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Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) in a radio interview with RB2 presenter, "Dj Gouveia" Mutasa during a tour of stalls at Business Botswana Northern Trade Fair in Francistown yesterday. Mr Gaolathe said Botswana's tough economic times, having contracted by 3 per cent last year and projected to contract further by 0.4 per cent in 2025, called for innovation from all to turn the tide and move the economy from the woods. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

# Embrace innovation

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - Botswana's tough economic times, having contracted by 3 per cent last year and projected to contract further by 0.4 per cent in 2025, calls for innovation from all to turn the tide and move the economy from the woods.

Speaking at the official opening of the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the Business Botswana Northern Trade Fair in Francistown yesterday, the Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe said the

current status meant small businesses were struggling to survive, companies were scaling back operations and entrepreneurs were shelving ideas to ward off pitfalls.

With the nation at the crossroads of an economic downward spiral, he said dependence on mineral revenue was no longer viable.

"We are indeed at a time of reckoning and it has become clear that our longstanding dependence on diamonds has not only become a vulnerability but a strategic liability," he said.

He said Botswana's mineral revenue fell by P17.8 billion in the 2024/25 financial year, pushing the country's budget deficit to P24.8 billion.

This unfavourable economic landscape, he noted remained a challenge to implementing the 2025/26 budget.

Mr Gaolathe said the fiscal space was a constraint because the government payment account could not absorb high volumes of payments due to low cash flows.

Adverse as it was, he said, the situation had forced the

government to knock on doors, forge new partnerships and secure new funding to steer the economy on the path of growth.

He said the government had been doing this for the past seven months and engaged with both local and international investors as well as institutions.

He said he was happy that the hardwork put in through such engagements was now bearing fruit, as there were signs of progress.

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# 'Youth unemployment national emergency'

By Taboka Ngwako

GABORONE - Addressing youth unemployment requires a multifaceted approach that tackles economic factors, skills gap, education and training as well as systematic issues.

This was said by Vice President, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe at the launch of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)'s 4<sup>th</sup> Botswana National Human Development Report in Gaborone on Wednesday, who declared that youth unemployment was no longer just a youth issue, but a national emergency.

According to the report, 38.2 per cent of young people in Botswana remain unemployed despite ongoing efforts to diversify the economy through sectors such as agriculture, tourism and renewable energy.

Therefore, Mr Gaolathe called on the nation to treat the alarming figures in the report as a collective call to action.

"It is not just a development issue, it is the root cause of inequality, disillusionment, and division that we seek to defeat as a nation," he said.

Furthermore, the reports states that 63 per cent of young women lack marketable skills, compared to 50 per cent of young men whilst young people with only a secondary school education faces the highest unemployment rates.

"It is clear that youth unemployment is not just a symptom of economic hardship as we note that youth unemployment still persists even during periods of economic growth, indicating that other factors are at play," he said.

Reflecting on the broader economic outlook, Mr Gaolathe, who is also Minister of Finance, said the country stood at a significant crossroad, stating that in the past year, the economy had contracted by 3 per cent and it was still expected to contract again by 0.4 per cent in 2025.

"When we say the economy has contracted, we know it means something very real, it means no job call-backs, unpaid internships and young people delaying their futures," he said.

He further highlighted that the country's heavy reliance on diamond exports had become a strategic liability rather than strength.

"In the midst of this crisis, we cannot afford to retreat as this is not a time for austerity without purpose, but for investment with intention," he said.

To that end, the Vice President said government was actively pursuing partnerships and alternative financing strategies to stimulate inclusive growth. "We are knocking on doors, forging new alliances, and positioning Botswana as a destination for long-term, strategic investment," he said.

He cited early signs of progress, including newly secured investments, emerging partnerships and successful negotiations on concessional funding.

Mr Gaolathe also said key infrastructure projects, mainly outlined in the 2025 Budget Speech, were being structured to be financed off the government's balance sheet.

"With current fiscal constraints, it would be irresponsible to rely solely on traditional public expenditure," he said.

Instead, he said the government

was turning to innovative funding models, including Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) schemes and blended finance approaches.

These mechanisms, he said, would enable critical development without deepening debt or compromising public services.

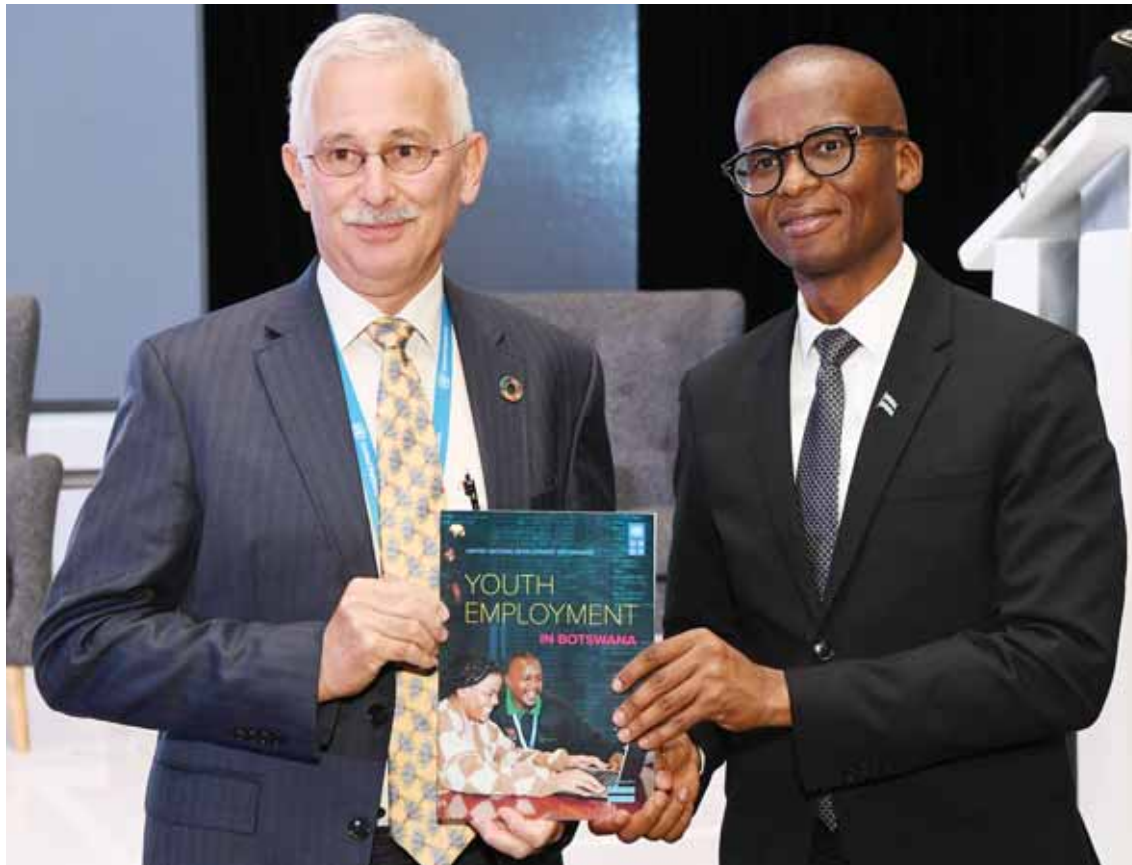
"We are here to ignite a movement to shift Botswana from dependence to diversification, from aspiration to implementation, and from youth unemployment to youth empowerment," Mr Gaolathe said.

For his part, UNDP Economic Advisor, Mr Etienne de Souza said the report findings had shown that the country's economy was not generating enough jobs leading to high youth unemployment.

"Unemployment rates among youth are alarmingly high; 55.6 per cent for ages 18-24 with women disproportionately affected whilst those with secondary education at 52 per cent face the highest unemployment," he said.

He further stated that only a balanced combination of bold measures could place enough youth in productive jobs at a rate, which matched the rapid entry into the labour market of large youth cohorts.

"Creating room for a thriving private sector and rebalancing wage expectations with actual productivity levels are some of the ways that can curb youth unemployment in this country," he said. **BOPA**



Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe (right) and United Nations Development Programme resident representative, Mr Balazs Horvath at the launch of Botswana 4<sup>th</sup> Human Development Report on Youth Employment in Gaborone on Wednesday. Mr Gaolathe said addressing youth unemployment required a multifaceted approach that tackled economic factors, skills gap, education, training and systemic issues because it was not just a development issue. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

## Official urges PWDs to be independent

By Lesedi Thatayamodimo

GABORONE - People with disabilities (PWDs) are not passive recipients of care or protection, but individuals with full rights to self-determination, autonomy and participation in society.

Speaking at Human Rights Stakeholder engagement workshop held in Gaborone on Tuesday, Rhaliarant Disability Consultancy director, Mr David Ranto therefore said the evolving capacity of people with disabilities to develop and define their own identities had never been more urgent.

"People with disabilities have the right to shape their own identities, make choices, and be active members of their communities," he said.

He advocated for recognition of the 'evolving capacity' of individuals with disabilities, a concept that acknowledged intellectual, psychosocial and developmental growth over time, and the importance of a supportive environment to foster informed decision-making.

"It affirms that with the right support, people with disabilities can pursue education, express themselves, and define their roles in family and community life," said Mr Ranto.

Too often, he said, decisions were made for people with disabilities instead of consulting them, which undermines their autonomy and silencing their voices.

Mr Ranto further said PWDs faced many challenges including

those related to gender, culture and socioeconomic status.

He stressed the need to dismantle harmful stereotypes and provide platforms for diverse voices to be heard and validated.

Mr Ranto also urged government departments, private companies and non-governmental organisations to embrace inclusive practices, not just through policy, but by listening, offering support and stepping aside when necessary to allow self-representation.

"As societies strive to

become more inclusive, ensure every individual, regardless of ability, has the tools, respect, and opportunity to define who they are, and who they wish to become," he said.

Highlighting legal frameworks such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Mr Ranto said while the convention affirmed the rights to legal capacity, freedom of expression, and recognition of evolving abilities, many countries were yet to implement

policies that fully reflected these commitments.

"Respecting the identity development of people with disabilities should not be seen as a charitable act, but a human right," he said.

He therefore said a shift in mindset from protection to empowerment, from assumptions to dialogue was required.

The two-day workshop was held under the theme: Promoting Human Rights and Access to Justice for People with Disabilities in Botswana. **BOPA**



Participants at a workshop on promoting human rights and access to justice for people with disabilities in Gaborone on Tuesday. Rhaliarant Disability Consultancy director, Mr David Ranto said people with disabilities had the right to shape their own identities, make choices and be active members of their communities. Photo: Teko Letsholo

# Estonia vows support

By **Thato Mosinyi**

TALLINN - Estonia is committed to sharing its digital know-how with international and likeminded partners such as Botswana.

Speaking at the state dinner in honour of President Advocate Duma Boko, President of Estonia, Mr Alar Karis said his government was happy to share with Botswana the experience of a digital state in order to jointly promote innovation.

