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North East District Environmental Health Officer, Mr Joseph Senamo conducting Ebola Health screening on incoming international arrivals at Ramokgwebana Border on Wednesday. Botswana has heightened Ebola surveillance protocols at all points of entry, including airports and land borders, after World Health Organisation declared Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda outbreak a global health emergency. A press release from the Ministry of Health, states that the precautionary measure is being implemented to protect the health and safety of all citizens and residents of Botswana, as well as to prevent the importation of the virus. All incoming travellers will undergo temperature and symptom checks, complete travel history questionnaires, and submit health declaration forms before entry. Anyone showing symptoms or high-risk exposure will be isolated and referred to designated health facilities for further testing and management. Photo: Goweditse Kome

Bula Buka pioneers reclaim their future

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Bula Buka pioneers reclaim their future

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For many learners, receiving a D grade in the Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) has for a long time felt less like a report card and more like a closed door. Every year, an estimated 40 per cent of learners who sit for their JCE hit an educational brick wall after failing to progress to senior secondary school. They find themselves stranded outside the gates of the conventional education system, too young to give up, yet seemingly stripped of a clear path forward. Left to navigate the streets, these out-of-school youth face a reality of vulnerability, rising idleness and limited economic survival.

However, this term, the atmosphere at Ipeleng Primary School, which has been designated Bula Buka learning centre feels entirely different. At least 15 young learners are sitting in a classroom, not as dropouts, but as pioneers.

They are the first local faces of Project Bula Buka, which was first introduced to the public in Mmathubudukwane late last year and officially launched on a national scale in February 2026.

Now, on a daily basis, 17-year-old Lebogang Seleka of Otse wakes up each morning with a renewed sense of purpose, to reclaim his future.

Having fallen short of entering senior secondary school by a single point in the 2025 Junior Certificate Examination (JCE), Seleka's academic dreams were nearly derailed.

However, that has since changed as every weekday from 10am to 2pm, he now sits intently at his desk at the Lobatse Learning Centre, re-studying Science, Mathematics, Setswana and English. He fervently credits government for this second chance, keeping his eyes firmly fixed on entering senior school once the 2026 JCE results are released.

The Bula Buka initiative represents an empathetic pivot in state education strategy. Spearheaded by the Minister of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Ms Nono Kgafela-Mokoka, the initiative brings together a coalition consisting of the ministry, the Botswana Open University (BOU), Youth Empowerment Education Trust (YEET) and the Education Infrastructure and Management Company (EIMC).

The central philosophy driving the project is straightforward but deeply humane; one exam result or one difficult season does not define a lifetime. Instead of forcing these teenagers back into the rigid, academic boxes that failed them the first time, Bula Buka offers customised and flexible pathways blending core academics with hands-on trade skills, heavily integrated with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).

The programme goes to extraordinary lengths to ensure that those who fell through the cracks are not treated as second-class citizens. At the Lobatse Learning Centre, the 15 enrolled learners don regular school uniform and participate seamlessly in standard school activities like sport. The goal is to entirely strip away the stigma of the second chance and restore a true sense of belonging and community.

Getting these youth back into the classroom required tearing down traditional bureaucratic hurdles. Recognising that technological limitations and geographical



Qualified Mathematics teacher, Ms Queen Koronale facilitating learners at Lobatse Learning Centre yesterday. She said the learners had embraced the programme and that preparations for the 2026 Junior Certificate Examination were progressing well. Photo: Calviniah Kgautlhe

“This initiative is incredibly helpful, especially since we do not have the finances to take our children to private schools or hire private tutors to supplement their learning.”

isolation frequently lock out the most vulnerable populations, government launched aggressive manual registration drives, penetrating remote areas like the Central Kgalagadi Game Reserve (CKGR), Seronga and Hukuntsi. To make registration completely frictionless, they even partnered with local retail spaces like Choppies and JB Stores, allowing young citizens to sign up for a new future right at their local shop or fuel station.

In Lobatse, this effort pulled together a fragile net of 15 learners from across the region who refused to let a D grade be the final sentence on their potential. Out of the current cohort, eight

are from Lobatse, three from Digawana, three from Otse and one from Lejwana.

For many families, Project Bula Buka is both a financial and social saviour. Ms Mmantsho Mosarwa, a grandmother from Mogobane, expressed gratitude for the project. Her granddaughter, normally a strong learner, missed out on senior school progression due to a temporary bout of ill-health during exam season.

“This initiative is incredibly helpful, especially since we do not have the finances to take our children to private schools or hire private tutors to supplement their learning,” Ms Mosarwa said.

Additionally, she said it kept

adolescents off the streets, away from social ills like drug and alcohol abuse and kept them engaged in something meaningful.

Despite its promising start, educators note that the project is still managing minor teething problems.

Ms Queen Koronale, a Project Bula Buka Mathematics teacher, noted that resource constraints such as a shortage of textbooks and notebooks, remain a challenge. However, she emphasised that the ministry was working to bridge the gap by providing essential teaching materials, classroom spaces and leveraging digital learning platforms.

Nonetheless, Ms Koronale highlighted that the current low learner-teacher ratio allowed for personalised attention.

“At the end of the day, every single learner is attended to and they appear highly optimistic and eager to learn,” she said.

Senior adult education officer for the Lobatse Sub-Region, Ms Mavis Mogotsakgotla, confirmed that the academic pathway was progressing smoothly.

She added that preparations to enrol learners for the vocational pathway were well underway.

“Learners have already been profiled and the logistics to get the vocational ball rolling have already started,” she said.

On one hand, the rollout of Project Bula Buka comes at a crucial moment of reflection for local leaders. Addressing a full council meeting recently, Lobatse mayor, Mr Mosimanegape Ganakgomo, praised the project as a vital instrument for equity, inclusion and opportunity, demonstrating government's commitment to ensure that no child was left behind.

However, the urgency of reforming how the community educated its children was laid bare as the mayor shared the recent and discouraging 2025 BGCSE results for Lobatse Senior Secondary School. Despite incorporating elements of the new Outcome-Based Education (OBE) strategy, performance dipped slightly from 17.90 per cent to 17.10 per cent of learners achieving a C-grade or better, falling short of the school's 20 per cent benchmark.

“Education remains a shared responsibility that requires the collective effort of all stakeholders,” Mayor Ganakgomo told the council, thus urged parents and the community to stay involved.

For learners like Seleka and others, however, the focus remains entirely forward-looking. Thanks to Project Bula Buka, the door to a brighter future has been pushed wide open again. **BOPA**

Lease transfers stall Banyana shutdown

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GABORONE

The winding down of Botswana's state-owned agricultural land management company, Banyana Limited, has been delayed due to pending lease transfers to the Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

Appearing before the Statutory Bodies Committee in Gaborone on Tuesday, former general manager Mothoemang Gabaitse said the process of transferring farm leases was still incomplete. He clarified that the transfer would not result in the reallocation of farms, but would instead place the existing lessees under the ministry's administration.

Banyana Limited, which oversees about 149 000 hectares of land, was established to help improve the quality and productivity of Botswana's national cattle herd. The company

currently leases farms at P3 per hectare annually, down from the original P15 per hectare.

Mr Gabaitse, who joined the organisation in April 2011, said his contract expired in April this year. Four other employees have also left, leaving the entity without staff.

Financially, the company faces significant challenges. Its bank account reportedly holds only P61 000, while unpaid lease debts exceed P650 000.

In addition, the company has received a P56 000 penalty from Companies and Intellectual Property Authority for non-compliance.

Mr Gabaitse also told the committee that the company had not produced a recent audit because it had operated without a board since October 2023. He said the absence of both a board and an accountant made it impossible to appoint financial



Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Ms Kebafentse Ketshajwang (left) conversing with former Banyana Limited general manager, Mr Mothoemang Gabaitse (centre) and Banyana Limited legal advisor, Mr Mutande Kaluzi after they appeared before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Statutory Bodies and State Enterprises in Gaborone on Tuesday. Mr Gabaitse told the committee that the company had ceased operations since the end of contract for the management team in April. Photo: Felicity Male

personnel or maintain proper auditing processes.

Addressing concerns surrounding the allocation of Lot 2, Mr Gabaitse explained that the tender process had followed the rules set out in the Invitation to

Tender (ITT). According to the ITT, bidders were allowed to apply for multiple lots but could only be awarded the lot where they achieved their highest score.

He said the bidder who scored highest for Lot 2 also achieved

the top score for Lot 5. Since the bidder performed better in Lot 5, they were awarded that lot instead. He further clarified that bidders were not allowed to choose their preferred lot under the tender conditions. **BOPA**

BDF and BOCRA partner to strengthen cyber security

Mpho Mosojane
GABORONE

Botswana Defence Force (BDF) has partnered with the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) to overhaul its cyber warfare and security capabilities in efforts to fortify national security against evolving digital threats.

To facilitate its mandate as the nation's last line of defence against cyber warfare, state-sponsored attacks and critical infrastructure disruptions, the BDF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the regulatory body.

Officials noted that effective online safety and security requires a multi-stakeholder collaborative approach and the MoU signifies commitment towards safeguarding the country's digital environments.

Speaking at the launch in Gaborone on Wednesday, BOCRA chief executive officer, Mr Martin Mokgware highlighted that part of their mandate was to regulate the

radio frequency spectrum through licensing of mobile operators, commercial broadcasters and other communication service providers.

"Radio frequency is a finite natural resource that enables connectivity and delivery of communication services and the BDF is one of the single major consumers of such an asset," Mokgware said.

He asserted that BOCRA had remained resilient through network expansion and improving consumer access against a rapidly growing demand.

While ranked in the mid-to-lower tier by global military intelligence standards, he said BDF remained intentional in its quest to align with modern, tech-focused global trends by upgrading its cyber warfare capabilities.

For his part, BDF commander, General Mpho Mophuting, said BOCRA would be instrumental in helping the military to implement its intelligence mission in cyberspace through the MOU framework.

"As a start, BOCRA will guide us in procuring the right equipment to tackle today's challenges. For Botswana's security, this collaboration is much safer than entirely relying on external experts who may not share our national interests," General Mophuting said.

Meanwhile, to operationalise the agreement, both parties would form dedicated working committees responsible for the planning, execution and monitoring of information-sharing protocols and also establish dispute resolution mechanisms to

mitigate cybercrime within the digital economy.

Furthermore, both parties would exchange valuable information and resources across various fields, including human capital development, research, publications and direct cyber cooperation.

The current era of increased geopolitical tensions had resulted in a heightened use of interconnected technology as a weapon, hence the MoU would ensure that Botswana was properly mitigated and prepared for an effective and rapid response should a cyber incident be triggered. **BOPA**

Over P83 million for Ikageng projects in Okavango

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GUMARE

Government has allocated over P83 million to Okavango district for the implementation of Ikageng Programme for the financial year 2026/27.

This was said by Okavango District Council deputy chairperson, Mr Brian Samoka during a full council meeting on Tuesday.

He said that the funds were for labour intensive and technical projects towards promotion of community development and skills development.

He said the projects planned for entailed classrooms construction, community farms, school kitchens and housing projects across several villages within the district.

In addition, he revealed that 268 participants were expected to benefit from the projects through practical training in agriculture, construction and related trades

including bricklaying, carpentry, plumbing, painting, fish farming and poultry production.

Mr Samoka also noted that for the previous financial year 2025/26 Okavango District Council was allocated over P59 million for implementation of 18 projects under Ikageng Programme.

The projects, he said were progressing well at different stages of implementation while one project was completed noting that the district remained committed towards successful completion of all ongoing projects despite the challenge of delayed disbursement of funds.

Meanwhile, Mr Samoka said ODC has adopted electronic payment systems for Ikageng beneficiaries to reduce high operational costs in payment of participants which was expected to improve efficiency, reduce administrative costs and promote financial inclusion among beneficiaries. **BOPA**



Botswana Defence Force Commander, General Mpho Mophuting (left) and Botswana Communications and Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) CEO, Mr Martin Mokgware signing a Memorandum of Understanding at Phakalane on Wednesday. General Mophuting said BOCRA would be instrumental in helping the military to implement its intelligence mission in cyberspace through the MoU framework. Photo: Thompson Keobaletswe

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Ikageng receives largest share of budget

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MABUTSANE

The Ikageng Public Works Programme has been allocated over 75 per cent of the Mabutsane District Council 2026/2027 financial year development budget, while the second largest allocation goes to the Constituency Community Programme (CCP).

From the P34.6 million approved budget, P25.9 million would go towards Ikageng and P5 million has been allocated to the CCP, with the rest going towards RADP housing, RADP farms, backlog and major maintenance works in schools.

The council chairperson, Mr Tuelo Zulu told a full council meeting on Monday that the project memorandum for Ikageng programme had been submitted to the ministry for approval, while preparations were still ongoing for other programmes.

"The largest share of the budget is allocated to Ikageng programme amounting to P25.9 million and second largest is CCP at P5 million. The amount allocated to backlog and maintenance of schools is for

Mabutsane District Council chairperson, Mr Tuelo Zulu (left) and deputy, Mr Obakeng Melome during the opening of a full council meeting on Monday. Mr Zulu said the Ikageng programme was allocated the largest share of the development budget at P25.9 million of the total P34.6 million approved. Photo: Kehumile Moekejo



completion of ongoing projects. Preparations of the Project Memoranda for these programmes are underway and only Ikageng PM has been submitted to the ministry for approval," he noted.

On the approved recurrent budget, Mr Zulu noted an increase from P135.8 million in the last

financial year to the current P171.5 million, which he attributed to the transitioning of primary health care to council.

He said to date, the council had received P41.7 million of the approved P167.2 million Revenue Support Grant (RSG), while they had only collected 31 per cent of

the monthly own sources target of P350 000.

Additionally, he said over P16 million of the budget had already been used on various expenditures across council operations.

"As at May 12, council expenditure stood at P16.6 million against an income of P41.8 million,

leaving a balance of P25.2 million. The expenditure is mostly due to salaries, relief of destitute, security services, petrol and lubricants, maintenance of buildings, telephone charges and lighting, gas and water charges for the month of April 2026," he noted.

On other issues, the chairperson updated the council that maintenance works at Mahotshwane clinic were complete, indicating that maintenance of Morwamosu clinic and upgrading and maintenance of Keng health post were expected to be completed by June 4 and July 6 respectively.

He said re-roofing of a classroom at Keng primary school would also be completed by May 28, while the extension and alteration of Lefhoko clinic was at tendering stage.

Furthermore, Mr Zulu attributed the delay of the Tribal offices project to the contractor's financial challenges.

"The current progress stands at 80 per cent completion, which is behind the planned schedule by 36 days. The department is dedicated to bring this project back on track and complete it within the shortest possible time," he said. **BOPA**



Tsabong District Council chairperson, Mr Elias Motlhanke (centre), acting council secretary, Mr Mogolodi Modibu (left) and deputy council chairperson, Mr Mooketsi Rakose at a full council meeting recently. Mr Motlhanke said the quarter three results for the Junior Certificate Examinations recorded an average of only 26.8 per cent Minimum Acceptable Pass Mark, a decline against the district's 40 per cent target. Photo: Leticia Nnokotema

'Mother tongue teaching effective'

Goweditse Kome

MASUNGA

A survey on the use of mother tongue as a medium of instruction in public schools has revealed that delivering the curriculum in a language that learners are not familiar with creates an unfriendly learning environment.

An official of the Ministry of Child Welfare and Basic Education, Mr Aggrey Makhila said in an interview that the survey, which was conducted across six regions being Kgalagadi, Chobe, Ghanzi, North East, North West and part of Central, had revealed that gaps existed when delivering the curriculum in a language that learners at lower levels of the education system did not speak at home.

Mr Makhila said to plug the gaps, it had been decided that reception level learners would start their education with their mother tongues serving as the mediums of instruction in order to enhance their level of understanding and lay a foundation for a smoother schooling experience.

He said in the North East Region, 35 teachers were trained to coordinate the use of languages in 35 schools in the region. One of the objectives is to ensure that no child was left behind in terms of delivery of instructions.

"In the North East, we concentrated in three languages being IsiNdebele for the villages of Jackalas 1, Butale, Jackalas 2, Senyawe and Siviya as these villages share the border and the language with Zimbabwe," he said.

He however, said that for the villages such as Ramokgwebana, Mapoka, Mbalambi and Sekakangwe where the Kalanga language was dominant, it had been adopted as the medium of instruction.

In Moroka, he said it was established that Zezuru was the

most widely spoken language, but because its orthography has not yet been established, Shona had been adopted instead, as the languages bore some similarities.

"There were some challenges when it came to schools like Masunga Primary as it is multicultural and this made it difficult for Kalanga to be a mode of instruction," he said.

Mr Makhila said since the start of the use of mother tongues in schools, it has become apparent that learners were finding it easier to comprehend and grasp what they were being taught. Regarding the issue of books in those languages, Mr Makhila indicated that books for Reception Class level and for Standard One had been published in Kalanga, IsiNdebele and Shona.

He however, noted that budgetary constraints halted the project just when publishing for Standard Two was supposed to be undertaken.

Language policy coordinator and senior teacher at Mulambakwena Primary School Ms Koziba Chuma said the school started the use of mother tongue instruction in 2023, with focus on Reception and Standards One, Two and Three classes.

Ms Chuma said learners who struggled with the use of Setswana and English as means of instruction as per the syllabus responded well to instructions when they were delivered in their mother tongue.

"For instance, we identified children who were not able to absorb instructions in Setswana and English well and began to give them instructions in Kalanga and they respond properly," she said.

Ms Chuma highlighted that while all subjects were taught in Setswana except for English, it became difficult to teach a learner with no understanding of the two languages, hence the use of mother tongue became handy in such circumstances. **BOPA**

Poor schools performance calls for collective action

Naomi Leepile

TSABONG

The educational performance in the Tsabong District remains a major cause for concern, prompting local leadership to issue an urgent call for reflection, strategy overhaul, and collective responsibility among all stakeholders.

Addressing a full council meeting in Tsabong recently, Tsabong District Council Chairperson, Mr Elias Motlhanke, painted a worrying picture of the academic landscape, revealing that school performance indicators had drastically fallen short of set targets.

According to Mr Motlhanke who is also councilor for Khawa Ward, the Quarter three results for the Junior Certificate Examinations (JCE) recorded an average of only 26.8 per cent Minimum Acceptable Pass Mark (MABC), a steep decline against the district's set target of 40 per cent.

The academic distress is even more pronounced at a higher level at Tsabong Unified Senior Secondary School (TUSS), where results stood at a mere 8.8 per cent for learners achieving six C's or better.

This falls critically short of the

25 per cent target designated for the region.

"This decline challenges school leadership, staff, and the Regional Office to reflect, strategise, and intensify efforts to improve results. Education is a shared responsibility, and success would only come through collective effort," Mr Motlhanke stated, emphasising that the burden does not rest solely on educators. He said it called on councillors, parents, learners and stakeholders to play their part in supporting interventions that would raise academic standards.

Despite the discouraging statistics, the chairperson highlighted ongoing remedial initiatives designed to salvage the academic futures of struggling youth. Chief among these is Project Bula Buka, a national 'second chance' educational pathway initiative designed to absorb out-of-school youth back into the learning system.

