go goga, go tlhoka go itshedila mmele, go iphetisa dino, le go tlhoka go ja sentle e le dingwe tsa tse di tlhodileng malwetse a a sa tshelanweng.

Go tsibogela ntlha e, Rre Letlhare a re puso ka lekalana la NAHPA, e ne ya baya kwa pele tse di rotloetsang botsogo ka go ikamanya le go abela madi makgotla le makalana a a tsepameng mo go tsa itshidilo mmele di tshwana le mabelo, mogwanto le go palama dithaba.

A re puso e thusa ka dithuto tsa botsogo le go rotloetsa ditlhatlhobo tse di atleng di gogele kwa gore batho ba romelwe kwa dikokelong fa ba na le dikai tsa malwetse a a sa tshelanweng, ditiro tsa mhuta o gantsi di tshwarwa ke makgotlana.

Go lemoga bolwetse jo bo sa tshelanweng go sale gale go mosola thata ka go netefatsa dipoelo mo itsholelong le botshelo ka kakaretso isago, ga rialo Rre Letlhare.

O boletse fa go fetola maitshwaro ga batho ka bongwe ka bongwe go le kwa tlase thata go ka itepatepanya le diemo tsa HIV le malwetse a a sa tshelanweng. Diemo tse a re di akaretsa kgetholoo, go nyenywa ga ba ba tshelang le mogare wa HIV, ba-na-le bogole, ba ba ithekisang mmele le ba ba ratanang le ba bong jo bo tshwanang le jwa bone.

A re kgetholoo eo e kgoreletsa phitlhelelo, kalafi, tlhokomelo le kemo-nokeng ya batho ba. Rre Letlhare a re mathata a mangwe ke go akanya gore diphatsa ga di kalo, bogolo jang mo bananeng, tshotlakako go lebilwe bong, go tlhoka go ya ngakeng ga borre, go ratana ga batho ba dingwaga tse di katologaneng ga mmogo le go itontela dino le diritibatsi.

A re go tsibogela tse, lekalana la gagwe le tsweletse ka go ikamanya le makgotlana a ditshwanelo le a tumelo go abelana ka thuto ya botsogo, go tlhatlhobela batho HIV le malwetse a a sa tshelanweng.

A re kgwetlho e e tlhagogang ke e e amanang le gore madi a a dirisiwang mo digajajeng tse pedi tse a tlaa tshwarelela go fitlhelela kae, bogolo jang go lebilwe gore makalana a a ntseng a thusa lefatshe ka madi jaaka Global Fund le PEPFAR a re a tlaa tloga a emisa dithuso ka jaana Botswana jaanong e le lefatshe la itsholelo e e fa gare.

Rre Letlhare a re ka kemo-nokeng ya UNAIDS, NAHPA e kgonne go fetsa tshekatsheko ya gore a Botswana o ka kgona go ntsha dithuso tsa AIDS go tswa mo go thusiwang ke ba ba kwa ntle go ya kwa go ithuseng ka dithata tsa 'rona'.

Tshekatsheko e ya bokgoni jwa go itomologanya le dithuso tse di tswang kwa ntle, e gogetse kwa go bopiweng ga lenaneo la petlo tsela, le le tlaa anamisiwang le ba-tsaya karolo mo bogaofing gore ba le ithute ba bo ba le diragatse, a tlhalosa. ***BOPA***

Dikomiti le khansele ba ithuna dinta

Ka Puseletso Kenyaditswe

LETLHAKENG - Ba dikomiti tsa Ditlhabololo tsa metse tsa Letlhakeng, ba ne ba kopanye le bogogi jwa Khansele ya Letlhakeng, go tla go itsane jaaka e le bone bakgweetsi ba ditlhabololo tsa kgaolo eo.

Mothusa mokwaledi wa Khansele eo Mme Janet Sehunwe, a re maikaelelo ke go itsane le go bopa setlhopha se se tsepameng e le dikomiti, bagolwane ba metse le bogogi jwa khansele.

Mogolwane wa ditlhabololo tsa metse kwa Khanseleng Rre Tiroyaone Rampe, o ne a re dikomiti tsa ditlhabololo tsa metse di tlhamilwe ke tautona Sir Seretse Khama ka ngwaga wa 1968, e le tsela nngwe ya go atolosetsa ditlamelo kwa bathong.

O tlhalositse fa dikomiti tse di ne tsa direlwa melawana ka go ne go lemotshega fa di sa dirise madi sentle, mme ga bonwa go le botlhokwa gore ba tle ba rutiwe gore ba kgone go di tsamaisa.

A supa fa mo nakong eno go dirwa melawana e mesha e e tlaa simololang go dirisiwa ka kgwedi ya Phalane monongwaga, mme jaaka dikomiti tse di felelwa ke botshelo mo bogaufing, di tlaa felela di tlhophiwa nako e le nngwefela, ba bo ba rutintshiwa ka nako e le nngwefela.

Rre Rampe o tlhalositse fa dikomiti tse, e le tsone di gogang kwa pele ditlhabololo a re fa ba dirisa madi gompieno ba tshwanetse ba kope pele kwa khanseleng le gone go bona motlhala wa tiriso ya madi ao. A re mokwaledi wa khansele le ma VDC ba tshwanetse go nna le boikarabelo jwa madi ao.

Rre Rampe a re dikomiti tse di tshwanetse go tsenya maranyane gore ba nne ba romela metsotso, a supa fa go tsamaisiwa ga VDC go tshwanetse ga tokafadiwa.

A supa fa dikomiti tse di dira madi ka matlo, ditena le go hirisa diholo, ebile di kolotiwa madi a a fetang P400 000, mme kwa letloleng di beile madi a a fetang P1 million.

Rre Rampe a re ba ikaelela go dira ditiro tse dingwe tse di ka tsenyetsang dikomiti letseno jaaka Cultural Village le di Guest House, go ngokela batho mo kgaolong.

Modulasetilo wa khansele Rre Gordon Mokgwathi, a re Tautona Advocate Duma Gideon Boko o tlhalositse fa kgaolo ya Letlhakeng e di goga kwa pele ka lehuma, le go tlhoka ditlhabololo mme ba lebanwe ke gore ba simolola ka kgaolo e e senang madi lefaele tsone ditlhabololo.

A re ba tshwanetse go itse gore ba dira eng kwa metseng ya bone go fokotsa manokonoko a lehuma.

Rre Mokgwathi a re mananeo a metse a dirwa ke ba VDC, ebile ba tshwanetse go araba morafe fa o ba botsa mo diphuthegong, mme fa ba sena dikarabo ba ba boletse kwa diofising tse di maleba eseng go emela diphuthego tsa bone.

A re ga gona ope yo a ka tswang go sele go tla go ba tlhabololela metse ya bone, a bo a supa fa khansele e ka se kgone e le nosi

A re puso e batla go ntsha ditiro tse ditona e di neela dikhansele gore di dirwe ka VDC, mme a ba kopa go tsaya karolo mo go tlhabololeng metse ya bone.***BOPA***

Project inspires learners embrace technologies

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Ministry of Communications and Innovation in partnership with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) launched a pioneering project called the Botswana Robotics and Automation Skills Transfer (BRAST) project, at the Botswana Development and Innovation Hub (BDIH) in Gaborone on Thursday.

The project, a national strategic initiative designed to introduce robotics, automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI) programming skills to junior and senior secondary schools across Botswana, to empower learners with hands-on technical skills and inspire innovation through structured training and competitions.

It is also aimed to test the scalability of robotics education within Botswana's diverse school contexts. The Ministry of Communications and Innovation's acting chief technical officer, Mr Ontlametse Gaothuse explained in an interview that the ministry had contributed P5.4 million toward the initiative, to support the widespread roll out of the programme across the country. "We have here for the project premier or pre-launch training schools like Naledi and Masunga senior, as well as children from Ncojane, Shakawe, Seronga, and Masunga as was the plan. And this is only just the beginning," said Mr Gaothuse adding that in the second phase, they would engage the private sector to help extend the programme's reach to more schools across the country.

"We also intend to partner with the Ministry of Education to ultimately make this part of our curriculum," he said expressing his hope to see Batswana youth working in major companies around the world and for Botswana to make significant technological advancements.

HRDC manager of Graduate Research and Innovation and BRAST project manager, Dr Oabona Nthebolang, explained that the aim of the project was to inspire young people and encourage them to embrace emerging technologies such as AI and robotics which represented the future.

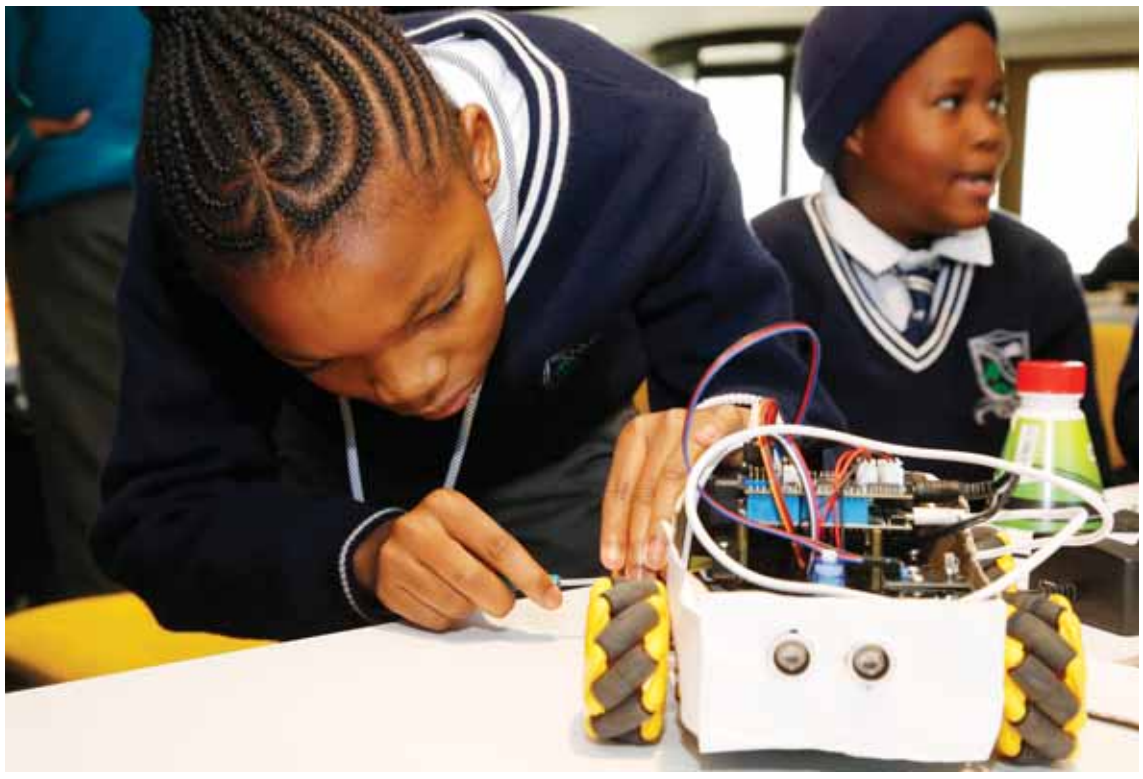
"So, we will be reaching to all the four corners of Botswana because we want to be inclusive, every child deserves an opportunity to be part of this project," he said.

