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South Africa President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday toured the Botswana Vaccine Institute in Gaborone as part of his two-day state visit. Taking Mr Ramaphosa on tour, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere said the escalating Foot and Mouth Disease crisis affecting some parts of Southern Africa had exposed weaknesses in fragmented national responses to transboundary animal diseases, which called for harmonised regional intervention strategies. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

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## Moshupa Primary Hospital remains partially occupied

Thandy Tebogo  
KANYE

The Moshupa Primary Hospital, which is currently at 99 per cent completion, remains partially occupied pending some works.

Officially opening the Moshupa District full council session on Monday, council chairperson Mr Alphios Sethibe said the facility remained partially occupied by the administration department.

Further, he said they expected the remaining blocks to be handed over soon.

On financial budget, Mr Sethibe said Moshupa Council has received 25 per cent of the Revenue Support Grant from government, amounting to P42 million.

He stated the injection had provided much liquidity and enabled the authority to meet core obligations as they began the 2026/2027 financial year.

Mr Sethibe said the council was currently awaiting the release of development funding for this financial year, adding that the fund currently had a carried forward balance of P15,726,895.57 from 2025/2026 financial year.

On the status of the district

road projects, the chairperson said the Moshupa-Manyana road budgeted at P374 million included the construction of Moshupa-Manyana road, construction of Bikwe access road and rehabilitation of Mmankgodi-Manyana road.

He noted that the project progress stood at 38 per cent against 70 per cent planned, indicating that the delays were attributed to burrow pits constraints, excessive rainfall and property expropriation delays.

The client, which is the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, he said was actively assisting the contractor to secure the necessary permits for burrow pits close to the construction site and working closely with the land board to fast-track expropriations.

He indicated that, Output and Performance-based Road Contract package rehabilitation of 123 kilometres Mmankgodi Junction/Kanye road and related access roads, budgeted at P314 million, faced challenges due to insufficient detour space for rehabilitation of damaged sections on the Moshupa access road.

Mr Sethibe stated that the contractor was currently exploring alternative detour routes and assessing the pros and cons, citing that project progress stood at 74 per cent against 77 per cent planned.

The council chairperson informed the council that Moshupa A-10 bridge service contract for the engagement of a consultant to perform a detailed investigation, pre-contract services was budgeted at P12.2 million. The consultant, he said, had been appointed and was expected to commence the pre-contract services in quarter one of the 2026/2027 financial year.

In addition, Mr Sethibe said Ikageng Public Works Programme would proceed with the minor maintenance of health facilities at Ranaka and Ntlhantle clinics this financial year.

He also indicated that through the programme minor works would be carried out in primary school facilities at Sesung, Tshwaane, Pitseng and Kebonyekgotla this financial year. **BOPA**



Moshupa District Council chairperson Mr Peter Sethibe



Francistown Central Market demolished years ago after a court ordered the eviction of illegal occupants to make way for redevelopment. Francistown mayor, Mr Gaone Majere said the developer would begin work next month. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

## Francistown Central Market re-development set for June

Thamani Shabani  
FRANCISTOWN

The developer engaged for the development of Francistown Central Market will begin work next month.

According to Francistown Mayor, Mr Gaone Majere, council officials had already met with the developer.

The mayor added that the project was overdue as the market was demolished years ago after a court ordered the eviction of illegal occupants to make way for redevelopment.

Mr Majere apologised to Francistown residents for the delays, saying the issue had dragged on back and forth without a solution.

Mr Majere said the June start date marked a fresh push to break the deadlock and deliver the redevelopment that residents had been waiting for.

The council had offered alternative trading spaces, but vendors rejected

them, saying the locations were not strategic. Local traders have also indicated that the stalled project has hurt business in the area.

One of them, Mr Boitumelo Masake, a shoe repairer operating near the market, said he was eager for construction to start so trading could resume.

"We want the market to start operating so that there can be economic activity again, like before. That activity supports businesses like mine," he said.

The Francistown central market was occupied by vendors for years until the Francistown City Council moved to clear the site for redevelopment.

In February 2022, the council gave vendors final eviction letters through their association, instructing them to vacate by February 28, 2022.

When they did not comply, the council applied to the High Court for an eviction order on March 31,

2022. The eviction was to pave the way for Amasa Civils, a 100 per cent citizen-owned company, which had leased the market plot and was unveiled as the developer in 2020, to redevelop the plot.

Amasa was granted a 25-year lease to build a modern business complex and will be paying the council P28 000 per month.

Under the agreement, Amasa is expected to construct a multi-purpose commercial complex that matches the standard of other developments in Francistown's CBD. The design includes retail units, office space, and structured trading stalls intended to restore order and provide a secure, modern environment for vendors and shoppers.

Construction was initially expected to start in September 2022 after handover and design work, but disputes with occupants stalled the project. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (right) and South Africa President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa during a tete-a-tete at the Office of the President on Wednesday. President Ramaphosa was in Botswana on a two-day state visit and also as co-chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of Botswana-South Africa Bi-National Commission. Mr Ramaphosa returned yesterday. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

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# Botswana and South Africa toast to renewed friendship

Pako Lebanna  
GABORONE

Resplendent in matching black tuxedos and bow tie outfits befitting the occasion, President Advocate Duma Boko and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, Presidents of Botswana and South Africa respectively, took to the dance floor at Wednesday night's State Banquet having toasted to strengthening their nation's partnership with renewed vigour.

Almost exactly 40 years to the day the apartheid South African Defence Force attacked a complex in Mogoditshane, while simultaneously attacking Lusaka, Zambia and Harare, Zimbabwe in a May 19, 1986 triple raid on the Frontline States, Mr Ramaphosa and his country, no longer the regional pariah, were being feted by their neighbours.

Akin to a Cinderella transformed from a maidservant to a dazzling princess attending a royal ball, Mr Ramaphosa led his delegation, including a score of cabinet ministers, among them Messrs Gwede Mantashe, Ronald Lamola and Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, respectively ministers of Minerals and Petroleum Resources, International Relations and Electricity, to the state banquet at the Gaborone International Convention Centre.

"This not an ordinary State Visit. It is the coming together of brethren and sisters of the same family. We are one people born of the same soil and bound together by a shared history," President Ramaphosa said.

Having paid tribute to 'an illustrious African and global statesman,' the recently deceased former President Dr Festus Mogae, 'who came in the footsteps of a remarkable array of great Botswana leaders who have led a proud, resource people with glorious and heroic history' Mr Ramaphosa pledged his country's support to the current occupant of the State House.

"President Boko, we commend the vigour and the vision with which you are leading Botswana on a path of modernisation and toward a future of sustained development and prosperity. You can count on South Africa as a reliable neighbour, a friend and partner as you continue along the path of this journey."

For his part, host President Boko said Botswana and South Africa's relationship had been forged through history, strengthened

through solidarity and sustained by a shared commitment to the advancement of the people of both nations.

Botswana and South Africa are not just bound by geography, but by common aspirations, and deep human connections. Our peoples share cultural, linguistic, familial, and economic ties that continue to unite us in enduring ways," President Boko said.

Noting that the world is beset with an uncertain global landscape characterised by economic volatility, geopolitical tensions, pressures on food, water and energy security, as well as disruptions to global supply chains, and the continued impact of climate change, there was a need for the closer collaboration of neighbours like South Africa and Botswana, who shared values of democracy and commitment to multilateralism and territorial integrity.

"The relationship between Botswana and South Africa is, therefore, one of strategic importance. It is anchored in mutual respect, shared interests, and a common vision for a peaceful, prosperous, and integrated region. Above all, it is underpinned by the recognition that our destinies are inextricably linked," President Boko stated.

Therefore, he said, the two states needed to use the occasion of the visit to strengthen collaboration and optimise the opportunities to expand trade, strengthen regional value chains, accelerate industrialisation and enhance infrastructure development and connectivity.

In his speech earlier, President Ramaphosa also pointed out that one of President Boko's ministers, who was charged with chaperoning the South African statesman, had remarked in an informal chat during their car journey across Gaborone that Mahikeng, the South African North West province capital was once a part of what is now Botswana.

"We continue to experience the dynamism of the ties between our peoples forged by a common history, heritage and geography. The minister in the car as we were talking about our geography, said 'by the way, President, Mahikeng was once very much a part of Botswana.' Then I said 'minister please! Let's not talk about by-gones, that we were not a responsible for,'" President Ramaphosa said.

"But we share a common history that goes beyond our borders, that is a heritage for our two peoples."

Indeed, history records that when the British proclaimed the Bechuanaland Protectorate in March 31 1885, territories such as Mahikeng, Vryburg and Kuruman now in the North West and Northern Cape South Africa were part of the protectorate, before the British divided the territory along the Molopo River, the areas to the south becoming a separate colony, 'British Bechuanaland' annexed to the Cape Colony in 1895 and thereafter the Union of South Africa at its foundation in 1910.

Even after the division, Mahikeng remained the capital of Bechuanaland Protectorate, until Gaborone was established in 1965 as the capital of a self-governing territory that gained full independence as the Republic of Botswana in 1966. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and his South African counterpart, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa toasting to strengthening their nations' partnership with renewed vigour during a state banquet hosted in honour of the latter in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko said Botswana and South Africa's relationship was forged through history, strengthened through solidarity and sustained by a shared commitment to the advancement of the people of both nations. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

## Regional cooperation key in combating FMD

Lorato Gaofise  
GABORONE

There is need for stronger regional cooperation in order to combat the escalating Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) crisis affecting the Southern Africa region.

This was said by Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere, who was standing in for acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Dr Edwin Dikoloti in his welcome remarks yesterday, during the tour of the Botswana Vaccine Institute (BVI) by South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Mr Tshere said President Ramaphosa's visit came at a critical time as Southern Africa battled a worsening FMD outbreak that had disrupted regional livestock trade, threatened livelihoods and placed heavy financial burdens on governments.

According to Minister Tshere, the current FMD crisis had exposed weaknesses in fragmented national responses to transboundary animal diseases.

Therefore, he highlighted the urgent need for harmonised regional intervention strategies.

The crisis, the minister said had also highlighted the failure of isolated national responses to disease containment. "It underscores the need to treat transboundary animal diseases as shared regional challenges requiring coordinated action," he said.

Established in 1978, as a leader in the research, manufacture and supply of animal vaccines, the minister said BVI was a strategic regional asset central to animal health, food security and livestock trade across sub-Saharan Africa.

Over the past four decades, he

said the institute had positioned itself as one of Africa's leading manufacturers of specialised vaccines, particularly FMD vaccines that had played a critical role in containing outbreaks and protecting regional livestock industries.

"Botswana Vaccine Institute has supplied millions of vaccine doses over a 45-year period, helping countries across the region safeguard livestock health and strengthen economic resilience," he said.

"It is uniquely positioned as a manufacturer of fit-for-purpose vaccines, including highly effective FMD trivalent vaccines, which continues to produce exceptional results in disease control and outbreak containment," he added.

Mr Tshere said rising demand for vaccines, during the current outbreak, had exceeded existing production capacity, prompting BVI to implement operational measures aimed at increasing vaccine output and improving responsiveness.

However, he stressed that long-term sustainability would require substantial regional investment in vaccine antigen banks to ensure faster production and rapid deployment during outbreaks.

Further, Minister Tshere called on Botswana and South Africa to deepen collaboration through enhanced disease surveillance systems, harmonised vaccination programmes, livestock traceability mechanisms and epidemiological information sharing.

He also highlighted the growing partnership between the BVI and South Africa's Agricultural Research Council, describing it as a critical milestone in strengthening regional livestock health systems.

The collaboration, he said was expected to promote joint research initiatives, improve vaccine production capacity and enhance disease surveillance capabilities between the two neighbouring countries.

Additionally, Mr Tshere assured President Ramaphosa that

Botswana remained committed to fostering a more proactive and integrated regional disease management framework through stronger bilateral and multilateral cooperation. **BOPA**

## India postpones Africa Summit over Ebola scare

GABORONE

India and the African Union have postponed the Fourth India-Africa Forum Summit, scheduled in New Delhi from May 28 to 31, due to the evolving Ebola-linked public health situation in parts of Africa.

A joint press release states that the decision was made in recognition of the importance of ensuring the full participation and engagement of African leaders and stakeholders and mindful of the emerging public health situation in Africa.

According to the release, India reaffirms its solidarity with the people and governments of Africa and expresses its readiness to contribute to Africa CDC-led efforts aimed at addressing the evolving health situation.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization declared an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a public health emergency of international concern, which has seen the current strain of Ebola is caused by the Bundibugyo virus, for which there are no approved drugs or vaccines. **BOPA**

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# Gambling Authority aims to be self-sustainable

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Acting chief executive officer of the Gambling Authority, Mr Moruntshi Kemorwale, says the Authority aims to reduce its reliance on government funding in the shortest possible time.

Presenting before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Statutory Bodies and State Enterprises, Mr Kemorwale said the Authority had depended on government funding since its establishment in 2016. However, he said the Authority had progressively implemented a financial strategy

aimed at reducing reliance on government subvention while strengthening internally generated revenue streams.

He said the Authority had steadily increased its self-generated revenue through the introduction and expansion of licensing fees, monitoring fees, promotional competitions, service fees and other regulatory income streams.

“Currently, we are engaging the Board to reduce government subvention by 50 per cent, from P30 million to P15 million, in the shortest time,” said Mr Kemorwale.

Furthermore, Mr Kemorwale said the Authority’s operating revenue had demonstrated strong



Gambling Authority acting CEO, Mr Moruntshi Kemorwale (left) and chief financial officer, Ms Tshepang Magang appearing before in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Kemorwale said the authority had progressively implemented a financial strategy aimed at reducing reliance on government subvention, while strengthening internally generated revenue streams. Photo: Washa Bofelwang

and sustained growth over the years. He highlighted that revenue increased from P2.94 million in 2021/2022 to P24 million in 2024/2025, with projections indicating a significant rise to P108

million in 2025/2026.

On other issues, Mr Kemorwale said the Authority continued to promote responsible gambling. He said they had developed a strategy to combat excessive gambling and

continued to educate the public through events and partnerships.

Mr Kemorwale also noted illegal gambling trends such as coin spins, card games and horse betting. **BOPA**

## Botswana Railways records P235 million loss

Thato Mosinyi  
GABORONE

Botswana Railways reported an operating loss of P235 million between 2021 and 2024, with aging infrastructure, poor asset availability, and governance lapses continuing to undermine its ability to transport bulk freight, a parliamentary committee heard Tuesday.

Appearing before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Statutory Bodies and State Enterprises, caretaker general manager Mr Okitanye Gaogane said the parastatal recorded an operating loss of P90 million in 2021/2022. Losses narrowed to P45 million and P40 million in the subsequent two years, but rose again to P60 million in 2024.

The company has struggled to move enough freight to break even. Mr Gaogane told the committee that BR had hovered around one million tonnes of freight annually, short of the 1.4 million tonnes needed to cover expenses.

He explained that asset shortages were a key constraint. Of 1 155 wagons, fewer than 200 were operational, and only 11 of 34 locomotives remained in service.

He said the poor state of the fleet had led to attachment of some wagons, trucks and shares to settle debts owed to private suppliers.