Mr Motlhanke reported that seven learners from the Tsabong sub-region, who obtained Grade D in their 2025 JCE results, have successfully enrolled in the academic pathway programme. Preparations for the cohort have progressed rapidly, with teacher induction conducted on April 22, followed by

a joint induction session for both learners and teachers on April 23.

To solidify the foundation of this intervention, a collaborative meeting with parents is scheduled to take place soon. Classes for the newly enrolled learners officially commenced on April 27 at Tsabong Primary School. Their registration details have already been forwarded to the Ministry Headquarters for official enrollment with the Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) ahead of the 2026 JCE examinations.

In tandem with academic pathways, the district is also heavily investing in character development and psycho-social interventions.

The Council Chairman noted that a specialised student boot camp was successfully hosted at Kgolagano Junior Secondary School on April 20. Led by a team of officers under the guidance of the Assistant Director, the boot camp aimed to instill firm discipline, motivate learners, and inspire them to strive for better academic outcomes.

Reflecting on the financial year that ended on March 31, Mr Motlhanke praised the Tsabong District Council's resilience and fiscal prudence in the face of ongoing economic hardships. **BOPA**

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Zone 13 confirms cases of Foot and Mouth Disease

Leticia Nnokotema

TSABONG

The Principal Veterinary officer in Tsabong Dr Kethlophilwe Dihawa, has confirmed cases of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Zone 13.

Dr Dihawa revealed this when updating councilors during a full council meeting in Tsabong recently. He said the disease has been detected at four farms in Zone 13, in the Molopo and Banyana farms which are situated in close proximity. The Banyana Farms also stretches into Zone 11.

The principal veterinary officer stated that despite the confirmed cases at the affected farms, communal areas in Zone 13 had not reported any cases of the disease. He said vaccination efforts had commenced following confirmation of the disease, in line with standard veterinary response procedures.

He said four vaccination teams were dispatched to vaccinate in-contact animals in Zone 13, with the exercise having started on May 13 and expected to conclude on June 10.

In addition, he said three surveillance teams were also put out to be on high alert of animal movement in the zone, while four blockade teams were also set to help in combating the fight against FMD.

Providing an update on vaccination progress, Dr Dihawa said Molopo Farms had an estimated 16 129 animals targeted for vaccination, of which 10 220 had already been vaccinated.

At Banyana Farms, he said, 18 000 animals were expected to be vaccinated, while 9 000 had so far received the vaccine.

He added that a booster vaccination was expected to commence a month after completion of the initial vaccination programme as part of ongoing efforts to contain and eradicate the disease. Dr Dihawa stressed that among some challenges faced by the vaccination teams, they noted inadequate animal handling facilities at vaccination points as well as shortage of manpower.

He said these challenges were affecting the pace of the vaccination process, although efforts continued to ensure all targeted animals were reached within the scheduled timeframe. **BOPA**



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SEZA licences investors for Lobatse SEZ development

Calviniah Kgautlhe

LOBATSE

Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) has successfully licensed three investors to operate within the Lobatse Meat and Leather City Special Economic Zone (SEZ) who will bring in an investment worth of P437.1 million.

Addressing a full council session on Monday, Lobatse mayor Mr Aron Ganakgomo said the development of the Lobatse Meat and Leather City SEZ remained one of the key priorities under the Botswana Economic Transformation Programme (BETP). He said the development of the Lobatse Meat and Leather City SEZ had been included in the National Development Plan 12 (NDP 12) for implementation with the first phase targeted at the design and servicing of 100 hectares of land.

He revealed that development of the SEZ had thus far licensed three investors. Out of the three licensed, he said, one investor was already operational, while efforts were underway to facilitate the operationalisation of the remaining two investors in collaboration with Lobatse Town Council. He highlighted that the operating company manufactures car harnesses and had invested P89.3 million, creating 303 employment opportunities.

The remaining two investors were expected to invest a combined P347.8 million and would create 122 employment opportunities once operational. Mr Ganakgomo revealed that their projects included an export-oriented abattoir, a leather processing plant and a tannery.

Mayor Ganakgomo underscored that government continued to deepen private sector participation towards a diversified and export-led economy highlighting that a feasibility study for the infrastructure development of the nine SEZs nationwide which included Lobatse has been completed to identify suitable Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models. Additionally, he said the



Lobatse mayor, Mr Aron Ganakgomo

report was currently under review by relevant Ministries and was expected to be finalised during the second quarter of the current financial year.

He highlighted that adoption of the PPP model would be subject to Government approval, as well as fulfilment of key conditions such as land ownership, and confirmation of the contingent liability implications by the Ministry of Finance. As such, he appealed to all stakeholders with economic muscle and land parcels to ready themselves for opportunities that will be created by such initiatives.

He said SEZA was holding conversations with an experienced international developer interested in developing three SEZs in



BMC Lobatse Tannery revitalisation project is part of Botswana economic transformation projects approved under BETP projects. Photos: Calviniah Kgautlhe

Botswana which included the Lobatse SEZ through the PPP model. "These endeavours demonstrate progressive developments towards positioning Lobatse as a key industrial and investment hub that will contribute to economic growth and stimulate job creation," he said.

On other local economic development issues, he said the country was currently immersed in dealing with the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Zone 11 which has resulted in the temporary closure of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) plant at Lobatse. "Not only has this affected the employees of the BMC, but the broader spectrum of the economy even at the household level," he said.

He said Department of Veterinary Services has followed FMD protocols and has ordered closure of the plant which was expected to remain closed for a period of between three and six

months. This situation, he said placed financial and operational pressure on the Commission and impacted economic activity within the town.

In addition, he expressed optimism that while the FMD set back might slow down some of the progress the town had made over the past year, it would not diminish the resolve to continue to economically revitalise the town adding that other significant developments within the sector continued to make progress.

"The Tannery Revitalisation project is now at 94 per cent completion rate and remains on schedule for final completion in September 2026. This project represents an important investment towards industrialisation, value addition, and economic diversification within Lobatse. Once completed, it is expected to unlock job opportunities," he said.

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Moremi road reopening eases tourism operations

Esther Mmolai

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Tourism operations are gradually returning to normal following the reopening of the road into the Moremi Game Reserve after months of closure caused by severe flooding in the Okavango Delta.

The strategic tourism route was shut down in March due to rising

floodwaters, which disrupted logistics across the delta. Vehicles became stuck, some airstrips were flooded, and occupancy rates dropped sharply during what is normally a peak tourism season.

There were concerns that the prolonged closure of the road has paralysed the tourism sector as mostly mobile tour operators and some camps operating in the delta were negatively affected as

many were facing acute cash flow pressure. According to Moremi Park manager Kefeletswe Phori, the road was reopened in April after extensive consultations with tourism operators and other stakeholders.

Although water levels remain high and some routes are still impassable, authorities decided that keeping the roads closed indefinitely would severely damage Botswana's tourism industry, a major contributor to the national economy.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

BURS to introduce new digital VAT

GABORONE - The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) is expecting to rake in an additional P450 million annually when it officially introduces Value Added Tax (VAT) on remote digital services on June 1. The upcoming tax regime, which aims to broaden the national tax base and capture revenue from the rapidly expanding digital economy, was detailed by BURS leadership during a media engagement in Gaborone on Wednesday. Speaking at the event, BURS acting commissioner general, Ms Vivian Lesedi explained that remote services referred to digital products supplied electronically by providers located outside Botswana and they included popular streaming platforms, online advertising, cloud computing and software subscriptions. Ms Lesedi noted that the initiative was designed to modernise tax administration while creating a

Absa Bank Botswana wins big

GABORONE - Absa Bank Botswana has scooped three awards at the 2025 Global Banking & Finance Awards in recognition for excellence in SME banking, agribusiness banking and human capital leadership. The accolades are in the following categories; Best SME Bank Botswana 2026, Best Agri-business Bank Botswana 2026, Best Bank for HR & Recruitment Botswana 2026. Absa Bank Botswana managing director Keabetswe Pheko-Moshagane said the awards reflected the bank's strategic focus on empowering SMEs, strengthening Botswana's agricultural sector, and investing in people. Since 2011, the Global Banking & Finance Awards have been recognised as one of the most reputable and respected international award programmes, celebrating innovation, leadership and achievement across banking, finance, fintech, technology, business, real-estate, telecom and broader financial services industries. **BOPA**

BMC Lobatse tannery upgrade on track

LOBATSE - Revitalisation of the state of the art Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) Lobatse Tannery Project worth P218 million is progressing well. The project is at 94 per cent completion rate and is well on schedule for final completion in September 2026. Addressing full council meeting recently, Lobatse Mayor, Mr Aron Ganakgomo said the project represented an important investment towards industrialisation, value addition, and economic diversification. "Once completed, it is expected to unlock job opportunities," he said. The mega infrastructure development by the BMC targeted at revitalising and operationalising the Lobatse Tannery includes the refurbishment of the tannery to process hides and an effluent treatment plant as the BMC moves to upgrade and innovate industrial base. Notably, the Tannery which halted operations in 2006 due to environmental non-conformance is now rigorously undergoing massive regeneration. **BOPA**

The constitutional court debate: The Real Story Behind Botswana's Constitutional Court Fight

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Botswana's Constitutional Court debate is no longer just about judges, legal clauses, or another court. It has become a national confrontation over power, rights, accountability, and the future of the Republic itself.

Beneath the politics and misinformation lies a deeper question: who protects citizens when power goes unchecked? There is something fascinating happening in Botswana right now. On the surface, the country appears to be arguing about a court.

A building, judges, procedures, constitutional clauses, referendums and legal technicalities. But beneath the noise, Botswana is not really arguing about a court, it is arguing about power. Who should hold it, who should restrain it, who should interpret it, and perhaps most importantly, who should protect ordinary citizens from it when things go wrong. That is the real Constitutional Court debate.

And like many important national conversations, it has arrived wrapped in confusion, suspicion, fear, misinformation, politics, and emotion.

To some citizens, the proposed Constitutional Court represents democratic maturity, a long overdue institution designed to strengthen constitutionalism and protect rights in an increasingly complex society.

To others, it represents uncertainty, institutional expansion, political maneuvering, or even potential abuse. Some fear executive

overreach, others fear judicial overreach. Some ask why Botswana suddenly "needs" a Constitutional Court after nearly sixty years of independence. Others ask why Botswana took sixty years to seriously consider one.

The answer, ironically, is both simpler and deeper than many realize. Because the Constitutional Court debate is ultimately not about whether Botswana has courts. Botswana already has courts, it is about whether Botswana now needs a court singularly obsessed with the Constitution itself. For decades, Botswana's judiciary has operated through what lawyers call a "generalist" system.

High Court judges and Court of Appeal judges handle virtually everything: murder trials, corruption matters, divorce disputes, labour issues, procurement disputes, constitutional questions, land disputes, and administrative law. One judge may hear a murder trial on Monday, a corruption case on Tuesday, and a constitutional challenge on Thursday. For many years, that system largely worked.

Botswana built one of the continent's most respected judicial reputations using precisely this structure. Courts were relatively independent, institutions remained functional and the rule of law survived. Compared to many states that emerged from colonialism into dictatorship or military rule, Botswana developed a judiciary admired across Africa.

That history matters because critics of the Constitutional Court sometimes speak as though Botswana's judiciary has collapsed. It has not. In fact, Botswana's judiciary has

repeatedly demonstrated independence even under politically difficult conditions. One famous example was the Judge Motumise case. The Judicial Service Commission had advised then-President Ian Khama to appoint Justice Motumise as a judge.

Khama rejected the recommendation. The matter went to court, and the court ruled against the President, holding that he did not possess the authority to reject the advice of the Judicial Service Commission.

In simple terms, Botswana's judiciary told the President of the Republic: "You are wrong." Yet the Constitutional Court debate persists because the argument is no longer simply about whether judges are independent. The argument is about whether constitutional rights themselves now require specialized protection.

Early constitutions, including Botswana's, were largely built around political and civil rights. Freedom from arbitrary arrest, protection of property, freedom of association, protection from unlawful detention and basic liberties.

But as societies evolved, constitutional thinking evolved too. Modern democracies increasingly recognized that dignity extends beyond mere survival.

Citizens began demanding recognition of social rights, economic rights, environmental rights, healthcare rights, education rights, labour protections, and broader human rights protections. Suddenly constitutions became more complicated, and with that complexity came a difficult institutional question: Can a generalist court system adequately protect increasingly sophisticated constitutional rights?

Supporters of the Constitutional Court argue that Botswana has reached a turning point. Their argument is not necessarily that Botswana's judiciary is failing entirely, it is that constitutionalism itself has become

too important and too complex to remain merely one category among many competing legal disputes. The comparison often used is Botswana's own institutional evolution.

At independence, the police handled nearly everything. Later, Botswana realized corruption required specialized investigation. The Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime was created.

Intelligence and national security became specialised, leading to the Directorate of Intelligence and Security. Financial crimes required dedicated expertise, resulting in the Financial Intelligence Agency.

Even labour disputes eventually became specialized enough to justify the Industrial Court. And perhaps that is one of the most uncomfortable questions buried inside this national argument: Why is society comfortable with specialised institutions for corruption, labour, intelligence, and financial crimes, but deeply uncomfortable with specialisation around constitutional rights?

Nobody protested the creation of the Industrial Court in the 1990s. In fact, workers celebrated it. Yet the moment constitutional rights receive similar institutional attention, the debate suddenly becomes explosive. Part of the reason lies in Botswana's relationship with constitutional literacy itself. Quite simply, Botswana has never deeply internalised constitutional culture.

Americans casually reference constitutional amendments in everyday conversation. South Africans debate constitutional jurisprudence publicly. Kenyans frequently invoke constitutional rights in political discourse. In Botswana, many citizens cannot explain what Section 3 of the Constitution says. Some Members of Parliament likely have not fully read the Constitutional Amendment Bill currently dominating public debate. And this creates a dangerous vacuum.

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

DREF: SP/DBS/010/2025-2026

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NUMBER SP/DBS/010/2025-2026 – A WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND COMMISSIONING TWO (2) BOREHOLES (SOLAR POWER,PUMPS,WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WATER KIOSK) AT MASS MEDIA COMPLEX

Bidders are informed that the above mentioned tender which was an open domestic bid and was advertised on the 23rd of January 2026 and closed on the 6th of February 2026 has been cancelled in accordance with Public Procurement Regulation 2023, Regulation 66 Sub Regulation 4(a).

We regret the inconvenience caused.

Thank you.

K. S. Boikanyo

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Moremi road reopening eases tourism operations

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Ms Phori said some areas, including Third Bridge, remained closed, while roads around Xakanaka and South Gate-Khwai are usable when there is no rainfall.

Despite these challenges, mobile safari operators have resumed transporting tourists into the delta, and alternative camping sites were allocated to the Botswana Guides Association (BOGA). The association advocates for citizen-owned tour operators, professional guides and safari operators and it has been calling for an intervention as the closure of the road had serious consequences for operators.

Tourists continue to flock to the delta because of its rich wildlife and unique ecosystem. Some tourism camps have adapted by shifting from land-based game drives to water-based boating excursions. Operators are also proposing the construction of bridges across flooded channels to improve transport access.

Project and stakeholder manager at Wilderness Safaris, Attorney Vasco, said camps remained operational despite the flooding, with boats being used to transport guests and supplies.

While some activities such as game drives and walking safaris were disrupted by washed-out routes, he noted that the floods had pushed wildlife closer to campsites, creating exceptional game-viewing opportunities.

"We are managing a balance between capitalising on the scenic water rich wilderness and navigating logistical challenges posed by increased flows. Also, we expect a bumper season in our campsites," he added.

Managing director of Letsatsi Safaris, Joe Bayei, said the closure had nearly brought tourism activities to a halt and increased operating costs due to damaged roads and longer travel times. He called for the development of alternative routes to support the industry during future floods. **BOPA**



Republic of Botswana

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice issued in terms of Section 10 (2) of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act' Cap 65:07

NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED GRAVEL MINING AT MOKOBOXANE BY CHINA CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION BOTSWANA.

The major findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment undertaken by Enviro Networks (Pty) Ltd for the proposed gravel mining project are summarized hereunder:

Nature and magnitude of the study.

The project proponent China Civil Engineering Construction Botswana intends to mine gravel in Mokoboxane. The project entails extraction of gravel to be used in construction projects around the areas.

Rationale of the project

The operation of the gravel mining project will increase the supply of gravel in the area.

Location of project activity

The proposed project site is located in Mokoboxane.

Anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures

The environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the project are summarized below and presented in detail in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Project phase	Impacts	Mitigation measures/Enhancement
Pre-construction phase	Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide workers with dust masks Regularly service machinery and vehicles Regularly suppress dust by sprinkling water
	Noise Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply workers with ear plugs/ muffs
	Soil erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proponent should only clear the license area
	Land pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide waste receptacles on site. Waste receptacles available on site should be emptied regularly to avoid overflow of waste.
	Boost to the local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sourcing of goods locally where possible Employment of the local people
	Increased employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be transparency at recruiting stages. Labour should be sourced locally as much as possible.
Operation phase	Increase in air pollution due to dust generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water must be sprinkled on site to wet the surface before excavation works. Workers must be provided with nose masks while working on site to protect them from dust emissions as per the code of ethics.
	Soil erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pits must be properly backfilled to stabilize the soils in order to reduce effects of soil erosion.
	Increase in ambient noise levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers must be provided with noise protection gear such as earmuffs/ear plugs. The contractor should ensure that all machinery and equipment are well maintained/serviced in order to reduce the magnitude of noise level they generate during operation.
	Increase in road traffic accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drivers must be sensitized to obey road traffic signs and speed limits.
	Land pollution due to waste generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The waste receptacles available on site should be emptied regularly to avoid overflow of waste.
	Water resources contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machinery and vehicles used on site should be well maintained and serviced to prevent the occurrence of leaks and contamination of underground water
	Soil contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machinery and vehicles used on site should be well maintained and serviced regularly. An impermeable membrane mat must be placed under the vehicles that undergoes emergency maintenance on site.
	Occupational hazards due to illnesses and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workers on site must be provided with personal protective clothing.
	Loss of livestock due to accidental fatalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed gravel mining area must be kept in a manner that does not compromise the safety of livestock
	Decommissioning /rehabilitation phase	Increase in air pollution levels due to Dust particles (emission)
Habitat for water borne disease due to stagnant water in the pits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All deep excavations must be rehabilitated to prevent the occurrence of stagnant water that could pose risks to animals.
Land pollution due to waste generation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste receptacles should be placed at strategic positions to avoid scattering of waste around the site and an arrangement should be made for waste generated to be collected

Conclusions

The conclusion from the findings of the EIS study is that the benefits of implementing the project outweighs the negative impacts. The implementation of the project will provide a licensed aggregate source and create employment opportunities for Batswana.

Recommendation

Following the undertaking of the Environmental Impacts Statement study, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed with due implementation of all the mitigation measures in the EIS Study.

Environmental Impact Statement placement

Copies of the Environmental Impact Statement have been placed at Department of Environmental Protection (Serowe) and Mokoboxane Kgotla for review by the public.

Correspondences

Written comments or objections from those likely to be affected by the project and other interested parties should be submitted to: The District Environmental Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, Private Bag 0028, Serowe and Telephone No. 4630174, Fax No. 4635937 or hand-delivered to Department of Environmental Protection in Serowe, before 01st June 2026.