Speaking about the competition, Mr Nthebolang explained that there would be a series of elimination rounds to determine the winners who would then go on to represent Botswana at the Robotics for Good competition in Geneva, Switzerland in July.

He added that the pre-launch training, served as a preparatory tool to equip participants for the grand event. As part of their head to head challenge, learners were required to programme their robotic kits to complete specific tasks while navigating around obstacles.

"They have their ambulance trucks with the programming and they have to navigate around the obstacles without dropping the patients. The speed and direction of turns are entirely determined by the programming," Mr Nthebolang explained. For 14-year-old, Ofentse Tshipo, a form 2 student at Marakanelo Junior Secondary School from the Ncojane region, the robotics competition was her first time experience but certainly not the last.

"I have always wanted to study robotics and this competition is a dream come true," she said, revealing that her aspiration is to pursue both programming and coding. ***BOPA***



Reneilwe Ethusang of Maoka Junior Secondary School assembling and preparing a robot vehicle for competition during Botswana Robotics and Automation Skills Transfer competitions in Gaborone recently. Photo: Phenyo Ramatu

Floods threaten some parts of Okavango

By Kedirebofe Pelontle

ETSHA 13 - With the Okavango River now overflowing, certain parts of the Okavango District are at risk of flooding after the river received water from neighbouring countries of Angola and Namibia.

The district received more rain this year especially in January and that made the land soggy hence the river was overflowing.

Okavango District commissioner, Mr William Keareng told BOPA in an interview but assured that the District Disaster Committee was prepared for any eventuality, to assist members of the community who might be affected by the floods.

Etsha 13, Ikoga and some villages in the Eastern part of the Okavango Delta such as Eretsha Mr Keareng said were more at risk.

He said so far, about six homesteads were facing possible flooding in Etsha 13 and that one of the families was assisted with a tent that they could use should the need arise.

Mr Keareng cautioned the people of Okavango to be vigilant at all times and monitor children's movement.

A 44 year-old resident of Boyei Ward in Etsha 13, Ms Lebuang Oagetsweng told BOPA that the water was threatening to flood their homes with their backyard garden already submerged.

Ms Oagetsweng said they last experienced flooding in 2010 even though the water volume was less then.

Another resident, 47-year old, Ms Ndozi Seditsi said when the area was flooded back in 2010, they were evacuated from their homes to a safer place at Botshabelo Ward and assisted with tents and lived there for a year before she moved to her current place. ***BOPA***



Okavango District Commissioner Mr William Keareng has raised concern over potential flooding in parts of the district identifying Etsha 13, Ikoga, and eastern Okavango Delta villages like Eretsha as high-risk areas. He has however assured all that the District Disaster Committee was on alert and ready to support communities likely to be affected. Photo: Kedirebofe Pelontle

Official implores Shashe River School to maintain excellence

By Kelebogile Taolo

TONOTA - Shashe River School community has been encouraged to retain the school's top position in the Botswana General Certificate for Secondary Education (BGCSE) for the 2025 examinations.

The school achieved position one in the 2024 BGCSE results with a pass mark of 36.64per cent and produced two top achievers.

Speaking at the school's victory celebration in Tonota on Friday, acting director of Regional Operations Central in the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Otukile Kedikilwe congratulated Shashe River School personnel for their outstanding achievement in emerging as the champions of the 2024 BGCSE.

He emphasised the importance of collaboration with all stakeholders to safeguard the school's achievements. "You should sustain this success, by doing so you will be honoring today's theme. We must work smart to make this happen," he stated.

The celebration themed: Forward ever in our quest for academic excellence, Mr Kedikilwe said reflected Shashe River School's commitment, resilience, and focus on achieving excellence.

"It underscores our dedication to producing 21st-century learners who are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of the modern world," he explained.

To pursue academic excellence, he stressed the need for clear, actionable objectives and the development of good habits and skills to enhance operational effectiveness.

He noted that the educational landscape had changed, urging parents and stakeholders not to remain passive while teachers bore the burden alone.

"The collaboration of all stakeholders will be vital," he added.

He also recognised the government's priority of improving quality of life, stating that excellent academic performance was a key component in achieving the goal. He praised Shashe River School for its impressive results despite facing numerous challenges, from physical to financial resources, and therefore commended their perseverance.

"My Ministry is fully aware of the myriad challenges faced by schools and will do its best to address them, despite the fiscal conditions we find ourselves in. Let us continue to do more with less," he remarked.

Tonota Member of Parliament, Mr Gaefele Sedombo, also congratulated Shashe River School for securing the top spot in the 2024 BGCSE results. He noted that the school's resilience, positive thinking, and courage in overcoming challenges contributed to the success.

"The difficulties faced during exam preparations provided students with a platform to focus more, leading to these excellent results," he stated.

He assured teachers and stakeholders that, despite the tough working conditions, the village leadership would continue to support the school in its pursuit of excellence.

The school's acting head Mr Solomon Ramokate, acknowledged the celebration of their commendable results as both a triumph and a challenge.

"We must maintain these results, as we have now set a benchmark that other schools will strive to reach," he said.

He credited the school's success to the dedicated staff and recognised the contributions of former school head, Mr Mpaladzi Manjingo together with his then deputy Mr George Showa who are now transferred. ***BOPA***

Orange Botswana launches digital centre

By Thuso Kgakatsi

LEHUTUTU - Orange Botswana has unveiled a new Digital Centre in Lehututu, in an effort to democratisise digital education and foster innovation across Botswana.

Speaking at the event, Ms Nene Maiga, chief executive officer of Orange Botswana, said it was important to provide equitable access to digital tools and education.

"There is a pressing need to democratise digital education and unlock a world of possibility through the transformative power of technology for people in rural areas," she stated.

Ms Maiga explained that the centre was a commitment to the Solidarity FabLabs initiative, a global movement driven by the Orange Foundation to bridge the digital divide.

The centre aims to bring technology, training, and opportunity directly to communities that previously had limited access, she said. With a grant of P320 000, Orange Botswana partnered with Humana People to People to establish the facility.

"This partnership reflects our belief that no matter where a young person is born, be it Hukuntsi or Gaborone, they deserve the same opportunities. We are here to tell the youth of Lehututu: You matter. Your dreams matter. And we are committed to supporting those dreams, " Ms Maiga said.

The CEO envisions a Botswana where innovation flourishes beyond urban centers, emerging from every village and settlement.

"Imagine a young person learning to code at this centre and later becoming a tech entrepreneur, or a small business owner mastering digital marketing to expand their reach. Teachers accessing digital resources to enhance learning—that is the future we are working toward, " said Ms Maiga. The Humana Digital Career Centre is designed as a free, inclusive space where young people and adults can access digital tools and structured courses in coding, design, and digital entrepreneurship.

The centre offers a safe environment for discovery, creativity, and skill development, tailored to the unique needs of the Lehututu community.

Ms Maiga highlighted that the partnership with Humana People to People was rooted in shared values and a commitment to community-led development.

"This isn't a one-size-fits-all model, it's localised and aimed at long-term sustainability. It's a place where ideas are born, nurtured, and where learners are encouraged to innovate fearlessly," she explained.

Therefore, she said the the centre symbolised more than technology, it embodies creativity, entrepreneurship, and empowerment. "It is a springboard for economic participation, enabling young people to establish micro-businesses or introduce innovative solutions to local challenges," she said.

The centre's ultimate goal is to empower individuals, families, and communities in the Kgalagadi region to express themselves and drive transformational change.

Humana People to People Botswana, a non-profit organization established in 2000, will oversee operations. Its director, Mr Moses Zulu, expressed pride in the launch.

"This Digital Centre in Matsheng marks a step forward for our partnership with Orange Foundation and for the community. We believe that genuine change starts with empowering the people. Our role is to equip them with the tools and knowledge to overcome social and economic barriers and realize their dreams," she said.

Mr Zulu shared that, through this initiative, the Orange Foundation has provided funding for the procurement of equipment and operational support for the Center, which includes, 3D Printing Machines, Laser Cutting Machines, Engraving Machines, four Laptops, Mug Printing Machine, Flat Press Machines, Television and Sublimation Printer.

As the centre opens its doors, it promises to be a beacon of hope and innovation in the region, fostering a brighter, more inclusive digital future for Botswana's rural communities.

The launch was part of the company's broader initiative to leverage technology as a catalyst for community development. ***BOPA***





Kgosi Oscar Mosielele speaking at Diratsame II Junior Secondary School's celebration of students who excelled in the 2024 Junior Certificate Examinations in Moshupa recently. He pledged P3 000 to support the school's academic improvement efforts. Photo: Marvin Motlhabane

Diratsame celebrates academic excellence

By Marvin Motlhabane

MOSHUPA - Former First Lady, Ms Neo Masisi, joined the crowds that descended on Diratsame II Junior Secondary School to celebrate students who excelled in the 2024 Junior Certificate Examinations.

The event, held last Thursday at the school, attracted community elders, parents, and teachers eager to honour the young achievers for their outstanding performance.

Ms Masisi emphasised the importance of recognizing the government's commitment to enhancing the education sector.

She noted that this dedication is reflected in the increased allocation of the national budget toward educational development.

She encouraged the students to embrace these efforts and remain diligent in their studies, assuring them that their successes would bring pride to the government, their families, and their educators.

Ms Masisi stressed the importance of wise financial management, suggesting that the school consider collaborating with financial experts to provide students with lessons on financial literacy.

The School Head, Ms Grace Badisang, expressed heartfelt gratitude to Ms Masisi for her ongoing commitment to rewarding academic excellence at the institution. She recounted how Ms Masisi first engaged with the school during a sponsored walk last year, where she pledged to reward students achieving a merit or an A grade in the JC examination.

Ms Badisang announced the rewards for the students: a cash prize of P10,000 for those earning a merit, and P5,000 for each student with an A.

This year, the school celebrated four female students who achieved an overall A in the JC examination. Three of these outstanding students were admitted to Moshupa Senior Secondary School, while one was posted to Naledi Senior Secondary School.

Highlighting the school's progress, Ms Badisang reported an overall school performance of 48.8 per cent this year, marking a significant increase of 9.4 per cent from the previous year.

Celebrations included a march to the main kgotla to share this achievement with Kgosi Oscar Mosielele, who pledged P3,000 to support the school's academic improvement efforts.

One of the award recipients, Tumelo Tlhabiwe, shared that achieving academic excellence necessitated a mindset shift, underscoring that discipline and consistency were vital components for success. ***BOPA***

'Morality is fading'

By Thandy Tebogo

LETLHAKANE - Though morality is fading, respect is diminishing and sense of community is being lost, Ms Mable Diphofu, a school head at Boteti Primary School in Orapa said that it is not too late to rebuild.

She said a child raised without correction would one day face the world's harshest lessons alone.