He said Botswana had shown remarkable leadership in sustainable development through managing its natural resources and embracing digital transformation.

"Botswana's vision for digital future resonate deeply with the e-Estonia drive, therefore Estonia is honoured to support Botswana's ambition to build a smarter, more connected future," he said. He affirmed Estonian companies' interests in developing cooperation with Botswana partners in the field of digital technologies, highlighting that it was worth noting that Estonian companies already had practical experience in Botswana.

"There is a company called Nortal, which has developed digital solutions with the Botswana Unified Revenue Service as well as Baltic Computer Systems, which is currently implementing a Team Europe Initiative on digitalisation launched last month by contributing to digital skills training programmes," he said. He also said Estonia was also keen to share experiences in helping Botswana build-up Botswana's e-tax system.

President Karis highlighted the potential for the two nations to build on this experience since Estonia's digital expertise

could support public sector modernisation and contribute to Botswana's efforts toward economic diversification.

"We look forward to strengthening the cooperation between our countries and exploring new partnerships in digital innovation, business development and knowledge exchange," he said.

He also commended Estonia-Botswana Business Seminar organisers adding that such events played an important role in strengthening the ties between countries and opened new avenues for business and digital cooperation.

"Estonia and Botswana are sparsely populated but agile countries, internationally recognised for their strong economic freedom and competitiveness. It means that we have a lot in common," he said.

President Karis said Estonia was ranked among the top countries in Europe in the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom, reflecting its commitment to open markets, strong property rights and limited government intervention.

He said Estonia and Botswana were also part of democracy loving nations, which respected the United Nation charter and the rules based international orders.

Similarly, President Boko commended the Estonian government for the invite emphasising that the historic visit marked a new chapter in Botswana-Estonia relations.

He said he was deeply inspired by the innovation, efficiency and inclusive digital ecosystem Estonia had built and took home valuable lessons and opportunities for collaboration that would support the national digitalisation agenda and broader development goals. **BOPA**



President Advocate Duma Boko



President Alar Karis

## Estonia state visit symbolic

By **Thato Mosinyi**

TALLINN - President Advocate Duma Boko is back home after concluding his three-day State Visit to Estonia, a reciprocation of his Estonian counterpart, President Alar Karis' own visit to Botswana last year.

It was a significant occurrence in President Boko's duty as head of state since it was his maiden State Visit but even more symbolic, was that he was the first African head of state to pay a visit to Estonia.

Better explained by President Alar Karis when he said: "It is affirmation of the friendship between the two countries and their willingness to pursue deeper cooperation, which will grow into a bright, unbreakable bond, like a carefully polished diamond."

He recalled his visit to Botswana March last year and confirmed that Botswana was an important partner to Estonia.

As Botswana charts its path toward a digitally-driven economy, Estonia offers valuable insights and proven solutions that can help fast-track the ambitions and better serve the community.

With government fully committed to digital transformation, an area in which Estonia commands experience and expertise in, the experience will come in handy for Botswana

to tap into as well as strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation with international institutions.

Meanwhile, during the official talks, President Boko and President Karis discussed key areas where Botswana could learn from Estonia's globally admired digital transformation journey, particularly e-governance, cyber security and innovation ecosystems.

In an effort to gain deeper insights into how digital governance has transformed service delivery, improved transparency and empowered citizens, President Boko also engaged with officials at the e-Estonia briefing centre.

This was followed by an engagement with Estonia tech companies during the Botswana-Estonia Business Summit, where they showcased innovations that could enhance Botswana's own digital infrastructure and solutions across sectors such as health, education and finance.

President Boko also toured the Tallinn University of Technology, a hub for cutting-edge research and collaboration between the academia and the industry, as well as the Unicorn Squad, a robotics and technology programme designed exclusively for girls.

These engagements, President Boko stated that represented practical lessons

and opportunities that would shape how Botswana rolled out its digital agenda and created a Botswana that was inclusive, innovative and ready for the future.

He also had a closed door meeting with Estonia Prime Minister, Mr Kristen Michal and laid a wreath at the foot of the War of Independence Victory Column.

President Boko's visit underscored the enduring relationship between Botswana and Estonia and aimed to reinforce a multifaceted partnership.

It is also anticipated to yield significant results on various collaborative initiatives, fostering a path towards mutual growth and development, marking a significant milestone in the government's pursuit of sustainable digitalised economy focused on the needs of the people. President Boko was accompanied by Minister for International Relations, Dr Pheno Butale, Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr David Tshere, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeone Ntsima, Assistant Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Justin Hunyepa and senior government officials as well as representatives from the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre. **BOPA**

## 'Embrace innovation to boost economy growth'

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The Vice President relayed that efforts were put in to ensure that a lot of development was done outside the traditional public expenditure model, where the government was the sole financier of projects.

Mr Gaolathe expressed satisfaction with the growing investor appetite across all sectors of the economy, which he said would, to a certain extent, relieve pressure from the already

dwindling government revenue.

He further said the annual Business Botswana Northern Trade Fair was a bold affirmation of commitment to enterprise, resilience and national renewal.

"Business Botswana Northern Trade Fair is a vital platform, a space where resilience meets opportunity, ideas evolve into ventures, and national aspirations are tested, refined and realised through the creativity and resolve of our private sector," he said.

In his welcome remarks,

the mayor of Francistown, Mr Gaone Majere said the northern fair allowed local entrepreneurs to shine, connect and grow.

Since the closure of the Tati Nickel Mine, which was the economic mainstay of the people of Francistown, Mr Majere said, the annual northern trade fair had been a solace to the people.

"The people of Francistown and the business community know that the show benefits them in many ways," he said.

He said this year's fair came at an opportune time, as the

Francistown City Council was about to launch the Local Economic Development strategy, a homegrown model that aimed at empowering locals.

He said the strategy would also help create jobs and uplift the quality of life of the people of Francistown in line with the theme of the fair: Driving Economic Diversification Innovation for Sustainable Growth.

He said the strategy would leverage the city's strategic location and connectivity to

serve as the gateway to the north for the broader SADC region.

The mayor said the city's top brass was fuelled by the major announcement to reopen the Tati Nickel Mine, which, he said, would not only ensure rebirth in mining in the city but also reaffirmed the city's role as a key player in Botswana's economic landscape.

He said his ideal Francistown would be a place where one could start, grow and sustain a business, an undertaking the city council took seriously. **BOPA**

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Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairperson, Mr Taolo Lucas (left) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs, Mr Jimmy Opelo after the former had appeared before the PAC in Gaborone on Tuesday. Photo: Pheno Ramatu

# Recurring cases worry PAC

By Moshe Galeragwe

GABORONE - Accounting officers have been urged to timely act when directed by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on challenges relating to among others misappropriation of funds and utilisation of government funds.

The chairperson of the PAC, Mr Taolo Lucas said it was unfortunate and worrisome that some cases from as far as 2014 were still pending in 2025, with little progress to put issues to finality. He made the remarks on Tuesday, when accounting officer for the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs appeared before the PAC.

He said it was clear that accounting officers hardily made follow-ups to timely resolve issues emanating from their reports. Mr Lucas said PAC was concerned that lack of appropriate action by accounting officers would compromise service delivery and prudent expenditure on public funds. "Reports must not only be prepared for PAC. We will closely be monitoring cases that emanate from your reports. This is not just a routine exercise, it must produce tangible results," he said.

The PAC was concerned by a case where a revenue collector was recorded in the Auditor General reported to have misappropriated public funds exceeding P600 000. It was reported that efforts to recover the said funds from the officer only managed close to P200 000 and more than P400 000 was yet to be recovered.

Permanent Secretary, Mr Jimmy Opelo acknowledged that efforts were made to collate evidence in relation to cases where government funds were misappropriated. He concurred that some of the cases were not well investigated resulting in difficulties to recover embezzled funds and finalising cases.

Mr Opelo also concurred with the committee that there was delay in taking action and devising means to recover government funds from those found to have squandered public funds.

He said the ministry experienced a lot of evolution under rationalisation aimed at improving service delivery. He said that continuous review of the

legislation governing activities of the ministry was also necessary to align it with emerging changes.

Following amendment of the Citizenship Act in 2024, Mr Opelo said all changes to the Act were effected. However, he said amendment of the Act does not replace or nullify other pieces of legislation such as policies that were serving purpose. He said children born in a diaspora to Botswana parents, or one of the parents being a Motswana, or those born in Botswana with one of the parents being a foreigner and to people who renounced their citizenship in order to get that of Botswana, or those who renounced Botswana citizenship in favour of other countries, were eligible to receive dual citizenship.

Mr Opelo said children abandoned and raised at care centres with their nationality unknown, were also eligible to get Botswana citizenship. He said Botswana in diaspora were accordingly assisted by immigration attaches at Botswana consulates across the country whenever encountering challenges; to either renew passports, National Identity card (Omang) and residence permits.

On issuance of permanent residence to foreigners, Mr Opelo said issuance of such citizenship was done after a thorough assessment and investigation of the applicant to establish authenticity. He said it was important to get people of repute character, whose proposed investment would assist build the economy of the country and not connected to criminal activities.

Mr Opelo said giving citizenship to foreigners was not meant to increase the population of the country but rather to enhance skills basket as well as assist diversify and grow the economy.

He said even though the ministry was doing all to serve the public, it was unfortunate that there were cases where customers were fraudulent by presenting false documents. "We want honesty. At times we delay assisting customers due to lack of evidence or lack of authenticity on what they have provided," he said.

He conceded that untruthful customers must not stand in the way of those with valid cases.

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## Early Childhood Development critical foundation - specialist

By Mothusi Galekhutle

LETLHAKENG - Early Childhood Development (ECD) serves as a critical foundation for a child's future, making it essential to invest time and resources into this important stage.

Speaking at the Letlhakeng District early childhood development stakeholder meeting, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) education specialist Ms Lesaka Mukokomane emphasised the importance of dedicating both time and resources to ECD to ensure that children receive the best possible start in life, which is crucial for their overall well-being and future success.

Ms Mukokomane emphasised that investing in early childhood development, particularly during the first one thousand days of a child's life, was crucial for unlocking a child's full potential.

Such investments she added, do not only shape individual lives but also communities and societies as a whole. She explained that ECD encompassed more than just early

childhood education as it also included components related to health, protection, and nutrition.

She stated that a child's learning did not begin at school but with stimulation at the household level.

Ms Mukokomane said early stimulation was essential as it ensured that children did not struggle with fundamental skills such as reading.

Ms Mukokomane underscored the need to educate caregivers and parents on comprehensive childcare and protection, noting that the issue of birth registration was also significant.

She stated that creating a healthy and hygienic environment for young children was a fundamental human right, necessary to ensure their survival and well-being, regardless of their background.

While she acknowledged government's progress in ECD, she pointed out that implementation remained a challenge.

Outlining milestones that have since been attained, she cited the introduction of reception classes, the aim of which is to enhance

early childhood and developmental services by ensuring that children have access to quality early childhood development and education.