A 2021/2022 procurement of 34 wagons from China allowed BR to briefly surpass one million tonnes in the following year, but

maintenance backlogs continue to limit capacity. Mr Gaogane cited operational inefficiencies, maintenance delays and compliance gaps as barriers to securing lucrative contracts with major clients like Botswana Ash.

To keep operations running, he said, BR had partnered with freight operators for maintenance support. The company is also pursuing network expansion beyond the single Ramatlabama-Ramokgwebana line, with plans for corridors including Mahalapye-Mmamabula to regional ports and an east-west route to Walvis Bay.

Mr Gaogane said a trial for through-working trains from South Africa into Gaborone was underway to reduce transshipment delays.

“By enabling direct movement of freight trains across the border without intermediate transshipment, the trial streamlines operations, shortens lead times and increases the organisation’s capacity to move more traffic reliably and efficiently,” Gaogane said.

Furthermore, he said the turnaround efforts were centred on three pillars: strengthening governance, improving asset reliability, and expanding private sector partnerships. The initiatives align with national development priorities, he added.

The passenger train services remain suspended since the COVID-19 pandemic, and remained unviable without government subsidies due to low patronage. **BOPA**

## Lekgotla La Borre to tackle GBV

Leticia Nnokotema  
TSABONG

The fight against gender-based-violence (GBV) has received renewed momentum in Kgalagadi South following the establishment of a new organisation dedicated to addressing GBV perpetrated mostly by men and tackling the underlying causes that contribute to such behaviour.

Founded by Mr Aobakwe Mfosi, Lekgotla La Borre Mo Botswana Organisation seeks to create awareness and provide interventions aimed at reducing cases of GBV within communities.

In an interview, Mr Mfosi said the initiative was born out of growing concern over the increasing incidents of violence, particularly against women and children, and the need to engage men in finding lasting solutions.

He stated the organisation would primarily focus on men due to the high number of GBV cases in which men had been identified as the perpetrators.

He noted that while GBV affected all members of society, there was a need to directly engage men in conversations and interventions aimed at changing behaviour and addressing the factors that contribute to violence.

He explained that the organisation intended to focus on identifying and addressing some of the root causes of GBV, including infidelity, unresolved emotional trauma, mental health challenges and other social pressures that often lead men to react impulsively and violently.

Mr Mfosi said while GBV continued to affect families and



Mr Aobakwe Mfosi founded Lekgotla La Borre Mo Botswana Organisation, which seeks to create awareness and provide interventions aimed at reducing cases of gender-based violence in communities.

communities negatively, there has been limited focus on creating platforms where men could openly discuss their struggles and sought guidance before situations escalate into violence. He noted that many men suppressed emotional pain and frustrations due to societal expectations, which in some cases results in destructive behaviour.

He further stated that the organisation would work closely with relevant stakeholders such as social workers, counsellors, community leaders and other service providers to offer counselling, mentorship and educational programmes aimed

at promoting positive behaviour among men. Through these collaborations, men will be taught healthy ways of dealing with conflict, stress, relationships and emotional challenges.

Mr Mfosi added that one of the organisation’s priorities was to establish a safe and supportive environment where men could freely express themselves without fear of judgement.

He said creating such spaces would encourage openness, accountability and healing while helping men develop better coping mechanisms and decision-making skills. He emphasised that addressing GBV requires collective effort from all sectors of society, adding that community involvement and early intervention were key in preventing violence before it occurs.

He said the organisation also hopes to engage young boys through awareness campaigns and mentorship programmes in order to instil values of respect, responsibility and non-violence from an early age.

Mr Mfosi expressed optimism that with proper support and collaboration, the initiative would make a meaningful impact in Kgalagadi South and beyond.

He said the long-term vision of the organisation was to contribute towards building safer homes and communities where GBV would eventually become a thing of the past. Mr Mfosi says as he approached different stakeholders, they welcomed the initiative, describing it as a timely intervention that recognises the importance of involving men in conversations and solutions surrounding GBV. **BOPA**

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# WUC terminates Semolo water project

Ndingililo Gaoswediwe  
GABORONE

The Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) has terminated the P40 million Semolo water treatment project, which was intended to supply potable water to the villages of Bodibeng, Bothatogo, Sehithwa, Kareng, Legothwane and Toteng.

Appearing before the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Statutory Bodies and State Enterprises on Tuesday in Gaborone, WUC chief executive officer Gaselemogwe Senai said the contract was terminated last December due to the incompetence of the contractor.

He clarified that the termination process took time because of procedures that had to be followed after the contractor, instead of delivering the project, complained that costs had risen.

Mr Senai said the corporation could not promise to restart the project this year, as it would have to budget afresh and could only commence work in the next financial year.

He said in areas where there is no supply of potable water, WUC continues to bowse water, although he admitted that the water was not always clean as it required disinfection.

He added that the water sources from which they bowse are not guarded and are therefore unsafe, with the corporation relying on communities to help monitor them.

Of the 517 villages served by WUC, he said 39 villages, including settlements, were supplied through bowsers, which he noted were insufficient to adequately serve all areas.

With a consumer base of 2.5 million, Mr Senai said the corporation faced a serious challenge of water loss caused by dilapidated infrastructure.

Although WUC is facing financial challenges, he said money owed to the corporation by customers, ranging from councils and businesses to domestic users, stood at P1.7 billion.

On other issues, Mr Senai said the corporation ended the estimation of water bills in 2022. In suburbs where metres were inaccessible, about 10 000 metres were relocated outside yards.

He also said the sewage line running along the Thamalakane River posed a risk of contaminating water in the event of leaks.

To address this, he said online sensors would be installed to enable early detection and response to leakages. **BOPA**

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# Daily Business

## Ethyl Maltol flavour targets SADC market

Kelebogile Taolo  
FRANCISTOWN

Following the launch of its new product, Ethyl Maltol flavour enhancer, F&G Botswana intends to expand beyond borders and targets the Southern African Development Community (SADC) market.

Ethyl Maltol flavour enhancer, a small ingredient that stimulates taste and texture in various foods has been launched recently in Francistown by F&G Botswana in collaboration with Botswana Trade Investment (BITC).

The product is said to be a safe flavour that enhance sweetness, deepen caramel notes and lifts flavour in products ranging from bread, cakes, biscuits, sausages, fried chicken, canned food, ice cream and soft drinks.

The director of F&G Botswana, Mr Steven Zhu confirmed in an interview on Tuesday that they had to sell the product to SADC market citing countries such as Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Angola and South Africa.

“Since Botswana is in the heart of SADC and serving as a strategic hub, we believe this can help us secure lucrative markets in the region,” he added.

Moreover, Mr Zhu emphasised that the introduction of the product would also offer more benefits as more sales meant the governments would attract tax as well as stimulates job creation and eventually improve livelihoods.

Though new in Africa but popular in Asia, America and Europe, the product highly target food industry. He described it as a game changer as it enhanced the taste of the food citing that “when you add ethyl maltol, the food becomes more delicious fresher and also increase shelf life as in bakeries and food becomes softer”.

Mr Zhu highlighted that, the product allowed manufacturers to



Food flavour enhancer, Ethyl Maltol is used on multiple food products. F&G Botswana director, Mr Steven Zhu who produces Ethyl Maltol said the product improved taste and aroma in bakery products, enhanced flavour profiles in confectionery. Photos: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

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upgrade product quality without overhauling existing processes. He noted that adoption of this product, would lead to growth as food and beverage companies sought cost-effective ways to meet consumer expectations for taste and consistency.

Mr Zhu highlighted that the product would mark a new step for food and beverage manufacturing in the region, adding that it would also address key needs for taste, texture, and shelf life across the food industry in the region. **BOPA**



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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### South Africa mandates foreign vehicle declaration

##### CAPE TOWN

South Africa will require all foreign-registered vehicles to be declared online before crossing the country's borders effective next month. According to a statement issued on Tuesday, the South African Revenue Service would, from June 1, require all foreign-registered vehicles to be declared on the SARS Traveller Management System prior to them entering or leaving South Africa. SARS Commissioner Johnstone Makhubu said the measure formed part of efforts to modernise customs operations, strengthen compliance and improve border management. Under the system, temporary import permits valid for six months may be issued for foreign vehicles temporarily brought into South Africa. **Xinhua**

#### Duo signs data pact to boost governance

##### WINDHOEK

To phase out outdated data collection and combat inaccurate economic forecasting, Namibia and Angola signed a pact to boost governance, public policy evaluation, and dissemination of relevant, reliable, and timely statistics. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was inked in Windhoek between the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) and the National Statistics Institute of Angola (INE). The NSA, in a statement released on Wednesday, said the MoU served to enhance technical cooperation between the NSA and INE and constitutes a strategic instrument for institutional modernisation, knowledge transfer, the strengthening of human and technological capabilities, and the promotion of integration of administrative data sources. **Xinhua**

#### Uganda promotes green mobility with EV buses

##### KAMPALA

On the busy streets of Kampala, Uganda's capital, a quiet transformation is unfolding. Sleek, locally manufactured electric buses are becoming part of the city's daily rhythm, marking the country's accelerating drive toward greener and more sustainable urban transport. Since their introduction, the green-and-gray 40-seater electric buses have quickly drawn growing public attention. Equipped with onboard WiFi, they allow passengers to share photos and videos of their journeys on social media in real time, turning routine commutes into visible symbols of emerging green mobility solutions. Uganda's journey into electric mobility dates back to 2016, when it unveiled Africa's first solar-powered electric bus, the Kayoola electric vehicle, a name loosely translated as “mass carrier.” **Xinhua**

## TVET panacea for youth unemployment

Gontle Merafhe  
GABORONE

The envisaged Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) policy will place emphasis on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), following an increase in youth unemployment from 33 per cent to 40 per cent during the implementation period of the 2009–2022 strategy.

Speaking during the National Human Resource Development Strategy project stakeholder consultation workshop in Gaborone on Tuesday, CH Group consultant Mr Ezekiel Thekiso said stakeholders had identified TVET as the future of human resource development.

He said government had already begun transforming the education system, noting that vocationally

trained graduates were previously not accorded the same recognition as university graduates.

“Now bright children are choosing TVET because government has started changing perceptions,” he said.

Mr Thekiso further said many Botswana were unaware of the existence of the HRDC 2009–2022 Strategy, making its failures inevitable. However, he noted that partnerships within industries such as mining, tourism and health had produced positive examples of training that addressed sector needs.

He said employers were willing to do more if supported by government, adding that school curricula remained largely irrelevant as they prepared learners for examinations instead of employment.

Mr Thekiso said respondents

recommended that government take firm action to ensure technical qualifications were regarded as equivalent to university degrees.

“Technical education must be branded and given the same treatment. Colleges must have the same quality and status as universities,” he said.

He also noted that employers increasingly sought graduates with soft skills such as communication and ethics, but many graduates lacked such competencies.

According to the researches, Botswana continued to prioritise academic qualifications over TVET because technical education was still perceived as an option for those who had failed academically.

“The findings of previous studies did not raise awareness of TVET or promote parity of esteem. Given the high unemployment rates, there should at least be

institutional mechanisms to deal with labour exchanges and monitor what is happening in the labour market,” he said.

Botswana Tourism Industry Training Coordinator, Ms Thatayaone Sebege said hotels and guest houses appeared not to have been adequately consulted, resulting in visible skills mismatches where tourism graduates were often assigned hospitality duties.

Ms Sebege said tourism and hospitality were distinct disciplines, making many graduates ill-equipped for the responsibilities they were given.

She had highlighted the need for practical training facilities within tertiary institutions to ensure students acquired hands-on skills.

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**WINDHOEK** - Namibia on Wednesday launched a project aimed at improving the productivity and value chain development of pearl millet, a drought-resistant staple crop critical to the country's food security. Photo: Xinhua

# Namibia expands pearl millet production

## WINDHOEK

Namibia on Wednesday launched a project aimed at improving the productivity and value chain development of pearl millet, locally known as mahangu, a drought-resistant staple crop critical to the country's food security.

The project, titled: Support to improve productivity and value chain development of pearl millet (mahangu) in Namibia, is supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations under its One Country One Priority Product initiative.

It is funded through the FAO Technical Cooperation Programme at a value of US\$250,000 and will run until August 2027. Speaking at the launch in Oshakati in the northern Oshana Region on behalf of Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform

“Pearl millet has long sustained rural communities in Namibia through drought periods. This project aims to combine that traditional knowledge with improved technology and investment to enhance productivity.”

Inge Zaamwani, Deputy Executive Director Kachana Kamwi said the initiative was designed to strengthen food security, rural livelihoods, and climate resilience.

Pearl millet is a staple food for more than half of Namibia's population and is widely cultivated in the country's northern regions, where farmers often face low rainfall and recurring droughts. Kamwi said the crop's resilience to harsh climatic conditions makes it strategic for national food security, adding that the project seeks to shift pearl millet from a largely subsistence crop into a commercially viable commodity.

The project will support certified seed production, train more than 800 seed growers, strengthen climate-smart agriculture practices, and improve coordination among

farmers, millers, agro-processors, cooperatives, and research institutions, she said.

FAO Representative in Namibia Patrice Talla said the initiative reflected cooperation between FAO and the Namibian government to strengthen traditional food systems and improve resilience to climate shocks.

“Mahangu has long sustained rural communities in Namibia through drought periods. This project aims to combine that traditional knowledge with improved technology and investment to enhance productivity,” Talla said. According to Talla, Namibia currently produces only about half of its national millet demand, while yields remained low despite the crop's importance for food and nutrition security. **Xinhua**

## Britain seals nearly US\$5 billion trade deal with Gulf states

### LONDON

Britain and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have sealed a trade deal estimated to bring British exporters £3.7 billion (US\$4.96 billion) worth of opportunities in the long run.

According to the British government's statement issued on Wednesday, the deal would cut export costs, open up Gulf markets and strengthen economic ties with the six-member bloc, which groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, making Britain the first G7 country to secure a trade deal with the GCC. The British government said the deal could raise real wages by £1.9 billion (US\$2.55 billion) annually as it is expected to reduce costs for British exporters.

Once fully implemented, it would eliminate about US\$779.35 million in duties each year on British goods exported to the GCC, with US\$483.73 million of that removed when the deal enters into force.

Tariffs will be removed on a range of British exports, including

food products, medical equipment and advanced manufacturing goods. British products such as cereals, cheddar cheese, chocolate and butter are expected to become tariff-free.

The deal also covers services, customs, business mobility and digital trade. The government said services firms would gain more

secure access to Gulf markets, while companies would be allowed to store and process data outside the region.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer called the agreement “a huge win for British business,” saying it would support jobs, wages and new opportunities. **Xinhua**



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer

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“It is not just about students graduating and later going for attachment. They must learn practical skills within the education system itself so that they leave equipped. It should be 80 per cent practical and 20 per cent theory, but most schools are missing that balance. In our industry, there are many challenges,” she said.

Representing the Directorate of Public Service Management, Ms Tebogo Matshitse said they had a large number of graduates seeking employment in the private sector, but there were significant gaps in the skills provided through their training curricula, forcing employers to teach them

everything from scratch.

Ms Matshitse added that some qualifications had become irrelevant despite institutions continuing to produce graduates in those areas due to weak collaboration with employers.

“Some courses continue to produce graduates even though they are no longer relevant because there is limited partnership between institutions and employers,” she explained.