Ms Diphofu echoed these words through a Facebook post. Ms Diphofu went on to state that, "today we see a different reality, where accountability is dismissed, correction is met with hostility and children grow up believing that they are untouchable".

She said that parents who defend their children would one day hire a lawyer to defend their crime, emphasising that discipline was not child abuse. She said parents had mistaken love for permissiveness and have allowed pride to silence their wisdom and built walls where bridges should be erected.

In a recent heads of department meeting in Boteti, the Chief Education Officer, Ms Oratile Thonkga said that there was a high level of truancy and desertion in schools.

She said incidents of indiscipline were recorded in Boteti schools and these included alcohol and substance abuse, fighting and theft. Ms Thonkga said there was a challenge of learners who absconded from school, and that in most cases the learners go to cattleposts.

She said a number of students had dropped out of school in 2024 due to various reasons with 21 due to desertion and one ill health in primary schools, while 23 were truancy cases.

Ms Thonkga indicated that in junior secondary schools, 94 dropouts were recorded with 82 deserting, mainly from Rakops Junior Secondary School, seven pregnancies and five due to ill health and 25 truancy cases. The district recorded five dropouts in senior secondary schools with four due to desertion and one pregnancy.

Learners'retention strategies such as talk shows and liaison with parents as well as other stakeholders were being strengthened in order to curb desertion. Boteti Child Protection Committee Secretary, Ms Kaveyaruka Njuva said in efforts to trace some of their clients who deserted school they face a lot of challenges that included parental negligence, lack of interest in school among learners, lack of parental guidance and hostility as well as alcohol and drug abuse.

According to Ms Lareng Molosi, a teacher at Rakops Junior Secondary School, some of the learners that dropped out of school from from Xere, Toromoja and Rakops.

Ms Molosi indicated that desertion was caused by lack of parental involvement.

She said that some parents did not play a role in the education of their children and social welfare officers assumed the role, adding that Parents Teacher Association involvement was not satisfactory.

Ms Molosi indicated that they once embarked on an operation to trace all the drop-outs and managed to trace 17 learners from Xere to some cattleposts, but the learners ended up dropping out of school altogether. ***BOPA***

Tee Pee launches booking application

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - Tee Pee Transport has rolled out a user-friendly mobile app allowing passengers to book rides, store digital tickets and make payments seamlessly using their smartphones.

The platform also issues electronic receipts, enhancing transparency and reducing fare-related disputes.

Speaking at the launch of Tee Pee Transport's new online booking application in partnership with First National Bank Botswana in Gaborone on Friday, Director for Road Transport and Safety, Mr Bokhutlo Modukanele called on commuters to adopt digital payment methods for both safety and convenience, emphasising the growing concerns over theft, loss and counterfeit currency.

"In an era of growing digital convenience, carrying physical cash for transport fares is becoming not only outdated but increasingly risky," he said.

Mr Modukanele, who commended Tee Pee Transport for the initiative, further recommended embracing digital fare payment systems as a smarter alternative.

In an interview after the launch, Gaborone-Kasane commuter, Ms Wame Joseph shared her personal experience, recalling an incident where she lost her wallet in a bus station, which resulted in her missing a trip.

"With digital booking, there's zero chance of losing money or tickets. It also means drivers and conductors handle less cash, which improves hygiene," she said.

Ms Joseph noted that as the country moved toward smarter, more efficient systems, cashless transport payments should be embraced as the new norm.

"Going digital is not just about convenience, it is the safer, smarter move," she added. ***BOPA***



Department of Road Transport and Safety Director, Mr Bokhutlo Modukanele (left) and Assistant Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Keoagile Atamelang during Tee Pee Transport online booking app launch in Gaborone on Friday. Mr Atamelang applauded Tee Pee transport for going digital to allow passengers to book, store tickets and make payments seamless using smartphones
Photo: Dimpho Buisanyang

Re-A-Nyalana makes strides in marriage solemnisation

Naomi Leepile

HEREFORD - The Re-A-Nyalana Society continues to make significant strides in helping couples formalise marriages and empower them.
So far, since its inception in 2012, the society has helped over 7 000 couples formalise their marriages.

On Friday, 11 couples tied the knot in a ceremony facilitated under the initiative in Hereford.

The ceremony followed a pre-marriage workshop organised by the Tsabong District Commissioner's office in collaboration with the Re-A-Nyalana founders.

Participants received education on the Marriage Act, adoption procedures, effective communication and conflict resolution skills and personal growth strategies essential for a successful partnership.

The coordinator and founder of Re-A-Nyalana society, Ms Annah Morwaagole said the initiative was established with the noble aim of assisting economically disadvantaged couples in formalising their relationships.

She said it provided an affordable and streamlined process, making marriage accessible to those who might otherwise face financial barriers.

Ms Morwaagole, therefore said this highlights their vital role in strengthening families and communities across the nation.

The Re-A-Nyalana stands as a testament to the commitment of community leaders and organisations in Botswana to support and uplift families, said Ms Morwaagole. By providing accessible pathways to formal marriage and equipping couples with essential knowledge and skills, the initiative continues to foster stronger, more stable relationships and contribute positively to the social fabric of the nation, she added.

She further emphasised that the success in Hereford served as another inspiring chapter in the ongoing journey of the initiative in bringing joy and legal recognition to countless couples.

Assistant District Commissioner, Ms Semakaleng Palai, urged couples to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the Marriage Act.

She also cautioned against entering into marriages in community of property without a clear understanding of its implications.

In many instances, Ms Palai highlighted that couples find themselves in abusive or dysfunctional marriages due to property disputes arising from a lack of knowledge about the legal framework. Furthermore, she stressed the importance of involving their children in discussions before making significant decisions regarding their properties.

One of the newly married individuals, Mr Modisiemang Motsemme expressed joy over formalising his long-standing relationship. The 63-year old lauded the Re-A-Nyalana Society for their invaluable assistance, stating that they had been a crucial support for couples who had been living together for many years without the financial means to marry.

"Today, I just paid P40 and I am legally married to my wife," a jubilant Mr Motsemme shared.

"I am now a proud husband and I would be able to mix with other husbands and do the traditional activities," he said.

He encouraged others to utilise the initiative emphasising its affordability and the swiftness of the process. ***BOPA***



'Re-A-Nyalana' initiative continues to make significant strides in formalising marriages and empowering couples across Botswana. The recent event in Hereford saw 11 couples tie the knot in a joyful ceremony. Photo: Naomi Leepile

Woodhall police investigate prisoner death

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - Woodhall Police are investing a case in which a 31-year-old prisoner was found dead at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital in Lobatse on Saturday.

In an interview, Officer Commanding District No.4 Senior Superintendent Russ Letsebe said in an interview that the deceased was a Zimbabwean man, who shared a cell with a 23-year-old male prisoner from Gumare at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital.

The prisoners, who were incarcerated at Maun Prison, were referred to Sbrana for psychiatric examination as part of the criminal procedure.

Senior Superintendent Letsebe said the police received a report from the hospital on Saturday and immediately attended to the murder scene and took the deceased to Athlone Hospital, where he was certified dead.

He said the deceased had suffered serious bodily harm and beatings adding that the suspect was his cellmate, who was assisting the police with further investigations.

He said it was still unclear as to what could have happened as police investigations had started. ***BOPA***



Officer Commanding District No4 Russ Letsebe said the police had launched an investigation into what could have caused the death of a prisoner at Sbrana Psychiatric Hospital at Lobatse on Saturday.
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FARM LABOURERS WANTED with two years experience at Ramotswa.Apply to Wealthpac (Pty) Ltd P.O.Box 20343 Gaborone before 31st May 2025

FARM WORKER WANTED,at Lentsweletau Box 40023 Gaborone,Contact Alebakwe Moganetsi 71388461 Maokagane lands

LOOKING FOR FARM workers at Cwaanyaneng. P O Box 47 Goodhope

A FARM WORKER wanted in Mbalambi contact Tasethabi at 72253769

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that **GOTSHEGAMANG M. MOTLHAGODI (NEE REASENTSE)(ID NO: 897 527 201)** intends to enter into sale agreement with **ADVANCED ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD)(REPRESENTED BY HASHMAT NAVEED CHEEMA (PASSPORT NO. AY4152262),** a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the sum of **P110 000.00 (One Hundred and Ten Thousand Pula) namely;**

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Residential Plot 15571, Extension 11, Palapye;
SITUATE: at Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 22 x 36 x 22 x 36 Metres;
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Right dated 11th day of January 2012 made in favour of GOTSHEGAMANG M. MOTLHAGODI (NEE REASENTSE);
SUBJECT TO: such terms and conditions as the aforesaid of Lease will more fully point out.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P.O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

Dated at Palapye this 8th May 2025

KEOAGILE & ASSOCIATES (Applicant's Attorneys) GAMPONE COMPLEX NEXT TO JAGO INVESTMENT, P.O. BOX 749, PALAPYE, Tel No. 4923550

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ISAAC DITSHOTO	GFHFT-000126/24-25	12/08/2025	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF MAY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT – 000433/24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late Clive Milidzani Mothaedi- ESHFT – 000433/24 who died at Masunga Primary Hospital,North East District on the **21st March 2004.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Executor Dative
Lectures M. Mothaedi
P O Box 58 Masunga 75464714

AND TO:The Master Of The High Court
Private Bag F13
Francistown

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB 000205/23

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **ZIBO MAKOSHA** who died at Gaborone West, Plot 21033 Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 08th day of March 2023.

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

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 15th Day of May 2025
The Executrix
Nkongi Makosha
P O BOX 45142
GABORONE Cell:72655377

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A TRANSACTION WITH A NON-CITIZEN IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of Section 34 of the Tribal Land Act, that **THATAYAONE G. SEEPA (ID NO: 282124 202)** intends to enter into sale agreement with **ANDREW MAKAMBA Passport No. GN097206) ,** a non-citizen, in respect of the below mentioned property, for the sum of **P113 000.00** (One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Pula) namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Residential Plot 16657, Palapye;
SITUATE: at Palapye (Cadastre 433) in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 22 x 36 x 22 x 36 Metres;
HELD UNDER: Certificate of Customary Land Right dated 19th day of April 2021 made in favour of **THATAYAONE O. SEEPA.**
SUBJECT TO: such terms and conditions as the aforesaid of Lease will more fully point out.

Any citizen interested in a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above parties.

Any citizen objecting to this transaction should do so in writing, giving reasons thereof, to the Palapye Sub Land board, P.O. Box 868, Palapye, within thirty (30) days.

Dated at Palapye this 8th May 2025

KEOAGILE & ASSOCIATES (Applicant's Attorneys) GAMPONE COMPLEX NEXT TO JAGO INVESTMENT, P.O. BOX 749, PALAPYE, Tel No. 4923550

VACANCY

Executive Personal Assistant-Stenographer
Reports to Senior Advocates and Arbitrators.