She congratulated Botswana on achieving Gold Tier status, stating that it is a significant milestone in the country's commitment to eliminating mother-to-child HIV transmission.

She said these efforts made a real difference in helping children survive and thrive.

Ms Mukokomane stated that advancing ECD, fostering cross-sector collaboration, and securing adequate funding for ECD programmes were essential.

Home Economic Officer I, Ms Mpho Motswaledi emphasised that preschools should not be used as drop-off centres while parents work at the Ipelegeng programme.

She said they should fulfill their intended purpose of providing early childhood education.

She expressed concern that children with disabilities are often not adequately cared for in preschool centres. **BOPA**

## Funds constraints ministry to address challenges

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Due to budgetary constraints, the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs is constrained to address office shortage and lack of toilets at some of the tribal administration offices.

As such, employees would continue to work under great discomfort and sacrifice, says the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Ms Gabatlotlane Mogapi.

Ms Mogapi, who is the ministry's

Accounting Officer said before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Wednesday said that some tribal administration offices operated from small offices, resulting in shortage of office space and ablution blocks.

However, she said the problem was not peculiar to any community, district or location but was spread across the country, adding that the challenge was exasperated by the country's economy which was not doing well.

She said despite the ministry being aware of the challenge, they are not budgeted for due to

shortage of funds.

As such, she said councils were in some instances forced to use funds from the constituency community projects to address maintenance issues, a response that did not go well with PAC member and Serowe South Member of Parliament, Mr Leepetswe Lesedi, who criticised local authorities for using the funds for what they were not intended for.

Mr Lesedi said shortage of toilets at the tribal administration offices affected mostly the marginalised communities, which he said could seem to be an effort to further

sideline such communities.

However, Ms Mogapi said the constituency community projects were only released with the approval of the area MP and further said shortage of offices and toilets affected communities across the country.

Gamalete MP, Mr Boniface Mabeo expressed concern over the welfare of headmen of record across the country and called on the ministry to address the concerns.

He said there were grievances over employment issues at the ministry, and asked the accounting

officer to clarify, to which Ms Mogapi conceded that there were queries relating to employment in the ministry.

Regarding the transfer of clinics from the ministry of health, she said currently, local authorities across the country were assessing the status of all health care facilities and ambulances.

"We are not happy with their conditions," she responded after PAC chairperson, Mr Taolo Lucas asked if she was satisfied and happy about the status of the ambulances they received.

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# 'Child discipline starts at family level'

By Esther Mmolai

MAUN - To arrest juvenile delinquency, parents have been implored to play their role by fostering discipline and instilling positive moral values in their children.

Maun West MP, Mr Caterpillar Hikuama said this when responding to comments by some residents during a kgotla meeting complaining about indiscipline among children due to alcohol, drugs and substance abuse saying the issue was a growing concern that needed attention.

While he appreciated that alcohol and drug abuse among children were prevalent, he informed the gathering that the foundation of a child's discipline started at the family level within the home environment and as such called on parents to step up and cultivate positive behaviour through positive reinforcement.

"The foundation for discipline and good habits is laid within the family setup and as such, as parents you should be seen playing a key role in moulding your children before they go out into the society. You should actively help them learn good morals and values so that they become individuals who can make responsible decisions," he added.

Mr Hikuama further noted that it was unfortunate as some parents failed to guide their children and instead blame teachers for not instilling discipline while some fear the possibility that using discipline might drive away their children.

He said some parents entertained bad behaviour as they would watch their children going out at night, joining gangsters and not questioning them even if they bring home stolen items. As parents, he said they should appreciate that during their school days, their parents were hardly called at school because they were well-disciplined in the best way possible and asked what made them think their children do not deserve that discipline.

"At times some parents tell teachers that their children are untouchable at home due to the influence of drugs and substance abuse and expect teachers to perform miracles to change their children. "This is not right and you should take the responsibility as parents to set up boundaries and close the space between home and school or else we are going to breed delinquents hence the need for a collaborative effort by all stakeholders to curb the problem. Teachers cannot nurture and mould children into responsible citizens while parents still take

the backseat," he said.

Parents had complained that school-going children from primary indulged in drug abuse, and some who persistently abuse substances often experienced an array of problems including academic difficulties. Bombadi Village Development Committee chairperson, Ms Gaobuse Katisenge said the situation was worrisome, as some children lost interest in school due to addiction.

She said substance abuse impacted negatively on the children's academic performance citing that some miss classes leading to poor grades. "If we do not act as a community, our children will drop out of school or even expelled from school because of ill behaviour," emphasised Ms Katisenge.

He said parents must address juvenile delinquency in schools by starting from home by taking

disciplinary action against their children. She said some parents destroyed children's future by selling drugs to minors. Ms Katisenge decried lack of developments in their ward noting that every year they submit development projects that never materialised. She complained about the bad state of internal roads and darkness in the streets and called for installation of tower lights. **BOPA**



Mophil Investment project manager, Mr Simanga Zulu (right), councillor for Block 6/7 Mr Khumo Sebereko (second right), Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr Yusuke Shindo (third right) and other officials at the groundbreaking ceremony of Childline Botswana call centre in Gaborone on Wednesday. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

## Game-proof fence solution to human-wildlife conflict

By Portia Ikgopoleng

KASANE - The ongoing Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA) funded game-proof fence project in Pandamatenga is expected to reduce human-wildlife conflict and promote food security.

KAZA Executive Director Dr Nyambe Nyambe stated that the transformative project was valued at P11.5 million of which 68 per cent was funded by KAZA whereas the remaining 32 per cent was co-financed by government.

"This transformative project will eradicate human-wildlife conflict in Pandamatenga and also support broader conservation goals by maintaining wildlife corridors while protecting livelihoods."

Dr Nyambe said human-wildlife conflict cases had skyrocketed in the area with 350 incidents reported in the past three years where 230 hectares of crops were destroyed by wild animals.

He indicated that these damages cost government over P716 000 in compensation paid to farmers.

Dr Nyambe underscored that the project was aligned to KAZA's mission to sustainably manage resources and apply best conservation models for socio-economic wellbeing of communities in the KAZA region. He pointed out that KAZA region consisted of 19

national parks, 60 forest reserves, and an estimated total number of elephant population at 227 900 with the largest volume in Botswana.

He said the construction of a 22 kilometres solar powered game proof fence had commenced with pre-fence construction works.

Dr Nyambe said the fence protected 242 Pandamatenga small scale farmers, indirectly benefiting 1000 dependents through food supply and employment.

He remarked that Pandamatenga was an epicentre for arable agriculture mostly constituted by commercial farmers who applied modern farming practices supported by robust infrastructure such as animal-proof fence.

Dr Nyambe stated that this project would transform small scale farming frequented by locals as it positioned them to be competitive and expand to commercial farming.

He said Pandamatenga was a transboundary wildlife corridor connecting Chobe, Kazuma Pan and Hwange National Parks in Botswana and Zimbabwe respectively.

Dr Nyambe noted that initial ground preparation and bush clearing by Ministry of Lands and Agriculture was currently ongoing adding that wildlife relocation was expected to begin in October 2025. **BOPA**

## Japan funds construction of helpline call centre

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE - The Government of Japan has granted Childline Botswana Trust Fund a total of US\$85 113 which will go towards the construction of a helpline call centre at Childline Botswana's headquarters in Gaborone.

Speaking at a handover of funds, donated under the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project (GGP), the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr Yusuke Shindo, noted that child abuse remained a widespread global concern.

He highlighted that despite Childline Botswana's active role in child protection, the organisation currently operated without a dedicated call centre, which limited its ability to respond promptly and effectively to children in need.

"While Botswana has implemented programmes to reduce child abuse and violence, there is still a significant gap between the rising number of cases and the capacity of existing interventions," he said. Mr Shindo added that the new call centre would be equipped with

an advanced telecommunications system, drastically improving operational efficiency compared to the current system, which only allows one call at a time.

He expressed hope that the call centre would play a pivotal role in closing service delivery gaps and urged stakeholders to continue committing to the protection and well-being of children.

Deputy Director of Learner Support Services at the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Thapelo Moalusi, noted the rise in cases of child violence reported each year, saying the new call centre was a beacon of hope and protection for vulnerable children.

"With its state-of-the-art facilities, the centre will enable quicker responses and wider reach to children and families across Botswana," she said.

Ms Moalusi reaffirmed Botswana's alignment with international statutes promoting child welfare, referencing The Children's Act and The Persons with Disabilities Act, both of which uphold the fundamental rights of children. She extended gratitude to the Embassy of Japan for its support and applauded

Childline Botswana for three decades of dedicated service.

Giving an overview of the project, Childline Botswana Executive Secretary, Mr Olebile Machete, shared that the call centre would feature a reception and waiting area, two call rooms (each fitted with four telecommunication systems), two offices, a meeting room, kitchen, bathrooms, and a storeroom.

"The upgraded system will allow us to handle over 3000 calls per month," he said, adding "we will be able to provide telephonic counselling and refer callers to critical services more efficiently."

Mr Machete said while Childline's toll-free number 116 currently operated until 11.00pm, the organisation had extended its reach to social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp.

"In the future, we aim to operate our helpline 24 hours a day," he said.

In 2024, Childline Botswana handled approximately 3 800 counselling cases. With the new system, the organisation anticipates an 80 per cent increase in the number of cases handled and a 50 per cent rise in call volume. **BOPA**

# Global Expo Botswana rebrands

By **Thamani Shabani**

FRANCISTOWN - The rebranding of Global Expo Botswana to Pula Investment conference is aimed at better serving both local and foreign investors.

The move, announced at a Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC) national roadshow in Francistown on Tuesday, seeks to redefine Botswana's investment story and position the country for transformative growth, boosting the global export of Botswana products.

Speaking at the roadshow, BITC project manager Mr Thomas Molebatsi explained that the rebranding was a key step in the broader strategy to boost economic diversification and increase engagement with Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), retailers, hotels and producers.

Regarding the upcoming Pula Investment conference and exhibition slated for October 8-11 in Gaborone, he said the event was a call to action by all as the country redefined its investment landscape.

Themed: Unlocking Botswana's Potential: Partnerships for Sustainable Growth, Mr Molebatsi said the conference would build on this new focus, and highlight the importance of partnerships between government, the private sector, and communities to drive sustainable development.

Mr Molebatsi also explained that the conference would prioritise innovation and investment, as well as connecting Botswana's entrepreneurs with global investors.

"The event is expected to attract industry leaders, investors, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and innovators, fostering opportunities for groundbreaking ideas and

*The rebranding seeks to redefine Botswana's investment story and position the country for transformative growth.*

showcasing Botswana's potential to the global market," he added.

He said previous years had seen participation from over 200 exhibitors from across Africa and beyond.

The event he said, would also focus on skills development and job creation, preparing Botswana's workforce for the future.

In his welcome remarks, BITC Francistown's director of services, Mr Gaerekwe Gaerekwe explained

that the aim of the national roadshow was to promote investment and export opportunities in the SADC region, with a particular focus on educating attendees about product listing requirements and the PushaBW campaign.