KITSISO MO SECHABENG

Kitsiso e ntshiwa mabapi le karolo ya lesome, Section 10 (2) ya molao wa Tshekatsheko Seemo sa Tikologo Cap 65; 07

KITSISO SECHABA KA KANOKO YA MOKWALO WA TSHEKATSHEKO TIKOLOGO MABAPI LE TSAMAIISO YA LEFelo LA KEPO YA KERABOLE KWA MOKOBOXANE KE KOMPONE YA CHINA CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION BOTSWANA.

Ditlamorago tsa dipatlisiso tse di bonweng ke ba komponi ya Enviro Networks (Pty) Ltd fa go dirwa ditshekatsheko tsa seemo sa tikologo mabapi le tiro ya go epa kerabole.

Boleng le selekanyo sa tiro

Lephata la Tikologo le Bojanala le ikaelela go tsamaisa lefelo le go epiwang kerabole mo Mokoboxane. Tiro e, e tlaa be e itebagantse le go epa kerabole ere morago e dirisiwe mo go tsa kago le ditlhabololo mo Motseng wa Mokoboxane le mafelo a a mabapi.

Mosola wa tiro

Tsamaiso ya lefelo la tiro ya go ka epa kerabole, e tsile go thusa go ka oketsa ditlamelo tsa go nna teng ga kerabole mo kgaolong.

Lefelo la ditlhabololo

Lefelo la ditlhabololo le kwa Motseng wa Mokoboxane.

Ditlamorago tse di solofetsweng mabapi le tiro kakanyetso e, le metlhale ya go fokotsa manokonoko a tsone.

Tshoboko ya ditlamorago tse di solofetsweng le maitlamo a go itebaganya le go fokotsa manokonoko mo tikologong a kwadilwe mo tafoleng e e latelang le mo mokwalong wa Tshekatsheko Tikologo.

Legato la tiro	Tse di amang tikologo	Dintlha tse di fokotsang manokonoko mo tikologong
Ka nako ya thulaganyo / kago	Kgotlelesego ya pheho ntateng ya lerole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba fiwe didirisiwa tse di thibang dinko. Dikoloi le di machine di baakangwe ka nako tsothe
	Koketsego ya modumo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba fiwe didirisiwa tse di thibang ditsebe
	Go amega ga tikologo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epa mmu mo lefelong le o le filweng fela
	Kgotlelesego ya tikologo ntateng ya matlakala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matlakala a tshwanetse go kgaogangwa go ya ka go farologana ga one, go dira tiro ya go a isa ko lefelong la matlakala mothofo. Lefelo la pereko le tshwanetse la nna le dikanti tsa matlakala go itsa gore a seka a gasagasama le tikologo.
	Go tokafala ga itsholelo ya mo gae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go reka didirisiwa mo tikologong Go hira babereki mo tikologong
	Go tlhamiwa ga mebereko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga hirwa ka tekatekanyo ka nako ya khiri. Go tshwanetswe go tlhapiwa beng gae pele, ka nako ya tiro.
Ka nako ya tiriso	Kgotlelesego ya pheho ntateng ya lerole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lefelo la kago le tshwanetse go gasagasiwa ka metsi go fokotsa lerole. Babereki ba tshwanetse ba fiwa ditlamelo tse di tlaa ba sireletsang mo go kganeleng lerole.
	Tatlhegelo ya mmu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dikhuti di tshwanetswe go katelwa morago ga go epa kerabole go busetsa mmu mo seemong sa one
	Go latlhelwa ke dimela	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go tshwanetse ga kgaolwa ditlhare mo mafelong aa amiwang ke tiro fela
	Koketsego ya modumo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse go neelwa di didirisiwa tsa itshireletso tsa ditsebe Go tshwanetse ga rurifadiwa fa didirisiwa tsa tiro di le mo seemong se se itekanetseng go itsago ntsha modumo o montsi ka nako ya tiro.
	Koketsego ya mosuke wa dikoloi le Kgonagalo ya dikotsi tsa dikoloi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bakgweetsi ba tshwanetse ba lemosiwa bothokwa jwa go ela tihoko melao ya tsela matshwao a tsela, le go a obamela ka dinako tsothe
	Kgotlelesego ya tikologo ntateng ya matlakala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matlakala a tshwanetse go kgaogangwa go ya ka go farologana ga one, go dira tiro ya go a isa ko lefelong la matlakala mothofo. Lefelo la pereko le tshwanetse la nna le dikanti tsa matlakala go itsa gore a seka a gasagasama le tikologo.
	Kgotlelesego ya metsi e e bakiwang ke go tshologa ga di ole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Di dirisiwa tsa tiro le dikoloi tsa teng di tshwanetse go nna mo seemong se se siameng ka nako tsothe go itsa go tshologela ga di ole.
	Kgotlelesego ya mmu e e bakiwang ke go tshologa ga di ole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Di dirisiwa tsa tiro le dikoloi tsa teng di tshwanetse go nna mo seemong se se siameng ka nako tsothe. Go tshwanetse ga bewa moalo o o ka kganelang di ole go tshologela mo mmung ka nako tsothe fa koloi e bakannngwa ka tshoganetso mo lefelong la tiro.
	Dikgobalo mo tirong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babereki ba tshwanetse go fiwa dilwana tsa itshireletso tse di lebaneng.
	Go latlhelwa ke leruo ntateng ya bo diphatsa jwa lefelo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lefelo la tiro le tshwanetse go agelelwa ebe le tswalwa ka nako tsothe go Babereki itsa leruo go tsena mo teng.
Ka nako ya bokhutlo	Kgotlelesego ya pheho ntateng ya lerole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lefelo la kago le tshwanetse go gasagasiwa ka metsi go fokotsa lerole. Babereki ba tshwanetse ba fiwa ditlamelo tse di tlaa ba sireletsang mo go kganeleng lerole.
	Tlhagogo ya malwetsi a metsi ntateng ya kokoano ya metsi ka nako ya dipula mo dikhuting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dikhuti di tshwanetswe go katelwa morago ga go epa kerabole go thibela kokoano ya metsi ka nako ya dipula mo dikhuting.
	Kgotlelesego ya tikologo ntateng ya matlakala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lefelo la pereko le tshwanetse la nna le dikanti tsa matlakala go itsa gore a seka a gasagasama le tikologo. Gape go tshwanetse ga nna le thulaganyo ya go isa matlakala kwa lefelong le le tshwanetseng.

Tshoboko

Kwa bokhutlong jwa di patlisiso tsa Tshekatsheko ya Tikologo ke gore tiro ya go epa kerabole e tsewele ka ena le ditlamorago tse di molemo. Go dirwa ga tiro e go tlaa nefetatsa go nna teng ga madirelo a ka fa molaong a epang kerabole le go ka tlhabela Batswana ditiro.

Kgakololo

Morago ga dipatlisiso tsa tshekatsheko, go gakololwa gore tiro e letlelelwe go dirwa go etswe thoko tsothe tse di tlaa dirwang go fokotsa ditlamorago tsa tiro mo tikologong.

Kwa Mokwalo wa tshekatsheko ya ditlamorago tsa tikologo o ka bewang teng gore Sechaba se o bone

Meriti ya mekwalo ya tshekatsheko tikologo e beilwe kwa Lephatheng la Merero ya tsa Tikologo (Serowe) le kwa Kgotleng ya Mokoboxane.

Dikakgelo

Mekwalo yotlhe ya dikakgelo le dingongorego go tswa go ba ba ka amiwang ke ditlamorago tsa tiro kgotsa ba ba nang le kgathhego ka tiro e, ba ka e romela kwa go: Mookamedi, Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo mo Serowe mo atereseng e e latelang: The District Environmental Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection, Private Bag 0028, Serowe and Telephone No. 4630174, Fax No. 4635937 kana ya isiwa ka senama ko diofising tsa Lephata la Merero ya tsa Tikologo kwa Serowe, pele ga kgwedi ya Seetebosigo e tlhola gangwe, 2026.



Family welfare officers heroes on the front line

A retired family welfare educator, who served the district for 34 years, Ms Ednah Coetzee said she began her career in 1974 at the age of 20, earning just P275. She is counted among those who shaped the country to become the global leader in primary healthcare. Photo: Naomi Leepile

Naomi Leepile

TSABONG

In the 1980s, she arrived on a bicycle, a notebook tucked under her arm and a manual scale in her basket. Today, her successor arrives with a digital tablet, a thermometer and a pulse oximeter. While the tools have changed, the mission remains the same: bringing life-saving care to the doorsteps of those who need it most.

Today as Botswana navigates the complexities of a post-pandemic world and the rising tide of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the role of the Health Education Assistant (HEA) - formerly known as the Family Welfare Educator (FWE) - is being thrust back into the spotlight.

Following the 1978 Alma Ata Declaration, Botswana became a global leader in Primary Health Care. The FWEs of that era were the "social glue" of the health system.

According to principal technical officer - Primary Health Care (PHC) Mr Kesego Mosekiemang, it was between 1970 and 1990 that through the aggressive community outreach of Family Welfare Educators, there was a significant decline in child mortality across the country.

In Tsabong, that evolution is not found in textbooks, but in the memories of women like Ms Ednah Coetzee, a retired Family Welfare Educator who served the district for 34 years.

"In my day, we did not have tablets. We had our feet and a very loud voice. If a child missed their polio drops, I did not just send a message - I walked to the cattle post to find them. We were the eyes of the doctor in places the doctor could not see," Ms Coetzee recalls, adjusting her shawl against the Kgalagadi wind.

Ms Coetzee began her career in 1974 at the age of 20, earning just P275.

She recalls a period when they relied on manual scales and often

operated under the shade of trees in areas where health posts had not yet been established.

According to her, while tuberculosis and malnutrition were the primary concerns then, NCDs were a rarity compared to today.

Despite the challenges, she remembers their workplace as a peaceful and friendly environment that they truly enjoyed.

The mid-1990s, the HIV and AIDS epidemic forced a painful pivot. The health system became "curative-heavy," focusing on treating the sick in clinics rather than preventing illness in the home.

During this time, the FWEs were renamed HEAs, and many found themselves desk-bound, their legendary home visits dwindling.

However, 2026 marks a turning point.

Under the Integrated Community-Based Health Services (ICBHS) model, the HEA is returning to the field, now armed with Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technology.

In the Tsabong District, HEAs are using modern tools to monitor oxygen levels and blood pressure under the shade of a client's porch.

Ms Rachel Hendricks, a young HEA currently stationed in Struizendam represents this new era.

"Ms Coetzee's generation built the trust. My job is to back that trust with data. If I see a high blood pressure reading of 160/100 mmHg, I do not wait; I use my tablet to alert the clinic immediately. We are catching 'silent killers' like hypertension before they reach the emergency room," Ms Hendricks says while syncing her tablet.

Despite the digital upgrade, she says the job remains physically gruelling.

In Struizendam, HEAs face challenge of having to walk vast distances between households in deep sand and the scorching heat.

"With a shortage of transport, reaching the daily target of two home visits often feels like a marathon through the dunes.

The area is also surrounded by farms, which makes it difficult to do our daily check-ups," she says.

Social hurdles continue to impede progress, as health education is frequently categorised as a "woman's space," according to 53-year-old Ms Mpho Babui, a Health Education Assistant based in Makopong.

She notes that low male participation remains a primary barrier to addressing critical issues such as substance abuse and HIV risk factors.

Ms Babui further highlights

gender disparity within the profession itself, stating that out of 11 HEAs, only two are male.

This imbalance, she explains, complicates their outreach efforts, as certain sensitive health topics are often best navigated through peer-to-peer, man-to-man dialogue.

Compounding these social challenges are significant logistical constraints.

The team must contend with vast distances between households, a chronic shortage

of transportation, and a lack of dedicated funding to host essential health commemorations, stated Ms Babui.

Mr Mosekiemang further explains that the recent relocation of health services to the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs has brought health workers closer to village leadership.

This shift aims to ensure that health is nurtured at the kgotla and the home, not just the hospital.

He confirms that in the Tsabong District, despite limited funding

and transport, HEAs conducted over 1 300 home visits during the 2025/2026 cycle.

The programme operates across 11 active villages, including Omaweneno, Makopong, Middlepits and Khawa, to ensure that preventative care reaches even the most remote households.

From maternal health education in Khawa to hygiene promotion in Middlepits, these workers are bringing preventative services back to the heart of the community. **BOPA**



Health Education Assistants (HEA), Ms Rachel Hendricks (left) and Ms Mpho Babui highlighted gender disparities within the profession, saying out of 11 HEAs, only two were male. They said the imbalance complicated their outreach efforts, as certain sensitive health topics were often best navigated through peer-to-peer, man-to-man dialogue. Photo: Naomi Leepile

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Lekgotlana la kabo ditsha la Thamaga le tswelotse ka go aba ditsha tsa bonno. Thulaganyo ya go aba ditsha tse 380, e e simolotseng ka Mosupologo e solofetswe go wela mo bekeng tse pedi, mme e akaretsa ba ba ikopetseng ditsha tsa bonno mo Thamaga le Diphiring. Dinepe: Moshe Galeragwe

Lekgotla le abela ba le 380 ditsha tsa bonno

Keetile Bontsibokae
THAMAGA

Morago ga go leta dingwa di le masome mabedi go abelwa ditsha tsa bonno, baikopedi bangwe ba ngwaga wa 2006, ba simolotse go abelwa ditsha ke lekgotla le le potlana la kabo ditsha la Thamaga.

Thulaganyo ya go aba ditsha tse 380, e simolotseng ka Mosupologo e solofetswe go wela mo bekeng tse pedi, mme e akaretsa ba ba ikopetseng ditsha tsa bonno mo Thamaga le Diphiring.

Ka ngwaga wa 2006 o le nosi, motse wa Thamaga o amogetse dikobo tsa ditsha tsa bonno di le 5 200.

Mo potsolotsong ka Labobedi, modulasetilo, Rre Frederick Malebye a re thulaganyo ya go bona lefatshe le go segwang ditsha tsa bonno mo go lone e mogoga molele, ka e akaretsa ba-na-le-seabe ba ba farologanyeng, ka jalo seo se baka tiego mo go abeng ditsha.

A re mo nakong eno, bontsi jwa lefatshe le go segwang ditsha tsa bonno mo go lone le setse le abetswe batho e le masimo, ka jalo thulaganyo ya go le kopa le gore ba dumalane le lekgotla la kabo ditsha e kgona go nna le madiadia.

"Kganggolo ke gore re baya mo masimong. Re simolola pele re senka beng ba masimo re bo re buisana le bone gore re dumalane ka tlhathwa. Tiego e tsalwa gape ke gore ga go nke go tlhoka ba ba ngodiegang ka mabaka a farologanyeng, bangwe e le dikgang tsa boswa fa bangwe ba setse ba na le keletso tsa go itiresetsa lefatshe leo ka fa ba eletsang ka teng," ga tlhalosa Rre

Malebye.

A re le fa ba kgonne go buisana le beng ba masimo a ka ntshang ditsha tsa bonno di le 800, bangwe ba saletse kwa morago mo go wetseng dipuisano tsa bone le lekgotlana a kabo ditsha.

Rre Malebye a re sengwe se ba ikaeletseng go se baakanya ke gore ba ba abetsweng ditsha ba seka ba diegelwa go fiwa ditlankana, ka jalo ba tla di fiwa mo nakong e sa fediseng pelo.

A re mafelo a susumetseng toropo jaaka kgaolo ya gagwe a tshabelelwa ke go amogela dikopo tse di kwa godimo ntswa go na le tlhalelo ya lefatshe.

"Re na le dipalo tse di kwa godimo fela thata. Thamaga a le nosi o na le dikopo tsa ditsha tsa

bonno di feta 15 000 mme lefatshe le re setseng re le bonye re tla kgona go baya mo go lone go fitlha kwa moikopeding wa bo 2 500," ga tlhalosa Rre Malebye.

A re kwa mafelong a mangwe a welang ka fa tlase ga lekgotlana la kabo ditsha la Thamaga, kwa Mmankgodi ba ba emetseng go abelwa ditsha tsa bonno ba feta 7 000, Ramaphate (14 000), Kumakwane (14 000), Gakgatla (7 000) le Kubung (4 000).

Rre Malebye a re le fa ba ikiteile sehuba go tlhomamisa gore baikopedi ba abelwa lefatshe ka bofelo jo ba ka bo kgonegang, ba tshwenngwa ke gore bangwe ba tseela ditsha tse, go di rekisa.

A re go ka nna kaone go rekisa bontlha bongwe jwa sekidinyana se o se abetsweng go na le go se fetisa sotlhe, mme morago motho a tswelole ka tshokolo ya go tlhoka bonno jo e leng jwa gagwe.

"Kana fa re go beile, re go beile, ga gona jaaka o ka bewa setsha se sengwe gape," ga tlhalosa Rre Maleye a tlhaba setshaba podi matseba.

Le fa go ntse jalo o ne a ba tlhaba podi matseba go ela thoko magotswana a itshemang e le bakanoki ba lefatshe, ka jalo ba felela ba ba tsieditse ka go ba direla mekwalo e senang boamaruri.

A re mo nakong eno ba tlhohlomisa dikgetsi di ka tshwarang lekgolo tsa ditsha tse go dirisitsweng bakanoki ba ba sa tlhomamiswang ka fa molaong.

Rre Malebye a re ba leka ka bojotle go lwanatsha tshenyetso setshaba mo makgotleng a kabo ditsha, a re ke jaaka ba tswelotse ka go rutuntsha babereki ka borai jwa go inaakanya le tshenyetso setshaba. **BOPA**



Modulasetilo lekgotlana la kabo ditsha la Thamaga Rre Frederick Malebye

Borre ba nonotsha serodumo sa lenyalo

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Borre ba mokwena ba tla thulanya ditlhogo ka Matlhatso ka go tshwara maitiso kwa kgotleng kgolo ya Bakwena mo Molepolole go tla go buisana le go abelana maele ka go sireletsa le go nonotsha serodumo sa lenyalo.

Kokoano eo, e rulagantswe ke lekgotla la borre la Young Fathers Forum. Molalediwa wa tlotla kwa maitisong ao ke Kgosi Kgari Sechele III, yo tla itebaganyang le tsamaiso ya bogadi.

Mogokaganyi wa ditirelo tsa Young Fathers Forum, Rre Merapelo Karabo o kopile borre go tla ba feletse ka dijase go supa tota fa e le banna tia ka gore kang e, e batla banna ka dijase.

A re lekgotla le, ga se gore ke la bosetlaboshane mo nyalong

fela, mme gareng ga maloko kgotsa bagakolodi ba dikgang tse di buiwang go a bo go nale borre ba bagolo, ba ba sa bolong go tsema mo nyalong, ba ba nang le boitemogelo jo bo kwa godimo.

A re lekgotla la Young Fathers Forum le tshamilwe ka ngwaga wa 2020 mo Molepolole ka maikaelelo a go fitlhelela borre ba ba magorogo masha mo lenyalong go ba ruta go itshokela dikgwetlho tse ba tla kopanang le tsone.

"Re le borre o fitlhela go sena kwa re kopanang teng go buisana ka dikgwetlho tse re di itemogeleng kgotsa go sena kwa re ka fiwang maele teng go re kgone re tshwarelele kgotsa re fitlhelele mo manyalong a rona," ga latlhela Rre Karabo.

