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For decades, the rhythm of morning assembly across schools countrywide has played out against a backdrop of aging infrastructure. A generation of learners have walked through school gates to face the same stubborn realities of blistering paint peeling off classroom walls like old sunburns, teacher housing wearing the scars of prolonged neglect and school grounds desperately holding onto the dreams of the children who occupy them. Yet, within these fragile spaces, magic happened. Out of dilapidated classrooms, future doctors, leaders and artists dreamed themselves into existence. But inspiration should not have to fight against its environment. **Cont...page 4**

SACU leaders meet in Cape Town



CAPETOWN - The Cape Town International Convention Centre will today host the 9th Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Summit of Heads of State and Government. The summit will bring together leaders from Botswana, eSwatini, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa to discuss regional economic integration, trade and development issues affecting the customs union. South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa is expected to officially open the summit, while President Advocate Duma Boko, who currently chairs SACU, will deliver the closing remarks at the conclusion of the meeting. Photo: Thompson Keobaletsw

It's cross border

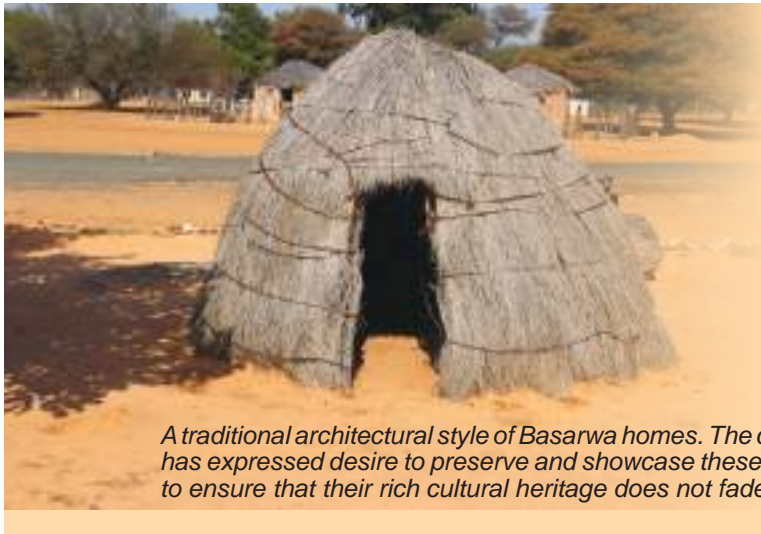
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A traditional architectural style of Basarwa homes. The community has expressed desire to preserve and showcase these structures to ensure that their rich cultural heritage does not fade away.

Basarwa plead for inclusion

Naomi Leepile
KOKOTSHA

A recent high-level consultative meeting in Kokotsha laid bare the deep-seated grievances of the local Basarwa community, with residents sharing emotional testimonies of systemic marginalisation, economic exclusion and a rapidly fading cultural identity.

The community-led dialogue provided an open platform for residents to voice their challenges directly to government officials. Addressing the gathering on Tuesday, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water and Human Settlement, Mr Nchidzi Mmolawa said the visit was intended to engage directly with the Basarwa community to better understand their aspirations and how they envisioned a more prosperous future.

While Mr Mmolawa reaffirmed government's commitment to inclusive development and meaningful consultation, local residents made it clear that current national empowerment programmes were failing to reach them.

A central theme of the meeting was the lack of leadership representation for the Basarwa,

with many noting that existing political and traditional structures did not accommodate their unique lifestyle and heritage.

Mr Andonce Sebatane stressed the need for traditional leadership that understood their culture, saying "we want a Mosarwa Kgosi who will understand our nature and roots."

Residents requested government to actively engage the Basarwa in leadership development and ensure that at least one Mosarwa is specially elected as a councillor to represent the community's voice at district council level.

The community also highlighted that mainstream economic initiatives such as the Youth Development Fund (YDF) were practically inaccessible to them. Multiple speakers noted that it was rare for a Mosarwa to benefit from these programmes, estimating that



Kokotsha resident, Ms Napole Makhandakhanda said poverty prevented many residents from accessing government initiatives because they could not afford transport to the district headquarters.

fewer than one in 20 successful applicants came from their community.

Ms Kebabotse Motshetsheme explained that the barriers were both psychological and geographical.

"Basarwa are shy and scared of people. They are even not able to go to offices for services, and this is because of their nature," she said.

Residents further pointed out that poverty prevented them from accessing opportunities, as many lacked the money needed to travel to the sub-district headquarters in Tsabong to submit applications.

As a result, local youth remained unemployed, leading parents to question the value of formal education.

The transition from a traditional hunting-and-gathering lifestyle to settled village life has left many community members feeling idle and impoverished. Residents explained that the introduction of hunting quota had effectively ended their traditional means of survival without providing viable economic alternatives.

Ms Sadie Machake delivered a poignant plea regarding their relocation to the village.

"Like other Basarwa, we were moved from our settlements to Kokotsha thinking we were coming for greener pastures, and now it is vice versa. I am pleading with government to take us back to our settlements so that we can continue living like we used to."

To combat hunger and poverty, residents proposed practical economic solutions. Mr Buden Mochinboy said Basarwa were among the leading harvesters of Sengaparile or Devil's Claw and requested government assistance in securing a reliable commercial market for the product.

He also suggested the allocation of a community farm or ranch to improve food security.

Highlighting the gradual disappearance of their culture and experiences of social discrimination from other tribes in the village, Mr Ipoletseng Basimane urged both the community and government to encourage children to speak their mother tongue so that the Sesarwa language did not disappear.

Ms Nnaniki Basimane summarised the community's sense of alienation, noting that Basarwa were consistently overlooked even for basic institutional employment opportunities such as cleaning and gardening positions within government departments.

During the session, area Member of Parliament, Mr Tokyo Modise emphasised that sustainable progress could only be achieved when communities actively participated in shaping the policies and programmes that affected their lives.

For the Basarwa of Kokotsha, the hope is that this consultation will mark the beginning of genuine structural change, economic equity and meaningful representation. **BOPA**

Sponsorship Circle to modernise placement

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

The Minister of Higher Education, Mr Prince Maele has announced that his ministry will next month launch a new digital platform that will allow government-sponsored students to select their preferred tertiary institutions online.

Mr Maele made the announcement on Monday while addressing management of Nampol College of Education in Molepolole during a tour to assess the institution's infrastructure and readiness to accommodate students.

He said the platform called Sponsorship Circle which would be launched on July 16, 2026 marked the end of the quota system, which previously allocated students to institutions.

"Our Sponsorship Circle means we are moving away from the old system where students had to queue for placement."

According to the Minister Maele, the change would compel tertiary institutions to improve the quality of their programmes, facilities and services in order to attract students.

He urged institutions to establish strong marketing teams capable of developing strategies that would make their schools more appealing to prospective students.

"If institutions fail to market themselves effectively, some will attract more students while others struggle because of poor marketing strategies," he said.

The Minister said government decided to abolish the quota system because it had become susceptible to corruption, with some institutions allegedly benefiting from preferential placement of students.

"Students must go where they want to study.

Otherwise, we risk creating

opportunities for corruption," he said.

Mr Maele further announced that the ministry would also launch 'Norms and Standards' in line with the Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) requirements.

"The standards are intended to distinguish clearly between colleges and universities and ensure institutions meet the necessary criteria.

We have realised that some institutions call themselves universities when they do not meet the required standards.

These norms and standards will help the public understand the differences between various institutions," he said.

On government sponsorship, Mr Maele revealed that economic challenges had prompted discussions on raising the scholarship cut-off points from 36 to 38 points or higher.

However, government decided to maintain the current threshold for this year.

He warned that future intakes could be affected if economic pressures persisted.

"Currently, we sponsor approximately 12 000 new students every year, but we cannot guarantee that these numbers will remain the same in the future," he said.

The Minister encouraged tertiary institutions to diversify their revenue streams by attracting international students, who generally pay higher tuition fees, and by investing in research and strengthening partnerships with industries.

Mr Maele said his ministry was committed to ensuring that government-sponsored students received quality education and adequate welfare services.

"This commitment has led to a nationwide campaign to inspect tertiary institutions and assess the state of their infrastructure. It is a

mission we have set for ourselves to visit colleges, brigades and universities to evaluate what they are offering and the condition in which they operate," he said.

He noted that private tertiary institutions were also important stakeholders and that government needed to understand their operations to ensure value for money.

"Otherwise, we risk paying for services that do not deliver value," he said.

Mr Maele said Nampol College was the 17th institution visited during the nationwide tour and pledged that the ministry would continue visiting the remaining institutions.

The visits, he said, were also intended to identify achievements and challenges facing schools and determine areas where government intervention may be required.

"We believe there are challenges that we can help address because our priority is to ensure students receive quality education," he said.

The Minister emphasised that higher education played a crucial role in addressing youth unemployment, which currently stands at about 38 per cent.

"Through higher education, skills development and human capital development, we can improve employment prospects for young people," he said.

Mr Maele also cautioned institutions against complacency, saying accreditation alone was not enough.

"What matters is that students receive quality education.

If an institution fails to deliver value, government has the right to withhold sponsorship," he warned.

He stressed that government, as a sponsor, must ensure public funds were invested in institutions that provided quality education and produce positive outcomes. **BOPA**



Mr Ngangile Motshetsheme at his home, where he resides with his children and grandchildren in Kokotsha. Basarwa residents in Kokotsha have pleaded with government to build better structures for them as they struggled during the rainy seasons. Photos: Naomi Leepile

Parliament institutes reforms to improve efficiency

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

In a move to strengthen accountability, oversight and improve efficiencies, the National Assembly shall robustly engage with the civil society and forge partnerships with relevant stakeholders to shape a high performing Parliament.

Addressing a Bridging the Gap-Joint Oversight workshop organised by Parliament in partnership with Botswana Centre for Public Integrity and Friedrich- Ebert Stiftung (FES) in Lobatse on Tuesday, Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse said their intention was to transform into a high performing parliament that was well capacitated, well resourced, and able to provide effective oversight.

The workshop follows a successful official launch of Bridging the Gap-Joint Oversight project on April 23, an initiative which seeks to strengthen collaboration between Parliament and civil society organisations in promoting governance, public participation and effective oversight.

However, Mr Keorapetse said the National Assembly vision was to build an open Parliament that was accessible, responsive, participatory, and citizen-centred, emphasising that at the heart of the vision was the belief that a stronger democracy was achieved when citizens were not merely observers of governance but rather active participants.

He said the National Assembly was on course in implementing reforms to bring Parliament closer to the people.

“One of the reforms that we have instituted is that we have a dedicated channel so that all our Parliamentary committee proceedings are broadcasted on Botswana Television channel 2, and different online platforms. The intension is to have a dedicated channel on both television and radio,” he said.

In addition, he highlighted that there were ongoing institutional reforms which included review of the Standing Orders and that work continued regarding the Parliament Act Bill with the intention to strengthen Parliament

as an institution, support greater efficiency, inclusiveness and public participation.

Mr Keorapetse said citizens were increasingly demanding greater participation, transparency, accountability and responsiveness from public institutions around the world and Botswana was no exception hence the need to strengthen oversight and remain closely connected to the people working with the civil society to strengthen participation, transparency and democratic accountability. He said in the past the civil society and Parliament were not well connected except in some few instances adding that it was pertinent to engage thoroughly in matters of policy legislation and formulation as they brought valuable insights from the grassroots, perspectives, experiences and concerns that might otherwise go unheard.

Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to Botswana and Southern African Development Community, Mr Catalin Gherman said the EU remained committed to supporting Botswana Parliament and the civil society through initiatives that strengthened public engagement.

The aim, he said was to move beyond short term interactions and support consistent and structured collaboration between Parliament and the civil society for the reason that strong governance required strong institutions and an engaged citizenry.

He thus pledged EU’s support for the Bridging the Gap- Joint Oversight Clinic project which will carry out consultations and review findings and thereafter develop a joint action plan to ensure that governance served Botswana.

The resident representative of Friedrich –Ebert –Stiftung, Mr Thilo Schöne underscored that the project presented a pivotal moment in strengthening oversight and civic engagement.

“Batswana have brought about change in 2024 for the first time in 58 years. They want to see the fruits to harvest and new ones to be sowed. They want to eat those fruits,” he said.

Parliament and civic community engagement, he said was critical to tackle social ills which included gender-based violence, climate change induced droughts followed by floods destructions amongst others at policy and legislation level, adding that oversight lapses could also lead to increased corruption cases.

Clerk of the National Assembly, Dr Gabriel Malebang noted that the project presented an opportunity to examine existing mechanisms of engagement between Parliament and the civil society and to identify practical ways of strengthening them for the benefit of democracy.

Furthermore, Dr Malebang said the initiative advanced the shared goals of accountability, transparency, public participation, and democratic governance and therefore not only supported the ongoing evolution of Botswana’s democracy but also contributed meaningfully to the legacy and aspirations of six decades of Botswana’s parliamentary governance. **BOPA**



Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung resident representative, Mr Thilo Schöne (left), Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Dithapelo Keorapetse (centre) and Deputy Speaker and MP for Mmopane/Metsimotlhabe, Ms Helen Manyeng at the Bridging the Gap-Joint Oversight workshop in Lobatse on Tuesday. Mr Keorapetse said they sought to transform into a high performing Parliament that was well capacitated, resourced and able to provide effective oversight. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

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Cybercrime surges by 25%

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

The Botswana Police Service (BPS) has raised concern over a sharp increase in cybercrime, warning that criminals are increasingly exploiting technology to commit a range of offences.

Presenting the police service report before the Public Accounts Committee in Gaborone on Wednesday, the BPS commissioner Ms Dinah Marathe said cybercrime had increased by 25 per cent during the year under review.

She expressed concern that criminals were increasingly using technology to commit online fraud, identity theft, cyberbullying, online exploitation and other cyber-related offences.

The commissioner said the police service was responding by leveraging technology through initiatives such as safer city programmes, CCTV monitoring systems, traffic enforcement technologies and digital communication platforms.

She revealed that the safer city programme had expanded surveillance camera coverage to key points of entry, including Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Tlokweng, Ramatlabama, Pioneer Gate, Ramotswa, Martins Drift, Maitengwe, Kazungula, Molembo and Mamuno borders.

According to Ms Marathe, the interventions had significantly strengthened border security, situational awareness, crime detection and law enforcement response capabilities.

She said plans were underway to further expand surveillance cameras to other major villages and critical national infrastructure.

“From police headquarters, we are able to monitor what is happening at Maitengwe border, what is happening at Martins Drift border,” she added explaining that

the project was ongoing across the country.

Commissioner Marathe also highlighted a major milestone in the fight against technology-facilitated crime against children, saying Botswana had become the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to connect to the Interpol International Child Sexual Exploitation Database.

The development, she said had significantly strengthened the country’s capacity to investigate technology-facilitated crimes

against children and demonstrated the country’s commitment to international law enforcement cooperation.

The commissioner also noted that supportive legislation remained critical in the digital era, adding that many progressive countries had adopted integrated data hubs and enhanced information-sharing frameworks to strengthen law enforcement capabilities, improve service delivery and better protect citizens and residents from evolving security threats. **BOPA**



Botswana Police Service Commissioner, Ms Dinah Marathe (right) and senior assistant commissioner, Mr Maseng Mathiba appearing before the Public Accounts Committee in Gaborone on Wednesday. Ms Marathe said cybercrime had increased by 25 per cent during the year under review. Photo: Pheny Ramatu

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New chapter for public schools



Education Infrastructure Management Company (EIMC) CEO, Ms Chandada Masendu-Kusane said assessments conducted in junior and senior secondary schools across the country revealed that about 75 per cent required urgent intervention and many of them fell within what EIMC classified as the 'red zone', schools. Photo: Felicity Male



Molefhi Senior Secondary School is among those which will benefit in the first phase of the programme, focusing on 22 pilot schools, split equally between 11 junior secondary and 11 senior secondary schools.

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On March 14, during a national clean-up campaign launch in Gaborone, President Advocate Duma Boko put into words what many had felt for years when he announced a sweeping and radical promise that every single government school in the country would be refurbished.

It was the spark that ignited the National Programme on Refurbishment, Modernisation and Maintenance of Schools.

At the heart of the programme is the newly established Education Infrastructure Management Company (EIMC), a government-owned company mandated to oversee the development, maintenance and management of schools' infrastructure.

To understand how this monumental promise will become reality, **BOPA reporter, Ndingililo Gaoswediwe**, sat down with the EIMC chief executive officer, Ms Chandada Masendu-Kusane, to discuss a bold government initiative that promises to transform public school infrastructure across Botswana.

In the interview, Ms Masendu-Kusane outlines the company's mandate, its vision and how it intends to help shape a more inspiring learning environment for future generations.

The urgency behind the programme becomes apparent when one considers the state of

schools today.

Ms Masendu-Kusane said assessments conducted in junior and senior secondary schools across the country revealed that about 75 per cent required urgent intervention and many of them fall within what EIMC classifies as the 'red zone', schools characterised by dilapidated buildings, broken lighting systems, overcrowded classrooms, deteriorating ablution facilities and teacher accommodation in poor condition.

Even more concerning, she said some schools that were classified as requiring moderate intervention only a year ago had since deteriorated into the red zone.

Thus, for Ms Masendu-Kusane, these findings underscore why 'business as usual' can no longer be an option.

Established in December 2025, EIMC was created as a special purpose vehicle tasked with taking full responsibility for the expansion, digitisation, professionalisation and management of public schools across Botswana.