She appealed for stronger collaboration between institutions and employers to ensure training programmes reflected labour market demands and produced graduates with relevant skills.

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# Francistown farmer explores viability of lizard farming

Dr Patrick Aust sees monitor lizard farming as more than a stopgap. His project, the first in Botswana is now in its second year as a research initiative. Photos: Thamani Shabani

Thamani Shabani  
FRANCISTOWN

When approaching Dr Patrick Aust's farm, what is noticeable is a network of burrows and mopane trees on his 1.5-hectare plot on the outskirts of Francistown.

What is buried underneath the burrows, is a treasure for Dr Aust who has since launched Botswana's first monitor lizard farm. The project is now in its second year as a research initiative.

"They are down there," Dr Aust says, gesturing to a network of burrows that have housed the *Varanus albigularis*, white-throated monitor lizards, known locally as Kgwathe. "They can go months without food or water and come out stronger," he says as he walks BOPA reporter through his farm.

Dr Aust, a herpetologist and reptile scientist who spent years in Asia studying reptiles, believes Kgwathe offers a way forward. Unlike cattle that graze on flat, heat-exposed plains, Kgwathe uses what he calls a "three-dimensional" environment.

Already with the 2026 Food and Agriculture Organisation and World Meteorological Organisation (FAO-WMO) joint report titled: Extreme Heat and Agriculture, warning that rising temperatures and prolonged droughts are making cattle and chickens "increasingly vulnerable" across Southern Africa, Dr Aust's timing is not a coincidence.

"Kgwathe is adapted to survive months without food or water," Dr Aust explains. "Efficient water retention and an adaptive metabolic rate means farmers can buffer against feed scarcity, which is increasingly common under drought conditions."

Usually, Kgwathe excavate burrows metres underground to escape extreme surface temperatures and conserve moisture. They also climb trees, allowing farms to integrate production into multi-layered agroforestry systems instead of clearing more land.

Even though not immune to all diseases, Kgwathe exhibits strong natural resistance to specific environmental toxins. This is a plus for Dr Aust who explains that their ectothermic metabolism and distinct immune systems create a natural barrier against most warm-

blooded pathogens. For farmers, that translates to fewer costs.

For many rural Batswana, Kgwathe is not uncommon. For some, it is a delicacy that serves as an alternative protein source.

"We are not introducing something foreign," Dr Aust says.

"We are formalising something traditional, and making it safe, traceable, and scalable."

That cultural familiarity matters,

"Kgwathe is adapted to survive months without food or water," Dr Aust explains. "Efficient water retention and an adaptive metabolic rate means farmers can buffer against feed scarcity, which is increasingly common under drought conditions."



Dr Aust argues that the future of farming in Botswana lies in climate-resilient practices and heat-tolerant species.



Dr Aust says more than 40 per cent of reptiles, snakes, lizards, turtles and crocodiles are now farmed for meat, skins and pharmaceuticals.

he argues. "In the wake of FMD, consumers are wary. A locally accepted, disease-free protein could fill the gap without fighting consumer taboos."

Dr Aust sees Kgwathe as more than a stopgap. As Director of the African Institute of Applied Herpetology, he argues that the future of farming in Botswana lies in climate-resilient practices and heat-tolerant species.

"By integrating Kgwathe into agricultural systems, farmers can reduce vulnerability, conserve resources, and diversify livelihoods."

He envisions village-level plots where lizards live under fruit trees, control pests, and provide meat, a low-input system suited to Botswana's water reality.

Dr Aust adds that the business has strong returns, since monitor lizard meat is consumed widely in Asia, skins are sold for leather goods in Europe, and fat used in pharmaceuticals and cosmetics for its antibacterial properties.

The model, he says, is designed to empower local communities.

"When we go into full commercialisation, the main objective is to empower the local communities."

Under the plan, Dr Aust would supply Kgwathe to communities, who would then sell meat and skin back to him for export.

But scaling depends on regulation. "This can only happen when there is a slaughter or abattoir facility, such as the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), with regulations in place," he noted.

The facility would employ 20-30 people to manage breeding stock and feed.

"The idea is to empower the local community for self-employment," he said.

Dr Aust, also a conservation

scientist with People for Wildlife, stresses the efficiency of reptiles.

"As a highly specialised group, they require 90 per cent less food and calorie inputs, cope with extreme conditions better than most warm-blooded animals, and do not transmit dangerous diseases like FMD."

Globally, he noted, reptile production has long been excluded from agricultural industrialisation and the globalisation of Western food systems.

"Now, rising costs and environmental threats are calling for a seismic shift," he said, adding that more than 40 per cent of reptiles, snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodiles, are now farmed for meat, skins, and pharmaceuticals.

Biologically, the case is strong. A monitor lizard can live 20-30 years, reaches maturity in two to three years, lays up to 40 eggs annually, and grows to market size in about eight years.

"That outpaces many traditional livestock bred for meat in Botswana," said Dr Aust.

Skeptics remain. Commercial reptile farming is uncharted territory in Botswana's regulations, and scaling will require clear guidelines on welfare, slaughter, and food safety.

Dr Aust acknowledges the gap, "We are working with authorities to get it right. The goal is safe, ethical, and legal production."

For now, his farm is quiet. No lowing, no clucking. Just the occasional rustle as a Kgwathe slips into shade. It is not the farm Botswana imagined.

"They are built for this climate. Botswana is built for them," Dr Aust disclosed.

The big question now remains, "Are reptiles an overlooked treasure with economic potential to change livelihoods? **BOPA**

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## Ookeditse o tlaa simolodisa segopotso sa HIV/AIDS

Calviniah Kgautlhe  
LOBATSE

E tlaare ka Tshipi kwa Lobatse, mothusa tona wa lephata la botsogo, Rre Lawrence Ookeditse a simolodise mengwe ya moletlo e tlaa tshwarwang go go baakanyetsa letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la segopotso sa bolwetsi jwa AIDS monongwaga.

Letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la segopotso sa AIDS le tlaa tshwarwa kwa mafelong a ngwaga ka kgwedi ya Sedimonthole a rogwa kwa Lobatse.

Moono wa segopotso sa bolwetsi jwa AIDS ke go gopola ba ba latlhegetsweng ke matshelo ka ntlha ya bolwetsi jo.

Molomaganya ditirelo tsa bolwetsi jwa AIDS kwa Lobatse, Rre Kebonyemodisa Marumo a re tiro eo e tlaa tshwarwa ka fa tlase ga setlhogo sa, 'Bonesa Letlotlo. Gakologelwa.

Tswelela. Tsaya Kgato' mme e rulagantswe ke lekalana la National AIDS and Health Promotilon Agency (NAHPA) le la Botswana Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (BONEPWA) ba tshwaragane le morafe le boeteledipele jwa Lobatse.

Rre Marumo o supile gore e tlaare mo maitseboeng a letsatsi la Tshipi go tlaa tshubiwa kerese e kgolo kwa Lobatse Civic Center e le nngwe ya ditirelo tse di tlaa simolodisang segopotso monongwaga.

A supa jalo gore metseletsele ya ditirelo tse dingwe e tlaa latela e e akaretsang go tshwarwa ga merapelo kgatlhanong le AIDS - Month of Prayer Against HIV/AIDS, e e tlaa tshwarwang ka kgwedi ya Lwetse mme ditirelo di tlaa tswelela jalo ka go latelana go fitlhela segopotso sa mafatshe-fatshe se tshwarwa ka Morule a rogwa.

O supile fa nwa kgatlhanong le kanamo ya bolwetsi jwa HIV/AIDS e se kgang ya letsatsi le le lengwe, a re ke ka moo puso e tsweletseng ka go dira gotlhe gore ope a seka a salela kwa morago mo ntsweng kgatlhanong le bolwetsi jo, go akaretswa bana, bagolo, banana, ba-na-le-bogole, batho ba ba tshelang le mogare, le bathokomedi ba balwetsi.

Ka jalo, a re go tshubiwa ga kerese go tlaa etelwa pele ke batho ba ba tshelang le mogare wa HIV ka e le bone konokono ya segopotso le gone go supa gore fifing go tshwaranwa ka dikobo.

Mo godimo ga moo, mogolwane yoo a re maikaelelo



Mothusa tona wa Lephata la Botsogo Rre Lawrence Ookeditse, o tlaa tshuba kerese kwa Lobatse ka Tshipi, kwa moletlong wa go simolodisa go baakanyetsa letsatsi la mafatshefatshe la segopotso sa bolwetsi jwa AIDS.

a segopotso kgatlhanong le mogare wa HIV/AIDS ke go gopola botlhe ba ba latlhegetsweng ke matshelo ka ntlha ya bolwetsi joo, go naalana maele le go abelana dikitso tse disha mabapi le mogare wa HIV/AIDS ka dipatliso di tswelsetse ka go dirwa.

A re seemo se ntse se a fetoga mo ntsweng kgatlhanong le mogare lefatshe ka bophara ka jaana mo nakong e go setse go na le gore motho o ka tsaya mokento ARV ntleng le dipilisi mme seo se diragala kwa mafatsheng a mangwe fa mo Botswana go ise go simololwe.

Rre Marumo o supile gape gore fa motho a tsaya diritibatsi tsa mogare sentle mme mogare o bo o kgona go ritibala go na le kgonagalo ya gore go nne thata gore o ka o fetisetse kwa mokapelong wa gagwe mme tseo ke dingwe tsa dikitso tse disha.

Rre Marumo o ne a supa gore mo nakong eno dipaakanyo di tswelsetse sentle mme e bile melaetsa ka bolwetsi jwa AIDS le mogare wa HIV di tswelsetse ka go gasiwa kwa mafelong a a farologanyeng mo toropong ya Lobatse le kwa mafelong a mangwe go ralala lefatshe leno.

O ne a supa gape gore Lobatse ke nngwe ya ditoropo tse go lemogilweng go na le thitibalo ya mogare wa HIV ka gore go ya ka dipatlisiso tsa ngwaga wa 2022 tsa Botswana AIDS Impact Survey bokete jwa mogare kwa Lobatse ke 13.4 per cent (HIV prevalence) mme mo Botswana jotlhe HIV Prevalence ke 20.8 per cent ka



jalo go a supega gore toropo eo e amilwe ke bolwetsi joo mme e seng thata.

O tshalositse gore ka letsatsi la Tshipi la go tshuba kerese, go tlaa nna le metlaagana (stalls) ya makalana otlhe a a amegang mabapi le bolwetsi jwa HIV/AIDS. BOPA

## Tshwaragano ya mapalamente e ka thusa go lwantsha tlhako le molomo

Omphile Ntakhwana  
SELEKA

Banni ba Seleka kwa Tumasera ba kopile gore mapalamente a Tswapong borwa le Tswapong bokone ba tshwaragane le morafe go lwantsha bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo jo bo amileng kgaolo ya Tswapong.

Fa ba bua kwa phuthegong ya kgotla e neng e buisiwa ke mopalamente wa Tswapong borwa, Dr Kesetigile Gobotswang ka Labobedi, banni ba kopile gore mapalamente ba eme ka dinao le morafe go baakanya terata e kgaoganyang melerwane ya dikgaolo tsa taolo mathoko a leruo.

Banni ba supile gore go emela gore puso e baakanye terata go ka diega, ka jalo go tlaa nna botoka gore morafe o tseye boikarabelo jwa go baakanya terata.

Mo dikgannyeng tse dingwe, banni ba ngongoregile ka go tlhoka sekole se segolwane, ba supa fa bana ba sokola fa ba fetsa Mophato wa Boraro ba romelwa go tswelela dithuto kwa Shoshong, le fa ba le gaufi le sekole sa Lotsane kwa Palapye.

Ba tshalositse go nna bokete go tlhola bana kgapetsa, ka jalo ba kopa gore kgang ya gore ban aba amogelwe go dira Mophato wa bone kwa sekolong se segolwane sa Lotsane.

Kgosi Kobe Baitswi o supile gore motse o na le mathata a le

mmalwa, go akaretsa letlhoko la metsi.

"Re lela ka letlhoko la metsi mo Seleka. Kwa Sekolong sa Sesholo ke mathata fela ka ntlha ya go tlhoka metsi. Ke ipotsa gore barutabana ba tlaa ntsha jang maduo fa seemo se ntse jaana," ga bua Kgosi Baitswi. O tshalositse fa maranyane a ditlhaletsano a sokodisa kwa Motseng wa bone, mme go buisana ka megala ya letheka go ntse go le bothata.

"Lephata la kabo ditsha ga le re lekole, le fa ele gone go tshwara diphuthago tsa kgotla. Sale re ba bona bogologolo fa o buisa phuthago, mme le tsona ditsholofetso ga diragadiwe," a tlhalosa.

Kgosi o ne a tlhalosa gape gore

thobo ya ngwaga ono e amegile ka ntlha ya masimo a a amilweng ke pula le merwalela. O lebogile lephata la temo-thuo ka go tla go iponela seemo ka matlho.

Kgosi Baitswi o kopile puso potlakela go baakanya tsela ya Palapye-Martin's Drift, ka e le bothokwa thata mo kgaolong.

Fa a akgela ka bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo, Dr Gobotswang o supile gore naga e apesitwe ke bolwetsi jo.

"Re santse re tsile go goga bokete. Kgakololo ya rona ke gore go dirwe melolwane e mesha, le gore dikgaolo tsa taolo mathoko a leruo di fokodiwe bophara gore go nne bonolo go tlhokomela terata le go tlhodumela leruo sentle," ga tlhalosa Dr Gobotswang. BOPA



Lawyer, Mr Keorapetse Sambere (right) consulting with his client, Lovemore Sithole during the second day of trial at Gaborone High Court on Tuesday. Sithole is accused of murdering Tlotso Karema in March 2022. His Defence is challenging the admissibility of the confession statement made before a judicial officer. Mr Sambere argued that his client was coerced by the police into admitting to killing his stepson. Photo: Phenyio Ramatu

# Hidden hand behind Tlotso death - defence lawyer

Bonang Masolotatse  
GABORONE

Zimbabwe immigrant, Lovemore Sithole, was not the last person seen with deceased seven-year-old Tlotso Karema and therefore could not have been his killer, the Gaborone High Court heard on Tuesday.

This will form part of Sithole's testimony on a trial-within-a-trial before Justice Matlhogonolo Phuthogo, in which he is seeking

to have a 2022 confession statement ruled inadmissible and to clear himself of the murder charge.

His attorney, Mr Keorapetse Sambere, told Gaborone High Court that his client was coerced by police into admitting to killing his stepson.

During cross-examination of investigating Officer Detective Assistant Superintendent Tiroyaone Gosibotsile, Mr Sambere said his client would testify that he was forced to

confess and then taken to a judicial officer to have the statement recorded.

Mr Sambere alleged that Sithole was forced to undress in front of 12 officers, including a female officer, at Sejelo Police Station.

While undressed, Sithole was allegedly made to wear black refuse bag as trouser and another as a top, and a third bag was used to suffocate him and made to lie on the floor while an officer sat on his laps.

"He says he was suffocated until he almost passed out, and other officers were kicking him all over his body," Mr Sambere said, adding that his client only admitted to the crime under duress.

Sithole was later taken to Lobatse Police Station, where arrangements were made for him to give a confession before a judicial officer.

