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President Advocate Duma Boko (third left), acting Minister of Lands and Agriculture Dr Edwin Dikoloti (second left) and Mmadinare Fish Hatchery principal scientific officer, Mr Okae Setswalo (centre) during a tour of stalls at the official opening of National Agricultural Show in Gaborone on Friday. President Boko said government had set a minimum of six per cent target for the agricultural sector’s contribution to the national Gross Domestic Product. Photo: Gothusang Lesego.

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# MP opposes reduction of Ipelegeng workers

By Thamani Shabani

**FRANCISTOWN** - The MP for Francistown West, Mr Ignatius Moswaane, has expressed concern over the decision to reduce the quota of Ipelegeng programme workers in the northern city.

Addressing a kgotla meeting at Monarch East on Wednesday, Mr Moswaane implored relevant authorities to review the decision with urgency, citing the potential negative impact on the lives of affected workers and their families, particularly at Gerald Estate, where the number of workers had been reduced from 98 to 28.

Mr Moswaane cited that cutting the number of Ipelegeng workers from 98 to 28 was a huge blow for the community, adding that the decision should be reviewed with the agency it deserved.

“The Ipelegeng programme was introduced to alleviate poverty and hunger among Batswana, and it has been a vital source of employment in many areas, including Francistown,” said Mr Moswaane.

He explained that since the country was currently faced with difficult economic times, reducing the number of Ipelegeng workers was not a solution.

Instead, he said it would exacerbate poverty and hunger. “I strongly believe this is not in the best interest of our people,” he said.

The MP emphasised that the programme was a lifeline

for many residents and that its reduction would have far-reaching consequences.

He urged authorities to consider the impact of the decision on the community and to explore alternative solutions that would mitigate the effects of the economic challenges facing the country.

“I understand that the government is facing financial constraints, but I believe that reducing the Ipelegeng programme is not the answer. We need to find ways to support our people during these challenging times, not abandon them. I will continue to advocate for the review of this decision, and I hope that the relevant authorities will take our concerns into consideration,” Mr Moswaane said.

He assured residents that government was working to address current challenges by finding solutions that would improve the lives of Batswana.

The Deputy Town Clerk-Operations of the City of Francistown Council, Ms Pedzani Mahama, explained that the decision to reduce the Ipelegeng programme quota was necessitated by good rains experienced in the past season, which allowed many people to engage in farming and food production.

However, Mr Moswaane countered that the rains had a devastating effect on many residents in Francistown, who were left homeless and hungry due to the floods. **BOPA**

# Prioritise gun safety - Mantswe

By Ndingililo Gaoswediwe

**GABORONE** - Poor handling of licensed firearms that end up being misused by unauthorised individuals has the potential to damage the country’s reputation. Speaking at the 2025 arms quota raffle draw in Gaborone on Thursday, Botswana Police Service deputy commissioner, Mr Solomon Mantswe urged gun owners to acquire gun safes and practise all necessary precautions to help reduce crime, especially those involving illegal firearm uses.

Statistics he said indicated that from 2022 to date, a total of 16 shotguns and 13 rifles were been stolen. Mr Mantswe stressed that BPS would continue to work with both local and international stakeholders to implement best practices in managing arms and ammunition. He said that such collaboration ensured Botswana’s efficient management of firearm acquisition and use.

“We also adhere to international agreements to which we are signatories, such as the Arms Trade Treaty, which sets

common standards to prevent illegal possession, misuse, and irresponsible arms transfers,” he said. He said that it was BPS’s responsibility to ensure firearms are entrusted only to responsible individuals.

This year, Mr Mantswe noted an increase in the number of firearm applications compared to last year. In 2025, a total of 20 250 people applied for shotgun permits, and 18 747 applied for rifles, up from 15 891 and 14 376 applications respectively in 2024.

He said that in 2024, a quota of 300 acquisition permits was issued for dispensation, and the same number would be allocated in this year’s raffle, with 150 permits each for rifles and shotguns.