Its creation reflects government's recognition that school infrastructure requires not only occasional repairs, but a dedicated institution focused on long-term planning, maintenance and sustainability.

But crumbling infrastructure is only one part of the challenge. In an increasingly digital world, she believes the country's education system risks falling behind if

schools are not modernised and equipped to meet contemporary learning demands.

"Digitisation is important in this digital era and when compared with the global space, Botswana is way behind," she added.

The company was therefore established not only to renovate schools, but also to transform how they are managed and operated.

Ms Masendu-Kusane pointed to the widening gap between public and private schools, a trend she believes is reflected in the rapid growth of home schooling and private tutoring centres.

"The mushrooming of home schools and tutoring centres is a cause for concern because it shows that government schools are not offering what the public expects," she said.

The National Programme on Refurbishment, Modernisation and Maintenance of Schools aims to reverse that trend by restoring confidence in public education and ensure that choosing a private school becomes a matter of preference rather than a necessity.

The programme covers all 1 020 public schools across Botswana, which comprises 779 primary schools, 207 junior secondary schools and 34 senior secondary schools.

Implementation will take place in phases, with the first three-year phase running from April 2026

to April 2029. By the end of that period, Ms Masendu-Kusane says visible change should be evident across the country's education landscape.

Assessments have already revealed significant infrastructure pressures, particularly at junior secondary schools.

She explained that when Botswana moved from a two-year Junior Certificate (JC) programme to a three-year structure in 1996, infrastructure expansion did not keep pace with enrolment growth.

Most junior schools were originally designed to accommodate 12 streams.

The introduction of an additional year effectively created demand for six more streams, leaving many schools operating beyond their intended capacity. Boarding schools have also been heavily affected, with overcrowding becoming a growing concern.

To begin addressing these challenges, the first phase of the programme will focus on 22 pilot schools, split equally between 11 junior secondary schools and 11 senior secondary schools. Among the junior schools earmarked for refurbishment include Madikwe, Patikwane, Ramokgonami, Gobojango and Marakanelo, while the selected senior schools include Molefhi, Gaborone, Maun, Matsheke and Tutume McConnell College. EIMC insists that this initiative will differ fundamentally from previous refurbishment programmes.

In the past, schools were often repaired only to fall back into disrepair due to inadequate maintenance systems.

This time, maintenance has been built into the model from the outset.

Once schools have been restored to acceptable standards, maintenance budgets will be introduced and facility management systems established to monitor infrastructure performance, service schedules and warranties.

Ms Masendu-Kusane said EIMC will also assume responsibility for operational support services, allowing teachers to concentrate on teaching rather than supervising cooks, groundsman and other support staff.

Beyond infrastructure, the company will oversee aspects of financial governance, including collection of school fees and teacher rentals.

Current collection rates are estimated at only 25 per cent, highlighting significant opportunities to improve efficiency and generate resources that can be reinvested into schools.

School halls, sport grounds and other facilities will also be better utilised to generate income for ongoing maintenance and development.

To ensure effective implementation, EIMC has adopted a decentralised operational model covering seven zones across the country.

Each zone will have a dedicated facility manager, while districts will be supported by clerks of works responsible for overseeing maintenance projects and ensuring quality standards.

In efforts expected to benefit local economies, EIMC has also established an artisan and TVET database comprising plumbers, welders, carpenters and bricklayers who will be engaged to carry out maintenance and refurbishment projects within their own communities.

Yet, perhaps the biggest challenge remains funding. Transforming public schools nationwide will require an estimated P7 billion.

Ms Masendu-Kusane explains that while government has allocated P1 billion for the 2026/27 financial year, with P300 million set aside for the first 22 schools, additional funding will be required to realise the programme's full ambitions.

To bridge the gap, EIMC is actively pursuing partnerships with foundations, development finance institutions, bilateral partners, corporations and trade unions.

The company is already in advanced discussions with a local foundation and is working with the Southern African Development Community Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC), which will help connect EIMC with 37 development finance institutions across 16 countries.

At the same time, efforts are underway to secure international grants, including funding opportunities linked to sanitation, infrastructure and educational development.

Through this initiative, government hopes to change the national narrative and transform public schools into environments that inspire excellence and reflect the aspirations of a modern Botswana. **BOPA**



Molefhi Senior Secondary School old toilet block that has turned into crime haven where learners hide to smoke. Photos: Mmoniemang Motsamai

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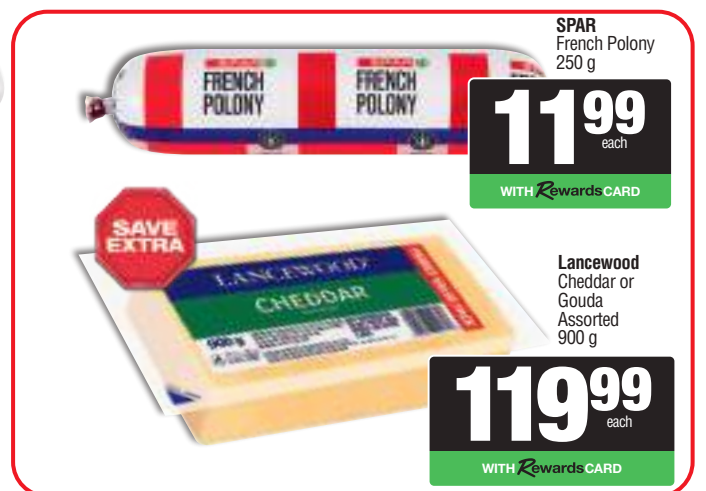
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BBS introduces prepaid card

GABORONE - Botswana Building Society (BBS) has introduced a prepaid card that offers a simple, secure and convenient way for customers to manage their spending, with the added advantage of VISA access for worldwide use. An announcement from BBS says the prepaid card works much like a debit or credit card, with one important difference: it is not linked to a bank account and does not provide a line of credit. Instead, according to the announcement, a customer load funds into the card in advance and spend only what they have available, helping them stay in control of their budget. It is ideal, amongst others, for, unbanked workers, including farm workers, managing day-to-day personal or office expenses and business travel, per diems, petty cash and entertainment expenses. **BOPA**

BSB accelerates transformation drive

GABORONE - Botswana Savings Bank (BSB) continues to accelerate its transformation journey as it advances its ambition of becoming Botswana's primary bank. The Bank, according to a press release, has strengthened its digital banking ecosystem through enhanced capabilities across the BSB Mobile App, Internet Banking, USSD (232#), Agency Banking, Wallet Services and Merchant Solutions, providing customers with secure and convenient access to banking services anytime and anywhere. According to the release, customers can now perform a wide range of everyday banking transactions without visiting a branch, including checking account balances, accessing mini-statements, transferring funds, purchasing airtime, paying utility bills, making subscription payments and accessing a growing range of banking services through digital channels. **BOPA**

Chinese car brands gain ground

JOHANNESBURG - Chinese automotive brands continued to expand their presence in South Africa in the first quarter of 2026, recording strong sales growth and increasing their share of the country's vehicle market amid rising consumer demand for technology-equipped and fuel-efficient vehicles. According to South Africa's Q1 2026 Mobility Insights Report released by credit reporting agency TransUnion on Wednesday, Chinese vehicle sales rose 75 per cent year on year in the first quarter, significantly outpacing the overall passenger and light commercial vehicle (LCV) market growth rate of 12.7 per cent and the roughly 2 per cent growth recorded by traditional vehicle manufacturers. The report highlighted the performance of Chery Group, comprising Chery, Jetour, Omoda and Jaecoo, which emerged as a top-three automotive player in the quarter, recording combined sales of 16,094 units. **Xinhua**



Botsino Cement sales representative, Ms Judith Giddie said what sets their product apart was its status as Botswana's first fully citizen-owned cement manufacturing company. Photo: Pheny Moalosi

Botsino Cement drives construction sector

Lorato Gaofise

LOSE

Just outside Mahalapye, in Lose, a home-grown company is steadily helping to shape industrialisation while showing that local manufacturing can thrive in a competitive market.

Botsino Cement may not be a household name to every Motswana, but its products form part of the foundations of homes, commercial buildings, mining developments and public infrastructure across the country. Behind every bag of cement lies a story of entrepreneurship, industrial ambition and a vision for a more self-reliant Botswana.

Founded in 2017 by director Mr Jeevarathna Kumar and Ms Mamatha Kumar, the company emerged as Botswana intensified efforts to diversify its economy beyond diamonds. It set out with a simple but ambitious goal: manufacture quality cement locally, create jobs and cut dependence on imported construction materials.

Today, that vision is steadily becoming a reality.

"Our objective is to support national development through local production while creating employment and contributing to Botswana's economic diversification agenda," said Sales Representative Ms Judith Giddie.

Ms Giddie said, what sets Botsino apart was its status as Botswana's first fully citizen-owned cement manufacturer. In a sector long dominated by multinationals, its growth reflects increasing participation of Botswana in industrial production and value-added manufacturing.

The factory's operations, according to Ms Giddie also tapped a key national resource.

Fly ash, a by-product from coal-fired power generation at Morupule, is a core ingredient in Botsino's cement.

The material enhances strength and converts industrial waste into a valuable construction input, aligning with global moves toward sustainable manufacturing.

Inside the plant, Ms Giddie said quality control remained a top priority. Cement samples undergo

rigorous testing to meet Botswana Bureau of Standards requirements.

"Through collaboration with the Botswana Institute for Technology Research and Innovation

(BITRI), products are independently verified for durability and reliability," she said.

The company produces various grades of Portland cement tailored to different needs.

From residential housing and bricklaying to heavy-duty industrial structures and reinforced concrete developments, Botsino products are increasingly used in projects supporting Botswana's growth.

Yet the impact extends beyond

cement. Ms Giddie said Botsino has created hundreds of direct and indirect jobs, supporting families in surrounding communities. Partnerships with the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) give students practical industrial experience, helping build a new generation of technical professionals needed to expand the country's industrial base.

However, Ms Giddie said like many manufacturers, Botsino was faced with challenges, such as importation of some key raw materials such as clinker and gypsum, exposing the company to international market shifts and supply chain disruptions that

affect costs.

She said despite the obstacles, management remained optimistic Botsino Cement's story mirrors Botswana's broader economic aspirations: building local industries, creating jobs, promoting innovation and strengthening resilience. As the country pursues industrialisation, enterprises such as Botsino show what citizen-led manufacturing can contribute to national development.

At a time when economic transformation dominates policy talks, the Lose factory offers a practical example of that change, one production line, one job, one bag of cement at a time. **BOPA**

Passion for birds turns into business

Kelebogile Taolo

SEMOTSWANE

Mornings in Semotswane are quiet until Ms Julia Sebele-Molalapatla opens her loft.

The silence breaks with a spread of wings. White doves catch the sun, flying beautifully above.

For a few seconds an incredible scene is created. That is the business.

Ms Sebele-Molalapatla has ventured into a dove-release business. The idea stemmed from her love for birds and she turned it into reality in 2022. She named it Jay Seb Dove for Rent.

"I have always had a connection with birds, holding a beautiful dove she named Trump.

When you release doves, something shifts. It is beautiful, and it sets the event apart," she said.

Her dove-release business, which she operates from the small village of Semotswane, entails renting out her doves for weddings, funerals, graduations and unveilings. In fact, for any gathering that needs a moment to lift, she is the plug.

"Clients are not paying for birds. They are paying for the beautiful moment when wings take the light, rise as one and vanish into the sky. People love the idea of

seeing doves fly into the sky as they get released. It is beautiful and sets the event apart" she added.

Doves symbolise a number of things to people. To some they point to peace and hope, and to others they symbolise a divine connection as they are associated with Holy Spirit, protection, guidance, new beginnings and renewal. "The doves acts as a guardian, reminding you to trust your intuition. During weddings, the release represents the couple starting a new chapter together with hope for peace and good fortune. People normally release doves during burial to let go of the soul of their loved one.

During tombstone unveiling the doves may offer reassurance of the love and bond once shared with the departed," she said.

Nonetheless, the work behind that moment is unglamorous as doves are sensitive. They need clean lofts, strict feeding times and handling that cannot be rushed.

Ms Sebele-Molalapatla trains them from the time they are young, to make them familiar with their environment.

"This is to ensure that they are pretty sure with where they belong, so that they return well without getting lost," she explained.

This business, Ms Sebele-Molalapatla believes to be one of

the best that one can venture into it, especially women as they are quite patient.

Ms Sebele-Molalapatla believes location plays a vital role in whether or not the dove-release business is profitable.

"It is a good business; however, it depends on the location you are at. As for me here, I can get bookings but not as often as those in locations like Gaborone, where bookings are plenty," she remarked.

Despite some challenges such as some doves not returning home or getting preyed on by eagles, Ms Sebele-Molalapatla is not discouraged. Passion, patience and perseverance, she says, will carry the business and see it through.

Ms Sebele-Molalapatla has both varieties of doves being Racers and Homers. As for Racers, they are fast birds with stamina and can fly within a 1000-kilometre range and still find their way back. The homers on the other hand can go far but not as fast as Racers and can only cover short distances at a time.

For now, the entrepreneur keeps to the routine. She trains, feeds, loads baskets and drives to events. She lifts the lid. The birds fly off. She looks up with everyone else, then waits.

When she gets home, she finds them home. **BOPA**

Kanye council secures funding for kgotla maintenance

Marvin Motlhabane
KANYE

A sum of P1.4 million has been secured from the development budget for the maintenance of the Kanye Main Kgotla office.

For the current financial year, P150,000 has been allocated to the Kanye Tribal Administration. Since its jurisdiction covers three districts, the funds will be shared among them, primarily for minor works.

Speaking during a full council session in Kanye on Monday, Kanye District Council chairperson Mr Morapedi Kgosithebe noted that the majority of kgotla facilities have been experiencing water leakages, which have significantly increased water bills.

“It would be remiss if no mention is made that funding remains inadequate for the maintenance of facilities, as most of them are critically in need of major repairs.

No funds have been disbursed for the maintenance of vehicles, which impedes service delivery as the execution of services depends on the availability of transport.”

Mr Kgosithebe added that the suspension of Government

Purchase Orders (GPOs) would continue to affect the availability of resources for daily operations. He noted that the Kanye

Tribal Administration has centralised vehicle management and prioritised critical services to ensure the effective and efficient use of the limited operational fleet.

He said discussions were also ongoing between Bogosi and the Administration to find innovative ways of addressing resource shortages in customary courts.

On other village developments, Mr Kgosithebe reported that the council had undertaken the rehabilitation of several tarred roads in Kanye during the quarter.

Asphalt overlay - a standard pavement rehabilitation method used to extend the service life of existing roads - is being applied.

Approximately 50 per cent of the planned asphalt overlay programme has been successfully completed. So far, an expenditure of P2.4 million has been paid to the contractor against the awarded contract sum of P6.8 million.

The completed works include the resurfacing of the Puma to Seepapitso Secondary School road, Tomela to Kanye Main Kgotla,

Tomela to the SDA Hospital, and Tomela to Suez Junction along the LEA offices. These improvements have enhanced access to key service centres and schools within the busy Central Business District (CBD), he said.

Regarding the Road Fund Levy, the council has purchased a cherry picker, roller compactor, 10-cubic metre tipper truck, and

12 000-litre water bowser. Of these, the roller and cherry picker have already been delivered, while the tipper truck and water bowser are expected by the end of June. The equipment, according to Mr Kgosithebe, will enhance road maintenance and street lighting upkeep in the district.

Mr Kgosithebe emphasised that the council would continue

with grading, spot improvements, and vegetation control along the roads, despite ongoing mechanical breakdowns.

These interventions, carried out in collaboration with Ikageng Public Works participants and temporary labourers, have significantly reduced pothole incidence to nearly zero in some key areas. **BOPA**



Kgatleng District Council leadership - deputy council secretary, Ms Dorcus Tsamai (left), council chairperson, Mr Thabo Komane (second left) and deputy council chairperson, Mr Solomon Letshwiti (second right) during a full council meeting in Mochudi recently. Mr Komane urged the council to explore new revenue streams. Photo: Mmoniemang Motsamai

BoB urges structural reforms to diversify economy

GABORONE

Bank of Botswana Governor Lesego Moseki on Wednesday called for urgent structural reforms to diversify the economy and rebuild fiscal buffers, as the country grapples with a protracted downturn in the diamond sector and mounting external pressures.

Speaking at the economic media briefing and providing information on the central bank's 2025 annual report in Gaborone, Moseki painted a cautiously optimistic picture of Botswana's economic position while warning that weaker global demand, geopolitical tensions and uncertainty in world trade have eroded the country's policy space.

“Lower mineral revenues have put pressure on government finances and the foreign exchange reserves,” Moseki told journalists, stressing that this erosion underlines the urgency of restoring fiscal sustainability through decisive policy reform.

Despite the headwinds, the governor highlighted Botswana's solid economic fundamentals, including strong institutions, a stable financial system and prudent macroeconomic management, which have sustained the nation's investment-grade credentials.

The current environment

presents an opportunity for transformation rather than merely a constraint, he said, urging the government, state-owned enterprises and the private sector to embrace productivity improvements and implementation discipline to diversify the economy.

“Structural transformation cannot be postponed until conditions improve,” Moseki said, pointing to the Botswana Economic Transformation Program and National Development Plan 12 as critical frameworks for driving private sector-led growth.