Sought is a knowledgeable candidate. Adept at managing multiple priorities in fast-paced environments while maintaining a high standard of accuracy in reporting, document preparation, processing, and completeness of transcriptions. 10+ years of experience at senior level in the legal field, working alongside Advocates and Arbitrators. The candidate will be a key player in aligning the business objectives and administration functions of the organization.

Key Responsibilities and Skills: Recording minutes of Executive Meetings or arbitrations, excellent typing speed to keep up with fast-paced conversations, attention to detail to ensure accuracy in transcripts and document preparation of dictations, speeches, awards, pleadings and discussions into word format, knowledge of legal and official terminology, excellent communication skills, stenographic and dictaphone typing is a must, handling of private, sensitive and confidential information with integrity, ability to work under pressure with minimum supervision and an aptitude to demonstrate a courteous, and professional demeanor.

Qualifications: Certifications in Executive Personal Assistant or Secretarial Studies, Legal Studies, Stenography, Accounting, Communication, Human Resources, and competence in computer packages and software applications used in a legal environment.

Interested candidates to submit their resume and cover letter to: Advocates Chambers Botswana (Pty) Ltd. Email: advocateschambersbotswana@gmail.com not later than 30th May 2025.

Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to.

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
MBATSHI BABAYANI	ESHFT-000362-24	11.06.25	09:00	RAMPHA

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH MAY 2025
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
NSIWA ALTON ALTON KHUWE	ESHFT-000292-25	28-08-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Vacuum Sewer Specialist

Job Title: Civil Engineer -Vacuum Sewer Specialist
Job Summary:

A Vacuum Sewer Specialist oversees the installation, operation, and maintenance of vacuum sewer systems.
Key responsibilities include:
Installation and Testing:
Installing vacuum pipes, components, and electro-mechanical equipment at vacuum stations, including testing and commissioning.
Maintenance:
Troubleshooting and repairing system malfunctions, including vacuum pumps, control systems, and pipe networks.
Training and Supervision:
Training local technicians in installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting techniques.
Safety and Compliance:
Ensuring all work adheres to safety regulations and industry standards.
Problem Solving:
Diagnosing and resolving issues related to vacuum levels, pipe clogs, or system efficiency.
Specific tasks may vary depending on the job description, but generally include:
Installing and connecting vacuum collection chambers and pipes:
These chambers store wastewater until a vacuum is applied
Maintaining the vacuum within the system:
Ensuring efficient wastewater flow:
Maintaining a saw-tooth profile in the pipe network to facilitate air flow and vacuum transfer,
Operating and monitoring vacuum stations:
This includes controlling the vacuum pumps, sewage pumps, and associated control systems.

Qualifications and Experience Required:
Civil Engineer 15 yrs and above general experience with Msc degree in Civil Engineering
Must be conversant with design and operations and maintenance of vacuum sewer systems
Applications:
Apply to Landmark Projects Pty Ltd, Box 601927 Gaborone or email applications to norman@landmark.co.bw

Closing date: 30th May 2025

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for lost Notorial Deed of Cession Memorandum Agreement of Lease No. FT TG 73/2006 dated 12th September 2006 between NGWATO LAND BOARD and GEORGE TOLMAN BARNWELL WATSON, contact 76838215.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the public that the registered land of Corner Cottage Pty Ltd situated at Nxomokao ward, Shakawe is intended to be applied for change of land use from Agriculture to industrial. Any objections regarding this change are to be communicated with Mrs Rundie 74071488

OWNER OF PLOT 2301, S / Phikwe want to change residential plot to Commercial Guest House. Any objections contacts S/Phikwe Physical Planning Office within 14 days of this publication on 2610570

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the public that the land at Talane Ward, Kumakwane, Lot 1471, registered under Clyde Gilmour Rundle, will undergo a change of use from agriculture to mixed use. Objection and comments must be submitted to; Mr Rundle on 73012089.

KESEGOFETSE MQHUZULA PLOT 11198 Kazungula wishes to change land use from civic and community to mixed use. Anyone with objections must consult Tutume District Council, Physical planning on 2897232.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the public that the land at Rwee ward, Shakawe, registered under Rwee complex (Pty) Ltd will undergo a change of land use from agriculture to civic and community + multi residential. Objections must be submitted to Mrs Rundle on 74071488

PROPERTIES

PLOUGHING FIELD FOR SALE at Dithojane Land, Serowe 4.5 HA. Price P40 000. Contact 71636863

VACANCIES

RIDGEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL seeks the services of teachers from Std 1-7 minimum of a diploma in Education and at least 3 years experience in a private school, Apply to School Head, Box 2373 no later than 5 June 2025, Ability to teach IT, advantage, preference given to Botswana citizens.

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
SHAIKH M. R HAKIM	ESHFT-000396-25	23-09-25	1030HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08TH DAY OF MAY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MONAMODI E. NKHIBA	ESHFT-00055-24	05-08-2025	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

The Owner of Plot 12482 Extension 37 Gaborone,

would like to inform the Neighbouring Plots as well as the general public that they will be Changing the Land Use from Residential to Multi-Residential for the purpose of erecting a Multi Residential development.

Should there be any query or need to view the drawings kindly contact 74118673 within 7 days of the publication of this notice accordingly

FOR ADVERTS CALL

365 3591 / 365 3599 / 365 3555 / 365 3620

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed of Fixed Sate Grant No. 383/1980 dated 25th day of June 1980 made in favour of **LESANG BOTLHOLE** in respect of:

CERTAIN	piece of land being Lot 7116
SITUATE	in Gaborone Extension 27
MEASURING	844 m2 (Eight Hundred And Forty-Four Square Metres)

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 07th DAY OF MAY 2025

THANKE & PARTNERS
Associated with David Newman
Plot 81719, Unit 5, Setlhoa Retail Park
P. O. Box 411 AHH, Masa Centre
GABORONE

TSWANA BUS BUILDERS (PTY) LTD

TSWANA BUS BUILDERS (PTY) LTD invites suitable and qualified candidate to submit their applications for the following available vacancies:
Preference will be given to the Botswana citizens.

1. Coach Builder/Artisan: With an experience of 7 to 10 years in Bus building industry. Job requirements includes the manufacturing of aluminium Bus window sliders/ fitting of glass/Bonding/Windscreens/Altro flooring / interior panels of different types of material/glazing/ part of passenger seat fabrication /fixing of parcel shelves and interior lining & carpeting for the Buses and Coaches.

1. Coach Builder/Artisan: With an experience of 7 to 10 years in Bus Building Industry in fabrication of metal sheets panels/Bus Body frame work by hand In different form and shapes for Bus Bodies/Cargo Bodies and Truck bodies.

1. Spray Painter: with minimum 10 years experience in Bus/Coach building industry, with an effective know how of preparation, application and finishing . knowledge of Isocyanine and microcrystalline, paint components, resin, viscocity ,material used in the applied field.

***Applicants with an appropriate experience and required skills will be given the priority for the available vacancies.**

***All applications together with attested copies of training / experience certificates and references should be directed to:**

The Managing Director
Tswana Bus Builders (PTY) Ltd.
P.O. Box 2441, Gaborone.
Plot 14384 G/West Gaborone
Tel: 3923545.

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JOSEPH SELOKO	ESHFT-000438-25	29-07-2025	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2025

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1. TRIGGER MOPALO	**GFHFT-000052/18-19**	**10-07-2025**	**1100 HRS**

DATED AT MAUN THIS 07TH DAY OF MAY 2025

DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND MASTER

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NOTICE OF BEST EVALUATED BIDDER

Name of the Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services

Bidders are hereby informed that the evaluation and adjudication process of the above-mentioned tender have been concluded and the details of the Best Evaluated Bidders as listed below. It is the intention of the Department of Broadcasting Services to place contract with the bidder named below after two (2) working days of display effective from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Name of Procuring Entity	Department of Broadcasting Services
Tittle of Procurement	A Framework Work Contract For The Provision of Architectural Services For The Department Of Broadcasting Services For A Period Of 24 Months.
Method of Procurement	Open Domestic Bidding
Approved Suppliers	1. Kgatlhego Architects & Associates (Pty)Ltd 2. Bsen Architects & Consultants (Pty)Ltd
Period of the Contract	Once-Off

Display of this notice does not constitute an acceptance of the bid described above or the formation for the contract. Bid acceptance and contract placement shall be in accordance with regulations.

Should any bidder who participated in the tender require to be debriefed on the outcome of their bid, they may take such request in writing to the ***Permanent Secretary, Ministry of State President***.

K. S. Boikanyo
Office of the Government Buyer
Ministry for State President

DIRECTOR
PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT
MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT
06 MAY 2025
APPROVED
PRIVATE BAG 001
GABORONE, BOTSWANA

Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT

DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELIEF

Following the heavy Floods which affected communities countrywide, the Private Sector and different Organisations came forth to offer support both in cash and in kind to assist Government of Botswana to make a difference in the lives of all those affected.

