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Boko pledges engagement on Khoena recognition

Lesedi Thatayamodimo
GABORONE

President Advocate Duma Boko has assured the Khoena community that government is committed to addressing their long-standing concerns, acknowledging the complexity of Indigenous Peoples' issues and the need for a carefully structured consultation process.



President Advocate Duma Boko (left) and Khwedom Council board chairperson, Mr Galenkutlwe Leakwa during a presentation of Dqae-Qare Declaration by the Khwedom Council to the President in Gaborone on Wednesday. President Boko assured Khoena delegation that government was working towards addressing their concerns, emphasising the importance of sustained engagement and constructive dialogue in finding lasting solutions. Photo: Felicity Male

Speaking during a courtesy call by a Khoena delegation in Gaborone on Wednesday, President Boko said government would consider the concerns individually and engage relevant stakeholders to identify appropriate and sustainable solutions.

President Boko said the proposed Constitutional Court could provide an important platform through which some of the communities' longstanding grievances could be heard and addressed.

He explained that government would also explore other possible interventions, including structural engagement, while emphasising the importance of patience, consultation and careful consideration throughout the process.

He acknowledged the historical marginalisation of indigenous communities, saying their concerns required a proper platform where they could be heard and resolved.

He further noted that consultations would be necessary to ensure that proposed interventions were considered within the broader context of other recognised tribes.

"Lefatshe le agelwa mo godimo ga motheo," he said, emphasising the importance of establishing a solid foundation and negotiations before making decisions.

President Boko cautioned against rushing the process, noting that although consultations could result in delays, a gradual approach was necessary to achieve lasting solutions.

Reaffirming his support for the Khoena community, he assured the delegation that government remained committed to addressing their concerns.

The delegation, led by the Botswana Khwedom Council, presented 'The Dqae-Qare Declaration: A Manifesto for the Khoena of Botswana,' outlining issues affecting Khoe and San communities across the country.

Khwedom Council board chairperson, Mr Galenkutlwe Leakwa, said the Dqae-Qare Declaration outlined several priorities for the Khoena, including recognition of their indigenous identity and culture, restoration of ancestral land rights as well as political representation and self-determination.

Mr Leakwa said the community was seeking formal recognition, protection of its languages and heritage and removal of labels such as Basarwa and Bakgotu from official government documents.

The declaration also calls for Botswana to ratify ILO Convention 169 and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

On land rights, Mr Leakwa said the Khoena were seeking recognition of collective land ownership, restitution for historical evictions, protection of cultural sites and amendments to the Tribal Land Act.

They were also advocating for free, prior and informed consent before development, mining and conservation projects to be undertaken on or near ancestral lands.

The proposals further include two permanent parliamentary seats, reserved representation in the Ntlo Ya Dikgosi and district councils, mother-tongue education, recognised Khoena Tribal Councils and the establishment of a Department of Indigenous Peoples Affairs to oversee indigenous rights and policy implementation.

The Botswana Khwedom Council also thanked President Boko for his continued support for the community's quest for recognition and protection of its rights.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana. ***BOPA***

At least 246 infants receive child support grant

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELIBE - PHIKWE

A total of 246 Child Support Grant beneficiaries have received their dues. This was revealed by Selebi Phikwe Town Council mayor, Mr Oageng Makgosa during the council meeting recently, saying 308 were registered for the programme.

The programme provides P300 per month to eligible infants during their first year of life.

Meanwhile, 15 orphaned children recently attended a two-week psychotherapy retreat camp as part of efforts to strengthen social protection and respond to the needs of their vulnerability.

This initiative, according to the mayor, was meant to help children navigate the emotional challenges associated with losing their parents, while equipping them with the psychological strength to cope with trauma, grief and other difficulties they may encounter as they grow.

Mr Makgosa noted that psychotherapy would also play a critical role in developing resilience, enabling children to process their experiences, rebuild their confidence and develop healthier ways of dealing with loss.

He said the intervention went beyond addressing the children's immediate emotional needs, as it also sought to create a supportive environment that would contribute to their overall development and their well-being.

In addition to the children's retreat, Mr Makgosa also explained that the council also organised a workshop for their caregivers, aimed at strengthening their capacity to provide effective care and emotional support.

Mr Makgosa said caregivers played an important role in the children's healing and development, hence the need to empower them with the necessary skills, encouragement and motivation to navigate the challenges of raising children who had experienced parental loss.

He said supporting caregivers was important because their emotional strength and ability to provide a nurturing environment could significantly influence the children's recovery and long-term well-being.

"These initiatives by the council are a comprehensive strategy aimed at enhancing social protection, focusing on addressing the multifaceted needs of vulnerable children while simultaneously considering the requirements and challenges faced by their caregivers," he said.

He said through this holistic approach, the council sought to ensure that both the well-being of these children and the support necessary for those responsible for their care were effectively met, fostering a more supportive environment for everyone involved.

Appreciating progress made thus far on maintenance of the council facilities, Mr Makgosa explained that although there were challenges of budgetary constraints, funds to maintain seven projects were secured.

Already, he said three maintenance projects had been completed, while one was at signing stage and three at a tendering stage.

He said the completed projects included replacement of vandal proof or resistant cisterns in three primary schools at a cost of P100,000, maintenance and refurbishment of the Deputy Mayor's office as well as that of the Deputy Town Clerk.



Selebi Phikwe Town Council Mayor Mr Oageng Makgosa

Mr Makgosa further said the water supply within the town remained stable and Water Utilities Corporation continued to address recurring wastage and spillage caused by sediments build up and improper disposal of foreign objects in the system.

Also, he said learners' indiscipline continued to be a challenge as there was a rise in cases of bullying and fighting even though managements of schools were doing the best to address the matter. ***BOPA***

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Botswana moves to establish National Data Exchange Hub

Lorato Gaofise
GABORONE

Botswana is moving to establish a National Data Exchange Hub that will allow government institutions to find, verify and share data securely under common standards.

This comes as the country seeks to build a trusted, data-driven nation and move from a resource-based economy to a knowledge-based economy by 2036.

Delivering a keynote address during the National Data Policy and National Data Strategy Validation workshop in Gaborone yesterday, Assistant Minister of Communications and Innovation, Mr Shawn Ntlhaile said the National Data Exchange Hub would enable citizens to provide their personal information and supporting documents once, instead of being asked to repeat the same details at every office.

On the two-day workshop, the assistant minister said it sought to validate the Botswana National Data Policy and National Data Strategy 2027–2032, assess its alignment with national priorities and continental data governance principles, as well as to consolidate stakeholder inputs toward formal approval and implementation.

He said the National Data Policy and National Data Implementation Strategy for 2027-2032 would provide a foundation for responsible data governance, secure information sharing and the use of data to unlock opportunities for citizens, businesses and government institutions.

The two instruments, Mr Ntlhaile said, were not merely technical papers, but commitments to how the country would treat information entrusted to organisations and the opportunities which that information could unlock for every Motswana.

He said through the ministry, government was working with the African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD) and technical partners, with support from German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), to develop the two instruments.

The workshop builds on the Data Governance Capacity-Building and Stakeholder Consultation workshop that was held in Gaborone, from September 7 to 11, which strengthened stakeholders' understanding of data governance principles, assessed the national data landscape, identified priorities and gaps in institutions and capacity, and gathered practical input for developing the National Data Strategy.

Since then, government has completed its draft National Data Policy, while the National Data Strategy has been developed with support from AUDA-NEPAD and technical partners.



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> **Assistant Minister Shawn Ntlhaile**

"Challenges of non-availability of digital data, inadequate data exchange and lack of proper integration of systems are not technical problems, but business problems that affect time, dignity and opportunity," he said.

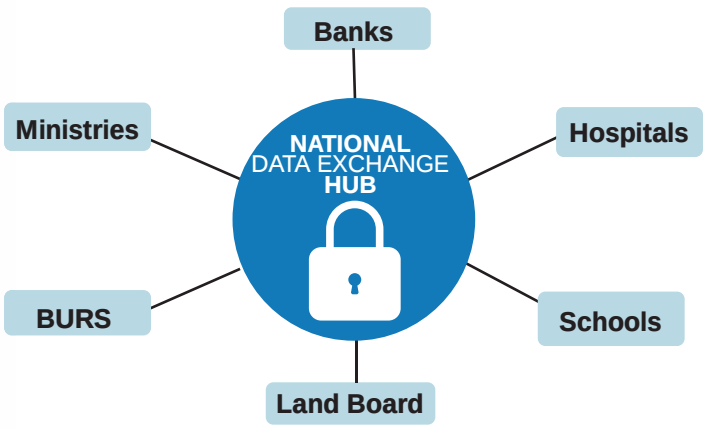
He further explained that through data governance, the country envisioned unlocking jobs in the data science and Artificial Intelligence industry, creating a need for data scientists, data analysts, data architects, data stewards and data officers.

"Data is the foundation for Artificial Intelligence and that the availability of big data paves the way for its implementation and uptake in the country," he stressed.

For this reason, Mr Ntlhaile urged institutions to know their data by registering and classifying it, lead and secure their data by assigning chief data officers, prepare to integrate with the Botswana Data Exchange, once built, and ensure that information published had passed quality assurance.

He said people deserved to know how their data was collected, used and shared, whilst the country should retain control of strategic data assets.

These principles, the assistant minister said were a promise that when citizens shared personal information, it would be protected, assuring that the law would be enforced and there would be redress if something went wrong.



Secure | Verified | Shared under common standards

The National Data Exchange Hub will allow government institutions to find, verify and share data security under common standards. Picture: Illustration

Additionally, he called on leaders to share data instead of guarding it and encouraged both the public and private sector to play a part in implementing the strategy.

The workshop is also expected to review the strategic objectives, institutional arrangements, priority interventions, implementation considerations and resource requirements, whilst agreeing on necessary revisions and next steps towards formal approval.

The expected outcomes of the workshop include; national stakeholder validation of both documents, consolidated recommendations and agreed revisions, confirmed alignment between the policy and strategy, and agreed next steps for finalisation, formal approval and implementation. ***BOPA***

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President Advocate Duma Boko has tasked Botswana's incoming diplomatic envoys to Kuwait and Kenya with prioritising foreign investment, trade expansion and agricultural partnerships to drive the country's economic diversification.

Speaking during separate courtesy calls, yesterday, ahead of their departures, President Boko implored Ambassador Designates to Kuwait and Kenya, Professor Mpho Pheko and Ms Magdeline Madibela respectively, to focus on wealth and revenue generation while strengthening bilateral relations as they embarked on their tours of duty.

Engaging with Prof. Pheko, President Boko noted that Kuwait, with its strong economic activity as a predominantly oil-dependent nation, presented many opportunities for Botswana.

He urged Prof. Pheko to attract Kuwaiti investors to Botswana in order to advance the country's economic diversification drive.

He also acknowledged Kuwait as a financially developed partner that had previously assisted Botswana, including supporting the Embassy of Botswana in Kuwait and emphasised the importance of maintaining such ties.

> "Focus on wealth and revenue generation while strengthening bilateral relations."
>
> **President Advocate Duma Boko to Ambassador Designates**

Furthermore, President Boko said Prof. Pheko's background and expertise positioned her to showcase Botswana in the best light and derive maximum investment and returns for the country. He expressed confidence in her appointment and gratitude for her service.

On Kenya, which is positioned within an active East African economic zone, President Boko said Botswana should leverage both existing bilateral relations and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to expand trade.

He challenged Ms Madibela to maximise diplomatic value by identifying commodities that the two nations could supply and collaborate on.

Again, President Boko said Botswana aimed to adopt elements of Kenya's agricultural model, which centred on smallholder cooperative aggregation, dairy processing and high-value horticulture and adapt them to local conditions. He noted that Botswana also aimed to strengthen its agricultural sector through such approach, particularly with The Milk Valley in Lobatse nearing operation and Serowe and Tonota earmarked for dairy production.

He added that the model should be cascaded to small-scale farmers to improve milk and dairy output.

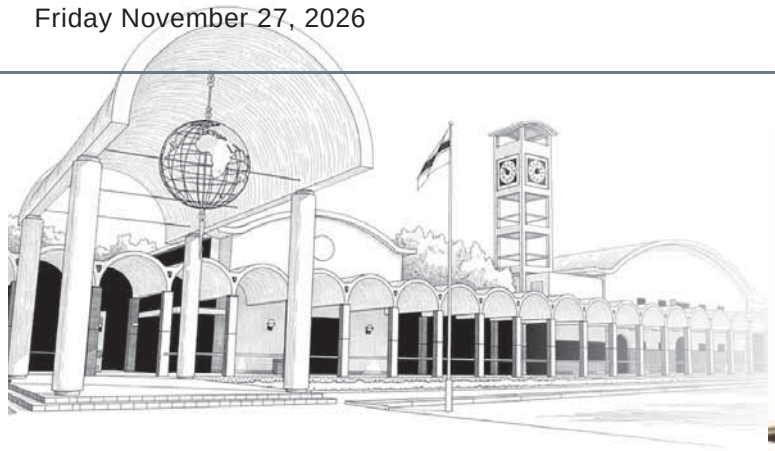
He noted Kenya's status as Africa's largest exporter of cut roses to the European Union, particularly the Netherlands, saying Botswana stood to benefit greatly from the floriculture sector.

Thus, he tasked Ms Madibela with opening channels of communication to tap into the industry, while also imploring her to explore ways of restoring the Kenya Airways flight route between the two countries.

Meanwhile, Prof. Pheko said in aligning with President Boko's vision and given Botswana's strategic interest in Kuwait, it was vital to pivot toward investment and trade facilitation to support economic diversification.

For her part, Ms Madibela said she intended to advance Botswana's interests in Kenya using the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme and National Development Plan 12 as blueprints.

She added that her focus would centre on trade, cultural and tourism diplomacy aimed at job creation, as well as fast-tracking the implementation of existing Memoranda of Understanding and bilateral agreements across various sectors. ***BOPA***



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MPs divided over govt response to socio-economic challenges

Lindi Morwaeng
GABORONE

Legislators have expressed differing views on government's handling of the country's socioeconomic challenges, with Bobirwa MP, Mr Taolo Lucas, arguing that the State of the Nation Address (SONA) failed to adequately address the hardships facing ordinary Batswana.

Contributing to the SONA debate in Parliament, Mr Lucas said opposition parties agreed that many citizens were experiencing significant financial difficulties and struggling to make ends meet. He said the economic pressures had taken a toll on citizens' mental well-being, pointing to high suicide rates and widespread depression associated with financial hardships.

Mr Lucas argued that the President could have used the address to provide a clearer picture of poverty levels across the country and outline concrete interventions to improve the situation. He cited poverty rates in some districts, saying Letlhakeng recorded 61 per cent, Okavango 60 per cent, Moshupa 55 per cent, Gantsi 47 per cent and Bobirwa 39 per cent. He said the figures demonstrated the urgent need for targeted government interventions, particularly in communities bearing the greatest burden of poverty.

On unemployment, Mr Lucas said the President could have provided a more comprehensive account of government's plans to address the challenge. He noted that private sector employees continued to earn low wages, with many receiving salaries below the government's promised minimum wage of

P4 000.

Mr Lucas further raised concerns about the country's health indicators, particularly maternal and child mortality. He said maternal mortality stood at 176.7 deaths per 100,000 live births, while under-five mortality was estimated at 30 deaths per 1 000 live births. He said the figures warranted greater government attention and called for measures to reverse the situation.

The Bobirwa MP complained of tax saying Batswana continued to face numerous levies that strained their already limited incomes.

Mr Lucas described the country's economic approach as right-wing economics and called for a shift in the tax burden towards high-income earners rather than imposing additional taxes on the poor.

Meanwhile, Gaborone South MP, Mr Nelson Ramaotwana, defended government's approach, describing the President's address as a continuation of the path outlined in the previous SONA. He said government was maintaining a steady course, noting that national development and fulfilment of election promises required time and adequate financial resources.

"Rome was not built in one day," he said, arguing that the country's financial position did not allow government to immediately implement all its electoral commitments.

Mr Ramaotwana said the rising cost of living was not unique to Botswana, as even developed economies were grappling with economic pressures. He pointed to rising fuel prices and geopolitical developments, which he said were affecting food prices and the cost of other commodities, making life difficult for citizens across the world.

He further explained that when the current government assumed office, the Government Investment Account stood at P251 million, a financial position which he said constrained its ability to immediately implement most of its election promises.