Rre Karabo a re fa e sale ba simolola lekgotla le ba itemogela kgolo ka ntlha ya koketsego ya dipalo tsa borre ba ba atlang pitso ya bone ya ngwaga le ngwaga.

"Mo dikgaolong tse dingwe ba elets gore re baetele jaaka kwa ga-Maete le kwa ga-Ngwaketsi jalo jalo. Jaanong selo se le rona se re gwetlha gore re tsharolole diphuka tsa rona go ya go abelana maele a lenyalo le bone ka gore matlo go sha mabapi" ga tlhalosa Rre Karabo. **BOPA**

Kgosi o akgola bagwebi go dira ka natla

Chendzimu Manyepedza
SELEBI PHIKWE

Bagwebi ba ba botlana kwa toropong ya Selebi Phikwe ba akgoletse go tswelolela ba dira ka gotlhe mo go tswakanyeng itsholelo ya toropo eo ka ditsela tse di farologanyeng e bile di nametsa.

Kgosi Molefi Pilane wa kgotla ya Ikageleng akgotse bagwebi bao mo thuto seka dipuisano e e neng e rulagantswe ke lekalana la Seed of Change.

Maikaelelo a thuto seka dipuisano tseo e ne ele go fa bagwebi ba ba potlana maele a go tswelolela ba godisa dikgwebo tsa bone le fa ba lebangwe ke dikgwetlho ka go farologana.

Kgosi Pilane a re fa e sale moepo wa BCL o tswalwa, o e eng e le one konokono ya itsholelo mo toropong eo, bagwebi ka go farologana ba ne ba tswelolela ba dira ka gotlhe le ntswa dingwe dikgwetlho di ne di gomagometsa go phutlhamisa dikgwebo ka go farologana.

A re se bagwebi bao ba neng ba tswelolela ba se dira, go tshwegetsa dikgwebo tsa bone, go supile fa ba ikiteile sehuba e bile ba itse mabaka a gore ke eng ba ne ba tsema mo dikgwebong tseo.

Kgosi Pilane o akgotse maiteko ao a tlhalosa fa dikgwebo tseo di dira seabe se se bonalang go tswelolela go tswakanya itsholelo.

Kgosi Pilane o tswelotse ka go kgothatsa bagwebi bao go tswelolela ba tia moko ka tse ba di dirang, go tsaya maele le dikgakolo mo makalaneng a dikgwebo ka go farologana, a re lerato mo go tse ba di dirang ke sengwe se se ka ba thusang go itshetlele le fa dikgwetlho di ka tlhagoga.

O bile gape a akgola bagwebi ba, a re ntle le go thusa go godisa le go tswakanya itsholelo ya toropo ya Selebi Phikwe, malapa a le mantsi a tswelotse ka go tshela ka tsone dipolelo tsa dikgwebo tseo.

Fa a tswa la gagwe, Ratoropo wa Selebi Phikwe, Rre Oageng Makgosa, a re bagwebi ba ba botlana ke bangwe ba ba tsayang seabe se se bonalang mo go tswakanyeng le go aga itsholelo ya lefatshe leno.

Rre Makgosa a re e re ntswa dikgwebo ka go farologana di lebangwe ke kgwetlho ka go farologana, bagwebi ba seka ba lapa dipelo, mme ba tswelolela ba batla maele a tsamaelanang le diphetogo tsa sesha, a a ka thusang go godisa dikgwebo le go itepapatepanya le dinako tsa sesha. **BOPA**



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
MINISTRY OF MINERALS AND ENERGY

EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 3 OF 2026 VACANCY: Projects Director, PEDU

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME) under the Projects and Energy Development Unit. (PEDU).

Salary Scale: F2 (P607,440) per annum

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits: Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%).

Duration: 2 – 3 years' contract.

Qualifications: Degree in Energy /Mining /Metallurgy/ Mechanical / Chemical/Electrical & Electronic Engineering or related fields from a recognized institution. Master's degree qualification in any one of the above qualifications and experience in Project Management would be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

Experience: At least eighteen (18) years' experience in the mines, Energy and minerals industry, or related fields, two years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in either the Public Sector or Private Sector.

Main Purpose of the Job: To manage implementation of energy sector mega infrastructure projects under the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with emphasis on sustainability and security of energy supplies and services.

To manage implementation of mega projects under the Minerals Resource Development Exploitation Exploration and Value Chains Strategy

Key Performance Areas:

1. Provides strategic leadership of the Projects and Energy Development Unit. (PEDU)
2. Develops and implements Performance Plan for the Unit.
3. Provides strategic leadership in the review of policies to assess their effectiveness in achieving Project Implementation.
4. Provide technical advice in the implementation of Mega Ministry projects derived from the Minerals and Energy programmes, as well as, manages and validates related projects implementation plans.
5. Provides strategic leadership in risk management to ensure timely initiation and completion of all project phases.
6. Monitors and validates the process of Project Risk Assessment to ensure operational continuity, financial stability, and safety.
7. Applies change control and configuration management by defining, documenting, and managing the parameters baselines and workflows of project technical modification.
8. Oversees project implementation and administrative oversight, reporting and monitoring and evaluation of the projects.
9. Manages project contracts Energy and Mineral sectors, such as Power Purchase Agreements, HR Agreements and other commercial and regulatory agreements.
10. Negotiates commercial, financial and Regulatory agreements for all Mega Projects.
11. Develops and implement a funding Programme that allows citizen to invest in the sectors.
12. Coordinate project teams to ensure that work is completed on time and scope to a high engineering standards.
13. Conducts a project evaluation review to assess how well the project was managed.
14. Coordinate the development and implementation of stakeholder engagement plan.
15. Actively involves diverse groups such as local communities, regulatory bodies, indigenous groups, investors, and environmental organizations.
16. Manages and responds to stakeholder, investor, and customer enquiries and queries related to the projects.
17. Creates awareness of potential interdependencies with other projects and their impact
18. Contributes to skills gaps analysis and formulates targeted training and development strategies to build capacity and enhance performance and skills development of the Ministry
19. Undertakes any other related duties as required to meet exigencies of the service

Key Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
- Planning and Organizing
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to Change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

APPLICATIONS:

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

- a. Full names and postal address.
- b. Certified copy of national Identity Card.
- c. Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- d. Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
- e. Two recent reference letters (not more than six (6) months old)
- f. Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

All Applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their respective Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications **NOT** so routed will not be considered. All applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2026 VACANCY: COORDINATOR - DIAMOND HUB

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

Salary Scale: F2 (P607, 440) per annum

Leave: 30 working days per annum

Benefits: Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

Duration: 2 – 3 years' contract.

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Mining/Metallurgy/Chemical/Geology or Mineral Economics or Marketing or related fields. Master's Degree qualifications in Business Administration/Mineral Economics/Marketing/Strategic Management will be an added advantage.

Experience: At least Eighteen (18) years' experience in the mines and minerals industry or related field, two (2) years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

Main purpose of the job: To provide leadership and strategic direction in the diamond downstream activities (diamond cutting and polishing, jewellery manufacturing and diamond trading as well as create enabling environment for Botswana to become a sustainable and competitive world class diamond centre.

Key Performance Areas

1. Coordinates the development, review, and implementation of the Diamond Beneficiation Strategy in alignment with the Minerals Policy and Government national development priorities.
2. Develops and implement strategies for diamond marketing, promotion, and investment attraction to enhance Botswana's position as a global diamond centre.
3. Provides strategic guidance to enhance the competitiveness, resilience, and long-term sustainability of Botswana's downstream diamond industry.
4. Oversees market intelligence pertaining to the global and local diamond industry to inform strategic decision-making and policy formulation.
5. Manages and oversees the issuance, administration, and monitoring of licences, permits, and authorisations relating to diamond processing, trading, and export activities within and outside Botswana.
6. Coordinate systems and processes to ensure adherence to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and other supervisory and regulatory requirements governing diamond trade.
7. Evaluates the competitiveness, profitability, and sustainability of Botswana's downstream diamond industry, including benchmarking against global diamond centres and reviewing downstream companies' business plans, financial statements, and performance data.
8. Manages and responds to stakeholder, investor, and customer enquiries and queries related to the diamond industry, including investment opportunities, regulatory requirements, and operational processes.
9. Develops strategies for optimal and sustainable value chain development in the Diamond Industry.
10. Facilitates the establishment and operationalisation of diamond businesses, in collaboration with relevant authorities, to enhance investor convenience and improve the ease of doing business within the diamond sector.
11. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

Key Competencies:

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
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- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
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- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

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VACANCY CIRCULAR NO 5 OF 2026 VACANCY: Deputy Permanent Secretary, Energy

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated citizens of Botswana for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy (MME).

Salary Scale: F2 (P607,440) per annum

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits: Optional Contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%).

Duration: 2 – 3 years' contract.

Qualifications: Degree in Energy Studies/Energy Engineering/Mechanical Engineering/ Biological Sciences or related programmes or Bachelor of Social Sciences specialising in Economics, Environmental Science, Demography, Statistics or related fields. Masters in Energy Management Studies/ Economics/Business Administration will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

Experience: Eighteen (18) years' experience in working within the energy sector operations, two years of which should have been served at E1 salary scale or equivalent in either the Public Sector or Private Sector.

Main Purpose of the Job: To lead development and implementation of policies and strategies that will ensure energy sustainability, reliability, efficiency and security, as well as, development of projects that will promote the use of green technology.

Key Performance Areas:

1. Provides strategic leadership over promotion and development of the Energy Sector
2. Provides technical expertise in the formulation of energy sector legislation and policies for sustainable use and socio-economic benefit.
3. Oversees the execution of energy sector legislation and policy frameworks.
4. Coordinates development and implementation of programmes and projects towards energy efficiency, reliability, sustainability and security.
5. Facilitates establishment and coordination of working relations of the strategic partners and teams in the development and implementation of energy sector programmes and projects.
6. Provide technical and expert advice on appropriate technologies aimed at promoting exploitation of energy resources in a responsible and sustainable manner
7. Oversees the development and implementation of the energy marketing and promotion initiatives.
8. Leads in all matters of international cooperation in the energy sector.
9. Coordinates the development and maintenance of energy sector management systems infrastructure for generation of reliable data and information.
10. Coordinates establishment and effective functioning of energy funds management.
11. Coordinates the development, implementation and timeous review of the energy sector strategic plan to ensure that government priorities are met.
12. Oversees implementation of the energy sector strategy and provides direct oversight in execution of the sector's activities and operations across the Ministries Departments, Parastatals and State-Owned Companies.
13. Coordinates implementation of recommendations of the audits within the energy sector.
14. Coordinates overall Departmental and staff performance management.
15. Coordinates Energy budget estimates for incorporation in the Ministry's budget.
16. Oversees optimal use of budget and expenditure allocated for the energy sector.
17. Manages the implementation of strategies for energy funds' investments and diversification
18. Oversees researches on the energy sector related matters to keep abreast with the latest trends and identify opportunities for growth and new initiatives and innovations.
19. Provides leadership in identifying Energy sector skills gaps and formulates targeted training and development strategies to build capacity and enhance performance and skills development of the Ministry.
20. Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned.

Key competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Leading and Supervising
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Formulating Strategies & Concepts
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- f. Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

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Note: "By submitting your application or CV, you acknowledge that the processing of your personal data is solely for recruitment purposes. Your information may be shared with authorized personnel and approved recruitment partners in line with the Botswana Data Protection Act, 2024."

Applications should be addressed to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Minerals and Energy
Private Bag 0018
Gaborone

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The constitutional court debate: The Real Story Behind Botswana's Constitutional Court Fight

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Where constitutional understanding is weak, fear grows easily, and where fear grows easily, misinformation thrives.

That is partly why claims have circulated online suggesting foreign judges will secretly dominate the Constitutional Court, or that the court will instantly rewrite social norms overnight. Most of these claims have little basis in the actual constitutional text, but misinformation flourishes when constitutional education is absent. Still, even supporters of the Constitutional Court acknowledge legitimate concerns.

One of the most serious relates to the composition of the Judicial Service Commission, the body central to judicial appointments. Critics argue that because many of its members are either directly or indirectly appointed by the President, the system risks excessive executive influence over judicial appointments. This concern is not imaginary. However, the Constitutional Amendment Bill attempts to respond by restructuring aspects of the Judicial Service Commission itself. Supporters argue this strengthens independence. Critics remain unconvinced. And perhaps that is the uncomfortable reality Botswana must accept: no constitutional system is perfect.

There is no magical institutional formula that permanently eliminates suspicion, political tension, or disagreement. Every democracy continuously negotiates the balance between judicial independence, democratic accountability, and State power. Which is why President Advocate Duma Boko repeatedly frames the Constitutional Court debate not as a "right versus wrong" issue, but as a value judgment. Do citizens want stronger constitutional oversight? Do they trust specialised constitutional institutions? Do they believe Botswana's constitutional culture has evolved enough to require a dedicated constitutional court? Those are philosophical questions as much as legal ones.

Then there is the issue of cost. The infamous P250 million figure has floated around public discourse like a political grenade. For many struggling citizens facing unemployment, inflation, healthcare concerns, and economic uncertainty, the number immediately triggers suspicion. Why spend so much on a court? Yet supporters counter with a difficult but important truth: democracy is expensive.

The deeper question therefore becomes whether constitutional rights themselves are valuable enough to justify institutional investment. And that question becomes deeply personal once citizens experience State power directly. Before arrest, rights seem theoretical.

After arrest, rights suddenly become painfully real. There will never be a universally agreed "perfect moment" for constitutional reform. Someone will always say the country has more urgent priorities, another will always insist constitutional protection itself is urgent. What complicated matters further was the communication strategy.

One of the strongest frustrations today stems from the perception that citizens were promised a comprehensive constitutional review but instead received a

Constitutional Court proposal first. Critics argue the process feels fragmented. But constitutional reform is rarely a single event. It is usually a long national process unfolding over years, sometimes across multiple governments.

Yet buried inside the debate is another important fact often ignored in political arguments: the idea of a Constitutional Court did not emerge from nowhere. Submissions made during the Presidential Commission on the Review of the Constitution led by retired Justice Dibotelo specifically raised concerns about

constitutional protection and institutions capable of safeguarding constitutional supremacy and fundamental rights. That distinction matters enormously. Because it means the current administration is not simply inventing an entirely foreign concept. Rather, it is acting upon constitutional anxieties already expressed by citizens themselves during national consultations. Which is precisely why the referendum matters. The referendum represents something deeper than a legal procedure. Botswana is effectively asking itself

what kind of constitutional future it wants. Whether constitutional interpretation should remain dispersed across general courts or concentrated within a specialized institution. And perhaps most importantly: Whether citizens themselves fully understand the constitutional future they are now being asked to shape.

Because the Constitutional Court debate is not only testing Botswana's legal system, it is also testing Botswana's democratic maturity. Can citizens debate constitutional questions without descending

into fear, propaganda, or political tribalism? Can constitutional literacy finally become part of national civic culture instead of remaining the language of lawyers alone? Because long after the headlines fade and the referendum campaigns end, Botswana will still confront the same constitutional reality: Power always requires restraint. Rights always require protection. And democracies survive not because institutions are perfect, but because societies continuously struggle to improve them.



EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 6 OF 2026

VACANCY: Deputy Director (Development and Operations)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated employees for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Department of Mines. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

Salary Scale: E2 (P449 256 - P464 236 per annum)

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits: Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

Duration: 2 - 3 years' contract

Qualifications: Bachelor of Engineering in Mining/ Metallurgy / Chemical / Mineral Processing from a recognized and accredited institution. A Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB)/possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

Experience: A minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience in the mining industry, two (2) years of which should have been at D1 level or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

Main Purpose of the Job: To oversee the process of applications for mining and minerals permits, and licenses as well as ensuring that exploitation of the mineral resources is done in the most efficient and beneficial manner.

Key Performance Areas:

- Oversees the assessment of Minerals Permits/ Mining License/Semi Precious Stones Dealers License/ Retention license/ Development license/ Permit to Import Minerals/Permit for possession of unwrought Precious Metal applications.
- Oversees issuance of authorizations of minerals samples permits and Tender Clearance certificates.
- Oversees inspections and audits of mining operations for compliance to mining legislations and approved mining programmes.
- Makes follow up on inspections and audit recommendations/queries.
- Oversees review of rehabilitation/reclamation programmes for Retention licence, Development licence, Mining licence and Mineral Permits.
- Interprets and analyses mining operations data and advice accordingly.
- Provides technical advice on mining related matters.
- Contributes to reviews of Acts, Policies and Regulations on mining and minerals operations.
- Prepares financial budget estimates for the Division.
- Facilitates training and development programmes for subordinate staff.
- Guides subordinate staff on specific tasks and assignments.
- Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

Key Competencies

- Deciding and Initiating Action
- Adhering to Principles and Values
- Analyzing
- Leading and Supervising
- Formulating Strategies and Concepts
- Planning and Organising
- Delivering Results and Meeting Customer Expectations
- Adapting and Responding to change
- Entrepreneurial and Commercial Thinking

APPLICATIONS:

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

- Full names and postal address.
- Certified copy of national Identity Card.
- Brief summary of career with duties (Curriculum Vitae).
- Certified copies of certificates together with their transcripts (both academic and professional).
- Two recent reference letters (**not more than six (6) months old**)
- Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

VACANCY CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2026

VACANCY: Deputy Director, Inspectorate

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and highly motivated employees for the above position in the Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Department of Mines. The post is tenable in Gaborone.

Salary Scale: E2 (P449,256-P464,236per annum)

Leave: 30 working days per annum.

Benefits: Optional contributory Medical Aid Scheme (Government Contributes 50% and employee 50%)

Duration: 2 - 3 years' contract

Qualifications: Bachelor of Engineering in Mining/Environmental/ Electrical/Mechanical from a recognized and accredited institution. A Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines will be an added advantage.

Candidates should be in good standing on registration with the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) / Possess a practicing certificate with the ERB.

Experience: A minimum of ten (10) years post qualification experience in the mining industry, two (2) years of which should have been at D1 level or equivalent in the Private Sector or Parastatal.

Main Purpose of the Job: To oversee compliance of mining operations to health, safety and environmental legislation as well as the safe use of explosives.

Key Performance Areas:

- Oversees timely processing of Grant titles (permits, licences, authorisations and approvals for explosives, machinery and environmental.
- Coordinates inspections of mining operations and evaluates issued instructions.
- Evaluates audit reports for effectiveness of health and safety systems implemented by mining companies
- Attends to appeals on inspection/audits instructions
- Reviews effectiveness of Health and Safety programmes to promote the health and safety of persons at mines and any person affected by the mining and blasting activities.
- Provides direction and raise awareness on safe work programmes, hazard identification and the use of personal protective equipment.
- Provides guidance on the implementation of Safety, Health and Welfare to ensure that mining programmes are conducted in a safe manner.
- Provides guidance on the implementation of environmental regulations to ensure that mining activities are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Interprets reports generated from data collected on mining and explosives activities and ensure strategic alignment.
- Prepares financial budget estimates for the Division.
- Facilitates training and development programmes for subordinate staff.
- Guides subordinate staff on specific tasks and assignments.
- Undertakes any other related duties as may be assigned by Management.