During the raffle draw, 135 applicants for shotguns and rifles will be selected, while 15 in each category will be reserved for special dispensations. Furthermore, Mr Mantswe said that through initiatives like arms raffle draw, BPS continued to aim to be an organisation that offered transparent services and upholds the highest ethical standards. **BOPA**



Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital caretaker commissioning manager, Dr Kagiso Ndlovu (left) capping Selokolela Clinic principal registered nurse, Mr Tshepiso Baaseitse during the integrated curriculum graduation in Gaborone recently. Looking on is Centre for Disease Control and Prevention’s Dr Peter Fonjongo. Photo: Teko Letsholo

# Programme empowers nurses to deliver comprehensive care

By Benita Magopane

**GABORONE** - The Ministry of Health (MoH) in collaboration with Botswana University of Maryland School of Medicine Health Initiative (BUMMHI) graduated 28 healthcare workers after successful completion of a rigorous in-service training for integrated health services.

The year-long curriculum, already in its third phase since its inception in 2015, marked the first ever successful graduation of healthcare professionals from the former Southern District Health Management Team (DHMT), the first district to complete Phase 3.

Developed to cut training costs incurred in the repetitive content of the multiple curricula for HIV training and passive hotel based workshops, the curriculum offers 37 courses fused to form one

single program for healthcare professionals.

The integrated programme was that one healthcare provider can provide most services to clients with minimal referrals, covering modules such as HIV testing, ARV prescribing, maternal and child care as well as palliative care among others.

In his keynote address at the graduation ceremony in Gaborone on Wednesday, Caretaker Commissioning Manager of Sir Ketumile Hospital, Dr Kagiso Ndlovu said the integrated programme would mean a nurse in Kanye could counsel a mother on antenatal care, screen her for TB and initiate HIV services in one seamless encounter

“For years, health training programmes have remained fragmented, however, the integrated curriculum marks a

turning page,” he said .

MoH Public Health Acting Director, Ms Eunice Ramonna, expressed gratitude to BUMMHI for its partnership which she affirmed had been instrumental in offering technical expertise for the implementation of the in-service training, enabling the ministry to strengthen healthcare provision.

Ms Ramonna lauded the integrated curriculum for its competency based training which utilises self-learning or mentorship model training, in turn evoking a learner to be self-directed and to develop a positive attitude even in service delivery.

“We welcome initiatives such as this integrated curriculum at the MoH as it is a sustainable model of training especially in these very difficult economic times,” she said. **BOPA**

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# Botswana, Oman investment deal in offing

By **Thato Mosinyi**

**GABORONE** - President Advocate Duma Boko has announced that Botswana will soon finalise an investment deal

## Govt sets six per cent agric. GDP target

By **Gontle Merafhe**

**GABORONE** - Government has set a minimum of six per cent target for the agricultural sector's contribution to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Officially opening the 2025 National Agricultural Show Friday in Gaborone, President Advocate Duma Boko said the target required Botswana to develop infrastructure to help achieve the six per cent goal.

He also said Botswana aimed to increase the cattle herd to five million in three years and focus on improving the agricultural sector.

The target, the President said were to be attained regardless of challenges facing agriculture in Botswana.

"We set these targets fully alive of the circumstances we are in. Circumstances of climate vulnerability, circumstances of global economic shocks, the fact of the absence of a comprehensive agro financing framework, especially for small holder farmers, the reality of weak extension services. The fact of slow adoption of modern technologies, challenge of inadequate infrastructure, fragmented value chains, bio security threats, policy and institutional weaknesses, data connectivity gaps and demographic challenges," said President Boko.

He said government was the biggest player in the economy hence should work with the farmers to find structured ways of revamping the sector.

President Boko said farmers should be able to produce enough to assist the national school feeding programme, health facilities and even the prisons, with fresh produce.

"We must focus on processing, we must focus on producing the best and volumes that will enable us to be self-sufficient and also to export," he said adding that farmers should inform the policy framework rather than let it be from the technocrats.

He encouraged farmers to make submissions to government and share ideas that could help with

with the sovereign wealth fund of Oman. This follows the recent proclamation of over P160 billion deal with Al Mansour Holdings.