Mr Ramaotwana emphasised that the implementation of government's commitments should be understood within the context of available financial resources and prevailing global economic conditions. ***BOPA***



Bobirwa MP Mr Taolo Lucas,



Kgosi Sekgoma Moipolai of Matsiloje (centre), Deputy Divisional Commander North, assistant commissioner of Police, Mr Bonosi Molapisi (right) and other officials after the handover of Samuel Lehulere Moroka Police Station in Matsiloje on Tuesday. Kgosi Moipolai said the new police station would enhance policing efforts to combat illegal gold mining in Matsiloje.
Photo: Ogopoleng Kgomoethata

Botswana restructures petrol supply - Kenewendo

Bonang Masolotate
GABORONE

Specially Elected MP, Ms Bogolo Kenewendo has called for a diversified economy capable of withstanding external shocks.

Contibuting to the State-of the-Nation Address, Ms Kenewendo said government was committed to addressing challenges facing Batswana, including ensuring access to affordable electricity and increasing domestic power generation.

Ms Kenewendo said government was also working to cushion citizens against rising fuel prices triggered by geopolitical tensions, which had contributed to inflation and eroded household purchasing power.

She said the suspension of fuel, road and security-of-supply levies for six months was part of a P700 million relief measure aimed at easing the rising cost of living and reducing pressure on household budgets.

She further said Botswana restructured its petroleum supply arrangements in October, sourcing fuel from Oman at more competitive prices. With South African refineries closing, she said the country was diversifying its fuel supply sources to safeguard energy security.

She added that Botswana had lower fuel prices compared with neighbouring coastal countries, South Africa and Namibia, adding that government was exploring opportunities to participate in oil production, citing the Lobito Refinery in Angola as an example.

On electricity, she said Botswana had reduced power imports by 62 per cent and was working towards increasing domestic generation, with the aim of achieving self-sufficiency by next year.

Regarding diamonds, she said the market had shown signs of improvement but had not fully recovered, adding that Okavango Diamond Company had recorded a profit.

She said government was also exploring investment opportunities in other minerals, including copper.

Still in Parliament, Thamaga/Kumakwane MP, Mr Motaosane, has said the completion and handover of 28 police stations across the country was a significant milestone in bringing policing services closer to communities.

He said the police stations would strengthen crime prevention across constituencies and improve access to policing services.

Mr Motaosane said Kumakwane was among the villages earmarked for a police station, noting that its growing peri-urban status and increasing population had contributed to rising crime as residents commuted between the village and Gaborone.

He also cited high incidents of stock theft in the surrounding areas as justification for establishing a police station in the village.

On the Development Manager Model, he said although the initiative was not entirely flawed, some individuals had inflated project costs to exploit government.

Turning to agriculture, Mr Motaosane questioned the information being provided to government on crop yields, saying it was practically impossible to harvest 100 bags from a hectare, with about 60 bags being a more realistic maximum.

He argued that one hectare was insufficient to sustain a household and appealed to government to increase the land allocation to two hectares to enable more farmers to benefit from agricultural support programmes.

He said some people were excluded from government assistance because they did not qualify as either youth or old-age pensioners, leaving agriculture as their main opportunity for support.

He further noted that restrictions on the sale of cattle and goats due to foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) had severely affected farmers, with the situation reportedly contributing to mental health challenges among some of them. On education, he said many schools were dilapidated, urging school management to improve its oversight and ensure learners also played a role in maintaining school infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Kanye West MP, Mr Victor Phologolo, said his constituency continued to experience severe water shortages.

On human rights and social justice, he welcomed President Advocate Duma Boko's reference to an inter-ministerial committee focusing on indigenous people, but called for Parliament to establish a dedicated committee to deal specifically with human rights issues.

Addressing FMD, Mr Phologolo warned that misinformation surrounding efforts to combat the disease could undermine the fight against it. He said the P97 million reportedly spent on the disease should be subjected to an audit by the Auditor General to ensure accountability and proper utilisation of public funds. He also called for the accelerated digitalisation of pension payments through the opening of bank accounts for beneficiaries, instead of relying on cash payments.

On social issues, Mr Phologolo raised concern over teenage pregnancies in his constituency, saying some cases involved primary school pupils.

He also expressed concern over the country's high maternal mortality rate. He said Botswana had recorded more than 4 000 new HIV infections, mainly among young people aged between 15 and 24.

He noted that although Parliament had previously increased the age of consent, young people were still unable to access certain health services, including family planning and HIV testing, without parental consent.

He said government should not overlook the challenges facing young people, warning that teenage pregnancies could perpetuate poverty. Mr Phologolo further called for increased screening for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) at workplaces, through village development committees and churches, among other platforms, to promote early detection and intervention.

He also proposed the introduction of a sugar tax to discourage excessive consumption and generate revenue to support the fight against NCDs such as hypertension and diabetes.

In addition, he called for an increase in tobacco prices, saying proceeds could be channelled towards combating tobacco-related diseases. ***BOPA***

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Moswaane urges shift towards production and export

Phodiso Rankwe
BOATLE

Batswana have been urged to shift their entrepreneurial mindset towards local manufacturing, value addition and export-oriented production to drive the country's economic transformation.

Speaking at the launch of the Motherbrands Botswana manufacturing facility in Boatle on Tuesday, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane said citizens must increasingly become owners of industries and producers of goods capable of competing in regional and international markets.

Mr Moswaane said the country's economic landscape had evolved, noting that ventures that succeeded in the past might no longer yield the same returns today.

He encouraged entrepreneurs to be agile and diversify into production when traditional business models proved limiting.

"The opening of the plant aligned with national development frameworks, including Vision 2036, National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) and the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme, all of which prioritise economic diversification, private sector-led growth, value addition and sustainable job creation. The objective is clear, we must progressively build an economy that produces, competes and exports," he said.

Commending Motherwell Investments, trading as Motherbrands Botswana, Mr Moswaane described the company's trajectory as a practical demonstration of citizen economic empowerment.

Founded in 1997 by Mr Gibson Ntibi and Ms Silindeni Ntibi, the company initially operated poultry and butchery ventures before pivoting into tea manufacturing, packaging and distribution in 2018 under the Real Tea brand.

From supplying about 10 retail outlets around Gaborone from rented premises in Block 3, the enterprise has expanded to distribute products to 288 stores nationwide and now operates from its own manufacturing plant in Boatle.

Its workforce has grown from 10 to 89 Batswana, approximately 60 per cent of whom are women and youth. The assistant minister challenged the company's leadership to treat the milestone as a launch pad for its next phase of expansion, urging them to scale up to 500 employees and supply at least 2 000 retail outlets across regional and international markets.

He applauded the company's corporate social investment, notably the 2026 Win A Moraka competition, noting that business growth must translate into tangible social and economic value for communities.

Addressing employees, Mr Moswaane underscored the importance of integrity, loyalty and accountability in the workplace, warning that theft and negligence undermined business sustainability and workers' own prospects for salary growth.

For his part, Stanbic Bank Botswana Head of Commercial Banking, Mr Basimane Tshepe said the bank had walked alongside Motherwell Investments since January 2012, providing tailored financial solutions at every stage of its growth.

Mr Tshepe said Stanbic Bank initially supported the enterprise with overdraft and revolving credit facilities to manage working capital and inventory before providing term financing to acquire its permanent operating facility in Boatle.

He noted that Small and Medium Enterprises remained the backbone of Botswana's economy, adding that transforming small operations into sustainable enterprises required access to capital, financial expertise and committed banking partners.

Mr Tshepe reaffirmed the bank's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs with working capital, asset finance, trade solutions and long-term infrastructure funding to unlock further growth.

Meanwhile, Motherbrands Botswana managing director, Mr Gibson Ntibi, recounted the company's challenging journey to securing funding, building market access and scaling up, noting that their initial request for P8million from the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency took nearly four years and three rejections before a scaled-down P3million facility was approved on the fourth attempt.

Mr Ntibi said he drew on industry experience gained at National Brands Limited before deciding to establish a tea manufacturing plant in 2014, adding that perseverance, family backing and support from institutions such as the Botswana Investment and Trade Centre helped the business overcome early hurdles that included slow sales, shelf-space limitations and challenges during the COVID-19 period.

He added that the trust of suppliers and customers alongside the company's eventual turnaround in sales after COVID-19 enabled the business to honour its commitments and grow to where it was today. ***BOPA***



Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatius Moswaane (second left) on a guided tour of the Motherbrands Botswana factory in Boatle on Tuesday. Photo: Baleseng Batlotleng



Employees of Motherbrands Botswana packaging Real Tea products. Photo: Phodiso Rankwe

China and Namibia launch 50MW wind project

WINDHOEK

A joint venture between Chinese and Namibian companies held a groundbreaking ceremony in Windhoek on Monday for a 50-megawatt (MW) wind power project near the country's southern port town of Lüderitz.

Namibian Vice President Lucia Witbooi said the project would help her country reduce its reliance on electricity imports.

The joint venture, CERIM Lüderitz Energy (Pty) Ltd, is developing the wind farm about 16.5 km south of Lüderitz. China Energy Overseas Investment and Alpha Namibia Industries Renewable Power Limited (ANIREP) hold stakes of 55 per cent and 45 per cent, respectively, through their wholly owned subsidiaries.

"We are taking another important step towards a more energy-secure, economically resilient and sustainable Namibia. Let this investment create jobs for our people," Witbooi said at the ceremony.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Forestry sector attracts Chinese investment

LUSAKA- The Zambian government on Wednesday invited Chinese enterprises to invest in forestry plantations and timber processing as part of efforts to restore degraded forests and boost the country's green economy. Minister of Green Economy and Environment Gilbert Siame said about 6 million hectares of degraded forest land were available for restoration and commercial forestry development. Speaking during a meeting with a delegation from the Association of Chinese Corporations in Zambia, led by its president Liao Jianfeng, Siame encouraged investors to consider establishing between 10 000 and 15 000 hectares of forest plantations in partnership with traditional leaders and farmers. He said the government was also seeking investment in timber processing facilities to add value to locally produced timber, reduce imports and create export opportunities. ***Xinhua***

Official warns firms against rising cybercrime

ACCRA - A cybersecurity official in Ghana on Tuesday urged digital economy operators to adopt strong security measures to protect their assets and finances amid the growth in the country's technology sector. Jake France, head of Cybersecurity Technology Standards at Ghana's Cyber Security Authority, said during the opening of the Tech in Ghana Accra 2026 conference and exhibition that cybersecurity must be a priority in the structures of each technology service provider due to the increasing number of cybercrimes in the country. According to France, individual and businesses have been experiencing the growing financial impacts of online scams and cybercrimes. He said that reported cybercrimes in Ghana increased to 4 938, with an associated financial loss of about US$17.6 million U between January and September 2026. ***Xinhua***

South Sudan targets higher oil output

JUBA - South Sudan said on Tuesday it plans to raise oil production from 170 000 barrels a day to more than 200 000 barrels a day within two or three years. Caretaker Petroleum Minister Awow Daniel Chuang said reaching the target would require investment in advanced technology alongside coordinated work across geology, facilities, logistics and geopolitical dynamics. During the opening of the seventh South Sudan Oil and Power Conference in Juba, Chuang said the ongoing political dynamics in the Middle East, which have heavily affected the global oil and gas industry, created both challenges and opportunities for sub-Saharan African oil producers, including South Sudan, which holds 3.5 billion barrels of proven oil reserves. NJ Ayuk, executive chairperson of the African Energy Chamber. ***Xinhua***



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Wildlife invasions threaten food security

Portia Keetile
KASANE

Sitting along a critical wildlife corridor between Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park and Botswana's Chobe National Park, is the nation's agronomy hub, Pandamatenga - a land of striking agricultural promise and relentless wildlife pressure.

As herds migrate through the area in search of water and grazing, many stray off course into unfenced subsistence farms, turning fertile fields into easy feeding grounds.

While Pandamatenga's established commercial farms sitting on 45 000 hectares of electric-fenced land operate as a powerhouse of national crop production, neighboring small-scale farms sit on the very same rich black cotton soils blessed with the natural potential to graduate into commercial-scale enterprises.

Yet year after year, promising harvest projections slip through the fingers of subsistence growers, their ambitions swallowed up by raiding wildlife.

A similar struggle plays out in the Chobe Enclave, where farmers cultivate rich soils along the Chobe River floodplains only to face relentless crop raids from roaming wildlife.

Taken together, Pandamatenga and the Chobe Enclave underscore a stark reality: while Chobe already accounts for roughly 47 per cent of Botswana's annual crop production largely driven by Pandamatenga, the district holds the untapped potential to push national output far higher. With fertile black cotton soils on one front and productive molapo (floodplain) farming on the other, Chobe could expand its agricultural footprint if persistent wildlife destruction was brought under control.

Pandamatenga Small-Scale Farmers Association's chairperson, Mr Seinyatseng Lekoko described the ongoing crop destruction as a constant headache, adding that growers often feel they were planting simply to feed the wildlife.

He asserted that although farmers projected harvests of 2.5 to three tonnes per hectare for the past ploughing season, many walked away with nothing after wildlife herds raided their fields; an occurrence that repeated itself each year.

"I believe small-scale farmers have so much potential to excel and even elevate to commercial status because of our cotton soils that hold moisture for longer periods, but animals threaten that dream," Lekoko said. To defend their crops during the farming season, some growers are forced to sleep at their farms, deploy trained guard dogs, and use spotlights and gunshots to drive animals away.

Farmers are now pinning their hopes on the projected Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA) game-proof fence, which will span a 17-kilometre perimeter to keep wildlife out of their fields.

While an additional five kilometres of the perimeter would remain unfenced, a barrier will be erected across the two main entry points frequented by roaming animals, with the adjacent residential area serving as a natural buffer along the remaining five-kilometre stretch.

The farmer hails the project as a vital lifeline for small-scale farmers.

"The fence is poised to further elevate Pandamatenga status as an agricultural powerhouse because now we will have small farmers complementing what the commercial farmers are producing."

Kavimba native Mr Jackson Maruza echoed the same sentiments on the potential of Chobe' small scale farmers to feed the whole district and even beyond.

However, the ravaging wildlife stands as a tenacious impediment; testing the resolve of farmers year in and year out.

Mr Maruza's 10-hectare farm at Mawana, nestled between Kavimba and Mabele, had fertile soils that produced sorghum, maize and beans through rain-fed farming.

However, every year after ploughing elephants trample over the electric fence and ravage his crops, leaving him almost empty-handed.

Mr Maruza received his electric fence from Elephant Without Borders, but because its battery life is short, running only for eight hours, once its power is depleted animals invade and wreak havoc on his crops.

Chobe's district agricultural coordinator, Dr Tichaona Aaron, acknowledges that small scale farmers in Chobe face severe human-wildlife conflict that threatens local food production.

The problem is so extreme that some crop farmers have abandoned their fields.

Elephants and other wildlife species frequently breach non-electrified barriers across the Chobe Enclave and Pandamatenga, prompting farmers to deploy traditional deterrents such as chili pepper, dogs, and drums.

"Despite these persistent challenges, growers continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience by tilling the land to feed their families, sustain their livelihoods by selling for profit," Dr Aaron said.

Even with the persisting human-wildlife conflict, community members across the Chobe region remain rooted in crop farming, soldiering on to sustain their households out of tilling their land.

Their mission is simple; they strive to be able to put something on the table every day for members of their households. And this they do in the face of their drawn-out struggle with wildlife. ***BOPA***

China and Namibia launch 50MW wind project

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She urged the developers to hire young Namibians, involve local businesses and help local workers gain technical skills.

"We seek partnerships that are mutually beneficial, accountable and focused on long-term national prosperity," said the vice president.

The developers aim to bring the CERIM Lüderitz Wind Power Project into commercial operation on November 30. They expect the wind farm to generate 253.8 gigawatt-hours of electricity a year, equivalent to about 6 per cent of Namibia's electricity consumption.

The plant's seven 7.8 MW turbines will have a combined installed capacity of 54.6 MW. Under a 25-year power purchase agreement with Namibia's national power utility, NamPower, the plant will supply up to 50 MW to the national grid.

A new 132-kilovolt substation and a transmission line of about 40 km will connect the wind farm to NamPower's Namib substation.

Namibian Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy Modestus Amutse said the project would increase domestic power generation, diversify the country's energy mix and support sustainable economic development.

He said an adequate supply of reliable, competitively priced electricity was essential for Namibia to develop its industries, process more of its minerals locally and create lasting jobs.

He Xiongfei, deputy general manager of China Energy Overseas Investment said the company would work with ANIREP to ensure safety during construction, protect the environment and provide jobs and training for local workers. ***Xinhua***

Summit challenges African youth to shape continent future

KIGALI

The eighth YouthConnekt Africa Summit opened Wednesday in Rwanda's capital, Kigali, urging the continent's youth to take ownership of initiatives shaping their future.

More than 3 000 youth, as well as leaders in the public and private sector from across Africa, attended the summit held under the theme: Shaping the Generational Mission. In his address, Rwandan President Paul Kagame urged the young people to take advantage of the opportunities created for them.

