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Following President Advocate Duma Boko’s declaration of the State of Public Health Emergency, the first consignment of emergency medical supplies from the Central Medical Stores (CMS) left Gaborone on Monday to far flung areas, with the aim of replenishing critical stock shortages. In his address President Boko said the medical supply chain ran by CMS had failed, which had led to severe disruption of medical supplies countrywide. He also announced the establishment of a Health First Botswana Partnership, a P5 billion fund, which the Botswana Development Corporation committed the initial investment of P100 million and a four-step plan to take command of the disruption of health supplies countrywide. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

‘Prioritise unemployment, school feeding programme’

By Mooketsi Mojalemotho

FRANCISTOWN - Residents of Ntshe ward in Francistown say despite operating under a shoestring budget, government should prioritise public health, youth unemployment, and the school feeding programme.

They said during a kgotla meeting addressed by Member of Parliament for Francistown East, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima, that measures should be put in place to arrest the situation in the three areas.

They however, appreciated the 15 bills passed by the Winter Parliament, among them the Community-Based Natural Resources Management Bill, the Forest and Range Resources Bill, the Value Added Tax Bill, the Digital Services Bill, the Cannabis Bill, and many others.

One of the residents, Mr Samuel Olefile decried the underdevelopment of the area, citing the unavailability of a kgotla shelter, a clinic, or even shops in Ntshe location, something he said needed urgent attention.

Others called on fellow citizens, particularly pensioners, to quit Ipelegeng and live off their monthly P1 400 old age pension allowance, thereby making way for the unemployed youths to benefit from the programme.

Mr Ndingi Peters suggested that time was ripe for government to consider reviewing the retirement age to about 50 years to open up employment opportunities for the many educated, but unemployed young people.

The residents also pointed fingers at the Francistown City Council for sidelining Ward Development Committees (WDCs) during the registration of companies that undertook public works, stating that

that had dealt a significant blow to local companies.

Their view on the matter was that as custodians of the interests of residents, WDCs should be part and parcel of the registration of such companies.

Responding, acting chief civil and mechanical engineering services officer Mr Isaac Legase, agreed that it was time WDCs worked hand in hand with the city council to register the companies in question.

“Ward Development Committees were charged with this responsibility in the beginning, but many irregularities cropped up and a decision was then taken to give the task to the City Council,” he said.

“Unfortunately, there are many complaints also, and I agree that perhaps the two entities should jointly conduct the exercise for transparency sake,” he added.

On others, Mr Legase condemned the irresponsible manner displayed by some backyard mechanics who residents reported drove cars at high speed and disposed of used oil from vehicles indiscriminately, putting people’s lives in danger.

He assured residents that the Bye Law officials would be onboard to stop the rot, noting that it was unlawful to operate mechanical workshops in homesteads.

Area MP, Mr Ntsima who went at length expounding on bills passed during the just-ended parliamentary session, advised residents to consider constructing a multi-purpose hall as opposed to erecting a kgotla shelter, which he said could be done through the Constituency Community Project (CCP) arrangement.

On health issues, Mr Ntsima assured residents that government was moving

with speed to contain the dire situation.

He stated that millions of Pula would be allocated to the Ministry of Health to address the health crisis facing the country.

He said contrary to views by some people, the government had not shied away from telling the nation about the country’s empty coffers, which he said was the primary reason government had not been able to execute its development plan effectively.

He said it was to that end that government had implemented multiple interventions to improve the country’s

fiscal status and continue with other pertinent development projects.

He informed residents that reducing the retirement age for civil servants could have adverse effects and was not necessarily the best way to address youth unemployment.

He said doing so could cost the government more money, as most of the people in question could become a burden in the long run.

He therefore called for patience from all and promised that much effort was being put in place to turn the tide.

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Ntshe councillor, Mr Eric Mabengano (left), Kgosi Pepukani Makambe of Monarch (second left), Francistown East MP, who is also Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Mr Tiroeaone Ntsima (second right) and Francistown assistant district commissioner, Mr Patrick Toteng meeting in Francistown on Monday. Mr Ntsima said government was doing all possible to address the health crisis. Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Kweneng council cuts school meals due to budget shortfall

By Lindi Morwaeng

MOLEPOLOLE - Kweneng District Council has been forced to reduce the number of meals provided to primary school learners from two to one per day due to a budget shortfall in the school feeding programme.