Update as at 8th May 2025

NO	NAME OF THE COMPANY/ORGANISATION	DONATION/CONTRIBUTION
1	Botswana-China friendship Association (BOCFA) and 1 Pula Foundation	-Food hampers
2	T-connect	-Internet Connectivity gadgets
3	Huawei Botswana	-P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel,500 Blankets,12000 bottles of water and Food parcels
4	China Civil engineering construction corporation and Zhong Gan companies	-Food hampers, bottled water and blankets , Storm water drainage equipment services
5	FEI DA (PTY) LTD	-Food hampers, 200 blankets,2000 bottled water and 100 pairs of shoes
6	Liquid Intelligent Technologies	-Liquid Leo Satellite
7	Orange Botswana	-P100,000,00 in which P54 ,000 .00 will be used for Jet Fuel while P46 000.00 will be used for food and Accommodation, Airtime worth P20 ,000.00 , One thousand (1000) five (5) litres of water.
8	Letshego	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
9	Tau grading	-P100,000.00 for Jet Fuel
10	Drones for Africa	-P500,000.00 worth of drone services, Arial footage, Photography and Videos
11	TEE-PEE Transport	-30 food hampers (combo – 10kg Maize meal, 10kg sorghum, 10kg rice, cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce, 2kg macaroni, 750ml mayonnaise)
12	Prime Communications powered by Hytera	-P60,000.00 worth of Radio Communication services
13	Tsetseng Retail Group (SPAR)	-32 bales of toilet paper, Sanitary Pads 32x24x8, Conned beef 432x6 buckets, 500g Spaghetti 900x20packs, 196x5kg Rice, 2080 Baked beans, 2L cooking oil 540 and bottled water 2040
14	SAMAB Investment	-Water Pumping services
15	Drone Technology Centre	-Drone services (arial photography, thermal imaging and live broadcast)
16	Diagnofirm	-250 blankets
17	Mohamed Ismael family	-P25 ,000.00 worth of food vouchers
18	World group of Companies (Trade world)	-250 food packages, Bath soap 250, 2L cooking oil 250, Soup 250, 5kg Rice 250, 5kg white sugar 250, 5kg flour 250, 5kg sorghum 250
19	Botswana Teachers Union	-504 bottled water, P50, 000. 00 for disaster Management Relief
20	Pedros	-100 meals
21	Hungry Lion	-100 meals
22	Chinese Enterprises Association	-100 mattresses,100 blankets,2000 liters of water,100 by 10kg Rice,100 by 12.5kg flour and 100 by 12.5kg maize meal
23	Developer Circle	-App developing services and digital platform developers
24	ZAC Construction and Gaborone United FC	-70 Mattresses; Combo (12.5kg Maize Meal, 10kg Rice, 2kg Macaroni, 2L Cooking oil, 700ml Tomato sauce and 750ml Mayonnaise) x 70
25	DE BEERS GROUP COMPANIES Kewen Group (Pty) Ltd Represented by Farai Bobo (Sales Director)Gravitas Investments T/A Sally's	-450 cases of bottled water; 100 bottles of Sally's Hypo Yoghurt
26	Arona Natural Foods	-230 Arona Cooking Oil 750ml, 20 Arona Cooking Oil 20L, Loaves of Arona Bread, 100 Brown and 100 White
27	Botswana Telecommunications Corporation (BTC)	-P100, 000.00 Relief Funds
28	Syntech Parts	-2000 Bottles of water 500ml
29	Kapula Drones	-Drone Services
30	FloTek and Motovac Represented by Vijay Naik and Anil Kumar	-P100 000.00 for Disaster Management Relief
31	Desert Sands Motel and Sister Companies Limpopo Feed and Fencing Megasave and Fencing All Based in Palapye Represented by Nazia Nadat	-100 Vouchers worth P20.000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00 -25 Vouchers worth P5, 000.00
32	Agentos De Restaraucion Y Rehabilitacion Represented by Etelelang T. Serumola (Director)	-1 tonne maize meal, 60 Blankets, 5kg Sugar x30,5l Cooking Oil x30, -5kg flour x30, 5kg sorghum x30 and 384 rolls of toilet paper
33	Senn Foods Represented by Trevor Watson	-2808 Canned beef and chicken 450 bottled water (500ml)
34	Woolworths Botswana Represented Gorata Abotseng Lekau	-Clothing for men, women and children together with Food hampers worth P800, 000.00, Kiddies wear and shoes 569 (10 boxes), Ladies wear and shoes 1048 units (23 boxes) -Men's wear and shoes 532 units (14 Boxes), Homeware 146 units (3 boxes)
35	Chinese Embassy Represented by Huang Yue	-100 Mattresses,100 Blankets and 400 pairs of rain gumboots
36	XL Skyways Travel Represented by Chebukani Mfanyane	-700 Mosquito nets
37	F. Ismail Group of Companies Represented by Faizel Ismail (Managing Director)	-Chicken Licken Supplies, Optimum Health Medical Laboratories Services and Natures Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Distribution, Grocery Vouchers worth P30 000.00
38	Hytera (Hycomms) Amafrans Investments (Pty) Ltd Represented by Mr. Sentebale Mokgethi	-600 blankets worth of P216, 000.00, Food Hampers worth of P21, 000.00 -Two Way Radio and 1 DMR Adhoc portable repeater worth P137, 010.10
39	Crown Manufacturing & Group represented by Director Mr. Iqbal Patel and	-100 Food hampers worth P40 000.00
40	Unik Construction Mr.Yun Sun	-P1 000 000.00 -13 000 Bottled water. (500ml)
41	Bank of Baroda Botswana Ltd represented by Mr. Sanjay Jashi	-P100 000.00 cash , Food Hampers-Combo 70 (Cooking oil 2l, Mayonnaise & Tomato Sauce, Rice 10kg, white star 12,5kg, Mabele 10kg, macaroni 2kg -Blankets x 70
42	AIP Botswana (Fuel & transport logistics company) represented by Ms. Kefilwe- Sefalana Moreki	-Water bowser (1400litres) -supply of drinking water to evacuation centres
43	The Bulb World represented by Bakang Makoko	-Toiletries x100 families , Toilet Papers 10packages x100 , Bath Soap 4packages x100 , Toothpaste 2packages x100 , ELight (Rechargeable Light) x100
44	Jindal Africa Represented by Neeray Saxena	-P100 000,00
45	TRANS represented by Group Head of Marketing & Communications	-Food hampers & non- foods worth over P100 000.00
46	ASANTE Tech Group represented by Justice William	-Food hampers- Combo x150units ,Blankets x 150units , Water 2700 litres, Shoes 200 units & Chairs 150
47	Gaborone University College of Law & Professional Studies (GUC)	-100 Food hampers ,50 Blankets , 1 Cow & 2 Goats , Fruits & vegetables , Total cost P50,000.00
48	Pro-Halt Represented by Kagiso Kwelagobe	-Pot holes repair Value: P100 000.00
49	Business Botswana in collaboration with Black Oak & Legae Academy	-55 packs of toilet paper , 23 packs of sanitary Pads &Food hampers
50	Cherry Splash	-P300,000.00 (P150, 000.00 for Jet fuel , P150,000.00 Transport Fuel)
51	Tranwin Holding T/A Galaxy Cash n' Carry & Bagaetsho Medical Centre	-Food hampers x60 worth P20, 400.00

52	Suits Africa Represented by Mr. & Mrs. Amos	-School stationery worth P15,000.00
53	Asphalt Botswana (PTY) LTD , Represented by Mr Pius Mphathwa	-P3000,000.00
54	Khato Civils , Represented by Ishmael Maposa and Mongezi Mwyani	-P1 100,000.00
55	Motor Centre Group Represented by Mrs Zaheera Essof	-P 500, 000.00
56	Royal Assembly Ministries International Mrs Kgalalelo Ramogapi	-P10, 000.00
57	COSPHARM Botswana Represented by Nametso Sebetlelela	-40 Matresses, 40 Blankets , 48 * 20 Toilet Papers & 20 Latex Gloves
58	Standard Chartered Education Trust Dr Didi Biorn	-P600, 000.00 and Psychosocial Support Services to the affected
59	Builders Dept , Represented by Zain UR Rehman & Zeeshan U Mohammad	-Food Humpers *85 @ P30,500.00 , Water Pumps *5 @P9500.00 ,-P40, 000.00
60	China Jiangsu International ,Botswana (PTY) LTD	-Food Humpers @P24,995.00
61	Shiyu Li	-Children's Clothes * 40 pieces
62	Overview Radio Represented by Joey Badubi	-P100 000.00 Airtime ,100 Sanitary Pads, 300 bottled water, Food hampers worth P10 000.00
63	Softlife TissueRepresented by Myson Mbengwa	-960 units of Toilet Paper
64	NADIR and Grand Stone Investment Represented by Altaf	-100 blankets , 240 sanitary pads (10 boxes)
65	Shaanxi Construction Engineering and Top International Engineering Botswana , Represented by Zhao Shuanghai	-P200 000.00
66	Botswana National Front Women's League	-P5 000.00
67	KLI Water Bowsing Services , Represented by Thapelo Monyere	-20 000L of drinking water
68	Hill View Church Represented by Pastor Rankgate	-32 mattresses, Sanitary Pads, Cartons of water (35 bottles x 6 , 24 bottles x 2), Assorted clothing, Food hampers (rice, samp and spaghetti)
69	Botswana Hindu Society	-50 Blankets and food hampers worth P12,000.00
70	Faheb Holdings	-190 towels, bedsheets and pillows worth P17,900.00
71	Duke Holdings	-P20,000.00
72	Legae Primary English Medium School	-Books amounting to P207 000,00 in value
73	B4U Discount Centre	-8 Washing Powder, 8 Fabric Softeners, 12 Colgates, 12 bath soaps, 20 blankets
74	Alex Forbes	-Cash P50,000.00
75	Bokomo Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00 & Food hampers P50,000.00
76	Stanbic Botswana	-Cash P2,000,000.00
77	Liberty Life	-Cash P50,000.00
78	Pep Stores	-Clothing & Blankets P10,000.00
79	Protea Masa Hotel	-Cash P5,000.00
80	Inq Digital Botswana	-Cash 10,000.0
81	Bolux Botswana	-Food Hampers (Maize Meal). P156,000.00
82	Clover Botswana	-Food Hampers (Dairy) P54,000.00
83	Woolworths Botswana	-Food & Clothing Hampers P850,000.00
84	CA Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers P300,000.00
85	PST Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 60,000.00
86	Kalahari Training Institute	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 10,000.00
87	ABSA Botswana	-Cash P1,000,000
88	Flotek/Motovac Group	-Cash P100,000.00
89	Unik Construction	-Cash P1,000,000.00 and drinking water P13,000.00
90	Afrivet	-10 Knapsacks
91	Dutch Reform Church Clothing	-Clothing vauled P5,000.00
92	Botswana Fujian Overseas Chinese Association	-Relief cash fund of P100,000.00 and domestic items worth P140,193.00.
93	Greater Hope Life Change Charity Society	-6 water pumps, 200 mosquito nets, 20 heavy-duty torches, & food & toiletries valued at P40,000.00.
94	HLB Botswana	-8 combo meal packages, assorted toiletries, 50 fleece jackets, & 250 bottles of 330ml water.
95	Cellphone Warehouse	-Donated a DJI Avata Drone.
96	Jackson Pools	-Contributed 3 life jackets, 3 life rings, 5 horseshoe life buoys, and 3 cushion ,buoyancy A10.
97	Puma Energy Botswana	-Donated P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel.
98	Moffat James Bango Trading Pty Ltd	-Donated P100,000.00.
99	University of Botswana Academic & Support Staff Union (UBASSU)	-Donated P10,000.00.
100	Botswana Chapter of International Women Judges Association	-Donated P10,000.00.
101	Khoemacau Copper Mining	-Pledged to repair potholes, design Segoditshane River & culverts at a value of P2,500,000.00.
102	Mobile and Electric Retailers Association of Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00
103	Kalcon PTY LTD	-Cash P100,000.00
104	Stargems Botswana Pty Ltd	-Cash P50,000.00
105	Glazing Botswana	-Cash P40, 000.00
106	Botswana Doctors Union	-CashP15,000.00
107	Business Botswana in collaboration with AGS Botswana	-18 packets of sanitary pads, 33 bottles of 5l water, 14 bags of 10kg maize meal, 14 bags of 2kg macaroni, 14 bottles of 2l cooking oil, 14 bottles of 750ml tomato sauce, 14 bottles of 750ml mayonnaise & 3 power banks.
108	Botswana Fibre Networks (BOFINET)	-Cash P100,000.00
109	Human Resources Professionals' Society of Botswana:	-Food hampers worth P5,500.00
110	Botswana Gujarati Samaj	-150 food hampers
111	Legae Academy	25 mosquito nets, 25 mattresses, hygiene kits, and food hampers
112	Priceless Connection represented by Alamaan Q. Hamdani	50 Headlamps and 20 Torches
113	Korea Community Association	300 blankets, 70 first aid kits, 2 generators, 2 chainsaws, 10 solar searchlights, and 50 protective gloves
114	Holy Ghost International Church - Bethesda TV & Partners	20 blankets
115	Fairprice Group of Companies	Clothing for children and adults valued at P15,000.00.
116	Bible Life Ministries	A financial contribution of P70,000.00.
117	Mohammed VI Foundation	100 food hampers valued at P42,630.00.
118	Dulux Botswana	P75,000.00
119	ZIMBOTS Golf Society	P3,500.00
120	Star Apostolic Church of Christ (Tutume)	17 blankets

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2024

The Following shortlisted Candidates are to report at Prison Staff College, Mahalapye as per the given dates and timings for **Fitness / Endurance and Written Tests.** Failure to report at the Prison Staff College as per the given dates and timings would be an automatic disqualification.