The court also heard that Sithole was taken to the Directorate of Intelligence and Security (DIS) office in a Corolla driven by the investigating officer, Detective Assistant Superintendent Gosibotsile, along with another officer and a prison escort, and handed over to DIS officers.

However, Detective Assistant Superintendent Gosibotsile denied knowledge of the visit and said the DIS were not involved in the investigations.

Also, Mr Sambere said Sithole would testify that on August 30 and 31, 2022, while at the DIS office, he identified the last person seen with Karema and implicated that person in the killing.

He also said the person sent a Karema's mother a message directing her to the child's remains.

However, Detective Assistant Superintendent Gosibotsile maintained that Sithole confessed voluntarily, led police to the boy's remains, and acted alone, noting that the police did not work with the DIS and had no other suspects.

The officer added that Sithole confessed to using a sangoma needle called machonyonyo, which could not be recovered as it 'disappeared immediately'.

And further told the court Sithole that showed police the route to the crime scene, where he bathed in water mixed with Karema's blood and where he wore clothes after bathing.

He then led investigators to Kanye to retrieve the clothes he wore after bathing, noting that the items were sent for forensic analysis, but no DNA matching Karema was found.

"My instruction from him is that he did not kill Karema," Mr Sambere said. "What he wrote was because of torture and fear."

He knew that even after appearing before the magistrate, he would still be handed back to you."

Mr Sambere argued that the statement contained an untrue account of how the child died and was not made freely or voluntarily.

Sithole is charged with killing Karema in March 2022 in Lobatse.

The trial continues and the judicial officer is expected to testify. Ends **BOPA**



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

## EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 6 OF 2026

#### VACANCY: Deputy Director (Development and Operations)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated employees for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Department of Mines. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

**Salary Scale:** E2 (P449 256 – P464 236 per annum)

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

**Benefits:** Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

**Duration:** 2 – 3 years' contract

**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in Mining/ Metallurgy / Chemical / Mineral Processing from a recognized and accredited institution. A Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB)/possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

**Experience:** A minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience in the mining industry, two (2) years of which should have been at D1 level or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

**Main Purpose of the Job:** To oversee the process of applications for mining and minerals permits, and licenses as well as ensuring that exploitation of the mineral resources is done in the most efficient and beneficial manner.

#### Key Performance Areas:

- Oversees the assessment of Minerals Permits/ Mining License/Semi Precious Stones Dealers License/ Retention license/ Development license/ Permit to Import Minerals/Permit for possession of unwrought Precious Metal applications.
- Oversees issuance of authorizations of minerals samples permits and Tender Clearance certificates.
- Oversees inspections and audits of mining operations for compliance to mining legislations and approved mining programmes.
- Makes follow up on inspections and audit recommendations/queries.
- Oversees review of rehabilitation/reclamation programmes for Retention licence, Development licence, Mining licence and Mineral Permits.
- Interprets and analyses mining operations data and advice accordingly.
- Provides technical advice on mining related matters.
- Contributes to reviews of Acts, Policies and Regulations on mining and minerals operations.
- Prepares financial budget estimates for the Division.
- Facilitates training and development programmes for subordinate staff.
- Guides subordinate staff on specific tasks and assignments.
- Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

#### Key Competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Leading and Supervising
- Formulating Strategies and Concepts
- Planning and Organising
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the vacancy circular number and provide the following:

- Full names and postal address.
- Certified copy of national Identity Card.
- Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
- Two recent reference letters (**not more than six (6) months old**)
- Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2026

#### VACANCY: Deputy Director, Inspectorate

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated employees for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Department of Mines. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

**Salary Scale:** E2 (P449,256-P464,236per annum)

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

**Benefits:** Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

**Duration:** 2 – 3 years' contract

**Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in Mining/Environmental/ Electrical/Mechanical from a recognized and accredited institution. A Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

**Experience:** A minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience in the mining industry, two (2) years of which should have been at D1 level or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

**Main Purpose of the Job:** To oversee compliance of mining operations to health, safety and environmental legislation as well as the safe use of explosives.

#### Key Performance Areas:

- Oversees timely processing of Grant titles (permits, licences, authorisations and approvals for explosives, machinery and environmental).
- Coordinates inspections of mining operations and evaluates issued instructions.
- Evaluates audit reports for effectiveness of health and safety systems implemented by mining companies
- Attends to appeals on inspection/audits instructions
- Reviews effectiveness of Health and Safety programmes to promote the health and safety of persons at mines and any person affected by the mining and blasting activities.
- Provides direction and raise awareness on safe work programmes, hazard identification and the use of personal protective equipment.
- Provides guidance on the implementation of Safety, Health and Welfare to ensure that mining programmes are conducted in a safe manner.
- Provides guidance on the implementation of environmental regulations to ensure that mining activities are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Interprets reports generated from data collected on mining and explosives activities and ensure strategic alignment.
- Prepares financial budget estimates for the Division.
- Facilitates training and development programmes for subordinate staff.
- Guides subordinate staff on specific tasks and assignments.
- Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

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- Two recent reference letters (**not more than six (6) months old**)
- Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

All Applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their respective Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications **NOT** so routed will not be considered. All applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

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

### Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Minerals and  
Energy  
Private Bag 0018

OR hand delivered to:  
Ministry of Minerals and Energy  
Fairgrounds Office Park  
First Floor  
Records Management Unit

### CLOSING DATE: 5th June 2026

For further information, required contact Human  
Resource Management Unit at  
3656651/6695/6686/6673/6693.

# Khoemacau injects P1.4m in school refurbishment

Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

MAUN

**M**MG Khoemacau Copper Mining Company has injected over P1.4 million into the refurbishment of Kubung Primary School, a move expected to significantly improve the learning environment for learners and teachers at the school.

The refurbishment project,

officially handed over on Tuesday, involved major renovations across the school infrastructure, including replacement of ceilings in all 11 classroom blocks, installation of air conditioners, refurbishment of damaged floors, doors, toilets and windows as well as repainting of school buildings, electrical works and kitchen maintenance.

The company also rehabilitated the school's perimeter screen wall and repaired the main gate which had become unusable due to damage and wear over the years.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Khoemacau director of operations, Mr Xia Weiquan, said the mining company remained committed to investing in sustainable community development initiatives

that improve people's livelihoods beyond mining activities and pledged a continue support towards the school.

He said the refurbishment project reflects the company's belief that education plays a central role in transforming communities and securing a better future for children.

Mr Weiquan further applauded the longstanding friendship and cooperation between Botswana and China, saying the successful completion of the project demonstrated the value of international partnerships in community development.

"The project would not have been possible without the friendship between Botswana and China," he said. However, in a recorded

keynote address, the Chinese Ambassador to Botswana, Mr Fan Yong, commended Chinese companies operating in Botswana for continuously supporting community development initiatives.

He said such efforts strengthened relations between the two countries while contributing meaningfully towards improving lives within local communities.

North West District Council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng, applauded Khoemacau mine for supporting the education sector at a time when government resources remain strained.

He urged learners to use the improved infrastructure as a motivation to work hard and excel in their studies.

Kubung Primary School head, Ms Grace Molapisi, appreciated the project saying it came at a critical time as the school had continued to perform well academically despite operating under difficult conditions.

"The school has been doing really well as we attained a 93.9 per cent pass rate in 2025 despite overcrowded classrooms and limited resources," she added.

Ms Molapisi encouraged learners to take responsibility to protect the refurbished facilities and maintaining cleanliness around the school premises. She further appealed to parents, teachers and school staff to continue working together to improve academic performance and strive toward a 100 per cent pass rate. **BOPA**

## Maemo calls for restoration of family values

Naomi Leepile

TSABONG

Tsabong Deputy District Commissioner has challenged men to rise and rebuild the dignity of manhood by confronting the modern pressures threatening the foundation of the family.

The deputy commissioner, Ms Maitumelo Maemo made the call when addressing the UCCSA Men's Convention in Tsabong recently.

Her presentation, which centered on the alarming rise of marital pressures and divorce cases in the 21st century, served as both a sobering reality check and a roadmap for domestic restoration.

Ms Maemo identified a complex web of challenges currently suffocating modern marriages, ranging from the lingering financial strains of the COVID-19 pandemic to a pervasive lack of transparency between spouses.

She noted that issues such as infidelity and the complications surrounding children born out of wedlock continued to act as primary catalysts for the breakdown of the home.

According to the Deputy District Commissioner, these fractures were often deepened by a fundamental lack of communication and a failure to control emotions during times of conflict.

Ms Maemo also warned delegates against the habit of spending excessive time on mobile phones, urging couples instead to balance their daily routines to prioritise quality time with one another. She emphasised that for a marriage to thrive, couples must learn to make plans together and establish healthy boundaries with extended family members, ensuring that the sanctity of the marriage bed and mutual respect remain paramount.

She further argued that the strength of the church and society was intrinsically linked to the stability of the home.

She challenged the men in attendance to become 'unshakable' by seeking out mentors and embracing a spirit of forgiveness.

Without the ability to forgive and move on, she warned, the path almost inevitably leads to the divorce courts.

Ms Maemo urged the men to leave a mark by being present for their families. By building strong, transparent, and communicative households today, she noted, they were not just saving their own marriages, but laying the groundwork for a more resilient and dignified generation. **BOPA**



### Mode Of Attendance:

Block Release Delivery: Classes are conducted on Saturday and Sunday every seven weeks.

Time: 0800hrs-1700hrs

Programme Commencement:

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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Application Fee: P50.00

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31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

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## FARM WORKER

**FEMALE FARM WORKER** wanted in Ramotswa, nuts farming. Email miller@gmail.com

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Kgatleng: Kedisaletse Popo Box 504 Molepolole.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Magakabe lands, Takatokwane. Call 72884148 Box 81856 Gaborone.

**I AM LOOKING** for farm worker to work in Kutolaname village Ramosesa ward. P O Box 1284 Mogoditshane Cell 74204678

**FARMWORKER WANTED-TSHETHWANE** lands. Apply to : Kago Pelayame, P O Box 520 Molepolole

**FARMWORKER NEEDED- BASARWA** / Kubung lands. Contact : Motlhatlosi Mosaunyana. P O Box 736 Thabaga

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** Tshupane lands. Apply : Boitshhepo O' Mara , Box 898 Molepolole

**LOOKING FOR FARM** worker at Rakhuna. Contact 72218166 Moagi Bareeleng Box 282 Kang.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Letlhakeng, KokoJane lands. Write to Box 501036 Gaborone. James David Segapo

**URGENTLY FARM WORKERS** wanted long and short term at Mantshwabisi, Box 143 Lentsweletau 75243099 / 73825272

**3M RANCHING PTY** Ltd Box 15 Pandamatenga Farms farm labourers needed, minimum 5 years experience drivers license required D. Mulder 73842005

**MOCHUDI MAUBANE FARMS** I am looking for a farm worker /herdboy to work at my farm. Send your application letter or CV to 71412177 Waipeta Tsimologo P.O Box Gaborone

**3 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Chenin Blanc Pty Ltd in Selepa contact 71553278 P O Box 3046 Francistown Closing date 25/05/2026

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Sebina P O Box 261 Sebina call Kebawetse Masima 75666734

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** apply Thabang Moje Box 2088 Mochudi.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Moleleme farms, Kweneng area. P O Box 109 Aah, Mase Gaborone. Contact 78365867

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted at Masweabasadi Kotolaname. Closing 20/06/26. P O Box 3084 Molepolole. Cell no: 72849459

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Sekoma Village. Contact 77428535

**FISH FARM WORKER** wanted in Mmahiko 2-3 years experience. Send CV identicalconsultants@gmail.com. P O Box 20852 Gabs. Deadline 31 May 2026

**FARM WORKER WANTED** urgently at Morwa. Contact Ramonala R. Thamage. Cell number 76012093

**FARMWORKER WANTED MARIA** Rosa Bag F219 Francistown 74367599

**TWO HERDBOYS WANTED** Tonota Obobonye Makholo Box 30824 Francistown 76272023

**FARMWORKERS WANTED APPLY**, Box M1219, Kanye. Closing 12/6/26.

**KE BATLA MODISA** ko Masoke/Kanye. Cell 73974775.

**VEGETABLE FARMER LOOKING** for workers. Apply to P.O Box 1528, Mogoditshane

**URGENTLY WANTED FARM** worker at Malau Farm. Apply to Tebogo Seboko Box 171 Digawana. Contact 76945832, work experience 5 years. Closing date 30.05.2026.

**WANTED: FARM WORKER** at Medie,. Apply: Lorato Gaopatwe, Box 351 Lentsweletau. Cell: 74355847. Closing date: 05/06/2026

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** at Lesetlheng, Kweneng District. Contact : Katlego Benjamin Moatshe at : 77026024

**HERDBOY WANTED URGENTLY.** Apply to P O Box 295 Letlhakane

**HERDMAN WANTED AT** Diphepe village. Apply to Koketso Mashabane P O Box 41034 Gaborone/ 76784611 or 71867085

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** in Salajwe. Apply to Mr Douglas M. Modiagane P O Box 874 Gabane. Closing date 06/06/2026.

**URGENTLY NEED TWO** farm workers at Nkudialla Oodi. Apply to P O Box 4849 Gaborone or contact Mr Bakgori Chakalisa on 71320407. Closing date 3 June 2026

**GENERAL FARM WORKER** urgently wanted in Lentsweletau. Call 71590256/ 76934020

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED** at Kgalapitse. Call Kelvin Andren Saundry 26771302570

**KE BATLA MODISA** wa dikgomo ko morakeng wa Mthowetsho, ko Nata. A bo a itse go palama pitse. Leletsa 77044535 kana 72170966 Mr Gosekilwe Box 77 Nata

**FARM WORKER WANTED** apply Box 602116 Gaborone

**HERDBOY WANTED** at Raubeng lands Box 1008 Ramotswa

**FARMWORKERS WANTED, TAUESHELE**, contact Durban Gaone Botoka. 72979696, salary P1 800.00. Closing 06/06/2026.

**FARM WORKER WANTED**, Ditladi farms. Tonic Maruatona 72256165

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**SHINDINGS (PTY) LTD** wants (4) four experienced horticulture farm workers at Plot 32860 Glenvalley, Gaborone. Contact W. J. Henning 74712178. Closing date 30/05/2026.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** for small stock with experience. Call 72660634

**FEMALE FARM WORKER** wanted in Goo Modingwana. Contact Molatlhegi Mmokolodi 72428699.

**URGENTLY IN NEED** of two farm workers at Maphephe lands in Kgatleng District. The applicant must have minimum of five to ten years experience. Apply to Ehsan Tajbhai, P O Box 786 Mogoditshane,. Closing date 30th May 2026. 72309202

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Malokaganyane lands. Address P.O.Box 204 Pitsane. Cell: 71707283. Closing Date: 04/06/2026.

**URGENTLY WANTED FARM** worker. Apply to Tayson Rankogo Matsapa Box 1025 Molepolole. Call 73061767

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME (IN TERMS OF SECTION 8(1)(F) OF MARRIED PERSONS PROPERTY ACT, 2014)

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that:

1. ISHMAEL JUTA and NYALADZI JUTA (Nee Phatswane), married in community of property on the 05th of September 2013 in Francistown, intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana for leave to change their marital regime from in community of property to out of community of property.