Meanwhile, participants learnt that the Companies Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) was cracking down on unregistered company secretaries following a surge in fly-by-night operations.

CIPA official, Ms Lorato Kemong announced that the authority had been given the mandate to register all secretarial companies to curb the issue.

She said this comes in response to growing concerns about unregistered businesses which operate outside of established codes of conduct and charged exorbitant fees.

She said unregistered companies created unfair business practices,

and benefit individuals who should not be profiting from secretarial activities.

For their part, participants expressed frustration with the high costs of secretarial services and the unethical practices of some secretarial companies.

Concerns were also raised about CIPA's perceived failure to fulfill its mandate effectively, prompting questions about the organisation's capacity to regulate the industry.

The roadshow is themed: Driving economic growth through investment, trade and enterprise development. **BOPA**

## 'Sugar beans sensitive to harsh weather'

By **Goweditse Kome**

NLAPWANE - A recently released report from a research that aimed to improve the quality of beans in Botswana has revealed that sugar beans do not tolerate harsh weather conditions.

Sugar beans are sensitive to high and low temperatures and does not grow well in waterlogged areas, thus revealed senior research scientist at National Agricultural Research Institute (NARDI) Mr Joseph Pharudi when sharing the research findings during a farm walk at Nlapkhwane ploughing fields recently.

He said this year sugar beans did not do well because of the torrential rains that hit the country, adding, that some farmers in Mogorosi near Serowe managed to harvest 'something' as they ploughed after the heavy rains subsided.

"When ploughing sugar beans, I advise you to observe the four Rs being the right germ plasma



**Mr Abel Matebu of Gandanyemba ploughing field near Nlapkhwane leading fellow farmers to appreciate his sugar beans production during a farm walk recently. He said sugar beans required intensive care and were highly sensitive to harsh weather conditions, particularly waterlogged fields.**

Photo: Goweditse Kome

(seed), right conditions, right time and right agronomic practices," he said, adding that controlling weeds, pests and proper tilling of the soil were the most essential factors in producing sugar beans.

The research, which mostly focused on Tswana bean, whose seeds government provides to farmers through the Crop Production Office, was done in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) based in Vienna, Austria and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) under SADC's Southern African Bean Research Network (SABRN).

It was through consultation with IAEA that the country established that it took longer than necessary for a particular sugar bean crop cycle to close.

"Looking at the effects of climate change, we wanted to have a crop (bean) that could produce and harvest in less than 120 days," he said, adding that the research came up with a crop that was ready for harvest in around 85 days.

Mr Pharudi stated that in the beginning, the bean varieties under scrutiny were about 100, but

some were eliminated until three varieties; M25, M33 and M46 remained. "The letter M, refers to the technology that was used to come up with the end product," he explained.

During the research, some farmers were chosen to prototype the beans by planting them and after harvesting and tasting they would then enter the approval stage, then the variety release, after which the farmers would then name them.

Mr Pharudi encouraged farmer to plant the beans in question and ensure they saved some seeds for the following ploughing season.

One of the farmers, Mr Abel Matebu of Gandanyemba ploughing field near Nlapkhwane said he was given two varieties of sugar beans on research to plough, but this year's torrential rains aborted his efforts.

Mr Matebu said he later bought seeds and broadcast them, however concurring that sugar beans were not an easy crop to produce due to its many challenges such as not being tolerant to heavy rains as well as high and low temperatures.

He said he periodically cultivated the soil to maintain moisture and

promote aeration at the same time weeding his crops.

In his welcome remarks, Kgosi Mukani Mudongo of Nlapkhwane said selection of farmers used for the research was done randomly across all corners of the village to utilise different soil types and weather conditions.

Kgosi Mudongo applauded village elders for their keen interest in agricultural training that included workshops. He also commended the crop production officer and the NARDI office for periodically visiting the farmers to assist them with any challenge they might be facing.

For his part, NARDI senior research scientist, Mr Gagopale Bosekeng informed farmers of the introduction of bio-charbiochar, a type of charcoal created by heating organic material in a process called pyrolysis. This process, he said, transformed biomass into a carbon-rich material with potential benefits for soil health, carbon sequestration and underground moisture storage.

Mr Bosekeng said the charcoal could maintain its goodness for more than 15 years in the ground. **BOPA**

## Southern District beef farmers event facilitates exchange of ideas

By **Marvin Motlhabane**

KANYE - The annual Farmers Field Day organised by the Southern District Beef Farmers Association is scheduled for Saturday at Ngwadiroto Ranch, located 50km from Jwaneng along the Mahotshwane road.

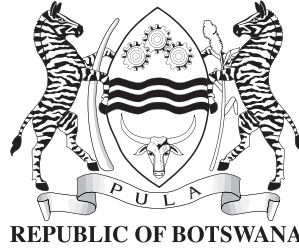
The event, themed: Sustainable Beef Farming for the Future: Innovation, Growth, and Resilience, will feature experts from various institutions, including the Ministry of Agriculture, CEDA, LEA, BMC, and the Office of the President.

In an interview with **BOPA** on Wednesday, Southern District Beef Farmers Association Secretary Mr Thebe Makgabanyana said the event aims to bring together

approximately 100 exhibitors from across the country, focusing on capacity building among local farmers.

Mr Makgabanyana explained that the Farmers Field Day has been a tradition since 1972, created to facilitate the exchange of expertise in the agricultural sector to help farmers achieve optimum productivity at the farm level. As the event, approaches its 55th anniversary, Mr Makgabanyana announced that entry for spectators was free, and stalls would be available for business activities.

For the organisation of this year's event, approximately P300 000 has been allocated, sourced from membership fees and sponsorships. **BOPA**



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### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 6 OF 2025

Ref: MCKT 4/2/1 I (67) 20 May 2025

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR – DEPARTMENT OF SHARED DIGITAL SERVICES - E2 SALARY SCALE (1 POST)

Applications are invited from talented, decisive and self-driven qualified citizens of Botswana to fill the above vacancy tenable at the Ministry of Communications and Innovation- Department of Shared Digital Services on 24-36 months on contract basis.

**MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:** To coordinate the development and implementation of strategies for Shared Digital Services of the Government of Botswana policies, legislation and standards.

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Monitors development of core infrastructure and services, and implementation of policies, legislation, standards and strategies for shared digital services.
- Provides guidance in the implementation of National Digitalization policy, legislation and strategy.
- Monitors compliance to policies, legislation, standards and strategies for shared digital services management.
- Interprets digital policies and legislation for various stakeholders.
- Resolves customer complaints and queries.
- Identifies key stakeholders in the development and review of shared digital services policies, legislation and strategies and makes recommendation to management.
- Creates forums for consultations, collaborations and partnerships with stakeholders to facilitate relevance in shared digital services policies, legislation and strategies.
- Monitors and evaluates frameworks for the shared digital services management function.
- Monitors provision of digital services across the Government to facilitate national digital transformation.
- Provides guidance in the design and development of National Enterprise Architecture to guide business digitization across the economy.
- Establishes and reviews Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with service providers.
- Monitors development and maintenance of Operations Level Agreements (OLAs) with customers.
- Develops systems that manages and analyses customer interactions and data throughout the customer service cycle.
- Monitors development and integration of technologies to provide adequate hosting solutions for all Government system.
- Monitors the development and maintenance of technologies to provide networking capabilities for all Government systems
- Monitors the development of technologies to store, process and disseminate data across
- Monitors compliances and adherence to government regulations and instruments.
- Monitors provision of information required to address audit queries.
- Jointly agrees on performance objectives and targets and signs performance agreements with staff, undertakes performance reviews in accordance with the performance management system.
- Provides professional guidance, coaching and mentoring to staff.
- Manages conduct of staff performance and enforces implementation of Public Service disciplinary code, including taking appropriate disciplinary action in line with labour legislation, laid down disciplinary policy and procedures.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A Bachelor degree in Information Communication Technology or Computer Engineering or a related field.

**EXPERIENCE:** A minimum of Fourteen (14) years' relevant work experience in ICT or related field of which two (2)

years should have been served as Chief Systems Analyst - D1 salary scale.

**SALARY SCALE:** E2 (P449, 256– 467,436) per annum

**LEAVE:** 30 Working days per annum

#### BENEFITS:

- Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%).
- Gratuity paid at 30% of aggregate salary upon expiry of contract.

#### KEY COMPETENCIES:

- Analytical and Strategic Thinking
- Deciding and Initiating Change
- Teamwork and Partnering
- Communicating effectively.
- Planning and Execution
- Supervision and Accountability
- Innovation and Driving change
- Delivering quality service.

### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2025

Ref: MCKT 4/2/1 I (68) 20 May 2025

#### DIRECTOR- RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE BUSINESS – E1 SALARY SCALE (1 POST)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Director – E1 salary scale tenable at Ministry of Communications and Innovation, Department of Research and Knowledge Business on contract basis.

**MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:** To provide strategic leadership in the management and coordination of the Research and Knowledge Business function.

#### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Develops of Research and Knowledge Business policies, legislation, standards and strategies.
- Monitors compliance to policies, legislation, standards and strategies for Research and Knowledge Business.
- Coordinates development and review of research and Knowledge guidelines.
- Interprets Research and Knowledge Business policies and legislation to stakeholders to guide national development.
- Consults with stakeholders in the development and review of Research and Knowledge Business policies, legislation and strategies.
- Represent the Ministry in various fora on issues of National Research and Knowledge Business.
- Coordinates development and implementation of the performance strategy and plan for Research and Knowledge Business function
- Coordinates adherence to implementation of the Research Agenda and set priority areas.
- Oversees development of effective Research Management Systems.
- Coordinates the review and evaluation of implementation of research funding.
- Advocates for value addition and commercialisation of knowledge.
- Coordinates monitoring and evaluation of Knowledge Management activities and implements corrective measures.
- Guides the development and implementation of systems for creation, capturing, processing storage and sharing of knowledge.
- Provides oversight on knowledge generation, exchange and management in the National System of Innovation.
- Advocates for national promotion of science, technology and innovation to create awareness on the benefits of science.
- Advocates for promotion and safe use of nuclear technology through educational campaigns.
- Determines immediate and long term financial

priorities for Research.

- Advocates for the development of the recurrent budget and development budget for the function.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A Degree in Social Sciences or a related field. A professional qualification on Research Information Management or a post graduate qualification in Communication will be an added advantage.

**EXPERIENCE:** Sixteen (16) years experience in Research or Knowledge Business or a related field of which two (2) should have been served as a Deputy Director or equivalent.

**SALARY SCALE:** E1 (P512 148 – P532 860) per annum

**LEAVE:** 30 Working days per annum

#### BENEFITS:

- Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee pays 50%).
- Gratuity paid at 30% of aggregate salary upon expiry of contract.