NB: All candidates shall undergo a fitness / enduarance test of 2.4KM on the first stage and are encouraged to bring sports wear for the excercise. Tests are written on the same day after fitness test are completed. Further to that, those candidates whose names **DO NOT** appear on the published list should consider their applications unsuccessful.

Day 1: 27 May 2025
Time: 06:00hrs - 8:30hrs. **Gates Closes at 08:30hrs**

Candidates are required to bring the following:
- **Original relevant certificates and transcripts (hard copies)**
- **Omang ID Card / if lost, original registration slip**

SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT
(MONITORING AND EVALUATION)

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
1	Lebonye G.	Motlamma	M
2	Gontle	Balang	F
3	Tebogo	BItsang-Marumo	F
4	Tlotlo	Bolaane	F
5	Botsalano	Chamo	F
6	Samantha	Demana	F
7	Joel M.	Elizaberth	F
8	Ndapiwa	Gaolaolwe- Major	F
9	Keneetse B.	Kobue	F
10	Rehannah K.	Lebane	F
11	Natefo	Lesole	F
12	Goabaone	Mabaila	F
13	Tsholofelo	Mbaiwa	F
14	Atang	Mbikiwa	F
15	Keletso	Moeti	F
16	Boitumelo	Mogale	F
17	Godiraone	Mokganya	F
18	Mmasapi V.	Molefe	F
19	Lorato	Moloi	F
20	Katlego E.	Moutlwatsi	F
21	Khumo	Phologe	F
22	Magatalena	Radira	F
23	Neo	Rapulane	F
24	Tankiso M.	Reetsang	F
25	Koketso T.	Sello	F
26	Oaboloka	Sethodi	F
27	Tebogo	Tlou	F
28	Maleshwane D.	Tshwang	F
29	Ruth S.	Villander	F
30	Lebotsamang	Abedile	M
31	Obakeng	Bagopi	M
32	Thabo G.	Bontsibokae	M
33	Kemiso N.	Detinguma	M
34	Fane R.	Fane	M
35	Bokamoso N.	Kgosidintsi	M
36	Tlamelo	Malebe	M
37	Pako	Maruding	M
38	Theophilus T.	Mhlomi	M
39	Oduetse	Moaletsane	M
40	Gosego	Mogapi	M
41	Mooketsi K.	Mooketsi	M
42	Modise	Moses	M
43	Alfred N.	Ntshonono	M
44	Katlego N. G.	Oromeng	M
45	Kentse	Raphukula	M
46	Botlhe	Saubi	M
47	Kganetso	Sekwakwa	M
48	Norman	Semele	M
49	Tiroyaone S.	Seobamo	M
50	Kabo	Seragi	M
51	Onalethata	Serumula	M
52	Condra	Solomon	M

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
(PRINCIPAL DATA PROTECTION OFFICER II)

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
1	Mpho N.	Moabi	F
2	Onkabetse	Photitsarang	M
3	Zanani Z.	Angie	M
4	Ofentse	Toteng	M
5	Onalethata M.	Medupe	M
6	Ronald R.	Moseki	M
7	Kealeboga G.	Motsholathebe	M
8	Azhani	Kenosi	M
9	Mosimanegape	Paulos	M
10	Gilvert	Othagetse	M
11	Thabiso	Setshego	M
12	Poloko	Khutsafalo	M
13	Samuel	Leboane	M
14	Thabiso T.	Tlhage	M
15	Greg	Moleri	M
16	Mooketsi	Mokibe	M
17	Dikano	Motamma	M
18	Nicolas T.	Nyubi	M
19	Shathiso	Fumani	M
20	Mogomotsi T.	Baloi	M
21	Rakim O.	Otukile	M
22	Kudzane	Machacha	M
23	Rodney M.	Mokoka	M
24	Karabo M.	Madutela	M
25	Thabang E.	Okgabile	M
26	Keabetswe	Magang	M
27	Othusitse	Kgatlampi	M
28	Brigthon S.	Tomango	M
29	Matlhogonolo	Matho	M
30	Seabe A. K.	Kanyenvu	M
31	Tshepo T. J.	Maphorisa	M
32	Tshephang J.	Morewagae	M
33	Oteng	Mphofu	M
34	Golebileone	Setlamelo	M
35	Tshwaraganang J.	Lethoagoje	M
36	Mphoyame	Lenong	M
37	Onalethata	Tau	M
38	Nkhumo	Leseane	M

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
39	Archiebald P.	Lechiile	M
40	Ntlotlang	Ndilwa	M
41	Boiketlo	Watshipi	M
42	Lekgatlhanye	Ramorogo	M
43	Dennis D.	Bakwena	M
44	Tumelo	Gobonamang	M
45	Pako	Phillimon	M
46	Tshephang	Phuthego	M
47	Tona	Mochotlhi	M
48	Tebogo	Deacon	M
49	Unoziba	Gamakama	M
50	Bernard	Balekane JR	M
51	Thabisang D.	Letsamao	M
52	Koketso	Ramonna	M
53	Gobogi	Monyamane	M
54	Rudolf	KuezaTjike	M
55	Tiroyaone	Ketlhaetse	M
56	Mpaphi	Pagiwa	M
57	Kealeboga L.	Batlhatswi	F
58	Ednah	David	F
59	Boingotlo	Dikgang	F
60	Banyanabotlhe	Godirwang	F
61	Kabo T.	Gosafa	F
62	Boikobo K.	Kgoleyamotho	F
63	Katlego P.	Kgotlaesesele	F
64	One S.	Kootwane	F
65	Shanganani	Majwabe	F
66	Tuelo E.	Maluke	F
67	Godiraone N.	Moalosi	F
68	Keneilwe	Monnagaatsalwe	F
69	Tjedu	Moseki	F
70	Boibelo	Mosetlho	F
71	Bone	Motoane	F
72	Lesetedi	Motsumi	F
73	Mpho	Mubambe	F
74	Matshidiso	Musa	F
75	Obonye	Pitse	F
76	Pamela P.	Ramoloko	F
77	Larona F.	Ramphaleng	F
78	Justice	Sebopeng	F
79	Mercy N.	Tekanyo	F
80	Lebogang	Toteng	F
81	Onneile K.	Valela	F

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OFFICER (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
1	Kgomotso	Kgamanyane	F
2	Katlo	Ramoreetsi	M
3	Emmanuel M.	Gombo	M
4	Edwin	Itseng	M
5	Elpha B.	Jacob	M
6	Moabi	Jaku	M
7	Odirile A.	Jenamiso	M
8	Kennedy	Katjuu	M
9	Phenyo K.	Kgomochaba	M
10	Solomon	Kolobe	M
11	Malaki O.	Maribeng	M
12	Koketso	Masole	M
13	Patisane	Matebo	M
14	Alex	Mhaladi	M
15	Prince A.	Mmualefe	M
16	Kabo C.	Molamu	M
17	Motlamorago	Mophane	M
18	Oratile	Nametsego	M
19	Kutlo M.	Ngwako	M
20	Keneetswe	Ragono	M
21	Kebope	Sanyedi	M
22	Moagakgotla	Segotso	M
23	Thapelo	Serurubele	M
24	Thusego	Letswammung	M
25	Dimpho	Teemane	M
26	Tshiamo	Tshwaedi	M

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
27	Lebitso	Tsitsi	M
28	Mewa N.	Kaote	F
29	Gomolemo	Kgolego	F
30	Malebogo	Kgongwana	F
31	Botho P.	Makoba	F
32	Resego B.	Marebola	F
33	Nthabiseng	Moshakga	F
34	Taelo	Motswakadikgwa	F
35	Kefilwe	Nkutlwang	F
36	Lame	Nthibelang	F
37	Lenyalo K.	Rabasaakane	F
38	Rachel L.	Sabokone	F
39	Tshenolo	Segotso	F
40	Kgomotso M.	Swereki	F
41	Ratang	Tumelano	F
42	Letlhogonolo K.	Wakgomo	F

WARDER/WARDRESS (NURSING)

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
1	Boyson	Bokhakhwe	M
2	Kelvin N. Fredy	Fredy	M
3	Montlamedi	Gaefele	M
4	Duncan D.	Gaosafelwe	M
5	Itaveree	Godlop	M
6	Stephen M	Maja	M
7	Phetso	Maule	M
8	Bokang	Mokaka	M
9	Letlhogonolo	Mosala	M
10	Kaone	Motsewame	M
11	Thabo	Ntshotang	M
12	Jacob	Qanxwa	M
13	Ofentse	Rantshebe	M
14	Oduetse D.	Sekadima	M
15	Ditiro	Wilton	M
16	Refilwe J.	Bafetane	F
17	Lentle M. K.	Boitumelo	F
18	Karabo A.	Chifananga	F
19	Kaone O.	Dikokwe	F
20	Gontle L.	Diphuti	F
21	Basiame	Dodo	F
22	Maano	Gamodao	F
23	Onalenna	Gaogope	F
24	Daisy Noni	Gilbert	F
25	Mariam K.	Kandjii	F
26	Tshepang	Kelaotswe	F
27	Boitshepo	Kgalagadi	F
28	Unaswi	Lukamba	F
29	Wapapha	Machongo	F
30	Oganne	Magocha	F
31	Tsaone T.	Makola	F
32	Ketshepile	Matlhopa	F
33	Tinabo	Mbi	F
34	Barategi R.	Merule	F
35	Princess L.	Modiakgotla	F
36	Lesang D.	Modise	F
37	One C.	Modongo	F
38	Lone Galaletsang	Monene	F
39	Atlang	Monnathebe	F
40	Mimi P.	Moreo	F
41	Kentsenao A.	Mosweu	F
42	Onaletshepo	Mpho	F
43	Mudongo	Tebo G	F
44	Ngakane	Tshepiso	F
45	Leatile	Nkeletsang	F
46	Magdeline L.	Otumile	F
47	Amang	Sangaba	F
48	Gorataone	Sejamere	F
49	Kefilwe Melba	Sekare	F
50	Kealeboga A.	Tlhowe	F
51	Amantle	Tshwene	F

Day 2: 28 May 2025
Time: 06:00hrs - 8:30hrs. **Gates Closes at 08:30hrs**

WARDER/WARDRESS (BGCSE)