The economy of the southern African country contracted by 2.8 per cent in 2024 and 0.7 per cent in 2025, with weakness concentrated in the diamond sector while non-mining activity proved comparatively resilient.

Domestic inflation is projected to spike to 9 per cent in 2026 from an average of 2.7 per cent in 2025, driven by higher fuel and transport costs, medical aid expenses and water tariff adjustments, according to the bank.

To address tightening liquidity, the Bank of Botswana raised its policy rate to 3.5 per cent in October 2025 and subsequently to 5.5 per cent in April 2026, and maintained 5.5 per cent in June. **Xinhua**

Intensify revenue collection - Komane

Mmoniemang Motsamai
MOCHUDI

Kgatleng District Council has called on revenue-generating departments to intensify collections.

Addressing a full council meeting on Monday, Kgatleng District Council chairperson, Mr Thabo Komane, explained that the council's own-source revenue collection stood at P713, 860 or 8.02 per cent against a two-month target of 16.7 per cent.

This, he said demanded heightened revenue collection by means of profiling all valuable assets, attracting private sector participation through expressions of interest, ensuring universal waste collection, reviewing our bye-laws, expanding digital payment avenues, and strengthening monitoring and evaluation.

“I call upon all revenue-generating departments to intensify collections, pursue trade licence compliance, and explore new revenue streams,” he said.

Mr Komane stressed that prudent financial management should be reinforced by strengthening internal controls,

improving budget implementation, promoting transparency in procurement processes, and enhancing revenue collection efforts.

Updating on infrastructure development, Mr Komane said the 19km Mmamashia-Modipane road reconstruction project was at final pre-tender stage with a cost of P95 million.

Three contractors have been nominated for the work that is anticipated to commence in the financial year.

“When complete, the road will link Kgatleng to Gaborone and serve as a transit corridor to

South Africa via the Tlokwen and Sikwane Border Posts. It will connect children to schools, patients to hospitals, and businesses to markets,” said Mr Komane.

Council also heard that the Modipane-Mabalane road, was halted by a court interdict owing to a dispute between the main and sub-contractors.

Mr Komane also told councillors that Mochudi Tribal Administration Office block was at 55 per cent completion. The project that was initially projected to be complete March this year was

delayed by among other factors, delays in the manufacturing and delivery of specialised material.

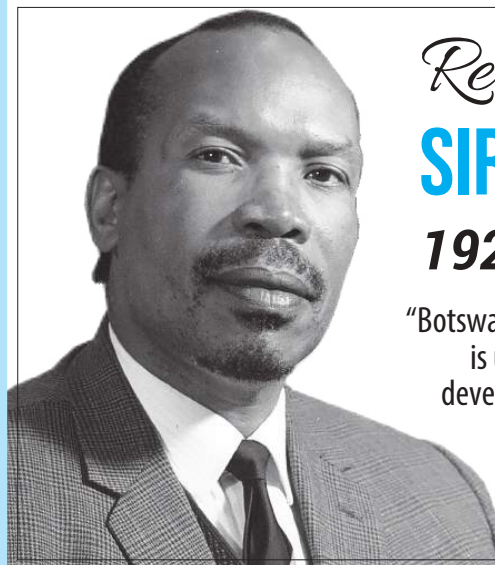
Regarding the Bonno Turnkey Scheme, Mr Komane said three homes were completed and handed over during the 2025/2026 financial year while the programme attracted 110 applicants in the district.

He said seven more houses were in progress, while eight received additional funding on April.

“I would like to take this moment to encourage those who have already benefited to repay their loans so that we can facilitate others to access funding as well,” said Mr Komane.

Other updates included the Dikwididi Integrated Waste Management facility, which it was reported, would receive an Environmental and Social Impact Assessments this financial year to for waste management.

Mr Komane also told the council that the Mmamashia Mixed-Use Zone guidelines were approved in February and that 10 applications had been considered by the physical planning committee positioning the district as an economic hub and facelift of the district. **BOPA**



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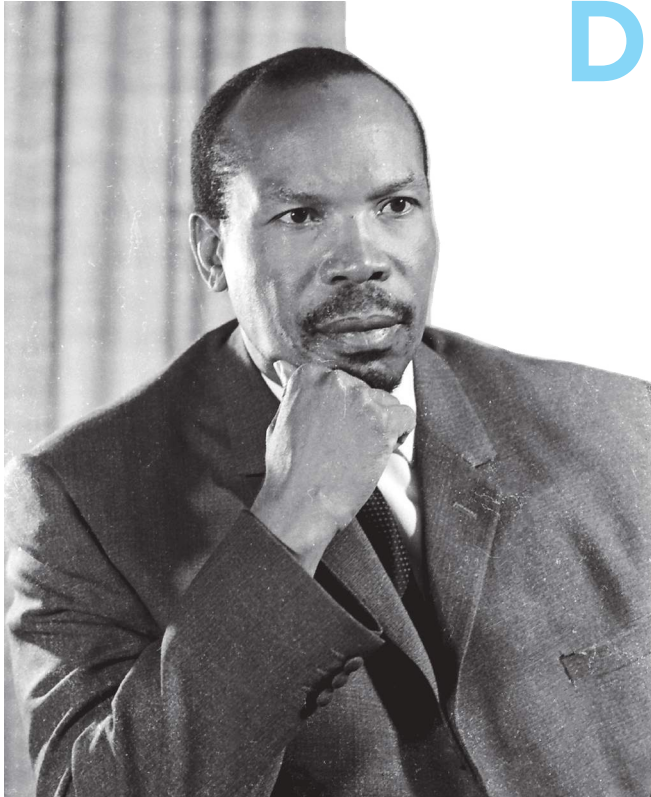
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Down memory lane with Sir Seretse Khama



President Sir Seretse Khama

As Botswana commemorates Sir Seretse Khama Day on July 1, the nation remembers its founding President, Sir Seretse Khama and reflects on the legacy of a visionary leader whose wisdom, humility and commitment to democracy laid the foundation for a stable and prosperous country. Through his dedication to national unity, good governance and development, he inspired Batswana to believe in a shared future built on peace, equality and opportunity. His enduring contributions continue to shape Botswana's progress and serve as a guiding light for present and future generations.



President Khama bidding farewell to Botswana heads of mission who left to represent Botswana in different countries in 1971.



President Khama inspecting a guard of honour during a State Visit in Lusaka, Zambia in 1970.



Sir Seretse Khama (left) welcoming Queen Elizabeth II (centre) and the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip at the airport to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in August 1979.



President Khama having a moment with children during Zambia president, Dr Kenneth Kaunda's welcome ceremony at Gaborone Airfield in 1968.



President Khama (left) receiving letters of credence from Nigerian High Commissioner, Mr I.C. Olisemeka at the State House in Gaborone in 1971.



President Khama officially opening Malaka Primary School in 1970.



Sir Seretse Khama addressing democrats during Botswana Democratic Party 9th Annual Conference in Francistown. With him are Vice President Sir Ketumile Masire (right) and First Lady Ruth Khama.

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Ratoropo o rotloetsa tirisanyo mmogo

Goweditse Kome

MASUNGA

Ratoropo wa Sowa, Rre Ford Moiteela o rotloetsa tirisanyo mmogo ya dikhansele. Rre Moiteela, yo o neng a etsetse khansela ya North East kwa Masunga ka Mosupologo, o supile fa tirisanyo mmogo e ka thusa ka jaana didirisiwa le ditsompelo tsa puso di tlaela ka lebaka la tlaelo ya madi.

“Fa e le gore rona re le mo toropong ga rena dikgwetlho tse di kalo, mme khansela e e mabapi e tlahelelwa ke dikatakata tse di gopang ditsela, go ka buisanngwa mme ra adimana gore go thusiwe setshaba,” ga tthalosa Rre Moiteela.

Rre Moiteela o tthalositse fa se, e se sone fela se seka kopanyang dikhansele ka jaana le megopolo fa ba bona gore ga e kopanetswe le khansela e e mabapi e ka tsenya letseno, go ka thulannngwa ditlhogo go bona gore go tswelwa pele jang ka yone. A re se e ne e le megopolo o ba neng ba ntse ba o atlile kwa khanseleng ya Sowa. A re se se

molemo ke gore Tona le ene o setse a nale mogopolo wa rotloetsa tirisanyo mmogo ya dikhansele.

Rre Moiteela, ka jalo, o kemo nokeng ya makhanselara le bodiredi go goga mmogo mo tirong e ka go le molemo thata gore mo teng ga ditsompelo tse di tlaelang, go thusanngwe ka megopolo e e ka tsosolosang itsholelo.

“Kana fa o ntlela ka megopolo o le mo Kgaolong ya Bokone Botlhaba, o o ka tthabololang kwa toropong ya Sowa, ga o direle gore ke khansela e e seng ya gago hela, o a itse gore ngwana wa gago le ba masika ba ka ya go berekela teng, mme fa gona le dikgwebo di atlega kwa Sowa di atlegela Batswana botlhe,” a tthalosa jalo.

O ne a tthalositse gore tirisanyo mmogo e ba ikaelelang go e bopa, e ka isa lefatshe kwa pele. O tswelotse ka gore mo Botswana go setse go supagetse gore le fa go ka tswa go farologanwa ka diphathi tsa sepolotiki, fa go tla go tsena mo ditirong tse go direlwang setshaba, go a bopaganwa go nnwe seoposengwe. BOPA



Ratoropo wa Sowa, Rre Ford Moiteela a re go botlhokwa gore dikhansele tse di mabapi di dirisanyo go pataganela ditlamelo le didirisiwa go fenyisa letlhoko la madi le le apereng lefatshe leno. Senepe: Goweditse Kome

Bogodu jwa leruo bo ile magoletsa kwa Tsabong

Letticia Nnokotema

TSABONG

Kgaolo ya Tsabong e tswelotse ka go itemogela koketsego ya dipalo tsa bogodu jwa leruo ga mmogo le go tlhoka go obamela melao ya go lwantsha kanamo ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo mo kgaolong.

Seo, se rurufaditswe ke motshwarelela mookamela mapodise a Tsabong, Assistant Superintendent Johnson Gaolaolwe mo potsolosong a tthalosa fa bontsi jwa dikgang tsa bogodu e le tsa dihutshane.

Rre Gaolaolwe o tthalositse fa e rile mo kgwedi ya Motsheganong e le masome a mabedi le boferabongwe, ba gatisa molato wa leruo le le utswilweng le akaretsa dipodi di le boferabongwe. Tiragalo eo, o tthalositse fa e diragaletse kwa merakeng gaufi le McCarthy's Rust, motse o o gaufi le molelwane wa South Africa.

A re mo palong e e utswilweng, dipodi tse tlhano di ne tsa bonala kwa South Africa, fa di le nne mapodisi ba di fitlhetse kwa McCarthy's Rust.

Rre Gaolaolwe o tthalositse fa babelaelwa mo molatong oo e le

makawana a dingwaga tse di lesome le botlhano le masome a mabedi le bone botlhe ba McCarthy's Rust. A re ba belaelwa ba santse ba emetse go iponagatsa fa pele ga le kgotla la ditsheko la ga mmakasetserata kwa Tsabong. Mo molatong o mongwe, Rre Gaolaolwe o tthalositse fa ba tshwere mmelaelwa mongwe wa dingwaga tse di masome a mararo mabapi le go utswa a bo a tthaba podi kgwedi eno e le lesome le boraro.

Motshwarelela mookamela mapodidisi a Tsabong a re monna yo o tlhologang mo kgotleng ya Bogosing kwa Tsabong, o emetse go iponatsa fa pele ga le kgotla la ga mmakasetserata go arabela molato wa bogodu jwa leruo. Rre Gaolaolwe a re mapodisi a ne a bona borre ba babedi ba dingwaga tse di masome a mane le bobedi le masome a matlhano le boraro ba kgotla ya Legonono mo Tsabong, melato mabapi le go bolaya diruiwa.

A re mongwe wa bobedi joo, o ne a tshwerwe mabapi le go bolaya tonki, mme a sena tseletso go supa theko ya seruiwa seo.

A re yo mongwe e ne o ne a lebanwe ke molato wa go bolaya nku, mme a bonwa molato wa go tlola melao e e tlhomilweng go thibela kanamo ya bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo, e e thibelang go tlhabiwa ga leruo le le tlhako e maphata. Are borre ka bobedi ba ne atholwa madi a kana ka makgolo a le matlhano a dipula mongwe le mongwe wa bone, a supa fa tiragalo e e diragetse kwa merakeng ya Tswai gaufi le Tsabong.

A re mo bogaufing, ba ne ba begelwa molato go tswa South Africa, go tthalosiwa fa monnga polasi nngwe a supile fa a utswetswe diphologolo

di akaretsa mebutla le diphuti. A re e ne ya re go latedisa motlhala wa diphologolo tseo, ba sepodisi ba di fiitlhela kwa McCarthy's Rust kwa ba neng ba tshwara babelaelwa ba le babedi e leng borre ba dingwaga tse di masome a mabedi le bofera-bongwe le masome a mane le borataro.

Rre Gaolaolwe o supile fa ditlhotlhomiso di supile fa bobedi joo, bo tloedile terata e e kgaoganyang Botswana le South Africa, e se ka fa molaong. Mo go tshwarweng ga bone go tthalosiwa fa go fitlhetswe dinama tsa diphuti tse pedi.

O boletse fa bobedi joo, bo atlhotswe madi a kanang ka makgolo a le matlhano a dipula mongwe le mongwe wa bone mme ba sa ntse ba le mo diatleng tsa mapodisi a South Africa go ba thusa mo ditlhotlhomisong mabapi le go tsena mo lefatsheng leo e seng ka fa molaong.

Superintendent Gaolaolwe a re fa e sale go tthagoga bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo, ba setse ba gatisitse dipalo tsa batho ba ba tshwaretsweng go tlhoka go sala melao ya go emisa kanamo ya bolwetsi joo, e le matlhano, fa ba ba tlhokileng dipampiri tsa theko ya leruo di le tharo.

Mme a re mapodisi ba tswelotse ka go tshwaragana le go dirisana le ba sesole le Special Support Group go nonotsha go disa molelwane wa Botswana le South Africa gammogo le go netefatsa fa setshaba se sala morago melao ee tlhomilweng go lwantsha kamano ya bolwetse jwa tlhako le molomo.

O kgothatsaditse botlhokwa jwa go sala ditaello morago gammogo le bopelotetele mo setshabeng a tthalosa fa go ka boloka lefatshe. BOPA



Motshwarelela mookamela mapodise a Tsabong, Assistant Superintendent Johnson Gaolaolwe a re kgaolo ya Tsabong e tswelotse ka go itemogela koketsego ya dipalo tsa bogodu jwa leruo ga mmogo le go tlhoka go obamela melao ya go lwantsha bolwetsi jwa tlhako le molomo.

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Pan-African commitment made local

Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Location: **Gaborone, Botswana (Group HoldCo)**
Grade: **Executive / C-Suite**

Reports to: **Group Managing Director / CEO**

Eligibility: **Only candidates with the legal right to live and work in Botswana will be considered.**

Overview

Continental Reinsurance is seeking an exceptional Chief Financial Officer to serve as the Group's principal financial officer. The CFO leads all aspects of financial strategy, reporting, treasury, capital management, regulatory compliance, and investor relations across the Group's Pan-African operations. This is a core member of the Executive Management Committee (EMC), acting as the Board's primary adviser on financial risk, capital adequacy, and the financial implications of strategic decisions.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead Group financial strategy, long-range planning, budgeting, and forecasting across all entities.
- Own IFRS 17 compliance - including measurement models, CSM calculations, and required disclosures.
- Oversee Group financial consolidation, statutory reporting, and Annual Report preparation.
- Maintain a robust internal control environment (ICFR) and lead the external audit relationship.
- Manage treasury, capital adequacy, and the investment portfolio across all jurisdictions.
- Ensure full regulatory and tax compliance across all African operating territories (NAICOM, IRA, CIMA, FANAF, SEC).
- Lead investor relations with shareholders, rating agencies, and institutional investors.
- Build and lead the Group finance function, developing technical excellence and IFRS 17 capability.

Qualifications & Experience

- Chartered Accountant (ACA/ICAN, ACCA or equivalent) - mandatory.
- Bachelor's degree (minimum Second Class Upper) in Accounting, Finance, Economics or related; MBA/MSc Finance strongly preferred.
- Minimum 18–22 years' post-qualification experience, with at least 8 years as CFO or Group Financial Director.
- At least 10 years in insurance, reinsurance, or financial services.
- Demonstrated IFRS 17 implementation or compliance experience in an insurance/ reinsurance group.
- Proven track record managing finance across multiple African jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks.
- Experience with Big 4 auditors, rating agencies, and senior financial regulators.

Group Chief Underwriting Officer (CUO)

Location: **Gaborone, Botswana (Group HoldCo)**
Grade: **Executive / C-Suite**

Reports to: **Group Managing Director / CEO**

Eligibility: **Only candidates with the legal right to live and work in Botswana will be considered.**

Overview

Continental Reinsurance is seeking a Group Chief Underwriting Officer - the Group's most senior technical authority on all underwriting matters. The CUO sets and enforces underwriting strategy, risk appetite, and technical standards, ensuring every risk accepted is technically sound, appropriately priced, and aligned with portfolio objectives. The role carries direct responsibility for the Group's combined ratio performance across all territories and lines of business, and requires engagement with clients, brokers, retrocessionaires, and regulators across Continental Re's Pan-African footprint.