#### KEY COMPETENCIES:

- Analytical and strategic thinking
- Deciding and initiating Change
- Teamwork and Partnering
- Communicating Effectively
- Planning and Execution
- Supervision and Accountability
- Innovating and Driving Change
- Delivering Quality Service

**APPLICATION:** Applicants should quote the reference number of this advert and give the following information:-

- Full names, postal address, date and place of birth.
- Full summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae- CV) with **full dates**.
- Certified copies of relevant certificates and National Identity Card.
- At least two (2) copies of recent work related references (with full contact details) Confirming the relevant experience.
- Present post, salary grade and date of appointment thereto.
- Date of first appointment.
- Performance reviews for the years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.
- Proof of registration with ERB for those who holds engineering qualifications.

**IMPORTANT:** All applications from serving Public officers **must** be routed through Permanent Secretaries.

Applications not so routed will not be considered. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements will not be responded to.

Applications should be addressed to;

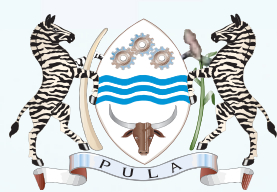
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**Ministry of Communications and Innovation**  
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**Or hand delivered to Ministry of Communications and Innovation, Westgate Mall, Records Management Unit, Ground Floor.**

For any enquiries contact Recruitment and Selection division at 3625525/3625524/3625618 or 3612031

**Closing Date:** 10 June 2025

**NB\* ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE RESPONDED TO**



Republic of Botswana

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELIEF

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

Update as at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

52	Suits Africa Represented by Mr. & Mrs. Amos	-School stationery worth P15,000.00
53	Asphalt Botswana (PTY) LTD , Represented by Mr Pius Mphathwa	-P3000,000.00
54	Khato Civils , Represented by Ishmael Maposa and Mongezi Mwyani	-P1 100,000.00
55	Motor Centre Group Represented by Mrs Zaheera Essof	-P 500, 000.00
56	Royal Assembly Ministries International Mrs Kgalalelo Ramogapi	-P10, 000.00
57	COSPHARM Botswana Represented by Nametso Sebetlelela	-40 Mattresses, 40 Blankets , 48 * 20 Toilet Papers & 20 Latex Gloves
58	Standard Chartered Education Trust Dr Didi Biorn	-P600, 000.00 and Psychosocial Support Services to the affected
59	Builders Dept , Represented by Zain UR Rehman & Zeeshan U Mohammad	-Food Hampers *85 @ P30,500.00 , Water Pumps *5 @P9500.00 ,-P40, 000.00
60	China Jiangsu International ,Botswana (PTY) LTD	-Food Hampers @P24,995.00
61	Shiyu Li	-Children's Clothes * 40 pieces
62	Overview Radio Represented by Joey Badubi	-P100 000.00 Airtime ,100 Sanitary Pads, 300 bottled water, Food hampers worth P10 000.00
63	Softlife TissueRepresented by Myson Mbengwa	-960 units of Toilet Paper
64	NADIR and Grand Stone Investment Represented by Altaf	-100 blankets , 240 sanitary pads (10 boxes)
65	Shaanxi Construction Engineering and Top International Engineering Botswana , Represented by Zhao Shuanghai	-P200 000.00
66	Botswana National Front Women's League	-P5 000.00
67	KLI Water Bowsing Services , Represented by Thapelo Monyere	-20 000L of drinking water
68	Hill View Church Represented by Pastor Rankgate	-32 mattresses, Sanitary Pads, Cartons of water (35 bottles x 6 , 24 bottles x 2 ), Assorted clothing, Food hampers (rice, samp and spaghetti)
69	Botswana Hindu Society	-50 Blankets and food hampers worth P12,000.00
70	Faheb Holdings	-190 towels, bedsheets and pillows worth P17,900.00
71	Duke Holdings	-P20,000.00
72	Legae Primary English Medium School	-Books amounting to P207 000,00 in value
73	B4U Discount Centre	-8 Washing Powder, 8 Fabric Softeners, 12 Colgates, 12 bath soaps, 20 blankets
74	Alex Forbes	-Cash P50,000.00
75	Bokomo Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00 & Food hampers P50,000.00
76	Stanbic Botswana	-Cash P2,000,000.00
77	Liberty Life	-Cash P50,000.00
78	Pep Stores	-Clothing & Blankets P10,000.00
79	Protea Masa Hotel	-Cash P5,000.00
80	Inq Digital Botswana	-Cash 10,000.0
81	Bolux Botswana	-Food Hampers (Maize Meal). P156,000.00
82	Clover Botswana	-Food Hampers (Dairy) P54,000.00
83	Woolworths Botswana	-Food & Clothing Hampers P850,000.00
84	CA Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers P300,000.00
85	PST Sales & Distribution	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 60,000.00
86	Kalahari Training Institute	-Food & Toiletries Hampers 10,000.00
87	ABSA Botswana	-Cash P1,000,000
88	Flotek/Motovac Group	-Cash P100,000.00
89	Unik Construction	-Cash P1,000,000.00 and drinking water P13,000.00
90	Afrivet	-10 Knapsacks
91	Dutch Reform Church Clothing	-Clothing vaule P5,000.00
92	Botswana Fujian Overseas Chinese Association	-Relief cash fund of P100,000.00 and domestic items worth P140,193.00.

93	Greater Hope Life Change Charity Society	-6 water pumps, 200 mosquito nets, 20 heavy-duty torches, & food & toiletries valued at P40,000.00.
94	HLB Botswana	-8 combo meal packages, assorted toiletries, 50 fleece jackets, & 250 bottles of 330ml water.
95	Cellphone Warehouse	-Donated a DJI Avata Drone.
96	Jackson Pools	-Contributed 3 life jackets, 3 life rings, 5 horseshoe life buoys, and 3 cushion ,buoyancy A10.
97	Puma Energy Botswana	-Donated P100,000.00 worth of jet fuel.
98	Moffat James Bango Trading Pty Ltd	-Donated P100,000.00.
99	University of Botswana Academic & Support Staff Union (UBASSU)	-Donated P10,000.00.
100	Botswana Chapter of International Women Judges Association	-Donated P10,000.00.
101	Khoemacau Copper Mining	-Pledged to repair potholes, design Segoditshane River & culverts at a value of P2,500,000.00.
102	Mobile and Electric Retailers Association of Botswana	-Cash P100,000.00
103	Kalcon PTY LTD	-Cash P100,000.00
104	Stargems Botswana Pty Ltd	-Cash P50,000.00
105	Glazing Botswana	-Cash P40, 000.00
106	Botswana Doctors Union	-CashP15,000.00
107	Business Botswana in collaboration with AGS Botswana	-18 packets of sanitary pads, 33 bottles of 5l water, 14 bags of 10kg maize meal, 14 bags of 2kg macaroni, 14 bottles of 2l cooking oil, 14 bottles of 750ml tomato sauce, 14 bottles of 750ml mayonnaise & 3 power banks.
108	Botswana Fibre Networks (BOFINET)	-Cash P100,000.00
109	Human Resources Professionals' Society of Botswana:	-Food hampers worth P5,500.00
110	Botswana Gujarat Samaj	-150 food hampers
111	Legae Academy	25 mosquito nets, 25 mattresses, hygiene kits, and food hampers
112	Priceless Connection represented by Alamaan Q. Hamdani	50 Headlamps and 20 Torches
113	Korea Community Association	300 blankets, 70 first aid kits, 2 generators, 2 chainsaws, 10 solar searchlights, and 50 protective gloves
114	Holy Ghost International Church - Bethesda TV & Partners	20 blankets
115	Fairprice Group of Companies	Clothing for children and adults valued at P15,000.00.
116	Bible Life Ministries	A financial contribution of P70,000.00.
117	Mohammed VI Foundation	100 food hampers valued at P42,630.00.
118	Dulux Botswana	P75,000.00
119	ZIMBOTS Golf Society	P3,500.00
120	Morning Star Apostolic Church of Christ (Tutume)	17 blankets

**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
NTSHEGANG LELU	ESHFT-000632-24	27-08-2025	09:00HRS	BASUPI

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 08<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**  
.....  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

Labotlhano Motsheganong 23, 2025 Kgatiso 096

## Mmantswitswidi wa ngwao o robetse

### Ka Relief Lephutshi

**KANYE** - Pulafhela Ntwaeagae, mmantswitswidi wa ngwao ya Sengwaketse le puo ya Setswana o tlaa bolokwa kwa Kanye Motsheganong a le masome mararo le bongwe.

Rantetedi jaaka bontsi bo ne bo mo itse e ne e le mmoki wa popota wa puo ya Setswana, a apara kapari ya setso, e bile a itsege ka go reta bogosi, segolo jang Kgosi Seepapitso IV wa Bangwaketse.

Mmueledi wa ba lelwapa e bile e le morwa wa gagwe, Rre Pelonomi Ntwaeagae a re rraagwe yo o tshotsweng ka 1930, e ne e le seatla sa ga Kgosi Seepapitso IV

ebile boo mmogo, ba utlwana.

O diretse morafe wa Bangwaketse e le kgosi kwa Gasita go tswa ka 1988 go fitlha ka 2014, Rre Ntwaeagae a tlhalosa, a bo a supa fa a ne a le setswerere mo tsamaisong ya ditiro tsa setso.

A re gape o ne a na le seaba mo moletlong wa Mmakgodumo Cultural Festival, e le go lemoga le go tlotla kemonokeng ya gagwe le go tshetsa ngwao ya Sengwaketse. Mothusa Kgosisikgolo wa GaNgwaketse, Kgosi Kebapetse Telekelo, o tlhalositse fa Ntwaeagae a ne a kgona go phutha morafe wa Gasita a o dira seoposengwe a ba a o tlogela o godile mme morago

a ikopela go ikhutsa ka ntlha ya bogodi. A re o tlaa mo gopola ka mowa wa gagwe o montle wa go tlogelela ba Gasita bogosi a sa boikgagapelela.

O mo kaile gape ka bothlaga le bopelontle mme se a se supile ka go lomagana le ba mokgatho wa Habitat For Humanity, o o sa direng dipoelo, o itebagantse le go thusa malwapa go nna le bonno.

Kgosi Telekelo o mo kaile ka bothlaga le dinyao segolo jang mo pokong ya gagwe e mo go yone a neng a supa le kitso ya go letsa mogolokwane.

Ntwaeagae o tlhokafetse Motsheganong a le lesome le borataro. **BOPA**



*Pulafhela Ntwaeagae, mmantswitswidi wa ngwao ya Sengwaketse le puo ya Setswana o tlaa bolokwa Motsheganong a le masome mararo le bongwe kwa Kanye.*

## Mapodise a Serowe a tshwenngwa ke dipetelelo tsa bana

### Ka Tshiamiso Mosetlha

**SEROWE** - Mapodise a Serowe a boletse fa ba tshwenngwa ke melato ya dipetelelo tsa bana.

Mogolwane wa mapodise, Superintendent Poloko Oteng o tlhaloseditse BOPA fa kgaolo eo, e aperwe gape ke maletso e akaretsa dititeo le go ratana le bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase.