Key Competencies

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- Names and contact details of two (2) current referees.

All Applications from serving Public Officers should be routed through their respective Heads of Departments and Permanent Secretaries. Applications NOT so routed will not be considered. All applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements stipulated above will not be responded to. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

Note: "By submitting your application or CV, you acknowledge that the processing of your personal data is solely for recruitment purposes. Your information may be shared with authorized personnel and approved recruitment partners in line with the Botswana Data Protection Act, 2024"

Applications should be addressed to:

**Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Minerals and Energy
Private Bag 0018**

**OR hand delivered to:
Ministry of Minerals and Energy
Fairgrounds Office Park
First Floor
Records Management Unit**

CLOSING DATE: 5th June 2026

For further information, required contact Human Resource Management Unit at 3656651/6695/6686/6673/6693.

Classified Ads

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

FARM WORKER

TWO FARM WORKER WANTED in Oodi-Matebeleng 76090888/ 73615918.

3 FARM WORKERS wanted. Apply to P O Box 1381 Molepolole

2 HERDBOYS WANTED 3 years experience, able to speak both English and Setswana, food hamper provided every month. Herdboys should be able to take care of all domestic animals. If interested call or whatapp Mr Regis Mabhiza at 72705546, P.O Box 001, Oodi, plot No 8595 Oodi

LADY FARM WORKER required, Modisane farms. Box 951 Gabane 72655546

FARM WORKER AT Diroka in the Artesia area. Closing date 11/06/2026. Phone 76015333

FARM WORKER WANTED at Sesthego Farm, P O Box 120 Kopong.

MALE HERDBOY/HERDMAN WANTED at Sebowe/Shoshong. Contact:71502487/74869695

FARM WORKER WANTED: 71401361

FARM WORKER WANTED at Gakuto. Must have driver's license. Contact Mr Nametso Masala, P O Box 26130 Game City Gaborone

I AM LOOKING for a farm worker to care for animals and crops at Phuduhudu Lands, Palapye. Apply to P O Box 11525, Palapye.

ASSISTANT MANAGER WANTED at Purple Stones farm at Lintswaletau. Contact No. 71635660. Send application to Box 46203 Gaborone, email nmmlaudzi@gmail.com

ONE HERDBOY WANTED Tshesebe Box 1020 Gaborone, Ishmael Nshakashogwe 71302931

SEASONAL FARM WORKER wanted in Pitsane. Call 75369612, write to P.O. Box 1885 Mochudi

THREE FARMWORKERS WANTED Makobo Lungani Mahumba Box 10586 Tatitown 75059472

FARM WORKER WANTED in Pitsane. Call 75369612, Write to P.O. Box 1885 Mochudi

FARM WORKER WANTED in Leshibitse. Call 75369612, Write to P.O. Box 1885 Mochudi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Building Design Services** intends to apply for change of use of **Plot 5407, Good Hope** from Single Residential to Multi-Residential.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed development may do so in writing to:

The Physical Planner
Good Hope District Council
Good Hope
Telephone No: +267 5404183

within twenty-one (14) days of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000108/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **ANDREW MODIBEDI** who died at Dandane Ward, Bobonong, Central -Bobonong District, Botswana on the **12th day of January 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 GABORONE on this 25th Day of May 2026.

The Executrix
Boikaego Modibedi
P O Box 20189, MAHALAPYE
Cell: 71 886 223

ONE HERDBOY WANTED Tsamaya Mbaki Kethokile Box 20926 Francistown 77046340

HERDBOY AND FARM LABOURER WANTED AT SATAU. CONTACT SAMBALA 74780699

URGENTLY NEED 4 farm workers at Kgalapitse lands. Write to P. O. Box 25 Oodi, Contact 72462913 Matlhaga

THREE FARM WORKERS NEEDED, YELLOWSTONE FARM MABELE, KASANE CELL 74170033

A FARM WORKER needed at Malokaganyane near Goodhope, preferably with a wife (male worker). Call: 71362821

FARM WORKERS WANTED with livestock and horticulture training. Apply to : Malwelwe farm P.O Box 2181 Gaborone. Call Oscar Sekga on 77619319. Closing date : 30/06/2026

2 FARM LABOURERS needed at Nlapkwane Village, North East. Contact: Mr Khatazo Gwakuba.

TWO FARMWORKERS NEEDED Senete Stephen Fane Box 60 Senete 76272023

URGENTLY REQUIRED THE services of farm worker / herd man at Antony Phelelo, P.O Box 571 Molepolole

EXPERIENCED MIXED FARM worker needed in Maboane. Apply - Judith Ole, Box 1271, Molepolole

HERD BOY WANTED, SERIBA BAHITI SIMASIKU 77007824

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000144-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **TIRAFALO MOPORO NGAKANE** who died Julia Molefe (Block 9) Clinic, Gaborone District, Botswana on **3rd January 2023.**

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026
Executrix Dative, Kelebogile Ngakane, P.O Box 115, **MOGODITSHANE, Cell: 72217909**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy of lost Title Deed No. 3073/2006 dated 18 day of December 2006 made in favor of **Angelina Querry Orora** in respect of the Lot

CERTAIN: Piece of land being Lot 4013 Ghanzi
SITUATE: In the Ghanzi Administration District
MEASURING: 384 m² (Three hundred and Eighty four square meter)
HELD UNDER: Deed No. 3073/2006 dated 18 December 2006

All persons having objections to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same with the Registrar of Deeds for Botswana at Gaborone within three (3) weeks from the last publication of this notice.

Dated at Gaborone on this 13 May 2026
APPLICANT
Name: ANGELINA Q. ORORA
Address: P O Box 46602 Gaborone

NOTICE OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to apply for a certain copy of Deed No 1133/92 dated the 24th day of July 1992 in favour of **Chona Machonisa Gauthuse** in respect of the under mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being lot 21407, Francistown
SITUATE: At Francistown Administrative District
MEASURING: 1158m² (One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Eight square meters)

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.

P O Box 30144 Francistown
Dated: 19th May 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 000291-23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KEPALETSE MAKOPOLA ESHFT/ 000291-23** who died at **NYANGABWE REFERAL HOSPITAL, FRANCISTOWN, FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **03rd day of AUGUST 1997.**

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 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026
CAIPHUS MAKOPOLA AND TO: **Master of the High Court**
EXECUTOR DATIVE Private Bag F13
P O BOX 2096, FRANCISTOWN FRANCISTOWN

Notice of Lost Title Deed

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. Kabelo Cecil Letlole intends to apply for a certified copy of Deed No. 2075/2012 dated the 20th day of September 2012 made in favour of Mr. Kabelo Cecil Letlole in respect of:

Piece of land being Lot No. 56737;
In Gaborone, Block 10;
398m² (Three hundred and ninety eight square metres)
Certificate of registered state Title No. 2075/2012 dated the 20th day of September 2012

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

Dated at Gaborone this 19th Day of May, 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE MARRIAGE PROPERTY REGIME

(In terms of Section 8(1) of the Married Persons Property Act(CAP29:03))

1. Be pleased to take notice that **KHUTSAFALO KWENAETSILE** and **MOMPOLOKI KWENAETSILE** who have been married in community of property since **15th of November 2019** at Molepolole wish to change their marital property regime to out of community of property.
2. The parties intend to apply to the High Court of Botswana after the expiration of the three (3) weeks statutory notice from the date of the first Publication.
3. Any person, or creditor or debtor, who may have an interest in the assets and/or liabilities of the parties' shared estate, should they have objections to the parties changing their property regime, are to inform the parties attorneys to ensure that no person is prejudiced by the proposed change before the expiration of the said three weeks period, or make representations before the High Court of Botswana once the contemplated application is lodged. The address of their attorneys, the **UB LEGAL CLINIC**, is provided below.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THIS 11th DAY OF MAY 2026.
C/O UB LEGAL CLINIC | OFF MABUTHO ROAD | PRIVATE BAG 00705, GABORONE

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000534-24

IN THE ESTATE of the late **GODIRAONE KELEBOGILE NTHAGA** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital, Mmopane, Kweneng District, Botswana on the 2nd October 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 Gaborone on this 13th Day of May 2026.

The Executor
Tumelo Nthaga
P.O. Box 4757, Gaborone
Tel: 71341960

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB-000221/24

IN THE ESTATE of the late Ditiro Lucky Dumelang who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 17th February 2023.

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

DATED at Gaborone on this 25 day of May 2026.

Executrix Dative
Goitseone Dumelang
P O BOX 20158 MAHALAPYE
CELL: 77110671/75744089

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT FRANCISTOWN ESHFT 0000243 / 24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **KGOMOSTO PIJE ESHFT: 0000243/24** who died at **FRANCISTOWN DISTRICT** on the **04/03/2024**

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

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2021
MOTHUSI NATHANIEL LESEGO AND TO: **Master of the High Court**
EXECUTOR DATIVE Private Bag F13
P O BOX 401896 FRANCISTOWN
GABORONE FRANCISTOWN

Vanda Nurseries is looking for a Farm Manager to oversee nursery operations, manage staff, and drive business growth. The candidate must have:-

- Sales & Marketing Experience
- Management and Leadership skills
- Valid Driver's License
- Computer literacy
- Agricultural/Horticultural knowledge advantage

Send your CV to: vandannurseries@gmail.com
Closing date: 8 June 2026

NOTICE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned intends to apply for a certified copy Of Deed No: DR004266588 dated 13th day of December 2022 made in favour of **PRINCE NDJIZERA** In Respect Of:

CERTAIN: Piece of land being LOT 5381 CHARELSHILL
SITUATE: IN CADASTRE 0237, GHANZI TRIBAL AREA
MEASURING: 592m², FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO SQUARE METER
HELD UNDER: DR004266588

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.

DATE AT ON THIS DAY OF 2026
APPLICANT
75251104

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR BAR LIQUOR LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that I, Keemenao Palai, of Makgophana Ward, Mochudi, intend to apply for the grant of a Bar Liquor license in premises at Malotwana lot 0028 Mochudi.

Any person wishing to object this application should do so in writing or call Kgatleng District council Private Bag 0011(577411) within the period prescribed by law.

25/05/2026
Applicant:
Keemenao Palai
72692445

FARM WORKER

FARM WORKER WANTED in Mahuhumetsa to undertake general farm work. No qualifications required. However farm experience is an added advantage. Closing date 19th June 2026. Contact B. Mogotsi 72158535, P O Box 2025 Ramotswa

FARM WORKER WANTED for goats and general home care. Malotwana. Call 75070206

FARM WORKERS WANTED, apply Morrin Investment Irvin Ndlovu Box 10287 Tatitown 71517160 Borolong

FARM FOREMAN AND workers wanted in Ditsheswane horticultural farm. Call 77402906

FARM WORKER WANTED at Fikeng lands, Mmankgodi. Apply to: N. M. Makati Box 550167 Mogoditshane. C: 72852888

LOOKING FOR FARM worker at Tshidilamolomo. Apply P.O.Box 38 Lobatse. Cell no 72203572. Closing date 17/06/2026

SEASONAL FARM WORKER wanted in Leshibitse. Call 75369612, Write to P.O. Box 1885 Mochudi

LOOKING FOR FARM WORKER in Artesia. Apply to : Balingi Nanga, P O Box 402311 Gaborone

MISCELLANEOUS

I DOMINIC THABO Motlakele ID 368217808 residing at Plot 20059 Phase 2 Gaborone do advertise that I can not locate or contact Takesure Archmore Mazhindu ID No 75-483862A-47 Zimbabwean, concerning Toyota Corolla sedan B 940AZR which I encountered some queries at department of transport processing change of ownership.

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

CHANGE OF LAND USE Weruweru Pty owner of lot No. 17852, Gaborone West Extension 3, intends to change land use from civic and community to commercial use. Any objection kindly contact Gaborone City Council, Physical Planning Department on telephone 3903430, 3932086 within fourteen (14) days of this publication notice.

NEIGHBOURS CONSULTATION. **AGNES** Komanyane, owner of plot 96171, Gaborone North, wishes to inform neighbours of the intention to erect boundary wall. For any objections contact Gaborone city council at 3657400 within fourteen (14) working days of this publication.

PRECIOUS MLAMBO of plot no: 9927 Francistown, intends to erect a residential double storey and erect a boundary wall. For any objection contact Francistown City Council Physical Planning Office or call 2411050 within 14 days of this publication

Owner of Plot 748 Kanye, would like to change the land use of this plot to mixed use (Commercial and Mixed Use).

For enquiries contact Kanye District Council on telephone - 5445700

EXTRA HEAVY DUTY DRIVER REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a valid PSV licence with a minimum of 25 year's driving experience. Must have prior work experience in a school environment. Must be mature, highly responsible individual with a strong commitment to safety, discipline and reliability.

Application with Curriculum vitae to be submitted to :

Secretary Al Nur School P Bag 00192 Gaborone

Closing date: 26. 06. 2026

OWNERS OF PLOTS 2411, 2408, 2407 and 2405 are informed of a development of boundary wall on plot 2406 Newstance Tatisiding . For any inquiries contact 77058142

THE OWNER OF plot 26271 Dinokwane ward, Serowe intends to apply for a change of land use from commercial (self catering apartments) to commercial. Any objections should be forwarded to Serowe district council planning department at 4638400/02 or 0800600796 within 14 days from the date of this publication

THE OWNERS OF plot 2844 Bokaa wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Anyone with objections should consult Kgatleng District Council Physical Planning Offices at 5777411

OWNER OF PLOT 1852, Portion B at Gaborone Extension 7 is proposing change of landuse from open space to civic & community (Daycare). Any objections contact Gaborone City Council Physical Planning Office on 3657400

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

This notice is sued in turns of **Tribal Land Act 2018**, section (i)(a-e) in respect of the following property

CERTAIN : Piece of land being rendewia1 plot at Tsabong
SITUATE : Tsabong, Borakanelo ward
MEASURING : 46x25x 60x37m
WHICH PROPERTY : Is held under Tsabong sub-Land board

The transaction is between **Ontiretse Mmoloki and Musungo Desire** for the sum of **P 55 000.00 (Fifty-five thousand Pula)** this is subject to such other terms and conditions as available for the inspection and consideration of the plot.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer of the above property must give their submission to **Tsabong Sub-Landboard** within thirty (30) days of this publication of this notice.

Ontiretse Mmoloki | Applicant
Cellphone: 71 502 826

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
OLIVER MASEBA	ESHMY 000123-26	07.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 25TH MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: **ESHGB 00116/24**

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **ROBERT MATIKITI** who died at Ramodisa Ward, Kopong, Kweneng District, Botswana on the **29th day of December 2023**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ Day of _____ 2026

The Executrix | GAGOGWE P. MATIKITI
 P O Box 80140, GABORONE | Cell: 73001249

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

ESHFT 000574-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Shathani Chite-ESHFT/000574-25** who died at North East District on the 31st of May 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 22ND DAY OF MAY 2026.

Omphile Gabriel Chite AND TO: MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT
 Executrix Dative Private Bag F13
 P.O Box 20230 FRANCISTOWN

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MORTGAGE BOND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of covering mortgage bond No: 2567/2018 dated the 8th October 2018 passed by **TORO JANSEN** in respect of the below mentioned property namely;

CERTAIN: piece of land lot 130 commercial Mogoditshane
SITUATED: IN MOGODITSHANE
MEASURING: 1599sqm (one thousand five hundred and ninety-nine square metres)

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deeds of Fixed period states Grant no: 2567/2018 dated the 8th day of October 2018 made in favour of **TORO JANSEN**

All persons having objection to this issue of such copy is hereby required to lodge same in writing with the register of deeds within **three (3) weeks** from the last application of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE DAY OF 25TH MAY 2026
TORO JANSEN Lot 130 Mogoditshane Private bag 0041 Mogoditshane

APPLICATION FOR LOST TITLE DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends applying for a certified copy of DEED OF FIXED PERIOD STATE GRANT NO. 2298/2005 DATED THE 11TH OCTOBER 2005, made in favour of **ALEX LOPANG BOKITLA** in respect of;

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 4354 Ghanzi;
SITUATE: in the Ghanzi Administrative District;
MEASURING: 400m² (Four Hundred Square Metres);

ALL persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge their objection in writing to the Registrar of Deed, Private Bag 0020 Gaborone within **three weeks** of the last publication of this notice hereof.

Dated at Gaborone on this 23rd day of April 2026.

McBAIN KAANG ATTORNEYS
 P.O.BOX 40448, GABORONE
 Telephone: 371 0171 Facsimile: 371 0172
 Email: kaangattorneys@gmail.com

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

ESHFT 0000 97-22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late **Kgongwana Matibini -ESHFT 0000 97-22** / who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone District on the **08th July 2021**.

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 _____ DAY OF _____ 2026

Mrs Julia Kesentseng Matibini (Wife) AND TO: Master of the High Court
Executrix Dative Private Bag F13
 P O Box 23, Thebehatshwa FRANCISTOWN
Mr Jenamo Matibini (Brother)
Executrix Dative P O Box 10014, Borolong

FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT FOR THE LATE RINAH KENANAO TLALANYANE - ESHGB - 000489/23

IN THE ESTATE of the late **RINAH KENANAO TLALANYANE** who died at Gaborone Cancer Center, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Republic of Botswana 0m 26th July 2023.

THE FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT in the Estate will be open for inspection at the office 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 29th day May 2026
 Executrix Dative, Edwin Obakeng Tlalanyane, P O Box 3246, GABORONE, CELL: 75278869

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE LAND TO A NON-CITIZEN

This notice is sued in turns of Tribal Land Act 2018, section (i)(a-e) in respect of the following property

CERTAIN : Piece of land being rendewia1 plot at Tsabong
SITUATE : Tsabong |Ikageng ward
MEASURING : 46x40x 49x40m
WHICH PROPERTY : Is held under Tsabong sub-Land board

The transaction is between **Thapelo Patricia Bote and Musungo Desire** for the sum of P 65 000.00 (Sixty-five thousand Pula) this is subject to such other terms and conditions as available for the inspection and consideration of the plot.

By virtue of this notice, any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar offer of the above property must give their submission to **Tsabong Sub-Landboard** within thirty (30) days of this publication of this notice.

Thapelo Patricia Bote
 Applicant
Cellphone: 72 299 011 / 74 505 160

NOTICE TO DEBTOR AND CREDITORS
Masters Reference No. ESHGB 000391-26

IN THE ESTATE of the late **MARY OLEBILE SITAMBI** who died at Bokamoso Private Hospital ,Mmopane , in the Kweneng District , Botswana, on the 4th day of February 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that debtor 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 THE 18TH DAY OF MAY 2026

The executor Testamentary, Tumisang Sesha Dow, c/o DOW & ASSOCIATES, P.O. Box 45992, GABORONE, Plot 16527,Phase 1, Gaborone West, Gaborone, Tel 3500108/73558334

Vacancy for Group Project Manager

Location: Maun
Industry: Safari hospitality within the conservation and eco-tourism sector.

Key Duties:

As a Group Project Manager, you'll assist the CFO and CEOs with the development of new and existing projects across the Natural Selection Safaris group. This role will be cross functional between new development projects, assessment and implementation of operational finance controls and Botswana business support.