This was revealed by council chairperson, Mr Ontefetse Rankhibidu during his address at the opening of the second session of the full council meeting on Monday.

Mr Rankhibidu explained that while the council had expected a budget of P19.5 million for the programme, only P7.3 million was received.

“The council has 40 primary schools with an enrolment of 22 700 learners. Due to the shortage of funds, we have been compelled to reduce meals to one per day instead of the planned two,” explained Mr Rankhibidu.

He further disclosed that the council was struggling with delays in paying suppliers, which had complicated the implementation of the programme, placing additional strain on the already limited budget as it threatened the smooth running

of the school feeding scheme.

In the event the situation persisted, the chairperson said the council might be forced to cut some food items from the menu leaving children with fewer options than before.

Mr Rankhibidu acknowledged the importance of the school feeding programme in sustaining learners and noted that the council remained committed to keeping the programme alive despite financial constraints.

He stressed that the council would continue to manage available resources while working within the limits of what has been allocated.

The school feeding programme has long been one of the district’s major initiatives, supporting not only child nutrition but also attendance and retention in schools.

However, Mr Rankhibidu emphasised that the current financial difficulties made it difficult for the council to meet its original objectives.

He however, assured councillors that the council would remain focused on the welfare of learners, even as it navigated the realities of budget cuts and delays in funding. **BOPA**

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President Advocate Duma Boko (left) swearing in Ms Grace Muzila as a member of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) at the Office of the President yesterday. Mr Kabo Motswagole (right) was also sworn in. President Boko informed the two that they were tasked with the appointment of the country's judges. He said the JSC had a vital role in supporting the administration of justice by ensuring that the country appointed judges who were attuned to the requirements of the times. Photo: Godfrey Mpuse

Motswagole, Muzila JSC members

By Bonang Masolotatse

GABORONE - Mr Kabo Motswagole and Ms Grace Muzila yesterday took an oath of office and the oath of allegiance as members of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC).

The duo was sworn in by President Advocate Duma Boko at the Office of the President where the latter before administering the oaths, informed them that they were tasked with the appointment of the country's judges.

President Boko said the JSC had a vital role in supporting the administration of justice by ensuring that the country had judges who were attuned to the requirements of the current times.

"I do not think that, as a country or jurisdiction, we have ever discussed what attributes judges should have," he said.

President Boko challenged the JSC to wrestle with the question and address it, emphasising the need for the country to have debated and settled attributes for judges.

He said law was a tool for social engineering, as it shaped the character of society.

Judges must be distilled from the arguments since they craft the country's jurisprudence, President Boko said.

He added that the academia must provide the think tank that informed judges, something that

the country has not had enough of. Also, President Boko said the country had judges who had given propositions of law, hence the need for a balancing act in judge's selection.

Some judges, the President said could be extremely radical, while others could be

conservative and executive-minded, but having too much of either would not be good for the country.

He also mentioned that Section 103 of the Constitution established the JSC and indicated its membership.

Mr Motswagole is a practising

attorney at the law firm, Motswagole and Co and studied at the University of Botswana and Fordham University Graduate of Law in the United States, while Ms Muzila is a former permanent secretary in the ministry of health, the then ministry of education and skills

development among others.

The two resumed their position as members of the JSC immediately.

The JSC is an important institution in the country's judicial system as it plays a role in the appointment of the country's judges. **BOPA**

Policy central to food sovereignty

By Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE - The review of the 1991 National Policy on Agriculture Development seeks to commercialise agriculture as a key driver of the national economic transformation geared toward attainment of food sovereignty.

Addressing Lobatse Urban Development Committee recently, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture representative, Ms Tinny Rammika said the review, which started in April, was in line with the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP).

She said BETP placed agriculture as one of the sectors central to Botswana's socio-

economic development and contributed substantially to the economy, ensured food self-sufficiency and food self-security as well as sustained rural livelihoods.

Though over the years agriculture's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) declined, she said the 2025 Agriculture draft policy would seek to boost the sector's contribution to the GDP.

Ms Rammika said the proposed policy sought to make the agricultural sector attractive to youth, adding that the legal framework must change to create a conducive environment for the agriculture sector to thrive, create market opportunities and include use of advanced farming

technology. Currently, she said the sector was faced with challenges of low productivity, climate vulnerability, weak market linkages, weak value chain development, limited youth participation and poor soil conditions. Other challenges, she noted included limited availability of farm inputs, high production costs and non-targeted use of government subsidies. "We have an excellent reputation of producing organic food, free range fed livestock.