Se se tla morago ga gore a

supe fa ba tsheditse monna wa dingwaga tse di lesome le boferabongwe wa kgotla ya Mongele kwa Motshegaletau, kwa kgaolong ya Serowe borwa yo go belaelwang a ne a itseela dikobo ka dikgoka mo setlogolong sa gagwe, yo dingwaga di bosupa.

Rre Oteng o boletse fa mmangwana a ne a mo tlogetse le malomaagwe fa a ya tirong.

Are mmangwana o ne a boela kwa lwapeng, mme a fitlhela ntlo

e lotletswe.

E rile go bula, ngwana a lotlegela mmaagwe ka se se diragetseng mme ga begelwa mapodise, ngwana a isiswa kwa sepatela kwa dingaka di neng tsa mo thatlhoba mme ga ikaya fa ngwana a dirilwe sengwe.

Rre Oteng o kaile fa ba santse ba tswetse ka ditlhotlhomiso, mmelaelwa a tlaa itshupa kwa lekgotleng la ga mmakaseterata mo bogaufing. **BOPA**

## Tsela ya Mohembo-Gudigwa ga e jese diwelang

### Ka Kedirebofe Pelontle

**GUMARE** - Makhanselara ba kgaolo ya Okavango ba ngongoregela seemo sa tsela ya go tswa Mohembo go ya Gudigwa.

Makhanselara ba buile jalo fa ba akgela mo dintlheng tsa mafoko tse ba di beilweng pele ke modulasetilo wa khansele, Rre Gaopalelwe Ronald fa a bula bokopano jwa Khansele mo bekeng eno.

E rile a tswa la gagwe, makhanselara wa kgaolo ya Ngarange-Mogotho Rre Mbathera Ngundura o tlhalositse fa tsela eo, e e senang sekotere e sa siamela dikoloi le botsogo jwa batho, ebile a re go tsaya lebaka le leele lekgarapana la tsela eo le sa baakanngwe. Makhanselara o itlhophetsweng, Rre Palo Moriri ene o supile fa go le lebaka ba solofeditse gore tsela eo e tlaa tsennngwa sekotere, ka jalo a kopa khansele go tlhalosa gore seo, se ka tswa se diilwe ke eng.

Makhanselara wa Beetsha-Gudigwa Rre Molathegi Moyeyi a re lephata la Dipalamo le Ipabalelo tseleng le tshwanetse go tsibogela seemo.

Mokhanselara wa Gumare Borwa Rre Keobinetse Matenanga a re tsela ya Nokaneng-Gumare se a tshwenya ka e senyegile thata, a tlatsa ka gore go na le tiego mo go dirweng ga tsela ya Gumare-Mohembo, a re seemo se se baya

matshelo a batho mo diphatseng.

Rre Matenanga o ile a lebogela madi a a ntshitsweng a lephata la khansele la ditsela ka a re motse wa Gumare o tlhoka ditsela tsa mo motseng. Fa a buisa khansele, modulasetilo Ronald o kaile fa go

na le tswelolepele mo ditseleng tsa makgarapana sekgele sa masome a matlhano a dikilomethara kwa Qangwa le Xaixai le go dirwa ga ditsela kwa Gumare, Shakawe le Seronga ka ditena, a re ditsela tseo di tlaa tlhabolola metse eo le

go tokafatsa mesepele.

Rre Ronald o tlhalositse fa lephata la khansele la ditsela le filwe P10 million go dirisiwa go tokafatsa ditsela mo Gumare mo ngwageng ono wa madi wa 2025/26. **BOPA**



*Makhanselara a kgaolo ya Okavango a ngongorega ka seemo sa tsela ya Mohembo -Gudigwa ba re ga e a siamela dikoloi le botsogo jwa batho.*

# UN appeals for assistance to address crisis

ADDIS ABABA - The United Nations migration agency has appealed for urgent assistance to meet the humanitarian needs of displaced people in Ethiopia.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) warned in a report released Wednesday that the response to displaced people was facing a critical crisis, with newly displaced families left unassisted, while existing shelter conditions rapidly deteriorate.

“Across displacement sites, while humanitarian access remains relatively fluid, displaced households continue to lack access to essential non-food items, including

bedding, cooking sets, and basic household materials, due to limited resources and coverage,” the report says.

According to the report, over the past four months alone, some 154 807 people have been newly displaced, yet very few have received emergency shelter or other non-food items support, leaving families exposed and unprotected. It warns that the severe gaps in response capacity directly impact the health, safety, and dignity of displaced families, particularly those living in collective centers, informal sites, and dispersed settlements.

*Xinhua*



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# Kenya launches early warning climate initiative

NAIROBI - Kenya's Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry, in partnership with key stakeholders, on Wednesday launched the early warnings for all initiative, aimed at strengthening the country's ability to predict and respond to climate-induced disasters such as droughts, floods, and forest fires.

Deborah Mlongo Barasa, cabinet secretary for the ministry, said that investing in a robust

early warning infrastructure held the key to securing a climate resilient future for the country.

“The universal early warning initiative seeks to enhance protection of our communities from climate related hazards.

The initiative will boost anticipatory action, averting loss of lives and livelihoods,” Barasa said during the launch in Nairobi, Kenya.

The initiative, proposed

by United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres in March 2022, has already been adopted by several African countries.

It focuses on early detection, monitoring, analysis, and forecasting of climate hazards, alongside disaster reduction and early response.

Barasa highlighted Kenya's frontline position in the climate crisis and the importance of a

real-time, seamless early warning system to mitigate deaths and displacement of civilians.

She also noted Kenyan President William Ruto's designation as the World Meteorological Organisation's Champion for the initiative in Africa as recognition of Kenya's leadership in disaster response.

The Kenyan program emphasises a community-centered approach to disseminate

timely warnings and protect climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, tourism, forestry, and transport, said David Gikungu, director of the Kenya Meteorological Department.

The initiative's implementation by 2027 will enhance climate adaptation for vulnerable groups including pastoralists, smallholder farmers, and fisherfolk, the director added.

*Xinhua*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### VACANCY CIRCULAR NO: 1 OF 2025

Applications are invited from highly self-driven and well experienced Individuals for the position of Tribal Administrator tenable at various District Offices in the Department of Tribal Administration.

#### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR- D2

**SALARY:** P337 008.00 – P371, 628.00 per annum

**LEAVE:** 30 working days per annum

**BENEFITS:** i) Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pay 50% and employee pay 50%)

ii) Contributory Pension Scheme (Government pays 15% and employee pay 5%).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Degree in Public Administration/Human Resource or related field

**EXPERIENCE:** Ten (10) years relevant work experience two of which should have been served at D3 as Chief Administration Officer I – HR & Administration or Chief Personnel Officer I.

#### PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE JOB

To facilitate Dikgosi in the management of Tribal matters in order to promote Local Governance, Nation Building and dispensation of Justice.

1. Coordinate activities for the maintenance of order and social harmony within the Tribal area.
2. Plans, direct and coordinate information sharing on tribal issues to the community on matters related to developments within the Tribal area.
3. Provide administrative guidance to Customary Courts Presiding officers on matters relating to Government and Customary laws.
4. Coordinate and promote all cultural and traditional events such as Bogwera, Bojale, Dikgafela and Letsema.
5. Advice Dikgosi on interpretation of Customary Court Act and Bogosi Act.
6. Coordinate and supervise the function of tribal offices within the area of jurisdiction and provides professional leadership and guidance regarding Tribal Administration matters.
7. Collection and payment of compensatory fines.
8. Scrutinize adjudicated cases before submission to Customary Courts of Appeal.
9. Supervises preparation of the District Budget and monitor expenditure
10. Manage investigation of audit queries and responses to relevant officers.

11. Coordinate the Human Resource functions within the district.
12. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

#### KEY COMPETENCIES:

- Applying Expertise and Technology
- Planning and Organizing
- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Adapting and Responding to Change
- Persuading and Influencing
- Presenting and Communicating Information
- Formulating Strategies and Concept
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectation
- Relating and Networking

#### APPLICATIONS:

Applicants should quote the vacancy circular number and give the following details:

- i) Full name, address and date of birth
- ii) At least two (2) work related references of not more than six months old
- iii) Brief summary of career with duties.
- iv) The application should entail:
  - Date of First appointment
  - Present post including grade and date of appointment thereto

#### Important:

All Public Service employees must route their applications through their Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered. Response will be accorded to short listed candidates only.

**Applications should be addressed to: Director  
Department of Tribal Administration  
P/Bag 00401  
Gaborone**

Or Hand Delivered to: Department of Tribal Administration  
Tirelo House, floor 2  
Records Management Office  
Office 19

**Closing date: 6th June 2025**

For further information, please contact Human Resource Administration at 3974986.

# ClassifiedAds

## BUSINESS SERVICES

**LOAPI PAWNSHOP "QUICK** Cash When you need it" 72292978

**FITTED KITCHENS, WARDROBES**, ceilings, painting, floorings. Cell 76412009

## FARM WORKERS

**JOB VACANCY:** Farm Labourer, Company: Lavase Pty Ltd, Location: Farm QO 29 in Pandamatenga. Skilled Farm Labourer with experience in operating John Deere equipment, particularly 8R Tractor, S660 Harvester, FX Planters. Send CV: Whatapp Only: 75438744, Email: marcovisagie1234@gmail.com

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Werda/Lobatse. Cell: 74720453.

**HERD BOY URGENTLY WANTED** at Dikgama cattlepost, near Boatlaname. Contact 76885508

**FARM WORKER NEEDED** Shashemooke farm. Private Bag F433 Francistown Banabotho Samaka 72919891

**HERD GIRL WANTED** Gulushane Box 382 Tonota Moathodi Moloi 71473269

**LOOKING FOR A** male farm worker. Apply to Box 408 Mogoditshane.

**HERD BOY WANTED AT** Mabesekwa contact: Siyani Machuka at 72798133/ 71203074 Box 16 Marapong

**FARM WORKER WANTED** Tshaga Ranch Eric Malokwane Box 30147 Francistown 77458695

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED** at Dibete. Apply before 10th June 2025, to 71309952.