- Analyze international opportunities identified by the Group, with a focus on initial set-up and appropriate corporate structuring,
- Assist with all statutory and reporting requirements required for any new Group projects
- Assist with initial forecasts and modelling for new investment opportunities identified by the Group
- Investigate and report on tax structures for proposed international opportunities.
- Assist the Botswana finance team with reviews of the financial controls and systems environments
- Assist the Botswana team with implementation of new systems and processes as and when required.
- Assist the CFO and CEOs with ad-hoc project requirements as required

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum 15 years' experience in senior high-end corporate administration roles, with an international focus.
- A relevant undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Law or equivalent)
- A postgraduate diploma in a relevant financial field (CA, CAIA, CFA or equivalent)
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Willingness to travel regularly internationally.

Email applications to: recruitmentbots@naturalselection.travel
 One position is available and applications closing date is 20 June 2026

FIRST AND FINAL LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

ESHGB-000762/23

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MMATALENTA T.T. MAPHOSA who died at Sandton Med Clinic Hospital, Johannesburg, Gauteng District, South Africa On the 16th day of October 2023.

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 ON THE DAY OF 2026

The Executor
BOITSHWARELO MAPHOSA
P O Box 501886, GABORONE

Cell: 75768509/74152618/76509810

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 relating to their deceased relative.

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date of Meeting	Time	Master
BOINNELO MAUNATLALA	ESHMY 000107-26	06.07.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 29TH APRIL 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF LOST DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLOTTE PHATSIMO RAHMAN and SHOMBI ODUETSE ELLIS (in their capacities as Executrix Datives), acting on behalf of ESTATE LATE NKAGISANG ELLIS intends applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 944/90 dated the 9th day of August 1990 in respect of Lot 9991, Gaborone in respect of the below mentioned property namely:

CERTAIN: piece of land being Lot 9991, Gaborone;
SITUATE: in Extension 30 Gaborone;
MEASURING: 960 m² [Nine Hundred and Sixty Square Metres];

WHICH PROPERTY: is held under Deed of Transfer No. 944/90 dated the 9th day of August 1990 made in favour of NKAGISANG ELLIS;

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

DATED AT GABORONE ON THE DAY OF 2026.

M K MOESI & CO
Lot 2689, Extension 9, Hospital Way
P O Box 10160, Gaborone

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

Case No. CVHGB – 003102-21

In the matter between:-

RADICAL INVESTMENT (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED

PLAINTIFF

and

TEAM PROJECT SERVICES (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED
PUNIKA TALEYANA
ONKABETSE TALEYANA

1ST DEFENDANT
2ND DEFENDANT
3RD DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

BE PLEASED TO TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the Judgment granted by the Honourable Court the following immovable property hereunder of the 2nd Defendant will be sold by public auction by Deputy Sheriff Onkemetse Medupe to the highest bidder as follows:-

DATE OF SALE: 26th June 2026
TIME OF SALE: 10:30 am
PLACE OF SALE: Plot 17383, Gaborone West Extension 2

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD: 2nd Defendant's right, title and interest on a certain Piece of land being Plot 17383, Gaborone West Extension 2, Gaborone, measuring 770m² which property is held under Deed of Transfer No. 2413/2019 dated 13th day of December 2019 made in favor of Punika Taleyana together with development thereof, 3 bedrooms, Sitting room, dining room, Kitchen shower, toilet, Two and Half, Geezer, Electric Fence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: A deposit of P150,000.00 shall be paid to Plaintiff's Attorneys trust account on or before the 23rd of June 2026 at 1700 hours for eligibility to participate at the public auction. The deposit is refundable for unsuccessful bidders and not refundable for successful bidders (whether they conclude the sale transaction or not). Detailed conditions of sale may be inspected at the Deputy Sheriff's Office.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

ONKEMETSE MEDUPE
72315134 c/o
REZA ATTORNEYS
Plaintiff's Attorneys
Plot 1267, First Floor | Old Lobatse Road, Gaborone
P.O. Box 20417, Bontleng | GABORONE

MEDI - PERFECT PHARMACY

Position: Pharmacy Technician x1
Location: Mochudi

Requirements:

- A minimum Diploma in Pharmacy
- 6years experience in the same field.
- Must be familiar with the Compharm Dispensing System.
- Candidate must be registered with Botswana Health Professionals Council (BHPC)

If you believe you are the right candidate for this position, please email all your documents: cover letter, two references from previous employers, CV and copies of academic certificates to: mediperfectpharmacy@gmail.com

Closing date: 09 June 2026

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION

OWNER OF PLOT 11076 Mmoroso ward, Tatisiding, is proposing change of landuse from agriculture to residential. Any objections contact North East District Council Physical Planning Office on 2431136

CHANGE OF LAND USE for plot 2598 from residential to multi residential. Contact Gamalete Council on 5381200

SUBDIVISION ON PLOT 3834 Modipane. Any objection to be forwarded to Kgateng Council on 5773512 / 75624049 in 14 day of this notice

OWNER OF REMAINING extent of farm nooitgedacht No. 13-Jo wishes to change land use from agriculture to mix use agriculture. Any objections should be made to the Physical Planning Office at South East District Council within fourteen days.

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

ESHFT 001457-25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of the late ESELY BEREGANE who died at Nyangabwe Referral Hospital, Francistown, Francistown District, Republic of Botswana on the 11th day of November 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 GABORONE THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026

Goitseone Anita Esey
Executrix
P. O Box 75
TONOTA
Cell: 72779140

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference: ESHGB 000283 – 24

IN THE ESTATE of the late KOOTSE SIAKO who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on 9th August 2020.

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 25TH DAY OF MAY 2026

Executrix Dative | One Mogatle
P O Box 890, GABORONE | CELL: 72265876/71538327

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
MOLAMU RABIBA	ESHMY 000176-26	30.06.26	0900HRS	SARM

DATED AT MAHALAPYE THIS 19TH MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Masters Reference: ESHGB 000258/25

IN THE ESTATE of the late SAMUEL KATSE, who died at Thamaga Primary Hospital, Thamaga, Kweneng District, Republic of Botswana on **4th August 2024**.

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 of this publication.

Dated at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Executrix Dative
Lekgowa Mosweu

THAMAGA CELL: 72721733

Trust Construction & Engineering

is Hiring

1. Project Quantity Surveyor

- Degree in Quantity Surveying
- Minimum of over 8 years' experience in Building construction and civil engineering projects as a Professional Quantity Surveyor (with valid QSRC Practicing Certificate).
- Familiarity with Microsoft Project and International costing software.
- Ability to prepare competitive tender bids
- Quantity Estimation and material calculation

2. Civil /Structural Engineer

- Degree in Civil/ Structural Engineering
- Minimum of over 10 years' experience in Building construction and Civil Engineering projects as a Professional Civil/Structural Engineer (with valid ERB Practicing certificate)
- Software knowledge (AutoCAD, Ms Project & Ms Office)
- Supervision, Communication and coordination Skills
- Quantity Estimation and material planning

Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to trustcon98@gmail.com later than 10th June 2026

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap: 33:01), heirs and next of kin of the deceased and all persons having claims against the above estate, are being called upon to attend before the Master of the High Court at Francistown High Court on the specified opposite the names of the 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
SENTATELENG GABONOWE	ESHFT-000415/26	11/08/26	0900HRS	SARM 2

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 19 DAY OF MAY 2026

MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT

CHANGE OF LAND use: Auto Parts Super Centre (Pty) Ltd, owner of plot 31313 situated at Mogoditshane, wishes to change land use from commercial to mixed use. For any objection call cell: 74444300 or contact physical planning office (Mogoditshane district council) during working hours within a period of 14 days

NEIGHBOUR CONSULTATION: **BENRISE** Enterprises proprietary limited, owner of lot 32168 located in Lotsane mixed use zone, Palapye, wishes to change land use from mixed used (commercial and civic & community) to mixed use (commercial and industrial) land use. Any objection call Palapye district council (4930800) within 14 days of this publication

I NONOFO EDWARD Ntsima owner of plot 8311 Mochudi intend to change land use from residential to multi residential. Contact physical planning at 75351669

BOIKANYO ONTIRETSE KEREEMANG, owner of lot 2688 Shashemooke proposes change of land use from single residential to commercial (Guest House). Any objections contact Tonota District Council on 2484248 within 14 days of publication of this advert.

OWNER OF PLOT 20402 Francistown proposes change of landuse from single family to commercial guesthouse. Any objections contact City Of Francistown on 2411050 within 14 days if this publication

THE OWNER OF plot 87829 Wensha Estate in Gaborone North would like to inform the owners of plot 87828 and 87830 of the intend to construct a boundary wall. Any objections please contact Gaborone City Council Planning Office at 3657400 within 14 days.

CHANGE OF LAND use: Toro Jansen owner of plot 130 situated at Mogoditshane Block 2, wishes to change land use from commercial to mixed use. For any objection call 74444300 or contact physical planning office Mogoditshane district council during working hours within a period of 14 days

OWNER OF PLOT 2173 Metlhabeng ward, Tlokweng wish to inform the public concerning change of land-use from residential to multi-residential. Any objections contact Tlokweng Physical Planning on 3695000 within 14 days from the publication of this notice

BOKANI SAMUEL KEBAAHLHOTSE, owner of residential Lot 2891 Shashemooke proposes change of land use from single residential to multi residential. Any objections contact Tonota District Council on 2484248 within 14 days of this publication

KEBOTSEMANG MASWABI OF plot no: 23432 Ramotswa intends to change land use from commercial to multi-family and erect a boundary wall. For any objection contact Francistown City Council Physical Planning Office, or call 5381200 within 14 days of this publication

THE OWNER OF lot 5745, Kazungula hereby informs the public of their intent to construct a road junction along the A33. Should you have any objections or concerns, please contact us at phone 755480718/ 781327935

OWNER OF LOT 4761 Tlokweng, wishes to change land use from residential to multi-residential. Any objection should be forwarded to Tlokweng District Council Physical Planning office on 3695002.

PROPERTIES

INDUSTRIAL PLOT: 1334 for sale at Shoshong, Phephenyane, measuring 1500msq, price P150,000. Contact: 75225757

RESIDENTIAL PLOT FOR sale-Magokotswane Ward Molepolole Plot 27625. Plot size: 1200 square meters. BWP 350 000. Cellphone: 72641478.

WHOEVER OFFLOADED BUILDING aggregates at plot 1073 Shashemooke, kindly contact 72462772

VACANCIES

JACKSTANDS (PTY) LTD T/A Olpsa Logistics Botswana requires the services of extra heavy duty driver with relevant qualification in dangerous goods, atleast 12 years experience or more. Apply : The Director P/Bag 00304 Gaborone. Closing date: 12/06/2026

I AM LOOKING for young, active flier distributors to schools in G-west. They must be staying in G-west. Call 72294686 or 71782954

VACANCIES

GORILLA FENCING MANUFACTURING company in Francistown is looking for a mechanical chain link operator, with 8-9 years operating chain link machine, who can also fix machine when there is any mechanical fault. Email Cv to accounts2@impact.co.bw Closing date: 14/06/2026

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: TAILOR, TEFMOFRED Proprietary limited is seeking a qualified tailor, requirements: Diploma in tailoring. 10 years work experience. Good character. Ability to engage with clients. Location: Selebi Phikwe, Botswana. Interested applicants may submit their C.V and proof of qualification to: tefomolefe3@gmail

FRANSEF PROPRIETARY LOOKING for Batik, Gara, Tie and Dye Production Manager. Qualification- Vocational Training in Batik Gara Tie and Dye Production, 8 years experience and able to work independently. Apply in person plot 1004 African Mall or send application to Box 21129 Bontleng Gaborone. Closing date 15 June 2026, cellphone 71835250

NOTICE OF NEXT KIN MEETING FOR THE LATE MARKO RUSIKE AND PRECIOUS RUSIKE

IN PURSUANCE of section 31 of the Administration of Estates Act (Cap 31:01), the heirs and next of kin of the deceased persons specified above are hereby invited to attend a next of kin meeting on Thursday 13th 2026 at 0830 at the office of the **Master - Batho Kgerethwa** located at the Gaborone High Court Division.

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

For any enquiries concerning the deceased person's estate please contact the **Master's office** on 3718343, or 3718000 / 3718040. (switchboard)

JOB TITLE: CHEF: Kebabish pub & grill is looking for a chef specialising in Mughlai Awadhi, Lukhnowi & North Indian cuisine. Ability to work in a fast paced, environment. Knowledge of Indian-Pakistan, culinary techniques, ingredients & flavours strong leadership and communication skills. Send Cv to: accounts2@impact.co.bw Closing date: 14/06/2026

YAROS OLYMPIC CLUB is recruiting experienced coach, setter, outside and opposite attackers with playing/coaching international experience. Apply @ YAROSOLYMPICCLUB@gmail.com by 29/05/2026.

REPUTABLE BUSINESS BASED in Gaborone is looking for a Accounts Assistant to start working immediately. Whatsapp CV to 71660086

MEGGASCOPE MEDICAL AND Diagnostic Laboratory plot 737 Tlokweng is looking for a registered Nurse / Phlebotomist with minimum 10 years experience, registered with NMC Botswana. Apply to : meggascope@yahoo.com. Deadline 12/06/26

CARETAKER NEEDED AT MABEL 73549432, 76779744 MORONGWE MABUTA

MOGODITSHANE MOTORS (PTY LTD) requires the services of motor vehicle repairs & estimator with relevant qualification in panel beating and spray painting, atleast 10 years experience or more. Apply : The Director P O Box 10046 Mogoditshane. Closing date : 12/06/2026

BRIGHT-HILLS HOLDINGS Pty Ltd seeks a Senior Electrical Technician experienced in Lithographic/digital printing presses, PLC, drives, automation and industrial systems. ND electrical power engineering, microprocessors and controller, 33 KV switching, 15+ years experience and team leadership skills. Apply to Box 10 AAH Masa Gaborone by 19 June 2026.

TOMBSTONES PHOTO ENGRAVER wanted x 2 people, 3 years experience. O Level Certificate at Geo Stones. Plot 10405 Gaborone. 72960018

LOOKING FOR A qualified interpreter from portuguese to english, a diploma in interpretation is required. Apply to Private Bag BR 111 Gaborone.



Specialists in Car & Truck Panel Beating, Spray Painting, Chrome Stripping

Phone: 3907999
Fax: 3907999
Email: info@carworld.co.bw
Website: www.carworld.co.bw

JOB VACANCIES

Do you want to be associated with the winning team? Then look no further because Botswana's Leading Auto Body Repair & Panel Beating Company is looking for results-oriented and self-driven individuals to fill the following vacant positions:

1. AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN/ DENTOR (2 posts)

Main purpose of the job
To carry on the duties of a dentor and to perform such duties as to the required factory/ manufacturer standards and expectations

Experiences & Qualifications:

- Panels as of original of such vehicles which are not in the market.
- Ability to work under no supervision
- Problem solving skills
- Assertiveness.
- National Trade Certificate/Industrial training or any other related qualifications'
- 3-5years of experience in the field of panel beating
- Be able to use panel beating equipment and welding machinery i.e. spot welding, chassis bench

Be able to manufacture/ mould sheet metal panels and create new body Work/repair the vehicle and return it to manufacturers standard

2. AUTOBODY COATING TECHNICIAN (2 Posts)

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB
To assist in coating application process from start to finish.

Experiences & Qualifications:

- Work from non-complex blueprints, specifications, work sheets, dimensions, and colour codes, mixing charts, tables, verbal and written instructions/ information.
- Prepare, match colours and mix standard and other primers, paints and coatings to proper consistency and viscosity, using thinners, solvents, additives and agitators as required. Select pressures, nozzles, baking temperatures
- Visually and mechanically check finished.
- Ensure the proper movement of finished panels, cleaning and maintenance of spray application equipment.
- Industrial training/ National Trade Certificate
- Knowledge of shop mathematics together with the use of detailed drawings, blueprints, specifications, tables and colour charts is essential.
- 3-5years of coating experience in a manufacturing environment/ equivalent

3. AUTO ELECTRICIAN (2 posts)

To carry on the duties of an Auto Electrician and to perform such duties as to the required factory/manufacturer standards and expectation.

Reporting to the supervisor and to the Workshop manager.

Experiences & Qualifications:

- Be able to inspect, maintain and repair all types of petrol, diesel engine motor vehicles. Must be able to diagnose and undertake electrical repairs on a wide variety of vehicles, Attention to details, be able to test and control digital control systems including ABS controls. Good customer service and communication, continuous technical training on different vehicles is added advantage. Ability to work under no supervision.
- Must have a valid driver's license and able to multitask. Should hold a diploma in Auto Electrical Engineering, Industrial training & 3-5 years of experience

4. BODY PAINT TECHNICIAN / SPRAY PAINTER (2 posts)

To perform duties of paint technician as to the required factory/manufacturer standards & specification, reporting to the workshop manager.

Experiences & Qualifications:

- Extensive knowledge of manual or computerised colour matching.
- Able to mix & match correct colours and know how to measure qualities expected to be used.
- Attention to details and to be able to use spray painting equipment & tools.
- Ability to work under no supervision.
- National trade certificate / industrial training
- 3-5 years of experience in the same field

5. AUTO MECHANIC TECHNICIAN (2 posts)

Main Purpose of the job
To carry out duties of a mechanic technician and to perform such duties as to the required factory/manufacturer standards and specifications, reporting to the Supervisor as well as the Workshop Manager

Experiences & Qualifications:

- To be able to work on all types of engines (Petrol and Diesel) gear boxes and Diffs
- Be able to carry out all types of auto repairs
- Assertiveness and attention to detail
- Planning and Organising
- Ability to work under no supervision
- Team Player
- Able to test drive, identify faults and unfamiliar noises
- Have a valid driver's license
- Be able to multitask
- Minimum-Certificate in Mechanical/ Automotive Engineering, National trade certificate
- 3-5 years' experience in the field of Auto Mechanics
- Basic Computer skills are essential.

6. AUTOBODY ESTIMATOR / QUOTATION OFFICER (1 post)

Main Purpose of the Job.

The Auto Body Estimator works with Autobody Technicians/Dentors and clients to determine the extent of (and the best way to repair) structural or mechanical auto repair) structural or mechanical auto body damage, while working with the customer's insurance policy or personal budgetary concerns.

Experiences & Qualifications:

- Diploma in Auto Mechanics / Industrial Training.
- 5 years of experience as a collision repair estimator.
- Extensive knowledge in motor vehicle repairs.
- Basic Computer skills
- Extensive knowledge in checking affected vehicles in order to determine the amount of structural body, mechanical and interior damage.
- Be able to calculate the cost of parts, labour and estimate the salvage value of the total vehicle loss.
- Analytical ability, good verbal and written communication skills.
- Good interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Ability to make sound and wise decisions
- Be able to process insurance claims

ONLY: shortlisted candidates will be communicated to. Applications should be sent to: The Operations Manager, Car world Mogoditshane (Pty)Ltd, P o box 41488 GABORONE with traceable references, TEL:3907999, Closing date : 12th June 2026.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Master's Reference:
ESHGB-000303/24

IN THE ESTATE of the Late **Godfrey K Mogobe** who died at Princess Marina Hospital, Gaborone, Gaborone District, Botswana on **29th October 2022**.