Key Responsibilities

- Define and execute the Group's underwriting strategy, risk appetite, and portfolio plan across all classes and territories.
- Set and enforce underwriting guidelines, authority matrices, and risk selection criteria group-wide.
- Maintain portfolio oversight across treaty and facultative, proportional and non-proportional business.
- Champion technical pricing discipline; collaborate with actuaries on pricing models, burning cost analyses, and rate benchmarks.
- Oversee the Group's retrocession programme - design, negotiation, and performance monitoring.
- Represent Continental Re at the highest level with key clients, brokers, and retrocessionaires.
- Build, mentor, and develop a high-calibre underwriting function with strong succession pipelines.
- Participate as a full member of the Executive Management Committee (EMC).

Qualifications & Experience

- Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute (FCII) - mandatory.
- Bachelor's degree (minimum Second Class Upper) in Insurance, Actuarial Science, Finance, or related; MBA/Master's strongly preferred.
- Minimum 18–22 years' experience in reinsurance or insurance underwriting, with at least 8 years in a senior/executive leadership role.
- Demonstrated track record leading a multi-class, multi-territory reinsurance portfolio with full P&L accountability.
- Extensive experience across Property, Casualty, and Specialty treaty and facultative reinsurance.
- African market experience (Nigeria, East Africa, Francophone, or Southern Africa) preferred.
- Experience engaging with reinsurance regulators, rating agencies, and retrocession markets at senior level.

Director, Alternative Solutions

Location: **Gaborone, Botswana (Group HoldCo)**
Grade: **Director / Senior Director**

Reports to: **Group Managing Director / CEO**

Eligibility: **Only candidates with the legal right to live and work in Botswana will be considered.**

Overview

Continental Reinsurance is seeking a Director, Alternative Solutions - a senior commercial and technical leadership role responsible for establishing, growing, and managing the Group's alternative risk transfer (ART) and structured solutions business across Africa and key global markets. Reporting to the Group MD/CEO, the role leads the origination, structuring, pricing, and placement of parametric insurance, ILS, catastrophe bonds, reinsurance sidecars, and other non-traditional risk financing solutions. This role positions Continental Re as a centre of excellence for innovative risk finance in African and emerging markets.

Key Responsibilities

- Define and execute the Group's Alternative Solutions strategy across priority markets, client segments, and product lines.
- Lead origination of ART mandates - parametric covers, ILS transactions, structured reinsurance, MGA partnerships, and sidecars.
- Build relationships with African governments, development finance institutions (DFIs), sovereign wealth funds, and multilateral organisations.
- Design and structure parametric products tailored to African sovereigns, corporates, and communities - including weather, agricultural, and catastrophe covers.
- Oversee ILS transaction structuring including cat bonds, collateralised reinsurance, and sidecars; manage the interface with capital market investors.
- Lead end-to-end transaction execution, regulatory approvals, and post-placement performance monitoring.
- Represent Continental Re at global ILS, parametric, and structured risk finance forums and industry events.
- Lead and develop the Alternative Solutions team; participate as an EMC member.

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor's degree (minimum Second Class Upper) in Insurance, Finance, Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, or Engineering; MBA/MSc Finance strongly preferred.
- FCII/ACII is an advantage; CFA or equivalent capital markets qualification desirable.
- Minimum 12–18 years' experience in reinsurance, structured finance, or risk advisory, with at least 5 years in ART, parametric, or ILS.
- Demonstrated track record of originating, structuring, and closing parametric or ILS transactions - not merely advisory.
- Existing senior-level relationships with at least one major DFI, sovereign risk pool, or ILS capital provider in emerging markets.
- Experience with African governments or multilateral organisations on risk financing solutions highly preferred.
- Proven ability to build and lead a commercial team in a complex, multi-country environment.

Application

Please submit your CV and a cover letter detailing your qualifications and suitability for the role to hr@continental-re.com. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



Huakan International Botswana (Pty) Ltd

WE NEED YOU IN OUR TEAM – Be Part of the Leader in Exploration and Engineering in Botswana. We are looking for talented professionals who are passionate about supporting operational excellence and contributing to sustainable development in Botswana's mining and engineering sector. We are now recruiting for the following position:

- 1) **Diamond Drilling Manager (1)**
- 2) **Deputy Manager (1)**
- 3) **Engineering Manager (1)**
- 4) **Diamond Drilling Trainer / Supervisor (5)**
- 5) **Diamond Drilling Mechanic (1)**

The positions are based at the Khoemacau Copper Mine site located between Maun and Sehithwa in Ngamiland. To be successful, you must be willing to work in a remote location and be capable of thriving in a multicultural work environment. Only Botswana Citizens may apply. **WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

Huakan International Botswana (Pty) Ltd was established in April 2025 in Gaborone, Botswana. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of North China Engineering Investigation, Design and Research Institute (Tianjin) Co., Ltd.

We specialise in drilling, engineering, geological investigations, geotechnical services, and environmental solutions. As we expand our operations in Botswana, we seek dedicated and capable professionals to help deliver technically sound and high-quality projects.

1) DIAMOND DRILLING MANAGER

The Diamond Drilling Manager will lead, manage, and optimise all diamond drilling operations at the mine site. This role is central to achieving drilling performance targets, ensuring safety and compliance, and maintaining productive relationships with site teams, contractors, and the client (JCHX Mining Contractor). The successful candidate will demonstrate strong technical drilling expertise, excellent leadership ability, and the capacity to manage complex drilling operations in a fast-moving environment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Drilling Operations Management
- Lead and supervise daily diamond drilling activities across multiple rigs.
- Ensure drilling operations meet planned targets, production schedules, and quality standards.
- Monitor drilling performance indicators including penetration rates, recovery, RQD, and core handling.
- Implement strategies to reduce downtime and improve equipment utilisation and productivity.

Technical Oversight

- Ensure drill rigs, equipment, and consumables meet operational and safety specifications.
- Review geological and operational reports to ensure drilling results meet client requirements.
- Provide technical support to drill crews, supervisors, and site engineers.
- Identify drilling issues and provide corrective actions to maintain efficient operations.

HSE & Compliance

- Enforce adherence to mine safety standards and company HSE procedures.
- Conduct safety inspections, toolbox talks, and risk assessments.
- Ensure compliance with Botswana mining regulations and all site-specific requirements.

People Management

- Supervise drill crews, shift leaders, support teams, and contractors.
- Lead training and skills development for drilling personnel, including localisation initiatives.
- Manage performance evaluations, shift assignments, and crew discipline when required.
- Promote a positive, safety-focused team culture.

Planning, Reporting & Coordination

- Develop weekly and monthly drilling plans, performance summaries, and cost-control reports.
- Manage drilling consumables, procurement forecasting, and inventory levels.
- Participate in site coordination meetings with clients and project teams.
- Maintain accurate operational records, compliance documents, and production data.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications and Experience

- Diploma or degree in Drilling Engineering, Mining Engineering, Geology, or a related field.
- Professional certifications in drilling operations or mining safety will be an added advantage.
- Minimum 7–10 years diamond drilling experience, including 3+ years in a supervisory or managerial role.
- Strong background in operating or managing multi-rig drilling programs.
- Experience in underground or surface drilling operations (HQ/NQ/PQ) is required.
- Previous experience in remote-site or mining environments is a strong asset.

Skills & Competencies

- Strong leadership and team-management capability.
- Excellent technical knowledge of diamond drilling equipment, tools, and consumables.
- Strong problem-solving ability and operational decision-making skills.
- Effective communication skills (written and verbal).
- Proficiency in reporting tools, drilling performance analysis, and MS Office.
- Understanding of Botswana mine safety regulations and labour laws is an advantage.

2) DEPUTY MANAGER

The Deputy Project Manager will assist the Project Manager in coordinating, supervising, and executing daily drilling and engineering operations at the mine site. This role plays a critical part in ensuring that project activities run efficiently and in accordance with timelines, safety standards, and client expectations.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong organisational ability, effective communication skills, and the capacity to support operational decision-making in a dynamic work environment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Coordination & Support

- Support the Project Manager in planning and supervising daily site operations.
- Coordinate with supervisors, contractors, and the client to ensure uninterrupted workflow.
- Track daily work progress, including drilling meters, equipment utilisation, and labour allocation.
- Assist with implementation of project schedules and ensure timely delivery of tasks.

Operational Oversight

- Identify operational issues and promptly escalate or implement corrective actions.
- Support the management of site logistics, including workforce planning and equipment deployment.
- Help ensure compliance with mine safety rules and company HSE procedures.

Reporting & Administration

- Assist in preparing weekly/monthly performance reports, progress updates, and risk assessments.
- Maintain accurate documentation of project activities, compliance records, and operational data.
- Participate in coordination meetings and provide operational inputs as required.

Stakeholder & Client Support

- Maintain professional relationships with clients, contractors, and regulatory stakeholders.
- Support the resolution of operational concerns raised by clients or project partners.
- Assist in communication between site teams and Huakan Botswana's management.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Project Management, Mining, Engineering, or a related field.
- Project management certification (e.g., PMP, PRINCE2) will be an advantage.
- At least 3–5 years of experience in project coordination or supervision within mining, construction, or engineering.
- Practical experience working in field operations or remote-site environments.
- Prior experience in multicultural or cross-functional teams is an asset.

Skills & Competencies

- Strong organisational and coordination skills.
- Good communication skills (written and verbal).
- Ability to support problem-solving and operational decision-making.
- Competence in MS Office, reporting tools, and basic project scheduling software.
- Knowledge of Botswana labour laws, mine safety rules, or HSE standards is an advantage.

3) ENGINEERING MANAGER

The Engineering Manager will lead, coordinate, and oversee all engineering activities across the Khoemacau Copper Mining project. This role ensures that technical standards, project schedules, and safety regulations are met while supporting operational efficiency and sustainable project outcomes. The successful candidate will work closely with the client, contractors, and the parent company to ensure engineering excellence in all project phases.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Engineering Leadership & Coordination
- Lead and manage the engineering team, providing guidance on technical matters, workflow, and resource allocation.
- Ensure engineering designs, calculations, and technical documentation comply with industry standards and client requirements.
- Coordinate with project managers, site supervisors, and contractors to resolve engineering challenges.

Project Management & Oversight

- Monitor engineering progress against project timelines and budgets.
- Ensure timely delivery of engineering deliverables, including designs, drawings, and reports.
- Support integration of engineering activities across disciplines to ensure seamless project execution.

Quality, Safety & Compliance

- Implement and maintain quality assurance and quality control processes for engineering outputs.
- Ensure compliance with local regulations, company standards, and international best practices.
- Support safety initiatives and risk assessments within engineering operations.

Technical & Strategic Support

- Provide technical advice to the management team on design optimization, problem-solving, and operational efficiency.
- Support innovation and continuous improvement initiatives within the engineering team.

- Participate in strategic planning to align engineering outcomes with project objectives.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Engineering (Civil, Mining, Mechanical, or related field).
- Strong leadership, communication, and cross-cultural management skills.
- Proven experience in managing multi-disciplinary engineering teams in mining or large-scale construction projects.
- Solid understanding of engineering project management, budgeting, and scheduling.
- Proficiency in English (Mandarin is an advantage).
- Minimum 8 years of relevant experience, with at least 3 years in a managerial or leadership role in a mining or engineering environment.

4) DIAMOND DRILLING TRAINER / SUPERVISOR

This role is responsible for overseeing diamond drilling operations, ensuring drilling standards, safety compliance, and mentoring junior drillers. The successful candidate will support both operational and training objectives, aligning field activities with technical requirements and project goals.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Training & Supervision

- Train drill operators on safe and efficient diamond drilling techniques.
- Supervise drilling crews to ensure adherence to company and industry standards.
- Develop and update training materials and SOPs for drill operations.

Operational Management

- Plan, schedule, and monitor drilling activities to meet project timelines.
- Ensure drill rig maintenance and operational readiness.
- Monitor core recovery, drilling meters, and geological data quality.

Safety & Compliance

- Enforce safety standards and risk management procedures.
- Conduct regular safety briefings and audits.

Technical Support

- Collaborate with geologists to ensure accurate core sampling and logging.
- Report drilling progress, challenges, and solutions to management.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications & Experience

- Diploma or degree in Mining, Geology, or related technical field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in diamond drilling operations, preferably in a supervisory role.
- Strong knowledge of drilling techniques, rig operation, and maintenance.
- Proven ability to train and mentor teams in a mining environment.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills; English fluency required. Chinese language skills are an advantage.
- Strong commitment to safety, technical quality, and team development.

5) DIAMOND DRILLING MECHANIC

This role is responsible for maintaining, troubleshooting, and repairing diamond drilling rigs and associated equipment. The successful candidate will ensure the operational readiness of all drilling equipment and support drilling crews in achieving project objectives safely and efficiently.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Equipment Maintenance & Repair
- Perform routine maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of diamond drilling rigs and auxiliary equipment.
- Inspect and test mechanical systems to identify faults and ensure operational readiness.
- Maintain an inventory of spare parts, tools, and equipment.

Operational Support

- Provide technical support to drilling crews during operations.
- Assist in rig setup, mobilization, and demobilization activities.
- Ensure drilling rigs operate at optimal performance to meet production targets.

Safety & Compliance

- Adhere to company safety standards and procedures.
- Conduct preventive maintenance checks and participate in safety audits.
- Reporting & Documentation
- Record maintenance activities, downtime, and repair reports.
- Recommend improvements to enhance equipment reliability and performance.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications and Experience

- Diploma, certificate, or trade qualification in Mechanical Engineering, Heavy Equipment Maintenance, or a related technical field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in maintenance and repair of drilling rigs or heavy mining equipment.
- Strong understanding of hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical systems of drilling rigs.
- Ability to work independently and in a team under remote conditions.
- Excellent problem-solving skills and commitment to safety standards.
- Fluency in English; knowledge of Chinese is an advantage.

How to Apply

Send your resume and certified certificates to:
linqingxiao@huakanbw.com

Deadline for Submission - July 17, 2026

Please note that review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Classified Ads

PROPERTIES | VACANCIES | BUSINESS | FARM WORKERS | SERVICES | MISCELLANEOUS

FARM WORKER

FARM WORKER WANTED
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HERDBOY WANTED, EXPERIENCED herdboy wanted at Tshepheyahela. Must have experience handling livestock and preferably married aged between 30-50. Apply to Dankhwa Makuluba, P O Box 530 Serowe. Contact 73849674
LOOKING FOR FARM workers in Kgalapitse in Kgatlong District, send your application to P.O.Box 54 Oodi. Ms. G.S Motlathledi.
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FARM WORKERS WANTED. Apply to Omphile Primrose Matheatau. P O Box 315 Gaborone.
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FARM WORKER WANTED at Natale apply to Simisani Manako P O Box 30782 Francistown 74149580
FARM WORKERS WANTED at Mmagothusang Lands in Diloro, Contact Mr. G. Oitsile 76077075
HERDBOY WANTED AT Senthlane cattlepost. Maikano Odumetse Box 30322 Tlokweng. Cell 72333216
FARM WORKER WANTED, Sekoma. Contact 77178972
URGENTLY NEEDED DUCT ERECTOR: Qualifications - Diploma in plumbing sheet metal works. Experience: 15 years knowledge of firefighting an added advantage. Closing Date 11 July 2026. Apply to Chobe Mult Tech PTY (LTD) BOX 485 Kasane, Email : chobemulttech@gmail.com.
HERBOY WANTED at Mabele Izii Ward, Jackson Mainga Private Bag K2 Kasane 74565173 / 72698362
MACHENIC WANTED: at Dita Holdings Box 85 Pandamatenga Email CV to ditaholdings@gmail.com call 78328518
WANTED HERD BOY Moageledi Sefhemo P O Box 20166 Mahalapye, 71548184.
I AM LOOKING for a herd boy in Kudumatse, Apply Box 2016, 76868617
FARM WORKER WANTED at Malotwana area, contact; 75129635, Mr Champion Phije P O Box21291, Gaborone/ Bontleng. Closing date: 10-07-2026.
LOOKING FOR FARM worker, Molepolole 75709997.
LOOKING FOR FARM worker Lephephe 71344277.
FARMER WANTED DIKGONNYE Farmlands, Rasesa, P O Box 2920 Gaborone, contact 7146223. Closing date 07/07/2026.
FARM WORKER WANTED at Mathangwane, herdboy and herdgirl. Call Molao at 72154031/ 71338102.
WANTED FARM WORKER: Apply, P O Box 181 Thamaga Mr Agang Dingane Disele.
FARM WORKER WANTED at Moamogwe lands, Hatsalatladi area. Call Elsinah Botsalano 71300485
FARM WORKER NEEDED. Cell: 77112664/74450248
FARM WORKERS WANTED Apply Thabana Thabana P O Box 58367 Gaborone
I NEED A farm worker at Thulari Farms, Modipane village. Send Applications to P O Box 139 Gaborone. Cell 72499945
I NEED A farm worker at Thulari Farms, Modipane village. Send Applications to P O Box 139 Gaborone. Cell 72499945
URGENTLY REQUIRED FARMWORKER at Netral Poultry Fresh Production Pty Ltd, P O Box 2465 Gaborone. Cell 74340068
FARM WORKERS WANTED at Toteng Village. Apply : Bokang Bruce Sepako, Box 521 Maun. Closing date : 09.07.2026