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
1	Amantle	Abotseng	F
2	Warona P.	Babutsi	F
3	Otlhe G.	Baitsiwe	F
4	Kefilwe R.	Baruti	F
5	Caroline	Basupi	F
6	Thekololo	Batileng	F
7	Fortune R.	Batshetsang	F
8	Tunjenguratjike	Bingana	F
9	Maipelo O.	Bobeilwe	F
10	Amogelang B.	Boemo	F
11	Lesego	Boingotlo	F
12	Keitumetse L.	Botlhe	F
13	Thato P.	Chuma	F
14	Game N.	Cungudika	F
15	Loago P.	David	F
16	Laone M.	Diane	F
17	Thabiso	Dintwa	F
18	Keitumetse S.	Frank	F
19	Boineelo	Gabalaiwe	F
20	Portia K.	Gagoitseope	F
21	Onkokame	Gaonewe	F
22	Pearl	Gontlafetse	F
23	Faith K.	Herbert	F
24	Bakang	John	F
25	Onicah	Kaijela	F
26	Uatjaera	Katjivi	F
27	Ujandja P.	Kazonda	F
28	Rose K.	Keabotse	F
29	Naomi	Keatweng	F
30	Botlhe L.	Kekgethile	F
31	Ompemetse	Kelebeile	F
32	Kegomoditswe A.	Kelepile	F
33	Maureen L.	Kesolofetse	F
34	Marilyn B.	Kwite	F
35	Lerato M.	Laba	F
36	Khumo S.	Lekgetho	F
37	Boemo	Lekwape	F
38	Abueng A.	Lematla	F
39	Joyce	Lentsokolela	F
40	Keobiditse	Lesife	F
41	Leungo	Lopang	F
42	Christinah N.	Lorri	F
43	Amandla M.	Mabengano	F
44	Linda P.	Mabophiwa	F
45	Joy R.	Mackenzie	F
46	Tapologo K	Madutwane	F
47	Sinah	Magwadi	F
48	Goabaone	Majeremane	F
49	Gaamangwe	Mantsi	F
50	Lone	Marion	F
51	Thato N.	Marole	F
52	Kebaone O	Maroleng	F
53	Botshelo I.	Masalela	F
54	Gaofenngwe P.	Maseng	F
55	Warona B.	Masilo	F
56	Kesego T.	Mathafeni	F
57	Amantle A.	Mathulela	F
58	Bofelo	Matoteng	F
59	Olorato F.	Matseka	F
60	Kealeboga	Mbotho	F
61	Candy O.	Merafe	F
62	Kenanao	Mhaladi	F
63	Khumo A.	Mmualefe	F
64	Oarabile P.	Moala	F
65	Lesego	Moatswi	F
66	Tsaone	Mogomelo	F
67	Boitumelo	Mogotsakgotla	F
68	Manga D.	Moitshupedi	F
69	Kamogelo D.	Mokibe	F
70	Marriam	Mokoka	F
71	Kemoneilwe K.	Mokokwe	F
72	Thato R.	Mokotedi	F
73	Bonolo B.	Molefi	F
74	Baitseng M.	Molekeleng	F
75	Kolobetso	Molelekwa	F
76	Katlo L.	Molelekwa	F
77	Ewetse G.	Monare	F
78	Tebogo	Mondia	F
79	Matlhogonolo	Montsho	F
80	Amantle A.	Morekwa	F
81	Same	Mosele	F
82	Tshephang R.	Mosetlhane	F
83	Gofiwa D.	Motau	F
84	Gomotsegang P.	Mothibedi	F
85	Onneile A.	Mothulwe	F
86	Onkutlwile	Motlhobogwa	F
87	Charity	Motsumi	F
88	Realeboga L.	Motswagole	F
89	Gofaone V.	Moyeni	F
90	Moitshepi L.	Mpoeleng	F
91	Bongani e.	Naane	F
92	Mosamaria P.	Natane	F
93	Wangu	Nfila	F
94	Zasirua	Ngaruka	F
95	Chedza	Nkhwa	F
96	Botshelo	Nkutlwang	F
97	Lentle R.	Nokane	F
98	Grace	Nthobogeng	F
99	Botho	Ntsima	F
100	Onalenna	Nyanisani	F
101	Moemisi	Oagile	F
102	Tlotlo C.	Otlaadisa	F
103	Keitumetse	Otukile	F
104	Tumelo A.	Paul	F
105	Kopo	Paul	F
106	Imeldah	Pelontle	F
107	Mpho L.	Peo	F
108	Lucia P.	Phekoyame	F
109	Bonolo	Phesudi	F
110	Gomolemo M.	Pitso	F
111	Tapologo M.	Ponatshego	F
112	Tumelo	Pono	F
113	Atlang T.	Rabosigo	F
114	Phomolo	Radikolana	F
115	Gorataone	Ralegoreng	F
116	Lame	Ramadikana	F
117	Keamogetse	Ramaphane	F
118	Goitse	Ramothobane	F
119	Keamogetse	Ramphile	F
120	Kaelo U.	Rannona	F
121	Warona	Rathobolo	F
122	Sejosennye	Sebako	F
123	Khumo L.	Sebeso	F
124	Pearl K.	Sebolao	F
125	Isabel K.	Sebopelo	F
126	Monica	Sego	F
127	Patience K.	Seitei	F
128	Lemogang L.	Sejoe	F
129	Boitshepo G.	Sekhobe	F
130	Olorato B.	Seretse	F
131	Otsogile	Serunya	F

NO	NAME	SURNAME	GENDER
132	Tossy T.	Sesupo	F
133	Dimpho J.	Shobo	F
134	Yulenda N.	Sibanda	F
135	Didimalang C.	Simane	F
136	Naledi	Simon	F
137	Kago K.	Sitang	F
138	Tamia B.	Stegling	F
139	Amogelang	Tafa	F
140	Wedu	Tafila	F
141	Oratile J.	Tau	F
142	Goitseone	Tebogo	F
143	Matlhogonolo	Temeki	F
144	Tjido A.	Thanye	F
145	Oarabile	Thobega	F
146	Thomontle	Tsawe	F
147	Kemoneilwe P.	Tshupelo	F
148	Lotlhe	Tsie	F
149	Omphile J.	Tatedi	F
150	Ditshebo	France	F
151	Tshenolo	Mokgethi	F
152	Sithabile	Shapa	F
153	Pearl W.	Ketshotsweemang	F
154	Precious B.	Kgabi	F
155	Chadiwa A.	Clophus	F
156	Lame D.	Oagile	F
157	Fiona L.	Mokabiri	F
158	Malebogo	Batisani	F
159	Patience	Dikgang	F
160	Dorcus	Mothebe	F
161	Bonang S.	Mosupiemang	F
162	Merapelo M.	Gaonyadiwe	F
163	Mariam	Sekakela	F
164	One G.	Motlogelwa	F
165	Khumo	Mosweu	F
166	Catherine G.	Manonga	F
167	Nametso	Molelekwa	F
168	Lenna	Walerato	F
169	Tinaje	Malomo	F
170	Lorraine M.	Galetlale	F
171	Annastacia O.	Mogamisi	F
172	Holliness B.	Mosarwa	F
173	Phomolo	Senuku	F
174	Kesego	Keoreng	F
175	Ontlametse C.	Mmolawa	F
176	Bonang S.	Mosupiemang	F
177	Nonofo P.P.	Magashula	F
178	Kitso T.	Aaron	M
179	Thuto C.	Badumetse	M
180	Tefo	Bolotsang	M
181	Tsholofelo	Diseko	M
182	Vincent K.	Ditiro	M
183	Atang	Gasewame	M
184	Botshelo G.	Gomba	M
185	Desmond M.	Gorewang	M
186	Sitefani	Jakalasi	M
187	Aron	James	M
188	Tendani	Johnson	M
189	Mooketsi W.	Keoraletse	M
190	Pako	Kebafithetse	M
191	Davidson R.	Kenyaditswe	M
192	Kingsley N	Kolobe	M
193	Theo	Kootlogele	M
194	Jim J.	Lechiile	M
195	Poloko	Lekgomole	M
196	Karabo J.	Leselamose	M
197	Lloyd L	Lesole	M
198	Atang	Loiti	M
199	Thabiso	Maboa	M
200	Prince K.	Machola	M
201	Pako	Maemo	M
202	Willimai	Maenzanise	M
203	Mompoloki P.	Mafa	M
204	Denson	Mahuma	M
205	Onalethata B.	Mainga	M
206	Oriel B	Makaba	M
207	Gaofenngwe E.	Makobo	M
208	Tumelo	Malumbela	M
209	Thobega L.	Matebu	M
210	Kabelo C.	Matlhware	M
211	Silence T.	Matsala	M
212	Bokang D. V.	Matsetse	M
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214	Ofentse	Mgadla	M
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Gaothusi shows athletic prowess

By Naomi Leepile

HEREFORD - Miss World Botswana 2025, Anicia Gaothusi, traded the runway for the racetrack as she showcased her athletic prowess during the Miss World Sports Challenge held at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, India on Saturday.

Gaothusi earned a spot in the Top 32 of the Miss World 2025 Sports Competition and ranked among the Top 8 in Africa, following her impressive performance in the bleep test, a demanding fitness assessment that measures stamina and endurance.

She went on to compete in a range of athletic events including, shuttle runs, sprints and team sports.

The sports challenge is one of the 'Fast Track' events of the Miss World pageant.

It aims to evaluate contestants not only on physical fitness but also on teamwork and mental discipline.

This year's event also emphasised cultural exchange and camaraderie.

It featured activities such as badminton, sprinting, zumba, roller-skating and martial arts demonstrations.

Eliise Randmaa of Estonia emerged as the overall winner, claiming the gold medal and securing a place among Europe's Top 10 quarterfinalists.

Miss World Botswana expressed gratitude to Jack's Gym, Propellers and SLV Yoga House for preparing Gaothusi for the competition.

Reflecting on her experience, she shared with her followers: "It was tough, thrilling and full of lessons. It was an honour to represent not just Botswana, but the entire African continent on such a prestigious platform," she said.

Meanwhile, from the 108 contestants, 10 finalists from each continental region will advance to the quarterfinal and fast track event winners qualify automatically, regardless of their region.

The 72nd Miss World Festival finale will be held at the HITEX Convention Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana on May 31. ***BOPA***



Miss World Botswana 2025, Anicia Gaothusi

Ukrainians celebrate Vyshyvana Day in style

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - Culture and tradition took centre stage at Hotel 430 on Thursday as diplomats, guests and members of the Ukrainian community gathered to celebrate Vyshyvanka Day.

Observed annually on the third Thursday of May, Vyshyvanka Day is a global tribute to Ukraine's rich cultural heritage, symbolised by its iconic embroidered shirts known as vyshyvankas.

These garments, traditionally worn by both men and women, are often made of linen or cotton and feature intricate, hand-stitched patterns. The celebration featured local male and female models proudly showcasing the traditional attire on the runway.

Speaking at the event, Ukraine's Ambassador to Botswana, Dr Oleksiy Syvak, described the vyshyvanka as a symbol of Ukrainian identity, heritage, and resilience.

"In Ukraine, embroidery tells a story," he shared. "Embroidered shirts were traditionally worn for holidays, weddings and other meaningful occasions."

Dr Syvak explained that vyshyvankas have been worn throughout history by those who fought for freedom, like Cossacks, writers, dissidents and soldiers alike.