2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of the first publication hereof.

3. Any person, creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties' Attorneys, ELIJAH ATTORNEYS, before the expiration of the said three (3) week period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026.

ELIJAH ATTORNEYS Applicant's Attorneys  
Plot 1278, Cliff House,, Old Lobatse Road  
P O Box 4413, GABORONE  
TEL: 311 3690

3<sup>rd</sup> PUBLICATION

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  - Certificate in Testing and Maintenance of Mobile Cranes
  - Minimum 10 years experience as a Crane Technician
  - Previous experience as a Mechanical Fitter will be an added advantage
  - Working at Heights certificate is a must
- Please note that we will only contact shortlisted candidates.

### Apply to:

The Human Resources Department  
Private Bag 047 LOBATSE

OR EMAIL TO: [boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa](mailto:boitshwarelo@gearmc.africa)

Closing Date: 04 June 2026

### NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

MAOKANYANE SAMSON GOMANG-ESHGB - 000285/25

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased person specified above are hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin Meeting to be held on the **9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026 at 0900 hours** - before **B. P. Kemorwale** at the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the Next of Kin are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as **Executor (s) / Executrices Dative**, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

### NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at **Mahalapye 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
KAELO KELEBOGILE	ESHMY 0000307-26	15.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

### UV PRINTING & DIGITAL CUTTING TABLE TECHNICIAN

**Fleetline Graphics (Pty) Ltd**, a printing, signage and brand company invites applications for **1 position of UV Printing & Digital Cutting Table Technician**.

#### Requirements:

- Minimum 5 years' experience operating industrial UV flatbed printers
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### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000105-26**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **THATAYAONE TITUS KOOFETHILE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 30th of October 2024.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof. DATED at Mahalapye on this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2026.

Executrix Dative, Kagiso Grace Koofethile, P O Box 4073, **SEROWE, Cell: 77188756**

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE ESHMY 000962 - 26

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DINKWETSE BOIDITSWE - ESHMY 000062 - 26** who died at Kgaratshi Ward, Ramokgonami, Central-Mahalapye District on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

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

Dated at Mahalapye this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 142  
RAMOKGONAMI

AND TO: **MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG 6 MAHALAPYE**

### Notice of Lost Title Deed

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Mr. Kabelo Cecil Letlole intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No. 2075/2012 dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012 made in favour of Mr. Kabelo Cecil Letlole in respect of:

Piece of land being Lot No. 56737;  
In Gaborone, Block 10;  
398m<sup>2</sup> (Three hundred and ninety eight square metres)  
Certificate of registered state Title No. 2075/2012 dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2026

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000614-24

#### FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KAGISO TAYLOR MPENYA - ESHFT 000614-24** who died at Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026

.....  
The Executor Dative  
Jabulani Kagiso Mpenya  
P O Box 351 NKANGE

AND TO: Master of the high court  
Private Bag F13  
FRANCISTOWN

**2 FARM WORKERS** wanted in Gabane ploughing fields. Apply to P O Box 3789 Gaborone Cell No. 74446243

**FARMWORKERS WANTED AT** Ditladi contact Stincine Bafana 71258129 Box 2527 Francistown

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Ramotswa. Experience in livestock and nuts farming with Portuguese background for exchange programmes. Contact Kelenetse Moloi 72274667

**HERD BOY WANTED** (married) at Tsumpane cattle post. Box 421 Palapye. Cell 72645769. Mr Mothusi Smally Tshomane.

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Ditshukudu. Contact 77160974. Difela Ramatlakapela Box 087 AAD Gaborone

**3 FARM WORKERS** wanted to work in Kalamare, 2 wanted to work in Mmamashia. Contact 73962698.

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** at Matlhage in Kgatleng district. Apply to Moilwe Tebogo Matshai P O Box 1759 Mochudi Closing date: 02/06/2026

**ONE HERDBOY/ GIRL** wanted Mabudzane Box 2353 Sarah Baningi 77607471

**THREE FARMWORKERS WANTED** Mathangwane Cecilia Modongo Box 160 Mathangwane 76272023

**TWO HERDBOYS WANTED** wanted Thekwane Archiebold Mosojane Box 30602 Francistown

**THREE FARMWORKERS NEEDED** Semitwe Mphatshi Phindza Box 2026 Francistown 75903963

**ONE HERDBOY WANTED** Tsamaya Dumani Kethokile Bag F8 Francistown 7444789

**ONE FARMWORKER WANTED** Mphane Tshepiso Moyo Box 187 Francistown 75658892

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**DOREEN LETSATLE OF** Plots number 6266 and 6267 Gabane, informs neighbours of plot 6265 and 6268 at Gabane that she is changing her plots into multi-residential. Any objection call 71768495 within 21 days of notice.

**OWNER OF PLOT 12047 @** Gaborone (Tawana) inform neighbours of the intension of change of land use from residential to multi family residential. Whoever has an objection should forward it to 72188515.

**MOTLABASEO LEDIKWE, WOULD** like to change land use from Single Family Residential to Civic and Community (clinic) at Plot No.456 Palapye, Extension 4. For any objections, please contact Palapye District Council, Physical Planning Office, Telephone No.4930800/89 within 14 days of this publication.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Mookane Holdings (Pty) Ltd would like to change the land use of their ploughing field in Mookane village, from agriculture to mixed use agriculture (50% agriculture & 50% industrial). Any objections should be forwarded to Mahalapye District Council / contact 76234592 within 14 days of this publication.

**PAKI MAGOTHO OWNER** of a commercial plot at Ntobgwe ward in Tutume intends to change landuse from commercial to single family residential. Any objections may be forwarded to Tutume District Council Physical Planning Office or contact 2987232 within 14 (Fourteen) days of publication of this notice.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 4609 Molapowabojang would like to change land use from single family residential to commercial guest house. For any queries contact Kanye district council physical planning unit 5440217

**CHANGE OF LAND** use. Owner of plot 13010 Palapye, Rabaeng intends to change land use from single to multi family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council on 4930800, within 14 days of publication.

**NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION**

**Tikologo Sekao** intends to subdivide a ploughing field at Gakuto and change the resultant portion to Mixed Use: Agriculture and Industrial (Controlled Quarry Extraction).

Objections or enquiries: +267 73 004 255 or Molepolole Physical Planning Office, 592 0841.

**THE OWNER OF** plot 15598 situated at Mafithlakgosi, Tlokweng would like to build a boundary wall around the plot. Any objections should be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning Office on 3695000 within 14 days from this publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT** number 12850 AreaA wants to apply for change of landuse from single to multiresidential. For queries contact F.C.C 2411050

**I FRANCINAH SEREMA** would like to make a change of land use from civic and community to multi residential at plot number 5673 Mogoditshane block 7.

**OWNER OF PLOT** 7665 Mofusi Molebatsi wishes to inform the public of their intention to carry out change of landuse at Tlokweng. Objections must be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council within 14 days

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN**  
ESHFT-000002-25

**FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **AGNES DIKELEDI PULE** ESHFT-000002-25 who died at NYANGABWE REFERRAL HOSPITAL FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 05<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024.

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

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026**

<b>TICKEY PULE</b> EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 80904, GABORONE	<b>AND TO:</b>	MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN
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**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the 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.

<b>Name of Deceased Person</b> CAIFUS MBIMBA	<b>Estate Number</b> ESHFT-000416/26	<b>Date Of Meeting</b> 11/08/26	<b>Time</b> 0900HR	<b>Master</b> ARM
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**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19 TH DAY OF MAY 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed **No. 3073/2006** dated **18 day of December 2006** made in favor of **Angelina Querry Orora** in respect of the Lot

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being Lot 4013 Ghanzi  
**SITUATE:** In the Ghanzi Administration District  
**MEASURING:** 384 m<sup>2</sup> (Three hundred and Eighty four square meter)  
**HELD UNDER:** Deed No. 3073/2006 dated 18 December 2006

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

**Dated at Gaborone on this 13 May 2026**  
APPLICANT  
**Name:** ANGELINA Q. ORORA  
**Address:** P O Box 46602 Gaborone

**NOTICE OF LOST DEED**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to apply for a certain copy of Deed No 1133/92 dated the **24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1992** in favour of **Chona Machonisa Gauthuse** in respect of the under mentioned property namely:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being lot 21407, Francistown  
**SITUATE:** At Francistown Administrative District  
**MEASURING:** 1158m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Eight square meters)

All **persons having objection** to the issue of such copy are hereby required to **lodge in the same writing** with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown **within three weeks** from the last publication of the notice.  
P O Box 30144 Francistown  
**Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS**  
Administration of Estates Act (Cap.31:01)

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

<b>Name of Deceased Person</b> BADIRETSWENG S. LEEPILE	<b>Estate Number</b> ESHMY 000304-26	<b>Date of Meeting</b> 16.06.26	<b>Time</b> 0900HRS	<b>Master</b> SARM
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**DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 23<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

**URGENTLY REQUIRED: JOB TITLE : Optometrist**

**EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:** Minimum 4 years' experience in Optometry Clinic/ Hospital

**QUALIFICATIONS** : Bachelor's degree in Optometry, Master's and Doctors degree will be added advantage

**VACANCY : 01 | CLOSING DATE : 5/6/2026**

**JOB SUMMARY:**

- Optometry clinic work which includes attending patients in clinic, overall management of the practice. And maintenance and upkeep of Optometry equipment's
- Maintaining professional relationship with patients and staff at practice
- Registration with Botswana Health Professions council is mandatory requirement

**Apply to:** EYE Q VISION CARE (PTY) LTD  
JWANENG | SHOP NO 25, CHOPPIES MALL, JWANENG  
**CELL:** 75 562 544 | **EMAIL:** info@eos.co.bw

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000087-26

**IN THE ESTATE** of the Late **PATSON POMPE MAELE** who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **10th July 2024.**

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

**DATED at Mahalapye on this 18th Day of May 2026.**  
Executrix Dative  
Betty Maele  
P O Box 11362 **PALAPYE** Cell: 74568410

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Master's Reference:ESHGB 000866-23

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **KGOTLAYAME MAKABE** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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

**DATED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026**  
The Executor Dative, Dineo Makabe, P O Box 1584,  
**MOLEPOLOLE, Cell:72964774**

**FULL TIME MINISTER - LOBATSE**  
ADVERTISEMENT: POSITION AVAILABLE

Organisation: **Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana: Lobatse Congregation**  
Position: Full time Minister  
Location: Lobatse

The Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana: Lobatse Congregation, invites suitably qualified candidates to apply for the position of a Full time Minister.

**Requirements / Qualifications:**

- A recognised theological qualification - BA Theology, BTh Theology or equivalent.
- Ordination as a Minister within the Dutch Reformed Church or a recognised denomination (or eligibility to be recognised within DRCB)
- Demonstrated Strong calling to ministry and commitment to spiritual leadership
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work effectively within a diverse congregational and community setting.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Proficiency in Afrikaans as it is required for effective ministering within the congregation
- Knowledge of English and/or Setswana will be an added advantage

**Key Responsibilities:**  
• Lead worship services and preach the Word,

- primarily in Afrikaans, or line with the language needs of the congregation
- Provide pastoral care, counselling and spiritual support to members
- Congregational development and spiritual guidance
- Involvement in community outreach
- Facilitate congregational development and discipleship
- Administer sacraments and all ministerial duties in accordance with the DRCB Church Order
- Work collaboratively with Church Council and the broader Church structures

**Salary:**  
Remuneration will be negotiated based on experience and qualifications.

**Applications:**  
Interested candidates are requested to submit their CV and cover letter to **drcblobatse02@gmail.com** by **5 June 2026.**

**DHARM CUTTING WORKS**

Overview: A well established Diamond Cutting & Polishing Company situated in Gaborone is offering the following positions & seeking suitable, qualifying, experienced & professional individuals eager to work.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY VACANCY**

**1. Office Janitors / Cleaners**  
• To carry out General Cleaning activities to maintain the cleanliness of the Office(s)

**2. Diamond Polishers (Final) – (All Shapes)**  
• To create perfect facets & symmetry  
• To measure and regulate the pressure applied to high – tensions stones and preventing damage to the diamonds and machiner  
• 04years Experience  
• Maximise the Diamond's brilliance & ultimate market value  
• Angle & Proportion Control, ensuring facets angles, tang levelling & girdle thickness meet strict industry (GIA) Standards  
• Achieving and sustaining of the output (Production) targets  
• Training and Controlling of all Polishers

**3. Diamond Polishers (Preparations \ Blocking)**  
• All Polishing activities, procedures and tools  
• To measure and regulate the pressure applied to high – tensions stones and preventing damage to the diamonds and machinery

**4. Optimus & MEC Bruiting Operator**  
• To ensure that they is prefect cutting and shaping of rough diamonds

**5. Accounts & Finance Manager**  
• Preparing Financial Statements  
• Taxation  
• Auditing & Compliance  
• Day to Day ledger Management  
• Cash Flow Management  
• Payroll & Accounts

**Submit CVs with copies of certificates and Motivational letter via email to:** hr.bw@ddpl.com

Correspondence to be addressed to, The Human Resources Manager, DHARM CUTTING WORKS (Pty) Ltd, P. O. Box 589ABF, BLOCK 8, Gaborone or Hand Deliver to our Offices to, Block3 Industrial ,Western Estates, Plot 69365, Unit 2.

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be responded to  
**Closing Date: 12 JUNE 2026**

**OWNER OF PLOT 7993** in Palapye wishes to change her plot from Single-Family to Multi-Residential Family, for any enquiries, please contact Palapye District Council at 4921693.

**OWNER OF PLOT 31191** @ Serowe informs neighbours with the intention of erecting boundary wall. Whoever has an objection should forward it to 72188515

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION, OWNER** of plot 21501 Maun, Boseja ward intends to erect a boundary. Any objections should be forwarded to Maun District Council on 6817912, with 14 days of publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT 6417** at Maratang Tlokwenng notifies neighbours about change of land use from single to multi residential. Any objections be forwarded to Tlokwenng Landboard 3928277

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Migrace Holdings (Pty) Ltd, owner of residential plot 13450 Mogoditshane would like to change land use from residential to multi-residential. For any objections contact Mogoditshane / Thamaga Sub District Council Physical Planning Office on Telephone No. 3105615 or contact Migrace Holdings (Pty) Ltd at 3182111

**CHANGE OF LAND USE.** Owner of plot 13010 Palapye, Rabaeng intends to change land use from single to multi family residential. Any objections should be forwarded to Palapye District Council on 4930800, within 14 days of publication.

**OWNER OF PLOT 5479,** Masetlheng, Tlokwenng would like to change land use from single residential to multi residential. For any objections, contact Tlokwenng physical planning office on 3925242 within 14 days of this publication

**THE OWNER OF PLOT 5006 & 5007** at Bobong would like to consolidate and change land use of the resultant portion from Single to Multifamily residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Bobirwa District Council - Physical Planning Office on 2619274 within 14 days from date of publication

**THE OWNER OF** plot 20727 Block 3 Industrial would like to inform the public and the neighbors that the intended to change the land use from industrial to mixed use. Whoever has any reservations, please contact Gaborone city council planning department on +267 3657400 within 14 days of this publication

**OWNER OF PLOT 27271** at Mogoditshane (Ledumadumane) wishes to change landuse from single family residential to multi family residential. Contact Mogoditshane-Thamaga District Council Physical Planning office for any objections at 3166670 or 74287767 within 14 days of this publication.