Officiating during the Botswana Development Corporation (BDC)

policy development and refashioning of institutions.

National Agricultural Show Committee chairperson, Mr Thapelo Setlalekgosi said the quality of produce had improved over the years, second to South Africa. He said in 2024 small stock producers had brought 460 animals last year and 1 000 this year while cattle breeders had 200 in 2024 and 305 in 2025.

He said they were challenged by pricing because 10 years ago, a heifer cost P4 000 and the price remained the same to date while employee wages increased.

Mr Setlalekgosi called for structures of the National Agricultural Show grounds to be revamped.

Representing the show Gold Sponsor, Absa chief executive officer, Ms Keabetswe Pheko-Moshagane said the launch of the National Agricultural Policy marked a progressive step toward the establishment of modern, competitive and sustainable agricultural economy.

Ms Pheko-Moshagane said the policy aimed to drive an agricultural revolution through diversification, resilient and foster long-term ability by empowering communities and advancing national development.

She said it provided a roadmap for innovation, investment and inclusive role, ensuring that agriculture continued to play a role as a key driver of food security, employment and economic diversification.

As a partner in transforming agriculture as a driver of growth, Ms Pheko-Moshagane said they were committed to support the sector providing tailored financing, value chain support, risk management solutions as well as promoting financial literacy, digital inclusion and smart investment. **BOPA**

high level strategic briefing on Friday, President Boko declared that the proposed investment was testament of government's ongoing efforts to revive and revitalise Botswana's economy and transform it from a single commodity dependency.

"In the same way that we recently partnered with Al Mansour Holdings through BDC, we now have another formidable agreement with Oman's sovereign wealth fund. This partnership spans a wide range of sectors, and they are ready to commit and invest," President Boko said.

He said some entities and key stakeholders would soon visit Oman to finalise the agreement and bring in the kind of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) that would benefit the country.

President Boko said the strategic partnership would focus on key sectors critical to the nation's growth and development, ultimately improving the quality of life of the people of Botswana.

He thus raised the need for

the country to swiftly invest in infrastructure development in readiness for the deal.

"The resources that we are mobilising should position the country to develop world-class infrastructure," he said.

President Boko further commended BDC for stepping up to offer a platform for the realisation of economic transformation and mobilisation as well as deployment of finance for development.

He pleaded with various government ministries to cohesively work together towards the facilitation of luring FDI into the country in order to power the economy and the society.

Meanwhile, on the sidelines of the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9), Vice President and Minister of Finance, Mr Ndaba Gaolathe held high-level meetings that advanced Botswana's economic diversification agenda.

The significant outcome was an agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation, the trading and

investment arm of the Toyota Group, to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formalising a strategic partnership that will cover cooperation in green energy, mining, agriculture and water development.

Toyota Tsusho's interest follows its recent exploratory mission to Botswana and is anchored on the country's peace, stability and strong credit rating.

Mr Gaolathe welcomed the commitment, describing it as a milestone that reflected a shared vision for transformative partnership.

He noted synergies in automobile parts manufacturing, linked to Botswana's drive for copper and base metals beneficiation and efforts to diversify the economy beyond diamonds.

The agreement with Toyota Tsusho, underscores Botswana's proactive approach at TICAD 9 to secure partnerships that drive investment, create jobs and accelerate transformation. **BOPA**



**President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) caretaker managing director, Mr Oteng Keabetswe (centre) receiving a P400 million cheque from partner at Capitalworks Equity, Mr Garth Willis during a high-level BDC strategic update in Gaborone on Friday. President Boko commended BDC's commitment to driving change in priority sectors that shaped the lives of Batswana such as agribusiness, healthcare, renewable energy, financial inclusion, technology and innovation. Photo: Pheny Moalosi**

## Botswana secures over P160 billion deal

By **Thato Mosinyi**

**GABORONE** - In line with government's quest for sustainable partnerships and investments to drive inclusive growth and long-term development in pursuit of economic diversification and prosperity for all, government has secured over P160 billion from Qatar's Al Mansour Holdings.