"Today, as Ukraine defends its sovereignty and people, our soldiers wear vyshyvankas on their way to war as a symbol of the country they are protecting," he said.

He also invited Batswana to learn more about Ukrainian culture, while also taking time to appreciate Setswana culture.

Dr Syvak concluded the event by joining the runway himself, displaying his long-sleeved vyshyvanka, adorned with symbolic motifs such as geometric patterns and floral designs.

For her part, deputy head of mission and event organiser, Anastasia Sheremet, who is Ukrainian by descent, expressed joy at the opportunity to share her culture with Batswana, especially during such a challenging time for her homeland.

"Preserving our culture and history is incredibly important during these difficult times in Ukraine," she said.

"Through this format, we were able to bring Batswana a little closer to our traditions and our home."

Sheremet said she watched with pride and joy as local models showcased the vyshyvankas and was pleasantly surprised by the positive reception.

"The demand to buy vyshyvankas was huge after the show. It surpassed all my expectations," she shared.

Reflecting on the event, she called it a resounding success.

"It brought people happiness and smiles. I'm glad everyone got to experience our modernised take on traditional clothing that Ukrainians have been wearing since the 10th century," she said. ***BOPA ENDS***



Batho Fashion Week models at the Ukraine Vyshyvanka Day in Gaborone on Thursday. Ambassador of Ukraine, Dr Oleksiy Syvak said the Vyshyvanka was a traditionally embroidered shirt that was not just a clothing but a symbol of who Ukrainians were as a people and what they stood for. Photo: Tshepo Gombo

Over 6 000 participate in health run



Participants came in numbers for the Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital (SKMTH) Health Awareness Run in Gaborone on Saturday. The run was divided into three categories; 5km, 10km and 21km runs. The participants were treated to a lot of activities including aerobics, zumba and health screening amongst others. The event was organised by SKMTH in collaboration with Fearless Fitness Club. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - More than 6 000 participants gathered for the Run for Health event in Gaborone on Saturday .

The run, organised by SKMTH in partnership with Fearless Fitness Club and otherl sponsors, aimed to raise awareness about the growing threat of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Botswana while promoting physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

The event also marked the commemoration of World Hypertension Day.

Featuring 5km, 10km, and 21km fun run categories and attracted a diverse crowd of all ages and fitness levels, from elite runners to casual walkers, all united under the common cause of healthier living.

Acting minister of Health, Mr Lawrence Ookeditse, has hailed community-driven health initiatives as key to fighting the surge of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

He emphasized the importance of regular exercise, healthy eating, and preventative health care in building a healthier nation.

Mr Ookeditse, who also took part in the run, applauded the event's turnout and impact. "The run is not just a symbol of awareness, but a call to action," he said, further saying regular exercise, a balanced diet, and timely health screenings were vital in reducing the burden of NCDs in the society.

In an interview with SKMTH Matron, Mr Rona Letlhogile, who also organised event, expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from the public.

"Our goal is to inspire people to make health a priority. Seeing such a large turnout shows that the community is ready to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle," he said.

Mr Letlhogile also emphasized the need to instill healthy habits in the youth. "Young people today are increasingly sedentary, we must encourage play and exercise as a way to safeguard their future health," he urged. Furthermore, he added that community engagement and individual responsibility were both essential in addressing lifestyle-related illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease, which have overtaken infectious diseases as leading causes of death in Botswana.

Beyond the run, participants benefitted from free health screenings, wellness booths, and educational sessions focused on nutrition, stress management, and preventative care.

Services such as blood pressure and sugar checks, dietary advice, and one-on-one consultations with health professionals rounded off the day.

Mr Letlhogile said the "Run for Health" will continue to grow as a powerful platform for mobilizing communities towards a proactive approach to health and wellness, expressing hope that such efforts will leave a lasting impact and help reverse the rising trend of lifestyle-related diseases in the country. ***BOPA***

TAFIC FC climbs to second place

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN – TAFIC FC has secured the second position in the FNB Premiership standings after a 3-1 victory over Extension Gunners at the Francistown Council Stadium Saturday.

The win comes after Gaborone United clinched the league title with a 4-2 victory over Jwaneng Galaxy, leapfrogging TAFIC FC from the runner-up spot.

Speaking after the match, TAFIC FC's head coach, Elias Chinyemba, expressed satisfaction with his team's second-half performance.

"I am very happy with the results. We played exceptionally well in the second half," Chinyemba said.

He acknowledged that the first half was less impressive, noting, "We struggled to contain our opponents, who launched frequent attacks, although they couldn't convert those chances into goals."

With only one match remaining in the season, Chinyemba remains optimistic about maintaining their current league position, emphasising the importance of grabbing a win in their upcoming fixture.Meanwhile, Extension Gunners' interim coach, Tshepo Motlhabankwe, attributed the loss to injuries that plagued several key players.

Despite aiming for a victory, he admitted that his team failed to make the most of their opportunities.

"In the first half, we managed to hold back TAFIC and even broke through their defense, but our finishing was not accurate," he explained. The match began with both teams engaging aggressively, exchanging aerial balls and launching early attacks.

Gunners appeared to have the upper hand initially, creating several clear chances, but were unable to find the net, while TAFIC's goalkeeper made crucial saves to keep the score level. The opening half ended goalless at 0-0. The second half saw a revitalised TAFIC side take control. In the 57th minute, Kadzadi Kalombo scored a spectacular shot to give TAFIC a 1-0 lead, igniting the crowd and shifting the momentum in their favor. The match intensified, with standout performances from Jean Lwamba and Manda Nongo, both instrumental in TAFIC's attacking rhythm. In the 87th minute, Extension Gunners equalized through George Simbayabaya, leveling the score at 1-1.

However, TAFIC responded swiftly. Just a minute later, Jean Lwamba restored the lead for the hosts, making it 2-1.

The drama continued into stoppage time when Botsile Kebaikanye delivered the final blow with a goal in the 90th minute plus three seconds, sealing the victory for TAFIC FC with a final score of 3-1.

As the season draws to a close, TAFIC FC is poised for a strong finish, while Extension Gunners will be aiming to improve their league standing in their final match of the season. ***BOPA***

Magosi Football Club targets play-offs

By Booster Mogapi

TLOKWENG: - Ramotswa-based outfit, Magosi Football Club, who played to a one all draw with Notwane FC on Saturday, are targeting the promotional play-offs as their dream to gain automatic promotion have eluded them.

Magosi FC assistant coach, Ndzibi Bale said they came to the game with the mandate to take home three points to cement their position in the log.

He said even though they conceded the first goal in the 18th minute as the boys were still shaky, they managed to come back to score even though that came in the dying minutes of the second half.

Coach Bale said they did not start well as Notwane tried to frustrate them with long balls, but the second half saw them come back much better with the introduction of two players who changed the play of the game.

"It was a frustrating game in the overall and they almost got the better of us, but we will go back to the drawing table and prepare for the last two games."

Coach Bale further said they still had six points to play for, which they need to play for the play-offs.

For the Toronto boys, their dynamic Coach Chico Nare, was adamant that his boys wasted a lot of chances to bury Magosi and take three points home.

He said they were in total control in the first half, as such, at least three goals should have been scored to settle for a win, 'but the game of football sometimes does not go your way'.

Nevertheless, Coach Nare said in the overall they played well, especially that the team did not train well due to player work commitments.

Being his first game with the team, Nare said he was impressed with their performance and looked forward to their next game with Police XI, which will give him more guidance pertaining to the strength of the team and plan for the next season.

He added that he was pleased that their game plan took off swiftly, enabling them to close on Magosi players and frustrate their efforts, which ultimately led to them scoring the first goal.

In the second half, he said his players kept dropping, giving Magosi chances to score, which they ultimately did, meaning that the spoils were shared.

The scintillating game, which was played at Tlokweng VDC grounds, saw Toronto take the lead in the 18th minute through Tumelo Thebe after they kept Magosi under pressure.

In the second half, Magosi came back more organised and zealous to score, but Notwane kept frustrating them until they were caught off guard in added time of the game, which saw Thabang Mooketsi squeeze the ball next to the post in the added minutes of the second half.

The draw leaves Magosi on position three on the Debswana First Division South Log table with 34 points from 20 games while Notwane remains nestled at position seven with 25 points. ***BOPA***

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GU clinches league crown

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Gaborone United (GU) secured their first-ever FNB Premier League title on Saturday at the GU Stadium, triumphing over Jwaneng Galaxy in a decisive match watched by a capacity crowd.

The victory not only handed GU the championship but also marked a significant milestone, as they handed Galaxy their first defeat of the season.

The title race, once a fierce contest between GU, Galaxy, and TAFIC, culminated in a dramatic showdown. Each team was desperately hoping the others would falter, but it was GU who ultimately triumphed in front of their home supporters.

The Money Machine as the are known, opened the scoring in the 27th minute through Thabo Mponda.

Galaxy responded swiftly, equalising on the brink of halftime thanks to Onkabetse Mankgatai's goal. The match remained tightly contested until the second half, when GU regained the lead shortly after recess. Thatayaone Kgamanyane put GU ahead in the 49th minute, igniting the home team's momentum.

Piling pressure on the visitors, GU extended their lead with a powerful strike from Omphile Ramoagi in the 74th minute. The goalfest continued as GU added a fourth in the 87th minute, further sealing their dominance. As a rallying Galaxy made a final push, Gift Moyo scored his second goal of the game late on, but it was too little, too late.

GU's win means a five-point gap between them and third-placed Jwaneng Galaxy, with just one match remaining in the season. Meanwhile, TAFIC moved into second position after beating Extension Gunners 3-1 in Francistown. The battle for the second spot remains intense among TAFIC (59 points), Galaxy (58), and Sua Flamingoes (56).

At the bottom of the league standings, Uniao Flamingo Santos (12 points), and Chadibe FC (16) have been relegated to the First Division. The final relegation spot will be decided on the last day between BDF IX (28) and Security Systems (25).

Galaxy Interim Coach, Seemo Mpatane, acknowledged the difficulty of the game, praising GU's hunger for victory.

"GU appeared more hungry for the win, and that's what decided the game," he said. Mpatane added that Galaxy's efforts were not enough to match their opponents, especially in such a crucial match.

"Congratulations to GU, they deserved to win today and claim the championship," he said.

GU Goalkeeper Coach Khalid Niyonzima expressed pride in the team's achievement. "Winning the league after three seasons of effort is a fantastic feat," he stated.

Niyonzima said that focus, composure, and disciplined management contributed to the team's success, despite a challenging start to the season.

Head Coach Dimitar Pantev was overwhelmed with joy, praising his players' dedication and resilience.

"This victory is a result of their hard work and fighting spirit over the last five months," he said. Pantev reflected on the season's ups and downs, noting that despite some costly points lost early on, the team's relentless determination carried them to glory. ***BOPA***



Gaborone United are the 2024/25 champions of the FNB Premiership after beating Jwaneng Galaxy 4-2 in Gaborone on Saturday. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

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