We have an abundance of agriculture land, which could enable us to produce more for export market, we have the livestock traceability systems in place which is what is needed for international export market.

We also have the pests and disease controls in place, our biosecurity is strong," she said.

Furthermore, she said Botswana was expanding into meat processing and leather production value chains adding that the draft policy reduced government control of the sector and encouraged private sector participation.

"We want to shift away from conventional agriculture, adopt smart agricultural practices, which we believe will enable us to produce high quality and export more," she said.

Chief Policy and Research Officer, Ms Lerato Sello said as part of lessons learnt from the past, government would no longer inject funds into the sector while producing low yields, adding that subsidies on agriculture production would be reduced to only cover areas with substantial returns to the economy.

She said other countries, with limited land for agricultural activities were able to achieve more by exploring other avenues such as the use of hydroponics to produce food.

Lobatse Town Clerk, Ms Lenamile Taolo said it was critical for the district leadership to embrace BETP by improving service delivery and come up with innovative solutions to challenges.

"Soon we will have a high income country that is digitally enabled, export driven and economically diversified where every citizen is employed, empowered and fulfilled," she said. **BOPA**



Ministry of Lands and Agriculture representative, Ms Tinny Rammika said the proposed policy would seek to boost the agriculture sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product.

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Top 100 CEO initiative fosters innovation

By Bakang Wren

GABORONE - Botswana is set to host the first-ever Top 100 CEO Conference and Awards 2025, a groundbreaking national platform that will bring together the country's most influential corporate leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders.

Speaking about the initiative CEO of Progressive Institute, Mr Mmoloki Mmolotsi, said it was scheduled for September 16 to 18, at Boipuso Hall in Gaborone. He also noted that the conference was expected to attract over 500 attendees, with 100 CEOs, 20 panel discussions, and more than 40 exhibitors participating.

The event themed: Celebrating Executive Leadership Excellence in Botswana, he said sought to recognise and celebrate outstanding executive leadership while advancing dialogue on critical issues such as national development, innovation, inclusive growth, sustainability, and leadership transformation.

"The initiative not only acknowledges exceptional corporate leaders but also inspires higher standards of excellence across the business community, adding also that the inaugural edition followed an intensive vetting process where over 200 candidates from across industries were assessed to identify deserving leaders.

"This edition has demonstrated

outstanding performance across key pillars such as Leadership, Business Impact, Philanthropy, COVID-19 Relief Assistance, and Self-Made Success," Mr Mmolotsi noted, adding that the recognition was reserved for exceptional leaders shaping Botswana's future.

He also said Botswana Top 100 CEOs initiative would serve as a historic milestone in the nation's business landscape, highlighting remarkable contributions of executives in driving growth, fostering innovation, and positioning Botswana competitively on the global stage.

For his part, chief operations officer at Progressive Institute Mr Willard Machado described the Top 100 as more than just a recognition exercise.

He said it was a movement designed to honour CEOs who not only driving business performance, but also shaping national destiny. He said the launch marked the beginning of a journey that will not only highlight excellence, but also inspire the next generation of leaders.

"The role of a CEO is not just about profit, it is about the legacies we build, the people we mentor and the institutions we strengthen. Acknowledging and honoring these individuals, the conference aims not only to celebrate excellence, but to also spark conversations that will influence economic transformation and organisational growth across the country," he said. **BOPA**



Progressive Institute CEO, Mr Mmoloki Mmolotsi (left) and chief operation officer, Mr Willard Machado during the launch of Botswana Top 100 CEOs in Gaborone recently. Mr Mmolotsi said the objective of the event was to position top CEOs as ambassadors for the country's economic potential and investment opportunities. Photo: Gothusang Lesego

Task team to guide in formulation of council-owned company

By Baleseng Batlotleng

RAMOTSWA - Ramotswa District Council has appointed a task team to assess guidelines and develop a business case that would guide the formulation of the council-owned company.

Addressing a full council session on Monday Ramotswa District Council chairperson, Mr Matlhomola Motsage said the proposed formation of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) was under the auspices of the council's finance and investment committee.