"Real success begins when you, build the life you want for yourself, without waiting for anyone's permission. Everything Africa has managed to build so far has come when we take ownership of our own future," he said. Kagame emphasised the importance of collaboration and reciprocity in relationships between leaders and young Africans.

He also noted young people need to define their mission without waiting for handouts in shaping their future. Matthias Naab, director of the United Nations Development Program Regional Service Center for Africa, said Africa's young people need not simply programmes, but also "need ecosystems that connect their ideas and ambitions to finance, markets, leadership opportunities and lasting impact."

Lesotho Prime Minister Sam Matekane called for more leaders' engagement with young people, including involving them in decision-making by appointing them to cabinet. Yann Gwet, executive director of YouthConnekt Africa Hub, mentioned the need to ease the processes needed for young people to transition from training to their first job, and from a promising idea to a viable business.

Since its launch in 2017, YouthConnekt Africa has grown into a transformative continental movement, positioning itself as one of Africa's largest and most influential platforms for youth empowerment, innovation, and policy engagement, according to officials.

The pan-African initiative currently operates across 39 countries, designed to empower youth through leadership, skills development, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. ***Xinhua***



KIGALI - *President Paul Kagame of Rwanda delivering remarks at the opening ceremony of the eighth YouthConnekt Africa Summit in Rwanda on Wednesday. He urged the youth to take ownership of initiatives shaping their future.*
Photo: Xinhua

BAMB restocking programme commences



GABORONE

The Botswana Agricultural Marketing Board (BAMB) has commenced a phased restocking programme involving purchase orders worth approximately P32 million as it seeks to restore operations amid financial constraints and outstanding payments to farmers.

Responding to a parliament question from Serowe West MP, Mr Onalepelo Kedikilwe, on Wednesday, Assistant Minister of Lands and Agriculture, Mr Motsamai Motsamai, said BAMB remained operational, although its recovery efforts were constrained by limited working capital.

Mr Motsamai said the programme, which began in August 2026, initially targeted 20 priority branches and focused on essential fast-moving products, including poultry feed, veterinary medicines, vaccines, poultry equipment, day-old chicks and seeds.

He attributed the shortages across BAMB's retail network to years of weak internal controls, operational inefficiencies and shortcomings in procurement and inventory management.

He said assessments conducted since January 2026 had identified weaknesses in financial controls, procurement processes, stock monitoring, fleet operations and fuel management.

The assistant minister said BAMB also faced significant liquidity challenges, including outstanding payments to farmers, historical financial obligations and insufficient working capital to replenish stock.

Consequently, management had temporarily restricted purchasing while strengthening internal controls and improving procurement processes.

He said key recovery interventions included supplier engagement, procurement restructuring, technical support from the Botswana Defence Force (BDF), improved financial and stock controls, and better working-capital management.

Since October 2026, the BDF had been assisting BAMB in restoring operational discipline, particularly in fleet management, inventory control and distribution.

Management had also strengthened stock monitoring and financial oversight, while integrating retail and financial systems to improve accountability and replenishment planning.

Mr Motsamai said the interventions were being implemented largely through BAMB's existing resources, without additional government funding for the immediate recovery of retail operations.

He added that BAMB had developed a comprehensive Strategic Turnaround Programme, endorsed by its board, the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance.

The programme seeks to address longstanding financial, operational and institutional challenges through reforms in procurement, logistics, inventory management, infrastructure and commercial operations.

He said immediate priorities included restoring working capital and financial sustainability, rebuilding an efficient procurement function, improving fleet management and distribution planning, and strengthening inventory management and coordination among key departments.

Mr Kedikilwe had sought an update on BAMB's operational status and stock capacity amid persistent shortages of essential agricultural supplies, animal feed and livestock vaccines.

He also wanted to know the causes of nationwide stock depletion, measures to replenish agricultural inputs and veterinary vaccines, and plans to restructure supply chain logistics to prevent future shortages and safeguard farmers' livelihoods. ***BOPA***



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Ministry addresses Tribal Administration structure inconsistencies

GABORONE

The Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has developed a deployment structure to address inconsistencies affecting career progression and service delivery in the Department of Tribal Administration.

Responding to a parliamentary question, Assistant Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ignatiaus Moswaane, said the challenges were largely attributable to the absence of dedicated structures, such as Human Resources units, at district level.

He said the ministry had already secured approval for its organisational functional structure, while the corresponding deployment structure was undergoing consultations with relevant stakeholders.

Mr Moswaane said the two strategies, once implemented, would improve operational efficiency and address career progression challenges, particularly among officers in the B and C salary bands.

He explained that the ministry's functional structures had been assessed by the Public Service Upper Panel, which also conducted job evaluations and grading of departmental and local authority leadership positions, including the Director and Deputy Director of Tribal Administration.

The evaluation recommended that the Director and Deputy Director positions be graded at E1 and E2 scales, respectively.

The positions were subsequently incorporated into the ministry's approved functional structure, reporting directly to the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Governance and Traditional Affairs, graded at F2.

He added that the exercise also covered district headship positions in Tribal Administration across all districts, which were graded at D1.

Lentsweletau-Lephephe MP, Mr Tshenolo Bogatsu, had sought clarity on structural inconsistencies in the Department of Tribal Administration, particularly those affecting career progression and service delivery. He also called for the Directorate position to be upgraded to the level of Deputy Permanent Secretary. ***BOPA***

Boswelakoko Clinic upgrade awaits resources

GABORONE

The upgrading of Boswelakoko Clinic in Molepolole North to operate on a 24-hour basis will depend on the availability of resources and competing government priorities.

Minister of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, Mr Ketlhalefile Motshegwa, said this in Parliament on Tuesday when responding to a question from Molepolole North MP, Mr Arafat Khan.

He said government intended to progressively upgrade clinics across the country to operate around the clock to improve access to healthcare services.

However, due to resource constraints, most clinics currently operated on an eight-hour basis, with upgrades prioritised according to service delivery needs and available resources.

Mr Motshegwa said Boswelakoko Clinic was not currently a 24-hour facility and its proposed upgrade was not included in the District Development Plan 9 (DDP9), covering the 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 period.

He said the proposal could be considered during the mid-term review of DDP9, alongside other competing government priorities.

The minister said the upgrade would require improvements to infrastructure, additional staffing, medicines and equipment to support round-the-clock operations.

He added that there was currently no budget provision for the project as it was not included in DDP9.

On interim measures, Mr Motshegwa said patients requiring medical attention at night were referred to Phuthadikobo Clinic and Scottish Livingstone Hospital, which operate 24 hours a day.

The facilities are approximately four kilometres and three kilometres from Boswelakoko Clinic respectively.

He said the clinic provided services from 8am to noon during weekends and public holidays, after which patients requiring assistance were referred to the two facilities.

Mr Khan had sought an update on government's plans and timelines for upgrading the clinic into a 24 hour facility, including the required infrastructure, staffing, equipment, medicines, budgetary provisions and interim measures to ensure access to emergency healthcare services outside operating hours. ***BOPA***



World AIDS Day slated for Lobatse

Calviniah Kgautlhe
LOBATSE

For over four decades, neat rows of boxes containing medicines intended to quiet the HIV virus to a whisper have lined the shelves of health care facilities as essentials across the globe.

The fight continues, and this year all roads lead to Lobatse, Peleng grounds for the international World AIDS Day commemoration.

December 1 is the day and Vice President Ndaba Gaolathe is expected to grace the event as the guest speaker.

"So far preparations are well on track. We have executed two successful activations of the four planned activations which included community activations at Sukiri Tuck Shops in Woodhall, Pitso Ya Borre held at Maokana Park, other activities include Thank a Trucker at Pioneer Boarder, know your space: Youth Friendly Clinic Open Day at Athlone Hospital," said Lobatse District AIDS Coordinator Mr Kebonyemodisa Marumo.

He said the activations were a precursor to the main event which will be held under the theme 'Ending AIDS starts with access' adding that the activities had brought all stakeholders on board including Non-governmental organisations, Tebelopele and the private sector who had brought HIV/AIDS services under one roof.

The campaign, he said highlighted access to HIV services, resources, rights, and political will to enable medical breakthroughs and prevention tools to reach everyone who needed them.

"World AIDS Day is a big day in our calendar. It serves for the nation to reflect, look at progress made thus far, challenges we have experienced and how we can overcome. It is quite a significant day where we foster and strengthen relations with stakeholders and share our experiences thus far," he said, adding that the district stood ready to welcome those coming to Lobatse for the commemoration.



With regards to the Lobatse HIV/AIDS statistics, he said as at September this year, 5 986 people were enrolled on ARV treatment of which 1 985 of them were males while 4 001 were females.

With regards to statistics of people living with HIV in Botswana, he said, they were 350 000 out of which 130 000 were males while 220 000 were females. Mr Marumo highlighted that government continued to demonstrate commitment in the fight against HIV through strengthening community and health systems.

Furthermore, Mr Marumo highlighted that new developments with regards to HIV research would be shared during the World AIDS Day commemoration, adding that government was embarking on targeted HIV testing where only people that were at elevated risk would be tested,

"We are no longer doing mass testing. We are striving to find the 5 percent that is missing," he said.

In addition, he said other new developments and breakthroughs in the fight against HIV/AIDS included injectable ARVs which the public would learn more about during the World AIDS Day.

On a global scale, this year the World Health Organisation (WHO) is calling for renewed political commitment, sustained investment and collective action to ensure equitable access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care for everyone, everywhere.

"Despite decades of progress, the world remains off track to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Funding disruptions, persistent inequalities, and barriers to accessing essential services threaten hard-won gains.

Yet scientific advances, effective interventions, and strong community engagement offer unprecedented opportunities to accelerate progress," WHO stated.

Meanwhile, UNAIDS recognises the progress made in the fight against HIV thus far stating on their website that 32.1 million people were on life-saving treatment, and that prevention now included an effective injection needed only twice a year.

It states that in 2025, 1.2 million people acquired HIV, and 570 000 died of AIDS-related causes. "The gap is no longer what medicine can do.

It is who is able, allowed and supported to reach it.

Science only saves lives when it reaches people. Last year, five million people globally did not know they were living with HIV, and nearly nine million people lacked access to treatment," states UNAIDS. *BOPA*

Ghanzi records zero HIV infections in newborns

> Botswana was once one of the countries hardest hit by HIV in the world. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, HIV prevalence reached over 35 per cent among adults, and thousands were dying every year. The country responded with one of the strongest political commitments on the continent.

The country introduced Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), the first in Africa and in 2025, it became the first high-burden country to attain WHO Gold Tier status on the Path to Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, after bringing the transmission rate down to under 5 per cent, and later to under 2 per cent nationally.

BOPA reporter **Malebogo Lekula** interviewed Ghanzi District AIDS Coordinator, Ms Keodiretse Seretse who revealed that the district continued to reach the global elimination target of zero babies born with HIV, following the rollout of the highly effective Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) intervention.

Ms Seretse said the number of HIV-positive women who delivered in Quarter Four was 22, Quarter One stood at 25, and 26 babies in Quarter Two. She reported that the number of babies born to HIV-positive mothers in Quarter Four stood at 23, Quarter One stood at 25, while in Quarter Two they are at 26. From the given statistics, no babies tested positive, which she said was a commendable effort.

Furthermore, she said the number of women who delivered while on Antiretroviral (ARV) treatment stood at 15 during Quarter Four, 22 in Quarter One, and 26 during Quarter Two. She also highlighted that 21 women tested for the first time at labour during Quarter Two, compared to 10 in the last quarter.

She added that currently the total number of patients on ARV treatment was 3 464, out of which 1 271 are males while females are 2,193.

Moreover, she said through intensified interventions, they continued to record zero positive cases in babies, adding that there was also an improved number of babies testing. She said during Quarter Four, the number of babies who tested for HIV stood at 18, Quarter One stood at 28, while 49 babies were recorded in Quarter Two, noting that none of them tested positive. However, she decried that the partner testing rate has reduced to 3.5 per cent as compared to 6.8 per cent in the last quarter, while testing at Antenatal Care (ANC) has decreased to 95 per cent as compared to 98.3 per cent last quarter.

Meanwhile, she said challenges that might hinder efforts to meet global HIV targets emanate from high numbers of non-bookers (those who had not registered for pregnancy before), shortage of midwives, high number of untrained staff, as well as low partner testing.

She said as part of interventions to raise awareness on testing, they would embark on conducting partner surveys and intensify the use of partner testing cards, as well as conduct Dried Blood Spot (DBS) testing kits training and intensify health education in their communities.

About 360 000 people are living with HIV in Botswana, but new infections and AIDS-related deaths have fallen sharply since the peak of the epidemic. The remaining challenge, as shown in Ghanzi, is reaching men, young people, and partners of pregnant women, and sustaining testing, treatment and prevention.

According to the World Health Organisation's Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections for 2022-2030, an estimated 1.3 million women and girls living with HIV become pregnant each year.

In the absence of intervention, the rate of transmission of HIV from a mother living with HIV to her child during pregnancy, labour, delivery or breastfeeding ranges from 15 per cent to 45 per cent. *BOPA*



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O tlhalositsee fa ditsela di le botlhokwa mme a rotloetsa makhanselara go dirisana le maphata a a maleba go supa ditsela tse di tshwanetseng go baakangwa pele mo dikgaolong tsa bone.

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O ne a supa fa khansele e ikiteile sehuba go tswelela e direla setshaba.

Tebang le botsogo jwa borre, Rre Motsage o gakolotse fa kgwedi ya Ngwanatsele e beetswe fa thoko go lemoga borre le go godisa kitso ka botsogo jwa bone le jwa kankere (prostate cancer).

O rotloeditse borre go ya go itlhatlhobela mohuta oo wa kankere le malwetse a mangwe a a farologanyeng.

"A re rotloetseng dipuisanyo ka tsa botsogo jwa borre, re lwantshe ditlhong tse di amanang le dikgang tsa botsogo, mme re gakolole borre gore go lemoga bolwetse ka bofefo le go bona thuso ya kalafi ka bonako go ka boloka matshelo," a rialo.

O gateletse botlhokwa jwa gore khansele e sekaseke kgatelopele e e e dirileng mo ngwageng ono le dikgwetlho tse di santseng di e eme pele.

Tsotlhe tse, o rile di tlhoka boeteledipele jo bo nang le maikarabelo, tiriso ya ditlamelo e e siameng le tirisano-mmogo e e nonofileng.

"Fa re leba kwa ngwageng o o tlang, a re shafatseng boineelo jwa rona jwa go direla setshaba, re nonotshe boikarabelo le go netefatsa gore ditshwetso tsa rona di nna le mosola mo matshelong a batho," o ne a wetsa jalo. Bokhutlo *BOPA*



Modulasetilo wa khansele ya Gamalete Rre Matlhomola Motsage (molemeng) le mothusi wa gagwe Rre Bernard Rantuana ba le kwa bokopanong jwa khansele eo ka Mosupologo. Rre Motsage o tlhalositse fa khansele e tlaa batla metswedi e mengwe ya madi go thusa gore e tle e itshetlele. Mabapi le lenaneo la ditogamaano, Rre Motsage o rile khansele e gatetse pele mo go direng la 2026-2030.
Senepe: Baleseng Batlotleng

Bangwe ba ba tshelang ka mogare ga ba a ikamogela

Grace Sebape

LOBATSE

Mongwe wa baithaopi ebile a a fa bogakolodi mo go tsa botsogo mo Lobatse, Mme Boipelo Lekolori a re maiteko a go fedisa mogare wa HIV a busediwa kwa morago ke gore bangwe ba ba tshelang ka one, ga baa ikamogela.

Mme Lekolori wa dingwaga tse di masome a mane le bosupa, e bile a tshela ka mogare wa HIV o buile jalo mo potsolotsong le BOPA a bolela gore o na le dingwaga di feta lesome a tshela ka mogare.

O boletse fa a dirile tlhatlhobo ya gagwe ya mogare a sa lwale a siame fela mme a re le morago ga a sena go simolola kalafi e e ritibatsang mogare, ga a ise a itemogele phetogo epe kana ditlamorago dipe, ka jalo a supa gore go itlhatlhoba o itekanetse, o bo o sala ditaelo tsa ba botsogo morago go botlhokwa.

A re gore a dire tiro ya boithaopo, o gwetlhilwe ke go bona bangwe ba ba tshwerweng ka mogare ba sa ikamogela mo ba felelang ba tlogela melemo mo tseleng mme seo se tsenye botshelo jwa bone mo diphatseng.

A re seo se supa gore motho waabo a sa ikamogela e bile go sena ope yo a mo itekodisitseng ka seemo sa gagwe mo lwapeng.

O sedimositse gore batho bangwe fa gotwe ba bue maina a batlhokomedi ba kwala ditsala tsa bone, mme seo se dire tiro thata gore motho yoo o ka bonwa kae.