NOTICE OF LOST SURETY COVERING MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned intends applying for certified copy of **Surety Covering Mortgage Bond No: 2753/2017** dated **03rd day of November 2017** in favour of **Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA) in respect of:**
CERTAIN : Piece of land being Tribal Lot 3204 Mochudi;
SITUATE : At Mochudi in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING : 2237m² (Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Seven Square Metres);
Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds at Gaborone within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.
DATED AT GABORONE THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE 2026
S.G. MARIRI ATTORNEYS (Attorneys Notaries & Conveyancers)
Plot 7906, Maruapula: P.O. Box 793 AAH, Gaborone; Contacts: 391 0606 / 71 487 747

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ERECTION OF A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING BILLBOARD IN TLOKWENG

SPEAR COMPASS (PTY) LTD hereby gives notice of its intention to erect a commercial advertising billboard (3m X 12m) on a site situated in Tlokweng, adjacent to Batlokwa Centre four way, on your way to Tlokweng College of Education between the Main Road and SPAR Supermarket.
Members of the public, neighboring property owners, businesses, and any interested or affected parties are invited to submit comments or objections regarding the proposed development within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments and objections may be submitted to:
SPEAR COMPASS (PTY) LTD
Email: spearcompass@gmail.com
Cell: 267 74654876/72121464

POSITION: RADIOGRAPHER (2 POSITIONS)

Location: Kalafhi Day Hospital, Gaborone
Kalafhi Day Hospital is seeking qualified and experienced Radiographers to join our dedicated healthcare team.
Requirements
• Bachelor's Degree in Radiography or Medical Imaging
• Minimum of 10 years' relevant work experience
• Full registration with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC)
• Experience operating diagnostic imaging equipment and maintaining high standards of patient care
Remuneration
• Competitive salary package offered
Application Process
Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter to **career@kalafhi.co.bw** no later than **10 July 2026**.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTROLLED TRANSACTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 34 (1) OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following controlled transaction is proposed:
TRANSFEROR: MBACKISO MBOKI CHILISA
TRANSFeree: VINCENT HECQ AND NATHALIE SABINE C. SONVEAUX
CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 8275 00DI;
SITUATE: at Nkudialla (Cadastre 20) in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 8,7650 ha (Eight Comma Seven Six Five Zero Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Notarial Deed of Cession No. MA581/2025 dated 15th August 2025 made in favour of Pula Ya Peo Farm (Proprietary) Limited
VALUED AT: P1 430 000.00 (One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula)
BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE FURTHER THAT: (a) Any Botswana citizen interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property shall be given priority notwithstanding the agreement reached by the above named parties regarding the controlled transaction; (b) Should any person wish to object to the proposed controlled transaction, notice of the objection with reasons thereof should be addressed to the Kgatlong Land Board with copies to the undersigned (J. Morebodi Legal Consultancy) within 30 days from the date of publication hereof.
J. Morebodi Legal Consultancy
Plot 50161, Section 9 Building
Block 5, GABORONE

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD / ALL ACCESS JUNCTION ONTO A1 HIGHWAY

I, Umesh Loona/Monday Magnet (Pty) Ltd hereby give notice of intention to construct a proposed all access junction along the Gaborone to Lobatse road (A1) into a solar power plant on Lease area no.176-JO, Lobatse
The proposed works will involve the construction of an access road/junction connecting the development to the A1 highway. All interested and affected parties, including neighboring properties and the general public, are hereby informed of this intended development.
Any person who wishes to object to or comment on the proposed works may do so in writing.
For any objections or further information, please contact:
Monday Magnet (Pty) Ltd
Telephone: +267 3973333
Address: Plot 14400, Gaborone west industrial, new Lobatse road, Gaborone
All objections must be submitted within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: ESHGB-000699-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **GADZANI ZWIKWALI MATSHWARA** who died at Block 5 Hno: 13921, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the **07th day of July 2013**.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026
The Executor | Oduetse Bobonong
P O Box 81079, GABORONE | Cell: 74 274 996

VACANCIES: TEACHING POSITIONS

Sunny Sands Elementary School is hiring Upper & Lower Primary Teachers (Std. 1-7) plus Specialists in Art, Music & ICT.
Requirements:
• Diploma/Degree in Primary Education
• 5+ yrs experience in English Medium School
• PSLE knowledge (Cambridge an advantage)
• Computer literate (advanced ICT an asset)
• Valid Permission to Teach in a primary school
• **No Kindergarten/Preschool qualifications will be considered**
• Preference will be given to Batswana
• **PLEASE NOTE: This position is not open to recent graduates. Only candidates who completed their teaching qualification in 2023 or earlier will be considered**
Apply with CV & cover letter: jobs@sunnysandschools.co.bw
For more information contact +267 78 714 387 / 3112439
Deadline: 31 JULY 2026
Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS MASTER REFERENCE: ESHMY000245-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **SARAH MANGOPE** who died in Mahalapye, Mahalapye Central District, Botswana on the 16th July, 2000
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors of the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within thirty (30) days after the publication hereof.
Dated at Mahalapye on this 16th Day of June 2026
The Executrix
Seiphepo Mangope
P.O. Box 2792
Mahalapye
Cell: 72237093

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
KEBAHE PHALADI	ESHMY 000174-26	24.08.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 22 JUNE 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LEASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified Copy of a lost Memorandum of Agreement of Lease **No: FT TG 229/2010 dated 6th day of December 2010** made in favour of **BOIKARABELO SEBINA** in respect of:
CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lease Area No. 38-NN;
SITUATED: in the Bangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 3 689, 6100 Ha (Three Six Eight Nine Comma Six One Zero Zero Hectares);
WHICH PROPERTY is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease **No: FT TG 229/2010 dated 6th day of December 2010** made in favour of **BOIKARABELO SEBINA**;
SUBJECT: to the reservations and conditions contained in the aforesaid Cession.
All persons having objections to the issuance of the aforesaid of such property are hereby required to lodge the same, in writing to the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from the date of the second publication of this notice.
DATED 8th June 2026
PEO LEGAL
PLOT 2536
P.O. BOX 789 AAH, MASA CENTRE
GABORONE
TEL: 3975779

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS Master's Reference: ESHMY 0000108-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **WARONA KELEBAMANG** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the **16th February 2026**.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned **within thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.
DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026.
THE EXECUTRIX | Ontiretse Kelebamang
P O Box 30404, Serowe | Cell: 76 155 018

KE BATLA MODISA 74472571/75339014
EXPERIENCED HORTICULTURE FARM workers needed in Mochudi. Apply – Esther Chitukwi, Box 874, Mochudi
FARM WORKER WANTED in Kweneng West Region. Contact: Taswika Jimmy Gunda on 71648245 / 77300492, Box 501102, Gaborone
LOOKING FOR 2 farm workers at Maiphithwane/Sookoso. Contact: 74554234

2 X FARM WORKERS with 2 years experience in arable farming and horticulture at Kadue (Jwaneng). Apply to Box 54 Moshupa. Cell 73169644. Closing : 17/07/2026

REQUIRED : HARDWORKING FARM worker at Mogotane farm at Ramotswa. Apply Mr Jephias Nhira P.O Box 200 Sebele Gaborone. Closing date 30 June 2026

2 FARM WORKERS at Gamodubu Motherwell Investments (Pty) Ltd P.O Box 303 Mogoditshane. Tel 5390044 / 71682348

TWO FARM WORKERS. Dipina lands. Mark Tshegetsang 71608671

GOTHATAMANG PHIRINYANE IS looking for a farm worker, wanted at Mosisedi farms in Sedibeng, 30 years and above. Interested candidates should write to Mrs Phirinyane. Postal address 30101 Kanye.

HERDBOY, WANTED AT Kolonkwaneng call 72599517; at Private Bag 33 Lethakane.

HOUSEMAIDS

HOUSE MAID WANTED contact 77029859

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

PLOT 6898, METSIMOTLHABE Block 4 would like to inform residence of Metsimotlhabe Block 4 for change of land use. For clarification check Mogoditshane Sub Council (physical planning).

RRE PONATSEGO MOLEFHE o kopiwa go itshwaraganya le Ruth Basele ko 72552339 mabapi le polasi Ditshetshwane.

OWNER OF TRIBAL lot 9339 .located in Lesethana Ramotswa intends to change land use from residential to multi-family residential. Any queries or objections should be submitted to Gamalete District Council Physical Planning Office 5381212.

OWNERS OF LOT 14980 would like to develop a double storey residential house. Any objections call Palapye Physical Planning Office or 71407033

MPOKENG KGANGYAME OF plot 7007, BHC junction Morupule ward Palapye wishes to erect residential boundary wall. Any objections contact 73089142/73970276 or Building Control Office 4930881 within 14 days of this publication.

I POLOKO DIGNTY RAMOLOI of Plot 22868 Taung, Khudire is changing landuse from single to multiresidential use. Any queries to be forwarded to Ramotswa District Council (Physical Planning) on (+267) 5381200.

3 FLOOR MANAGER wanted at Minjex Enterprises (Pty) Ltd 10 to 15 years experience. Close date 03/07/26 duties: factory setup all departments: layout of entire production process: training new staff all department. Please contact Mr Shankar Ray on 72413242

KE BATLA MODISA Bothapatlou. Call 71205447 74899828. Herdboy wanted 71205447, 74899828

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION-CHANGE of land use Tshepo Maphanyane owner of plot No 3512, Metlhabeng ward, Tlokweng proposes to change land- use from single-family residential to multi-family residential. For any objections please contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning Office, Telephone No. 3695000 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT no: 12700 in Francistown wishes to change land use from residential to self-catering apartments. For any enquiries contact Francistown City Council at 2411050 within fourteen (14) days of this publication

OWNER OF PLOT 90521 Gaborone North please contact owner of plot 90522 at 77582324 regarding double storey house and screenwall development

I BOITSHEPO BOTLHOMENG of Plot 16786 Ramotswa, Mothubakwane is changing landuse from single residential use to multiresidential use and erection of boundary wall. Any queries to be forwarded to Ramotswa District Council (Physical Planning) on (+267) 5381200.

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE of land use from single family residential to multifamily residential, regularization of existing structures at Plot 28073 Gaborone by Tlotlo Pilane. Any objections can be sent to Gaborone City Council Planning office on Telephone number 3657100 or in writing with 14 days of publication of this notice.

Brookhills Montessori School in Gaborone urgently needs foreign language teachers for Chinese, Japanese, Spanish.

Applicants must love children, be pleasant, Cheerful and creative.

Minimum qualification of Diploma/ Advanced Certificate or equivalent, 12 years' experience or more. Able to teach preschool, primary, secondary and adults. Willing to work on commission. Only those that meet the above qualification/ experience will be contacted for interview. Email CV to Sandra@brookhillsmontessorischool.com. Closing date is 11 July 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LAND USE

Notice is hereby given that I, Grace Muzila, have applied for a change of land use from Horticulture to Mixed Use (Industrial/Commercial) in respect of a property located at Mmamashia.

Applicant Contact: 71308618

Any person who wishes to object to this application may lodge their objection, in writing, with the Planning Officer at Kgatleng District Council, Telephone No. 5777411, within fourteen (14) working days from the date of this notice.

NOTICE FOR CERTIFIED COPY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: **TL 570/2018** dated 26th day of June 2018 made in favour of **Green Generation Group (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 31389
SITUATE: Mogoditshane
MEASURING: 3535m², Three Five Three Five square metres
HELD under: TL 570/2018

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

DATED AT ON THIS.....DAY OF.....20.....

APPLICANT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
AFRICA MADAKA TSHUMA	ESHFT-000514-26	09-09-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2026
 MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

Kweneng International Secondary School

Honour First

Teachers: The following teachers are required for Form 1 to Form 5: **Geography, English, Accounting and Mathematics.**

Qualifications: Degree or equivalent plus a teaching qualification and accreditation from BQA.

Experience: Minimum of 5 years of teaching IGCSE. Verifiable records of success with past classes, ability to teach a second subject and Cambridge IGCSE teacher accreditation a big advantage.

Send or bring C.V. to: The Head, P. O. Box 586, Molepolole. (Lot No 1874, Masuadiitshwene Ward, Molepolole)

Closing Date: 15 July 2026

Cambridge Assessment International Education Cambridge International School

Tel: + 267 591 5 015
 Fax: +267 591 5 016

Email: kweneng.international@gmail.com
 Kweneng International Secondary School(K.I.S.S)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT-000090-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Onesimus B. Mmolawa ESHFT-000090-26** who died at Tutume District, Botswana on the **18 April 2024.**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 03RD DAY OF JUNE 2026

Constance S. Mmolawa	Victoria Sephonono Stuart	AND TO:
Executor Dative P O Box 94, Sebina Contact: 71630841	Executor Dative P O Box 1419, Francistown Contact: 71 616 641	Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CORNELIUS BUDANI AND OPELO BUDANI	ESHFT-000433-26	18-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 1

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000503-24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Meshack Podile – ESHFT 000503-24/** who died at Nyangabgwe Hospital, North-East District on the 26/04/2012.

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 06 DAY OF 22 2026

Moathodi Kgatalala	Tsaone Simon	AND TO:
Executor Dative P/BAG F133 FRANCISTOWN	Executor Dative P O Box 20 MATSILOJE	Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN 77888651/75950720

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000109-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PATRIC KENOSI ESHFT 000109-26** who died at TUTUME PRIMARY HOSPITAL, TUTUME on the 05TH day of JANUARY 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

CYNTHIA KENOSI	AND TO:
EXECUTOR DATIVE P O BOX 32, FRANCISTOWN	Master of the High Court Private Bag F13 FRANCISTOWN

ESHFT/000164/2023

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOKUEDI KHUNONG-ESHFT/000164/2023** who died at **PRINCESS MARINA HOSPITAL, GABORONE** on the 15/10/2005

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 publication hereof.

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2026

SELEDILE HAKAMO	AND TO:
P O BOX 20153 MAUN	MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT PRIVATE BAG F13 FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: **TL 569/2018** dated 26th day of June 2018 made in favour of **Green Generation Group (Proprietary) Limited** in respect of:

CERTAIN : Piece of land being Lot 31390
SITUATE : Mogoditshane
MEASURING : 3246m², Three Two Four Six square metres
HELD under : TL 569/2018

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

DATED AT _____ ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20 _____

APPLICANT

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE

NTU MASWABI – ESHGB-000679/25

IN PURSUANCE of Section 31 of the Administration of the Estates Act {Cap 31:01} the heirs and Next of Kin of the deceased persons specified above hereby invited to attend a Next of Kin meeting on 20th day of August 2026 at 0900 hours at the before - **B. P. Kemorwale.** At the Master's Office, Gaborone High Court Building.

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

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000606/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DIMPHO LEAH MAUTLE** who died at Block 10 Plot 56860, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on 19th March 2024.

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

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master within the 21 days stated above DATED AT GABORONE this ...day ...2026

Executor Dative Tshenolo Mautle P O Box 20278 GABORONE CELL: 7168414

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LAND USE AND SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that I, Joseph Thaka Phetogo, have applied for a change of land use from Horticulture to Mixed Use Agriculture (Commercial) and for the subdivision of the same property, situated at Molongwane (Cell No. 72897751).

Any person who wishes to object to this application may lodge their objection, in writing, with the Planning Officer, Kgatleng District Council, Telephone No. 5777411, within fourteen (14) working days from the date of this publication.

Applicant: Joseph Thaka Phetogo
 Location: Molongwane
 Cell No.: 72897751

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

ENGINEERING MANAGER. HANDS-ON work. Minimum requirements. 1) NCC Electrical (2) Experience + 25 yrs (3) Leadership experience +15 yrs (4) Knowledge of mining machinery, AC / DC Drive Systems, Solar Systems, Generators, High Voltage (5) Hands-On Fault finding and Repairs. Respond to Extra Effort (Pty) Ltd P.O Box 301322, Tlokweng

BEST PHILOS : REQUIRE the expertise of business developer with Degree in Business Development and Master in Conference Interpretation with 5 years experience in hotel. P O Box 350136 Maun Botswana. Cell 74340068

PANEL BEATER WITH 15 years experience or more with atleast certificate. Apply to MAKMOD SERVICES, Box 26321 Gaborone. Tell: 73657444/71704197. Closing date 17/07/2026

CHANGE OF LAND USE I Segametsi D. Maruapula of plot 1282 in Mmopane Block 1 informs neighbouring that I intend to change land use of my plot from residential to multi-family residential. Any objection regarding the proposal contact Mogoditshane Sub-District Council at 3105615 within 14 days of publication

OWNER OF PLOT 5227 at Block 4, Tlokweng Village notifies neighbours about change of land use from single to multi-residential as well as erecting boundary wall. Any objections be forwarded to Tlokweng landboard on tel: 3928277

PLOT 3631 MATSHWANE, Maun owner wishes to change from single residential to multi residential. Any queries contact Maun Council on 6860241

OWNER OF PLOT No.9182 Letlapeng Ward, Tlokweng intends to change land use from single family residential to multi-family residential. For objections contact Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning on telephone 3695041 within 14 days from publication notice

PROPERTIES

2 ½ HOUSE FOR sale 72617052

RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO: 10958 for sale at Tshweu Ward, Serowe, measuring 28.88X38.21X10.98X43.30X0.03X27.53 SQM with Customary Land Grant. Price P250,000.00. Contact 71636863

VACANCIES

EXPERIENCED SOLAR INSTALLER Technician with 8 or more years experience wanted at Lucerne Fields near Martins Drift Border Post. Contact us: admin@lucernefields.net. Closing date 14/07/2026

ENESIA FC HEAD-coach-CAF A, players' age 18-28 contact simba@enesiagroup.com 71517440 onalennadithakanyane@gmail.com 77176375 closing date 30 July 2026

PHARMACIST URGENTLY NEEDED, a Pharmacist is urgently needed for a vacancy in Bobonong. Requirements: Degree in Pharmacy, Private Practice license for Bobonong, five years minimum experience in Botswana with atleast one year in Private. Send application to New Hope Pharmacy P O Box 174 S/Phikwe or email newhopepharmacybob@gmail.com

TAFIC FC IS looking for a Head Coach and players, defenders, midfielders, and stickers 71205058/72815723

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY Driver wanted with cross border experience. DRC, South Africa, Zimbabwe etc with mechanical knowledge. Privilege Transport, Private Bag 602368 Gaborone. 71768264

WILLOWGREEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL in Mahalapye is looking for experience primary teachers with minimum of Diploma primary/ or general education. Please apply via email to admissions @ willowgreen.ac.bw all letters to be addressed to the Director P O Box 1039 Mahalapye closing date 30/07/2026.