He said the SPV was established under Section 11(4) of the Local Government Act 2012 which granted councils the authority to engage in transactions and undertake activities necessary for the proper discharge of their responsibilities under the act or any other relevant legislation.

"This new legal framework opens doors to strategic partnerships and asset acquisition, enabling us to develop investment frameworks that align with our governance objectives.

By harnessing these powers, we can create business entities that widen our income sources and enhance our financial sustainability.

However, as we embark on this journey, we must approach it with precaution and responsibility," he said.

Councilor Motsage said while the creation of these SPV presented exciting opportunities, it was essential to establish appropriate regulations to safeguard economic integrity.

"We must further ensure that our ventures are not only profitable but

also transparent to the communities we serve. The establishment of the SPV under the finance committee is an opportunity for us to innovate and expand our financial horizons. Let us embrace this initiative with a spirit of collaboration and a commitment to responsible governance," he added.

Mr Motsage announced that the council's mission to the renaming of Ramotswa District to Gamalete District had been officially approved by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs.

He said it was a historic milestone that honoured heritage and identity while positioning the council for a renewed chapter of growth, inclusivity and unity.

"As you may be aware, this change will necessitate rebranding, which entails cost implications. Therefore, given our current financial circumstances, we will continue using our existing branding for the time being. The rebranding process will be implemented in phases as and when the council secures the necessary resources to fund the required materials," he said.

Regarding the financial status, Mr Motsage said it was disturbing that the council continued to record underrated gains in revenue collection from its own sources of revenue. He said out of the annual budget of over P11million of own sources of revenue, the council had planned to collect over P3 million to date but only managed P1.3 million which translated to 36 per cent of the source of revenue budget.

"This calls for a robust approach to our revenue collection because

own source of revenue forms part of our overall budget, therefore inefficient revenue collection can lead to cash flow problems and eventually affect our service delivery. Let me urge you to play an advocacy role in encouraging the community to come forth and pay for all services requiring payments and arrears through the available public access platforms," he said.

He explained that due to the declining fiscus, the council had received 75 per cent of the second quarter Revenue Support Grant (RSG) amounting to over P27 million instead of the expected P37 million which had impacted negatively on the day-to-day running of services since the council decided to prioritise procurement until the finances were stable.

He added that Ramotswa internal roads project remained a key priority for infrastructure development agenda.


Mr Motsage said funds for 2025/26 amounting to over P22 million had been approved and were meant for 87 labour-intensive works that had been ongoing since the beginning of the year as well as 14 minor construction and maintenance projects.

He explained the district quota for Ipelegeng beneficiaries had been reverted to 1 593 from the initial 2 163 being a reduction of 570 which had been an increase to mitigate the adverse effects of drought.

Despite the economic challenges government remains resolute that the programme will continue to cushion vulnerable members of the community in Ga-Malete, Mr Matsage said. **BOPA**

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Moswaane o rotloetsa ba Matlhakola go rapelela boipuso

Ka Portia Rapitsenyane

PALAPYE - Batswana ba tshwanelwa ke go lebogela Modimo letsatsi la boipuso, ka gore fa e sale Botswana a ipusa ga go ise go nne selabe sepe.

Fa a bua kwa Matlhakola bosheng, kwa go neng go phuthagane dikereke teng, Mothusa Tona wa Lephata la Dikgaolo le tsa Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane, Batswana ba tshwanetse ba rapelele kgololesego eo, ngwaga le ngwaga ka kgwedi ya Lwetse.

Rre Moswaane a re Batswana ba leboge Modimo ka ke ene a neng a laola gore go nne jalo.

O rotloeditse ba Matlhakola go tswela ka dithapelo tse ba supileng fa ba di tshwara ngwaga le ngwaga pele ga boipuso ka go

dira jalo e le tiro e e molemo.

A re se se itumedisang ke gore ba atlhakola ba a lemoga e bile ba a itse gore boipuso ba bo tsere mo go mang le gore ba bo tsere jang.