O tsweletse a re e nngwe e e tshwenyang ke gore bangwe ga ba kgone go fuduga semmuso ka tsa bone tsa bongaka fa ba ya go sele.

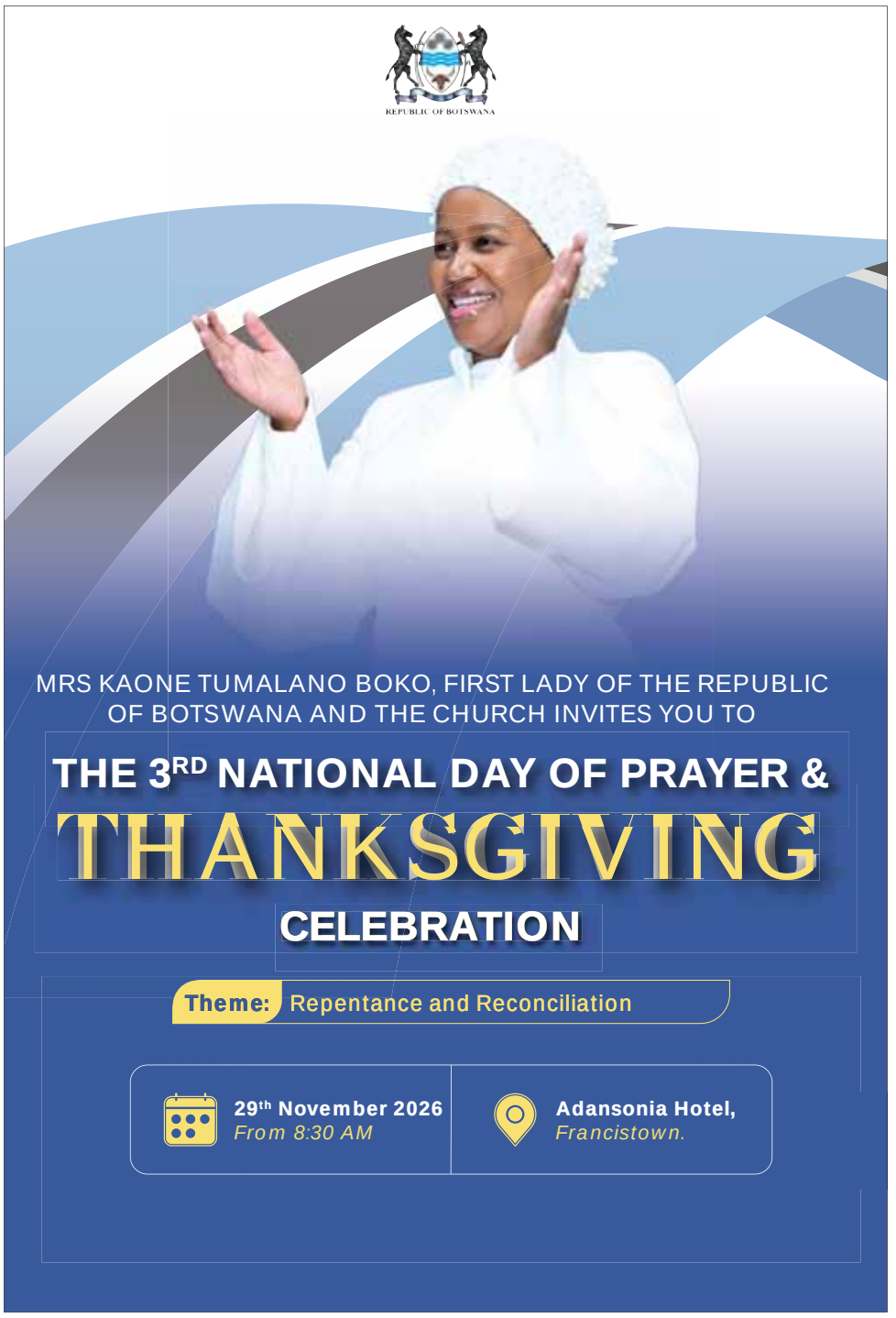
Mme Lekolori o tsweletse a bolela gore fa gongwe motho o tlolwa ke gotla go bona ngaka kana go tsaya melemo ka lebaka la go tlhoka madi a sepalamo, fa bangwe ba tsaya bongaka mo Lobatse mme motho a nna kwa Maun.

A re se ke sesupo sa gore kwa a ileng teng ga a batle go bonwa gore o tshela le mogare, mme a tsenye matshelo a batho ba bangwe mo diphatseng.

O boletse gape gore bangwe ba tlogela bongaka le melemo kwa ba nnang teng mme baye go itira balwetsi ba basha kwa mafelong a mangwe fa motho a setse a bona gore bolwetsi bo a mo gatelela.

A re o eletsa puso go sekaseka gore a batho ba ba tshelang le mogare mme e bile ba tshela le malwetsi a a sa tshelanweng ba bone ditlhatlhobo le go itekodisa malwetsi ao mo letsatsing le le lengwe fela.

O gakolotse setshaba gore se tseye ditlamelo gaufi le kwa ba nnang teng bogolo jang tsa botsogo, a tlatsa ka gore dithuto kwa dikokelong le dikokelwana dingwe di a dirwa go fa bogakolodi le gone go araba dipotso dipe fela tse setshaba se tlhokang dikarabo tsa tsone. *BOPA*



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MARU-A-PULA SCHOOL INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS.

1. English Teacher (3) – Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor in English degree and PGDE or the equivalent, plus a minimum of 8 years' relevant work experience teaching IGCSE First Language English and IGCSE Literature, and preferably also Cambridge A Level English Language and Literature. They must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

2. Music Teacher (1) - Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Music, teaching qualification and a proven ability to teach music theory and instruments as well as experience with orchestras and vocal training. Affiliation with recognized examining bodies (Trinity, ABRSM and Cambridge) is also required spanning 10 years or more. Candidates must also be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

3. French Teacher (1) - Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Arts degree with a speciality in French and no less than 10 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

4. History Teacher (2) - Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Arts degree with a speciality in History and no less than 5 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

5.Chemistry Teacher (1) - Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Science degree with a speciality in Chemistry and no less than 5 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

6.Business Studies Teacher (2) Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Business Studies or Commerce degree or a similar qualification with no less that 10 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

7.Mathematics Teacher (1) Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a relevant Bachelor's degree with no less that 10 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

8.Physics Teacher (1) Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Science degree with a speciality in Physics and no less than 10 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

9.Accounting Teacher (1) Re-advertisement

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Accounting or Commerce degree or a similar qualification with no less that 10 years teaching experience. Experience teaching IGCSE and A Levels classes is a requirement. Applicant must be familiar with the use of Google Classroom and other technologies as a way of delivering lessons and encouraging collaborative learning. A teaching qualification and/or BOTEPCO registration is a requirement.

How to apply:

Applications should be sent on or before December 04, 2026.
E-mail: hr@maruapula.org

E-mail applications should include:

1. Subject heading stating position being applied for;
2. A cover letter indicating reasons why your background and qualifications are particularly suited to working at Maru-a-Pula;
3. CV with contact details of three referees.

Please note: All submissions to be sent as 1 PDF document.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted by the school.

If you do not hear back from us by January 31, 2027, please consider your application unsuccessful.

See school website **www.maruapula.org** for further details

Aligned with the recommendations of the International Task Force on Child Protection, as well as alignment with the Children's Act (2009), Maru-a-Pula School holds itself to a high standard of effective recruiting practices with specific attention to child protection.

We request a clearance of criminal records and a successful background check for all staff working at the school.

The successful candidate must be prepared to submit such documents when required.

Non-communicable diseases lead illness among elders

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are among leading causes of illness among older people, with the elderly encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles to prevent developing the diseases.

The message was shared in Francistown Tuesday during a health talk session for members of the Badiri Ba Meepo Pensioners Association (BBMPA). Nursing practitioner from Donga Clinic Mr Jenamiso Mohaladi encouraged the elderly to jealously guard their health.

He said NCDs were preventable when detected early and managed well. On NCDs, with a focus on hypertension, diabetes, prostate cancer and cervical cancer, he said regular health checks were important since at times some of the diseases presented no clear symptoms. "blood pressure often has no clear symptoms, which is why it is sometimes called a silent killer," Mr Mohaladi said. "Check your blood pressure regularly, take your medication as prescribed, reduce salt, avoid excessive alcohol and stay physically active."

On diabetes, he advised members to watch their diet, reduce intake of sugary foods and drinks, maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly and go for screening, especially if they had a family history of the disease. "If you have diabetes, take your medication, follow medical advice and attend reviews to avoid complications affecting the eyes, kidneys, feet and heart," he said. Mr Mohaladi said prostate cancer, which affects men. He encouraged elderly men not to shy away from screening and to visit health facilities if they notice problems such as difficulty in urinating or frequent urination, especially at night.

"Early detection makes treatment easier and improves chances of recovery," he said.

On cervical cancer, he encouraged women to go for regular screening, stating that cervical cancer can be prevented and treated if detected early, he encouraged women to not wait until one noticed unusual bleeding.

BBMPA member, Mr Stanley Masalila applauded the association for the work it continued to do for the spirit of togetherness and cooperation among its members.

"I applaud our association for the good work and the spirit of togetherness and cooperation, as mine workers pensioners, we form such associations to share information on important issues," said Mr Masalila. *BOPA*

Republic of Botswana

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

EXTERNAL RE - ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 17 of 2026

REF: ENT 4/26/11 V (74)

TO: All Permanent Secretaries
All Heads of Departments

1. VACANCY: – PRINCIPAL DATA

PROTECTION OFFICER II –D3 (1 POSITION)

Applicants are invited from suitably qualified Botswana Citizens for the above mentioned position, which is tenable at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism – Department of Corporate Services (Gaborone).

Salary Scale: D3 - (P293, 652 – P323, 748) per annum

Benefits:

i) Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government pays 50% and employee 50%)
ii) Contributory Pension Fund (Government pays 15% and employee 5%).

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Qualifications:

Degree in Law/ Data Science/ Information Technology/ Enterprise Risk Management/ Project Management or any other related field from a reputable institution. Data Protection and/ or Privacy Certification will be an added advantage.

Experience: At least four (4) years' work experience in a business environment handling personal data / data compliance / security of data / data processing or related field in Government, Parastatal or Private Sector.

Main Purpose of the Job

To administer the Data Protection Act and Carry out all due diligence process to ensure adherence to the Act.

DUTIES

- Provides guidance in implementation of policies, strategies and guidelines to enable compliance to Data Protection Act.
- Guides in the assessment and alignment of MDA policies, procedures and standards to ensure compliance with Data Protection Act.
- Develops and maintains inventory and records of all data processing activities in the Ministry.
- Assesses risks inherent in the processing of personal data within the Ministry, taking into account the nature, scope, context and purpose of processing.
- Addresses requests and complaints related to processing of personal data.
- Audits the operations in line with the data protection framework to identify areas for improvement.-
- Designs and disseminates publicity tools to educate and sensitise staff on data protection and importance of adhering to protocols.
- Advices the Ministry on their obligation related to processing of personal data in compliance with the Data Protection Act.
- Prepares reports on matters related to processing of personal data for submission to the Commission or as may be directed to the relevant Authorities.

COMPETENCIES

- Deciding and initiating action
- Adhering to principles and values
- Analyzing
- Writing and reporting
- Applying Expertise and Technology
- Learning and Researching
- Delivering results and meeting customers

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 18 of 2026

2. VACANCY: – PROJECT ASSISTANT / FINANCE ASSISTANT

The project, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) aims to enhance the capacity for genetic resources research and development to promote beneficiation and value addition, and to protect traditional knowledge in Botswana. This will be achieved through three interrelated components that will allow strengthening of the national framework and institutional capacities for Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) implementation, enhancing capacities for research and product development based on genetic resources and associated TK, and assessing project impact. The dissemination of knowledge and experiences that will result from the implementation of this strategy will contribute to replication and upscaling of best capacity development ABS practices nationally and internationally.

Candidates are therefore, invited from suitably qualified Botswana Citizens for the above mentioned contract position, which is tenable at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (Department of Environmental Protection)– Gaborone.

Salary: $1 130 per month
(no additional allowances)

Benefits:

I. Gratuity payable at 30% upon successful completion of the contract
Leave: 25 working days per annum.
Contract Duration: Fixed – term contract ending in October 2027

Qualifications:

A Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting, Business Administration, Project Management or related field

Experience:

- A minimum of 4 years of experience in project operation and management, finance or accounting.

Main Purpose of the Job

Under the general guidance and supervision of the Project Manager (PM), and in close collaboration with the Project Executing Partners, the Project Assistant/ Finance Assistant will take the operational responsibility for timely delivery of the project outcomes and outputs.

Key Performance Areas

- Manage the overall implementation and coordination of the project.
- Plan project activities, monitor progress against the approved work plan.
- Manage personnel, procurement of goods and services, training, grants, contracts and contractors.
- Monitor project activities and support assessments, spot checks and audits required by UNDP.
- Manage project finances, funding requests, accounting and quarterly financial reporting to UNDP.
- Monitor project performance, identify deviations and risks, and implement corrective measures.
- Ensure changes are controlled, problems are addressed, and regular progress reports are submitted to the Project Board.
- Identify, assess and monitor project risks, including social and environmental risks, and maintain the risk log.
- Ensure the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is operational within the first two months of implementation.
- Prepare the inception report within one month of the inception workshop.
- Revise and update multi-year work plans and annual and quarterly plans as required.
- Monitor project indicators and prepare the GEF Project Implementation Report (PIR).
- Supervise implementation plans, including gender action, stakeholder engagement, communications, and environmental and social management plans.
- Monitor and report progress against GEF Core Indicators.
- Capture lessons learned during implementation.
- Support the Terminal Evaluation process.
- Undertake additional technical tasks as necessary.

COMPETENCIES

- Problem solving
- Developing direct reports and others
- Planning
- Process management
- Time management
- Conflict management
- Drive for results
- Customer focus
- Ethics and values
- Integrity and trust

Applications:

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

- Detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae.
- Certified copies of certificates (Academic and Professional) and at least two (2) recent work related references
- Serving Public Officers should indicate:
- Date of first appointment, present position and appointment thereto.

Important:

All applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their Heads of Department and Permanent Secretaries.

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

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Private Bag BO 199. Gaborone

Or hand delivered to Ministry of Environment and Tourism - Head Quarters - Records Management Unit - Office No. 205.

Applications from serving officers should be routed through their Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications not so routed will not be considered.

Closing Date: 17th December 2026

For further information, required please contact: Human Resources at Telephone No. 364 7995 / 364 7951



Classified Ads

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FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER WANTED at Ranaka, 72463979.

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted: Semolale ,experience: horticulture and poultry, apply: F. Moribame P O BOX 882 Jwaneng, cell: 75157808, closing 04/12/2026.

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Semitwe Tenson Ramaotwana Box 30249 Metsef Francistown

LOOKING FOR A farm worker with experience in horticulture and Ochards in Moroka Village. Applications and CV to be sent to P O Box 3887 Gaborone Botswana. Call Mr Leslie Mpofu on 72259491 or whatsapp +264817559050 / 72231313

HERDBOY WANTED AT Malaka. Contact Mr Moses Machete at 72283984/ 71380079.

TWO FARM WORKERS wanted at Oodi farm (Notwane River) for general farm duties. Must be reliable and willing to stay on the farm. Apply to: Tunah Molwanta P O Box 277 Oodi. Closing date 08-December-2026

FARM WORKER WANTED, Monwane/Mokhalaheri lands. Call: 72290356. Post to: Oanthata Masiele, P O Box 1381 Molepolole.

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Tatisiding Lentswe Godfrey Box 71343470 Francistown 71343470

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Matshelagabedi Moruakgomo Lekobe Box 36 Matsiloje 72507758

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Kotolane Leffateng Lands Kuda Relief Seretse Box 501380 Gaborone 72154300

FARM WORKER WANTED in Molapowabojang. Call 77545030.

FARMWORKER WANTED AT Kotolane Leffateng Lands Kuda Relief Seretse Box 501380 Gaborone 72154300

LOOKING FOR A farm worker at Artesia. Apply to Balingi Nanga P O Box 402311 Gaborone.

Vacancy for a farm worker exists at Mosusu lands (outer parts of Gabane/ Metsimotlhabe) must be experienced, reliable & hardworking. Call 72143478/ 76243478 S.B Molomo. Closing date: 11/ Dec/ 2026

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Malotwane. Apply: P O Box 201232, Mokgophane, Mochudi, 71488594.

HORTICULTURE FARM WORKER wanted Mbitshane farm is looking for a farm worker. Location: PHUDUHUDU. Crops, vegetables. Duties: Planting, watering, weeding & harvesting. Requirements: Experience in horticulture. Salary: P1500 per month, accommodation available. App 72174171 or write to Box 20 Kang

FARM WORKER WANTED in Parakarungu, contact- Agnes Nsala Matengu, 72168309.