The investment aims to promote collaboration in areas of mutual interest while driving economic progress and diversification and will be directed into key sectors, including energy, infrastructure development, mining, agriculture, defence, and cybersecurity.

Speaking during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Botswana Development Corporation (BDC)

and Al Mansour Holdings, President Advocate Duma Boko indicated that the MoU underscored government's commitment to driving economic progress and diversification while cultivating stronger ties between the two nations.

"This is just the beginning. I am proud to announce a landmark partnership between Al Mansour Holdings and the Botswana Development Corporation, with Al Mansour Holdings committing US\$12 billion (over P160 billion) in investments, to accelerate our national development goals and also to address immediate challenges faced by the country," said President Boko.

He explained that the agreement was the culmination of months of intensive engagements between officials from both countries

marked by reciprocal visits and strategic discussions over a period of time.

"This partnership is not just about numbers on paper. It is about turning words into real projects, real investments, and real change for our people," said President Boko.

He noted that the agreement signed was beyond just a chatter of aspirations, but translated into projects that would be scoped, examined and implemented to further cement trade relations between the two nations.

"We trust that going forward there would be easy of contact and communication and quick implementation owing to the elimination of all red tapes and bottlenecks," said President Boko.

The investment deal, President Boko said was expected to create

ripple effects beyond the two countries' borders.

He said it had the potential to positively impact economic collaborations in Namibia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and the rest of the region in the context of the integrated broader trading area and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA) framework.

Additionally, a member of the Qatar Royal Family, Mr Sheikh Mansour Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani said the agreement would transform Botswana into the Doha of Africa.

He said the MoU signing marked more than just an agreement as it was the beginning of a shared vision of prosperity and cooperation with the potential to grow into fruitful benefits for the citizenry of both nations. **BOPA**

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# Ba itshetsa ka dibapalwa nageng

Ka Cathrine Simane

**KOKOTSHA** - Kgosi Lefoko Kudume wa Kokotsha a re dibapalwa nageng tse di bonwang kwa motseng oo, di ka tlhabolola le go tokafatsa matshelo a banni fa puso e ka thusa go bona ba ba di rekang ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di nametsang.

Kgosi o buile se mo potsolosong bosheng, a tlhalosa fa Kokotsha a segofaditswe ka dibapalwa nageng tse di farologanyeng di akaretsa sengaparile, mahupu, moretlwa le dikelekesi (maungo a mokala).

A re bosheng ba ne ba tshwere thekiso ya sengaparile, e a supileng fa e ne e tshologetswe ke banni ka palo e nametsang. Kgosi Kudume a re go rekisa sengaparile ke sengwe sa tse morafe wa gagwe o itshetsang ka tsone go na le go leba fela mo Ipelegeng.

Kgosi Kudume a re paka ya pula e sa tswang go feta, dipula di nele matsorotsoro, ka jalo papadi ya sengaparile mo ngwageng ono e tokafetse thata fa e tshwantshangwa le dingwaga tse di fitileng.

Mongwe wa bareki ba sengaparile, Rre Shaka Mochine wa khamphani ya Matebeleng Milling a re mo pakeng eno, o lemoga palo e oketsegileng ya barekisi ba sengaparile mo motseng wa Kokotsha.

Rre Mochine a re o kgonne go reka 220kg (4.5 tonnes) ya sengaparile.

A re sengaparile se, ba se rekisa kwa mafatsheng Germany. gareng ga mafatshe mangwe.

A re koketsego ya tlhwatlhwa e e rekang sengaparile e laolalwa ke koketsego ya tlhwatlhwa ya yone kwa mafatsheng.

A re monongwaga ba se reka ka P40 (per kilogram) e le koketsego go tswa mo go

P36 wa ngogola. Rre Mochine a re ba tlaa tswela ba reka sengaparile mo metseng e mengwe. A re ntleng khamphani ya Matebele Milling e sila le go phuthela sengaparile ba se rekisetsa barekisi ba melemo ba mo gae ka go farologana.

Rre Mochine a re o kgotsofaditswe ke boleng jwa sengaparile ka barekisi ba kgonne go diragatsa dielo tsotlhe tse ba neng ba di ba beile.