Rre Moswaane a re le fa mafatshe mangwe a tsere boipuso ka tshololo ya madi, seo ga se a ka sa diragala mono, Botswana o bo tsere ka kutlwelobothoko ya Modimo mme, ba tswela ka go rapelela thulaganyo eo. Rre Moswaane o kopile batsadi go ruta bana ka Modimo le mosola wa thapelo ka ba tlaa gola ba itse molemo le bosula. Kgosi Tlhabologo Pobetsi wa Matlhakola, o ne a leboga Rre Moswaane go bo a bone bothokwa jwa go tla go rapela le bone. O supile fa go sena ngwaga o motse oo, o sa ketekeng boipuso le fa puso e sena madi. **BOPA**



Mothusa Tona wa Lephata la Dikgaolo le Ngwao, Rre Ignatius Moswaane (fa gare) a le kwa merapelong ya boipuso kwa Matlhakola. Rre Moswaane a re Batswana ba tshwanelwa ke go lebogela Modimo letsatsi la boipuso, ka gore fa e sale Botswana a ipusa ga go ise go nne selabe sepe. Senepe: Portia Rapitsenyane

Kabakanyo ya itsholelo e tlhoka botlhe

Ka Keamogetse Setilo

SEROWE - Banni ba kgotla ya Botalaote mo Serowe ba rotloeditswe go tsena mo dikgwebong tse di ka thusang go kabakanya itsholelo.

Mopalamente wa Serowe Bokone, yo gape e leng Mothusa Tona wa Lephata la Papadi le Tlhabololo Dikgwebi, Rre Baratiwa Mathoothe o buile sa ka Mosupologo.

A re tharabololo ya seemo se se apereng lefatshe sa letlhoko la madi e mo maruding a Batswana, ka jalo ba inakanye le tsotlhe tse di ka rudisang itsholelo.

Rre Mathoothe a re go kwelotlase ya theko diteemane, tse e ntseng e le mokwatla wa itsholelo go bakile babaletse itsholelo.

“Nako e tsile gore lefatshe la Botswana le boele kwa marakanelong, le simolole go dira methale e mesha ya go kabakanya le go godisa itsholelo, diteemane ga di sa rekwa, re tshwanetse ra itlame go thusa mo kgodisong le kabakanyo ya itsholelo ya rona” ga tshwaela Rre Mathoothe.

Rre Mathoothe a re puso e itlame go rotloetsa maiteko otlhe a a dirwang go tsosolosa itsholelo, a re sengwe sa tse di dirilweng ke gore Palamente e fetisitse molawana o letlang go lengwa ga setlhatshana sa Hemp, se a boletse se se bogadi bogaufi se tla thusang go fetlha itsholelo ka se dirisiwa go ntsha dithoto ka go farologana di akaretsa le go dira melemo.

O tswelotse a re Palamente e fetisitse molao kakanyetso o o tla tlamang bagwebi go duela lekgetho, segolo bogolo ba mohama wa tsa bojanala.

Rre Mathoothe a re puso e lemogile gore dikgwebi dingwe tsa bojanala di duedisetsa ditlamelo tsa bone kwa mahatsheng a sele, mme se se dire gore lefatshe la Botswana le jewa

ntsoma, ka le sa bone dipoelo dipe mo tsamaisong eo.

O tlhalositse gore Botswana o ne a tumile ka dikoporase pele ga go simolodisiwa kepo le thekiso ya diteemane, ka jalo a re puso e mo tseleng ya go tsosolosa dikoporase.

Mothusa tona, o tlhalositse fa dikoporase e le nngwe tsela e bogogi bo itemogetseng gore e ka

dira madi, ka jalo o kgothaditse setshaba go ikgobokanya, go simolodisa dikoporase kgotsa go nna maloko a tse di setseng di le teng.

Rre Mathoothe a re fa setshaba se dira ka natla se tshwaraganetse mokgweleo le puso, itsholelo e ka tsoga.

Modulasetilo wa komiti ya ditlhabololo ya kgotla

ya Botalaote, Mme Tebogo Rapitsinyane a re komiti e tshwenngwa ke dikoloto tsa matlo, ka jaana bahirisi ba tlhoka go salwa morago gore ba duele.

Mme Rapitsenyane o kopile, Rre Mathoothe go ba thusa go lwantsha seemo se, ka gore bangwe ba bone ke badirela ba puso ka jalo go ka nna motlhofo gore ba duele rente. **BOPA**

Phuthego o bolokilwe ka matlhatso

Kefilwe Selotlegeng

MAHALAPYE - Matshwititshwiti a ne a tshologetse phitlho ya motshwarelela mogolwane wa Botswana Railways(BR) Rre Baboloki Phuthego ka Matlhatso.