CHERRY SPLASH PTY LTD is looking for a Civil Engineer with expertise in Pattern making and foundry work. Candidate must have 3-5 years experience. Interested candidates should email their CV to cherrysplash2020@gmail.com

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT-000885-24 FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late KOKETSO MOSALA GOLEBILWEMANG - ESHFT-000885-24 who died at Sidilega Hospital, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana on the 21st day of June 2024.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 04th DAY OF JUNE 2026

GOLEBILWEMANG GOLEBILWEMANG AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG F13 P O BOX 25, LETLHAKANE FRANCISTOWN 74712948

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
TEBOGO KGOBOKI	ESHFT-000532-26	08-09-26	0900HRS	SARM2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE COURT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE TRIBAL LAND

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that the following controlled transaction is proposed

TRANSFEROR : Vaseem Investments (Proprietary) limited
TRANSFEE : Qurtuba (Proprietary) limited
CERTAIN : Piece of Land;
SITUATED : at Gumare in the Batawana Tribal Territory
MEASURING : 1600m² (One Thousand Six Hundred Square Meters);
WHICH PROPERTY : is held under Memorandum of Agreement of Lease of Tribal Lot No.5398

PURCHASE CONSIDERATION : P1,230,000.00 (One Million Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pula Only);
SUBJECT : to terms and condition of applicable.

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE FUTHER that:
 The transaction is between Vaseem Investment (proprietary) limited and Qurtuba (proprietary) Limited
 By Virtue of this Notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer in respect of the mentioned property must give their submission to the contacts below within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this Notice thereof.

DATED at Maun on this 16th day of April 2026

WASEEM ZAFAR HUSSAIN | TshekoTsheko Road, Bombadi ward, Maun. P.o. Box 92, Maun

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time
1. Keeditse Gae	ESHMN-000074-26	01 September 2026	1430hrs

DATED AT MAUN THIS 03TH JULY 2026
MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

VACANCY

A reputable **Diamond Cutting and Polishing company** is looking for an experienced **Managing Director-Africa Operations & experienced Davinci Synova Operator** with the following background or experience:

- 8-10 years work experience as a Managing Director
- Managerial and leadership skills
- To perform a variety of other tasks in Production pipeline

Applications should be accompanied by copies of certificates, ID and references from the previous employer.

Please send or Email your CV and address it to:

THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER | GRANDVIEW DIAMONDS BOTSWANA, P O BOX 201654, Gaborone. | **Email:** tshephiso@gkdbw.com

CLOSING DATE : 07 JULY 2026.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000205-26

IN THE ESTATE the late PHETEDI RAGABATSEWE who died at Nyangagwe Referral Hospital, Central-Francistown District, Botswana on the **20th November 2022.**

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

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 02 Day of JUNE 2026.

The Executrix Dative Gaebolae Motshabi
 P. O. Box 842 Palapye
CELL: 71 868 879

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATION OF Estates Act [Cap 31:01]

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
ENGELINAH MAPHENDUKA	ESHFT-000462-26	12-08-26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 02ND DAY OF JUNE 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed NO: MA850/2018 dated 3rd day of OCTOBER 2018 made in favour of Tumisang Bontle Dawn Motsewabeng In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Tribal Grant 1048-KP
SITUATE AT: Malotwana in the Bakgatla Tribal Territory
MEASURING: 5. 4888 Ha (Five point Four eight eight eight Hectares)
HELD UNDER: Notarial Deed of Cession No: MA850/2018 in Favour of Tumisang Bontle Dawn Motsewabeng

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

DATED AT Gaborone ON THIS 23rd DAY OF March 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000448/25

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Cynthia Wilcox Nondumo** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 12th day of March 1998.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this day of 2026

Executrix
 Liziwe Candice Chebani
 P O BOX 311 ADD
 DIGAWANA

Cell: 73 047 345

LOST TITLE DEED

LAW OFFICES OF **AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES** MCL

DRIVING SUCCESS THROUGH LEGAL STRATEGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of **Deed of Transfer No. 319/2021** dated the **17th day of February 2021** made in favour of **HEINSITE CONSTRUCTION PROPRIETARY LIMITED** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 75768 Gaborone (A Portion of Lot 55720 Gaborone);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 1471 m² (One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy One Square Metres);

All persons **objecting** to the issue of such copy are hereby **requested to lodge such objection in writing** with the Registrar of Deeds, Private Bag 0020, Gaborone **within 3 (Three) weeks** from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2026

AJA House, Unit 2, Matante Mews Tel: (+267) 316 3125 Fax: (+267) 316 3124
 Plot 54373 CBD, Gaborone Email: info@aja.co.bw
 P O Box 20575, Gaborone Botswana Web: www.aja.co.bw

Partner Akheel Jinabhai
 Consultants Partners Markh Moke | Oben Bwindi | F | Ash
 Associates | Jawarriyab Mather | Khaleel Khan | Lesedi
 Kgakolele | Gorata Majjer | Letika Nkolonyane | Jeme Rindo

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's reference: ESHGB 000749-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PELOENTLE CHESTER MOROLONG** ESHGB 000749-24, who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone Gaborone District, Botswana on the **29th April 2023.**

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 23rd Day of June 2026.

The Executrix Neo Alice Morolong
 PO Box 1306 MOCHUDI
Cell: 71 791 792

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mysi Badenhorst, owner of Plot 28033, Xhosa 1, Mahalapye, hereby give notice of my intention to apply for a change of land use **from Residential to Multi-Residential.**

Any person wishing to object to this proposed change of land use may submit their objection to the **Physical Planning Office, Mahalapye,** or contact me using the details provided below.

Contact Number : 71 874 307

Objections should be submitted to the Physical Planning Office in accordance with the prescribed planning permission process.

Mysi Badenhorst
 Owner, Plot 28033
Xhosa 1, Mahalapye

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000012-26

IN THE ESTATES of the Late **GAOLATLHE TENEGO** who died at Along A1 Road, Palla Road, Central –Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **25th December 2025.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for Inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and Master of the High Court, Mahalapye for a period of Twenty-One (21) days from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye High Court on this 19th Day of June 2026.

The Executrix | Kegaisamang Tenego
 P O Box 7, Serowe | **Cell: 74 036 510**

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of **Deed No TL 337/2000** dated the **4 May 2000** made in favour of **NOBO BOTIPENG** in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being TRIBAL LOT 2145
MEASURING: 2388 m² (Two thousand three hundred and eighty eight Square m²)
SITUATE: Serowe in the Bangwato Tribal Territory
HELD UNDER: TL 337/2000 dated 4th May 2000
All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are **hereby required to lodge the same in writing** with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown **within three weeks** from the last publication of the notice.

Dated this 23 day of June 2026

ADDRESS
 P O Box 355 Serowe

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000018-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOJAMORAGO MAGOSI** who died at Nyangabwe referral hospital, Francistown District, Botswana on the **4th September 2024**.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Registrar and **Master of the High Court, Mahalapye** for a period of **Twenty-one days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at MAHALAPYE on this 09 DAY OF JUNE 2026

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000081-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GALESEKASEKWE GORADILE** who died at Mannathoko Ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **17th February 2021**.

FINAL AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the Chambers of the Registrar and **Master of the High Court, Mahalapye** for a period of **Twenty-One (21) days** from the date of publication thereof.

DATED at Mahalapye on this 22 Day of June 2026.

The Executor Dative Mr Mogotsi Gopadile
 P.O. Box 2757 SEROWE
 Cell: 71 614 150

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHMY 000159-26

IN THE ESTATE the late **MPHINE MOSEKI** who died at Rakgomo ward, Serowe, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the **29th September 2008**.

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

DATED at Mahalapye on this 23 Day of June 2026.

The Executor Mojadi Kgosiame
 P O Box 30174 Serowe
 Cell: 71 691 238 / 75 471 335

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
Letsweletse Garebao	ESHMY 000347-26	14.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED at MAHALAPYE THIS 09th JUNE 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000018-24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **SEGWANA MOLEFE** who died at Gasiko Ward, Gabane, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on the 04th day of January 2024.

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The Executor Dative
 Matshelo Pono Molefe
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Community efforts suppress FMD outbreak



Ghanzi District Council Chairperson Mr Thabiso Keadile has told the full council meeting that no signs of FMD were detected within the district.

FMD surveillance shows no cases in Ghanzi

Malebogo Lekula
GHANZI

Ghanzi District is not exempt from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) risks, as confirmed by extensive surveillance recently conducted across the area.

As a result, strict biosecurity measures remain in place. These include movement restrictions, a ban on slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals and intensified disease surveillance.

Briefing the ongoing full council session, Ghanzi District Council Chairperson Mr Thabiso Keadile said inspections were carried out at crushes, feedlots, fenced farms and communal areas. The focus was the intensive surveillance zone along the Kuke cordon fence, where more than 11 000 cattle, along with goats and sheep, were checked.

"I am pleased to report that no signs of FMD were detected within the district," Keadile said.

He cited the latest Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) update of June 01, which showed outbreaks in Zones 3C and 6B have been successfully suppressed. Controlled movement of fresh cloven-hoofed animal products is now permitted under strict permit conditions, but restrictions remain in force in Zones 11, 12 and 13.

"This shows FMD remains a serious national concern," Keadile said, urging continued vigilance and strict adherence to control measures.

He said Kuke cordon fence separating Ngamiland and Ghanzi Districts was patrolled by DVS, the Police and the Special Support Group to ensure compliance. However, Mr Keadile said increased elephant movement was causing significant damage.

He said marauding elephants frequently cross between zones in search of water and grazing, creating openings that allowed livestock to move freely and raise the risk of disease transmission.

The most affected stretches are between Kuke and Qabo Gate, and between Qabo Gate and Mokaukau Gate.

Despite repair efforts, the damage now exceeded routine maintenance capacity, he said. The 75km section between Qabo Gate and Mokaukau Gate requires substantial resources for rehabilitation, while the 40km stretch between Tsau Gate and Kilo 80 needs complete reconstruction.

Mr Keadile commended Sandfire Mine for infrastructure improvements at Kuke Veterinary Gate, carried out by Senkgakosi Company. Upgrades included reconstructed vehicle decontamination pools, gate office renovations, solar power lights, air conditioning, electrical systems, two inspection shelters, and public footwear decontamination

facilities.

"Through collective efforts, we can protect our livestock industry and safeguard our economy," he said.

Giving an update on FMD, Department of Veterinary Services Director, Dr Kobedi Segale said teams were working around the clock to contain outbreaks saying surveillance operations and vaccinations were ongoing in affected areas.

He cautioned that failure to remain vigilant could undermine efforts to increase the national herd and delay recovery of green zone status.

Ghanzi West ward Councillor Mr Modise Madumane said restrictions have hit farmers hard, with livelihoods stalled and debts accumulating.

While Kuke Councillor Thebe Tlotlego proposed a securely controlled quarantine camp to act as a centralised selling point between farmers and the Botswana Meat Commission. He said the strategy, under secure protocols, would help the economy thrive. **BOPA**

Portia Keetile
KASANE

The Chobe District Household Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment for 2025/26 indicated that the escalating human-wildlife conflict have impacted agricultural production and livelihoods.

Human-wildlife conflict remains a critical challenge in Chobe District, with 333 incidents reported in 2025.

Of the 333 cases, 285 qualified for compensation, costing government approximately P3.6 million.

Addressing the ongoing full council session, Chobe District Council Chairperson, Mr Johane Chenjekwa said increased crop destruction by wild animals was

a burden for farmers.

Mr Chenjekwa said according to the district assessment, normal to above-normal rainfall was experienced during the 2025/26 agricultural season.

He said the situation resulted in improved water availability, grazing conditions, and livestock performance.

However, Mr Chenjekwa said despite the favourable rainfall conditions, a number of challenges were recorded, being flooding of ploughing fields in the Chobe Enclave and Pandamatenga areas, rodent infestations and locust outbreak.

He indicated that although heavy rains and flooding further affected households and agricultural areas, livestock conditions remain generally good

Goweditse Kome
MASUNGA

North East District Council chairperson Mr Mbaakanyi Smart says since the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease (FMD), communities from different villages have been engaged on maintenance of cattle crushes and cordon fences along the borderline.

Addressing a full council session on Monday, Mr Smart said the 134 Ikageng beneficiaries had been engaged on rotational basis in maintenance of cordon fence and cattle crushes.

He said this was done in partnerships with Mephato formed in the villages to fight cross border crime and management of livestock movement.

However, Mr Smart stated that FMD outbreaks in Disease Control Zones 6b and 3c has been successfully suppressed and the second round of vaccination which was scheduled for mid-June in 6b South of Bisoli and within a 40-kilometre radius of the Botswana-Zimbabwe border, has been temporarily delayed due to technical challenges.

Furthermore, he indicated that vaccines were received on the 19th of June and that vaccination was expected to resume in the coming weeks.

"Despite this, some



North East District Council chairperson Mr Mbaakanyi Smart

restrictions like social slaughter in Zone 3b and 6a have since been lifted and local slaughter at licensed facilities was permitted in Zone 6a only," he said.

Regarding Lemang Diyo, he said the uptake of the initiative in the past ploughing season was not satisfactory due to the late launch of the programme, adding that draught power service providers were reluctant to participate in the programme because of the provision of one-hectare subsidy per farmer.

Tractor service providers expressed dissatisfaction towards the rather stringent eligibility criteria that was employed.

Highlighting on the issue of land allocation, he said all planned layout projects had been completed and forwarded to Tati Land Board for surveying and allocation, adding that the spatial framework for villages expansion and the 25000-hectare tribalised farms project was also progressing well.

He said the project team was currently undertaking situational analysis and preparing the inception reports, which are important milestones in the planning process.

Mr Smart said by the end of the past financial year, Tati Land Board managed to acquire 6.3 hectares in Mabudzane out of the planned target of 110 hectares.

"This financial year, the land board has resolved to follow up on the remaining 103.7 hectares at the villages of Tati Siding, Masunga, Jackalas No 2 and Mabudzane," he said, noting that the bulk of the land had already been assessed and project memorandum had been sent to the

Department of Lands to allow for disbursement of funds.

As such, he said Tati Land Board intended to allocate about 2000 plots for residential, ploughing fields and business in various villages this financial year from the month of August.

He continued to state that the registration for Child Support Grant of P300 was ongoing for all children under 12 months and a total of 606 children across the district had been registered and payments were scheduled to be done by end of this month with arrears for April and May. **BOPA**

Chobe records 333 cases of Human-wildlife conflict

due to improved grazing and water availability.

Mr Chenjekwa stated that the district assessment recommended continued implementation of the Lemang Diyo Programme to support resource constrained farmers and build climate resilience in Chobe District.

Additionally, Mr Chenjekwa said Lemang Diyo provided subsidised irrigation equipment to promote climate smart farming adding that it would bolster human-wildlife conflict mitigation measures through improved operational capacity.

He pointed out that 23 wild land fire outbreaks were recorded which affected approximately 112 923 hectares across the district.

Councillor Chenjekwa said Chobe District has received

normal to above normal rains in the past raining season which resulted with an increase in fuel load across the whole district, therefore fueling possible veldt fires.

He said the situation posed a high risk of both local and trans-boundary wild land fires with a high anticipation of hot and intense fire incidences in the current fire season due to thick vegetation.

Mr Chenjekwa noted that the Department of Forestry and Range Resources in collaboration with the International Savanna Fire Management Initiative (ISFMI) of Australia commenced early dry season prescribed burning on June 8 2026 to reduce fuel load and protect properties located in the wilderness. **BOPA**

Partnerships boost developments in North West

Esther Mmolai

MAUN

North West District continues to harness stakeholder collaboration to advance development priorities and improve service delivery.

Already, the district has made progress through partnerships with other government institutions, the private sector, development partners and the community.

Delivering a speech at the North West District Council meeting on Monday, chairperson Itumeleng Kelebetseng pointed out that the issue of dilapidated infrastructure would be addressed through partnerships with the private sector and other development partners.

He cited that at Kubung Primary School, maintenance works valued at over P1 million were undertaken through a donation from MMG Khoemacau.

Similarly, Mr Kelebetseng said Khwai Primary School benefited from support through a collaboration with African Bush Camp.

In addition, he said a computer laboratory with a storeroom, had been provided to further enhance the learning environment.