**HERD BOY WANTED IN** Ghanzi, experienced in daily milking. contact 71652791,75033927

**TWO FARM WORKERS** male/female at Dukwi and Tatisiding. Phomolo S L Mukhange box 956 Francistown, 77040840/74484314.

**FARM WORKERS REQUIRED** apply to Mareko Molatlhwa P.O.Box 17 Gabane

**FARM WORKER NEED** at a farm in Senamane (Kgatleng District). Call William 72172824 or P O Box 126736 Gaborone.

**POULTRY SUPERVISOR LETLHAKANE** experienced in Managing chickens Broiler from day old until slaughter. Contact 72116874. P. O BOX 1031, Francistown

**MALE FARM WORKERS** at Zantete, Letlhakane. P.O. Box 125 Letlhakane. Cell 71812427

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Mmathethe. Apply Moanamisi Mosala. P O Box 408789 Mathethe. Contact 72358200

**FARM WORKERS WANTED** in Kang. Contact 72252244

**FARM WORKER WANTED.** Location, Mmatshumo. P.O. Box 12, Mmatshumo.

**HERD MAN WANTED** at Xwixana in Gweta. Contact Batisane Wedisang 77682018 Box 85 Gweta

**FARM WORKERS NEEDED** at Botlhapatlou. Apply before 10th June 2025 to 71262602

**EXPERIENCED MIXED/ INTEGRATED** farm worker needed. Apply - Boikobo Ntsiyakgotla Box 1960, Molepolole

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Mantshwabisi. Apply to: Angel Zanele Velepini. Box 70821 Gaborone

**FARM WORKER WANTED** in Kopong. Apply to: Delphene Ramokgau. Box 47203 Phakalane, Gaborone

**TWO FARM WORKERS** wanted at Molepolole for Bontle Seeiso Box 201335 Gaborone : 72458344 / 76232948

**FARM WORKER WANTED** at Karakubis with 2 years experience in horticulture. Contact: 77718287. Closing date : 30.05.2025

**FARM WORKERS REQUIRED.** Location: Mmasesa Farms, Mochudi. 2 Farm workers (Male and female) required for horticulture production. Minimum 2 years experience. Responsibilities include land preparation, production and harvesting. Send application to address P O Box 500437 Gaborone or contact 75532869. Closing date 13th June 2025. Employer: James Sedula.

## NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

**KESEGOFETSE MQHUZULA PLOT** 11198 Kazungula wishes to change land use from civic and community to mixed use. Anyone with objections must consult Chobe District Council Physical Planning on 6250275

**COACH BUILDER NEEDED** relevant qualifications 10 years experience in panelbeating/spray painting and quality control. apply-Tekno Autobody works, box 81198 Gaborone

**A TAUTONA OWNER** of plot no. 30338 in Kanye would like to change land use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections, contact Kanye District Council physical planning office on telephone no 5440117 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice **OWNER OF LOT 18868** would like to change the plot use from residential to multi-residential in phase 2, Gaborone. The neighbors plots 18867 and 18851 are being noticed. Enquiries should be directed to Gaborone physical planning office 3657400.

**CHANGE OF LAND** use. Owner of plot 38183, Mogoditshane Block 5, wishes to inform plot owners concerning change of land use of residential to multi family residential, Contact 71630730 or contact physical planning, Mogoditshane/Thamaga District Council on 3105615 within fourteen working days

**OWNER OF PLOT 2415,** Dikwididi Village wishes to change land use from commercial to mix use residential. Any objections should be made to the Physical Planning office at Kgatleng District council within fourteen days

**CHANGE OF LAND** use. Samantha Morwaagole of plot 94 Bokaa would like to change land use from single to family residential to multi residential. For any objections should be forwarded to Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Office on 5773512,5773511 for any objection within fourteen (14) days of this advert.

## VACANCIES

**WANTED MACHINIST** BE qualified as a Fitter Machinist 8-10 years Machinist experience, experience in on site Machinist line boring edge machining solution Box 687 Orapa

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
MOFFAT ZACHARIAH GUMEDE	ESHFT-000406-25	12-08-2025	09:00HRS	SARM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**  
.....  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

### Notice of Intention to Dispose Tribal Land to a Non-Citizen

**BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE** that I, the undersigned, Tshokolo Jessica Nkhwa, hereby give notice of my intention to sell and transfer the following property:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Portion A of a sub divided ploughing field;  
**SITUATE:** at Phanga Lands in Sebina, in the Ngwato Tribal Territory;  
**MEASURING:** 2.77Ha (Two point Seven Seven Hectares);

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under a Customary Land Certificate dated the 9th of December, 2003, and issued to Tshokolo Jessica Nkhwa by the Tutume Sub-Land Board.

For the sum of P50, 000.00 (fifty thousand pula), subject to such other terms and conditions as available for inspection and consideration at the addresses of the undersigned owner.

Any citizen willing and able to likewise conclude such transaction may make a similar offer through the undersigned owner within thirty (30) days of this publication.

**DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2024.**  
TSHOKOLO JESSICA NKHWA, P.O. Box 75958005, FRANCISTOWN,  
Cellphone Nos. 71700170/76087408.

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN NOTICE TO DEBTOR AND CREDITORS ESHFT 000463-24

**IN THE ESTATE** of the late **BRIGHT BAKOBI MOTSHIDIEMANG ESHFT-000463-24** who died at **NYANGABWE REFFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT, BOTSWANA** **NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that Debtors and creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within 30 days after the publication hereof.

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025**

UNAANI MOTSHIDIEMANG	<b>AND TO:</b> Minister of High Court
EXECUTOR DATIVE	Private Bag F13
P O BOX 373	<b>Francistown</b>
<b>MATHANGWANE</b>	

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: - ESHGB- 000462-25

**IN THE ESTATE** of the **LATE IAN PHILLIP PADDICK** who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District Botswana on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

**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 May 2025**

The Executrix  
Susan Paddick  
Plot 15621, Ext 44 **GABORONE** Cell: 71544410

### Application for Lost Title Deed

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of memorandum of Agreement of Lease No. 327/90 dated 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1990 passed in favour of **Kalahari Kanvas Company (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of the following:

**CERTAIN :** Piece of land being Tribal Lot 264, Maun  
**SITUATE :** at Maun in the Batawana Tribal Territory  
**MEASURING: (Metres):** 1997 m<sup>2</sup> (One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven Square

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

**DATED** at Gaborone this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025

SEROLE & PARTNERS, Plot 54513, Unit 1, The Courtyard, P.O. Box 1679 ABG, Sebele, Gaborone

### Application for Lost Title Deed

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 3/2018 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2018 passed in favour of Elizabeth Nnyanako Barei in respect of the following:

**CERTAIN :** Piece of land being Lot 35621, Gaborone  
**SITUATE :** in Gaborone West Extension 35  
**MEASURING:** 421 m<sup>2</sup> (Four Hundred and Twenty One Square Metres)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BOKANG T. KUBANJI	ESHFT-000593-24	14-10-2025	1000HRS	DRM

**DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025**

.....  
**MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**

### Application for Lost Title Deed

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 228/91 dated 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1991 passed in favour of **CDM Poultry Farm (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of the following:

**CERTAIN:** piece of land being Lot 10105, Gaborone  
**SITUATE:** in Gaborone Administrative District  
**MEASURING:** 12,4045 Ha (Twelve Comma Four Zero Four Five Hectares)  
**HELD UNDER:** Deed of Transfer No. 228/91 dated 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1991 passed in favour of CDM POULTRY FARM (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

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**DATED** at Gaborone this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025

SEROLE & PARTNERS, Plot 54513, Unit 1, The Courtyard, P.O. Box 1679 ABG, Sebele, Gaborone

### INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPETY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8(1) of Married Persons Property Act, 2014)

- Johnson Marina Tabane and Beauty Tabane, married in community of property on the 17th September 2011, in Gaborone wish to change their property regime to out of community of property.
- 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 first publication hereof.
- 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, Pusoentsi Moreeng Legal, before the expiration of the said 3 weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged.

**DATED AT GABORONE THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025**

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## APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION IN AUGUST 2025

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

**All the University of Botswana undergraduate study programmes are accredited and/or registered with the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) on the National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCQF).**

Former undergraduate students who have been away from the University for less than 10 semesters (five academic years) are invited to apply. This also includes former students who previously withdrew, discontinued/or were excluded, or had their enrolment terminated.

Prospective applicants with a Diploma or Certificate wishing to study a Bachelor's Degree or Diploma respectively are also invited to apply.

### Application Materials

The application materials are available as an **Application Package on the University website**, accessed through the **"STUDY"** link at [www.ub.bw](http://www.ub.bw).

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

- a. **Bachelor of Design and Technology Education**
- b. **Bachelor of Arts in Information and Knowledge Management**

### On-line Application

Prospective applicants should apply online through the **"STUDY"** link on the University of Botswana website: [www.ub.bw](http://www.ub.bw). Applicants are to use any Internet facility available to them to apply. **A booklet entitled "ONLINE APPLICATION: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE"** guides how to complete an application online.

### Applicants with Disability

The University of Botswana welcomes applicants with disability and considers their applications on academic merit like all other applicants. Applicants are expected to state whether they have any disability when they apply. Those with disability should contact the University's **Disability Support Services Unit** at the following telephone numbers: **(+267)-355-2768/4183/4490/4991** to explain the nature of their disability. The declaration of such information helps the University assess applicants' learning needs. The University of Botswana will always preserve the confidentiality of information about every prospect or student.

### Application Fee

Prospective applicants can pay their Application Fee online at <https://www.ub.bw/ubpayments> or the Banks. On the bank's deposit slip, they should write their full name and Omang/Passport number as a reference.

### Changes

Applicants may make changes to their study choices by emailing [admissions@ub.ac.bw](mailto:admissions@ub.ac.bw).

### Admission Processing:

Applicants who meet the set programme entry requirements will be admitted based on academic merit, depending on space availability. Meeting the minimum entry requirements does not, therefore, **guarantee admission**.

### Closing date:

The second cycle of applications for **August 2025** entry for local and international prospects will close on **31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**.

### For Further Information:

Kindly contact the **University Undergraduate Admissions Office** at the **Main Campus** in **Gaborone** at the following:

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## BTO reschedules Khawa to June

By Naomi Leepile

TSABONG - The Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival which will be managed and hosted by Incepta Communications company for the next three years, from 2025 to 2027 promises to be more rewarding.

This followed a decision by Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) to out source the event to the private sector and specialised sports codes, with a tender floated to that effect.

The event which was initially set for May has as a result been scheduled to June 27-29.

Tsabong District Council chairperson Elias Motlhanke announced during the ongoing council meeting, and acknowledged the vital role of the BTO and the festival.

The postponement, he said, was attributed to unforeseen circumstances that inhibited BTO, its partners, and stakeholders from proceeding with the originally scheduled dates.

Since its inception in 2012, the festival had demonstrably benefited the Khawa community by providing income-generating opportunities for residents through cultural performances, food and craft stalls, and local service providers, he said.

He further assured the council that this adjustment would allow for adequate time to effectively manage logistical preparation and coordinate with key stakeholders to ensure a smooth and successful

event in June.

Turning to the realm of youth, gender, sports, and arts, Motlhanke addressed the recent rationalisation of ministries, which saw the Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture split into two Ministries. Ministry of Art and Sport is now in transition period with staff being rationalised to align with the new structures, he said.

He acknowledged that the exercise has led to delayed programming and affected the movements of staff across various established Ministries and departments, causing some uncertainty for both staff and clients and impacting smooth service delivery.

Despite these transitional challenges, he highlighted a significant positive development in youth leadership.

“On a positive note, the District is blessed to have one of its own young women named Oabona Jacobs being nominated by the Minister of Youth and Gender Affairs to the position of board member for the Botswana National Youth Council,” the chairman announced with pride.

This appointment at the national level was seen as an opportunity to have the voices of young people advanced, he said.