Rre Phuthego o tlhokafetse kgwedi eno e le lesome le botlhano kwa Maun morago ga go kubugelwa ke bolwetse, a le mo loetong la tiro.

Rre Phuthego o tlhomilwe gonna moemela mookamela khamphani ya BR kgwedi ee fitileng ele lesome le boferabobedi maemo aa tlhokafalang ale mo go o ne.

O tsene mo kwa BR ka ngwaga wa 2004 a le mo maemo a Civil Engineer ka bokgoni jwa gagwe le dithutego o ne tsena mo maamong a magolwane ka go farologana ga one ga mmogo le go etelela mananeo a khamphani.

Tona wa lephata la Dipagamo

le Dikago Rre Noah Salakae o boletse fa e rile kgwedi ya Phukwi e rogwa ga tsisiwa leina la ga Rre Phuthego ko go ene le tswa mo khuduthamageng ba supa fa ana le bokgoni jwa go ka etelela BR.

Rre Salakae a re o ne kopana le bogogi, mme jwa supa fa Rre Phuthego a nonofile goka go tshwarelela mogolwane wa BR go fitlhela a tlhomamisiwa kana go tsengwa yo mongwe.

Rre Salakae o boletse fa bane ba na le bokopano le lekoko lele rulaganyetsang lenaneo la go agiwa ga seporo sa Trans Kalahari/ Namibia fa Rre Phuthego a kubugelwa ke bolwetse a bo a tlhokafala. Rre Salakae o supile fa a tsile go gomotsa ba lelwapa a tlhalosa .

Rre Salakae o boletse fa Tautona Avocate Duma Boko a mo laetse gore a fitise kgomotso ko go ba lelwapa. O gomoditse le badiri ba BR a ba solofetsa gore o tlaa bereka le bone go aga sesha

khamphani ya BR, a bo a tlhalosa fa ana le tumelo ya gore ba tlaa kgona.

Moemedi wa ba BR, Rre Semabale Tladi o kaile fa Rre Phuthego e ne ele mmereki wa popota e bile a le boineelo a tlhalosa gore o dirile gole gontsi go aga BR.

Rre Tladi a re Phuthego e ne ele tsala, motsadi a gakolola badiri ka e bile a na le kitso e ntsi ka tiro ya seporo.

Rre Tladi a re seabe le boeteledipele jwa gagwe mo khamphaning ke tatlhegelo e tona. Babui ka go farologana ba kaile Rre Phuthego e ne ele motho yo o botlhale e bile a le lorato mo go botlhe.

Moemedi wa ba lelwapa loora Phuthego Rre Nunu Lesetedi, o boletse fa a ne a rata leruo le ditiro tsa selegae.

Rre Lesetedi a re Phuthego ene ele pinagare ya lesika a ba thusa, gape a rata ba lelwapa la gagwe

thata.

Moemedi wa bagwagwadi Rre Dimpho Monthe o kaile Rre Phuthego ene ele ngwana a dira ditiro tsotlhe tsa bone ka lorato. Rre Monthe a re o ne a le bonolo le pelotelele a ba agisanya a jwala mowa wa neelano mo go bone.

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NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND use.The owners of plot no 5624 Charleshill would like to change from agriculture to mixed use. For any objections contact Charleshill Sub Landboard Tel 6592052 within 14 days of this notice. M. Kakuru 72310032

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members of the public of the following proposed transaction between
TEAM POWER (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED and LIVINGSTONE ACCESS OF MERCY (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Lot 5110 Mogoditshane-Block 5;
SITUATE : at Mogoditshane in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 1436 m² (One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six SquareMetres);
WHICH PROPERTY :is held under Landboard Resolution Ref No. **MOGO 6/4/2-765/24 (4) dated the 7th April 2025** made in favour of **TEAM POWER (PTY) LTD;**
CONSIDERATIONS: For the sum of **P650,000.00 (SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PULA)**
Any citizen of Botswana who objects to or is interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the aforementioned property is entitled to register such objection or interest in writing to Mogoditshane Sub Land board and copies to the below contacts within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

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PROFECTION CONSTRUCTION

Dear sirs,

We are in search for job applicants for the refurbishment and replacement of hydromechanical equipment on Bokaa and Letsibogo Dam in Botswana. We are required by law to advertise the required positions before we may utilise our own expertise to give local employment preference.