Furthermore, Mr Kelebetseng highlighted that Save Wildlife Organisation had constructed play group facilities in Matsaudi and Quqao, citing that the Matsaudi project was currently 75 per cent complete while Quqao project was at the pre-tender stage.

He said Letsholathebe Primary School had also received a donation for construction of a covered assembly area while Sexaxa School benefited through the donation of a temporary classroom in the form of a modern tent by African Outback Exploration to ease classroom shortage.

Also, he said Khwai Development Trust handed over a building structure to Council for conversion into a clinic, adding that several companies had committed additional support toward the project, including the construction of two LA2 and LA1 houses and a guard house.

Mr Kelebetseng also noted that the council received a consignment of medical commodities, including blood pressure machines and glucose monitors, from O'Green Company (Oman) and AGA ISAGO Foundation.

He said the supplies would enhance the capacity of health facilities to provide essential health services.

Similarly, he said MMG Khoemacau mine demonstrated its commitment to corporate social responsibility by donating medical supplies, equipment and consumables valued at USD10, 413.25 (P141 680.39) to Toteng Clinic.

Mr Kelebetseng said Halfway Ngami

Toyota also supported environmental cleanliness through clean-up campaigns and the donation of waste bins.

On other issues, the chairperson also informed the council sitting that through the National Environment Fund, four projects in the district had received funding amounting to over P5.4 million.

The projects included Shorobe Basketry Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society with P1.77million, Sexaxa Community Trust with P2 million, Khwai Development Trust with P1.5 million while Okavango Research Institute was supported to the tune of P206, 870.00 respectively.

He appreciated the support noting that it demonstrated that effective service delivery was best achieved by working together toward a common goal.

"As we move forward in the 2026/2027 financial year, let us continue to embrace collaboration, innovation and accountability and for it is through collaboration that we can achieve meaningful development and improve the lives of our people and eventually build a resilient, inclusive and prosperous North West district," he added. BOPA



Kubung Primary School classroom block that was donated by MMG Khoemacau Mine recently. North West District Council chairperson, Mr Itumeleng Kelebetseng said the council continued to enjoy support from stakeholders to drive developments in the district. Photo: Gaolethoo Kgatitswe

Council construct halfway home facility

Goweditse Kome

MASUNGA

Over the past three years, North East District has experienced increasing cases of child abuse, child smuggling, human trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence, particularly affecting children and women, says North East District Council chairperson, Mr Mbaakanyi Smart.

Addressing full council on Monday, Mr Smart said in response to this challenge, the council had identified a house in Masunga for upgrading and conversion into a Halfway Home.

And to secure the premises, he said council had awarded a contract for the construction of a boundary wall and motorised gate.

He said the Halfway Home would provide temporary and transitional shelter, psychosocial support and reintegration programmes for individuals declared by the courts to be in need of protection as well as persons recovering from addiction, trauma, abuse or incarceration.

This initiative, he said demonstrated the council's commitment to protecting vulnerable members of the communities and promoting social welfare.

Amid challenges of gender-based

violence scourge facing the country, he noted that government was currently facing economic challenges, due to the fact that major revenue earner being diamonds were no longer performing well like in the previous years.

Mr Smart indicated that this had affected the financial status of the country since more than 90 per cent of the recurrent budget was from Revenue Support Grant (RSG)

"Development Budget is 100 per cent financed by Central Government. Council has received RSG for the first quarter and was still awaiting release of funds for Ikageng Programme, Primary school facilities backlog eradication, construction of tribal offices at Mulambakwena, Pole, Gambule and Patayamatebele," he said.

He said one of the persistent challenges facing schools was that infrastructure remained dilapidated.

Mr Smart said the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education had earlier this year responded by establishing the Education Infrastructure and Expansion Management Company (EIMC).

"The Company has been mandated to focus on refurbishment of schools, construction of new schools and expansion of existing schools.

"The EIMC will also execute its mandate through partnerships with existing contractors, TVET learners, unemployed

artisans and technicians, as well as Ikageng programme and the first projects are expected to be launched during the second quarter of the year," he said.

However, he indicated that the district remained committed to ensuring that public facilities were maintained in a safe and functional condition and maintenance works would continue to be undertaken at various central government facilities, including Zwenshambe and Batanani Junior Secondary Schools to improve service delivery and enhance the learning environment.

Additionally, he said boys and girls' hostels at Zwenshambe and Batanani Junior Secondary Schools had been disaggregated and awarded to 12 local artisans and were currently on site.

He said the approach did not only accelerate project implementation, but also promoted local economic participation and skills development among citizens while improving learners' living conditions.

He also indicated that the council had facilitated procurement of 300 mattresses through Constituency Community Projects for Batanani and Zwenshambe Junior Secondary Schools.

Currently, he said procurement of 800 mattresses was ongoing for junior secondary schools in Tati East Constituency and delivery was expected soon.

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Patikwane JSS set for infrastructure overhaul

Ndingililo Gaoswedwe
GABORONE

Clad in royal blue, grey and white uniforms, Patikwane Junior Secondary School learners brave challenges in pursuit of their dreams. Nestled between the villages of Paje and Mabeleapudi, the school stands as a beacon of hope for many young people striving for a better future through education.

Behind its weathered walls are learners who call the school's boarding facilities home. Many travel from distant villages such as Majwanaadipitse and Tshimoyapula. Their determination often surpasses that of day scholars. Far from the comfort and security of their families, they endure conditions that speak of hardship.

The dormitories, meant to provide shelter, tell a different story. Windows are broken or missing, leaving learners exposed to the elements. Some doors have long vanished, leaving rooms insecure. Rusting bunk beds, many without mattresses, serve as sleeping quarters for learners who must somehow rest before another demanding day. Graffiti covered walls and worn-out facilities silently mark years of neglect.

Classroom conditions are equally challenging. Several windows are broken, creating discomfort for both learners and teachers. Outside, open sewage drains criss-cross the grounds, posing physical and health risks. Stagnant water and exposed infrastructure have become part of daily life for the very learners shaping their futures here.

Yet today, there is renewed hope. Patikwane JSS is among the first 11 junior secondary schools selected for refurbishment this financial year. The project forms part of President Advocate Duma Boko's National Programme on Refurbishment, Modernisation and Maintenance of Schools, which he is yet to launch. The initiative, facilitated by the newly established Education Infrastructure Management

Company (EIMC) under the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, aims to tackle long-standing infrastructure problems across the country.

Serowe sub-region chief education officer, Mr Gaobotse Mokomane, explains that the main challenge across the region is infrastructure pressure caused by soaring enrolment figures. At Patikwane, with 536 learners; 229 girls and 307 boys, the shortage of resources is stark. The school has only 225 chairs. Desks and toilets are far fewer than needed. Fortunately, an alumni group recently donated some supplies.

With just 12 classrooms, space is not enough. The pavilion and two science labs have been converted into classrooms. During COVID-19, normal class size was 30, but now the average is 35. In some cases, government introduced shifts to manage numbers.

Mr Mokomane adds that classrooms are in poor condition, with broken windows and doors. Teaching essentials are scarce, chalkboards, agricultural tools and lab equipment. This makes practical subjects largely theoretical.

The hostel, designed for 48 boys and 48 girls, now accommodates 105 boys and 106 girls. Beds are worn and there are no mattresses, although parents have tried to fill the gap. The kitchen has also suffered. Electric cooking pots have not been functional for four years, so the school now relies on firewood, which becomes a problem during the rainy season and delays meals.

All boarding facilities in the region face similar conditions. He adds, "buildings are worn, furniture is missing and some roofs are exposed." Ablution facilities are a major issue too, the water system is often blocked or the water pipes have run dry, thus leaving the school reliant on 12 pit latrines.

Teachers are not spared. Only 27 staff houses are available on site, with five more in Serowe, against a staff complement of 69. Teachers



Patikwane Junior Secondary School is among the first 11 junior secondary schools selected for refurbishment this financial year. The project forms part of President Advocate Duma Boko's National Programme on Refurbishment, Modernisation and Maintenance of Schools. Photos: Baldwin Nyamande



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Serowe sub-region chief education officer, Mr Gaobotse Mokomane

often share accommodation.

Mr Mokomane says priority will be given to classrooms and the administration block in the government refurbishment process. There are no chairs for teachers, so many take work home. Making teacher residences more comfortable is too crucial.

While government support is on the way, the spirit of self-reliance remains strong. This spirit once helped communities build the University of Botswana through the Motho le Motho Kgomo campaign in the 1980s. Decades later, that tradition continues.

Building on this spirit, Serowe North MP, Mr Baratiwa Mathoothe, is mobilising the community to transform Patikwane. He explains that the school is built on rocky terrain and its buildings were designed facing the water flow. This makes flooding a problem during the rainy season, though barriers have since been erected.

On June 13, he led a groundbreaking ceremony for the hostel renovations. "Beds are in such a bad state some learners use bricks to support them. It does not need maintenance, it needs an overhaul," he says.

He highlights the urgent need for mattresses, blankets and functional doors. Showers are blocked and learners are forced to use open spaces, a sorry sight during cold weather.

He stresses that now is the time for the community to unite. "Reliance on diamonds once replaced this spirit. Poor diamond performance now calls for a revival," he adds.

The renovation is a process and Mr Mathoothe has engaged different stakeholders including PTA and social clubs. So far, he

has secured solar lights so the school can function even during power cuts. Government welders are donating weekends and the Serowe Brigade will assist with metal fabrication and bricklaying. Negotiations with the Vocational Training Centre aim to involve students in electrical work, chairs and desk repairs. He explains that the approach teaches practical skills while reducing costs.

Hostels will be painted and Pasqualian Investments has offered a JCB to desilt and clear the campus. Mr Mathoothe personally purchased a network device for the school and subscribes monthly. About 40 blankets have been secured, with more expected. The aim is to make hostels conducive and prevent learners from running away.

He adds that the unconducive environment may be affecting results. Many learners leave primary school with good grades but see performance drop at junior level. Bringing the community closer will help them appreciate the learners' living conditions and motivate further support.

Looking ahead, Mr Mathoothe envisions cultivating unity, eventually forming clusters that can generate income and reinvest in the school. He stresses that after maintenance, a permanent programme is needed to prevent buildings from deteriorating and in turn save government from higher costs in the future. **BOPA**

Moagi not involved in tendering process - witness

Bonang Masolotla
GABORONE

Former Minister of Minerals and Energy, Lefoko Moagi was not involved in the tendering process for seven contracts awarded by Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) to Sieyuan Electric Botswana, the Gaborone Regional Magistrate's Court heard on Wednesday.

BPC Procurement Oversight Manager, Mr Lerothodi Moshoeshe, testified during Moagi's ongoing trial that the former minister, who is facing two counts of corruption and money laundering, played no role in the evaluation, adjudication or

awarding of the tenders.

"In the awarded tenders, my client was not involved in the evaluation, adjudication and awarding process," Moagi's attorney, Mr Tengo Rubadiri, put to the witness, to which Mr Moshoeshe responded in the affirmative.

Mr Moshoeshe explained that prior to the implementation of the new Public Procurement Act in April 2022, BPC relied on its own procurement procedures, which operated independently of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Board (PPADB).

Under the previous framework, tenders valued below P500,000 were approved by departmental

procurement tender committees, those worth less than P5 million were handled by the executive procurement tender committee, while tenders exceeding P5 million were recommended to the BPC Board for approval.

He said the introduction of the new Act rendered the BPC Board's procurement role obsolete, transferring procurement responsibilities to the accounting officer, although the law still permits delegation of authority.

Mr Moshoeshe further stated that of the seven tenders awarded to Sieyuan Electric Botswana, one was processed under the old procurement system, while the remaining six were awarded under

the new framework.

He told the court that when approached by the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) regarding the Sieyuan tenders, he provided all documents relating to the awarded contracts.

He said Sieyuan Electric Botswana was awarded seven of the 13 tenders it applied for between 2018 and 2024.

The State alleges that between November 30, 2024 and April 22, 2025, while serving as Minister and Member of Parliament, Moagi used his position to obtain benefits for himself from Sieyuan Electric Botswana, a company that held commercial contracts with BPC, a parastatal that fell under his

ministerial portfolio. He is alleged to have received 100 heifers and one bull valued at more than P400,000 from the company.

On the money laundering charge, the State alleges that during the same period, Moagi acted together with another person not before the court to disguise proceeds of corruption.

The prosecution further alleges that he signed a false loan agreement with a representative of Sieyuan Electric Botswana for P417,500 purporting that the funds used to purchase the cattle were proceeds of a loan advanced by a certain Mr Han. The matter is scheduled to continue today. **BOPA**

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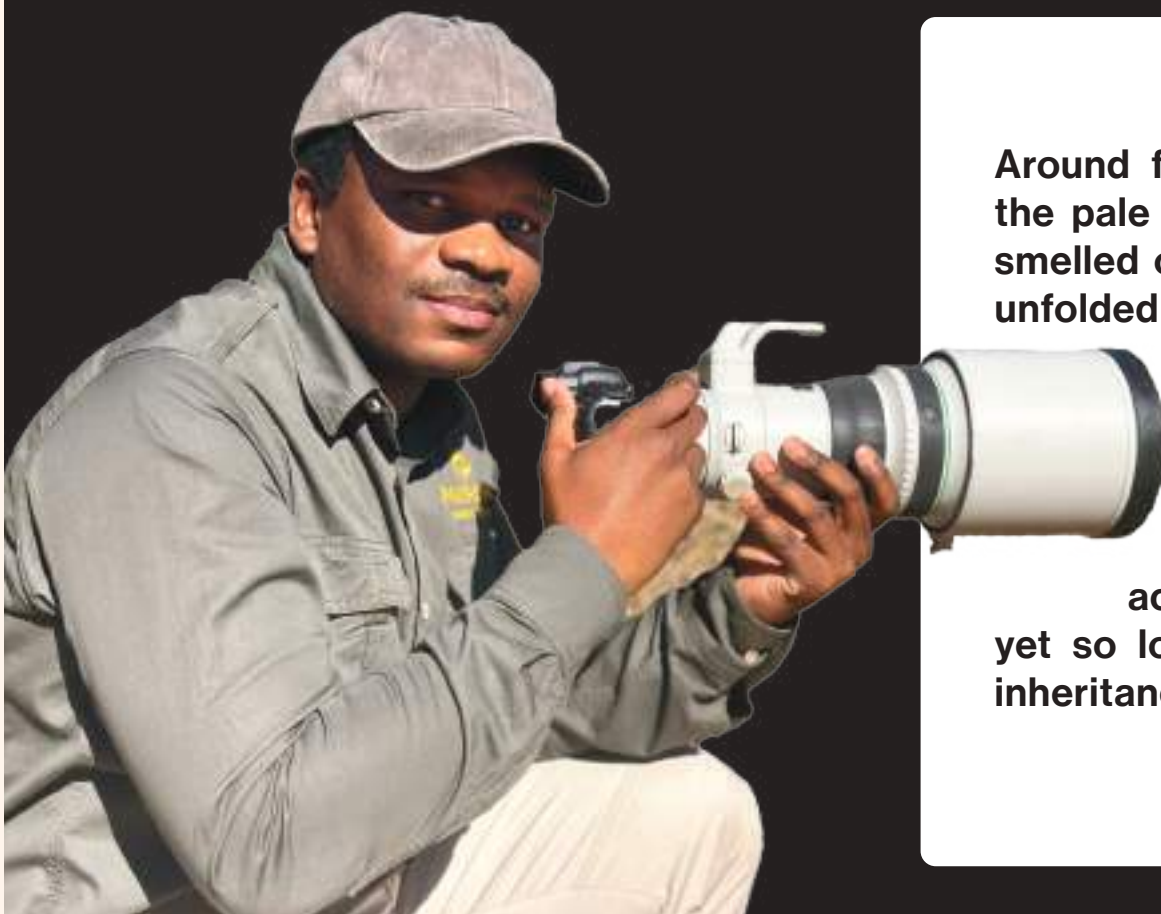