FARM WORKER WANTED at Moselele farm . Apply to P/ Bag 0090, Gaborone. Contact 71635554

FARMERS WANTED AT Malwelwe/ Madubatse. Apply to Potoko Dithwane. P. O. Box 3075 Molepolole/ 73252489

FARM WORKER WANTED X2, Paje 72171030 , Kealeboga Makutu
3 FARM WORKER wanted in Maboane Miriam Tlhapi 73080595. P O Box 1442 Mahalapye

FARM WORKER NEEDED at Sasakwe. Apply to George Moses P. O Box 173 Mogoditshane. Cell: 72160069

FARM WORKER REQUIRED. The farm is ploughing field located at Seleme land near Mochudi in the Kgatleng District. Apply to Mmusi Jacob Ramosako, Box 405380 Gaborone. Cell: 71353228, closing date: 11/12/26

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
HELD AT FRANCISTOWN **Masters Reference:** ESHFT 000307-25

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late **BOITUMELO SEIPHITLHILE–ESHFT 000307-25** who died at Matsiloje, North East District on the **10th January 2025.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant 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 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

GAOLATLHE SEIPHITLHILE, The Executor Dative
P.O Box 88, MATSILOJE | Cellphone Nos. 74 440 749 / 71 344 924
AND TO: Master of the High Court, Private Bag F13, FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHMY 000482-26

IN THE ESTATES of the late **ROSE SETHUNYA SIKWA** who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 07th July 2026.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditor 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 24 Day of November 2026.

The Executor Dative
Onalethata Phenyo
P.O.Box 30576 Mahalapye
Cell: 71409017

The Executor Dative
Thebeyame Ditshupo
P.O.Box1486 Mahalapye
Cell: 72939778

First and final liquidation and distribution account.
Master's Ref:ESHMY-000226-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KOOREE MAOTO** who died at Dire ward, Moiyabana, Central-Serowe District, Botswana on the 14-June 2017.

The First and final liquidation and distribution account in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High at Gaborone for a period of twenty (21) days from the date of publication hereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

Dated at Mahalapye on the 23 day of November 2026.

The Executrix
Ogadimile Maoto
P O Box 114 Moiyabana
Cell:71750041

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
MASTER'S REF: ESHMY-000314-26

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MADIMABE MAKHAE** who died at Matimelane Ward, Mokobeng, Central-Mahalapye District, Botswana on the **27th January 2026**.

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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 ofpublication hereof.
Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED at Mahalapye on the 19th day of November 2026

THE EXECUTRIX DATIVE | Lennah Makhae
Private Bag 001 , SEFHARE | **CELL:** 74 579 837

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
DANTEN MODIMOOSI	ESHMY 000496-26	12.01.27	09000HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 17TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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Administration of Estates Act
(Cap 31:01)

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Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
JUDITH KEBABOPE TSWAIPE	ESHMY 000465-26	18.01.27	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 24TH NOVEMBER 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

PULA CONSULTANTS (PTY) LTD

An expanding Consulting Engineering firm based in Gaborone invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the under-mentioned position:

SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
Candidate must possess a minimum academic qualification of Bachelor's Degree in Civil/ Structural Engineering with a minimum of sixteen (16) years post qualification experience in the design and construction supervision of building projects and water-retaining structures. Experience in the construction supervision of buildings with basement parking and project management qualifications will be an added advantage. Should be familiar with structural software packages such as Prokon, REVIT and AutoCAD. Candidate must be registered with Engineers Registration Board (ERB) of Botswana as a Professional Engineer.

Interested individuals meeting the above requirements should forward their application letters accompanied by current Curriculum Vitae (CV), certified copies of academic qualification and professional registration/affiliation and contact details of two (2) referees to:

The Director
HR Department
P O Box 2884
Gaborone
Fax: 3181635
Email: pula@it.bw
Closing date for application is 15th December 2026.

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 BOIKANYO PAULOS-LESOTLHO and RADCONSULTANCY (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED for the sale of the following property, that is to say:

CERTAIN: piece of land being a Portion of Lot 122274 Mogoditshane-Ledumadumane;
SITUATE: in the Bakwena Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 664.50 Square metres;
WHICH
PROPERTY: is held under Landboard Resolution Ref: MOG 6/3/6-50/12 (34) dated the 17th November 2025 made in favour of BOIKANYO PAULOS-LESOTLHO;

CONSIDERATIONS: For the sum of P260,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty 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.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

MOYO LEGAL PRACTICE
Plot 19111, Aresutelane Way | Phase 2
P O Box AE 451 AEH, GABORONE

PABALINGA & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys, Conveyancers and Notaries Public · Francistown, Botswana

WE ARE HIRING: CONSULTANT

Reference No.: P&A/CONS/2026/001

THE ROLE

Pabalinga & Associates is seeking an experienced Consultant to advise the firm and its clients on capital markets, financial structuring, and commercial transactions, working alongside our attorneys on matters requiring business and financial expertise.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- UNITAR Certifications (critical): Capital Market Development and Regulation (Basic & Advanced) and Negotiation of Financial Transactions

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advise on capital markets and securities-related matters
- Support the structuring and negotiation of financial and commercial transactions
- Provide business and financial input on client mandates, including cross-border matters
- Contribute to the firm's advisory growth and strategy

ADDED ADVANTAGE

- Legal qualification (LLB or higher) and practice in Botswana or the SADC region
- Experience in corporate governance, arbitration, or tax advisory

HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be submitted by email to info@pabalingalaw.com or delivered to our mailbox: P O Box 3275, Francistown. Please quote the reference number in the subject line or on your envelope, and attach your CV and certified copies of your MBA and UNITAR certificates.

Closing date for applications : 4 December 2026.

Plot 14008, CBD Extension, Francistown

FARM WORKERS

FARM WORKER. LOOKING for a farm worker to work on an agricultural farm with minimum 15 years experience. Application to be sent to: KMT Pipes (Pty) Ltd, tribal lot 115, Kumakwane. P O Box 20561, Gaborone, contact 3952228

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

LORRAINE NCHENGWA, owner of plot 58596, Block 7, Gaborone would like to change land use from residential to commercial. Any objection to this, contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Office on Telephone No 3657400 or contact the owner on Cellphone no (+267) 74449606 within 14 days of this publication.

OWNER OF PLOT 3492 Ext 3 wishes to inform the public of the intention to change landuse from sport & recreation to group living. For objections contact GCC Physical Planning Department within 14 days of this publication.

THARII ENTERPRISES (PTY) LTD, owner of Tumasera Lot 616 commercial plot. Wishes to change land use from a commercial plot to Civic and Community. Objections maybe forwarded to Mahalapye District Council Physical Planning Committee on contact: (+267) 4718600 within 14 days of this publication

CHANGE OF LANDUSE I Thusonyana Haroon Nnanaakoko the owner of residential plot 15627, Tlokweng / Lenganeng wishes to change land use from single family residential to multi family residential. Please contact Tlokweng Council Physical Planning Office on +267 3695000 for any objections within 14 days of this publication.

NEIGHBOURS CONSULTATION THE owner of plot 18474 seeks to change its use from multifamily residential to commercial (self catering apartments). Any objections should be forwarded to the Physical Planning Office Gaborone City Council within 14 days of the date of this publication or telephonically to 3657400

CHANGE OF LANDUSE plot 31201, plot 31198 and Serowe Community are informed that owner of plot 31197, Serowe, Modikwana ward wishes to change landuse from single residential to multi family residential. Any objection contact Serowe DC Planning Dept @ 4635601 within 14 working days of this publication.

PUTURO HOLDINGS PTY ltd plot 5341 wish to inform neighbors that I intend to change landuse from residential to commercial in Letlhakane Tawana Extension. For any objections consult Boteti District Council Physical Planning on 2909331/ 74050013 within 14days from the date of publication.

SETHUNYA OBATRE of plot 1640 Taung, Ramotswa wishes to notify of erection of a boundary wall. Any objection contact Ramotswa Adminstrative Council on 5381340

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: - ESHGB 001057-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late REJOICE FARISISAI CHIOMBA who died at Gaborone Private Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 21st August 2024.

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

Dated at .....on this..... Day of ..... 2026.

Tapuwa Brian Chiomba
P O Box 404974, Gaborone
Cell: 71241832

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION PLOT 15704, plot 15705 and plot 15707 are informed that owner of plot 15706, Tlokweng, Letlapeng wishes to construct a boundary wall. Any objection contact Tlokweng DC Planning Dept @ 3695000 within 14 working days of this publication.

I, PHEMELO TSHENOLO, owner of 642 in Matebele, wishes to change land use from single residential to multi-residential. For any queries, the public should contact 5773519 or the Kgatleng Planning department within fourteen 14) days of this publication.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BAR LIQUOR LICENCE

Liquor Act, Act No. 9 of 2004

Notice is hereby given that **VINTAGE VIBES (PTY) LTD, P.O. BOX 232, MOGODITSHANE** has applied for a **BAR LIQUOR LICENCE** in respect of premises situated at PLOT 11657, MOGODITSHANE.

The application will be heard by the Liquor Control Authority on the **15 day of November, 2026**.

Any person who wishes to object to the grant of the licence should, **within 21 days** of the last publication of this notice, give notice in writing to the Control Authority stating the grounds of objection.

Applicant : VINTAGE VIBES (PTY) LTD
Address : P.O. BOX 232, MOGODITSHANE
Email : goitseonejames7@gmail.com
Dated : 20/11/26

MEDICAL DEVICES PHARMA

"Trusted Health Solutions Worldwide"

VACANCY: QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER (1 POST)

Location: Tlokweng Industrial | **Contract:** Full-Time

REQUIREMENTS
* Degree in Pharmacy (BPharm), Quality Management, Biomedical Engineering, or related field.
* Registered with the Botswana Health Professions Council (BHPC).
* Minimum 5 years' QA/QC experience in medical devices, pharmaceuticals, or manufacturing.
* SADC regional experience in regulatory compliance and ISO 13485 / ISO 9001 systems.

KEY DUTIES
* Implement and maintain Quality Management Systems (QMS) and GMP/ISO compliance.
* Oversee quality inspections, product testing, batch release, and supplier audits.
* Manage non-conformances, CAPA, complaints, recalls, and regulatory documentation.

Email CV & documents to: hr@mdb.co.bw
Closing Date: 14th December 2026

Plot 146, Tlokweng Industrial | P.O. Box 1768, Molepolole
Tel: +267 3116837 / 3110839 | Fax: +267 3116837 | info@mdb.co.bw

LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer **No. 1131/2015** dated the **6th day of May 2015** made in favour of **AGNES MOTHOBI,** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 75339 Gaborone (A Portion of Lot 75129 Gaborone);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 674m² (Six Hundred and Seventy Four Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer **No. 1131/2015** dated the **6th day of May 2015** made in favour of **AGNES MOTHOBI;**

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

LOST COVERING MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of Covering Mortgage Bond **No. 1511/2015** dated the **6th day of May 2015** made in favour of **Agnes Mothobi,** in respect of the below mentioned property, namely;

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 75339 Gaborone (A Portion of Lot 75129 Gaborone);
SITUATE: in the Gaborone Administrative District;
MEASURING: 674m² (Six Hundred and Seventy Four Square Metres);
WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer **No. 1131/2015** dated the **6th day of May 2015** made in favour of **AGNES MOTHOBI;**

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

AKHEEL JINABHAI & ASSOCIATES

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to applied for a certified copy of Deed No: TL 742/2006 dated 15th day of NOVEMBER 2006 made in favour of AMOS MOSIKARI in respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 2970 RAMOTSWA
SITUATE: IN THE BAMALETE TRIBAL AREA, IN THE TAUNG STATION VILLAGE/ WARD
MEASURING: 900sqm² (NINE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS)
HELD UNDER:

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 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026
K.V. Molelekwa
APPLICANT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000245/21

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE NKAGISANG ELLIS who died at Sir Ketumile Masire Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 24th day of May 2021.
THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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.

DATED AT .....GABORONE.....ON THE ...27..... DAY OF .....NOVEMBER.... 2026

The Executrix
Charlotte Phatsimo Rahman
15 Gie Road Table View
27787393936

The Executrix
Shombi Oduetse Ellis
Plot No. 32460 Phakalane
27729283709/72609402

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Ref: ESHGB-000830/23

IN THE ESTATE of the **late BONTSHETSE KEEKE** who died at Dikgonyana Lands, Molepolole, Kweneng district, Botswana **1st March 2022**
THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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 ..... ON THE ..... DAY OF 2026

Executrix Dative | Gaone Keekee
P O Box 628, MOLEPOLOLE
CELL:**78151159/72454266**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHMY 000116-26**

IN THE ESTATES of the late **MARGARET KELETSO GABAAKE** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone Gaborone District, Botswana on the **27th October 2024**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication thereof.
DATED at Mahalapye on this 11th Day of November 2026

The Executrix Dative
Susan Monosi Simon
P. O. Box 076
Palapye
Cell: 71605334/ 72609498

NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Certificate of Registered Title No. FT 1006/2013 dated **16th December 2013** in favour of **TATI COMPANY LIMITED** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN : piece of Land being Lot 43600, Francistown (A portion of Lot 37196, Francistown)
SITUATE : In the Francistown Administrative District
MEASURING : 155, 9489 Ha (One Hundred and Fifty-Five Decimal Nine Four Eight Nine Hectares);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Francistown this ____ day of ____ 2026.

S. THAPELO ATTORNEYS, Applicant's Attorneys, **P. O. Box 916, Francistown**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Certificate of Registered Title No. FT 536/2004 dated **7th September 2004** in favour of **SAM ESTATES LAND COMPANY (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN : piece of Land being Portion 36 of Farm No. 77-NQ
SITUATE : In the North East Administrative District
MEASURING : 566, 4571 Ha (Five Hundred and Sixty-Six Comma Four Five Seven One Hectares);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Francistown this ____ day of ____ 2026.

S. THAPELO ATTORNEYS, Applicant's Attorneys, **P. O. Box 916, Francistown**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Certificate of Consolidated Title No. FT 390/2022 dated **1st August 2022** in favour of **TATI COMPANY LIMITED** in respect of the following property:

CERTAIN : piece of Land being Lot 51386, Francistown
SITUATE : In the Francistown Administrative District
MEASURING : 79, 2806 Ha (Seventy-Nine Point Two Eight Zero Six Hectares);

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Francistown this ____ day of ____ 2026.

S. THAPELO ATTORNEYS, Applicant's Attorneys, **P. O. Box 916, Francistown**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Deed of Transfer No.1077 dated **17th January 1947** in favour of **TATI COMPANY LIMITED** in respect of the following properties:

1. CERTAIN : piece of Land being the Remaining Extent of Farm No. 317
SITUATE : In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland Protectorate
MEASURING : as such Nine hundred and forty-six (946) morgen, Three Hundred and seven (307) square roods and Seventy-eight (78) square feet;
2.CERTAIN : piece of Land being the Farm called "THE LADY MARY"
SITUATE : In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
MEASURING : One thousand, two hundred and forty-six (1246) morgen, Three Hundred and forty-five (345) square roods;
3. CERTAIN : piece of Land being the Farm called "LADY MARY ANNEXE"
SITUATE :In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
MEASURING : Seven hundred and seventy-four (774) morgen, Two Hundred and fifty-two (252) square roods;

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Francistown this ____ day of ____ 2026.

S. THAPELO ATTORNEYS, Applicant's Attorneys, **P. O. Box 916, Francistown**

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

ESHFT 000 241-26 / 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **PETROS LESOLE ESHFT 000 241-26** who died at **NYANGABGWE HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **07 day of 02 2026**

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 23 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

SITHULISILE LESOLE
EXECUTRIX DATIVE
P.O Box 705
FRANCISTOWN
73605736

AND TO: **Master of the High Court**
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

MISCELLANEOUS

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP. Mr and Mrs Letlhogile Mosarwa intend to transfer and register ownership of a Toyota Voxy, Black in colour, registration number B 977 BCU, into their names. Any person having an objection to this transfer should contact 71855435 or 75030295 within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

NEIGHBOURS OF PLOT 9475, Letlapeng, Tlokweng owner wishes to build boundary wall. Contact Tlokweng District Council on 3695018 for any objection

BTC Limited, owners of lot 1210, along Old Lobatse Road, Gaborone, adjacent to BHC office, intends to change land use from Civic and community (Training school) to Commercial (Technology Park and Mall). For any objections contact 71300135 or 72917055 or Physical Planning Office, Gaborone City Council within 14 days.