**THE OWNER OF PLOT 81975** at Gaborone North would like to change land use from single resident to commercial. Any objections should be forwarded to Gaborone City Council - Physical Planning Office on 3057400 within 14 days from date of publication

**CHANGE OF LAND USE** Owner (Sally Ngwako) of a plot in Matebeleng, Oodi, wishes to change land use from single residential to group living. For any queries, the public should contact Kgatleng district city council planning department within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Kgatleng District Council

**CHANGE OF LAND USE:** Sure-sure Investments Pty Ltd in Phase 1 Ext Plot No. 29698 intend to change plot use from commercial to mixed use (commercial & industrial), any objection contact Boteti physical planning office on 2909331 within 14 days of this publication

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION, OWNER** of plot 21501 Maun, Boseja ward intends to erect a boundary. Any objections should be forwarded to Maun District Council on 6817912, with 14 days of publication.

**OWNER OF LOT 307** Mmokolodi would like to change the land use from single family resident to multi family resident. Any objections should be forwarded to Gamaletse District Council Ramotswa on 5381200 within 14 days of this publication.

**OWNERS OF PLOT** used to be BDF Camp, Kavimba wish to change landuse from Institutional Housing to Commercial. Any queries contact Physical Planning Chobe District Council on 6254649

#### NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**OWNER OF PLOT 7176** Mogoditshane Block 7 would like to change the land from single family to multi family. Any objection contact planning office Mogoditshane within 14 days

**FINEMART PTY LTD**, owner of plot 17235, situated at Terateng, Tlokwenng intends to sub-divide the said ploughing field into two portions (A-B) as Mixed Agricultural use. Any objection must be forwarded to Tlokwenng landboard - 3698400 or Finemart - 3980317

**TSEHISO LAME LEPTOKISI** to apply for a change of land use from single family to multi residential in plot No 22163 Moshopa, Mmaphola. Any objection contact Mosopa District Council Physical Planning, Tel 5449223.

**I TICHAUYA CHINYOKA** owner of Plot 27191 Block 3 wish to change land use from residential to nursery school. For any objections contact, Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning office, No: 3907949.

**CHANGE OF LAND USE:** Owner of 2291 in Tatisiding, wishes to change land use from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact the North East Planning department within fourteen days of this publication

**I CYNTHIA CHINYOKA** owner of Plot 7847 Maruapula wish to change land use from residential to nursery school. For any objections, contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning office No, 3907949.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**FARM FOR RENT** in Lentsweletau with borehole water. Call 71590256/76934020

#### VACANCIES

**IMRAN PRIEST WANTED** in Mosque Francistown should be well in Islam Lan (Aalm) memorised the Quran (Haafiz) minimum of 4 years ahle Wa Jamaat of Francistown Box 2 Francistown

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8(1) of the Married Persons Property Act(CAP29:03))

1. Be pleased to take notice that **KHUTSAFALO KWENAETSILE** and **MOMPOLOKI KWENAETSILE** who have been married in community of property since 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at Molepolole wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of the first Publication.
3. Any person, or creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' shared estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties attorneys to ensure that no person is prejudiced by the proposed change before the expiration of the said three weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged. The address of their attorneys, the **UB LEGAL CLINIC**, is provided below.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC | OFF MABUTHO ROAD | PRIVATE BAG 00705, GABORONE

#### 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
NICO MANENGE S. BARENA	ESHMY 000173-26	22.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026  
MASTER OF THE 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
PATSON CHELA	ESHMY 000193-26	23.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE 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
MOTHATHOBI MOTSWETLA	ESHFT-000395-26	07-07-26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ISAAC MATEBLE	ESHMY 000092-26	30.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
MASTER OF THE 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
LUCKY DIALWA	ESHMY 000096-26	29.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### KITSISO GO SECHABA

##### ENVIRONMENTAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR IRON ORE MINE AT NAKALAPHALA

In fulfillment of section of section 7(2) of EA Act (CAP 65:07), notice hereby invites the Public to a Public Consultation meeting for the proposed Iron Ore Mining Project by **Premier Mining Consortium(Pty) Ltd**, under Prospecting License PL0088/24.

##### Location of the Proposed Mine

The area proposed for Iron Ore mine is situated at Nakalaphala, about 32km Southwest of Serowe.

##### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed mining development involves the open-cast extraction and processing of iron ore. Key components of the project include:

- Open-cast pit(s) and overburden dumps.
- Processing and washing plants.
- Tailings storage facilities
- Supporting infrastructure including access roads, power supply, water management systems, and a site camp.

Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering Ltd has been commissioned by **Premier Mining Consortium (Pty) Ltd** to conduct an Environmental and Archaeological Impact Studies for the proposed mining project.

##### Anticipated benefits of the Project

- Socio economic benefits, such as employment and infrastructure development access roads, electricity, etc.

##### Anticipated Adverse Impacts

- Air Quality and dust emissions
- Water pollution
- Land degradation and deforestation
- Possible relocation of land users within the proposed mining area.

Residents and all interested parties are invited to attend the Public Consultation Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in Nakalaphala, so as to share ideas and concerns.

For Further enquiries Please contact or write to:

EIA Coordinator  
P O Box 524, Palapye  
Tel: 77001727

##### TSHEKATSHEKO YA TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE MOEPO WA TSHIPI (IRON ORE) KO NAKALAPHALA

Kitsiso e e ntshiwa go ya ka Molao wa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo (EA Act of CAP 65:07), temana ya bosupa. Kitsiso ka maikutlo a Sechaba ka tshekatsheko ya tikologo (EIA) e e dirwang ya Moepe wa Tshipi(Iron Ore) ke ba kompone ya **Premier Mining Consortium(Pty) Ltd**, ka tseletso ya go thodumela ya PL0088/24.

##### Lefelo la Moepe

Lefelo le go akantsweng go dira moepe le ko Nakalaphala selekanyo sa dikhilomethara di le masome mararo le bobedi ko borwabokone ja motse wa Serowe.

##### TIRO E E TSHWANETSENG GO DIRWA

Tiro e e akantsweng go dirwa ke go dira moepe o o bolegileng go epa tshipa. Dikarolo tsa tiro ke tse dilatlang:

- Moepe o o bulegile le dikgaba tsa mmu
- Dithulaganyo tsa tshekatsheko le thaitso
- Ditsamaiso tsa polokelo ya matlakala a meepo
- Ditshegetso tsa mafaratlhatla, a ditsela, metsi le kamapa ya badiri.

Kalisa Consultancy Services & Engineering e filwe tiro ya go seka seka tikologo mabapi le kepo ya tshipi ke ba kompone ya **Premier Mining Consortium (Pty) Ltd**.

##### Maungo a Tiro e.

- Ditiro le ditlhabololo tsa ditlamelo jaaka ditsela le motlakase.

##### Ditlamorago

- Kgotelesego ya phefo le lerole.
- Kgoteleso ya metsi.
- Tshenyego ya lefatshe
- Kgongalago ya go fudusiwa ga batho ba ba mo lefelong le moepe o akanyediwang go nna tseng.

Sechaba ka karetselo le ba baamegang ba lalediwa phuthago go tla go ntsa maikutlo le go amogana megopolo, kgwedi ya Seetebosigo ele bothano, mo Nakalaphala.

Dipotso le Dikakgelo di ka lebiwa go

EIA Coordinator  
P O Box 524, Palapye  
Tel: 77001727

VACANCIES

**LOOKING FOR EXTRA** heavy duty drivers 10 years experience, record of cross border to SADC countries. Please apply to P. O Box 40864 Gaborone. Call 3906770

**DISCOVERY DRILLING CONTRACT** (Pty) Ltd requires the services of drilling operator, with relevant drilling qualifications or practical experience of 10 years or more. Apply: Box 403341, Gaborone. Closing date: 05/06/2026

**LAB SCIENTIST/ NURSE/ Phlebotomist** wanted. Send credentials to Meggascopelaboratory@gmail.com closing date 31st May 2026.

**LOOKING FOR BIOMEDICAL** Engineering Technician. Requirements: Diploma Biomedical Engineering. Experience minimum 6 years. Closing date 11-06-2026. Apply to BAFTEC Enterprises (Pty) Ltd. P O Box 471 Gabane, Botswana

VACANCIES

**LADETECH HOLDINGS ARE** currently looking for 5 carpenters/joinery with experience and machinist/spray painter. Apply to ladetechholdingsinfo@gmail.com or call +26771777109 for hard copy submission

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**KEMISCHA PTY LTD** is looking for 2 designers. Apply to P O Box 1026 Jwaneng 10 years experience wanted. Closing date 09/06/2026

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Any body who would like to view the drawings can view them At mogoditshane subdistrict council during working Hours.

Who ever has any objection to the proposal should forward it to mogoditshane physical planning office at 3105615 in writing **Within 14 days** of the publication of the notice

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

ESHMY 000087-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **OMPHEMOTSE RACHAI-ESHMY 000087-26** who died at Palapye Primary Hospital, Central-Palapye District on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

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

Dated at Mahalapye this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

**LORATO OMPHEMOTSE** AND TO: **MASTER OF HIGH COURT**  
**EXECUTOR DATIVE** **PRIVATE BAG 6**  
**PO BIX 50595** **MAHALAPYE**  
**GABORONE**  
**CELL: 71666776**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act

(Cap 31:01)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the 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
Ontefetse Dithako	ESHMY 000 157/26	15/06/26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT PALAPYE THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

Mr. Max Dintwa, The Curator, c/o **K. SEGABO ATTORNEYS, P. O Box 510, Palapye,**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administration of Estates Act [Cap.31:01]

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), **heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims** against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at **Francistown High Court** on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the 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
Paul Malikongwa & Alice Malikongwa	ESHFT-000417/26	11/08/26	0900HRS	ARM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

ESHFT-001055-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **RICHARD BUSANI ESHFT-001055-25** who died at **SELEBI PHIKWE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL** Central District on the 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026

**CINDRELLA BUSANI** AND TO: Master of the high court  
**EXECUTOR DATIVE** Private Bag F13  
**P O BOX 10349** **FRANCISTOWN**  
**SELEBI PHIKWE**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB-000011/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **Raphuti Keboditse** who died at Maradu Ward, Thamaga, Kweneng District on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

**Executive Dative Lesedi Tumedi Anigwo**  
**P. O. Box 202477 GABORONE**  
**CELL: 72 270 328**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of The High Court at Francistown High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for the 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
TYMON MATEBESI	ESHFT-000016-26	07-07-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB- 000117/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the **Late Magogodi Sebetlela** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

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

DATED AT THAMAGA ON THIS MONDAY DAY OF 18 MAY 2026

**Executrix Dative** | Reetsang Sebetlela  
**P O Box 1845, MOLEPOLOLE** | **Cell: 71689133**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-001102-25

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **KEBATSHABE MHLAULI**, who died at Sidilega Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2025.

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

Any objections to the Estate Accounts may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.



**EXECUTOR TESTAMENTARY**  
**ISAAC NTOMBELA**  
**C/O MINCHIN & KELLY (BOTSWANA)**  
**P O BOX 1339**  
**GABORONE**  
**TEL: 3912734**  
**EXECUTOR'S REF. IN/kr/M007029**

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
NGGOLANG KELOHALETSE	ESHFT-0000177-26	07-07-26	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed No: DR004266588 dated 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 made in favour of **PRINCE NDJIZERA** In Respect Of:

**CERTAIN:** Piece of land being LOT 5381 CHARELSHILL  
**SITUATE:** IN CADASTRE 0237, GHANZI TRIBAL AREA  
**MEASURING:** 592m<sup>2</sup>, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO SQUARE METER  
**HELD UNDER:** DR004266588

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

DATE AT ..... ON THIS..... DAY OF ..... 2026

APPLICANT  
75251104



**ROAD WORKS ALERT: New Xade Junction on A3 ROAD – Detour in Place**

Active construction works are underway at the Ghanzi/Kang to New Xade Junction along the A3 road. Traffic will be diverted through a detour from **25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.**

Motorists are urged to exercise **EXTRA CAUTION** when approaching and passing through the junction, watch out for construction vehicles, and obey all road signs.

**For updates or enquiries, contact:**

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**WhatsApp: +267 72 767 430**

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000091/24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the **Late Thejwane Tshomane & Mmasamoele Kabelo** who died at Masilwana Ward, Molepolole, Kweneng District on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2001 & 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 respectively.

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

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

**Executor Dative** | **Thito Kabelo**  
**P O Box 618, MOLEPOLOLE** | **CELL: 72228230**



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA  
MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

## EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 3 OF 2026 VACANCY: Projects Director, PEDU

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME) under the Projects and Energy Development Unit. (PEDU).

**Salary Scale:** F2 (P607,440) per annum

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

**Benefits:** Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%).

**Duration:** 2 – 3 years' contract.

**Qualifications:** Degree in Energy /Mining /Metallurgy/ Mechanical / Chemical/Electrical & Electronic Engineering or related fields from a recognized institution. Master's degree qualification in any one of the above qualifications and experience in Project Management would be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

**Experience:** At least eighteen (18) years' experience in the mines, Energy and minerals industry, or related fields, two years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in either the Public Sector or Private Sector.

**Main Purpose of the Job:** To manage implementation of energy sector mega infrastructure projects under the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with emphasis on sustainability and security of energy supplies and services.

To manage implementation of mega projects under the Minerals Resource Development Exploitation Exploration and Value Chains Strategy

#### Key Performance Areas:

1. Provides strategic leadership of the Projects and Energy Development Unit. (PEDU)
2. Develops and implements Performance Plan for the Unit.
3. Provides strategic leadership in the review of policies to assess their effectiveness in achieving Project Implementation.
4. Provide technical advice in the implementation of Mega Ministry projects derived from the Minerals and Energy programmes, as well as, manages and validates related projects implementation plans.
5. Provides strategic leadership in risk management to ensure timely initiation and completion of all project phases.
6. Monitors and validates the process of Project Risk Assessment to ensure operational continuity, financial stability, and safety.
7. Applies change control and configuration management by defining, documenting, and managing the parameters baselines and workflows of project technical modification.
8. Oversees project implementation and administrative oversight, reporting and monitoring and evaluation of the projects.
9. Manages project contracts Energy and Mineral sectors, such as Power Purchase Agreements, HR Agreements and other commercial and regulatory agreements.
10. Negotiates commercial, financial and Regulatory agreements for all Mega Projects.
11. Develops and implement a funding Programme that allows citizen to invest in the sectors.
12. Coordinate project teams to ensure that work is completed on time and scope to a high engineering standards.
13. Conducts a project evaluation review to assess how well the project was managed.
14. Coordinate the development and implementation of stakeholder engagement plan.
15. Actively involves diverse groups such as local communities, regulatory bodies, indigenous groups, investors, and environmental organizations.
16. Manages and responds to stakeholder, investor, and customer enquiries and queries related to the projects.
17. Creates awareness of potential interdependencies with other projects and their impact
18. Contributes to skills gaps analysis and formulates targeted training and development strategies to build capacity and enhance performance and skills development of the Ministry
19. Undertakes any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service

#### Key Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to Change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the vacancy circular number and provide the following:

- a. Full names and postal address.
- b. Certified copy of national Identity Card.
- c. Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- d. Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
- e. Two recent reference letters (**not more than six (6) months old**)
- f. Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

All Applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their respective Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications **NOT** so routed will not be considered. All applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2026 VACANCY: COORDINATOR - DIAMOND HUB

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

**Salary Scale:** F2 (P607, 440) per annum

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum

**Benefits:** Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

**Duration:** 2 – 3 years' contract.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in Mining/Metallurgy/Chemical/Geology or Mineral Economics or Marketing or related fields. Master's Degree qualifications in Business Administration/Mineral Economics/Marketing/Strategic Management will be an added advantage.