A re ngwaga le ngwaga ba rutuntsha baepi ba sengaparile ka metlhale o ba tshwanetseng papadi ya sone, gore se seka sa nyelela.

O tswetse a re go botlhokwa gore bagwebi ba sengaparile ba somarele tikologo.

Mongwe wa barekisi ba sengaparile, Rre Barden Mochineboy a re o tswa kgakala a itshetsa ka dibapalwa nageng ka di le dintsi thata mo motseng oo, bogolo jang fa pula e nele sentle.

Rre Mochineboy a re o leboga ba Matebeleng Milling go reka ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di tokafetseng, mme a re tsholofelo ke gore ba tswela ka go di tsholetsa gore a kgone go bona dipoleo.

Lefa go ntse jalo o ne a supa fa go bapala sengaparile go na le dikgwetlho ka ba kgona go tsamaya letsholo lwa kgwedi tse pedi kana go feta ka jalo ba kgona go felelwa ke metsi le dijo le lone letlhoko la sepalamo ka gantsi ba dirisa dikotsekara, fa tse dingwe e le diphologolo le dibatana tse di borai, digagabi le phetogo ya loapi e e sa ikanyegeng.

O kgothatitse banni ba Kokotsha go ikemela ka dinao go itshetsa ka go dira ka diatla jaaka go tsena mo papading ya dibapalwa nageng. **BOPA**



*Kgosi Lefoko Kudume wa Kokotsha a re dibapalwa nageng tse di bonwang kwa kgaolong eo, di ka kgona go tlhabolola le go tokafatsa matshelo a banni fa puso e ka thusa go bona ba ba di rekang ka ditlhwatlhwa tse di nametsang.*

## Ba lenaneo la Bonno ba tswetse ka go ruta Batswana

Ka Puseletso Kenyaditswe

**LETLHAKENG** - Banni ba Letlhakeng, ba rotloeditswe go dirisa mananeo a puso go ikagela le go tokafatsa bonno jwa bone.

Mogolwane wa ofisi ya lenaneo la Self Help Housing Agency (SHHA), Rre Goweditswe Moabi o tlhaloseditse banni ba Letlhakeng jalo o a tlhalosetsa banni ba motse wa Letlhakeng ka lenaneo la puso le le thusang go agela batho matlo la Bonno.

Rre Moabi a re ka lenaneo la SHHA, moikopedi o ka agelwa ntlo ya madi a P146 000, mme a lopiwe go duela bontlha bongwe jwa madi ao, e leng P90 000.

A re moikopedi o tlaa duela madi ao ka go ntsha bonyenyane jwa P375 ka kgwedi, mo dingwageng tse di masome mabedi.

Rre Moabi a re moikopedi o tlhoka setlankana sa jarata, lekwalo le le supang gore oa bereka, mme fa motho a ipereka o ka tlatsa fomo kwa ofising ya SHHA e e gaufi, a bo a ya go ikana kwa mapodiseng.

O tlhalositse gape gore fa motsadi a sa bereke mme a na le ngwana yo a berekang, o ka ikwadisa gore a kgone go mo duelela.

O ne a tlhalosa gape gore fa motho a tsere lenaneo leo a bo a tlhokafala a ise a

fetse go le duela, ba ba setseng ba sala ba tsweledisa go duela.

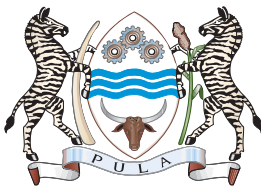
Rre Moabi o ne a tlhalosa gape fa go na le lenaneo la go tokafatsa bonno kana go feleletsa ntlo, mme lone le dirwa ka madi a P60 000. A re moikopedi a duela P250 ka kgwedi, mo sebakeng sa dingwaga tse di masome mabedi.

O tlhalositse fa mo lenaneong le moikopedi a kopiwa go tla ka moalo wa ntlo ya gagwe kwa khanseleng.