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

DATED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Executors Dative Laone Mogobe
Private Bag 2, GABORONE
CELL: 72 515 526

Executrix Dative Pearl Mogobe
P O Box 40202, GABORONE
CELL: 72 498 937

SAIS Digital (Pty) Ltd invites qualified applicants for the following vacant positions.

Senior ERP Lead Consultant

Design, develop, and optimize ERP solutions, including system configurations, workflows, and reports. Lead ERP architecture, performance tuning, and data modeling activities. Build and maintain data integrations, migrations, and batch processes. Troubleshoot production issues, oversee deployments, and ensure system reliability. Implement security controls and uphold data governance standards. Mentor junior developers and collaborate with cross-functional teams. Produce clear technical documentation and promote best practices. Minimum 15 years of experience with at least five (5) full-cycle implementations. Familiarity with modern digital technologies and AI, cloud platforms, APIs, and data/analytics solutions. Strong proficiency in Success Factors and ERP Applications. Excellent leadership, communication, and stakeholder-engagement skills.

Senior InsurTech Developer

Develop, implement, and maintain insurance-based applications using the latest technologies. Optimize and refactor existing systems for scalability and performance. Stay updated with the latest industry trends and integrate them to ensure the developed systems are cutting-edge. Offer support for implemented applications, including troubleshooting and bug fixes. Bachelor's/Master's degree with proficiency in Java Technologies like Struts, JSP, Spring with XML, and Hibernate; Front-end technologies like Angular JS, React JS, HTML5; Backend technologies like Oracle SQL, PLSQL, and MySQL. Minimum 10 years of experience in software development and application support.

To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to:

Email: hr@saisdigital.com

SAIS Digital
N-Square, Plot 5131, Nelson Mandela Drive
P O Box 201150, Gaborone Tel: 3191536
Closing Date: 18th June 2026

INTENTION TO REGISTER A NOTARIAL DEED OF SERVITUDE TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **LOTSANE SOLAR BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED (LOTSANE SOLAR)** wholly owned by **ENRC Botswana Proprietary Limited** (non-citizen), has entered into a Servitude Agreement with **MORAPEDI MORERI** for registration of a notarial deed of servitude for the purposes of erecting and maintaining a 220KVA electrical power line to be erected and access roads on a portion of the property described below:

MORAPEDI MORERI is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Morapedi Moreri and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36181 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);

SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 17.3252Ha (Seventeen point Three Two Five Two Hectares);

HELD UNDER: is held under a Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 27th day of March 2013 made in favour of **MORAPEDI MORERI**;

CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP33,576.90 (thirty-three thousand five hundred and seventy-six pula ninety thebe) for the duration of the servitude;

SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Morapedi Moreri.

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

Should any person wish to object to the above transaction you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing Ngwato Land Board, Private Bag 12, Serowe, with Bookbinder Business Law copied at Private Bag 382, Gaborone within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026
BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

INTENTION TO REGISTER A NOTARIAL DEED OF SERVITUDE TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **LOTSANE SOLAR BOTSWANA PROPRIETARY LIMITED (LOTSANE SOLAR)** wholly owned by **ENRC Botswana Proprietary Limited** (non-citizen), has entered into a Servitude Agreement with **KOKETSO BONTSIKOKAE** for registration of a notarial deed of servitude for the purposes of erecting and maintaining a 220KVA electrical power line to be erected and access roads on a portion of the property described below:

KOKETSO BONTSIKOKAE is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Koketso Bontsikokae and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36182 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);

SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 15.2206Ha (Fifteen point Two Two Zero Six Hectares);

HELD UNDER: is held under a Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 24th day of July 2014 made in favour of **KOKETSO BONTSIKOKAE**;

CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP30,968.70 (thirty thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight pula seventy thebe) for the duration of the servitude;

SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Koketso Bontsikokae.

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

Should any person wish to object to the above transaction you are requested to lodge such objection, with reasons, in writing Ngwato Land Board, Private Bag 12, Serowe, with Bookbinder Business Law copied at Private Bag 382, Gaborone within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

DATED AT GABORONE THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026
BOOKBINDER BUSINESS LAW

INTENTION TO REGISTER A NOTARIAL DEED OF SERVITUDE TERMS OF SECTION 34 OF THE TRIBAL LAND ACT, 2018

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KABO RALEGORENG is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Kabo Ralegoreng and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36183 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);

SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 5.3869Ha (Five point Three Eight Six Nine Hectares);

HELD UNDER: is held under a Lease/Certificate with the Palapye Sub Land Board dated 5th day of March 2024 made in favour of **KABO RALEGORENG**;

CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP16,204.15 (sixteen thousand two hundred and four pula fifteen thebe) for the duration of the servitude;

SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Kabo Ralegoreng.

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THATOYAMODIMO PHATSIMO FANI is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Thatoyamodimo Phatsimo Fani and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36184 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);

SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;

MEASURING: 4.0339Ha (Four point Zero Three Three Nine Hectares);

HELD UNDER: is held under a Lease/Certificate with the Palapye Sub Land Board made in favour of **THATOYAMODIMO PHATSIMO FANI**;

CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP10,088.57 (ten thousand and eighty-eight pula fifty-seven thebe) for the duration of the servitude;

SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Thatoyamodimo Phatsimo Fani.

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Candidates must possess a B.Eng. or BSc Degree in Civil Engineering, along with a valid ERB Practising Certificate. Candidates should have a minimum of 10 years' relevant working experience in the field.

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Candidates must have proven working experience as a Site Foreman, with a minimum of 5-10 years' experience in the construction industry. Candidates should demonstrate strong leadership, supervisory, and site management skills.

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Applicants must have proven working experience as a General Foreman, with a minimum of 8 years' experience in the construction industry. Candidates should possess strong leadership, organizational, and supervisory skills, with the ability to effectively manage site operations and workforce teams.

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Applicants must hold a **National Diploma or Bachelor's degree**, be registered as an ERB Professional Engineering Technician, and have **3-5 years** of relevant experience. Strong problem-solving, communication, and project management skills are essential.

Interested candidates should submit their CV to empoweringafricanenergy@gmail.com before **7.6.2026**.

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OFENTSE OGANEDITSWE is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Ofentse Oganeditswe and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36186 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);
SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 15.5211Ha (Fifteen point Five Two One One Hectares);
HELD UNDER: is held under a Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 18th day of May 2015 made in favour of **OFENTSE OGANEDITSWE**;
CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP42,121.80 (forty-two thousand one hundred and twenty-one pula eighty thebe) for the duration of the servitude;
SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Ofentse Oganeditswe. Notwithstanding the transaction, priority is hereby given to any citizen of Botswana interested in entering into a similar transaction in respect of the above property.

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LEGACY KINGDOM PROPRIETARY LIMITED is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Legacy Kingdom Proprietary Limited and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36267 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);
SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 4.3528Ha (Four point Three Five Two Eight Hectares);
HELD UNDER: is held under a Agreement of Grant of Lease for Business Plots dated 3rd day of May 2022 made in favour of **LEGACY KINGDOM PROPRIETARY LIMITED**;
CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP4,888.80 (four thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight pula eighty thebe) for the duration of the servitude;
SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Legacy Kingdom Proprietary Limited.

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MOATLHODI LAZARUS MARULE is the lessee of the property under a Lease/Certificate between Moatlhodi Lazarus Marule and the Ngwato Land Board.

Details of the property are as follows:

CERTAIN: piece of land being **Lot 36268 Palapye** (A Portion of cadastre 433);
SITUATE: at Palapye in the Bamangwato Tribal Territory;
MEASURING: 2.1601 (Two point One Six Zero One Hectares);
HELD UNDER: is held under a Certificate of Customary Land Grant dated 27th day of May 2014 made in favour of **Moatlhodi Lazarus Marule**;
CONSIDERATION: a once-off fee of BWP16,174.20 (sixteen thousand one hundred and seventy-four pula twenty thebe) for the duration of the servitude;
SUBJECT: to the terms and conditions of the aforesaid Lease/Certificate; and

PARTIES: Lotsane Solar Botswana Proprietary Limited and Moatlhodi Lazarus Marule.

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Dintsana land allocation under Seherelela

Thandie Tebogo
MOSHUPA

Land allocation for people who reside at Dintsana will be included under Seherelela as it falls under that village.

Briefing councillors during the Moshupa District full council meeting recently, Maokane Sub-land board deputy secretary Mr Odirile Rapelang explained that Dintsana was a communal grazing area under three districts.

He further noted that there were two layouts at Seherelela and Sesung, with Seherelela approved in 2024 and Sesung in 2023.

There are 672 residential plots at Sesung and 30 plots for other uses whilst Seherelela has 380 residential plots and 14 plots for other uses, he said.

Mr Rapelang was responding to Councillor Omphemetse Ramoleele of Sesung/Seherelela who had requested an update on the expected date of land allocation at Dintsana.

According to Mr Ramoleele, Dintsana had been declared a settlement but the status quo remained unclear. He asked whether people had been misled into thinking that they would be allocated land at Dintsana.

For his part Councillor Ronald

Lekokoma of Moshupa North-West argued that Dintsana was a settlement that had a ward and a borehole.

Commenting on the issue, Councillor Omphile Motlhajoe said it had since been in their knowledge and good standing that land allocation would be conducted at Dintsana. Councillor Motlhajoe was of the view that Mr Rapelang could be referring to a certain portion of Dintsana that did not fall in their district.

The council chairperson, Mr Peter Sethibe said during his previous meetings at Dintsana, residents had indicated that they

had been promised land allocation at Dintsana.

In response Mr Rapelang indicated that he was not aware of any plans to allocate land at Dintsana.

He said the landboard continued receiving land applications for residential and farms at Dintsana but denied any promises of land allocation.

He indicated there were people at Dintsana who had residential certificates which had been registered in 2016 and nothing had been decided yet on whether the certificates should be nullified or not.

Moshupa District Commissioner Ms Kolobetso Sejakgomo stated that there were plans in place to assist Dintsana residents on how public services could be availed to them, emphasizing that it was not yet a village but was under Seherelela. **BOPA**



Maokane deputy sub-landboard secretary, Mr Odirile Rapelang addressing Moshupa full council meeting recently. Photo: Thandie Tebogo

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE ESHMY 000141-26
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late LEBOGANG GHAA – ESHMY 000141-26 who died at Sekgoma Memorial Hospital, Serowe, Central District, Botswana on the 17th March 20009.
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 Mahalapye this 06th day of May 2026.
PATRONELLA GHAA AND TO: **MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
EXECUTOR DATIVE PRIVATE BAG 6
P O BOX 201479 MAHALAPYE
BONTLENG, GABORONE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA HELD AT MAHALAPYE ESHMY 000113-26
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN THE ESTATE of the late ONALETHATA ONNEILE - ESHMY 000028-26 who died at Ghanzi Primary Hospital, Ghanzi-District on the 7th June 2022.
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 Mahalapye this 25th day of May 2026
DIKGOPOLO MMUSI AND TO: **MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT**
EXECUTRIX DATIVE PRIVATE BAG 6
P O Box 2541 SEROWE MAHALAPYE
CELL: 71634052


NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Masters Reference: **ESHGB 000015-26**
IN THE ESTATE of the late GEORGE JAMARA who died at Mahalapye District Hospital, Mahalapye Central- Mahalapye District, Botswana on the 30th November 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 21st Day of May 2026.
The Executrix
Winnie Jamara
P.O. Box 20086 GABORONE Cell: 71546055 / 72252749

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

Name of Deceased Person	Estate Number	Date Of Meeting	Time	Master
ANDRIS ANDREW MODISE	ESHFT-001400-26	04-08-2026	0900HRS	DRM

DATED AT FRANCISTOWN THIS 25TH DAY OF MAY 2026
MASTER OF THE COURT

Gaborone Office
Debswana Pension Fund
Plot 50361, Block D
Carlton House, Fairgrounds
Gaborone, Botswana
Private Bag 00512, Gaborone, Botswana
Tel: +267 361 4288 Fax: +267 393 6239





FIRST AND FINAL CALL FOR BENEFICIARIES - DEATH BENEFITS CLAIMS


Mmila Fund Administrators has received notifications regarding pension Death Benefits for Debswana Pension Fund members listed below. Investigations of these notifications are ongoing with the known family members. In order to ensure that all possible dependents and/or beneficiaries are accounted for, Mmila Fund Administrators wishes to give NOTICE to any unknown potential dependents and/or beneficiaries of the deceased members. Family members who have been contacted should ignore this notice.

Respondents are required to contact Mmila Fund Administrators no later than 14 days from date of publication of this notice.

Full Name	Member Status	Date of Death	Place of Residence
Maitiso Tekisi	Active	03.02.2026	Jwaneng / Moshopa
Balogi Ketsweletse	Pensioner	20.11.2025	Jwaneng / Kanye
Keekae Radipotsane	Pensioner	11.01.2026	Jwaneng / Pliikwe
Ofentse Kedule	Active	26.12.2025	Jwaneng / Thamaga

Contacts:
Mmila Member Relations Office: Gaborone: +267 373 5257 | Jwaneng: +267 588 4849 | Orapa: +267 290 2323
Mmila Member Relations and Investigations Coordinator: +267 7614 9610 or Fax to +267 395 6982

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Qualifications & Experience Required

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Degree from a recognized institution.
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- Admitted Attorney of the Courts of Botswana in good standing.
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- Admitted Notary Public of the Courts of Botswana.
- Justice Advocacy Training.
- Strong international legal exposure through moot court and legal advocacy forums.
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P. O. Box 789 Aah, Masa Centre Gaborone.
Tel: +267 397 5779

Interested candidates submit their application letter, detailed CV, and certified copies of qualifications to the firm.

Closing Date: 12/06/2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Arts & Culture

Kelebogile shapes new narrative on ability

Keith Ketji
SEROWE

On any given morning at Boiteko Mall, if you walk past the doors of Mophane Pottery and Ceramics, you will find Kesegofetse Kelebogile at his workbench, his hands coated in thick and grey earth.

Watching him work is a lesson in patience. To the untrained eye, raw clay is just dirt. But under Kelebogile's deliberate touch, it rises, thins and transforms into prosperity.

"You can play with clay any way you want," the 40-year-old artisan says with an energetic smile. "Whatever product you can imagine, you can bring it to life."

It is a philosophy that extends far beyond the edges of his potter's wheel. For Kelebogile, a Serowe native currently residing in the Sebina ward, life itself is like a lump of clay, stubborn at first, but ultimately shaped by the hands of the person holding it.

"Clay is merely dirt in the wrong hands, but in the right hands, it becomes prosperity," he says.

Kelebogile's journey into the world of ceramics began two

decades ago at the Camphill Community Trust in Otse, near Lobatse.

From 2004 to 2006, he immersed himself in learning the ancient techniques of throwing and firing clay. He showed such immense talent that the school hired him immediately upon graduation, keeping him on staff until 2012.

But Kelebogile harboured a deeper dream as he wanted to build something of his own, right back in his home village of Serowe.

The turning point came in 2011. A P100 000 grant from the then Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, now Ministry of Sport and Arts, served as his launching pad.

While Kelebogile says the funding was 'a drop in the ocean' compared to the massive costs of setting up an industrial workshop, it was enough to buy his first kiln and mechanical potter's wheels.

By early 2012, Mophane was officially open for business. Recognising his drive, the Serowe Boiteko Trust stepped in to provide the strategic premises he works out of today.

Kelebogile's success is a quiet and powerful defiance of the labels society often places on him. As an artisan living with disability, his daily triumphs serve as a living testimony that disability is never inability.

He speaks candidly about the challenges he faces, pointing out that his

physical or cognitive differences are rarely the true obstacle. Instead, the greatest barriers are the rigid societal, cultural and environmental mindsets that underestimate people like him.

His work proves that persons with disabilities hold extraordinary talents capable of driving the country's economy forward.

Kelebogile's creativity is bound by nothing, he moulds everything from delicate P20 clay jewellery to massive and life-sized P10 000 custom sculptures of people, animals and vehicles. His diverse clientele reflects his adaptability, spanning from traditional dance troupes and faith-based organisations to luxury safari lodges and hotels.

Never one to stop innovating, he is currently developing custom anatomical clay models to pitch to the Ministry of Health, with the aim to create unique visual tools for community health and condom awareness campaigns.

Kelebogile is not walking this path alone. Beside him is his business marketing manager, Madiba Moraedi, who shares a fierce and generational vision for the enterprise.

"In five years' time, we intend to be the leading pottery brand in the country," Moraedi says, looking around the workshop.

For Moraedi and Kelebogile, Mophane is about more than just profit, but cultural survival and national pride.

Moraedi speaks passionately about the need to train youth across the Gammangwato territory to ensure that the ancient craft is preserved for posterity.

He argues that Botswana should not rely on importing

commercial clay products from neighbouring countries when the soil beneath their own feet is rich enough to foster self-sufficiency.

Because artistic patterns and traditions vary across the diverse geographical regions of Botswana, the duo believes these skills must be shared nationwide, rather than kept behind the closed doors of a single workshop.

To realise this dream of national expansion, Mophane is looking toward new horizons. Having previously marketed their masterworks at the Gaborone Global Expo, the duo is now in advanced negotiations with the Nhabe Museum in Maun.

Moving a selection of their inventory to Maun, the vibrant gateway to the Okavango Delta, would place Kelebogile's work directly in front of international tourists. Tapping into the global safari market could change everything for the small Serowe business.

But as they reach for broader markets, Moraedi emphasises that their ultimate foundation relies on local support. "Pottery awareness, perseverance and passion are the key ingredients," he says.

Back at the wheel, the motor hums as Kelebogile applies steady pressure to a spinning vase. The struggles of yesterday have clearly lent him the strength he commands today. Piece by piece and one handful of earth at a time, he continues to shape his own destiny. **BOPA**



Dan Buthelezi keeps Afro Disco alive

Keetile Bontsibokae
MOLEPOLOLE

Afro-disco musician, Samson Seonyatseng, popularly known as Dan Buthelezi is working on his third album titled, *Edanyane*.

The *Edanyane* album, which translates to Prison, highlights the plight of innocent people who are falsely incarcerated. It also calls for justice for the underprivileged.

Dan Buthelezi officially ventured into the music industry in 2014, but his journey started on a back slide when his debut six-track album, *Mmamalebogo*, was stolen before its release.

Following the setback, Dan Buthelezi joined musician Onneile Ounah Kgosimore as a backing vocalist and dancer. After leaving the label, he returned to his solo career and began preparing another project.

In 2021, he released his second album titled *Bantwana*, a seven-track project that encourages fathers to take responsibility for their children.

Although he occasionally blends house kwasa influences into his sound, Dan Buthelezi says afro disco remains his core style, heavily inspired by Dalom music legends such as Daniel Tshanda and Thabile Mazolwane.

His upcoming album has standout tracks such as *Botsotsi Ba Maloba*, a lively dance song expected to keep music lovers on their feet.

Another emotionally touching song, *Gi ba khumbula abazali bami*, is dedicated to his late parents after losing them at a young age and growing up as an orphan.

The album also features disco vocalist Tshepiso "Venda Gal" Selato. Production, recording, engineering and mastering were handled by veteran producers Reuben "Lerwaza" Kekana and the late Simon Chisko.

Despite having a relatively small following, Dan Buthelezi believes his music continues to improve with every release. He said the music industry requires determination, hard work and consistent publicity to build a strong brand.