Applicants can send their applications and CV's to
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Please see the job advertisements and descriptions below:

PositionHydromechanical installation team:

13 x Senior Hydromechanical Artisans on large dams
We are looking hydromechanical installers with 10 + years' experience of the following equipment:

- Hydraulic emergency gates
- Electrically actuated emergency gates
- Electrically actuated maintenance gates
- Fulton type wall sluice gates
- Hydraulic sleeve valves
- Electric and manually operated butterfly valves
- Large bore pipe fitting

Applicants should be able to provide evidence of claimed experience.

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- Electrically actuated maintenance gates
- Fulton type wall sluice gates
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- Electric and manually operated butterfly valves
- Large bore pipe fitting
- Driver's license

Applicants should be able to provide evidence of claimed experience.

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- Electric and manually operated butterfly valves
- Large bore pipes

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We are looking for a hydromechanical Class 11 Commercial Diver with inland diving experience of 10 + years' experience on large dams.
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Festival preserves tradition

By Thuso Kgakatsi

INALEGOLO – Inalegolo in Kgalagadi North District came alive on Friday as residents celebrated their rich and diverse cultural heritage through the first annual Inalegolo Culture Celebration.

The event brought together the village’s two main ethnic groups, Basarwa and Bakgalagadi, in a vibrant display of tradition, unity, and pride.

Held under the theme: Our Roots, Our Pride: Celebrating Inalegolo, Living Our Heritage, the festival showcased an array of traditional practices that form the backbone of life in Inalegolo. Villagers dressed in cultural attire, displayed hunting and gathering skills once central to survival, and shared wild fruits such as morama, mokwa, mokatse, kgwengwe which remain a staple in their history.

Demonstrations of traditional bows and arrows, fire-making techniques, pottery, woodcraft, leatherwork, and indigenous healing practices offered a glimpse into the community’s way of life before modern conveniences.

In his keynote address, Tau Grading general manager, John Motsumi, hailed the celebration as a vital step in preserving Inalegolo’s unique identity.

He praised Basarwa and Bakgalagadi for coexisting peacefully, calling it an example of cultural diversity worth emulating. “Inalegolo is rich, not only in natural resources but also in knowledge and traditions,” he said.

“It is only the people of Inalegolo who can deprive themselves of these riches.

God has gifted you with land, heritage, and wisdom. By welcoming others to live among you, you will attract development through their knowledge and input, while keeping your traditions alive,” he said. Motsumi emphasised that culture was the foundation of dignity and humanity, adding that even in today’s modern world cultural practices remained integral to life.

He cited marriage customs, where traditional ceremonies continued to precede civil unions, as a sign of culture’s enduring relevance.

With respect to the Basarwa traditions, he applauded their well-known expertise in animal tracking, noting that their skills often surpassed those of trained trackers.

“Their knowledge of the land and animals is unmatched, this is knowledge that should be part of research and preserved for future generations,” he said.

Motsumi further shared that Basarwa songs were healing, adding that a lot of people have been healed through these songs, hence the need to continue preserving such culture.

He also defended the use of

traditional medicine, stressing that it should not be dismissed as witchcraft but recognised as a valuable resource for healing.

Motsumi further highlighted Thobega, a traditional skill for treating broken bones, as an example of indigenous knowledge that must be safeguarded.

“We need to preserve this wisdom so that it does not disappear, as future generations also deserve to know it,” he urged.

He further called for unity and cooperation, and further encouraged residents to work closely with village leadership, arguing that communities that respected their leaders were the ones that grew.

He also urged newcomers settling in Inalegolo to do so with humility and respect for locals, cautioning against arrogance or disregard for village traditions.

In a gesture of commitment to the festival’s continuity, Motsumi, together with his associate company Bothakga Burrow, pledged P20 000 towards next year’s cultural celebration.

“I will continue encouraging initiatives that uplift this village. Culture is the track of life, it gives us dignity, identity, and purpose. It must be preserved with utmost care,” he said.

For her part, Kgosi Keamogetse Ghubi of Inalegolo said the cultural celebration was especially close to her heart, describing it as an opportunity for her people to reflect on their heritage and uncover the richness of their history.

She expressed gratitude to the youth for their participation in

the inaugural event, noting that their involvement was a positive sign for the preservation of culture. Kgosi Ghubi highlighted the unique makeup of Inalegolo, which was home to both the Bakgalagadi and Basarwa communities, adding that the differences between the two groups were not a source of division but rather a strength that continued to bind them together in unity.