**Experience:** At least Eighteen (18) years' experience in the mines and minerals industry or related field, two (2) years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

**Main purpose of the job:** To provide leadership and strategic direction in the diamond downstream activities (diamond cutting and polishing, jewellery manufacturing and diamond trading as well as create enabling environment for Botswana to become a sustainable and competitive world class diamond centre.

#### Key Performance Areas

1. Coordinates the development, review, and implementation of the Diamond Beneficiation Strategy in alignment with the Minerals Policy and Government national development priorities.
2. Develops and implement strategies for diamond marketing, promotion, and investment attraction to enhance Botswana's position as a global diamond centre.
3. Provides strategic guidance to enhance the competitiveness, resilience, and long-term sustainability of Botswana's downstream diamond industry.
4. Oversees market intelligence pertaining to the global and local diamond industry to inform strategic decision-making and policy formulation.
5. Manages and oversees the issuance, administration, and monitoring of licences, permits, and authorisations relating to diamond processing, trading, and export activities within and outside Botswana.
6. Coordinate systems and processes to ensure adherence to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and other supervisory and regulatory requirements governing diamond trade.
7. Evaluates the competitiveness, profitability, and sustainability of Botswana's downstream diamond industry, including benchmarking against global diamond centres and reviewing downstream companies' business plans, financial statements, and performance data.
8. Manages and responds to stakeholder, investor, and customer enquiries and queries related to the diamond industry, including investment opportunities, regulatory requirements, and operational processes.
9. Develops strategies for optimal and sustainable value chain development in the Diamond Industry.
10. Facilitates the establishment and operationalisation of diamond businesses, in collaboration with relevant authorities, to enhance investor convenience and improve the ease of doing business within the diamond sector.
11. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

#### Key Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to Change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

#### APPLICATIONS:

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- d. Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
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- f. Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

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### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 5 OF 2026 VACANCY: Deputy Permanent Secretary, Energy

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME).

**Salary Scale:** F2 (P607,440) per annum

**Leave:** 30 working days per annum.

**Benefits:** Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%).

**Duration:** 2 – 3 years' contract.

**Qualifications:** Degree in Energy Studies/Energy Engineering/Mechanical Engineering/ Biological Sciences or related programmes or Bachelor of Social Sciences specialising in Economics, Environmental Science, Demography, Statistics or related fields. Masters in Energy Management Studies/ Economics/Business Administration will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

**Experience:** Eighteen (18) years' experience in working within the energy sector operations, two years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in either the Public Sector or Private Sector.

**Main Purpose of the Job:** To lead development and implementation of policies and strategies that will ensure energy sustainability, reliability, efficiency and security, as well as, development of projects that will promote the use of green technology.

#### Key Performance Areas:

1. Provides strategic leadership over promotion and development of the Energy Sector
2. Provides technical expertise in the formulation of energy sector legislation and policies for sustainable use and socio-economic benefit.
3. Oversees the execution of energy sector legislation and policy frameworks.
4. Coordinates development and implementation of programmes and projects towards energy efficiency, reliability, sustainability and security. Facilitates establishment and coordination of working relations of the strategic partners and teams in the development and implementation of energy sector programmes and projects.
5. Provide technical and expert advice on appropriate technologies aimed at promoting exploitation of energy resources in a responsible and sustainable manner
7. Oversees the development and implementation of the energy marketing and promotion initiatives.
8. Leads in all matters of international cooperation in the energy sector.
9. Coordinates the development and maintenance of energy sector management systems infrastructure for generation of reliable data and information.
10. Coordinates establishment and effective functioning of energy funds management.
11. Coordinates the development, implementation and timeous review of the energy sector strategic plan to ensure that government priorities are met.
12. Oversees implementation of the energy sector strategy and provides direct oversight in execution of the sector's activities and operations across the Ministries Departments, Parastatals and State-Owned Companies.
13. Coordinates implementation of recommendations of the audits within the energy sector.
14. Coordinates overall Departmental and staff performance management.
15. Coordinates Energy budget estimates for incorporation in the Ministry's budget.
16. Oversees optimal use of budget and expenditure allocated for the energy sector.
17. Manages the implementation of strategies for energy funds' investments and diversification
18. Oversees researches on the energy sector related matters to keep abreast with the latest trends and identify opportunities for growth and new initiatives and innovations.
19. Provides leadership in identifying Energy sector skills gaps and formulates targeted training and development strategies to build capacity and enhance performance and skills development of the Ministry.
20. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned.

#### Key competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to Change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the vacancy circular number and provide the following:

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

#### Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Minerals and Energy  
Private Bag 0018  
Gaborone

OR hand delivered to:  
Ministry of Minerals and Energy  
Fairgrounds Office Park  
First Floor  
Records Management Unit

#### CLOSING DATE: 5th June 2026

For further information, required contact Human Resource Management Unit at 3656693/6686/6695/6651.

Tel: 365 3000  
Fax: 365 3347



Department of Broadcasting Services  
Mass Media Complex  
Private Bag 0060 Gaborone

Republic of Botswana

## MINISTRY FOR STATE PRESIDENT, DEFENCE AND SECURITY

Department of Broadcasting Services

# TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

DREF: SP/DBS/010/2025-2026

## CANCELLATION OF TENDER NUMBER SP/DBS/010/2025-2026 – A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR POWER,PUMPS,WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK ) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX

Bidders are informed that the above mentioned tender which was an open domestic bid and was advertised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2026 and closed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 has been cancelled in accordance with Public Procurement Regulation 2023, Regulation 66 Sub Regulation 4(a).

We regret the inconvenience caused.

Thank you.

K. S. Boikanyo

Office of the Government Buyer  
Ministry for State President, Defence and Security

## NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

SARAH LILIAN MORWAGABUSE – ESHGB-000627/25

**IN PERSUANCE** of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01} the heirs and the Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of kin meeting on the 25th day of June 2026 at 0830 hours at the before – B. P. Kemorwalwe.

At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

At the respective meeting, the next of kin meeting are to recommend person(s) to be appointed as Executor(s) /Executrices Dative, identify beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to the estate of their deceased relative.

## 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
MMANKHA SEDISA	ESHMY 000049-26	06.07.26	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

## IN THE HIGH OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE

ESHMY 000129 -26

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late Neelo Baipusi – ESHMY 000129 – 26 who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the 1 June 2025.

**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 Mahalapye this 06 Day of May 2026

S. Baipusi  
EXECUTOR DATIVE  
P O BOX 576, SEROWE

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT  
PRIVATE BAG 6  
MAHALAPYE



**Transrail Lighting Limited** is one of the leading Indian engineering, procurement, and construction companies with integrated manufacturing facilities for lattice structures, conductors, and monopoles, and with over four decades of experience in providing comprehensive solutions on a turnkey basis globally.

### We invite prospective individuals to join our Botswana project in various roles.

**GENERAL MANAGER - PROJECTS (EPC PROJECTS, POWER & T&D):** Responsible for overseeing high-voltage substation projects, particularly 400kV substations, including planning, scheduling, budgeting, and resource management while ensuring quality, safety, and timely completion. Requires B.E./ B.Tech in Electrical Engineering with over 20 years of experience in project management within the power transmission sector, including at least 15 years handling 400kV substation projects (AIS or GIS).

**GENERAL MANAGER - COMMERCIAL (EPC PROJECTS, POWER & T&D):** Leads financial management, project accounting, and commercial compliance for EPC operations. Candidates should have M. Com, CA, CMA, MBA (Finance), or equivalent qualification with at least 20 years of experience in finance and accounting, including 15 years in EPC. Strong knowledge of project costing, budget control, and contract management with ERP system proficiency (SAP, Oracle, or Tally ERP) is required.

**ACCOUNTING MANAGER - EPC (POWER & T&D SECTOR):** Manages accounting, financial reporting, and project cost control. Requires a degree in Accounting/ Finance or CPA equivalent with 10 years' experience in the EPC industry. Proficiency in ERP systems and strong analytical and communication skills are preferred.

**ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT:** Supports data entry, invoice processing, reconciliations, and maintenance of financial records. Requires Diploma or a Degree in Accounting/ Finance with 3–5 years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.

**MANAGER - CIVIL (2 POSITIONS):** Responsible for civil design and site execution for power projects, including

structural and foundation works. Requires B.E./B.Tech in Civil Engineering with 10–15 years of experience, including completion of at least two 400kV substation projects.

**ASSISTANT CIVIL EXECUTIVE (2 POSITIONS):** Supervises contractors, monitors site activities, and ensures compliance with design and quality standards. Requires a Diploma or Degree in Civil Engineering with relevant field experience.

**SURVEYOR (2 POSITIONS) & ASSISTANT SURVEYOR (2 POSITIONS):** Conducts route and land surveys for substations and transmission lines. Surveyors require a Diploma in Surveying/Civil Engineering with 10 years of experience; Assistant Surveyors require 5 years of experience. Proficiency in Total Station, GPS, and AutoCAD is essential.

**MANAGER – ELECTRICAL (2 POSITIONS):** Leads electrical design, review, and supervision for substations, ensuring compliance with safety and technical standards. Requires B.E./B.Tech in Electrical Engineering with 10–15 years of EPC experience and completion of two 400kV substation projects.

**ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL EXECUTIVE (2 POSITIONS):** Assists in electrical design, installation, and testing of substation systems. Requires Degree or Diploma in Electrical Engineering with 2–5 years of experience in substation projects.

**QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER:** Develops and implements QA/QC plans, conducts inspections, and ensures compliance with ISO standards. Requires B.E./B.Tech in Civil with 12–15 years of QA/QC experience in EPC or power projects.

**STORE MANAGER (2 POSITIONS) & ASSISTANT**

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# Africans grapple with surging living costs

**NAIROBI**

Against the backdrop of mounting tensions in the Middle East, volatile global oil prices have dealt a heavy blow to African economies reliant on energy imports.

Rising fuel costs are spilling over into agriculture, transportation, power and other sectors, increasing living expenses while fueling public discontent.

In response to growing livelihood pressures, multiple African governments have introduced measures to address the crisis. In

several Kenyan cities, including Nairobi, Mombasa, and Kisumu, locals have expressed frustration over fuel price hikes and surging living costs.

Kenya's Transport Sector Alliance said that soaring fuel prices have increased operating costs, leading many truck drivers to reduce their trips.

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, in April, food prices rose by 8.8 per cent and transport prices surged by 10 per cent, driving the overall inflation rate up to 5.6 from 4.4 percent in March. Comoros relies entirely on imported petroleum products for its fuel supply, with local livelihoods highly vulnerable to global oil price fluctuations.

Local media reported that fishermen and taxi drivers had seen their income margins significantly squeezed due to continuous fuel price increases.

In South Africa, petrol and diesel prices neared a four-year high due to rising international oil prices and a weakening domestic currency.

Daily commuting has become a major financial burden for many citizens. Analysts noted that surging fuel costs were increasing logistics expenses, raising the prices of essential goods like food and worsening domestic inflation. Many African governments have implemented a range of measures.

Kenya has announced diesel price reductions, tax adjustments, and is considering expanding public transport subsidies. Zambia approved zero-rating of value-added tax and the suspension of excise duty on petrol and diesel imports for a period of three months.

South Africa extended fuel levy relief, while Namibia used its National Energy Fund to absorb part of the under-recoveries and associated fuel premiums.

Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire have used fiscal funds to cap fuel and essential goods prices to secure people's livelihoods. In its latest Regional Economic Outlook for Sub-Saharan Africa, the International Monetary Fund lowered the region's 2026 growth

forecast to 4.3 per cent.

It warned that the war in the Middle East had significantly clouded the outlook. "Oil, gas, and fertiliser prices, together with shipping costs, have risen sharply.

Furthermore, the shock has disrupted the trade with Gulf partners, reduced tourist arrivals," said the report. "Oil-importing, non-resource-rich countries face a deterioration in trade balance and higher cost of living, while oil exporters will benefit from stronger export revenues but remain exposed to volatility and procyclical policy risks," it added.

While some are pursuing long-term solutions such as refinery construction, oilfield development, and strategic petroleum reserves,

these measures may not immediately ease the strain of high prices.

Stabilising energy supplies and mitigating social unrest caused by economic hardship have become shared challenges across the continent. Claver Gatete, executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, said that global shocks continued to expose Africa's vulnerabilities, from fuel and fertilizer disruptions to inflationary pressures and constrained fiscal space.

He emphasized the need to address immediate shocks and long-term challenges through strategic infrastructure corridors, deeper regional integration and accelerated industrialization. *Xinhua*

## South Africa contributes US\$2.5m to Ebola outbreak response

**JOHANNESBURG**

The South African government has contributed US\$2.5 million to support Ebola outbreak response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, local media reported Wednesday.

The pledge was made through the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Africa Epidemics Fund, according to the South African Government News Agency.

Africa CDC welcomed the contribution, saying it demonstrated the leadership, solidarity and commitment of South Africa and President Cyril Ramaphosa, the African Union champion on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, to Africa's collective health security.

The contribution will support critical response

operations, including continental coordination, surveillance, laboratory systems, rapid response deployment, infection prevention and control, cross-border preparedness, and support for affected communities, according to Africa CDC.

"South Africa's leadership reflects the growing importance of African-led financing mechanisms and reinforces the vision of a more resilient, self-reliant and health-secure continent," Africa CDC was quoted as saying.

The continental health body also encouraged African Union member states, donor countries, development partners, philanthropic institutions and the private sector to contribute to the Africa Epidemics Fund and support ongoing response efforts. *Xinhua*

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# Arts & Culture

Nhabe Museum manager Tumelo Thuthuka



*Nhabe Museum will commemorate three decades of existence, celebrating its achievements and impact as a heritage entity since it started operating in April 1996.*

## Nhabe Museum marks decades of heritage preservation

Esther Mmolai  
MAUN

After three decades of existence, Nhabe museum will commemorate its achievements and impact as a heritage entity.

The building that houses the museum has a story to it, built in 1939, it served as a British military surveillance post during World War II.

Since it started operating in April 1996, Nhabe museum has served as the heartbeat of the Ngamiland communities, collecting protecting and interpreting authentic artefacts, oral history and local art that would otherwise be lost to time.

The museum manager, Tumelo Thuthuka, told BOPA that the 30 year anniversary was scheduled for June 6 and would be themed: Nhabe Museum – A Critical Space

for Safeguarding Knowledge and Celebrating Cultural Diversity.

Preparations for the event are on track though Thuthuka said the budget was limited hence appealed to potential sponsors and well-wishers for assistance.