THE OWNER OF plot at Shongochena -Chadibe wishes to change land use from industrial use to Civic & Community (Preschool), For any objection within fourteen days of the publication consult Tonota District Council Council Physical Planning Office or telephone no: 2484248

MICHAEL MATOTENG, OWNER of Integrated farm at Nyakara Nata intends to change its use from Integrated farm to Industrial (Truck Inn). Any objection s contact Physical Planning Office, Tutume District Council at RAC,Tutume or 2987232 within 14 days of publication of this notice

OWNER OF PLOT 16833 at Rasesoma ward Serowe informs neigbours of a boundary wall erection. Any objection contact Serowe District Council on 4638402

OWNER OF PLOT 82240 in Gaborone North would like to develop a double-storey building. All individual with any objection, contact Gaborone Physical Planning Office at telephone no 3657496 within fourteen (14) days of publication of notice

FINE GOLD (PTY) Ltd intends to change the land use of Plot 823/ 824 Jwaneng Extension 2, from commercial to mixed-use commercial. For enquiries, contact Jwneng Town Council Physical Planning Department on 5880303 within fourteen (14) days of publication of this notice.

NEIGBOURS OF NTEKA Leburu residential plot 1843 in Artesia are informed of change of land use to Civic and Community rejection 71530912

THE OWNERS OF plot 21627, Sepitswana, Ramotswa inform neighbouring owners of plot 21626 and 21628 of their wish to erect a boundary wall. If there are any objections contact Ramotswa District Council Building Control Department within 14 days from the date of this publication.

CEBREAL KAYLA INVESTMENT Pty Ltd of plot 54078 in Kgale hill, Gaborone intends to change land use from single residential to civic & community. Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning at 3657400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone, within 14 days

LECO TECHNOLOGY (PTY) Ltd of lot 13106 in Ext 22/Broadhurst, Gaborone intends to change land use from commercial to multi-family (group living). Any objections contact 71844488 or physical planning unit at 3657400 or Private Bag 0089, Gaborone Botswana within 14 days of this notice.

PROPERTIES

PLOT FOR SALE - Morwa residential plot for sale, 918 SQM. It has a foundation and a storage room to use while developing. P160 000 Negotiable 76797556

GAKUTO- 3X PLOTS for sale and 2X Hacters. Contact= 72150126/ 76848011.

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference ESHGB-000319/26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **SOERAYA ABRAHAMS** who died at PLOT 5508 PARTIAL, GABORONE, GABORONE DISTRICT, REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA on the 11th day of JANUARY 2020

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate shall lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court 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.

DATED AT GABORONE this 24 November 2026
The Executor c/o S Khan Law
Plot 2851 South Ring Road, Gaborone-
P O Box 72, Gaborone, **Botswana**

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intents to apply for a certified copy of Deed NO: 27/08/2017 dated 5th day of December 2017made in favour of: JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE In respect of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 16652, Gaborone
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 7
MEASURING: 413m², Four Hundred and Thirteen Square Meters
HELD UNDER: JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE

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 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2026

APPLICANT: JOBO LAZARUS SITHOLE

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BOTHO MOKOPOTSA INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF COVERING MORTGAGE BOND NO.2238/2016 IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 36941, Gaborone.
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 37.
MEASURING: 401 M² (Four Hundred and One Square Metres.)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed State Grant No.2107/2001.
MADE IN FAVOUR OF: ONE MAN JOURNY INVESTMENTS (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED.

All persons having objections to the issue of such certified copy are requested to lodge their objections in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Ground Floor Office of the Attorney General Building Plot 50762 Gaborone, Government Enclave within three weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

MOTSAMAI ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT'S ATTORNEYS, PLOT 26481 XAUGURI PLACE GABORONE-WEST EXTENSION 29 (BLOCK 9) P.O. BOX 20157 GABORONE. TEL 3924837 / CELL:72958038

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 000760/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MOSIMANEGAPE TSHWENEYAME AND MMATLALA TSHWENEYAME** who died at R518 Mamatlakala, Limpopo Province, South Africa on the 28th day of March 2024.

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

DATED at ____ on this ____Day of____2026

The Executor
Khumo Botuwe
P O Box 2774 MOLEPOLOLE
Tel: 76100389

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

ESHFT 000760-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MANNERS MACHILIZA ESHFT: 000760-26** who died at NYANGABGWE REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT on the 14TH day of APRIL **2026**

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 23TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

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GOITSEMANG MACHILIZA
EXECUTOR DATIVE
P O BOX 68 MASUNGA
CELL: 77148262

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

Master's Reference : ESHGB 001098-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MASEGO MOILWA AND MPHO MOILWA** who both died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **24th of November 2005 and 10th March 2014** respectively.

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..... 2026.

The Executor Selogilwe Tembo
P O BOX 1113 LOBATSE
Cell: 71914961

Bobo Letamora
P O BOX 43 **LETLHAKENG**
Cell: 77579748

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHMY 000325-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late GAGOOPE MOGASHA & KEBOUTULE MOGASHA both died at Sefhophe Village,Sefhophe,Bobirwa District,Botswana on the 4th May 2003 and 3rd May 2003 respectively.

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 17 Day of November 2026.

The Executrix Dative
Kebadiretse Seeletso
P O Box 1175
Palapye
Cell: 72686231

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

ESHFT 000826-26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **late Kewagamang Sephobe ESHFT 000826-26** who died at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Francistown District on the 25TH day of AUGUST 2026

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 23TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

Bogadi Sephobe | Executor Dative
P O Box 2398, Francistown
contact Number 72238287

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
FRANCISTOWN

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No FTTL 735/ 2005 dated 13 December 2005 made in favour of Boitumelo Mompe
In respect of;

CERTAIN: PIECE OF LAND BEING TRIBAL LOT 1054, MMADINARE
MEASURING: 1306 m² (ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SIX SQUARE METERS)
SITUATE: AT MMADINARE IN THE BAMANGWATO TRIBAL TERRITORY

All Persons having objection to the issue of such copy are required to lodge the same in writing to the Registrar of Deeds, Francistown within three (3) weeks from the last publication notice.

Dated: 18/11/2026
ADDRESS:
P O BOX 756
SELIBE PHIKWE

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VINCENT MOILWA INTENDS TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO.2107/2001 IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 36941, Gaborone.
SITUATE: in Gaborone West Extension 37.
MEASURING: 401 M² (Four Hundred and One Square Metres.)
HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed State Grant No.2107/2001.
MADE IN FAVOUR OF: VINCENT MOILWA.

All persons having objections to the issue of such certified copy are requested to lodge their objections in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Ground Floor Office of the Attorney General Building Plot 50762 Gaborone, Government Enclave within three weeks from the last publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

MOTSAMAI ATTORNEYS, APPLICANT'S ATTORNEYS, PLOT 26481 XAUGURI PLACE GABORONE-WEST EXTENSION 29 (BLOCK 9) P.O. BOX 20157 GABORONE. TEL 3924837 / CELL:72958038

Intention to Sell and Transfer Immovable Property

(in Terms of Section 34 of the Trial Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **GAONYADIWE MMOTHE MOENG** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **Desmond Mpala** (the "Transaction"), in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Plot No. 2343 Artesia;
SITUATE: at Artesia;
MEASURING: 39.98 x 25 Metres;
WHICH PROPERTY: Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated the 28th day of November 2008 made in **favour GAONYADIWE MMOTHE MOENG;**
SUBJECT TO: the conditions contained in the aforesaid Certificate;

Consideration of the Property amounts to **P55,000.00 (Fifty Five Thousand Pula only)** excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

Notwithstanding, the Transaction priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property.
All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the **Artesia Sub Land Board, P.O. Box 9, Artesia**, within **thirty (30) days** from publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 18th day of November 2026.

INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In Terms Of Section 8(1) of the Married Persons Property Act 2014)

1. Boitumelo Shine Modise who is married to Moya Modise, in community of property 09th day of August, 1997 at Gabane in the District of Kweneng, intends to make to make an application to the High Court for leave to change her property regime to out of community.
2. Boitumelo Shine Modise intends to apply to the High Court of Botswana after expiration of the three(3) statutory notice from the date first application hereof.
3. Any person creditor or debtor, who may have any interest in the assets and/or liabilities of Boitumelo Shine Modise and Moya Modise estate, should they have objections to the proposed change of matrimonial property regime, should inform the Applicants on 74310833 (Boitumelo Shne Modise) or 74330058 (Moya Modise), before the expiration of three (3) weeks period, make representation before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodge.

DATED in **Gaborone** this **17th day** of **November, 2026**

Applicants address, Private Bag B04 Bontleng, Gaborone

INTENTION TO SELL AND TRANSFER IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(in Terms of Section 34 of the Trial Land Act, 2018)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **KEABETSWE DINKO** has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with **Desmond Mpala (the "Transaction")**, in respect of the below mentioned property, namely:

CERTAIN : piece of land being Plot No. 938, Artesia;
SITUATE : at Artesia;
MEASURING : 48.16 x 39.73 x 41.67 x 36.65 Metres;
WHICH PROPERTY : Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated the **30th** day of **June 2021** made in favour KEABETSWE DINKO;
SUBJECT TO : the conditions contained in the aforesaid Certificate; Consideration of the Property amounts to P60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Pula only) excluding any VAT/transfer duty consequential to the transaction.

Notwithstanding the Transaction priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the property.

All persons objecting to the Transaction are hereby requested to lodge such objection with reasons, in writing, with the Artesia Sub Land Board, P.O. Box 9, Artesia, within thirty (30) days from publication of this notice.

DATED at Gaborone on this 17th day of November 2026.

VACANCIES

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KENNY'S LOCKSMITH HAS a vacancy for Locksmith Technician. Candidate must have Certificate or above in locksmithing, atleast 5 years experience or more. Apply: The Director, P O Box 201539 Gaborone. Closing date: 10.12.2026

NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost title deed number **No 613/2026** dated **16th April 2026** made in favour of Oabile Phakama in respect of the following:

CERTAIN: Piece of Land being Lot 52018 Gaborone

SITUATE: In the Gaborone Administrative District

MEASURING: 401 m2 (Four Hundred and One Square Metres)

HELD UNDER: Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. No 613/2026 dated 16**th** April 2026 made in favour of Oabile Phakama.

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** from the last publication of this notice.

Dated at_____**this**_____**day of**____**20**____

APPLICANT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS. _____

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Responsibilities:

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- Develop methods, schedules for facility maintenance, Planning daily tasks, delegate to maintenance technicians.

Maintain preventive maintenance standards for facilities, Knowledge of quality assurance and safety standards.

Qualifications/Experience
NCC in refrigeration, air condition preferred

Minimum 10 years' experience.

Send Documents to
gabanteset@gmail.com

CHANGE OF LAND USE

Notice is hereby given that Mokhurutshe Keabetswe, the registered owner of an agricultural field, apply for a change of land use from Agricultural to Multi - family residential. Any person having any questions, queries, objections or comments regarding the proposed change of land use is hereby invited to submit the same in writing to the Mogoditshane - Thamaga District Council.

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Masters Reference- ESHGB-000525/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GABAITSE KGOSIDINTSI** who died at Lenmed Health Bokamoso Private, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 29TH June 2021.
THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for a period of twenty-one (21) from the date of publication hereof. Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master.

DATED AT_____ **on this** _____ **Day of** _____ **2026**

The Executrix Obamang Kgosidintsi
P O Box 1195 **MOLEPOLOLE** CELL: 72236506

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
SEKAI KETHAMILE	ESHMY 000448-26	12.01.27	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 16TH NOVEMBER 2026

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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

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

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
TSHENOLO LAZARUS MATHONG	ESHMY 000450-26	12.01.27	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 04TH NOVEMBER 2026

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR & MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUADATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHMY-000175-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GALETSHABE MARAPO MAPHANE** who died at Monneng Ward, Mogapi, Central-Serowe District, on the **04th day of April 2021.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie open for inspection at the offices of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of the second publications thereof.

Any objection to the Estate Account may be lodged with the Master

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN ON THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

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The Executrix
Omphemetse Kamohapo
Private Bag 001 MACHANENG
CELL: 75433755/ 75756504

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000311/24

IN THE ESTATE of the **late EMELDAH MATHE** who died at **Unit 26 Plot No. 7387, Gaborone**, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 16th day of February 2025.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and Creditors in the above estate are hereby required to pay their debts and file claims of whatever nature with the undersigned within **thirty (30) days** after the publication hereof.

DATED at GABORONE on this 23rd Day of November 2026

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The Executrix | Sithabile P. Mathe
P O Box 123, **Main Mall**
GABORONE | Cell: 71221185

URGENTLY REQUIRED:

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Experience required: Minimum 5 years' experience is required in a Free form lens laboratory
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Vacancy: 01
Closing date: 11/12/2026

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FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Master's Reference: **ESHGB-000035/21**

IN THE ESTATE of the **late OFANA BIKI KOONEILWE** who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 02nd July 2020

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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

DATED AT……**ON THE** ……..**DAY OF** ……**2026**

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Goitsemang Kooneilwe
P O Box 2006, MOLEPOLOLE | Cell:72597350

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference:

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **MPONI MANTAGA ESHGB 000330-24** who died at S.D.A Kanye Hospital, Kanye, Ngwaketse District, Botswana on the 9TH DAY OF June 2019
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 Mokgatla Mantaga
P O Box 3553 **Gaborone**
Cell: 75675458/71702788

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000396/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JOHN JOSEPH ROTKIN** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on 6th August 2022.
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 Testamentary Cheryl Clare January
P O Box 607 **GABORONE** CELL: 71325111

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: – **ESHGB 000730/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the late **DIBJALO OTSHABENG** who died at Flower town ward, Mahalapye, Central Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 20th day of October 2024.

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

DATED at_____ **on this** _____ **Day of** _____ **2026**
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The Executor
Patrick Gobagoba
P O Box 402746
GABORONE
CELL: 72735029/ 72840899

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Master's Reference: ESHGB-000042-23

IN THE ESTATE of the late MOSES MARUMO who died at Westonaria Rebulic of South Africa on the 13th August 2013

THE FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will lie 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.

DATED AT ..... ON THE .....DAY OF 2026

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The Executor | Malebogo Marumo
P O Box 458, MOLEPOLOLE | CELL:71807310

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Master's Reference: ESHGB-001142-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **JAN ANDRIES THOMSON** who died at Wildebeest Farm, Machaneng, Central-Mahalapye District, Republic of Botswana on **08th May, 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 application hereof.

DATED **at Gaborone** this **24th** day of **November 2026**

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THE EXECUTRIX | Carol Linda Thomson
c/o ADOM & BOTHA ATTORNEYS,
P.O. Box 27, LOBATSE | Telephone No. **398 5256 / 73 436 412**

NOTICE : FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT
Masters' s Reference: - ESHGB 000907-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **ALDRIN GAREGOPE N. LETSHOLO** Who died at Nyangagwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Botswana on the **12th October 2024.**

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the office of the Master of the High Court at Gaborone for the period of **twenty -One (21) days** from the date of publication hereof.

DATED at **Mogoditshane** on this **22nd Day** of **November 2026.**

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THE EXECUTRIX | Sadie Letsholo
P.0.B0x 503120, Gaborone | **72 686 881**

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Closing date : 16/12/2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000125-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MMABOSHALEKO K. GAELEBALE – ESHGB 000125-24**. Who died at Scottish Livingstone Hospital, Molepolole, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **15th January 2021.**

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.

Co-Executor | Joshua B.Maplanka
P.O.BOX 401810, **GABORONE**
Plot No:1307, Mogoditshane

Co-Executor | Dimpho T.Lobatlamang
P.O.BOX 780, **Poso House**
Plot No: 68785, GABORONE NORTH

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF TITLE DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of Deed of Fixed Period State Grant No. 8/98 dated 8th day of January 1998 made in favor of
ESTATE LATE MAMPODI KEBONYE in respect of:
CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 27547 Gaborone;
SITUATE: In Gaborone West Extension 30;
MEASURING: 405m² (Four Hundred and Five Square Metres)

Any person having objections to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks from last publication of this notice.

Plot 387, Independence Avenue
Private Bag BO 177
GABORONE
Tel: 3906311/3121999
Fax: 3182686

SEBEGO Attorneys
Notaries, Conveyancers and Patent Agents

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the **late Sharp Garethoboge Bosupegile - ESHFT-000925-25** who died at Orapa Hospital, Boteti East District, Republic of Botswana on the 10th day of June 2025.