To combat piracy, Dan Buthelezi introduced digital copyright protection measures, particularly on USB copies, making it difficult for buyers to duplicate his music illegally.

"This is how I fight piracy because people are forced to buy original copies from me. The strategy works well with USB distribution," he explained.

He also acknowledged the importance of online platforms such as social media and digital sales in helping artists reach wider audiences.

Dan Buthelezi said his music is gaining recognition beyond Botswana, particularly in Namibia and South Africa, where he is expected to collaborate with some of their artists during the course of the year.



Kesegofetse Kelebogile of Mophane Pottery and Ceramics is currently developing custom anatomical clay models to pitch to the Ministry of Health, with the aim to create unique visual tools for community health and condom awareness campaigns.
Photo: Baldwin Nyamande



According to Samson 'Dan Buthelezi' Seonyatseng, poor management and rushed music releases are among the biggest challenges affecting afro-disco artists. He advised fellow musicians to refine their work before releasing the music.

Dan Buthelezi keeps Afro Disco alive

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He further revealed that South African afro disco heavyweight Mpho Majika had shown interest in working with him, something he considers a sign of progress in his career.

He encourages collaborations between upcoming and established artists, saying they help elevate musicians' profiles and expand their fan base.

However, Dan Buthelezi also raised concern over exploitation in the music industry, saying some promoters and producers take advantage of upcoming artists by denying them payment after performances.

"Some invite artists to perform several times without paying them, even when events are successful, that discourages

artists and slows their growth. Government intervention is needed to protect musicians from exploitation," he said.

He also criticised unequal airplay on local radio and television stations, arguing that only a few artists receive consistent exposure while many talented musicians remain unheard.

However, Dan Buthelezi says poor management and rushed music releases are among the biggest challenges affecting afro disco artists locally.

He advised fellow musicians to spend more time rehearsing, conducting listening sessions and refining their work before releasing music.

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Dan Buthelezi further encouraged local artists to pursue international collaborations in order to expand their reach and strengthen Botswana's music industry.

Even though still working on expanding his support base, Dan Buthelezi's music has found its way into the hearts of some local supporters.

Kago Khumoyagae said he first heard of Dan Buthelezi relating how his first album, *Mmamalebogo* got stolen before release and immediately realised that a unique talent was emerging in Botswana's music scene.

"His music is outstanding. At first, I thought he was part of the Dalom stable in South Africa," he said.

Another fan, Teko Masielane from Mogoditshane Block 9, described Dan Buthelezi's music as timeless afro disco that would remain relevant for years to come. **BOPA**

Macheng Bushfire Festival tomorrow

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Excitement is mounting in Hukuntsi ahead of the highly anticipated 4th Edition of the Macheng Bushfire Festival, scheduled to take place Saturday, in collaboration with Team Jwaneng Racing Club.

Held under the theme: A Centre Ways for African Culture, the festival continues to grow into one of the Kgalagadi region's flagship tourism and cultural events, drawing visitors from across Botswana and beyond.

The annual event seeks to steadily position Hukuntsi as a tourism destination of choice while stimulating local economic development through culture, sport and adventure tourism.

Speaking ahead of the festivities, event organiser, Kabelo Moapare, said the festival had evolved beyond entertainment into a strategic tourism initiative designed to unlock the district's economic and cultural potential.

He explained that organisers had identified three major tourism clusters that form the foundation of the event namely sporting tourism, cultural tourism and adventure tourism.

Hukuntsi possesses a unique combination of natural landscapes and cultural diversity that makes it ideal for such an initiative.

In future we will continue exploring other ways of attracting

people to Hukuntsi in order to improve local economic development, Moapare said.

Situated deep within Botswana's Kgalagadi region, Hukuntsi is known for its vast desert terrain, scenic salt pans and rich indigenous heritage, characteristics which organisers believe provided the perfect environment for creating a tourism experience distinct from other destinations across the country.

Moapare noted that the impact of the festival was already being felt by local businesses and residents, particularly those operating in the hospitality and informal sectors.

"As we speak, all hotels are fully booked in Hukuntsi and we had to engage supplementary tented accommodation providers who meet the same standards as hotels in order to accommodate visitors," he said.

Moapare said the development demonstrated the growing significance of the event as an economic driver for the district.

He added that local businesses such as food vendors, fuel stations, transport operators and small-scale traders stood to benefit from increased visitor spending during the festival period.

"The festival has become one of the major private sector-driven initiatives contributing meaningfully to the local economy because visitors spend money on accommodation, food, fuel and other services during their stay," he said.

One of the major highlights of this year's edition will be the expansion of motorsport activities through the official inclusion of motorcycle racing.

More than 30 riders are expected to participate in the desert races, which are anticipated to draw large crowds of adventure and motorsport enthusiasts.

"Initially we only displayed motorcycles around the

pan, but we realised there was growing interest from revelers. Because the district's topography allows for such activities and we have a pure desert environment, we resolved to give visitors a first-hand experience of desert racing," said Moapare.

To create a more thrilling experience for participants and spectators, organisers have integrated four surrounding pans namely Hukuntsi, Lokgwabe, Tshane and Lehututu into a single desert racing route.

"We consulted dikgosi and communities from all the villages involved and the response has been positive. Everyone is anxiously waiting for the event," Moapare added.

Apart from tourism promotion and entertainment, the festival is also intended to empower local entrepreneurs and small businesses and Moapare said many small-scale businesses had already secured stalls to market and sell their products during the event.

"We want to see local businesses participate and build their economic profile because our objective is to contribute towards local economic growth," he said.

In an effort to strengthen and sustain the festival, organisers are also finalising a memorandum of understanding with council authorities, to formalise partnerships aimed at expanding the event into a larger annual tourism attraction.

"We are about to sign a memorandum of understanding with the council so that we can work together in promoting this event and attract even more people to Hukuntsi while boosting business activity," Moapare explained.

Meanwhile, organisers have assured the public that measures have been put

in place to address concerns surrounding the ongoing Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak affecting parts of the country.

Biosecurity measures and preparedness strategies have already been developed to minimise risks associated with the movement of visitors into the district.

Kgosi Khama IV of GaMangwato is among guests who are expected to grace the event.

The motorsport segment will be spearheaded in partnership with Team Jwaneng Racing Club, which organisers credit for helping attract additional racing teams from across Botswana.

"We also have several incentives for motorsport enthusiasts, including the rare opportunity to experience racing in a pure desert environment," said Moapare.

Although the coronation ceremony of the Lokgwabe chief had initially been included in the programme, organisers confirmed that the ceremony has been postponed.

Another major highlight of the festival will be a district profiling tour involving Miss World Botswana, aimed at showcasing the district's cultural diversity and promoting smaller ethnic communities that often receive limited national media exposure.

"We believe her engagement with different tribes will help profile smaller communities that seldom get the opportunity to shine in the media," organisers said.

Saturday's programme is expected to begin with an early morning bush walk before children's motorbike races take place around Hukuntsi Pan and adult racing competitions will follow. The cultural festivities are expected to climax when Kgosi Khama lights the official Macheng Bushfire Festival bonfire. **BOPA**

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World Athletics raises bar with tough new standards

Anastacia Sibanda

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Local elite track stars will face a steep uphill battle to reach the Beijing 2027 World Athletics Championships after the global governing body unveiled a new qualification system.

With the mandatory time for the country's signature men's 400m race plunging to a blistering 44.45 seconds, athletics coach, Justice Dipeba has warned that local athletes will face unprecedented structural hurdles under a system that inherently favours competitors with access to elite European circuits.

Under the newly approved system, athletes in individual events can qualify in one of four ways. They can achieve the entry standard during the qualification period, secure a top finishing position at designated major competitions, earn a wild card or rely on their

world rankings position at the close of the respective ranking period.

For the 2027 edition, World Athletics aims to have approximately 40 per cent of athletes qualify through automatic entry standards, with the remaining 60 per cent filling the fields via world rankings.

Compared to the previous World Championships held in Tokyo, Japan, the Beijing standards represent a significant leap in difficulty.

In the men's 400m, the automatic entry standard has plummeted from 44.85 seconds down to that 44.45-second mark. The women's 400m standard has similarly dropped from 50.75 seconds to an even 50.00 seconds.

The story is the same across the short sprints. The men's 100m standard has been cut from 10.00 seconds to 9.95 seconds while the 200m has dropped from 20.16 seconds to 20.07 seconds.

Middle-distance runners face an equally daunting challenge. In the men's 800m, the qualifying time has been lowered from 1:44.50 down to 1:43.00, while the women's 800m standard moved from 1:59.00 down to 1:57.50.

Athletics pundits note that the shift was necessitated by the rapid evolution of track and field, with

athletes consistently recording historically fast times.

Coach Dipeba confirmed in an interview that the standards were extremely tough across the board, not just in the short sprints.

He highlighted the men's 800m standard of 1:43.00 as a particularly daunting mark, noting that athletes would need to run the races of their lives just to qualify automatically.

"If you look at the 2024 Olympic finals, all eight athletes ran under 10 seconds in the 100m. Nowadays, athletes in the 400m are running 43-second times early in the season. I think those are the things World Athletics looked at. They want the championships to be highly competitive and athletes are simply running decent times nowadays," Dipeba said.

He explained why the new system put African and local countries at a distinct disadvantage when it came to qualifying via the world rankings route.

He said the ranking system mostly favoured high-tier continental meets, which were scarce in Africa.

He added that because many meets held on the African continent offered low ranking points, and many African athletes lacked financial backing or visas to access elite European circuits, the hill

became much steeper to climb.

"It is going to be a steep hill for us to be able to achieve the standard in terms of ranking. It means we have to accumulate more points and you need to run in high-quality meets to get those better points to improve your ranking," he said.

Given how high the automatic standards have been set, Dipeba foresees a majority of the world's athletes ultimately relying on the ranking system to make it to Beijing, making the battle for continental meet upgrades in Africa more urgent than ever. **BOPA**



National skateboarder Theo Setsetse

National skateboarder to represent Botswana in Italy and Russia

Benita Magopane

GABORONE

As athletics continues to carry Botswana's flag with pride and racket sports such as tennis steadily gain momentum, a quieter revolution is taking shape on skate ramps through national skateboarders such as Theo Setsetse.

Despite Botswana's skateboarding scene operating largely on the margins, with limited infrastructure, community support and international visibility, skateboarders like Setsetse are consistently hard-flipping, nose-grinding and board-sliding against the barriers.

The Botswana national skateboarder has recently been

selected to represent Botswana in upcoming international skateboarding competitions as part of his international athlete development and Olympic qualification journey.

Setsetse will join athletes from around the world competing at the highest level in the World Skate Olympic Qualification events scheduled to take place in Rome, Italy from June 7 to 21.

Speaking in an interview, Botswana Skate Federation president and Setsetse's coach, Mosako Chalashika, said the events formed part of the official World Skate international ranking and Olympic qualification pathway for skateboarding.

He further said Setsetse was also expected to travel to

Kardo, Russia in August for an international skateboarding event independent from the World Skate competition, but important for his continued international exposure and athlete development.

Chalashika said Setsetse's participation in both Rome and Russia marked an important milestone for Botswana skateboarding on the international stage.

He said the athlete continued to represent Botswana with professionalism, discipline and commitment, adding that his participation in international competitions contributes positively towards the growth and visibility of skateboarding in Botswana and across Africa. **BOPA**



Lethogonolo Mokgethi

BNOC provisionally suspends Mokgethi

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Track athlete, Lethogonolo Mokgethi has been barred from all sport-related activities effective immediately, following a mandatory provisional suspension by the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC).

A press release from BNOC says the restriction remains in place pending a final resolution of his case, which stems from an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for a prohibited substance and Mokgethi has been formally notified of the decision.

The release says the suspension follows an in-competition sample collected by the BNOC on April 4 this year, which tested positive for 19-norandrosterone.

The substance, it says is an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid (AAS) classified as an Anabolic Agent under Section S.1.1 of the 2026 World Anti-Doping Agency

(WADA) Prohibited List.

Also, it says because 19-norandrosterone is a Non-Specified Substance, a provisional suspension is mandatory under both the BNOC Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC).

It further says in accordance with the WADC and the International Standard for Results Management (ISRM), the case will now undergo a full adjudicatory process to determine a final outcome.

Despite the immediate ban from sport activities, BNOC says Mokgethi is presumed innocent until proven otherwise through the formal procedure.

The committee reiterates its zero-tolerance policy toward doping, saying performance-enhancing substances were a threat to athlete health and sport integrity, while promising a transparent and fair legal process for all athletes. **BOPA**

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Tebogo shifts focus to 200m in Rabat

Anastacia Sibanda
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Rabat takes centre stage this Saturday as the sprint sensation, Letsile Tebogo, steps onto the track to officially open his 200-metre Diamond League account at the Meeting International Mohammed VI.

For the 21-year-old sprint prodigy, this race marks a pivotal shift in his season, representing his highly anticipated return to the global stage in the very discipline where he made history as Africa's fastest man and secured the country's historic first-ever Olympic gold medal.

Highly motivated to collect vital qualification points for the Wanda Diamond League Final, Tebogo enters the weekend facing a true championship-level preview.

While he missed out on the top three during his first two 100m Diamond League outings in Xiamen and Shanghai, the world number two remains entirely unfazed by the early-season noise.

Treating the initial months of the year as strategic building blocks, he opened his 200m campaign back in February with a relaxed 20.75 seconds in Francistown, a time he is now poised to shatter.

This weekend's meeting represents an immense escalation in competitive intensity. In the official entry lists, Tebogo will line up against a formidable grid of global rivals. The powerhouse line-up features USA's Kenneth Bednarek and Courtney Lindsey, alongside Canada's Andre De Grasse.

South Africa will be heavily represented by Wayde van Niekerk and Sinesipho Dambile, while Jamaica's Bryan Levell, Cuba's Reynier Mena and local favourite Yassine Hssine of Morocco round out the world-class field.

In an interview, *Sunday Standard* sports editor, Bothale Koothopile noted that the young athlete has faced some domestic criticism over the last few months due to a perceived dip in form. Koothopile explained that because of the exceptionally high standards Tebogo

has set since emerging as one of the world's premier sprinters, the nation now expects him to consistently post elite times throughout the year, both in and out of season.

"When athletes plan their season, they take many factors into consideration, chief among them being the overall length of the season and the timing of key competitions. With this strategic planning in mind, elite runners build momentum gradually to ensure they peak at the exact right moment for major championship events," he said.

At the Meeting International Mohammed VI, Koothopile says spectators should expect a fiercely competitive performance from Tebogo, but not necessarily his absolute peak.

"As one of the most vocal and prominent voices for African athletics, we will certainly see glimpses of his brilliant best as he competes on African soil.

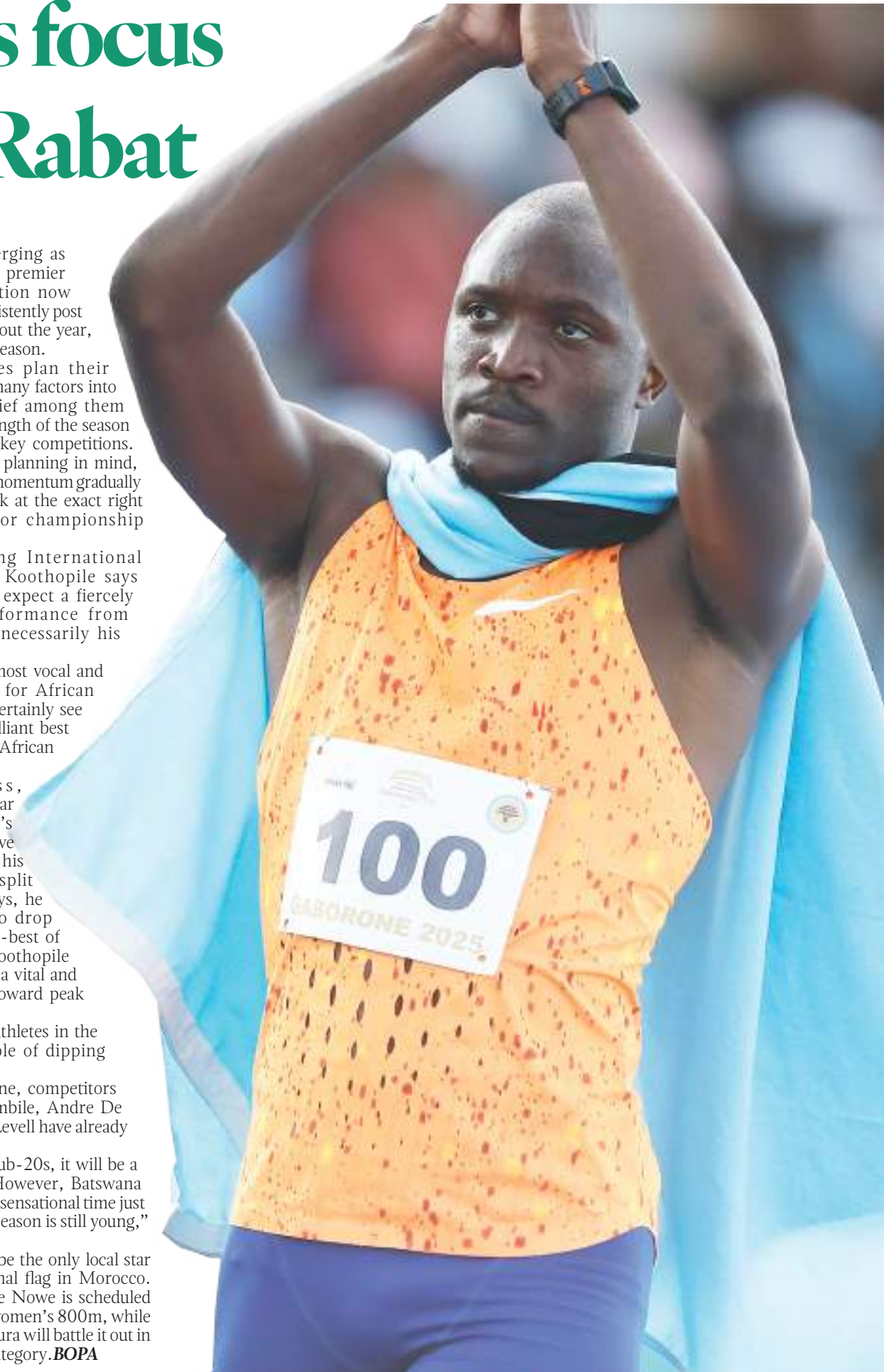
Nevertheless, considering the stellar line-up and Tebogo's own recent explosive form, particularly his blistering 400m split at the World Relays, he is highly likely to drop his current season-best of 20.75 seconds. Koothopile viewed the race as a vital and gradual build-up toward peak condition.

"Almost all the athletes in the line-up are capable of dipping under 20 seconds.

This season alone, competitors like Sinesipho Dambile, Andre De Grasse and Bryan Levell have already achieved that.

If Tebogo runs sub-20s, it will be a welcome bonus. However, Botswana should not expect a sensational time just yet, given that the season is still young," he said.

Tebogo will not be the only local star carrying the national flag in Morocco. Meanwhile, Oratile Nowe is scheduled to compete in the women's 800m, while Kethobogile Haingura will battle it out in the men's 800m category. **BOPA**



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