He further explained that Jacobs had already assumed some responsibilities, including attending the United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum in New York in April where she was an active



The Khawa Dune Challenge and Cultural Festival initially set for May will be held from June 27 to 29 under the management of Incepta Communications company. Tsabong District Council chairman Elias Motlhanke said this new development promises to be more beneficial to all the stakeholders.

participant, debater, and panellist in discussions.

Motlhanke described her as “a marvel to engage with” and urged all departments to fully support her in undertaking her duties and responsibilities, emphasising that she would put the district on the map in matters of youth advocacy and empowerment. **BOPA**

## China Inner Mongolia artistes captivates audience at Benin concert

COTONOU - A concert featuring artistes from northern China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous messmerised more the audience with their performance at the Chinese Cultural Center of Benin in Cotonou.

The concert held Tuesday, titled *Heavenly Melody: Echoes from the Grasslands* drew an audience of about 300 attendees, including Beninese government officials, foreign diplomats, and representatives from local cultural and educational institutions.

Jointly organised by the Chinese Cultural Center of Benin, the Network of International Cultural Entities, and the Culture and Tourism Department of Inner Mongolia, the concert blended traditional Mongolian music with contemporary arrangements, offering a unique musical experience.

The Nair Band from Inner Mongolia delivered a dynamic performance that showcased ethnic heritage infused with modern flair.

Their rendition of a signature song by internationally

acclaimed Beninese singer Angelique Kidjo received an especially enthusiastic response, earning sustained applause from the audience.

“We are thrilled to perform in Benin for the first time and to receive such a warm welcome,” said En He, lead singer of the band.

“We hope this concert helps more local friends experience the unique charm of music from the Chinese grasslands. In Mongolian, Nair means brotherhood, sincerity, and unity,” said Zhang Wei, Chinese ambassador to Benin, in his speech.

“We wish for everlasting friendship between China and Benin and continued progress in our strategic partnership.”

The performance sparked strong interest and admiration for Chinese culture among Beninese audiences, said Herve Codjo, director of the Beninese Arts and Culture Development Agency, expressing hope for deeper cultural exchanges and strengthened cooperation between the two countries.

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# Botswana hosts Davis Cup again

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - Botswana has been granted rights to host 2025 Davis Cup Africa Zone Group V for the second consecutive year.

The tournament, known as the World Cup of Tennis, will be held at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone, from July 23-26.

In the last edition also held in Gaborone, Botswana won Pool C, but lost to Gabon in the promotional playoffs.

Botswana Tennis Association's (BTA) Vice President, Nonofiso Othusitse confirmed

in an interview that Botswana would once again host this prestigious event.

This, he said followed the resounding success of the 2024 Davis Cup

Africa Group V event, which

Botswana proudly hosted.

Othusitse said the Davis Cup, was the premier international team event in men's tennis, organised by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

He said the 2025 Africa Group V event would see 15 nations compete for two promotion spots to Africa Group IV.

"These nations include the host Botswana, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Madagascar, Mozambique, Congo, Cameroon, Seychelles, Mauritania, Lesotho, Djibouti, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, and Libya."

Othusitse said the hosting of the Davis Cup was in line with the BTA and BNSC strategies of hosting high-profile events.

"The fact that we have been appointed hosts by the ITF to once again host the event is a huge sign of confidence on our abilities and capacity as

a nation to host such high level events," he said.

Hosting of these events, he said, brought a number of benefits such as enhanced athlete development as emerging athletes were exposed to high level competition experience. Othusitse said in 2024, Botswana had one of the youngest teams at the event with an average age of 19.

He said hosting raised the profile of Botswana as a host for international sports events, attracting future tournaments and visitors hence boosting sports tourism. Furthermore, Othusitse said there was also an economic impact as increased spending on hospitality and related services would be realised.

Additionally, the athletes get to compete on home soil in front of their supporters while Botswana at large get to experience of the Davis Cup and see their players perform.

Othusitse said the Local

Organising Committee has already been confirmed and they had hit the ground running, having some engagements with their previous sponsors and partners.

He said while they received positive reviews and feedback on the successful 2024 event, from different stakeholders including nations that competed, spectators, sponsors, media and local sports authorities such as BNSC and BNOC, they aimed to host a much bigger and approved event.

"We are therefore inviting corporate Botswana to the party. Botswana tennis is open for business.

One of the positives last year was that for the first time, we managed to broadcast live tennis matches which enabled tennis fans to follow the event from all over the world.

We also witnessed some of the biggest crowds ever at a local tennis." **BOPA**



Nonofiso Othusitse



Botswana has been granted rights to host 2025 Davis Cup Africa Zone Group V for the second consecutive year. The tournament will be held at the National Tennis Centre from July 23 to 26 in Gaborone.

## Gaborone Bowling Club hope to retain title

By Baleseng Batlotleng

GABORONE - Gaborone Bowling Club looks razor sharp to retain the Botswana Bowling Association (BBA) national lawn bowls championship title as the week long tournament gets underway this weekend.

The national finals are played the entire week with the finals set for May 31st. The club that accumulates the most points across all the four disciplines is the champion.

Speaking on the sidelines of intensive preparations for the preliminary rounds of the fours, pairs, trips and singles matches on Tuesday, Gaborone bowls club competitions secretary Kabo Daniel said the team had been sharpening ahead of the closely contested ties ahead.

Daniel said the cumulative points system won them the overall championship title last year in Jwaneng and they were looking forward to defend the hard fought victories.

He said they had bolstered their men and women teams with new and enterprising players in the mold of Prince Manjoma and Anand Rangaswamy in the men's team while the youthful Peo Ramodise would represent the ladies team.

Daniel said the team had prepared well despite battling with their lawn mainly due to ground maintenance.

BBA competitions secretary

Khumo Kebalatsetse said the competing clubs at the national championships would select their best players in every discipline, namely pairs, trips and fours.

In the singles discipline for both men and ladies Kebalatsetse said qualifiers were started from club level and the top three players for both men and ladies qualified for the national championship singles and the top fourth player was selected looking at the best in the all the competing clubs.

"My expectations are just like last year, big guns would fall, youthful players are coming up.

This year we have Edwin Nyoka Junior in the under 25 years who is the champion of Orapa Bowling Club. He will be playing nationals singles for the first time," said Kebalatsetse.

Other players to look out to are reigning ladies champion Mpopi Pelemo and exciting men's champion Modisaotsile Mphotho.

The two gained automatic qualification for the World Bowls champion of champions pencilled for Australia in the last weekend of September.

Lesego Motladiile and Chinky Sinombe are an exciting pair to look out to in the women's pairs while another pair from Orapa, Tshenolo Moshokgo and Doreen Moleleki are gold medal prospects.

Sinombe would be joined by Marea Modutlwa, Auleria Fuller and Chakale Robert to defend their ladies' fours title. **BOPA**

## Santa Green target elite league

By Kelebogile Taolo

FRANCISTOWN - Santa Green FC is poised to enhance its standing in the First Division North league this weekend as they aim for a spot in the elite league next season.

Currently leading the league with 37 points from 19 matches, Santa Green FC will face off against Peace Makers tomorrow at the Pekenene JSS grounds.

After a convincing 2-0 victory over Motlakase Power FC last weekend, Santa Green climbed to the top position and is seen as the favourite to secure another three points, especially with one game in hand.

Peace Makers, on the other hand, have garnered 19 points from 20 games and are in urgent need of

a win to improve their league position after a goalless draw against Tsabotlthe FC last weekend.

The upcoming match is expected to be thrilling, promising an exciting experience for football fans.

Santa Green FC's coach, Tshireletso Leutlwetswe, emphasised the importance of this match, stating, "we need to win this game badly as we have been in second place for a long time, and we can't afford to make any mistakes.

We are playing at home, we have the psychological advantage, and the mood in the camp is good. Despite the flu season, we are not missing anyone."

Leutlwetswe acknowledged the challenge posed by Peace Makers, who are fighting to avoid relegation

and would be desperate for points.

However, he remains optimistic that his team would give their all to secure the three points.

In other matches in the First Division North, Tsabotlthe FC, currently in second place and also vying for promotion, will take on Makungulupeswa FC at Newton Primary School. Sankoyo Bush Bucks will host Motlakase Power FC at Maun Sports Complex, while Real Brothers FC will clash with Eleven Angels FC at Lucara Stadium.

Additionally, Calendar Stars will welcome Tshikenyega Tigers FC at the Francistown City Council Stadium, and BR Highlanders will face Mbalakalungu FC at BR Stadium. All matches are scheduled for Saturday, with kick-off set for 3pm. **BOPA**

## GU, Galaxy set for showdown

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE - A thrilling encounter is anticipated today as Gaborone United and Jwaneng Galaxy, two of the country's top women's football clubs face off in the DTC Botswana southern block playoffs at GU stadium in Gaborone.

Both teams share dynamic, high-pressing style of play, characterised by rapid transitions and relentless attacking. They possess exceptional speed and are quick to capitalise on scoring

opportunities, making them formidable opponents.

GU, also known as the Red Roses, were crowned the Gaborone Region champions, after playing 14 games, won all of them, netted 61 goals, while only three goals went past their goal keeper, and won the league with 42 points.

On the other hand, Jwaneng Galaxy representing the Southern Region, made it to the play off after winning 16 of the 18 games they played, drew one, lost one and they scored 135 goals against their

opponents. They conceived four goals and finished the league having accumulated 49 points.

Both GU and Galaxy boast of players with proven track record of success.

Galaxy's forward, Patricia Motingwa is renowned for her clinical finishing and relentless attacking prowess, making her a formidable threat to any defence.

On the other hand, Red Roses will depend on high riding players such as Gaonyadiwe Ontlametse and Golebaone Selebatso to finish with Galaxy.

Both teams understand the significance of this upcoming match. Jwaneng Galaxy head coach, Gaolethoo 'Ronaldo' Nkutlwisang acknowledged that the Red Roses have home ground advantage as well as quality players.

Nkutlwisang however said as under dogs Galaxy would try to minimise score line and strive to share the points.

"We told the players that it is all about hard work, and dedication. It their time to showcase talents."

Red Roses coach, William Raizor Monene, said they had long started their preparation

with their three remaining league games.

He stated that the team had a successful season, with their main goal having been to defend their league title and ultimately qualify for DTCB playoffs. He added that they also aimed to reach the final and defend their DTCB championship.

Monene however said all the players were ready and looking

forward to play against Jwaneng Galaxy.

"Everyone is ready except for Jessica Modise who will be out for some weeks. Lesego Radiakanyo is also waiting to pass the fitness test."

Before that game, at 4 pm BDF XI will take Royal Fighters at the same venue. On Saturday at Lekidi West, Royal Fighters will face Jwaneng Galaxy.

Red Roses will have a date with BDFX XI at GU stadium, while on Sunday, BDF XI and Jwaneng Galaxy will play at Lekidi West, Royal Fighters and Gaborone United will be at Lekidi East.

The overall winner will represent Southern region at the DTCB finals. **BOPA**



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