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

NEO BOSUPEGILE **EXECUTOR DATIVE**
P O BOX 7 **LETLHAKANE**
CONTACTS: 72548408/71799437

AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
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ESHFT 00000 651/24

FIRST AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

IN THE ESTATE of the late Walter Majama - ESHFT 0000651/24 who died at along B162 Road, Matsiloje North East District on the 19 June 2024.
NOTICE IS HEREBY First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie open for inspection at the chambers of the Assistant 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 24 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

ELLEN M MAJAMA
Executor Dative
PO BOX 104, MATSILOJE
72701079

AND TO: Master of the High Court
Private Bag F13
Francistown

IN THE INDUSTRIAL COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT GABORONE
CASE NO: IC EX-35/26

In the matter between:

KABO KEREKANG **PLAINTIFF**
And
WEBBS MOTORS **DEFENDANT**

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Judgment of the above Honourable Court, the following movable property of the Defendant shall be sold by public auction to the highest bidder by Deputy Sheriff Onkemetse Medupe as follows:

DATE OF SALE: **11th December 2026;**
TIME OF SALE: **10:00hrs;**
VENUE: In front of Broadhurst Police station;
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 1 X Toyota Hiace Load bed truck of Registration number: B 548 AFR, Green in colour.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Details and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Deputy Sheriff's offices and the Plaintiff's Attorneys Offices.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ONKEMETSE MEDUPE
CELL: 72 315 134/72 157 208
C/O BROWN & COMPANY
ATTORNEYS
Plaintiff's Attorneys Plot 18461, Phase 2
P.O.Box 4890 **GABORONE**

NOTICE OF NEXT OF KIN MEETINGS

Administrative 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 Mahalapye High Court on the date and time specified opposite the names of their deceased relatives for purposes of recommending for appointment, a person or persons as Executor/ Executrix Dative as well as identifying beneficiaries and to discuss any other business relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
CAIN ZIGA NDLOVU	ESHMY 000370-26	21.12.26	09:00HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 05TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000770/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **TABONA MBISE MASUKU** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on the 16th Day of July 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debtors and creditors in the above Estate are 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
Calistus Masuku
P O Box 25198 **GABORONE**

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NOTICE OF LOST DEED

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply for a certain copy of Deed No 216/97 dated the 06th day of March 1997 made in favour of IRENE FIDZANE in respect:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 5474 Francistown
MEASURING: 420 m² (Four hundred and Twenty Square Meters)
SITUATE: In Francistown Township Ext 12
HELD UNDER: 216/1997 dated 06th March 1997

All persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge in the same writing with the Registrar of Deeds Francistown within three weeks from the last publication of the notice.

Dated: 23RD NOVEMBER 2026

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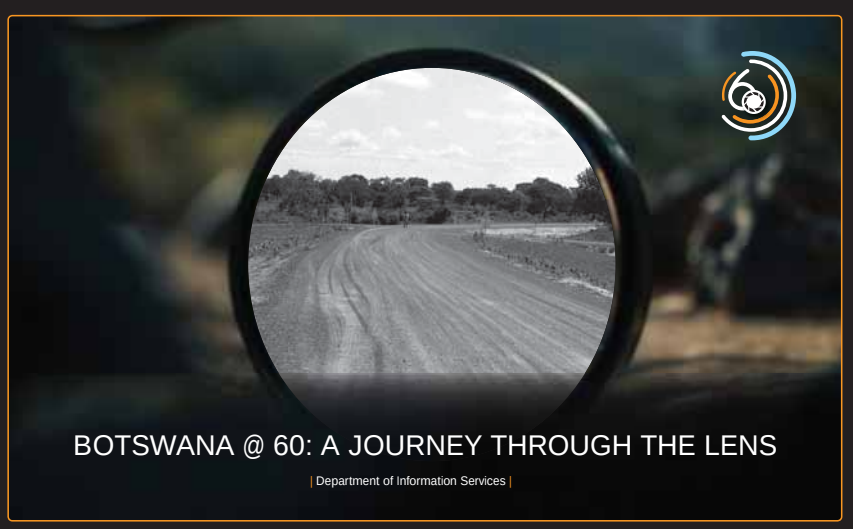
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NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Deed of Transfer No.767/88 dated **11th November 1988** in favour of **SAM ESTATES LAND COMPANY (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED** in respect of the following properties:

1. **CERTAIN** : Portion 1 of the Farm 77-NQ (formerly 127 Tati)
   SITUATE : In the North East Administrative District
   MEASURING:1635, 8440 (One Six Three Five comma Eight Four Four Zero) HECTARES;
2. **CERTAIN** : Portion 2 of the Farm 77-NQ (formerly 127 Tati)
   SITUATE : In the North East Administrative District
   MEASURING: 2405, 5309 (Two Four Zero Five comma Five Three Zero Nine) HECTARES;
3. **CERTAIN** : Portion 6 of the Farm 77-NQ (formerly 127 Tati)
   SITUATE : In the North East Administrative District
   MEASURING: 2124, 5930 (Two One Two Four comma Five Nine Three Zero) HECTARES;
4. **CERTAIN** : Remaining Extent of Farm 77-NQ (formerly 127 Tati)
   SITUATE : In the North East Administrative District
   MEASURING: 3711, 0622 (Three Seven One One comma Zero Six Two Two) HECTARES;

Any person having objection to the issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge the same, in writing, with the Registrar of Deeds within three (3) weeks of the last publication of this notice.

DATED at Francistown this ____ day of _____ 2026.

S. THAPELO ATTORNEYS, Applicant's Attorneys
P. O. Box 916, Francistown

NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 46 (1) OF THE DEEDS REGISTRY ACT, CAP 33:02

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying for certified copy of lost Deed of Transfer No.1076 dated **16th January 1947** in favour of **TATI COMPANY LIMITED** in respect of the following properties:

1. **CERTAIN** :piece of Land being Sub "A", portion of Farm No. 317
   SITUATE : In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
   MEASURING: Eight hundred and ninety-two (892) morgen, Five Hundred and ninety-three (593) square roods and Sixty-six (66) square feet;
2. **CERTAIN** : piece of Land being Farm No. 318
   SITUATE : In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
   MEASURING: Two thousand and two (2002) morgen, Eighty-eight (88) square roods;
3. **CERTAIN:** piece of Land being the Farm "LUCILLA" NO. 33 and 34, Now called "SELOLE"
   SITUATE :In the District of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
   MEASURING: One thousand four hundred and seventy-six (1476) morgen, One Hundred and fifty-nine (159) square roods;
4. **CERTAIN** : piece of Land being Stand No. 510
   SITUATE : In the Township of Francistown, in the territory of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
   MEASURING: Forty-four (44) square roods, Eighty-five (85) square feet;
5. **CERTAIN** : piece of Land being Lot No. 217
   SITUATE : In the Township of Francistown, in the territory of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
   MEASURING:Forty-six (46) square roods, Seventy-six (76) square feet;
6. **CERTAIN** : piece of Land being Lot No. 218
   SITUATE : In the Township of Francistown, in the territory of Tati, in the Bechuanaland protectorate
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Mothering preterm babies

Kelebogile Taolo
FRANCISTOWN

Before holding their babies, they learnt to listen to machines.

Beep... Beep... Beep...

It is the sound mothers wake up to, pray to and draw hope from. For weeks, it becomes part of their lives.

Recently, as the world and Nyangabgwe Hospital commemorated World Prematurity Day under the theme: Small Babies, Big Potential: Invest in Follow-up Care to Protect their Future, some mothers who had once watched their babies fight for survival returned, not as patients, but as testimonies of hope. They came back to say: We made it.

For Mr Fletcher Nkondo and his wife, Mrs Musonda, the journey began after nine years of waiting for a child. Their baby was born at 26 weeks, a development for which they were not prepared for.

"I had questions for God, but it was for a reason and a purpose. Our son is a gift from God," Mrs Nkondo said.

Weighing just 900g at birth, their son was so tiny that he could fit in his father's hands.

"He could fit in his father's hands. I was afraid to hold him," she recalled.

The experience was not easy, but it brought the Nkondos closer to God.

"You appreciate God more. You appreciate all the little things," she said.

During their stay at the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU), they also learnt the importance of support systems, both biological and spiritual.

"You need family a lot, biological and spiritual," she said.



Neonatal specialist at Nyangabgwe Referral Hospital, Dr Emmanuel Mmutle explained that babies born prematurely required specialised care because their organs had not fully developed.

The couple said they continued to pray for mothers whose babies were still admitted to the unit and expressed gratitude to the healthcare workers who cared for their son.

"We appreciate the staff at SCBU. They are doing a great job and need to be appreciated for their daily challenging work," Mrs Nkondo said.

Ms Jessica Sombikani knows that journey all too well. Her daughter weighed 946g at birth after being born at six months and spent three months in hospital.

During that time, she prayed, listened to the beeping machines and constantly spoke words of encouragement to her daughter.

"SCBU teaches you a lot of things. You celebrate small things. Ten grams was a win," she said.

Her daughter faced several medical complications, including requiring blood transfusions. At one point, she went 10 days without feeding, but continued to fight for survival.

Although her daughter's eventual discharge brought relief, going home presented a different kind of anxiety for Ms Sombikani.

After three months of relying on machines to monitor her baby's condition, the sudden absence of those familiar sounds left her uncertain.

"Though, we eventually went home after three months, free from those machines, I was asking myself what would now alert me if the baby was fine, like those machines did, because they were monitoring everything," she said.

It was a new fear that many mothers leaving the SCBU could relate to: learning to care for a vulnerable baby without the constant reassurance of hospital monitors. Ms Sombikani believed that surviving the journey requires prayer, a positive mindset and emotional strength.

"Speak life to the baby. You do not stop praying. It is a tough journey. When going to feed them, be happy, as the babies relate to your feelings," she said.

Her message to other mothers was one of patience and encouragement.

"Do not compare your child with others. The journey is yours alone; it's different. Have courage, mothers," she urged.

Neonatal specialist at Nyangabgwe Hospital, Dr Emmanuel Mmutle explained that babies born prematurely required specialised care because their organs had not fully developed.

He therefore emphasised the importance of monitoring equipment in caring for premature babies, saying the machines were vital in detecting changes in their condition and alerting healthcare workers when intervention was needed.

"A child who is born before time, his organs are not yet ready. He has not finished being formed. The skin is still thin. The intestines do not yet know how to digest food properly. The immune system is not yet strong. Everything has not yet grown," he said.

Dr Mmutle said the SCBU environment was designed to replicate conditions in the womb as closely as possible to support the babies' development.

"We try to make it like it is in the womb. We look at temperature and humidity. Small children have thin skin and lose heat quickly. The child is mostly cold, fails to breathe and sugar is low," he explained.

Premature babies are therefore nursed in incubators, while healthcare workers practise clustered care, limiting how often incubators are opened to allow the babies uninterrupted rest.

Light exposure is also carefully controlled because excessive light can interfere with their sleep.

"In the womb, there is not much light. If the light is too much, it disturbs the child's sleep. We reduce the lights," Dr Mmutle said.

Noise is another factor that healthcare workers must manage carefully, despite the monitoring alarms that have become familiar to mothers.

"They need a quiet environment so that they can grow well. Too much noise is not good for babies born before time. They can end up stopping breathing, or the heart beats too high or too low. Blood pressure goes up. The alarms help us to see what the child needs," he said.

He added that healthcare workers were trained not to place mobile phones or other objects on incubators or tap on them, as such disturbances could affect the babies.

For the mothers who once lived by the beep of machines, and the babies who fought their way through those difficult days, the commemoration was more than an observance. It was a celebration of survival, resilience and hope. They made it. ***BOPA***

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Arts & Culture

Lekoba uses poetry to celebrate identity

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

For Thatayaone 'AuthorBlack' Lekoba, poetry is more than an artistic expression. It is a powerful tool for preserving Setswana culture, celebrating identity, and creating opportunities for emerging creatives.

The 22-year-old poet from Kgomokasitwa village has turned his passion for poetry into a growing creative brand, driven by a vision to make Setswana poetry fashionable and relevant to contemporary audiences. Lekoba's artistic journey began during his primary school days, when he participated in poetry recitals and cultural activities.

While studying in Tlokweng, he performed familiar pieces, including the popular leboko la Batlokwa, the "African Child" poem commemorating June 16, and Commonwealth-related poetry.

Although he initially performed poems written by others, the experience gradually deepened his interest in the art, inspiring him to begin writing his own material. He started commercialising his talent in 2021, marking the beginning of a journey that would eventually see him establish himself as a performer and organiser of poetry events. In 2024, he hosted his first solo show, Dikgang tsa Lefitshwana with AuthorBlack, which he regards as a turning point in his career. The following year, he rebranded the production as The AuthorBlack Experience, giving the growing brand a more organised identity. Reflecting on his first show, Lekoba said it was an ambitious attempt by a young man who was simply daring to dream.

He recalled that the event experienced load-shedding, forcing the programme to continue in darkness, though the setback did not stop him from pursuing his ambitions. Looking back, he admitted that the production lacked some of the organisation and professional standards he later developed, yet it provided valuable lessons. His determination to improve was evident in the growth of his subsequent productions. After establishing a TikTok account to share his poetry, he attracted positive reactions from audiences who expressed interest in experiencing his performances live.

That response inspired him to present The AuthorBlack Experience, a more polished production that drew an audience eager for more. In 2026, Lekoba expanded his creative vision by establishing Dipina le Maboko, a platform designed to bring together young creatives, particularly those involved in live music and indigenous poetry.

The initiative seeks to address a gap in Botswana's creative industry: the limited performance opportunities available to emerging artists. He explained that upcoming performers often struggled to gain bookings, leaving them with little experience and confidence when presented with major stages.

Through Dipina le Maboko, young artists are given the opportunity to develop their stage presence, learn from one another, and gain practical performance experience in front of live audiences. Lekoba said the platform has helped create an environment where emerging performers could grow through collaboration and guidance, preparing them for bigger opportunities.

The initiative has already hosted two sold-out shows, demonstrating the audience's appetite for fresh creative experiences. It also staged a two-woman poetry production featuring Angel of Poetry and Senorita Anonima, who co-founded the platform alongside Lekoba and other creatives. He attributed the platform's appeal to the originality of its performers, their raw talent, and audiences' desire for something different from conventional entertainment. For Lekoba, collaboration remains central to the growth of the creative industry, as he believes artists achieve more when they support each other rather than compete against one another.

His approach to poetry also reflects a desire to bridge the gap between traditional expression and contemporary tastes. He incorporates modern musical instrumentals and different languages into his performances to appeal to both younger and older generations.

He revealed that he recently recorded two songs with BashoVision using modern musical arrangements, while another collaboration featured Polite Thukwi. Despite embracing contemporary influences, Lekoba maintains that cultural preservation remains at the heart of his work.

He believes that exposure to foreign cultures and modern developments sometimes causes young people to overlook their own heritage, making it vital to present Setswana poetry in ways that resonate with today's audiences.

His philosophy is captured in the Setswana proverb, "Moleta kgwana ya gaabo gaa swe lentswe," which reflects the importance of remaining connected to one's roots. His growing profile has also opened doors to sharing stages with established performers.

Among his memorable experiences was ushering Charma Gal onto the stage with a poem during her Kgosi Ya Mosadi concert. Looking ahead, Lekoba encourages aspiring creatives to believe in their abilities, remain committed to their dreams, and never surrender when faced with challenges. He maintains that perseverance, faith, and unity are essential ingredients for success, believing that Botswana's creative industry can flourish when emerging artists are given opportunities to grow and support one another. ***BOPA***



For Thatayaone Lekoba, poetry is more than an artistic expression; it is a powerful tool for preserving Setswana culture, celebrating identity and creating opportunities for emerging creatives.
Photo: Courtesy of AuthorBlack

Big T set to launch Disco Amplified podcast

Phodiso Rankwe
RAMOTSWA

Award-winning reverse disco muso Morapedi 'Big T' Nkhukhu, is expanding his footprint in the entertainment industry with the upcoming launch of Disco Amplified, a dedicated podcast scheduled to premiere on January 5 next year. In an interview, Big T, as Nkhukhu is affectionately called in the showbiz industry explained that the initiative stems from a lifelong passion for disco music and a desire to see the genre receive greater recognition, appreciation, and exposure both locally and internationally.

He noted that while disco boasts a rich history and continued to produce vibrant talent, practitioners rarely get dedicated media space to unpack their craft.

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Morapedi 'Big T' Nkhukhu,

Whats on This Weekend

November 27

The Gathering Night
@ Bonnington farm
from 5pm-00:00

November 28

Sports X Sustainability
@ Game rooftop
from 10am

November 29

Carols by Candlelight
@Avani
from 2pm

Pretty Girls Love Good Music
@Gaborone club
from 2pm

November 27-29
Kids and Baby Expo 2026
@The Fields Mall
from 9am -4pm

Big T set to launch Disco Amplified podcast

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"I realized that there is a need for a dedicated platform where these individuals can share their journeys, experiences, achievements, challenges and knowledge with the public," he said. According to Big T, the show was designed to bridge the gap between disco entertainers and their audiences while fostering networking and collaboration within the sector.