Mo go tse dingwe, Rre Moabi o tlhalositse gore lenaneo la Bonno le thusa ka go aga ntlo ya dikamore tsa boroko tse pedi, mme e lopa madi a P315 000, moikopedi a duela madi a P1 364.17 ka kgwedi mo ngwageng tse di masome mabedi.

Modulasetilo wa khansela ya Letlhakeng, Rre Gordon Mokgwathi o kopile banni ba Letlhakeng go tsaya karolo mo mererong ya motse wa bone, a supa fa go sena ope yo o ka tswang gosele go tla go ba tlhabololela motse.

O ba kopile go tlhoafalela thuto ka jaana sengwe le sengwe se dirwa ka maranyane, a bo a supa fa ba tla siiwa ke dikgaolo tse dingwe ka gore ba saletse morago ka thuto. **BOPA**



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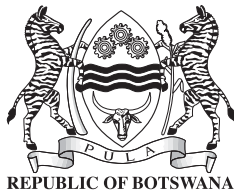
### MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INNOVATION DEPARTMENT OF SHARED DIGITAL SERVICES NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Citizens of Botswana are invited to the Department of Shared Digital Services public auction of unserviceable supplies on 13-14 September 2025 at Varsha House (CTO Building), Central Business District, Floor 2 Parking Area. Some of the items to be auctioned are;

- Gas Stoves
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- Steel racks
- Galvanized buckets
- Vacuum cleaners
- Flower pots
- Filing cabinets
- Cupboard/Bedside board
- Chest of drawers
- Office Chairs

Viewing of the items will be on 11-12 September 2025 at the auction venue. Payment will be made in cash or by Point of Sale (Swiping).

**Procurement Office**



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Public Investment Programme Implementation Diagnosis and Skills Capacity Assessment P-BW-I00-006

1. The Botswana Government has received a grant from the African Development Bank through the bank's MIC-TAF Grant to finance the Consultancy on Public Investment Programme Implementation Diagnosis and Skills Capacity Assessment. The purpose of this project is to develop a strengthened framework for implementing the public investment program to enhance its contribution to the country's socio-economic development.

2. The principal objectives of this project are to:

a. To comprehensively review and analyze the efficiency and effectiveness of the Current Implementation State of Public Investment Programmes

- Identify key strengths, gaps, and weaknesses in the current organizational, institutional, and functional PIP implementation processes.
- Assess the impact of weaknesses and gaps on the country's development agenda and objectives.
- Recommend improvements to arrest shortcomings and improve gaps and weaknesses.

b. To assess the institutional capacity of PIP coordinating and implementing agencies.

- Evaluate the capacity of institutions responsible for planning, executing, and monitoring public investment projects.
- Identify gaps in skills, resources, and organizational processes.
- Recommend improvements to enhance overall capacity.

c. To develop an implementation framework to guide improvements in project implementation from now on.

- Use the data analysis findings to develop a strategy.
- Put the proposed solutions and actionable items into tactics for enhancing PIP implementation.

d. To develop an implementation plan that includes risk management, skills development, and a change management plan to enhance the chances of succeeding in improving implementation.

- Put the proposed actionable items into a plan.
- Identify risk and develop a risk mitigation plan.
- Identify the key stakeholders and develop a communication and change management plan to manage the anticipated change.

3. The services included under this project include but are not limited to the following:

a. Literature Review and Data Collection:

- Review relevant documents, reports, and studies on public investment programmes.
- Collect data on ongoing and completed projects, including timelines, budgets, and outcomes.

b. Stakeholder Consultations:

- Conduct interviews and focus groups with key stakeholders, including government officials, project managers, private sector, contractors, consultants, and beneficiaries.
- Gather insights on challenges and opportunities in programme implementation and institutional capacity.

c. Diagnostic Analysis:

- Analyse collected data to identify patterns and root causes of inefficiencies and issues.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of current practices and tools used in project implementation.

d. Capacity Assessment:

- Assess the skills, resources, and organizational structures of the institutions responsible for public investment programmes.
- Identify gaps and areas for improvement in planning,

execution, and monitoring processes.

e. Recommendations:

- Develop actionable recommendations to address identified issues and gaps.
- Propose strategies for enhancing PIP implementation and institutional capacity, including training and development, process improvements, structure improvements, and resource allocation.
- Consolidate the proposed actionable items into an implementation plan with risk mitigation measures and a communication and change management plan.

f. Develop a strengthened framework for implementing the PIP.

g. Reporting:

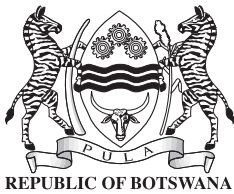
- Prepare a comprehensive report detailing findings, analysis, recommendations, and an implementation framework and implementation plan.
- Present findings, recommendations, implementation framework, and implementation plan to key stakeholders.

h. Conduct Capacity building workshop.

4. The Procurement of Services, financed by the Bank, will be carried out in accordance with the Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 and in line with the provisions stated in the Grant Agreement. Bidding documents are expected to be available in **August 2025**.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)  
COUNTRY: BOTSWANA

PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION DIAGNOSIS AND SKILLS CAPACITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Consultancy Services to conduct public investment programme implementation diagnosis and implementation skills capacity assessment

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Date: 12 August 2025

The Government of Botswana through the National Planning Commission has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Public Investment Programme Implementation Diagnosis and Implementation Skills Capacity Assessment Project, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consultancy services to conduct Public Investment Programme Implementation Diagnosis and Implementation Skills Capacity Assessment.

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- Put the proposed actionable items into a plan.
- Identify risk and develop a risk mitigation plan.
- Identify the key stakeholders and develop a communication and change management plan to manage the anticipated change.

The scope of the assignment covers provision of consultancy services for the Botswana National Planning Commission over a period of 12 months, to conduct a comprehensive diagnostic study on the implementation of Public Investment Programme (PIP) and develop an implementation framework and plan to guide improvements in projects implementation.

The National Planning Commission now invites eligible

consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (company profiles, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at: <https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy>.

A Consultant will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection method.

Interested consultants may obtain further information and detailed Terms of Reference at the address below during office hours 0730 to 1630 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address or emails below by **12<sup>th</sup>, September, 2025 at 1600 hours** and labelled "Consultancy on Botswana Public Investment Programme Implementation Diagnosis and Implementation Skills Capacity Assessment".

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Letlotlo aims for musical throne

**By Benita Magopane**

**GABORONE** – Upcoming artist, Ketso Letlotlo, known simply as Ketso, is aiming for the musical throne with her debut album titled, *Lethabo*.

The album title, which loosely translates to happiness in English, marks the newcomer's industry breakthrough and stands as a symbol of years of hard work and ambition to make a name for herself.

*Lethabo* features five soulful tracks composed in Setswana, English, and Sekgalagadi, that bridge cultures and reflect

Ketso's own roots. They each weave themes of love, loss, and overcoming life's challenges.

The singer explained that listeners should expect music that reflected her personal journey.

"Singing is everything to me, I love pouring myself out through music," said the Afro-pop singer-songwriter, adding that her passion stemmed from her musical family roots and her early days of singing in church at just eight years-old.

According to the Lehututu-born and bred artist, her big break came with the arrival of the Department of Broadcasting

Services (DBS) Roadshow in October 2023 at her home village.

"The show gave me a platform to perform, to record in a studio for the first time and to share my gift with a wider audience," she said, adding that it was the opportunity that helped her bridge the gap between reality and dreams.

Having crossed that bridge, the songbird said she was now living her dream.

"I made a promise to DJ Fresh during my senior secondary school days that I would be the next big thing, and this is just the beginning," she said. **BOPA**

Poor sound spoils festival

**By Mooketsi Mojalemotho**

**TATI-SIDING** - The National Arts Festival held at the Tati Siding community hall on Saturday failed to live up to its hype due to poor sound quality.

In particular, artistes who competed in the Setinkane, Segaba and Guitar categories complained that the poor sound system used inside the hall on Saturday may have compromised their overall performances.

Some music enthusiasts also echoed the same sentiments, saying that the poor sound spoiled what promised to be a day of pomp and fanfare for lovers of folk music.