He said the museum played a critical role in preserving and presenting cultural heritage, acting as repositories of knowledge and artefacts that reflected the diverse narratives of humanity.

The museum stands as a space where visitors can engage with history and explore artistic, historical and social dimensions

of various cultures.

A three-decade milestone indeed proves that the facility is highly resilient, a precious and important heritage space for the Ngamiland community, Thuthuka said, giving credit to all who played a role to keep it alive.

The institution, he said was far more than display case but a dynamic cultural hub that safeguarded the unique heritage and bridged generational divides.

“Celebrating 30 years is more than just a milestone, it is a journey of remarkable achievements, cherished memories and lasting connections and this also gives us

an opportunity to plan ahead in terms of museum sustainability, growth, revenue generation and how best we can enhance it further to make it a vibrant heritage space,” he added.

However, as part of the celebration, Thuthuka said they would reminisce and highlight on the rich cultures of all tribes in the district in terms of indigenous knowledge practices, clothing, food, music and dance among others.

Local artists are also expected to spice up the event with a mix of musical genres.

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# German-built beer museum popular with tourists

JINAN

Inside a brewery workshop lined with German-style red bricks, tourist Ji Hyeonseong from the Republic of Korea raised a glass of freshly brewed unfiltered beer straight from the production line.

He was utterly enthralled the moment the malt flavor reached his taste buds. The scene, however, was not taking place in Germany, the traditional home of beer, but thousands of kilometers away, at the Tsingtao Beer Museum in the coastal Chinese city of Qingdao.

"Tsingtao beer features a cool, smooth texture and is absolutely delicious. I'll definitely recommend it to my friends back home," Ji said, adding that his family chose to visit the museum as soon as they arrived in Qingdao.

May 18 marks International Museum Day. Converted from a German-built brewery dating back to 1903, the museum is attracting an increasing number of visitors from abroad as the summer tourism peak approaches.

This is largely thanks to its immersive projects that combine history, culture and leisure into a refreshing travel experience.

Inside the museum, technology-driven exhibits have captivated many first-time visitors like Ji. In the brewing exhibition hall, holographic projections vividly recreate a German brewer from a century ago.

Turning abruptly toward visitors, he appears to splash them with a virtual mug of beer, eliciting laughs and surprise.

As night falls, projection

mapping and digital lighting technologies transform the century-old brewery walls into dreamlike displays of light and shadow, rolling out a feast of nighttime visual wonders.

"We have carefully designed an industrial tourism experience that integrates sightseeing, interaction, tasting and shopping," said Sun Ji, curator of the museum.

The goal is to transform industrial heritage into an immersive cultural tourism landmark that combines historical exploration, brewing culture, entertainment, dining and creative consumption, she said.

Visitors can even step into the role of brewmasters, crafting personalised beer recipes in interactive theatrical gaming spaces. Afterward, they can browse the museum's gift shop for quirky mascot dolls and other creative souvenirs.

Still, for many visitors, the beer itself remains the highlight. "It's cool seeing the old buildings and vintage equipment, but the most unforgettable part is tasting the Tsingtao beer," said American tourist Andrew Werner before draining his glass in one gulp.

This experience-oriented tourism model has earned the

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museum

remarkable market appeal.

In 2025 alone, it received more than 2.5 million visits.

"As China continues to optimize its visa-free policies, the museum is gaining a rising global profile. We welcomed more than 250 000 overseas visitors in 2025, up around 70 per cent year on year," Sun said.

To better serve international travelers, the museum has introduced a ticketing system that supports multiple currencies and international bank cards, while also offering multilingual guided services in Chinese, English, Russian, French, Japanese and Korean. Bilingual signage



JINAN - Staff members welcoming tourists to the Tsingtao Beer Museum in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. Photo: Xinhua

throughout the venue also allows overseas visitors to fully immerse themselves in the experience.

China is leveraging its rich cultural resources to create new consumption scenarios and sustain economic momentum. The outline of the country's 15th Five-Year Plan, released in March this year, called for developing industrial tourism tailored to local conditions and fostering distinctive themed travel routes and high-quality tourism performance projects.

The policy push is accelerating the transformation of China's industrial tourism sector, represented by the Tsingtao Beer Museum, toward technology-enhanced and culturally immersive experiences, breathing new life into historical heritage while strengthening preservation efforts.

"Our experience has shown that old factories and aging equipment are still precious assets that preserve

historical memory and generate new momentum for cultural and tourism consumption," said Zeng Chao, deputy general manager of Tsingtao Beer Culture Communication Co., Ltd. and general manager of Tsingtao Beer International Tourism Development Co., Ltd.

According to Zeng, the museum plans to deepen cross-industry collaboration around cultural tourism IPs, while continuing to upgrade immersive theatrical experiences and nighttime tours.

The goal is to build a comprehensive tourism ecosystem integrating dining, accommodation, transportation, sightseeing, shopping and entertainment.

"We hope visitors from around the world will be able to fully experience the unique charm of China's industrial heritage and the rich culture starting from Tsingtao beer," Zeng added. **Xinhua**



The historic, 1939 British military building now houses Nhaba Museum.

## Nhaba Museum marks decades of heritage preservation

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"A museum is a unifier, it serves as an inclusive space hence we want all tribes in the region to participate to make the day more colourful and unforgettable," said Thuthuka.

In a bid to offer a glimpse into the colourful and vibrant tapestry of Tswana culture, Thuthuka also highlighted that they had embarked on a special project constructing two traditional huts courtesy of Chobe Holdings Company which pledged P60 000 toward the project while some local groups had volunteered to renovate the kgotla structure.

The huts would give visitors an authentic cultural experience and immersion instead of only viewing

displayed collection.

Last year, the company funded an iconic basket monument placed at the entrance of the museum to the tune of P500 000 as part of its commitment to supporting the community.

The artwork has brought the community-based museum to life by creating unique visitor experience that draws tourists and locals alike.

"We do appreciate the support from Chobe Holdings towards enhancing our facility making it more appealing and serving as a compelling draw for visitors seeking authentic experiences and a deeper connection with the local way of life," Thuthuka added.

However, he also stated that Nkashi Trust had pledged to document the celebrations. **BOPA**

Letsile  
TebogoCollen  
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Bayapo Ndori

## Dinare and Enesia clash in crucial decider

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He said the only wish for the team was to get automatic promotion to the elite league during the current season's campaign.

Despite falling short, he said the team never despaired, as they continued working hard to secure second position, giving them another chance to get promotion.

Enesia public relations officer, Kabelo Dipholo believed the 4-2 score line did not reflect the full story of the first leg, insisting that the tie was still wide open.

"The score line does not give the real picture of the match. Coming back and overcoming a 4-2 defeat is a mammoth task against a well drilled side like Dinare, but we have a team of hungry youngsters who are capable of overturning the score line," Dipholo said.

He said scoring two away goals was evident that the team was capable of getting a positive result. "If we managed to score two away goals, we can score four at home. It is not over until the fat lady sings," he said. **BOPA**

# Trio set for Xiamen Diamond League showdown

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Fresh off their historic relay gold on home soil, the elite sprinting trio of Letsile Tebogo, Collen Kebinatshipi and Bayapo Ndori are set to test their mettle against the world's best at tomorrow's Xiamen Diamond League meeting.

All eyes would be on the 400 metres, where dynamic quarter-milers Kebinatshipi and Ndori are lined up against a formidable international field.

The duo would square off against USA's Chris Bailey and Vernon Norwood, China's Kai Liu, Hungary's Attila Molnar, Canada's Christopher Morales

Williams, South Africa's Zakithi Nene and Zambia's Muzala Samukonga.

This marks the duo's first individual appearance on the international stage since anchoring Botswana to an emotional gold medal at the Debswana World Athletics Relays in Gaborone earlier this month.

Having witnessed their blistering relay splits, the world already knows exactly what these local lads are capable of when they hit the track.

On paper, Christopher Morales Williams enters as the pre-race favourite with a Season Best (SB) time of 44.30 seconds, closely followed by Nene at 44.44 seconds.

However, both Kebinatshipi and Ndori are approaching the starting blocks with little pressure, given it is their first individual Diamond League race of the season.

Kebinatshipi, currently ranked world number two, is renowned for his clinical finishing style, striking where it matters most, right at the finish

line when other athletes are hitting the wall.

In contrast, world number six Ndori is a master of aggression, attacking the race from the gun.

His relentless pace often unnerves opponents who expect him to fade, only to watch him finish on the exact same high gear.

Given the sheer quality of this line-up, spectators could be treated to times in the low 44s, depending on how the athletes' bodies respond on the day.

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Meanwhile, ace sprinter, Letsile Tebogo would contest another heavily stacked field in the 100 metres, looking to shake off last week's Shanghai meeting. His rivals include the American trio of Kenneth Bednarek, Trayvon Bromell and Christian Coleman, China's Xinrui Deng and Shengjie Wang, Australia's Lachlan Kennedy, Kenya's Ferdinand Omanyala and South Africa's Akani Simbine.

In Shanghai, Tebogo finished in seventh place with a Season Best of 10.12 seconds, but his rivals would be wise not to judge him solely on that performance.

Athletics pundits note that a dip was almost inevitable after his explosive and multi-event workload at the home World Athletics Relays, where he blasted through duties in both the 4x100m and 4x400m.

Expectations are high that the star runner has fully recovered and is ready to remind the world that clocking sub-10 second times has never been an issue in his stellar career. **BOPA**

## Chemutai targets another Diamond League win

**KAMPALA**

Uganda's Peruth Chemutai has vowed to work hard and win another gold medal in China, after opening her 2026 Diamond League campaign with victory in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase in Shanghai last weekend.

Speaking to Xinhua on Wednesday, the 2020 Olympic gold medalist said she was determined to deliver another strong performance on May 23 at Xiamen's Egret Stadium.

"The few days I have been in China have treated me well and I have been preparing well since winning the race last weekend in Shanghai. I am optimistic that I will put up another good show in Xiamen to win gold," Chemutai said.

The Ugandan is expected to face strong competition from Kenya's reigning world champion and two-time Diamond League champion Faith Cherotich, Bahrain's reigning Olympic champion Winfred Yavi, and Kazakhstan's 2022 world champion Norah Jeruto.

Uganda will also be represented by Herbert Kibet and Keneth Kiprop in the men's 5,000 meters. **Xinhua**

## Namibia coach upbeat after 2027 AFCON qualifying draw

**WINDHOEK**

Namibia head coach Collin Benjamin expressed optimism on Tuesday after the draw for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers placed his side in Group G alongside Cameroon, Comoros and Congo Brazzaville.

The draw, held in Cairo, saw 48 nations divided into 12 groups of

four teams each.

"It's a good draw, and we are drawn against good teams. Cameroon is a powerhouse in African football, but our statistics against them look good on paper," Benjamin said.

Comoros recently participated in the 2025 AFCON held in Morocco, and they have been doing well, with most of their players playing in Europe.

Congo Brazzaville has athletic players, and we are looking forward to playing them in September," he added.

Benjamin stressed the importance of preparation and maintaining confidence within the squad ahead of the qualifiers.

"For us, the focus will be on preparation, discipline, and hard work. Every team at this stage deserves respect, but we also

believe in our own quality and ability to compete," he said.

The top two teams from each group will qualify automatically for the finals, while groups containing one of the co-host nations will see one additional team advance.

The 2027 AFCON tournament will be jointly hosted by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania in June 2027. **Xinhua**



## Dinare and Enesia clash in crucial decider

Kelebogile Taolo  
**FRANCISTOWN**

All roads lead to Francistown City Council stadium this Sunday afternoon, where Dinare FC and Enesia FC will meet in the second leg of the promotional playoffs to secure a spot in the elite, FNB Premier league.

As it stands, the Ramotswa outfit, Dinare, from First Division South has an upper hand, following a 4-2 thrashing of Enesia, from First Division north in the first leg played at GU stadium in Gaborone.

Therefore, the visitors will only be focused on securing a draw and avoiding defeat at all cost to keep their premier league promotion dream alive.

Despite the healthy lead, Dinare general manager, Tweed Selelo said his team would approach the game with utmost caution and fully focused on protecting what they possessed.

"We understand that the game is far from over. We still have 90 more minutes to play. Although we started a bit slow and sluggish in the first leg, our approach will not be different from how we played last Friday in Gaborone," he said.

Selelo appealed to Dinare supporters to turn out in force, noting that the team management had arranged transportation for their travel to and from Francistown.

"My plea to the supporters and well-wishers of Dinare is that they should come and rally behind the team in large numbers like they did last week. As the management, we have moved swiftly to avail transportation for fans who are willing to travel with the team. We will be heavily relying on those at Francistown and surrounding areas to come in large numbers and push the boys throughout the match," he said.

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# Clash of Legends gets P1.5 million boost

Anastacia Sibanda  
**GABORONE**

Betway has sponsored the fourth edition of Clash of the Legends with P1.5 million.

The edition will be held on June 20 at the National Stadium. Participating teams are Mochudi Centre

Chiefs, Township Rollers and South African

clubs, Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

Speaking at a sponsorship launch in Gaborone Tuesday, Betway country manager Michele France-Mabiletsa said with the sponsorship they were reshaping the tournament's identity.

She said their goal was to ensure that the tournament was bigger, adding that their intention was to give football legends the grand stand they deserved.

"Beyond the goals, the entertainment and the trophies, this tournament carries a deeply profound mission. At its core Betway Clash of the Legends is a charitable," she said.

The community, she said, had also witnessed the harsh reality that many football icons faced after they hanged up their boots.

"The very men who gave their passion of football find themselves struggling in silence

during post career years," she said.

France-Mabiletsa said Clash of the Legends aim was to change the narrative, and the proceeds and support from the tournament were directly targeted at providing a lifeline to the legends in need of the support.

"This sponsorship is our way of saying we see you, we remember, and we will not forget your contribution, it is about restoring dignity to our heroes both financially and socially when they need it most," she said.

Clash of Legends project coordinator Sekhana Koko said what started as a bold vision to celebrate football heritage and reconnect generations through sport has now grown into one of the most anticipated football

entertainment events on the local sporting calendar.

As part of the event, he said activities would commence on June 19 with a welcome dinner and a coaching clinic, creating a platform not only for celebration but also for mentorship, knowledge sharing and development of the next generation of football talent.

"This year's edition marks a significant and exciting return to the city of Gaborone after last year's successful Four Nations edition held in Francistown. On June 20, 2026, National Stadium will once again come alive," he said.

He said the first match starts at 10 am, second at 12 pm, third place play off at 4pm, and the final will be at 6pm.

Koko said tickets will be sold from this Friday, and grandstands price is P100, Panda is P70 while North and South ticket prices are P50. **BOPA**



Clash of the Legends project coordinator, Sekhana Koko (left) and Betway country manager, Michelle France-Mabiletsa during

Betway Clash of the Legends media briefing and sponsorship announcement in Gaborone on Tuesday. Betway has sponsored the one-day football tournament to the tune of P1.5 million. The tournament featuring Mochudi Centre Chiefs, Kaizer Chiefs, Township Rollers and Orlando Pirates, will be played on June 20 at the National Stadium. Photo: Pheny Moalosi



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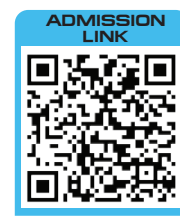
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