Rather than limiting the conversation to vocalists, Disco Amplified would open its doors to the broader ecosystem that keeps the genre alive including dancers, DJs, MCs, music producers, and event promoters.

Each episode would combine exclusive sit-down interviews with live performances, industry discussions, and archival segments revisiting historical recordings and milestone moments that shaped Botswana's disco scene.

Big T emphasized that the project goes beyond mere entertainment, aiming instead to educate upcoming creatives, preserve the genre's legacy for future generations, and drive commercial growth across the industry.

A seasoned creative behind the scenes, Big T brings extensive experience as a music producer, photographer, and videographer to the project.

He is credited with producing trending music videos for prominent acts such as Bonah GNT and Gods of Disco, including the popular visuals of Lentswenyo and Motho Wame.

He noted that this technical background would directly elevate the visual and audio quality of the broadcast. "Having worked behind the scenes in music production and visual entertainment, I understand the importance of presentation, sound quality, camera work, creativity and maintaining a professional standard," he said. "I want the podcast to offer more than just ordinary interviews.

The vision is to create a visually appealing and professionally produced experience that captures the personality of our guests and keeps viewers engaged." Disco Amplified, will be distributed digitally via YouTube and Facebook, supported by promotional snippets across various social media channels.

Although the official release schedule and the identity of the premiere episode's guest remain under wraps ahead of a formal unveiling, Big T assured fans that the opener will set a strong tone for what the platform represents.

In the meantime, both established veterans and rising stars are invited to pitch themselves for future episodes by sending a direct message introducing their work to the official Disco Amplified Podcast or Big T Production social media pages.

"We believe that every individual has a story worth telling, and we are particularly passionate about giving emerging talent an opportunity to be heard alongside established industry figures," he concluded. *BOPA*



Award-winning reverse disco artiste Morapedi 'Big T' Nkhukhu, is expanding his footprint in the entertainment industry with the upcoming launch of Disco Amplified, a dedicated podcast scheduled to premiere January 5 next year. Photos: Courtesy of Artiste



Some of the artworks produced by members of the Nkashi Storytelling clubs. Photo: Esther Mmolai

Youth reclaim narrative through photography

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Putting a camera into the hands of a young person can bridge the gap between lived experience and the outside world.

For youths in the Nkashi Storytelling Clubs, including members of the deaf community, visual storytelling has become more than a creative outlet as it has given them the agency to document their daily realities rather than leaving their stories to outsiders.

Through the clubs, participants learn the technical and creative skills needed to capture the people, traditions, wildlife, and everyday moments that define their communities.

For many young people from underserved areas, this access serves as a vital gateway to self-expression, identity discovery and career readiness they might not otherwise experience.

Nkashi Storytelling Clubs are an initiative of the Nkashi Trust, supported by Okavango Eternal, a partnership between the National Geographic Society and the De Beers Group.

Across the villages of Beetsha, Gudigwa, Maun and Gunotsoga, the trust has established six clubs supporting 100 young storytellers aged 18 to 26.

The programme empowers local youth in the Okavango Delta to share their narratives in their own words, transforming photography and digital media into tools for cultural preservation, community expression and environmental conservation.

Sharing their journeys at the ongoing Stories of Our Land exhibition at the Nhabe Museum, the storytellers expressed appreciation to the trust and its partners for providing the resources, mentorship and vocational pathways needed to bring local impact stories to global platforms.

"Through the clubs, the trust has given us an opportunity to develop our skills in photography and visual storytelling and now we can explore the world through the camera lens," said Bontle Moyambo, a storyteller from the Xokhwe Somseeko Kxei Storytelling Club in Gudigwa.

She noted that the initiative had empowered youths to discover their talents while helping to revive and preserve their cultural heritage. Fellow storyteller, Janet Lusi, from the Maywi Gha Wa Dhimo Hetu club in Beetsha, echoed the sentiment, noting that photography had opened a door to creative self-expression that no other art form allows. "Since I joined the club, I have learned to express my talent. Even when I lacked confidence, the lessons helped us define who we are and see how rich our culture is," Lusi said. She credited club coordinator, Karabo Moilwa for helping participants recognise that their voices mattered. Moilwa championed the initiative after realising that the Delta's visual stories were almost exclusively captured by foreign media and tourists. According to Lusi, his encouragement had been instrumental in building their confidence to document their ecosystem and indigenous knowledge from an authentic and local perspective.

Lusi also commended the trust for establishing the Nkashi Knowledge Centre in Beetsha.

The facility serves as a community hub for cross-generational learning, conservation leadership, sustainable livelihood development, financial literacy, enterprise incubation and preservation of the Delta's traditional knowledge and languages.

Storyteller, Abigail Sekolokwane, highlighted the growing number of young women joining the clubs and thanked the trust for training local youth to execute their creative visions, produce high-quality work and make a meaningful impact in the industry.

The exhibition, which celebrates youth, culture and community, runs until tomorrow. Nkashi Trust managing director, Nlisi Motshusi, urged members of the public to visit the Nhabe Museum and support the young storytellers by purchasing their artwork. *BOPA*

Gopolang shares story in *Roses Will Bloom Again*

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Amid the grief and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, 45 year-old Gothata Gopolang found solace in her faith and journals, ultimately birthing a debut devotional book, *Roses Will Bloom Again.*

A Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, and Master of Arts in Childhood Studies graduate Gopolang worked as a frontline worker during the lockdowns.

The Nshakazhogwe native explained that witnessing mounting death tolls daily and watching her mother recover from the virus inspired her to pen words of hope and divine healing. «As COVID-19 continued to ravage the world and I learnt day by day that there were mounting statistics of people dying, it hit me hard," said Gopolang.

She noted that going to work during lockdown forced her to confront the gravity of the crisis, prompting her to pray constantly for herself and clientele.

Although she began the manuscript during the pandemic, Gopolang paused the project before continuing in 2023 to complete the final edits. She credited a supportive network, including Gaolatlhe Setsile-Srinath, cover designer and editor Francine Westgate, Nompendulo Shabangu, and publisher, Dr Lame Puseletso, for helping her bring the book to life. While Roses Will Bloom Again was birthed during a global health crisis, Gopolang emphasised that it carried a timeless message addressing everyday struggles such as grief, stress, and emotional pain. She stated that readers viewed it as a comforting companion that helped them find resilience.

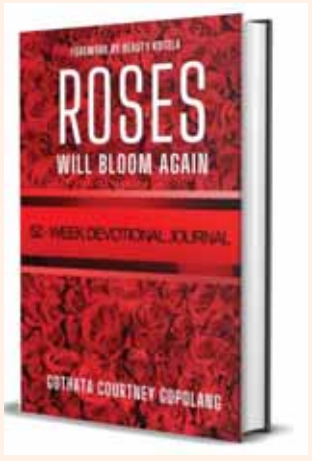
"In the book, my feelings were shared, whether it was pain, grief, sadness or stress.

This was a way of helping my readers to know that we all go through various emotions and life experiences would test us. However, in the end, we still held on to God and His grace," said Gopolang. Beyond writing, she is passionate about preserving Botswana's reading culture.

While celebrating the growing number of local authors, she urged people not to abandon physical books, noting that she preferred turning real pages and highlighting passages over reading digital copies.

Today, the first-time author is mentoring aspiring writers while working on a memoir and a children's book, harbouring dreams of one day becoming a New York Times bestseller. Reflecting on her journey, Gopolang remarked that the book testified to God's ability to rewrite anyone's story.

"Our messes could become messages, our tests testimonies, from victims we could be victors. I watched God turn my pain into praise, my mourning into joy, and from a wilted flower I blossomed like a Rose," she said. *BOPA*



Amid the grief and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gothata Gopolang found solace in faith and journals, ultimately birthing her debut devotional book, Roses Will Bloom Again. Photo; Courtesy of Gothata Gopolang.



Yun-Suh Chang

Swimmers depart for world aquatics championships in Beijing



Rayhan Khonat

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

A four-member national swimming team has departed for Beijing, China, to represent Botswana at the upcoming World Aquatics Swimming Championships.

The team, which left on Wednesday, consists of Melodi Saleshando, Yun-Suh Chang, Adrian Robinson and Rayhan Khonat.

The global competition is scheduled to run from December 1 to 6.

Botswana Swimming Sport Association (BSSA) spokesperson, Bokang Mokobi said he was confident in the selected quartet as they are a capable team ready to compete.

Furthermore, he said that the BSSA's expectation for the swimmers in Beijing is for them to enjoy the high level competition and clock Personal Best times.

Mokobi explained that the championship forms part of a broader, long-term vision for the association.

He said the BSSA was currently on a mission to ensure its athletes consistently record competitive times as they build momentum toward qualifying for the 2028 Olympic Games.

"But there is no pressure on the swimmers; they just need to represent the country with pride," he said.

He said the athletes had been actively sharpening their skills by competing in various international galas leading up to the tournament.

Following the conclusion of the World Championships in China, Mokobi said that the same quartet would head to Mozambique to represent the country at the Region 5 Games. ***BOPA***



Melodi Saleshando



Adrian Robinson

Botswana seeks sports cooperation with Kazakhstan

Anastacia Sibanda
GABORONE

Botswana has increasingly established itself as a competitive force on the international sporting stage, particularly in athletics.

Speaking during a bilateral meeting with Kazakhstan's Minister of Tourism and Sports, Yerbol Myrzabosynov on the sidelines of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) meetings in Astana, Minister of Sport and Arts, Jacob Kelebeng said Botswana took pride in Letsile Tebogo, the country's first Olympic gold medallist and reigning Olympic 200m champion.

The country, he said, was also proud of Collen Kebinatshipi, the reigning World 400m champion, as well as the internationally competitive men's 4x400m relay team.

Kelebeng said Botswana was beginning to make strides in other sporting disciplines, adding that tennis player Ntungamili Raguin, who made history as the first Motswana to compete in a Grand Slam tournament at the Australian Open Junior Championships and subsequently climbed to number 56 in the International Tennis Federation (ITF) boys' world rankings.

The achievements, he said, demonstrated the potential of Botswana athletes.

He observed that Kazakhstan had established an impressive reputation in boxing, wrestling, cycling and winter sports.

"Your country's achievements at international competitions, including the Olympic Games, are certainly worth celebrating," he said.

Kelebeng said Botswana had embraced hosting international sporting events as a vehicle for economic development and sports tourism.

"We recently had the privilege of hosting the World Athletics Relays in Botswana, the first time this prestigious competition was staged on African soil," he said.

Kelebeng said the successful delivery of the event showcased Botswana's hospitality, organisational capacity and potential as an international sporting destination.



Minister of Sport and Arts Jacob Kelebeng

In that regard, Kelebeng said Botswana was keen to learn from Kazakhstan's experience in staging major international competitions, particularly in event management, infrastructure development and sports tourism. ***BOPA***

Briefs

A packed weekend of sporting action awaits across the country, headlined by a full slate of FNB Premiership fixtures and the historic launch of the inaugural National Badminton League. Beyond the pitch and court, distance runners and outdoor enthusiasts will hit the roads and trails in Mogoditshane, Tlokweng and Gaborone Dam, while Padel takes centre stage in the capital at the Sports X Sustainability Fest.

FNB Premiership

The FNB Premiership continues tomorrow, with six matches scheduled across the country. Jwaneng Galaxy host BDF XI at Galaxy Stadium, while TAFIC welcomes Township Rollers at Obed Itani Chilume Stadium in Francistown. Other matches will see Extension Gunners take on Tonota FC at Lobatse Stadium, NICO United face Matebele at Selebi Phikwe Stadium, Police XI meet Sua Flamingoes at Otse Stadium and Morupule Wanderers play Enesia in Serowe. All matches kick off at 4pm. Sunday's programme features Gaborone United against Mochudi Centre Chiefs at the National Stadium in Gaborone and Orapa United against Prisons XI at Itekeng Stadium, with both matches also scheduled for 4pm.

National Badminton League

Botswana will launch its inaugural National Badminton League tomorrow at the BUAN Indoor Gymnasium in Gaborone. Seven clubs, including People's Club, Gaborone Badminton Club, Re-Empire Badminton Club, UB Badminton Club, Orapa Badminton Club, Godwin Academy and Lebolobolo Badminton Club, will compete in the 2026/27 season.

Mogoditshane Marathon

The Mogoditshane Marathon takes place tomorrow at Solomon Dihutso Grounds in Mogoditshane. The event starts at 5:30am and will feature a range of distances, including a 5km fun run, 10km, 21.1km and full marathon, as well as a 10km disability race.

True North Avenue Run

Runners will take part in the True North Avenue Run tomorrow, starting at 5am at Oasis Mall in Tlokweng. The community running event is organised as a fundraising initiative in support of school debate clubs.

Trail Cycling At Cityscapes

Cycling enthusiasts will head to Cityscapes Nature Reserve at Gaborone Dam tomorrow for a trail cycling event scheduled to start at 6am. The event will give cyclists an opportunity to take part in outdoor cycling activities, with proceedings expected to run until midday.

Sports X Sustainability Fest

Padel takes centre stage tomorrow during the Sports X Sustainability Fest at Game Rooftop in Gaborone. The event, scheduled to start at 10am, will combine Padel games with sustainability activities, networking and exhibitions promoting environmentally friendly initiatives. **BOPA**

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Maun gears up for Nhabe marathon

Esther Mmolai
MAUN

Maun is set to host the second edition of the Nhabe International Marathon scheduled for Maun Sports Complex on November 28.

Organised by the Maun Track and Field Club and Mega Minds Events, in collaboration with the Botswana Athletics Association (BAA), Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO), My Maun Experience and the North West District Council, this is a premier celebration of fitness, endurance, teamwork and athletics.

The event will draw local and international runners, beginners and corporate teams looking to build camaraderie and promote healthy living.

Some of the local finest athletes, including Bayapo Ndori, Leungo Scotch and Obakeng Kamberuka, are expected to grace the event to showcase thrilling performances in track and field events.

Race categories include a 42.2km full marathon, 21km half-marathon, 10km race and 5km fun run.

The event aims to identify and nurture young athletic talent, particularly from the Ngamiland region and provide them with opportunities to compete on a larger stage.

Ultimately, the organisers hope to establish an athletes' village in Maun where promising runners can be groomed and supported through structured boot camps and mentorship programmes aimed at developing them into professionals.

In an interview, local organiser, Meleko Ndolo confirmed that the final countdown was underway for the international event, which carries the taglines "Wilderness meets endurance," "Run beyond limits" and "Unite for a healthier tomorrow."

Ndolo noted that although the marathon was still in its infancy, it was rapidly growing into Maun's signature international race, blending elite running, community fitness and tourism across the Ngamiland region.

He also expressed appreciation that the event had officially been listed on the national tourism calendar.

"This event does not only promote health and wellness, it also promotes sport tourism, bringing runners from across the country and beyond our borders to appreciate our tourism town, the mighty Okavango Delta and the Makgadikgadi Pans. It also aims to put Maun on the map as a major athletics hub alongside Gaborone," he said.

Ndolo called on members of the public to turn out in large numbers to run side-by-side with the nation's elite athletes.

He added that the race was inclusive and open to everyone, especially welcoming local athletes, corporate entities, social clubs, elders, children, people with disabilities, veterans and the broader community. ***BOPA***

Wheelchair tennis tournament starts

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Botswana will host its first-ever international wheelchair tennis tournaments from Friday to December 2 at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone.

Dubbed the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour Junior Series, the event will feature two consecutive International Tennis Federation (ITF)-sanctioned competitions, attracting talented junior wheelchair tennis players from across Africa and beyond.

The first tournament runs from today to Sunday, followed by the second event from Monday to Wednesday.

Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) vice president, Nonofo Othusitse said that beyond the competition, the event sought to inspire young people living with disabilities, promote greater awareness of adaptive sport and demonstrate the power of sport to break barriers and transform lives.

According to Othusitse, the tournaments would also showcase some of Botswana's most promising young wheelchair tennis players, including Omphile Bothasitse, currently ranked 14th in the world junior rankings, and Mosa Mogaladi, ranked 45th.

He said both athletes were pursuing qualification for the world's premier junior wheelchair tennis events, namely Wimbledon, the US Open, Roland Garros, and the Australian Open. He added that participation by the duo underscored the growing potential of local athletes to compete on the international stage.

Furthermore, Othusitse said hosting the tournaments aligned with the overall BTA strategy of creating a sustainable competition structure for local tennis. A well-developed and sustainable tournament structure, he noted, translates into more matches, improved rankings and lower costs for players, as increased match play boosted exposure as well as mental, technical and tactical growth.

"More tournaments mean improved rankings as players gain points from these events. Lastly, it becomes less expensive for our players as they do not encounter the high costs associated with international travel. This is an even more pressing issue for athletes involved in disability sports," he said. ***BOPA***