Hukuntsi District Commissioner, Veronica Rabakane appreciating the traditional Basarwa hut during the inaugural annual cultural celebration in Inalegolo recently. Tau Grading general manager, John Motsumi praised Basarwa and Bakgalagadi for co-existing peacefully, saying it was an example of cultural diversity worth emulating. Photo: Thuso kgakatsi

Neurodiverse youth showcase creativity at trade fair

By Benita Magopane

GABORONE — Autistic individuals through Autism Botswana organisation are participating at the ongoing Botswana Consumer Fair, showcasing their beadwork and proving that they too have a place in Botswana’s creative sector.

The weeklong fair, which President of Business Botswana, Mr Neo Ngwako, described in his keynote address as a launchpad for business growth and a hub for networking, where ideas were tested, celebrated, and transformed into reality, became the first-ever platform for craftspeople with Autism to share their creativity

with a wider audience.

The neurodivergent creatives are challenging stereotypes and finding expression through meticulously crafted bead patterns, woven with both traditional and modern styles. The exhibition, which includes bracelets, necklaces, and earrings reflects masterful technique, impeccable attention to detail,

and serves as a testament to the patience and precision of the young artists.

In an interview, Autism Botswana Project Coordinator, Ms Evelyn Kwapa, shared that the organisation launched a youth transition project last year to focus on supporting young people moving from school into society.

“When they graduate from school at the age of 18, they are simply sent back home with nothing to do. We decided to create a programme where they could learn new skills,” Ms Kwapa said, adding that the expo was a great milestone for both the autistic artists and the organisation.

Ms Kwapa further explained that the programme had sparked interest among participants, allowing them to sit for hours engaged and at peace, unlike when they were idle, which often caused restlessness.

She expressed hope that, in time, the creatives would benefit from youth funding and eventually make a living from their art. **BOPA**



Some of the beadwork showcased by autistic individuals through the Autism Botswana organisation at the ongoing Botswana Consumer Fair. Photo: Teko Letsholo

Mabua ascends BAA top seat

By Anastacia Sibanda

GABORONE -The appointment of Mabua Mabua as Botswana Athletics Association (BAA) chief executive officer has been welcomed by some

athletics enthusiasts and analysts, who have commended his contributions to development of Maun Track and Field Club and BDF Maun Club where he served as a mentor. A native of Maun, Mabua

is recognised as a trailblaser, having worked with organisations like Botswana Fibre Networks (BOFINET) Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) and Civil Aviation Authority of Botswana (CAAB). He also served as director, deputy permanent secretary, permanent secretary in the then Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Mabua is not stepping into crisis, but rather arriving as the right remedy for BAA at a time when athletics continues to bring glory to the nation.

Who could forget Nijel Amos securing Botswana's first ever Olympic medal with silver in the 800m at the 2012 London games, followed by 4x400m bronze in Tokyo and the golden boy Letsile Tebogo in Paris winning the first gold medal in 200 metres.

In an interview, Mabua said that the CEO position to him was not a job, but a calling and a responsibility to transform athletics, the sport he called a great opportunity for young Batswana athletes to benefit wealth and wellness. Further, he said though he worked in various

corporate world, he had always been involved in athletics, and therefore he was not entering a territory not familiar with, as he was bringing in relevant resume to BAA.

"I have worked with clubs in Maun and after working for BOFINET, I told myself that I will pay attention to athletics," he said.

With that in mind, Mabua said he saw it necessary to broaden his role and extend his efforts nationwide, allowing athletes from other regions to benefit from the same approach to athletics that had been successfully implemented in the northern part of the country.

"One of the things you will see, as you attend the BAA competitions and being aware of challenges that athletes faces, is the interventions made to address athletes challenges," he said. Mabua said there was a dire need to develop a girl child given that their participation was low.

In that regard, he said there was a need to come up with programmes that would help attract more women into athletics. On courting sponsorships, Mabua said the intension was to package athletics and approach the corporate world to be associated with the code.

On other issues, he said there was an urgent need to develop coaches, both for track and field's events. "Our coaches attend their trainings in Zimbabwe, why can't Botswana organise its coaching courses?" he asked rhetorically . **BOPA**



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