However, artists especially those playing guitars, seemed charged to give their all and endear themselves to the fans as they strummed their musical instruments, much to the crowd's appreciation.

Tawana Nunganyi had a time of his life on stage, with fans dancing along to his song. Whistles and shouts for his dexterity on the guitar filled the air as the crowd clearly warmed up to the great guitar player and entertainer that he clearly is.

His performance set the tone for many that came after him.

Tuelo Keatefale's performance on stage and his exquisite guitar strumming took the guitar competition category to the next level, adding excitement to the already charged fans who sang along and stomped their feet on the ground to yet another top-notch performance.

Unlike Nunganyi, Keatefale enhanced his

good performance by singing, much to the delight of fans who sang along with him.

Visually impaired Phepafatso Keipusitse showcased his magical skills on stage, demonstrating that one's physical condition does not define one's overall capabilities and potential.

In his own words, he said, *Ga ke a tla go gaisana le ope, ke tsile go supa talente yaaka gore Batswana le nthotloetse*. His vocals were not a let-down either.

The Segaba category was more exciting, as two women, Opelo Ramoji who goes by the stage name Ba Mpha-Ba-Mpona, and Tanyala Luckson, charted their way into the traditionally male territory in style.

They demonstrated that given the chance, women can be a force to reckon with in the Segaba category.

Categories such as Mogolokwane, Traditional Poetry, Contemporary Poetry, Drama, Stand-Up Comedy, Clap and Tap, Traditional Song and Dance, Dikhwae, Back Track, and Disk Jockey featured on the day.

The 2025 National Arts Festival competitions are held under the theme: Recognising our cultural diversity and celebrating the freedom of our expressions.

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Segaba folk music instrument player, Tanyala Luckson performing at the National Arts competition in Tati Siding on Saturday. Other categories were mogolokwane, dikhwae, DJs among others. Representatives were from Tonota, Shashe West, Tati East and West. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata



## Magosi outclass debutants

By Thato Mosinyi

**GABORONE**, - Mochudi Center Chiefs delivered a commanding performance over Premier League newcomers Calendar Stars, securing a 6-1 victory at the Gaborone United stadium on Saturday.

The Kgatleng-based giants showcased their intent to contend for league honours with the comprehensive win, marking their biggest victory to date and the heaviest defeat ever for the recently promoted Calendar Stars.

The game was characterised by some comical defending and a lack of confidence from the opposition, which contributed to Chiefs' dominant display.

Tefo Mofokeng led the charge with a brace, while Ibroihim Youssouf, Resaobaka Thatanyane, Gilbert Baruti, and Kitso Mpuisang also found the back of the net. Mofokeng opened the scoring early in the 15th minute, capitalizing on shaky home defensive display.

The visitors struggled to settle into their rhythm after conceding the early goal.

Chiefs' attacking trio of Mofokeng, Youssouf, and Thatanyane repeatedly threatened the Calendar Stars defense, who failed to stay organized throughout the match.

The visitors managed only one shot on target by Morgan Dick during the entire game.

In other league clashes over the weekend, Township Rollers made a comeback to beat Morupule Wonderers 2-1, with goals from Lehlohonolo Fothoane and Bapaletswe Simon securing their second consecutive win and extending their unbeaten streak.

At Royal Area Stadium, Jwaneng Galaxy edged out Black Lions with a late goal by Chicco Molefe in the 89th minute, ensuring a 1-0 victory and maintaining their perfect start to the 2025/26 season.

Santa Green secured an away victory by defeating Extension Gunners 1-0 in Lobatse. The decisive goal was scored by Thatayaone Magazi in the 70th minute, marking their first maximum points of the season.

In Francistown, Tafia clinched a 3-2 win over Police at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium, completing Saturday's fixture sweep. **BOPA**

Mochudi Centre Chiefs' player Tefo Mofokeng (left) and his teammate Theo Shadikong celebrating the former's opening goal against Calendar Stars during the FNB Premiership encounter in Gaborone on Saturday. Chiefs won 6-1. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

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