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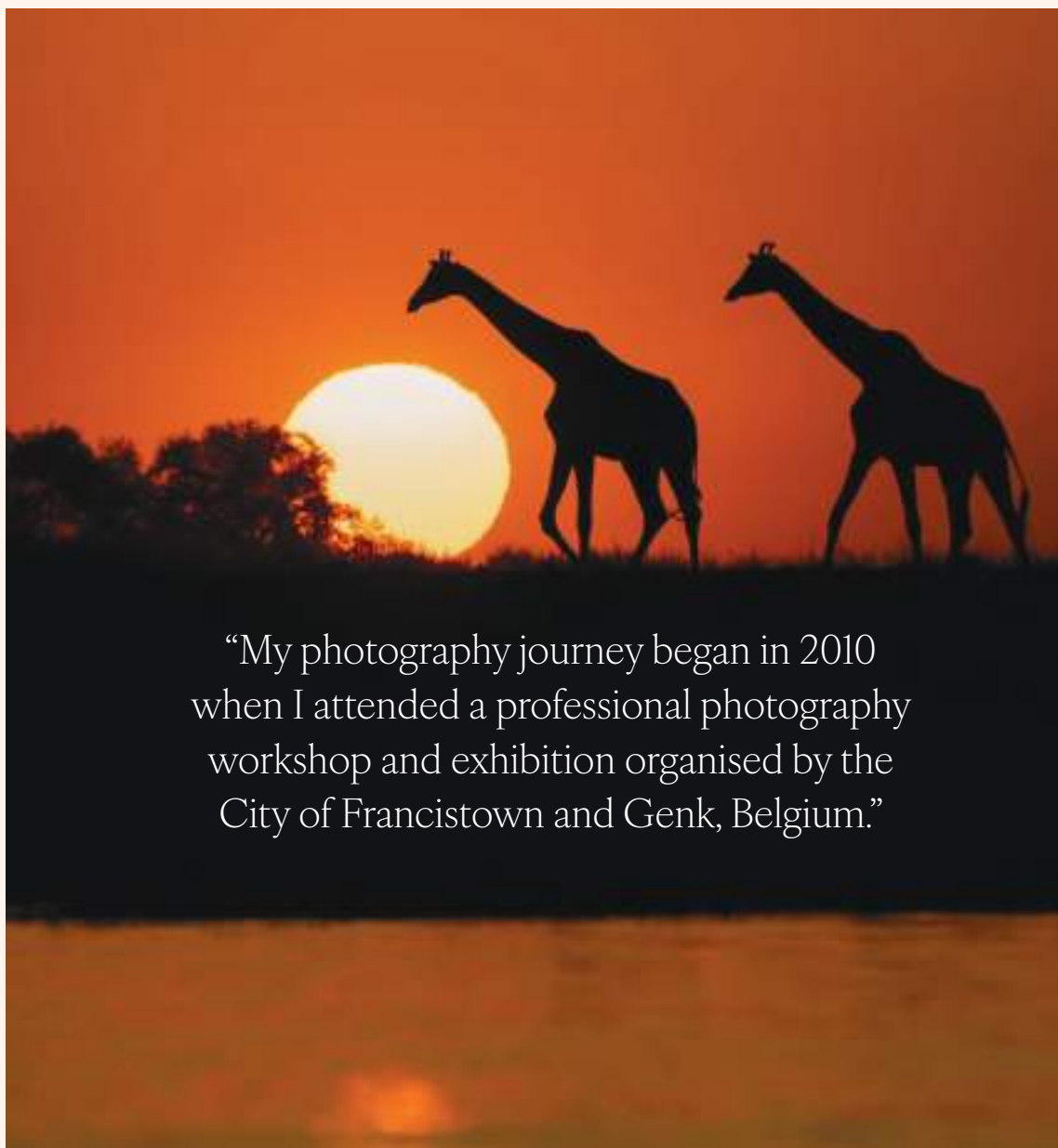
Ngubevana captures moments beyond single frame



Tshoganetso Mokowe
GABORONE

Around five kilometers from Gaborone, in the pale light of an early morning that still smelled of cattle and dust, a small moment unfolded in Gamononyane that would later travel far beyond the kraal where it happened. A father lifted his son onto his lap. A cow shifted its weight. Milk streamed, warm and immediate, into a child's mouth, an act so ordinary in appearance, and yet so loaded with memory, meaning and inheritance that it would become an award-winning photograph.

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“My photography journey began in 2010 when I attended a professional photography workshop and exhibition organised by the City of Francistown and Genk, Belgium.”

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The image, titled: *Milk of Inheritance*, has now earned Botswana photojournalist, Metlha Ngubevana, the runner-up position in the Africa Geographic Photographer of the Year 2026 competition, placing his work among some of the continent's most compelling visual narratives of nature and people.

But Ngubevana is quick to resist the idea of destiny written from childhood. His path into photography, he says, arrived late and unexpectedly.

“My photography journey began in 2010 when I attended a professional photography workshop and exhibition organised by the City of Francistown and Genk, Belgium,” he said. “Unlike many photographers who often speak about growing up playing with their parents' cameras, photography found me later in life. I believe it is a calling that chose me.”

It was a calling that pulled him first into the fast-moving world of news. He worked with Press Photo, later as a freelance photojournalist for Daily News, and eventually joined Xinhua News Agency, where he continues to document assignments that move between environment and human experience.

But it is the land Botswana's fragile ecosystems and the communities tied to them that repeatedly pulls his lens back.

“I have been privileged to document stories that matter,” he said. “My work has focused on wildlife conservation, climate change, human-wildlife conflict, and the people whose lives are closely connected to the natural environment.”

In 2024, his work was recognised with second place in the US Embassy Botswana Photojournalism Competition held

in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day an acknowledgment that, for him, sharpened the purpose behind the work.

Still, Ngubevana speaks less about awards and more about access about being allowed into moments that are not staged for the camera.

That trust was present on the morning *Milk of Inheritance* was made. He had joined a family at their cattle post while documenting how climate change was reshaping rural livelihoods. Conversations flowed first, then silence. The camera became less intrusive. And then, the unexpected gesture.

“The father called his son and, instead of handing him the responsibility of milking, sat the boy on his lap and directed fresh milk straight from the cow into his mouth,” he said.

For a photographer, it is the kind of moment that does not repeat itself. The frame exists for seconds, not minutes.

“Realising the significance of the moment, I quickly moved to the opposite side of the cow to create a stronger composition and captured an image I never expected to make that morning,” he said.

Later, he learned the meaning behind what he had witnessed a tradition in which the act symbolises blessing, prosperity, and continuity in cattle culture. The photograph was later rendered in black and white, stripping the scene down to texture, gesture and contrast less about colour, more about permanence.

Beyond this single frame, Ngubevana's career has been shaped by environments where nature and people are inseparable. His work has taken him through Botswana's cultural and ecological calendar from the Khawa Dune Challenge to the Dithubaruba Cultural Festival as well as deep into wildlife spaces where human

presence is both caretaker and witness.

His pursuit of conservation storytelling has also extended into formal training, including the Intermediate Course at the Botswana Wildlife Film School under Botswana Ignite, and an Assistant Professional Guide Licence from the Botswana Wildlife Training Institute.

In 2025, he joined Pangolin Photo Safaris in Kasane, positioning himself within one of Africa's most photographed wildlife corridors in Chobe where elephants move through riverine forests and tourism and conservation constantly intersect.

Now, the Africa Geographic recognition adds another layer to that. As part of the award, he will travel to Rwanda's Nyungwe National Park, staying at Munazi Lodge within one of Africa's oldest montane rainforests. There, the subject shifts from savanna to canopy: chimpanzees moving through branches, colobus monkeys threading through green light, waterfalls carving through dense forest. For Ngubevana, it is not a departure from Botswana, but an expansion of the same visual language.

“It is an opportunity to expand my storytelling beyond Botswana's savannas and wetlands into one of Africa's most remarkable rainforests,” he said. “The images and stories I bring back will strengthen my work in conservation advocacy and inspire greater appreciation for the continent's natural heritage.”

From a cattle post in Gamononyane to the forests of Nyungwe, his work continues to circle the same question what do we inherit, and what do we choose to pass on?

Sometimes, the answer arrives in words. Sometimes, in milk.

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Palmer tackles daddy wound in new book

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While some social media feeds are filled with celebratory tributes every Father's Day, a quiet collective grief simultaneously unfolds online for millions navigating the ‘father wound’.

Daphney Palmer is one of those souls who decided to step directly into that heartbreak with her debut book, *Dear Dad*.

The book aims to transform the pain felt every year on this day into a private journey of generational healing.

In *Dear Dad*, Palmer defined the ‘daddy wound’ as the painful emotional void left by an absent, emotionally unavailable or deceased father.

For Palmer, who guides minds daily as a professional teacher, she explained that the book was born from a place of deep personal truth and reflection.

Having lost her father before they could establish a meaningful relationship, she grew up wondering what it felt like to have a dad, a void she confirmed influenced her adult life, self-esteem and relationships. “I always looked for my father in people I met and never found him,” Palmer said.

Every year around Father's Day, she said she noticed that women ‘bleed’ on social media, expressing that deep ache.

To turn pain into purpose, she mentioned she decided to write something that offered them understanding and healing.

When a child's foundational needs for security, validation, and protection go unmet, the effects do not vanish with age. Instead, they follow them into adulthood. This usually rubs off, manifesting as trust issues, low self-esteem, or confusion in adult relationships, she said.

According to the author, the book addressed the complex paths to closure, acknowledging that healing

was subjective.

While she champions reconciliation where possible, she also spoke to those left with unanswered questions due to a parent's passing or unwillingness to amend the relationship.

She noted that it was not the duty of a child to make the father present, emphasising that adult children must eventually find a way to forgive and heal for their own sanity and peace, even when closure was not neatly handed to them.

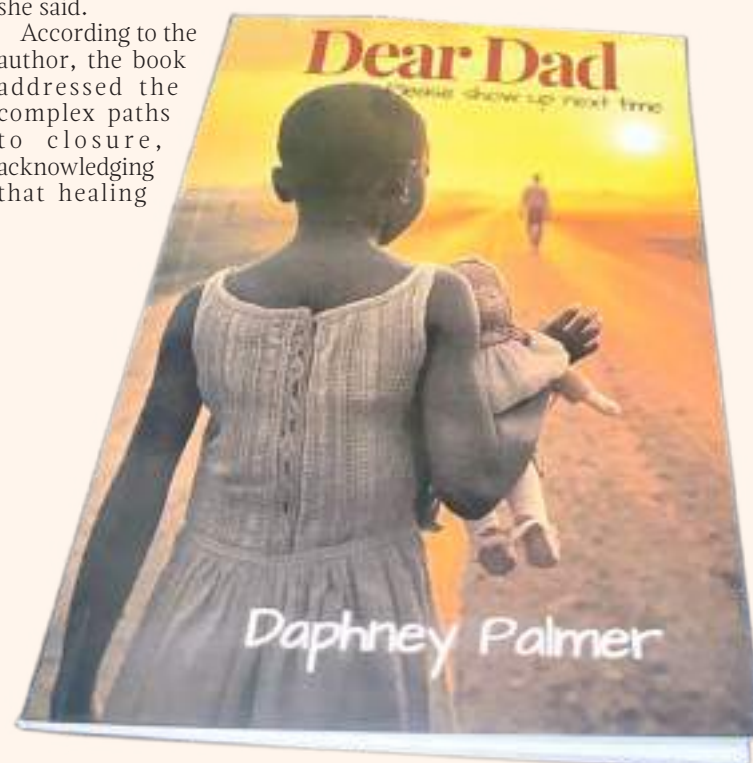
At its heart, she explained that *Dear Dad* was a safe space meant to remind readers of three core truths. First, one's worth was absolute, because an absent father was never a reflection of a child's value or potential.

Second, she said one's feelings were valid and that it was okay to acknowledge buried wounds, adding that seeking counseling was a sign of strength if the burden was too heavy to carry alone.

“Lastly, you hold the pen, proving you are not doomed to repeat the cycles of the past. You cannot rewrite your past, but you can choose how your story continues. You are not what happened to you. You are who you choose to become,” she said.

She also used the book to applaud present fathers both biological and paternal figures who showed up daily, took accountability and built strong bonds through consistent emotional, financial and social support.

The book also highlighted the critical role of mothers in protecting and nurturing their children's emotional well-being, even when the relationship between the adults had broken down. **BOPA**



Daphney Palmer's book, *Dear Dad* aims to transform the pain felt every year on Father's Day into a private journey of generational healing. Photo: Courtesy of Daphney Palmer



The 2018 edition of Race for Rhinos

Botswana hosts air race for good cause

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Funding will support GPS collaring and real-time tracking technology, electrified perimeter fencing, and the recruitment and training of dedicated wildlife rangers.

Account Director at Incepta Communications, Rebatho Tumagole, said the 13 white rhinos had been donated by South Africa, which was home to the world's largest white rhino population.

Although classified as Near Threatened globally, white rhino

populations in Southern Africa continue to depend on active conservation and protection measures.

In Botswana, Tumagole said rhino numbers remained relatively low and vulnerable due to poaching driven by the illegal trade in rhino horn, which continued to command high prices on international black markets.

Tumagole stressed that the relocation process had not yet begun, noting that introducing rhinos into a new environment required extensive ecological

preparation, security planning, governance arrangements and community engagement.

She said community participation remained the most sustainable form of conservation security.

When local communities benefit economically from wildlife through tourism, employment and business opportunities, she said they became the most effective guardians of that wildlife.

The Race for Rhinos operates under the patronage of former President Lt Gen.

Dr Seretse Khama Ian Khama, while the Bamangwato Tribal Administration serves as custodian of the project.

Beyond the race itself, visitors will have an opportunity to enjoy scenic flights over the pans, tandem paragliding, motorsport activities and cultural showcases.

Race for Rhinos is more than an aviation event; it represents the beginning of a new chapter for the Makgadikgadi, Botswana's conservation story and the communities whose future is closely tied to this extraordinary landscape. **BOPA**

Gadifele appointment sparks optimism

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The appointment of Jwaneng Mine general manager, Goitseone Gadifele as the new chairperson of the Botswana National Sport Commission (BNSC) board has sparked widespread optimism across the sport fraternity.

Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng appointed BNSC board and Gadifele at the helm for a four-year, running from June 17, 2026 to June 16, 2030.

Joining Gadifele on the board are Moeti Godisamang, Keenese Katisenge-Tizhani, Tšhepo Sitale, Dorothy Tlagae-Gaseitsiwe, Kabo Moseki, Atlarelang Solomon and Mpho Moatshe. Not new to the sport fraternity, Gadifele has served as president of Jwaneng Galaxy and his appointment has been embraced by National Sports Association, saying his corporate background and extensive sport footprint were a catalyst for sport growth during a challenging economic climate.

In an interview, Botswana Football Association president, Tariq Babitseng described Gadifele as precisely 'what the doctor had prescribed' for sport.

He said the new chairperson's visible sporting footprint in Jwaneng made him suitable to lead Botswana sport. Babitseng praised his long-standing commitment to organisational integrity, adding that he was a credible leader who had consistently put good governance at the top of his agenda. Botswana Athletics Association acting president, Oabona Theetso said Gadifele's deep corporate roots were what the industry needed to navigate current economic hurdles.

Theetso said Gadifele's support for sport in Jwaneng proved his deep passion, adding that his corporate standing would give him the necessary leverage to successfully solicit sponsorships from other industry leaders.

Botswana Tennis Association president, Oaitse Thipe said the sporting community was encouraged by Gadifele's familiarity with the sport ecosystem, adding he was of the view that the new board would elevate Botswana sport to greater heights. With strong backing from major codes like football, athletics and tennis, the new BNSC board takes office with a clear mandate to leverage corporate networks, uphold strict governance and drive sustainable development across all sporting disciplines. **BOPA**



Botswana National Sport Commission chairperson Goitseone Gadifele





Kebinatshipi and Hall in mighty showdown

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The athletic world is eagerly anticipating a head-to-head confrontation between Colleen Kebinatshipi and the United States' 400m Olympic Champion, Quincy Hall in the Paris Diamond League event in France on Sunday.

The historic matchup is expected to clarify who holds the true psychological and athletic advantage in the highly competitive quarter-mile division.

Entering the race as the reigning 400m World Champion, Kebinatshipi has established a reputation for aggressive front-running, having notably opened his season with a world lead time of 43.92.

The two athletes have the same running tactic; they both rely on a patient pacing strategy, highly strategic closer and saving their explosive energy for a relentless final straightaway push.

This proven ability to chase down front-runners over the final 100m makes the two athletes' formidable opponent.

The rivalry between the two sprinters has consistently delivered close finishes on the global circuit.

While Kebinatshipi recently took top global billing at the World Championships, Hall has regularly proved to be a tough competitor in Diamond League events.

In their previous encounter at the Rome Diamond League, Hall narrowly secured the

victory with a season-best time of 44.22, while Kebinatshipi finished closely behind him in third, clocking 44.51 seconds, sandwiching South Africa's Zakithi Nene, who came second.

However, the Charléty Stadium track will feature an elite selection of athletes capable of disrupting this central US-Botswana rivalry.

Great Britain's Olympic silver medalist, Matthew Hudson-Smith brings powerful European-record pace to the race, while Zambia's Muzala Samukonga adds further depth as an Olympic bronze medalist with hunger for a signature victory.

With the American contingent strengthened by Christopher Bailey's Personal Best of 44.17 seconds and Trinidad's Jereem Richards bringing a dangerous sub-44 personal speed, the race holds the potential to push the winner toward a historic sub-44-seconds time.

Meanwhile, in 800m women, Botswana's middle-distance national record holder, Oratile Nowe will line up against Australians' Sarah Billings, Anais Bourgoin, Clara Libermanand, Rénelle Lamote from France, Femke Broeders-Bol and Myrte Van Der Schoot from Netherlands, Souad ELhaddad of Morocco, Prudence Sekgodiso of South Africa, Swiss track and field athlete Audrey Werro and USA's Roisin Willis. **BOPA**



Botswana hosts air race for good cause

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Elite pilots from around the world will descend upon the Makgadikgadi Pans from June 26 to 29 for the Race for the Rhinos Aviation Event aimed at raising funds to relocate 13 white rhinos donated by South Africa and to also establish a new conservation site.

Hosted at Mosu Airfield, the four-day event, which returns after a seven-year hiatus, will feature a two-day precision air race involving 22 aviators flying 11 registered aircraft along a route through Nata, Gweta, Orapa and Kubu Island before returning to Mosu.

Participants are expected from South Africa, Japan, the United Kingdom, Dubai and the United States of America.

Arrivals and registration begin today while the main races will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Funds raised through the Race for Rhinos Aviation Weekend will support the first phase of technical and environmental groundwork, including aerial and ground surveys, route mapping, identification of suitable habitats and campsites, and assessments of cultural and heritage sites across the Makgadikgadi Wetland System.

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